



# Gwangju-Jeonnam KOTESOL Chapter Reports The Archive

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## JEOLLA CHAPTER

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*by Allison Bill*

Perhaps the title for this section should be Jeonbuk/Jeonnam Chapters (plural). By the time you are reading this TEC, a decision should have been made about whether or not to split Jeolla Chapter into two chapters: a Jeonju-Jeonbuk Chapter in the north and a Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter in the south. Please refer to our web site at [www.kotesol.org/cholla](http://www.kotesol.org/cholla) to find out our decision.

Jeolla would like to thank Nick Ziegler for his work in organizing the Annual Drama Festival, held November 8th in Jeonju. Congratulations to the winning teams, and see you next year!

Jeolla's November meeting is being held on the 15th, in Gwangju. Our Vice-President, Dr. Gyonggu Shin, will speak about Language Policy. Todd Vercoe will also visit our chapter to speak about Student Motivation. Elections will be held either for the full Jeolla Chapter if we remain a single Chapter, or for the new southern Chapter if it is created.

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## GANGWON

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*by Ryan Cassidy*

It was nice to see so many members of the Gangwon chapter of KOTESOL at the International Conference last month. Hopefully you found the conference well worth the time and effort you put in to attending. I would also like to warmly welcome all new members to the chapter and strongly encourage you to contact our membership coordinators so that we can keep you up to date with chapter events.

With winter quickly approaching, we are also quickly coming to the end of the school year and the end of another session of chapter meetings. Keep your eyes open for the Gangwon KOTESOL cyber-newsletter for more details. The final meeting of the semester will be on December 6th at the Sokcho Education office. I look forward to seeing you all there.

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## SEOUL CHAPTER

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*by Tory Thorkelson*

As winter approaches, The Seoul chapter is gearing up for our regional conference in May, 2004. After a hiatus of 3 months for summer vacation, the YL SIG and the 11<sup>th</sup> KOTESOL International Conference, our monthly meetings resumed with a presentation on November 15<sup>th</sup> by our new secretary, Jack Large. Elections and nominations for new executive members have been ongoing as well, and a number of new faces and talent have been added to our team. Allow me to mention these below.

First, we have the super husband and wife team of Jack and Ae-Kyoung Large handling the dual roles of Secretary and Treasurer with aplomb. Ji-yun Kim and Heather Cabans are co-editing our monthly newsletter, ASK, putting their combined skills to good use building on the excellent foundation set by our previous editors, Park, Eun Young, Kevin Landry, and Asif Siddiqui. Mary-Jane Scott and Eowyn Brown are our new Workshop coordinators and are active members and presenters. We anticipate some excellent presentations in the next few months.

Our newest members are Hae-Jung Ahn and John Marchant who will be handling publicity for our chapter. With their connections in the educational community and innate abilities, we know that Seoul Chapter is on track for the future. Remember that meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month at Sookmyung Women's University. We hope to see you there!

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## KTT

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*by Peter Nelson*

The groundwork for future KTT operations have been laid in the past two months. In September, two position papers dealing with our group's vision and goals were circulated. The consensus that emerged was one of starting slowly but in an organized way. Members would at first concentrate within their own geographical

regions, and would then spread out to those areas without a KOTESOL presence. At a later stage, we will cultivate speaking links with sister organizations and governmental entities. To this end Dr. Robert Dickey has expressed interest in KTT giving presentations in the southern part of the nation, possibly as early as January. Paul Mead has also expressed interest in doing this for the Pusan area, and Dr. Steve Garrigues will speak under the KTT banner to a group in Taegu. So, we are off to a good start in 2004!

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## CALL SIG

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*by James Trotta*

Recently, the KOTESOL CALL SIG discussion group has centered around how to use the internet to enhance face to face teaching. For example, one teacher uses his site, <http://www.seansclassroom.com/>, to provide a space for students to keep journals. I recently had students post their opinions about the death penalty to <http://www.eslgo.com/forum/deathp/index.cgi>. Then I printed the posts, corrected them, and gave my suggestions to students before the class discussion. This way they could try to incorporate the more complex/accurate English suggestions into their discussions. To join the CALL discussion group, go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/KOTESOLCALLSIG/>. You may also want to visit the CALL homepage: <http://www.kotesol.org/compulearn/> for information about computer assisted language learning.



discussed in groups how this method might be useful for EFL teachers.

Jason Renshaw presented at our July meeting. He introduced participants to a Computer-Mediated Learning (CML) program for teaching writing. Jason showed us how he had transitioned a paper-based writing class to a CML program and detailed the benefits of using such a program in any composition class. We discussed how CML enhances the writing process, including peer feedback and revision. Jason closed the session with many practical tips for implementing a similar program. Afterwards, members enjoyed a post-workshop get-together for our semi-annual galbi dinner.

We took the month of August off for summer vacation. Our members have been busy traveling, teaching summer classes, and trying to stay cool in the summer heat! We're looking forward to a new semester filled with great meetings. Our next meeting will be held the first Saturday in September at Gyeongbuk National University. If you would like more information about us, go to our chapter homepage at <http://www.kotesol.org/daegu/>.

### **Daejeon-Chungnam Chapter**

*By Aaron Jolly*

Daejeon-Chungnam Chapter is alive and kicking once again, thanks to an injection of new blood to its Executive Committee. We have returned to our old home at Woosong University Language Institute and will meet on the final Saturday of each month during the second semester, with our first meeting being Saturday, September 25th.

New members of the executive are 1st Vice-President Aaron Jolly from Cheonan's Mirae English Institute, 2nd Vice-President Kim Mi-ra, from Woosong University, Secretary Rachel Williams from Woosong University, and Member-at-Large Orysia Kiryk from Woosong University. These new officers are welcomed with open arms as they are really keen to see our membership grow.

We met and elected the new Executive Committee members at the end of July. At our August Executive meeting, we made plans to cater to region-wide interests in KOTESOL. Chungnam is South Chungcheong Province. Subsequently, we will be holding an introductory KOTESOL workshop/symposium on the afternoon of September 11th in Cheonan at Korea Nazarene University. Guest speakers will include the incoming National KOTESOL President Dr. Yeum, Kyungsook and one of the founders of KOTESOL, Jack Large.

Our chapter website has been updated. Anyone interested in attending the September 11th Cheonan seminar or our monthly chapter meetings at Woosong University in Daejeon can now visit us at <http://www.kotesol.org/taejon/> for further information.

### **Gangwon Chapter**

*By Chris Grayson*

Although Gangwon Chapter did not hold regular meetings in July and August, our summer hiatus was pleasantly

interrupted this year by an informal gathering in the countryside. Credit goes to our Vice-President of Chapter Events, Graham Specht, for a well-organized and fun barbeque and camping event at Micheoni-gol Recreational Forest in Yangyang County, a beautiful venue.

Monthly meetings will resume September 11 at 3 pm at Hallym University in Chuncheon. To kick start the fall season, the new chapter executive is working to arrange for an outside speaker. As with last year, our meetings will alternate monthly between Chuncheon and Sokcho to better serve our sizeable province.

To help maintain interest among members who can't make the commute, we also plan to initiate off-month social gatherings closer to home to keep up connections and continuity. We have a nice mix of regular attendees now, but we are looking to entice a few more teachers who would enjoy the benefits of joining our group.

### **Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter**

No report submitted.

### **North Jeolla Chapter**

No report submitted.

### **Seoul Chapter**

*By Tory Thorkelson*

I hope all of you were able to stay cool during our record-breaking temperatures this summer! We had a very successful and well-attended meeting in June but had to cancel our July meeting due to a number of reasons. August's and September's meetings are expected to be up to June's standard, and the October conference is rapidly approaching. We are in the process of compiling our pre-conference issue of ASK so, if you are presenting at the October conference, you might want to consider submitting your paper or an expanded summary to encourage our many members to attend your session. We are bidding farewell to both Peter Nelson, our energetic and always enthusiastic Member-at-Large, as well as to our former Workshop Coordinator, Eowyn Brown, who is off to foggy London to do her MA. We wish both of these great individuals all the best in their future endeavors. Both the Executive and our regular meeting participants will sadly miss them. On a more positive note, we are pleased to welcome John Sagnella to the Co-editor position for ASK. He comes highly recommended and his fresh ideas should help make future issues of ASK even better. Finally, we are always looking for new Executive members, presenters, articles, and member input. For more information about us, check out [www.kotesol.org/seoul](http://www.kotesol.org/seoul). See you at the next meeting!

### **Suwon-Gyeonggi Chapter**

No report submitted.



and Andrew Finch, who gave two presentations, one about supplemental online grammar lessons, and the other about project-based learning. Kang, Tae-hee, a KOTESOL life-member who works for Daewoo Electronics in Gumi, has been an active participant at Chapter meetings and national conferences, particularly this year, where he was seen attending as many presentations as he could! Thanks to all the Daegu KOTESOLers who presented and participated at the Conference!

For our November meeting, our very own Daegu-Gyeongbuk Chapter President, Steve Garrigues, gave us a fascinating look at teaching pronunciation. We discussed some common problems that Korean students have with pronunciation, along with some practical ideas for teaching pronunciation in the classroom.

Everyone also seems to be enjoying the book exchange we have every month at our meetings, so if you're looking for a good book, come take a look and join us! Our next meeting will be held the first Saturday in December at Kyungpook National University. If you'd like more information about us, go to our Chapter homepage at <http://www.kotesol.org/daegu/>

### ***Daejeon-Chungnam Chapter***

*By Rachel Williams*

The Daejeon-Chungnam Chapter is up and running again with many new members joining since the International Conference!

Our regular September Chapter meeting was held on September 4th at Woosong Language Institute in Daejeon. Terry Stocker and Richard Gallerno presented a paper titled "Practice What You Preach," about error correction in language teaching. A special seminar was held in Cheonan on Sept 11th with featured speakers Carl Dusthimer from the Gyeonggi English Immersion Village; KOTESOL President, Dr. Kyungsook Yeum; workshops by Tammy Warren, a young-learner teacher-training specialist from Seoul; and Jack Large from the Global Issues SIG.

