



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There is much happening for the Alaska Chapter this fall. One is the inauguration of a new look and content for the website which went live in September. Check <http://www.astdalaska.org> and use the Contact Us page to provide your review, edits, ideas for addition, and questions.

It is time to consider your interaction with ASTD Alaska. Are you okay as a receiver, or would you like to be a giver, more involved, and more stimulated? On the new website, see the Get Involved page under the MemberSpot section. There are suggestions for rewarding adventures in personal growth through short term volunteering.

And there is more! Check the electronic filing cabinet for materials, jobs, and tolls for career development.

- Mary M. Rydesky

Fall is here and youngsters have returned to their classrooms! Adults have, too, and we are packing in training events before the holidays start. We seem to look ahead, expecting that late November and December will present challenges to gaining learners' attention! This is planning in action! Are you doing the same projection of events in your career and profession? There is a new publication, the ASTD Learning Executive Confidence Index that assesses and tracks the outlook for "learning function". It is published on a monthly basis to get a continual and evolving picture of how learning executives anticipate the near future for learning in their organizations. Think of it like a projection of what the stock market has been doing and is projected to be doing - but relating to training. This publication is listed on the new ASTD Alaska website under Resources. From Outside. Go to www.astdalaska.org for details.

Board Positions Open

The ASTD Alaska Chapter board seeks interested applicants. Do you want coaching on leadership? Management? Communications? Training? Here is your opportunity! Requirements: current ASTD Alaska membership and national ASTD 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 for details.

Upcoming Monthly Meetings

11:30 - 1:15 at the Providence Cancer Center Media Center (signs say "The Health Park".) Get a customized map by going to Events - Map To Meetings on www.astdalaska.org. There is a café on the same floor as the meeting room. There is no meeting fee for Chapter members; a \$10 contribution from others is requested to support Chapter operations.

October 8 Laura Revels on Digital Storytelling - the How Tos

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

ASTD Announces Content Partnership with Train for Success From

Knoxville Kiergarten, Director of ASTD's presence in Second Life:

"Starting in August 2008, ASTD entered into a SL content partnership with Train For Success. Anders Wildcat and his group present advanced SL topics every Thursday at noon Eastern time. This change in format was discussed in the weekly ASTD Island meetings over the past several weeks, and active users gave their approval. By combining the forces of ASTD and Train For Success, ASTD provides a clear learning path from absolute beginner to very advanced learner. It also allows ASTD to concentrate on maintaining its orientation portal for newbies at <http://secondlife.astd.org>. Visit the ASTD Island meetup for beginners on Wednesdays, or the Train for Success meetup for advanced users on Thursdays." For more information, visit <http://www.astd.org/resources/secondlife/>