

**Report of the National Physical Education Director
November 18, 2022**

Disaster Relief Program 2022

Letters were sent to all our members in the St. Louis, MO area with information reminding them that we have funds available for them if they are needed.

Letters were also sent to our Florida members after Hurricane Ida to remind them of the same thing.

We had one generous donation of \$500.

Since the beginning of 2022 we gave grants to one COVID person, one St Louis person, and 4 Florida people. I have 2 pending applications. Just waiting for documentation. The beginning balance of the Disaster Relief fund as of January 1, 2022, was \$14,708. After the \$500 donation and the grant payouts of \$3250, the current balance as of November 3, 2022, is \$11,958.

We received some thank you emails and calls from some PFA Members that I wanted to share with you.

Druhna Puskar,

We would like to thank the Polish Falcons for the DR program, but thanks to God we had no damage to our condo.

Thanks again and God bless the Polish Falcons

THANK YOU!
RICHARD & SHIRLEYL MICHALK
NEST 6 MEMBERS

To PFA Disaster relief committee

This is to confirm that we received a check for \$500.

On behalf of my wife and myself, I want to thank the Polish Falcons for your assistance in this difficult time. We truly appreciate it!

Regards,
Czolem,

Jacek Grochocki – Nest 946

After having received email confirmation of her receiving the grant.

Oh my goodness, this is such great news! It definitely is a huge help and so very appreciated!! Thank you so much!! I cannot tell you how much this means! I hope we never have to go through something like this again.

I hope you have a great day and a great weekend ahead!
Melanie Schultz – Nest 336

Patty Received a phone call from Wieslawa Dion, who lives in Florida. She received the Disaster Relief letter. She did not have any problems from the storm but knows many people that did. She was just calling to say Thank you for doing that. – Nest 804

Thank you for reaching out to me in the wake of Hurricane Ian. We were very fortunate not to have any property loss or property damage. We did lose our electric for a period of 36 hours but that was only a small price to pay as to what may have occurred. Again, thank you.

Michael A Lorence – Nest 159

Our Disaster Relief Program is appreciated by not only those that need it but also those that don't have a need right now.

National Youth Camp

Camp took place the week of July 24 – 31, 2022 at SNPJ Recreation Center. We had 15 campers from Nests 580, 610, and 946 and 7 Counselors from Nests 45, 86, 118, 580, and 610. The theme of the week was Survivor – SNPJ Island.

On Sunday everyone arrived and got settled into their cabins. We began our Survivor adventures with meeting our team and how the challenges and rewards would work.

We had every kind of challenge from balancing to making puzzles to a rather difficult scavenger hunt. They made cup pyramids, mini golf, shooting water guns to knock down ping pong balls. One afternoon we went to a local bowling alley and used the scores for the challenge. A special thank you to the Falconette Commission for buying bowling pin drink bottles for everyone. A nice surprise for all. \

We also enjoyed our other daily activities of volleyball, basketball, four square, tennis four square (a new invention by our Counselors), SPUD, Arts and Crafts, swimming, kickball, National Drill, and Polish Dancing.

On Thursday evening, the National Convention Delegates arrived and our campers performed the National Drill for them. With learning it in about 4 hours, they did a great job and the delegates really enjoyed the performance. Thank you to Kaitlyn and Kristen Johns for the great job of teaching the drill and getting them ready to perform.

Friday was the actual Special Convention and the delegates were invited to join the campers for the flag raising ceremony. The delegates were also invited to join the campers for lunch and then return to the convention to complete deliberations.

In the afternoon, the convention delegates were invited to stay and join the campers for some Survivor challenges. Thank you to the following for participating with the campers:

National Officers – Tim Kuzma, Trish DelBusse and John Nicpon, Ryan Gregg
Mark Albin – National Director District VI and his wife Lisa – Nest 564
Becky Sienkiewicz – National Director District IX
Mary and Ken Blessing – Nest 45
Barb Jarusiewicz and Rob Purzucki – Nest 610

The campers really enjoyed having the adults be a part of the afternoon fun. Mini Golf, human ring toss and puzzles were just some of the activities that they enjoyed.

The delegates were also invited to join the campers for dinner and the evening campfire. We all enjoyed a great barbecue chicken dinner together and then headed to the campfire. Thank you to the following for coming to our campfire by the lake:

Gerry Wilson, Karen Wisczorek – Nest 52
Bob and Elaine Sieczkarek and Gary and Sue Sieczkarek – Nest 6
Stephanie and Dottie Kalinowski – Nest 176
Mary and Ken Blessing – Nest 45
Chuck Johns – National Director District XIII
Trish DelBusse and John Nicpon – National and Nest 8
Tim Kuzma – National

What a fun time. To top things off, President Kuzma decided to treat the campers to some pizza by the campfire. That along with our s'mores was a great way to end our day. Thanks to all the delegates for joining the campers. You made it even more of a fun day.