November's meeting was held November 6th in Daejeon, at Woosong Language Institute. We enjoyed a special presentation on Computer-Assisted Language Learning (CALL) by Dr Brian English, Academic Director of Woosong Language Institute, and Tim Thompson, an English teacher at Woosong University. After the meeting, many attendees gathered for a social event with live music and card games.

November 27th saw another special KOTESOL symposium at Korea Nazarene University in Cheonan. Speakers and topics included Dr. Ham Jung-hyun of Hanseo University (Engaging Multiple Intelligences), Lawrence White of Kookmin University (Using TV Programs), Brian Quirk of Nam-Seoul University (Total Physical Response Method), Jenny Vrontakis of Seoul National University of Education (Game/Activity Supplements), and Steve Ferguson of Oxford University Press (Using Grammar Sense). The symposium was followed by a Thanksgiving Dinner hosted by the Korea Nazarene University International Church.

A KOTESOL Christmas party will be held in Daejeon on December 4th at Woosong University Language Institute.

Chapter President Suh Ooh Seek has stepped down from his executive position. Aaron Jolly, former Chapter Vice-President, now leads the Chapter. Under Aaron's leadership, we look forward to a new year full of interesting and helpful meetings and seminars. Check our website for the latest information on upcoming events!

### ***Gangwon Chapter***

*By Chris Grayson*

Big thanks go out to our dedicated members for a good series of meetings this fall. As usual, our Chapter will hibernate during winter break (no regular monthly meetings in January or February) - happy vacation, all!

A couple of changes to note among our executive personnel: Jung-hye Park has stepped down as Vice-President of Membership Services (best wishes in your new role as a mom!). Graham Specht has volunteered to take over her duties. Keith Robinson has also resigned as co-Web Master (thanks for your contributions to our Chapter, Keith). Our website continues to develop in the capable hands of Lance Kelly.

Our web page aims to keep members informed of Chapter events, as well as to provide an active forum for discussion and links to useful resources. You can find us through [www.kotesol.org](http://www.kotesol.org) - click on "Chapters" then "Gangwon." The "Activity and Community Page," in particular, is starting to fill up with lots of interesting stuff, including a number of valuable links from Pat Copeman as a follow-up to November's presentation on classroom games. Check it out. The more contributions we get the better.

Here's looking forward to a fun and productive year in 2005!

### ***Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter***

*By Maria Lisak*

At September's meeting, Honam University's Scott Jackson presented "Understanding Culture." This presentation generated some great discussion among Chapter members and Gwangju International Center (GIC) attendees. In November, Joseph Kerwin filled in at the last minute with a presentation on "Technology and Teaching." Maria Lisak then summarized the presentations of Joseph Lo Bianco, a featured speaker at the KOTESOL International Conference. Once again, the small group discussion following the presentations was spontaneous and thoughtful. David Kennedy will be featured at December's meeting, where he will respond to the question "David, why do you love Korea so much?"

Autumn's meetings have been co-hosted with GIC and have been free to the public. We are especially thankful to Chonnam National University's Language Education Center, as they donate the space for our monthly meetings.

Some of the cool things going on with Gwangju members: We would like to give special recognition to lifetime member, Dr. Shin Gyonggu, for his leadership and intercultural exchanges with Sri Lanka on behalf of the Gwangju International Center. Also, in a recent opening ceremony, Dr. Park Joo-Kyung launched Honam University's English Experience Learning Center, a community-wide, state-of-the-art self-access center. The EELC is definitely worth visiting when you come to Gwangju.

Please check out our website for further details regarding our members' presentations and activities. And don't forget April's conference is to be held April 9, 2005. It will be co-hosted by Gwangju-Jeonnam KOTESOL, HETA, and GIC. Look at our Call for Papers in this issue.

### **North Jeolla Chapter**

*By Nick Ziegler*

The past month has been a busy one for the North Jeolla Chapter. Our 10th Annual Jeolla KOTESOL Drama Festival saw seven teams compete for prizes at Jeonju University. The drama festival has been an enjoyable program to host for a decade now, and is an event that we are particularly proud of sponsoring. Our thanks go out to all the participants, volunteers, and sponsors who continue to make this event possible.

We also held our regular Chapter meeting on the 13th of November, with Mariah Oh and David Deeds speaking to our local members and guests. David presented on the usefulness and feasibility of teaching a computer-assisted language learning (CALL) class, while Maria discussed the findings of her research on learner autonomy in East Asian cultures.

Coming up in December we are looking forward to several events. On the 4th, we have our regular Chapter meeting featuring presentations by Brian Heldenbrand and Kelly Fisher. Following the meeting, we will also enjoy our annual Christmas party at Tammy Park's - always a joyous occasion. December is also the month that we hold elections for officers.

Meeting every month during the spring and fall semesters, we have two presentations and a delicious snack time when we meet with other members. If you live in either of the Jeolla provinces, or would simply like information about attending or presenting at one of our Chapter meetings, you can contact us at northjeolla@yahoo.com.

### **Seoul Chapter**

*By Tory Thorkelson*

The KOTESOL International Conference held on October 9th and 10th was a big success any way you look at it. As anyone who has helped organize a conference knows, the hope is that you will run out of programs and other handouts because too many people came... and rumor has it - that's exactly what happened!

Seriously, though, it was a great conference and that is due to the many people involved - many of whom have been or are connected to Seoul Chapter. While well-known local Seoul Chapter members like Adam Turner, David D.I. Kim, and Dr. Myung-Jai Kang were making presentations, most of these people and many others were busy behind the scenes preparing for and ensuring that the conference went well. Dr. Peter Nelson ran the Employment Center, and Jack and Aekyoung Large helped staff the elections table, while assisting the Asian Youth Forum and networking for the rejuvenated Global Issues SIG. We ran into Seoul Chapter members everywhere we turned. I would like to thank these people and all the others who took the time and made the effort to participate. I hope everyone will do the same for future Chapter meetings and especially for our "Seoul SIG Day" in May, 2005!

We currently have workshops and presenters lined up through February, 2005, covering a variety of topics. Our Christmas party is being planned as I write this, and will include Peter Nelson's insights on "Pronunciation, Stress and Intonation," and our annual Christmas dinner (our treat-RSVP). Santa may even drop by with some presents (but only for those who have been good over the past year, of course! We are tracking down some coal for the rest of you...). Other events are in the planning, but I will save those for future messages. Keep warm and I look forward to seeing you at a Seoul Chapter meeting soon!

### **Suwon-Gyeonggi Chapter**

*By Kim Young-Ki*

Our September meeting was held in the Comprehensive Lecture Hall at Suwon University from 16:00 to 18:00, featuring Peter Kipp from Ewha Womans University in Seoul with a presentation about English Education. About 30 English teachers including the members of this Chapter attended the meeting and had fun together.

Our October meeting was canceled due to the KOTESOL International Conference at Sookmyung Women's University in Seoul, but in November we got back into the swing of things again with a presentation from Gabrielle Luoni from Suwon University. He told us about "The Advantages of Group Work When Teaching English." The topic was thought to be very useful for Korean English teachers because of the constraints of large classrooms, where effective group work can have a big impact on the quality of learning achieved.

In other news, two members of our Chapter have been to Madison, Wisconsin, for one month. Park Soong-Wook, a middle school English teacher, and Kim Young-Ki, a high school English teacher, went to the United States in September and October through a partnership program between Kyonggi-do Foreign Language Institute and the University of Wisconsin. Another member, Kim Jang Sook, a middle school English teacher, is due to go to America after passing a highly competitive exam that will see her receive financial support from the Korean government for her and all of her family for two years. Our members are always doing their best to be better teachers and we are very proud of them!

his list of things to do.

## **Cheongju Chapter**

By Eva Szakall

Many changes, both good and bad, have happened in Cheongju over the last few months. Our president, Maureen Parker, suddenly found herself unemployed and decided, sadly, after more than seven years, to return to Victoria, Canada. The rest of the chapter executive council found ourselves floundering a bit in the fall of 2004. However, we had a great final meeting in November. Michael Duffy was our guest and spoke on Practical Teaching of Higher-Level Language Concepts.

Our first meeting of 2005 is scheduled for March 27, the last Saturday in March, so as to not conflict with our neighbor's mini-conference. As yet, we have no fixed location for the meeting. Over the winter break, our regular meeting place was sold. I'll update members and friends of Cheongju Chapter when we know more.

## **Daegu-Gyeongbuk Chapter**

By Fred Stark

After several years of teaching in Korea and participation in KOTESOL, our secretary, Amy Kroesche, has decided to return to the U.S. to pursue other opportunities. We will miss Amy, and we wish her good luck in the future.

Chapter meetings last winter were lively as ever and very informative. In December, Mike Misner gave a well-attended presentation on the benefits of extensive reading in academic programs. He related findings from SLA research on the positive impact of extensive reading to some of the successes he has experienced through it, both as a language learner in France and as a language teacher here in Korea. Mike also brought along a large sample of storybooks for young learners from the reading library he set up at his language institute in Daegu.

We had another big turnout in January for Robert Dickey's presentation on content-based instruction (CBI). Rob shared some amusing and illustrative anecdotes about his experiences at teaching English-medium courses in subjects like history, culture, law, and public finance at Gyeongju University. Small groups then worked to design teaching units in which some kind of text would provide content to support a language-teaching aim.

At the end of the January meeting, we took the short walk to the nearby *galbi-jip* for our semi-annual members' dinner. As always, the winter gathering was a welcome chance to continue sharing ideas, talk about upcoming plans, celebrate the end of the year, and ring in the start of a new one.

We look forward to greeting old and new faces again this spring. Meetings are held on the first Saturday of the month, from 3:00 to 5:30 at Kyungpook National University. On March 5, Dr. Andrew Finch will discuss practical ways to implement classroom-based assessment.

On April 2, Jack Large will speak about global issues for language teachers. See you soon!

