

**Message from Beyond Dane's President**

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Hello Chapter Members,

I want to express my sincere thanks to all our members as we wrap up an eventful 2018 and shift our momentum into the next calendar year. Your participation made our events enjoyable and successful! We're looking forward to getting to know our members and others in the great early childhood field professionals better as we move forward in 2019.

In the past year, the Strategic Planning Committee has been hard at work diving into ideas about how the Beyond Dane Chapter of WECA can best serve its members and the greater early childhood field. One of the big goals has been to develop a survey to gather information from the many individuals who make up the early childhood field. In the coming year the Strategic Planning Committee will use the data it collects to develop long range planning for our Chapter's best course of action. Please be watching for the survey and share your thoughts with us!

Beyond Dane would not have been as successful this year if were not for the efforts of all our volunteers who serve on the Governing Board. I would like to express my sincere gratitude for all that our Board has done. It truly takes a village to put on our events. It is one thing to have great ideas, but it is a completely different set of skills to be able to execute and make those ideas come to life.

It has been an honor and a pleasure working alongside these hardworking and dedicated members of the 2018 Governing Board – Jenee Jerome, Abby Abrisham, Mary Catherine Green, Barb Schulz, Amanda Ehlert, Allison Kaplan, Emmi Lohrentz, and Carla Littel-Hildebrand. Thank you and cheers to a great year!

A special thank you to Carla and Amanda who have come to the end of their board service. Both have contributed their vast expertise and perspectives into planning our events and bringing them to you. At the end of this month, I will hand over the reins of President to the incoming President, Jenee Jerome and I will be moving to the roll of Treasurer. It will be another exciting year for Beyond Dane under Jenee's direction and leadership.

We have a full Board in place for 2019 with some new and enthusiastic members joining. We wish to welcome Briana Kurlinkus, Holly Storck-Post, Jackie Anderson, Rosanne Etta, Sue Schneider.

Please check out the Save the Dates section of this newsletter for the dates of our 2019 events and the Upcoming Events for events that will be taking place before our next newsletter. If you wish to participate in planning any of these events, please contact us.

Wishing you all a very merry holiday season, and I look forward to seeing you at our future events in 2019!  
With gratitude...

Heidi Heller  
Beyond Dane President

## The Beyond Dane Chapter of WECA 2019 Board

The votes have been counted and the new board is as follows:

President: Jenee Jerome

Vice-president: Emmi Lorentz

Secretary: Mary Catherine (M.C.) Green

Treasurer: Heidi Heller

Members-at-large: Abby Abrisham	Allison Kaplan
Barb Shultz	Briana Kurlinkus
Holly Storck-Post	Jackie Anderson
Rosanne Etta	Sue Schneider

Here is a little about two of our new board members:



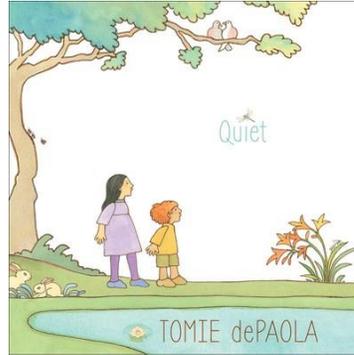
**Holly Storck-Post** is a youth services librarian at the Madison (WI) Public Library. She loves Spanish storytime, maker programming, and sharing #OwnVoices books with kids.



**Sue Schneider** has worked with children for over 35 years, from the age of 2 months all the way up to age 12.

Her experience includes being a Birth to 3 Coordinator, a substitute teacher, a Coordinator of Special Education, a daycare director and currently a preschool teacher at Koala-T-Kare Childcare. She also writes children's books, which she self-publishes. She and her husband have lived in Madison since 1989.

## Book Review - Quiet by Tomie dePaola



(image from publisher's site: <https://www.simonandschuster.com/books/Quiet/Tomie-dePaola/9781481477543>)

Quiet by Tomie dePaola, October 2018, Simon and Schuster

A new book from Tomie dePaola is well worth waiting for; and this book is no exception. Using his now famous soft color tones, dePaola shows us what happens when we simply sit quietly: a once busy and fast world becomes still and enables us to notice things we might not otherwise appreciate. Using the intergenerational relationships between a grandfather and his two grandchildren, the reader experiences the quiet of a dog sleeping or a dragonfly with still wings and learns that "To be quiet and still is a special thing." In this day and age of noise and anxiety, it is good to be able to engage with a book that encourages us to slow down and be mindful of the world around us.

Highly recommended for all ages.

Review by Allison G. Kaplan, Ed.D., Information School, University of Wisconsin – Madison

## Coming Events



Launching into Literacy  
and Math 2019

**Registration for Launching into Literacy and Math is now open!**

Date: January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Location: Madison College – Truax

Registration: [rsvpbook.com/lilm19](https://rsvpbook.com/lilm19)

## Save the Dates

**Night at the Museum** - April 10<sup>th</sup>

**Cream and Inspiration** - June 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Tours and Training** – October 19<sup>th</sup>

**Annual Meeting** – November 26<sup>th</sup>

## Upcoming Beyond Dane Meetings

- **January Board Meeting**
  - Where: Fitchburg Public Library
  - When: Tuesday January 22n, 2019
  - Time: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
  
- **March Board Meeting**
  - Where: To be Announced
  - When: Tuesday March 26th, 2019
  - Time: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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