Our closing day always comes with some team challenges and awards. Then we all have time to relax at the pool before our closing dance. It was a great ending to a wonderful week with some very special campers and Counselors.

As always, I have some people to thank for all their help before and during camp week.

Thank you to my husband Mark for helping me with renting the U-Haul, loading it at the storage shed, driving it up to camp and then returning it to the rental place. Then he did an airport run to pick up Nick Blessing, who flew in to be a Counselor this year. Then at the end of the week he picked up the U-Haul again, drove it up to camp, loaded it up, helped me unload at the storage shed, and then returned it to the rental place.

Thank you to Patty Capozoli, National Director District IV, for all her help this week with everything from setting up challenges to passing our beads, to running the canteen. She and I work so well together. She also had Special Convention responsibilities during this week and was still able to help with camp. Thank you, Patty! I appreciate you!

Thank you to Trish DelBusse and Ryanna DiMeglio for coming up on Saturday and helping us get everything set up for the week.

Thanks to the Counselors for their hard work all week. Nicholas Blessing – Nest 45, Kaitlyn and Kristen Johns – Nest 86, Matt Mlynarczyk – Nest 580, Brad Puskar – Nest 118, and Samantha and Elise Smith – Nest 610 all helped to make it a great week. Thank you.

Thank you to the Falconette Commission for several things. They donated the T-shirts, the nesting dolls for arts & crafts, water bottles, bowling pin drink cups, and a general donation of \$2000 to this year's camp. Thank you.

It was a smaller camp, but those in attendance said they can't wait until next year. They were all talking about bringing their friends.

Regional Future Leaders Meetings

On Saturday, October 15, 2022, we held the first Regional Future Leaders meeting at Nest 123 in Erie, PA. Districts IV and IX were invited to attend. We began the day with a welcome to all. National Director District XIII Becky Sienkiewicz and National Director District IV Patty Capozoli also shared greetings with the participants. A little later Carol Hess, President of Nest 123 also greeted the group and thanked them for coming.

We had 5 Youth attending the day. In attendance were Maddi Black from the Loyal Christian Benefit Association in Erie, Sammy and Parker Palombia Nest 8 District IV, Kaitlyn Rump Nest 8 District IV, and Mady Schaefer Nest 176 District IV, whose mom actually drove up from West Virginia.

We had a very enjoyable day where we discussed leadership and what skills each person had and what skills they needed to improve on. We talked about how you can be a leader without actually overseeing the group. We had a paper snowball fight, made our personal coat of arms, and did a leadership words crossword puzzle. We talked about the programs offered in the PFA and how important it was for our Youth to participate.

We listened to a TED Talk about leadership, and we also watched a slideshow prepared by Tiarra McGinnis that showed the different programs and activities as they were taking place. It is a very nice slideshow and thanks to Tiarra for putting it all together.

Thank you to Nest 123 for hosting the event. Thank you to Becky Sienkiewicz and Sue Mazzone for taking care of breakfast and lunch for the group. Everything was wonderful. The only thing that could have made the day any better would have been to have more participants.

Unfortunately, the next meetings were to take place at Nest 519 Middletown, CT and the La Porte, IN but we did not have enough participants.

Special Convention Committee

I participated in all the Special Convention Committee meetings. I was able to coordinate things with David Jones from SNPJ for set up and food at the hall. Along with Patty Capozoli, we were able to set up

the hotel accommodations for the delegates. Since I was at camp that week, all of my participation took place before the convention.

LIMRA Study

I have been a part of the group that has been looking at and discussing the LIMRA study that the PFA is involved with. I have attended the meetings and looked at the study to discuss the findings and see how we can translate them into a useful tool for the PFA. We are working on the benefits we offer and how we can better promote them.

Falconette Commission

I help Patty Capozoli with the preparing and mailing of the tickets for each raffle for our Youth Programs and events. Thank you to all of those who support these raffles. We are able to do some nice things for the Youth Members as part of this program.

Scholarship Committee

As part of the scholarship committee, I attend all meetings called by Trish DelBusse.

Sokol Polski

I write articles for the Sokol Polski about the Youth Events that have taken place. I also write ads for the Weekly Updates that Courtney sends out each week.

Thank you and Czolem!
Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to you all!

Chris Puskar
National Physical Education Director