## **Daejeon-Chungnam Chapter**

By Aaron Jolly

After a very positive 2004, Daejeon-Chungnam Chapter rolls full steam into the new year. Our membership has risen from 45 to 71 since the middle of last year. Many thanks are due to all of the new executive team and to Susan Kim, our wonderful chapter member from the EPIK program in Cheonan. We would like to express special thanks to outgoing secretary Rachel Williams who has recently returned to the USA.

Our 2005 calendar has been finalized, so check our website ([www.kotesol.org/daejeon](http://www.kotesol.org/daejeon)) for an updated schedule. Although regular meetings are held at the Woosong Language Institute of Woosong University in Daejeon, special events have been scheduled for April 16 and tentatively September 10 at Nazarene University in Cheonan. The Daejeon Drama Festival will be held on May 28. Teachers - please start thinking about your teams!

The first event of the year will be on March 5 at W.L.I from 3 pm. Chris Surridge of Namseoul University in Cheonan will be giving a presentation entitled "Getting Around Textbook Tyranny: Listening Practice and CALL." We are also fortunate to have Dr. Peter Nelson, KTT Facilitator, present at our April meeting. Everyone is looking forward to both of these events.

## **Gangwon Chapter**

By Chris Grayson

The Gangwon Chapter starts up meetings again this month after a pleasant winter break. We'll be looking to host a good variety of in-house and guest presenters this semester, with something of interest for everyone. We're also looking forward to meeting up with friends and colleagues again, and new faces are always welcome! For meeting details, please check our web page on the KOTESOL website, or drop us an email if you'd like to be included on our mailing list.

## **Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter**

By Maria Lisak

Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter is proud to announce its Spring Conference, co-hosted with HETA (Honam English Teachers Association) and GIC (Gwangju International Center). This collaborative effort will be held at Chonnam National University's Language Education Center. The conference will be held from noon until 5 pm on Saturday, April 9.

Chapter elections will be held on March 12. There will also be an outreach event for Mokpo in March. Kasia Auer is looking for volunteers to spend an afternoon with a class of middle school students at the Mokpo Natural History Museum. This outreach event is sponsored by the Chapter.

In January, officers gathered for a Chapter leadership workshop. Officers shared their personal and professional visions for 2005. Perry Perry led an activity of inquiry for officers to discover the professional links that they shared in their workplace. Eun Jeong (Sarah) Jee shared her ideas about community relations and reaching out to the local Korean teaching community. David Shaffer, National Treasurer and mentor on the Chapter's Board of Advisors, shared information about chapter dues collection and National support. This workshop was a great way to start the year. By sharing personal goals, officers are better able to map out how to achieve Chapter goals within the limitations of available time for volunteer commitments.

Check out the Calendar of Events, 2004 Chapter Report, and Members News on our website: [www.kotesol.org/gwangju](http://www.kotesol.org/gwangju)

## North Jeolla Chapter

By Tammy V. Fisher-Heldenbrand

The month of December found the North Jeolla Chapter electing new officers. Allison Bill, Phil Owen, and Todd Terhune remained officers, with Phil and Allison changing offices. Nick Ziegler took the position of Special Events Coordinator with emphasis on the annual drama festival. New member Yong-woo Kim signed on as Membership Coordinator, Tammy Heldenbrand returned to office as Secretary after a three-year absence, and long-time member, Ingrid Zwaal, is the new Vice-President. Chapter President Allison Bill brings with her a new and catching excitement about the Chapter. Her vision for 2005 can be found on the Chapter website.

The regional conference on March 19 will be the first one for North Jeolla Chapter but not the first one for many of the officers, who worked on the former Jeolla Chapter conferences. We are excited about this year and hope as many members as possible will join us over the coming months. If you have any questions for North Jeolla, please feel free to contact us.

## Seoul Chapter

By Tory Thorkelson.

If you have glanced at our website recently, you will have noticed that a number of updates and changes are in the works. We currently have workshops and presenters lined up through June, covering a variety of topics. Our meetings are progressing in the right direction with standing room only at our February meeting at Sookmyung Women's University's Professional Center.

Ksan Rubadeau shared some great insights into using grammar drills more effectively and how to make your lessons come alive. Sean Smith talked about guiding your students towards making SMART goals for their language learning. Discussion, questions and positive feedback were abundant from old and new members alike. We signed up new members on the spot on the following day with our outreach effort in which Jack Large and I went to two major bookstores to schmooze and hand out promotional

materials to as many English educators as we could identify. We intend to break the 200 mark for number of Chapter members very soon.

Seoul SIG Day has a venue - Sookmyung's state-of-the-art facilities at Gemma Hall - and we are in the process of assembling our organization for this major event of our year. With eight SIGs covering a variety of subjects, we are well on our way to fielding an exciting and informative line-up of presentations, workshops, and roundtable discussions. We'll keep everyone posted on new developments through our web pages.

Our executive roster has changed a lot over the last few months. We are very pleased to welcome Alex Pole, who is working hard to restart regular publication of our ASK newsletter and intends on getting the next issue out by April in both electronic and print form. KOTESOL members don't have to be part of Seoul Chapter to have writings published in ASK. Feel free to email Alex any relevant article, column, or teaching ideas using the contact info on our web page or in TEC. Ksan Rubadeau is our new Membership Coordinator and Jennifer Young, our new Member-at-Large. Both are also making their presence felt by eagerly pitching in to do more than their share of the work.

## Suwon-Gyeonggi Chapter

By Chang-Sook Kim

Suwon-Gyeonggi Chapter had three regular meetings and two joint conferences with GETA (Gyeonggi English Teachers' Association) last year. We shared our teaching ideas after the presentations and engaged in follow-up activities. The more than 200 English teachers and 90 college students who attended appreciated the chance to get practical teaching ideas which they could apply in their classes. Because of this success, we plan to hold another joint conference with GETA in 2005.

In November's meeting, a supervisor from the Gyeonggi Provincial Office of Education and two vice principals presented classroom activities and talked about problems and difficulties in English education.

In other news, Ms. Ryu Gyehyeong, former Chapter treasurer and reporter now studying at the University of Kansas, will rejoin us in August.

The Chapter holds meetings every third Saturday afternoon of each month beginning in March. Meetings are held at the University of Suwon, just like last year. Join us at the March meeting!

## A Quote to Ponder

**"Education is what survives  
when what has been learned  
has been forgotten."**

B. F. Skinner (1904-1990)  
American psychologist, educator, & writer

English Learning Center.

### **Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter**

We have a lot of news to report, most of which you can find on our chapter website <http://www.kotesol.org/gwangju/index.html>. First and most importantly, we have moved our meetings to the Gwangju International Center, which is located downtown. Join us on June 11th from 2:30-5:00. Scott Jackson, of Honam University, will give us an intriguing workshop on psycholinguistics. We also have exciting workshops scheduled all summer. In fact, we have a great line up of presentations all the way through November.

### **North Jeolla Chapter**

The North Jeolla Chapter meets at Jeonju University. In May we had fun workshops with two presentations. Miso Kim led a workshop on how to incorporate art into listening and speaking activities. Park Yonggyu followed with a demonstration of effective communicative activities. What is our summer vacation schedule? We will not meet in July or August. We will meet again on September 10th. In the meantime, start preparing for the November 5th Drama Festival! For Drama Festival inquiries, contact Nick Ziegler at [northjeolla@yahoo.com](mailto:northjeolla@yahoo.com).

### **Seoul Chapter**

*By Tory Thorkelson*

Seoul SIG Day was a modest success. As with any event, there are many people to thank and only a limited amount of space to do it in. I am grateful for the assistance and support of KOTESOL and especially to the following individuals: Duane Henning, creator of the original poster and program cover; Alex Pole, Robert Proudlove, Marc Turnoy who did layout and editing of the program; Dr. Kyoungsook Yeum and Yunkyoung Kang for giving much-needed support, and assistance; Sookmyung Women's University for the use of their great facilities; Heejung An and Robert Dickey for coordinating and mediating between Seoul Chapter and the publishers; David D. I. Kim, Chair of the National Program Committee, for offering advice and financial support; the amazing members of the Seoul Chapter Executive and student volunteers for working so hard to plan and execute Seoul SIG Day; and the KOTESOL SIG facilitators and presenters for giving their time to make SIG Day possible.

In other news, we are saddened to say goodbye to two core members, Jack and Aekeyoung Large. I am sure they will still be regularly seen at chapter meetings and events. Check Global Issues SIG news for a report of their upcoming Cycling for Humanity project. We have added "Treasurer" to our able Membership Coordinator's plate, but she would be quite happy to hand it over to a suitable candidate. I am also happy to welcome two vice-presidents to our executive. Frank

Kim will be helping us focus on, and hopefully, attract more Korean members and presenters to our monthly workshops. Joe Walther will be helping both Frank and me get the many jobs done related to chapter business while bringing his new ideas and energy into the chapter as well. I hope to introduce both of them to you at the June meeting of our chapter.

Second, I would like to make a few announcements about our workshop schedule and the presenters we have lined up for the next few months. Our own Mary-Jane Scott will be giving a presentation titled "Resources for Language Teachers" at the June 18th meeting. In addition, National 1st Vice-President, Louisa Kim, will be making a short presentation about the National KOTESOL and the upcoming conference in October. We will be taking the month of July off, as we did last year, but I have already received confirmation that our fall lineup is already coming together. More news about future presentations and other chapter news will be available on our website, in TEC, and at our monthly chapter meetings. Hope to see you there!

### **Suwon-Gyeonggi Chapter**

*By Chang-Sook Kim*

The Suwon-Gyeonggi Chapter kicked off the first meeting of the year from 4:00 through 6:00 on March 19th. The alluring spring could not keep the more than 80 enthusiastic English teachers, undergraduates, and graduate students from attending the meeting.

The presenter, Tony Joo, trained in classical singing, described the differences between Korean and English accents in connection with classical singing techniques. He showed the audience some critical differences between English and Korean pronunciation and intonation.

