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A Newsletter for Waldorf School Communities  
from the Association of Waldorf Schools of North America

**The Board of Trustees of AWSNA** was graciously hosted for its February meeting by Lynn Kern (secretary of the AWSNA Board of Trustees) in her Southern California home. As part of the meeting, she had the wonderful idea of inviting interested friends in her neighborhood to come, to introduce them to the ideals behind our work. It was a smashing success. Over forty people attended, all had a wonderful time, and learned about Waldorf Education. Lynn had displays of her children's work on tables around her home for her neighbors to see how very different and beautiful are the results of Waldorf Education.

**The Lakota Waldorf School (LWS)** project continues to move forward. The school was founded in 1993 by a group of Lakota/Native American parents, who were concerned about the educational future of their children on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, USA. It will complete its WECAN three year plan by end of March, and has made contact with the education department head at the Oglala Lakota College (OLC) to explore training possibilities. At least two Lakota people have stated that they would like a full training in Waldorf Education. There is strong potential in the idea. It would be a great boon to the Lakota people to be able to be trained, at least in part, on the reservation. The board of the LWS plans to visit the Denver Waldorf School in April to visit classes and to meet with that school's board. There are also plans underway to plant a biodynamic garden at the school this spring and High Mowing Seeds of Vermont has contributed the seeds.

**The Annual Appeal** brochure was so well received by the Leadership Council Representatives that requests were made to ship enough to distribute at regional meetings. Please admire the photographs of the many Waldorf school doors – and send us a photograph of your school's front door if you haven't already done so. The gifts we receive in response to AWSNA's annual appeal enhances our ability to provide services for Waldorf schools, instruct the media on the value of Waldorf Education, do further research in child development and the results of Waldorf Education, and much more. We also urge you to respond to your individual school's annual appeal: during these challenging economic times, especially, every single gift makes a difference.

Preparations are moving forward for AWSNA'S annual golf benefit, **Winning With Waldorf V**. Scheduled for June 7, 2010, and hosted by the Emerson Waldorf School in Chapel Hill, N.C., the tournament features PGA Touring Golf Professional Duffy Waldorf. For more information contact Sarah Dinan at [sdinan@awsna.org](mailto:sdinan@awsna.org).

**Have you seen the award winning book, "Dragon Boy"** from AWSNA Publications and available on the revitalized Books&More website? Future plans include a new release of science kits directed towards the upper grades. Watch for the "Children's Book of the Month" – a specially chosen inspirational book we think will be loved by grownups and children alike. Check out the Books&More section of the [www.WhyWaldorfWorks.org](http://www.WhyWaldorfWorks.org) website and come back often. Sign up for the AWSNA eupdate online, too!