



### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Greetings! Weather has been a constant topic of conversation this summer, and I have noticed that wish for summer sun and warmth is voiced nearly every time someone talks about it. Even as the summer days dwindle, that hope for *real* summer never does! Hope...an element of the human survival kit...is invoked for tomorrow's weather and more. I *hope* that ASTD Alaska Chapter meets members' needs; I *hope* many will honor the monthly speaker with personal attendance; I *hope* members will voice interest in participating as volunteer leaders for the group. *Why?* Is hope worth the effort?

Indeed! The idea of regularly gathering in community to investigate adult learning and to share observations is exciting: gathering and networking is a major goal of the Chapter's efforts. I *hope* you will come to the monthly meetings (second Wednesday lunch) to reap the benefit of conversations, presentations, idea generation, and refocusing on shared interests.

- Mary M. Rydesky

### **New from ASTD: "Engage Your Brain for Learning"**

ASTD's Infoline series pulls together the latest research and practical approaches in 15 page documents, of which this is the newest. This *Infoline* introduces readers to the concept of brain-based learning and provides tips for how to use the concepts in training design and delivery. Two objectives define the publication: (1) Create effective, stimulating learning experiences by applying scientific information regarding brain functioning to your training curriculums and (2) Understand brain-based learning concepts and implement them in the training room. Brain-based learning allows trainers and educators to promote long-term retention in learners and create a fun, interactive atmosphere. Brain-based learning uses our knowledge of how the brain processes and stores information to create more effective learning programs. List price is \$25; ASTD (national) members get a \$5 discount. Go to [www.astd.org](http://www.astd.org) to order through the ASTD Store. Please add the Alaska Chapter CHIP Number for recognition of the Chapter's outreach effort.

### **Upcoming Monthly Meetings**

11:30 - 1:15 at the Providence Cancer Center Media Center. Park in "P" (map at <http://www.providence.org/resources/alaska/downloads/PAMCCAMPUS.pdf>), use elevator to sky bridge (level 3) on parking side (becomes level 2 on office side) and look for ASTD signs as you walk down the hall)  
September 10 Jason Ohler on Literacy and Digital Citizenship  
October 8 TBA  
November 12 Gwen Kennedy on Chaos Theory in Human Systems  
December 10 Louis Christie book talk on Squawk!: How to Stop Making Noise and Start Getting Results  
January 14 Cheryl Dalena on Educational Consulting

### **OD Professionals: Come Together in Anchorage!**

Gwen Kennedy is organizing a gathering of Organization Development professionals to: 1) meet each other and 2) explore if a professional Organization Development network is of interest to folks. The targeted dates are Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> or Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in participating, help pick what time works best for you. Follow the doodle link: <http://www.doodle.ch/5rbx5mr3h9dxfkvm> and vote. Add comments to help us find the best time. Want more information? Connect with Gwen at [gkennedy@alaska.com](mailto:gkennedy@alaska.com).

### **Mentee Opportunities**

The ASTD Alaska Chapter board is replete with mentors seeking mentees...want coaching on leadership? Management? Communications? Training? Here is the opportunity! Requirements: current ASTD Alaska membership, willingness to invest 2 - 3 hours/month in face to face time and short assigned tasks, curiosity about adult learning, and a hunger for self-improvement. Contact [mrydesky@yahoo.com](mailto:mrydesky@yahoo.com) for more details.