Gabrielle Luoni presented at our April 16th meeting. The topic was "Motivation: How can we create an environment where students are studying for the sheer joy of it?" According to Gabrielle, motivation is the key to learning a language, with externally-based obstacles being curriculum expectations, parental and societal expectations, and exams. So the question is how to create an environment where students are studying for the sheer joy of it? The presenter introduced an interesting game to stimulate intrinsic motivation. Chris Grayson, President of Gangwon Chapter, delivered a presentation at our May meeting and offered tips on "Getting Students to Talk."

We have two announcements. 1) Our meeting time has changed. We now meet at 3:00 on every third Saturday of the month in Room 215 of the Comprehensive Lecture Hall at Suwon University. 2) Suwon Chapter is planning to have our fifth conference at 2:00 - 6:00 on November 19th. We will have three concurrent sessions. If you are interested in giving a presentation, email our Secretary, Lee Herrie at [heriqueen@yahoo.co.kr](mailto:heriqueen@yahoo.co.kr).



In June, Tory Thorkelson of Hanyang University and the Seoul Chapter of KOTESOL treated us to an interesting presentation called “Konglish in the Classroom: The Teacher’s Back Door.” As both the presentation and comments from participants showed, perceptions of Konglish (Koreanized English) among teachers and learners seem to vary depending on a number of factors, perhaps the most important being one’s degree of familiarity with Konglish terms and phrases.” Tory deftly explained how teachers in Korea could take advantage of learners’ familiarity with Konglish in lessons on English vocabulary as well as in lessons on the use of English in local and international contexts.

July 2 was a special day for the Daegu-Gyeongbuk Chapter. Instead of holding our regular summer meeting, we hosted for the first time, along with the Language Institute and the Department of English Education of Kyungpook National University, an all-day conference with three invited speakers from the United States as well as 16 presenters from around Korea. Thanks to all volunteers, presenters, speakers, and attendees for helping to make the event a success. (You can read more about how the day transpired in this issue’s report on the conference.)

We invite you to join us this fall for another series of friendly and informative gatherings. We meet on the first Saturday of each month, from 3:00 to 5:30, at Kyungpook National University. Please visit our webpage <http://www.kotesol.org/daegu/> for more information about our chapter and workshops. See you soon!

### ***Daejeon-Chungnam Chapter***

*By Aaron Jolly*

Our September 24th meeting is actually a chapter symposium to be held at Woosong Language Institute of Woosong University in Daejeon. The theme is Enhancing Communicative Practice in ELT, and presentations will run from 2 pm to 5 pm. Speakers’ presentations will cover a diverse range of areas of interest to university, school, academy EFL teachers, and graduate students.

Attendees at our chapter’s events over the past 12 months can attest to the warmth of our hospitality and to the special atmosphere created at our events. If you are a new chapter member, this is the time to join us! Stay tuned to the chapter website for more details. The chapter website will be updated to include some new sections, including an area showcasing lesson plans of members’ profiles. If you have any suggestions or would like to have one of your own lesson plans or your profile added, please let us know.

Apart from our other regular chapter workshop at W.L.I in Daejeon on November 5th, we have one big event planned this semester. On Saturday November 26th we will be co-hosting a symposium with the

Young Learner’s Special Interest Group. This is an event dedicated to young learner and teenager issues and will be held at Korea Nazarene University in Cheonan City. This should be a peach of a day. Not only do we have quality presenters and internationally renowned keynote speakers scheduled, but after it is finished, we will be sharing in the hospitality of the Korea Nazarene International Church’s outstanding Thanksgiving Feast. It’s free to people who reserve their seat for dinner. People who came last year were raving about the meal for weeks afterward. Keep in touch when the time comes.

### ***Gangwon Chapter***

Gangwon Chapter meets the first Saturday of the month at the Sokcho Office of Education. The summer has been uneventful, with many members enjoying vacation. We are currently reorganizing chapter efforts and planning an exciting fall schedule. For an update on chapter events write to Chris Grayson, Chapter President, at [chrisgrayson\\_99@yahoo.com](mailto:chrisgrayson_99@yahoo.com) or visit our website <http://www.kotesol.org/gangwon/>.

### ***Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter***

*By Maria Lisak*

Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter now has more monthly meetings! Special thanks go to our Chapter Executive and Gwangju International Center for their dedication and donation of time and space to bring more KOTESOL workshops to the Gwangju-Jeonnam community. Meetings are the 2nd Saturday of the month at 2:30 pm at Gwangju International Center in downtown Gwangju. Coming this fall, we have a superb line-up of presentations, including topics like “Group Dynamics and Team-building in the Classroom” by Tommy Che Vorst, and several Collaborative Partner Events at the GIC. We are also planning several outreach events within the region. Mark your calendar for the North Jeolla Drama Festival and sign up a troupe of budding thespians.

In member news, we are proud to announce a new Member Spotlight series. The first interview by Roxanne Silvanuik has been posted on our website and features Adriane Moser, an International Member. Congratulations to Sheilagh Hagens on receiving her Masters of Education in TESOL from Brock University. This summer our busy members shared their expertise at various conferences around Korea including Adriane Moser, Sean Coutts, David Shaffer, and Scott Jackson. We also said goodbye to Jon Goranson, a vital member who has accepted a new teaching position in Seoul. However, we also welcome new member Tyrone Marsh and extend an invitation to all 47 new JLP teachers.

Join us for professional development workshops. Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter can help you as you acclimatize to working and living in Korea. Our chapter is made up of Koreans and non-Koreans working in

language schools, public schools, and universities. You are not alone in adjusting to your new responsibilities and your new home. Many of our native-English-speaking members have been in Korea for many years and offer a helping hand by mentoring new arrivals. Our Korean members can help you understand the culture more quickly, reducing your stress from culture shock. Let us help you succeed in your classroom and in enjoying your new environment.

## North Jeolla Chapter

By Allison Bill

After a summer break, we are excited to be starting up again! Our meetings this fall are September 10th, November 12th, and December 3rd. Meetings will be held at Jeonju University's English Cafe in the student building. We are exploring the possibility of a more central meeting location and will announce any changes on our website. Our September presenters are Chris Surridge, who will speak on "Listening Practice and CALL." We will also be hearing from Kim Eun-mee, a local high school teacher. Our November meeting will include Aaron Jolly, Daejeon Chapter President. In December, we will be learning simple steps for doing classroom research.

Our special events coordinator, Nick Zeigler, is preparing for this fall's Drama Festival, November 3rd. Start practicing! For more information, please contact him at northjeolla@yahoo.com or 063-220-2673. For more chapter information, please visit <http://www.kotesol.org/north-jeolla/>

## Seoul Chapter

By Tory Thorkelson

After the heat of summer and a month off in July, we began regular meetings on August 20th with two presentations on "Resourcing the EFL Classroom" which focused on useful Internet sites and other materials that can be copied and/or adapted for the Korean English classroom setting.

Upon receiving new and very stylish membership cards in the mail, our executive is busily wracking our collective brains about how best to put them to good use. One obvious idea is to approach the English bookstores enquiring about possible teacher discounts. Although we have not talked to any of the larger bookstores yet, the newly renovated What The Book store in Itaewon has agreed to keep a stack of our newsletters where teachers can see them, so that is a step in the right direction for us publicity-wise. What the Book also offers a generous 10% discount for KOTESOL members. Bring your new membership card to obtain the discount!

As many of you may have noticed, our website is quite out of date. We have someone in mind to take over in late August or early September so please bear with us. Better yet, if you would like to join our web team, newsletter committee, or assist any other of our executive by helping out, please let us know. I wish you all the best as the new term begins and hope to see you at our next meeting!

## Suwon-Gyeonggi Chapter

By Chang-Sook Kim

Our chapter is steadily growing. No doubt, this is due in part to the fun and practical workshops we have had recently. Earlier in the summer, Fred Stark, a Daegu member, visited us to talk about media materials, including newspapers, magazines, advertisements, television, cinema, and the Internet. We learned how media like these convey loads of information that can be used to create rich and entertaining supplementary materials for teaching EFL.

We are also pleased to announce our 5th Suwon-Gyeonggi Conference, to be held Saturday November 19th from 2:00-6:00 pm at the University of Suwon. The theme for the afternoon is *Commitment to Diversity in EFL English Education* and will feature 12 presentations. All members and non-members are encouraged to attend this event. 

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## **KOTESOL Chapters**

### **Busan-Gyeongnam Chapter**

*By Rob Dickey*

The Busan-Gyeongnam Chapter has seen lots of changes in the past few months. The November 26 Chapter meeting was rescheduled to December 3 to avoid conflict with the Young Learners Symposium. There were some officer resignations during the past months, but at the December 3 Annual General Meeting a new team was elected, with Secretary Todd Vercoe taking the reins as new Chapter President. (See Who's Where in KOTESOL for other new officers.) Todd announced that, based on discussions during the general meeting, he intended to take the chapter on the road, with hoped-for destinations including Ulsan, Jinju, and Changwon/Masan.

### **Cheongju Chapter**

We will meet December 10 after our meeting for a holiday potluck dinner. Join us as we celebrate the holiday season and exchange Christmas gifts. Feel free to contact us or check our Chapter homepage for further details: <http://www.kotesol.org/cheongju/>.

### **Daegu-Gyeongbuk Chapter**

*By Fred Stark*

Daegu Chapter's workshops started up again this fall in a new location on the KNU campus - new for us, new for the university. We moved to the new Language Institute Building, a short walk north from the old meeting site. Room 120, a big, bright, many-windowed lecture hall on the ground floor, has been made available to us.

Our speaker in September, Sara Davila, helped inaugurate the new venue with a well-attended presentation on ways to involve students in the process of assessing their progress in various language-learning settings. Sara, who is Curriculum Coordinator at the English Village Ansan Camp, shared a number of her experiences with expanded assessment in that setting. She then conducted a workshop in which we each wrote a short speech, presented our speeches in small groups, and assessed the performances using rubrics we had created. In October, our Chapter President, Dr. Steve Garrigues, led us through an exploration of music from around the world. In so doing, he demonstrated some of the ways he uses world music in his university classes to foster development of cultural awareness and

language skills. Participants listened with rapt attention as Steve played songs from Algeria, Bolivia, Ethiopia, Greece, Indonesia, Serbia, Uzbekistan, and other countries.

