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

Your school is a member of the **Council for American Private Education (CAPE)** through AWSNA. Representatives of 90% of all independent and faith-based education in the United States comprise this Board. There are 35 states, also, with CAPE branches, working on advocacy for independent schooling, legislation, and entitlements on the state level. Read this month's "Outlook," CAPE's monthly newsletter <http://www.capenet.org/pdf/Outlook355.pdf>. Sign up to receive it directly and learn about laws in the United States that directly affect education. Also, our Canadian and Mexican colleagues might glean ideas for legislation in your countries and educate those of us in the U.S. about the ways this is handled in your governments. Current trends indicate that there is an increasing push against independent schools and for more public schooling everywhere, and that, more and more, the lines are being blurred in the differences between independent schools that operate freely from government intervention and government charter schools that have limited independence. CAPE is working hard for us to build a different imagination of pluralism, choice, and education towards freedom.

The **Susquehanna Waldorf School in Pennsylvania** was invited to Barnes & Noble bookstore to perform there recently. Fifth through eighth graders sang and the seventh and eighth grade orchestra performed, ending with the rousing *William Tell Overture* by Rossini. For many hours during the day, a percentage of all sales were designated for the school, there was a "wishing book" table to purchase a book for the school's library, a table to find information on Waldorf Education and the Susquehanna Waldorf School. The woodwork teacher set up "shop" in the children's book section and let children try tools and explained to their parents the value of wood and metal working in the education of a child, building will development, artistic sensibilities, correct judgment, and cultivating sensory integration and confidence. It was a fine day of partnership with the literate business world through books and music.

Seven Waldorf/Steiner Schools from the Northeast Collaborated for a first ever "Young Alumni Night." They met at the Gin Mill, a 1920s style speakeasy bar on Manhattan's Upper West Side. The event was an opportunity for Waldorf/Steiner alums to reconnect with familiar faces and network with alumni from other schools. The Great Barrington Rudolf Steiner School, Green Meadow Waldorf School, Hawthorne Valley School, Kimberton Waldorf School, Rudolf Steiner School of NYC, Waldorf School of Garden City, and Waldorf School of Princeton combined resources and finances to provide a private party room and food for the night's festivities. Including graduates, administrators, and guests, the event drew close to 80 people. Kirin Buckley, AWSNA's web editor, attended as a graduate of Hawthorne Valley School and reported that she had a great time – she's hoping that on the heels of this wonderful event more mixed-Waldorf school alumni reunions can be organized across the country.

Don't forget to register for the **AWSNA Summer Conference**, held from June 22 - 25, 2010 in beautiful Decatur, GA, hosted by The Waldorf School of Atlanta and Academe of the Oaks. It offers abchance to learn more about adolescence from a Waldorf perspective. Also, come and golf at 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. Contact Sarah Dinan at sdinan@awsna.org.

Also: view the new promotional video for Sound Circle Eurythmy - beautiful! www.soundcircleeurythmy.org