One of our members, Glenn Hadikin, has set up a special Yahoo Discussion Group for the Daegu Chapter. He wants this to become a way for members to stay in touch between monthly meetings, share tips about teaching and living around Daegu, and chat casually. Check it out and join at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/KOTESOLDaegu/>.

### **Daejeon-Chungnam Chapter**

*By Aaron Jolly*

Daejeon-Chungnam Chapter had a great year. Luckily, there was some crossover in leadership with Treasurer Tony Hyunchul Ju, 2nd VP Mira Kim, the consummate web-finesse of our webmaster David Deeds, and Chapter President Aaron Jolly, who continued in their roles right through to the end of this year. Although Susan Kim moved on at the end of last year, we had the good fortune of discovering new senior chapter leaders Mrs. Joy Garratt (1st VP) and Stephanie White. Stephanie is the driving force behind our successful bid for the spring National KOTESOL Conference to be held next May at Hoseo University in Cheonan-Asan. The event will be held on Saturday, May 13, 2006. Stay tuned for details of organizational meetings, or contact one of us to declare your interest in being involved.

### **Gangwon Chapter**

*By Chris Grayson*

Our final regular meeting of the year was held Saturday, December 3, at the Sokcho Office of Education. Brian Dean of Gwandong University demonstrated the use of Internet technology using examples of how his students record and practice dialogues. Then, Norlan Page, who works with Sokcho elementary school students, reported on the recent Young Learner Symposium he attended in Daejeon.

### **Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter**

*By Maria Lisak*

This fall in Gwangju was a busy one. September's presentation by Tommy Che Vorst got KOTESOL and GIC members mixing. Tommy presented classroom management techniques for large groups. In September, Gwangju Chapter also welcomed the Gwangju-Jeonnam community by staffing a promotional table at the Gwangju International Community Day on September 25th at Chosun University.

It was great to see so many members (new and renewing) at the KOTESOL International Conference in Seoul on October 15-16. For members who couldn't shoot up to Seoul for that jammed-packed conference, an Outreach Workshop was held at Suncheon National University. Tony Schiera and Liz Jones presented great games and storybook materials for private academy teachers. Special thanks to National KOTESOL for the wonderful promotional items for attendees, OUP for their support, and Mr. Kim of Top Bookstore in Gwangju who donated dictionaries.

In October, the festive side of Gwangju KOTESOL was evident in a BBQ at Seokang College. Special thanks to Kasia Auer for her organization of this event. Honam University also invited KOTESOL members to get involved in their Culture Night and bonfire, which focused on dances from around the world. In November, the HETA Fall Conference was a great success at Chosun University. HETA, Honam English Teachers Association, is a collaborative organization of Gwangju Chapter, and three invited Chapter presentations were made at the Conference.

Chapter members also presented around Korea and abroad. Check out our website to find out about the cool work our local members have been doing. December is a crazy time to get together, but on December 3, we held our holiday party at the Turtle Boat Restaurant in Gwangju. Chapter officer elections were held and we can now look forward to a great new team and a productive 2006 (See Who's Where in KOTESOL for new officers. More elections coming in March.) Check online for dates and details of winter workshops and the Gwangju Spring Conference in April.

website or Who's Where in KOTESOL for the results.

## Seoul Chapter

By Mary-Jane Scott

Seoul Chapter has been invigorated with the presence of our new executive officers, who are working hard to provide even better service for our members. Along with executive members of other chapters, our team manned the customer services table at the recent International Conference and did their best to promote chapters and membership benefits.

Refreshed and full of new ideas from the Conference, we are now planning our annual May event for 2006. The theme will be Classroom Management: Creating a Successful Classroom. Watch this space for more details as planning gets underway in earnest.

Our regular workshop in September featured the irrepressible Aaron Jolly. He entertained us all with his tales of teaching unmotivated low-level middle school students, and gave us great ideas for motivating them with communicative games. It's amazing how even adults become competitive and motivated when faced with the prospect of winning points and chocolate for their team. We have some great presenters lined up for future workshops. Join us for the year's final meeting on December 17th. Jake Kimball will offer a workshop on teacher evaluation and assessment. Check our renovated website, [www.kotesol.org/seoul](http://www.kotesol.org/seoul), for an updated schedule. Following the meeting, we will amble over to Suji's Restaurant for our 5-7 pm Christmas dinner party!

## North Jeolla Chapter

Our end-of-year festivities were sensational! We returned to Jeonju University's English Cafe for our last meeting. (We'll be returning to our downtown meeting place by the spring). Three presenters, Gayl Kim, Tyrone March, and Maria Lisak, gave us a workshop about assessment. It was quite engaging and gave everyone something to think and talk about. Afterward, we went to Kathy Cha's home for our annual Christmas potluck dinner. Finally, congratulations to our newly elected 2006 officers. Please check our

## Suwon-Gyeonggi Chapter

English is alive and well in Suwon. We had an outstanding Conference on November 19. The theme for the day was Commitment to Diversity in EFL English Education. With 12 presentations covering three strands, we had a very good balance of Korean and native-English-speaker workshops. Friends and colleagues, please feel welcome to visit our dynamic Chapter every third Saturday of the month from 3 to 5 pm at the University of Suwon. 

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area. Regular monthly meetings are held the first Saturday of the month, starting again in March. Discussions in March will focus on setting the agenda for the year ahead. Email the chapter for more details.

### **Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter**

*By Scott Jackson and Maria Lisak*

During the holiday season, the Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter has continued to promote KOTESOL through the Gwangju International Center (GIC) Talk Series by inviting a monthly presenter to present on a culture-related topic in their ongoing weekly series of community outreach. January 7th saw Maria Lisak and Ji Hyun Kim give a talk entitled "What We Learned at the JALT Peace Conference." On January 21st, we sponsored the talk "Black History Month," which was presented by the chapter's own Tyrone Marsh. On February 18th, we again sponsored the GIC talk. This time, John Mark Minguillan spoke on the topic of "Filipino Teachers in Korea."

Upcoming on March 11th, Derrick Nault from Kwansai Gakuin University will be visiting Korea and giving a presentation entitled "English-Medium International Education (EMIE) at Japanese Universities: The Next Trend in TEFL?" This workshop will also include a small, practical workshop and a lesson plan exchange. New officers will also be elected at the March workshop. Please check the chapter website for time and location as details firm up.

Then, in April, it's everyone's favorite time in South Jeolla. The Gwangju-Jeonnam Spring Conference on the 15th at Chonnam National University's Language Education Center. This conference is scheduled to run from 12:30 to 5:00 and carry the theme ELT: Extending the Scope, Expanding the Resources. We look forward to offering something new to all who are interested in attending.

Special congratulations are in order to Tony and Rachel Schiera who gave birth to Tehva, their third child, on January 3rd. Her siblings, Silas and Tian, are absolutely enthralled with their new baby sister. So congratulations to the Schiera family! Another person to be recognized is the chapter's vice-president, Tyrone Marsh. Congratulations are in order for him as he is moving up in his career by accepting an offer from Samsung HR Development Center in Yongin. Tye is also the new facilitator of the KOTESOL Writing and Editing SIG. Although we will miss Tye a lot, we are very happy for his achievements and wish him the best of luck. Finally, we would like to introduce Perry Broe Perry as the newest member of our Board of Advisors. Perry has recently retired and returned to her home country of Canada where she's keeping busy by caring for those in need. She will be bouncing back and forth between Canada and Korea, and keeping all of us here at the chapter on our toes.

### **North Jeolla Chapter**

North Jeolla Chapter's upcoming conference on "Practical Activities for the English Classroom" will be held on April 8. The half-day event accommodates more Korean teacher attendance, will showcase local talent, and is sponsored locally by Top Bookstore and local restaurants. Chapter meetings this spring include: March 11, May 13, and June 3. For more details, please contact by email: northjeolla@yahoo.com.

### **Seoul Chapter**

*By Mary-Jane Scott*

The Seoul Chapter executive started the holiday festivities with a "Secret Santa" at the December executive meeting, and 38 Seoul chapter members celebrated the holiday season with a turkey dinner at Suji's restaurant in Itaewon. We feasted on turkey with all the usual trimmings, and pumpkin pie for dessert.

Jake Kimball gave an inspiring workshop on teacher evaluation at the December workshop, looking at the pros and cons of teacher evaluations, not only as a management tool, but also as a constructive means of personal development. Our January presenters were four students from Hanyang Foreign Language High School. We all got some great ideas from their presentation on using detective fiction in the English language classroom. Three of us won prizes for guessing the whodunit in three short mystery stories. There is a possibility that the students may repeat their workshop at our conference in May. Our February presenter was Steve Soresi, who is currently teaching in Japan. Steve explored the diverse varieties of English and the difficulties that non-native speaking teachers face.

Planning is underway for our annual May event for 2006. The theme is Classroom Management: Creating a Successful Classroom. Check out our website for more details as they become available. We are looking for presenters, so please contact Workshop Coordinator, Bruce Wakefield, if you are interested.

### **Suwon-Gyeonggi Chapter**

*By Kim Young Ki*

Chapter member and Treasurer, Jangsuk Kim, has left Korea to study in the U.S. He is following in the footsteps of Gye Hyoung Yoo, who finished her master's degree in TESOL in the U.S. last year, after being awarded a scholarship by the Office of Education. We are very proud of our chapter members' effort to do their best. Congratulations Jangsuk!

The chapter is currently taking a break for winter vacation; meetings will resume in March. Even during the vacation, however, two members from our chapter participated in the Korea-Australia English Teacher's Camp for Global Understanding, which was supported by UNESCO and the Gyeonggi Office of Education. 🌐

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### **Busan-Gyeongnam Chapter**

*By Todd Vercoe*

It has been another busy spring here in Busan-Gyeongnam. We have made some small schedule adjustments and have been treated to some fantastic speakers. Our meeting days are now the fourth Saturday of each month. We hope to attract more Korean High School teachers who have this day off. We welcomed Steve Garrigues in March and Heidi Vande Voort Nam in April. By all accounts, everyone enjoyed the workshops. For May's workshop, our National 1st Vice-President, Dr. Marilyn Plumlee, presented on action research.

For the second year in a row, the Asian EFL Journal held its annual international conference at Dong Seo University, and Busan-Gyeongnam KOTESOL was one of the proud sponsors. This conference, entitled "Task-Based Language Teaching: A Superior Teaching Approach - Or Temporary Trend," brought in some of the best researcher/educators in the world.

### **Cheongju Chapter**

*By Jean Paquette*

On April 29, Cheongju Chapter enjoyed Linda Fitzgibbon's presentation on "Accelerated Learning." Linda delivered on her promise to teach our Chapter things that could easily be incorporated in our classroom, even if many of us work within a private language school framework. We were also happy to welcome new attendees to our meeting this spring. If you have any comments, please contact the executive committee at cheongjukotesol@yahoo.com.

### **Daegu-Gyeongbuk Chapter**

*By Julie Stockton*

Welcome back to another great spring semester with KOTESOL. The Daegu-Gyeongbuk Chapter brought us all back together again with some truly enriching chapter meetings. In March, Heebon Park-Finch presented a workshop on cross-cultural issues. The interaction and humor were a super way for us to discuss and learn about common misunderstandings and cultural do's and don'ts. She shared some great stories that most of us could either relate to or laugh about. (If you hear that she's speaking somewhere, you won't want to miss her.) It was a fun, relaxing, and informative meeting.

Our April workshop was another great success. We all need and use presentation skills - from speaking in front of students and colleagues to teaching speech

classes. Mary-Jane Scott provided some great tips and handouts on teaching presentation skills. The most obvious, but often ignored, advice was "prepare, prepare, prepare." Mary-Jane's well-prepared presentation provoked a lively debate on the use of scripts. It's always good and entertaining to participate in lively professional discourse.

You are invited to join us on the first Saturday of the month. Check out our web site for more information: [www.kotesol.org/daegu](http://www.kotesol.org/daegu).

### **Daejeon-Chungnam Chapter**

Thank you for your support at the 2006 KOTESOL National Conference, which was a great success. We are also planning a very busy schedule for the remainder of 2006 with regular workshops at WLI (Woosong University's Language Institute) in Daejeon, a symposium or two, and a Thanksgiving event in Cheonan. Workshops were held in Daejeon on March 4 and in Cheonan on April 22. We provide an atmosphere of warmth and hospitality at our events. Come join us and become part of our exciting chapter!

### **Gangwon Chapter**

*By Chris Grayson*

We have a great little group convening monthly up in Sokcho. Our agenda is simple: to offer a forum for teachers to meet and share expertise. Details of recent meetings and upcoming events are viewable on our revamped web page at [kotesol.org](http://kotesol.org). Credit for the new look goes to Lance Kelly, our "web bloke."

Gangwon Chapter is just a modest outpost of national KOTESOL but a viable and valuable entity. First-time visitors tend to like what we offer and end up returning. As participant numbers warrant, we plan to broaden our scope with more outside speakers. Our meetings are casual, informative, and jargon-free. Expect a good bit of laughter. We also have a recent trend of members bringing homemade snacks. We have an ongoing free book exchange, and meetings generally carry over into dinner and drinks. We offer a seriously useful teacher talk and a friendly mix. Check us out.

### **Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter**

*By Maria Lisak*

New officers were elected at the March workshop. We still need a chapter secretary. For KOTESOL to be successful, we need your participation. Please volunteer.

Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter continued to promote

KOTESOL through the Gwangju International Center (GIC) Talk Series by sourcing a monthly presentation on a culture related topic. On March 11, Gwangju KOTESOL brought two events to 80 community attendees. At GIC, Miso Kim presented on international marriage. Up the street at Chosun University, an academic workshop with a paper by Derrick Nault and practical workshop by Kira Litvin was hosted. Gwangju Chapter also sponsored Todd Vercoe to lead a workshop for the Gwangju Board of Education on April 14. The Gwangju Spring Conference on April 15 was a great success. World music and munchies were available in the Ali Farka Toure Memorial Poster room in between three hours of 18 different papers and workshops. Check out conference highlights online. May's GIC talks included Dr. Gyonggu Shin, speaking on the May 18th (1980) Gwangju Incident, and the Chilean Ambassador as well on May 20. The Global Issues SIG, Gwangju Chapter, and GIC are excited to host poet Charles Potts on June 3 at GIC. An academic workshop will be held on June 10. Please check our website for details: [www.kotesol.org/gwangju](http://www.kotesol.org/gwangju).

During July and August, Gwangju Chapter will not host any academic workshops, but encourages members to connect with others in our community by attending the weekly GIC Talk Series and the monthly GIC Cultural Tours. Please contact Maria Lisak, GIC/KOTESOL Liaison, [kotesolmaria@yahoo.com](mailto:kotesolmaria@yahoo.com), if you are interested in giving a cultural presentation during July or August at GIC. Gwangju Chapter academic workshops will start again on September 9.

## North Jeolla Chapter

By Ingrid Zwaal

We started this year with a presentation on how to do presentations in an effort to give members more confidence in doing their first presentation. Everyone has something valuable to share with others and should be encouraged to step up and teach. Another presentation was done on using "Go Fish" as a teaching tool. We met at Daehan Bookstore in downtown Jeonju on March 11.

On the afternoon of April 8, we had our second annual conference. This year it was held at Jeonju National University of Education. We had over a hundred participants and eleven presenters. Our theme was "Practical Activities for the English Classroom," and everyone seemed to enjoy the conference.

Our next meeting will be on June 3, the first Saturday of the month instead of the second Saturday to accommodate those who work at universities in case they are leaving for summer vacation or are too busy with exams. It will likely be held at Daehan Bookstore, too.

## Seoul Chapter

By Mary-Jane Scott

Seoul Chapter executive has been hard at work planning our May Conference. We had nine presenters lined up to give us their expertise in classroom management on May 27.

The Seoul Chapter publication, *ASK (About Seoul KOTESOL)*, has been published on a regular basis, thanks to our editor Alex Pole. The May issue of *ASK* will be combined with the May Conference program to provide readers with a super edition of bedside reading. Our regular Saturday workshops continue to provide members with inspiration and innovative ideas for our classrooms. In March, Mackenzie Bristow showed us how to use learning contracts as a way to involve learners actively in the learning process and to encourage them to become more responsible for their language acquisition. Our April workshop was an ideas exchange where members gave 10-minute presentations about plans, methods, and strategies that worked.

## Suwon-Gyeonggi Chapter

By Kim Young Ki

Suwon-Gyeonggi Chapter held its first chapter meeting this year on April 15 at its usual location, Suwon University. The eighty attendees learned about the elements of debate from Peter Kipp. This interesting lecture discussed the value of English debate as a learning activity and as a potential way to actively participate in the growing use of English as a world language, a means of intercultural communication and understanding. The presentation outlined the history of English debate in Korea and the Asian region as well. He introduced how to set up a club, as there are not many debate clubs in Korea. Final lessons included that the debate club can help students improve logical thinking as well as their language ability. Some audience members thought that debate would be too difficult for teachers in middle and high school, but were still satisfied about learning new methods for our students. In May, Samuel Henderson did a stellar job presenting on "Assessing vocabulary knowledge in five minutes or less."

## Quote to Ponder

**"Self-development will never take place without the perceived need for it."**

**Michael J. Wallace**

*Action Research for Language Teachers*  
Cambridge University Press, 1998

Conference. Notable presenters include Virginia Hanslien from Korea University in Jochiwon, Tommy Vorst from Hoseo University, the e-learning wizard Chris Surridge from Namseoul University, and TEC contributors Dr. Terry Stocker from Hongik University in Jochiwon and Tim Thompson from Woosong University. Late November sees the return of the Thanksgiving symposium at Nazarene University in Cheonan. This year's theme is yet to be determined, so if you have a suggestion or would like to make some input, please be in touch. Finally, we would like to extend a warm welcome to the newest member of the Chapter executive, Ms. Maggi Carstairs from Woosong University in Daejeon, who is the our new Woosong Language Institute Liaison Officer. Maggi's special interest area is students' hands-on use of technology in the language classroom.

Our Chapter executive members wish you all an inspiring and rewarding second half of the teaching year.

### **Gangwon Chapter**

*By Chris Grayson*

On July 1st at the Sockcho Office, our Gangwon Chapter workshop covered the topic of syllabuses. We also celebrated Canada Day with a beach BBQ event. Chapter response was great, local teachers attended and marinated chicken and an undisclosed quantity of potato salad was provided by Sara. Hope to see you at Gangwon Chapter events this fall. Check online for updates.

### **Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter**

*By Maria Lisak*

After a summer break, Gwangju Chapter returned to a busy fall schedule. On September 9th, Adrienne Moser presented on professional development. On September 23 and 24, the Christian Teachers SIG Symposium will welcome back their facilitator, Heidi Vande Voort Nam, and introduce others in the local community. September 23 and 24 also sees many KOTESOLers involved in a talent show for GIC International Community Day, sponsored by our collaborative partner, Gwangju International Center. Check online for events in October, November, and December

### **North Jeolla Chapter**

*By Ingrid Zwaal*

Our first meeting will be September 9th, again at the Dae Han Bookstore in downtown Jeonju. We are preparing for our annual drama festival for November, so if you have a group interested in participating, please contact our Chapter through our email address

at northjeolla@yahoo.com.

### **Seoul Chapter**

*By Jennifer Young*

The Seoul Chapter has had a busy year so far. Our annual conference, held at Hanyang University this past May, was a huge success, with approximately double last year's attendance. The conference featured nine presentations, three each at the primary, secondary, and tertiary level. Between presentations, attendees were able socialize as well as vote in our annual election of executive officers.

The Seoul Chapter executive has some new faces as a result of the election in May. We have been hard at work organizing an interesting and useful lineup of workshops for the rest of the year. Unfortunately, we have also had to say goodbye to Matt and Sarah Sahr, our webmaster and publicist, respectively, as they move onward and upward. They have worked tirelessly promoting KOTESOL and improving our Web site and will be badly missed.

Our August presenter, Leanne Kim, discussed the Effects of Korean Culture in Classroom Management. In her presentation, she presented four types of interactions: teacher/student, foreign teacher/Korean teacher, teacher/parent, and student/student. Role plays and a discussion followed. On September 19, Christopher Surridge will be presenting on MOODLing in the classroom. This is a useful tool for creating an online learning environment. He will take attendees through the process of creating their own MOODLE courses. Please join us.

### **Suwon-Gyeonggi Chapter**

*By Young Ki Kim*

Suwon-Gyeonggi Chapter has seen two Chapter officer changes recently. Our new Secretary is Kim Soon-A, a teacher at Kunsu Elementary School, and our new Treasurer is Jang Myeong Hwan of Ansung Girl's High School. They are sure to do a fine job in their positions. Chapter meetings were not held during the summer months, but we will be having our September meeting, and Todd Vercoe is scheduled to give his presentation on the use of games. Also, our Member-at-Large, Young Ki Kim, will be gone for the month of October, leading a teacher group to the U.S. 

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October meeting featured two presentations: one on upgrading skills (CELTA, MA-TESOL) by our founding president, Ryan Cassidy, and one on jazz chants and story-telling in the classroom by Valerie Love. Our December meeting will offer a workshop on team teaching by Scott Jackson & his teaching partner Mrs. Lee from Gyeonggi-do. Providing practical stuff that our members can use is our primary aim. Our sessions also feature homemade snacks, a book-exchange, and after-meeting dinner and shenanigans. We are a convivial group.

Our recent transitions merit mentioning. Many thanks to Lance Kelly for all his selfless efforts as Webmaster on our Chapter's behalf, and congratulations on the expanding family. Best luck back in Oz! Welcome to his successor in that role, Sara Avrams.

### **Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter**

*By Maria Lisak*

Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter thanks all of its members, leaders, presenters, and collaborators for a stellar 2006. Gwangju Chapter held workshops this fall in September and November, as well as a symposium in September. The December Holiday Party on December 2 at the KONA Storybook Center was a great time to look back on 2006 and brainstorm for 2007 while stuffing ourselves on the buffet. Regular workshops will resume in March of 2007.

### **North Jeolla Chapter**

*By Ingrid Zwaal*

On Saturday, November 18, the North Jeolla Chapter celebrated its 12th Annual English Drama Festival. What we were lacking in number of teams, we more than made up for in excellent drama. The winners of the competition were an elementary team from an academy in Gunsan and a middle school team from Jeonju. On November 11, we had our monthly workshop. Scott Jackson and Lee Myungai presented on team teaching, and our own Phil Owen taught us some fun and useful activities to use in class. Many of our members were very active in the International Conference, North Jeolla people everywhere - including our own Allison Bill, as the Conference Chair!

On December 2, we had our final workshop for the year. Todd Vercoe was our presenter, and afterward we had our potluck Christmas party! Also, we elected a new executive; Ingrid Zwaal was elected to another year as President. During the winter months, we may seem like we are hibernating, but there is always our next conference to plan! We will be back to our workshops on March 10. Happy Holidays!

### **Seoul Chapter**

*By Jennifer Young*

The Seoul Chapter has had a busy year. We are busy planning our annual conference, to be held in conjunction with the Global Issues SIG at the end of March. It will be a half-day event with at least one international speaker presenting. There will be a plenary followed by concurrent sessions. The conference theme is Bringing the World to Your Classroom. We are still accepting proposals for workshops that help teachers to incorporate world cultures and global issues into the EFL classroom. If interested, please visit our website at <http://www.kotesol.org/seoul/conference> for more information. The submission deadline will be January 17.

The Seoul Chapter executive has welcomed a new Publicity Chair, Meaghen MacEachern, who has been hard at work since joining us.

Our September workshop on Moodle packed the classroom. Chris Surridge introduced attendees to the basics of Moodle, and we look forward to having him back for a more hands-on presentation at a future workshop. At our November workshop, Grace Wang presented on Creating a Motivating and Interactive Language Classroom Environment: Application of Education and Language Learning Principles for a First-Year University General English Class. At our December 16th Workshop, Kira Litvin presented on Textbooks Are Not Perfect. We continued our annual tradition of sharing a holiday meal following the workshop. This year, it was held at Suji's with over 20 in attendance.

### **Suwon-Gyeonggi Chapter**

*By Young Ki Kim*

Suwon-Gyeonggi Chapter had its last meeting at Suwon University on November 18. This time, we had two presenters, Scott Jackson and Lee Myoungai. Scott Jackson is a teacher trainer at the Gyeonggi-do Institute for Foreign Language Education, and Lee Myoungai is an English teacher at Bijeon Middle School in Pyeongtaek.

The Korean Office of Education is setting up a national program to place foreign English teachers in every school across Korea. Mr. Jackson and Mrs. Lee prepared a video presentation to give an insider's view of what the Office of Education is anticipating from this project. The video presentation depicted a project-based, communicative class implemented by the presenters and the positive feedback from the students. Following the video, the presenters gave further insight into the project, after which there was a period of questions and discussion.



vacation time). It is hoped that with this change to the third week, we will encourage more of our public school colleagues to attend our workshops and seminars.

In addition to the change in date, we will also be having a change of venue. Busan KOTESOL will be returning to our old home, ESS Foreign Language Institute in Nampo-dong. Though Dongseo University has been a great site for us to meet, many members have felt it was just a little bit out of the way and that returning to ESS will let people meet up at a central, downtown location close to cinemas and other entertainment venues for post-meeting frolicking. ESS is Korea's oldest foreign language institute, founded in 1960. It has a proud past and previous association with KOTESOL, and it is hoped that renewing these ties will be fruitful for both ESS and KOTESOL.

We are hard at work planning speakers and events for the coming months. It is our desire to bring in two speakers for each meeting to double your exposure to professional development. I hope to see you all at our new venue and on our new meeting dates.

### ***Cheongju Chapter***

*By Kevin Landry*

The Cheongju Chapter has been inactive during the winter months, but has monthly meetings planned, beginning in March. We received our membership dues share and will use the money according to the needs of our members. Come out to a meeting and make your voice heard. Check out the web site at [www.kotesol.org/cheongju/](http://www.kotesol.org/cheongju/) or send us an email at [cheongjukotesol@yahoo.com](mailto:cheongjukotesol@yahoo.com).

### ***Daegu-Gyeongbuk Chapter***

*By Sherry Seymour*

Our Chapter has kept busy this winter with plenty of presentations and socializing. In January, Jae-Young Jo gave us a glimpse into his classroom and some activities, animations, and pop songs he and his students have found rewarding. To celebrate the season and to welcome our new members, we went out for Italian cuisine after our last meeting.

A recent event the Chapter co-hosted was the YLT Conference on March 10th at Kyungpook National University (KNU). Coming up is the 3rd KNU-KOTESOL National Conference on June 2. This year's theme for the Conference is: "Motivating to Learn - Learning to Motivate," and it is about student and teacher motivation. Our next Chapter meetings will be on April 7 (speaker TBA), and on May 12, when Fred Stark will be presenting on Cross-cultural Pragmatics. Hope to see you there!

### ***Daejeon-Chungnam Chapter***

*By Josef Kerwin*

The Daejeon-Chungnam Chapter has its meetings the 4th Saturday of each month. The meetings alternate between Woosong Language Institute in Daejeon and Sun Moon University in Chungnam and are held from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m. The May meeting will be a drama festival in Daejeon, with time and place to be announced. (It will be held most likely at Woosong University or College.) In September, there are plans for a mini-conference similar to what was held last year; and in November at Sun Moon University, there are plans for a Thanksgiving meeting and dinner. Look for more on these events in the near future. As details unfold, they will be posted on the KOTESOL web site.

By the end March, we should have a provisional constitution for our chapter, which will be voted on by the Chapter membership at the November meeting, which is when we will also have our elections. This constitution, in brief, will benefit the Chapter and offer guidance to members and officers by providing an overview of Chapter operations and elective offices.

### ***Gangwon Chapter***

*By Chris Grayson*

Ongoing regular monthly workshops in Sokcho offer featured presenters and a casual forum for meeting with colleagues. Recent speakers have included Hye-won Lee, from Seoul, with a video presentation on the topic of "Drama and Dramatic Elements in the Classroom," and Ralph Sabio, from Wonju, on the theme of "How, When, and Why: The Pervasiveness of English in South Korea and Its Implications."

Watch for announcements on our web site (<http://www.kotesol.org/gangwon/>) regarding upcoming events. Note that our regular meeting date this year has changed from the first Saturday of the month to the second, to better serve our Korean members.

### ***Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter***

*By Yeon-seong Park*

Close to three months have passed between our December and March gatherings. I know many of you have been busy with teaching and preparing for the next semester. In January, Gwangju-Jeonnam advisors and officers got together and planned the agenda for the spring semester.

For our March 10th workshop, we invited Mi-Gyong Kim to present on the theme of her Ph.D. dissertation, and after that we will hold elections for Chapter

officers. The Chapter President, Vice-President, and Treasurer were elected to an additional term while our new Secretary is Adela Oh. See the Who's Where in KOTESOL section of this issue for a complete list of Chapter officers.

Please join us for our Gwangju Spring Conference, "Stepping Toward Practical Goals in ELT." Our plenary speaker is Dr. Joo-Kyung Park of Honam University and a former president of both our Chapter and KOTESOL. The afternoon conference is on April 14 at Gwangju University's new library. There is an open call for papers until March 18.

On May 12, we have invited Eun-young Choi to present on "Learners' Experiences During Cooperative Learning in a College English Reading Classroom." Also Kathryn D'Aoust will lead an enriching demonstration lesson of "Yoga English." Venue details to be announced. On June 9, we will host a workshop on "Group Work in the Classroom" by Adriane Moser and Jon Reesor, with the venue to be announced.

Workshops start at 2:00 p.m. and include lesson plan sharing, networking opportunities, and a drawing for EFL materials.

## North Jeolla Chapter

By Ingrid Zwaal

North Jeolla Chapter has been hibernating this winter but we anticipate a busy spring. On March 10, we began the season with our monthly workshop. Our annual conference originally scheduled for April 7 has been rescheduled for May 19. Please note the change on your calendars. It will be held in the afternoon at Jeonju University's Truth Hall, with registration starting at 1:00 p.m. As the time of the conference comes nearer, there will be more details available. The theme of the conference is "Making the Grade - And Not Being Afraid to Fail." If you are interested in presenting at the conference, please contact Allison Bill at 010-6332-5191 or allison.bill1@gmail.com, and for more general Chapter information contact Ingrid Zwaal at scottietoy@yahoo.com or 011-650-2957.

## Seoul Chapter

By Jennifer Young

The past few months have been busy for Seoul Chapter. In December, Kira Litvin gave an interesting workshop on textbooks followed by the Chapter's annual Christmas party. This year, the dinner was an all-you-can-eat turkey buffet held at Suji's Restaurant. Dinner was subsidized for all chapter members. The dinner was attended by over two dozen KOTESOL members, including Dr. David Shaffer and Phil Owen, coming all the way from the far southern reaches of the Peninsula.

January's workshop was an ideas exchange, with most attendees presenting an idea or two. Minsu warmed the group up with an exercise in Burmese, which reminded us all what it is like to be a beginner student in an all-English classroom.

By the time you read this, our March 31 Conference, Bring the World to Your Classroom, will have already taken place at Soongsil University. We anticipate a strong turnout due to a line-up of popular speakers such as Kip Cates of Japan. Additionally, the executive elections was held at the Conference.

## Suwon-Gyeonggi Chapter

By Young Ki Kim

Chapter officers met on February 28 to make chapter plans for the coming year. A number of very good ideas were exchanged for the development of the Chapter. We have decided to have our first Chapter meeting in April and to find presenters in advance for not only the April meeting but for the other meeting of the year as well. Having the presenters for the whole year booked in advance will be very efficient for Chapter affairs. Each Chapter officer have been asked to find two or three possible presenters by the time of our next officers meeting March 18, when the main item on the agenda is drawing up this year's Chapter schedule of events. This preparatory meeting will do much in determining what our Chapter will be doing in 2007. 🌐

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of 20 or 30 regular attendees at our congenial monthly meetings, which strive to provide useful teaching ideas along with an opportunity for casual networking.

Our May meeting featured a presentation by Phil Owen, National KOTESOL's 1st Vice-President, on the topic of "Hear-Say Activities for Almost Any Classroom." It is hard to come across novel classroom activities with wide applicability, and this definitely qualifies. Feedback on his workshop has been entirely positive. In addition, it was the first time a National Council member has visited our chapter since our inaugural meeting five years ago. Thanks, Phil!

We meet the second Saturday of every month at the Sokcho Office of Education. New participants are always welcome. You can also look forward to homemade food offerings, home-brewed beer, and our free book-exchange shelf. Our meetings invariably spin off into dinner and more socializing.

### **Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter**

*By Yeon-seong Park*

Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter held May and June workshops. In May, we listened to Eun-young Choi's presentation, "Learners' Experiences during Cooperative Learning in a College English Reading Classroom" and Kathryn D'aoust's "Yoga English." There were about 20 attendees, and Yoga English was a unique experience for us.

In June, Adriane Moser talked about "Multiple Intelligences and Trait-Based Writing Assessment," while Jon Reesor shared his teaching experience with a presentation entitled "Principles and Practicalities of Group Work." We will have a two-month vacation and resume fall workshops at Chonnam National University on September 9. Marie Pascual is in preparation for sharing her research on reading fluency. As outreach workshop coordinator, Maria Lisak has also started preparing for our October workshop in Yeosu, to be held on the second Saturday of the month.

### **North Jeolla Chapter**

*By Ingrid Zwaal*

Things have been busy in North Jeolla. On May 19, we had our annual conference. This year, we moved back to Jeonju University and had a pleasant afternoon with 14 presenters. The participants included many familiar faces, and we welcomed a number of new faces as well. On June 9, we took our show on the road as we met in another city, Iksan. One of our long-standing members, Tammy Park, hosted our workshop at the Iksan SLP Language Institute. Tammy generously provided a barbecue after the meeting, and we gained some new members.

Finally, a reminder about our annual drama festival:

The date has been moved to October 6, so if you plan to enter a team, you should start soon. For more information, contact Ingrid at northjeolla@yahoo.com.

### **Seoul Chapter**

*By Jennifer Young*

The Seoul Chapter sprang into the spring semester with our annual conference on March 31. The conference theme was *Bring the World to Your Classroom* and featured perennial favorites, such as Kip Cates, who delivered a wonderful plenary talk.

The conference was well attended by both members and non-members, and ended with the Seoul Chapter executive election results. Re-elected to their positions were Mary-Jane Scott (President), Frank Kim (Second Vice-President), and Ksan Rubadeau (Treasurer), and Jennifer Young was elected First Vice-President.

We bid a sad farewell to long-time executive members Joe Walther (First Vice-President), Alex Pole (ASK Editor), and Suzy Bautista (Membership Coordinator). This spring we have welcomed to the executive Grace Wang (Secretary, elected at the April Chapter workshop), Tamara Kowalska (Publicity), David Ribott-Bracero (Membership Coordinator), Dionne Silver (ASK Editor), and Dennis Murphy Odo (Webmaster).

We look forward to another great year of interesting and relevant workshops. Our June workshop, "Teaching Speaking: How to Get Your Shy Korean Students to Talk," will feature Grace Wang. In July, we will have another of our popular Ideas Exchange workshops. These are always a great source of classroom tips and activities, and should not be missed!

### **Suwon-Gyeonggi Chapter**

*By Chang Myounghwan*

On Saturday, April 21, the Suwon-Gyeonggi Chapter held its 54th regular meeting at the University of Suwon. The presenter, John Angus McNeil, presented on "Making English Engaging in the Classroom," which fascinated our 70 participants, that is 8 native speakers, 18 elementary teachers, 40 secondary teachers, and others including two elementary students. The meeting was a big success. On Saturday, May 19, we had our 55th regular meeting. The presenter, Sandra, covered "The Arts and Language Development" and impressed the participants. Most people agreed that her teaching material could be adapted to all levels of students. Her visual art teaching method was excellent and applicable for all.

The Suwon-Gyeonggi Chapter executive has two new faces. Myungok Choi (Daelim College, Department of English) is our new Outreach Coordinator, and Jeonguk Heo (Pocheon-il High School) is our

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## Daejeon-Chungnam Chapter

Summer has been uneventful. We had an executive meeting at the end of August for planning September and November's meetings. The former will be held at Woosung Language Institute in Daejeon, and the latter will be held at Sun Moon University in Chungnam. Also, for November, a Thanksgiving dinner is being planned. It is two days later than the U.S. Thanksgiving, and six weeks and five days later than the Canadian day.

On September 29th, we had our annual mini-conference from 2:00 - 5:30. This year the theme was *Evaluating Students: Formal, Informal Assessments and Beyond*. We would like to thank our speakers, who helped to make the event a big success: Jason Renshaw, "Assessing Speaking for YL and Teenage Learners"; Tory Thorkelson, "Building and Evaluating a Successful Content-Based University Course"; Sara Davila, "Performance Assessment in the English Language Classroom: A Formative Approach"; Tim Thompson, "Making Class Fun is Job #1: The Importance of Being a Reflective, Reactive and Self-Assessing University Instructor"; Dean Stafford, "Online Writing Assessment and Feedback"; Joshua Davies, "CALL for All, The Teacher as Webmaster: Expanding and Assessing Classes by Integrating CALL"; and Miae Lee, "Portfolios in the Korean Middle School Classroom." Afterwards, we met for dinner at a local restaurant to share and network.

## Gangwon Chapter

By Chris Grayson

Hoping all our loyal members and friends enjoyed their summer break. Gangwon Chapter will host its regular monthly meetings throughout the fall and up to our next regular break in February 2008. Our venue (Sokcho Office of Education) and dates (2nd Saturdays) remain unchanged.

We plan a variety of guest presenters as well as speakers from within our own talented membership. We are always open to fresh topic suggestions as well as offers to take the podium. We strive for a balance of practical and theoretical approaches to teaching.

Gangwon meetings are casual and a nice chance to meet up with an interesting assortment of fellow teachers from throughout the region. Free and open to all. Refreshments provided. Join us for dinner and socializing afterwards, too.

## Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter

By Yeon-seong Park

Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter had its September workshop on the 8th. Marie Pascual presented on

"Developing Second and Foreign Language Reading Fluency and Its Effects on Comprehension: A Missing Link," and Tory Thorkelson gave a talk about "Content-Based Instruction." Both were received well by the audience and their workshops ignited lively discussion. We will have our November workshop on November 10th. Linda Fitzgibbons will give a presentation about "What Accelerated Learning Can Do for You." In December, there will be a potluck party at the chapter president's place

## Jeju Chapter

By Calvin Rains

The Jeju Chapter's reactivation is moving forward rapidly, and it is going to be among the very best chapters in Korea or anywhere. The September meeting was wonderful, enjoyable, and quite productive. Professor Susan Pryor, from Tamna University, delivered a truly inspirational and highly motivating presentation. High levels of interest, energy, and enthusiasm were obvious throughout the entire meeting, but Susan's address was the capstone of the day! Professor Pryor emphasized that as a chapter of KOTESOL Jeju has the potential to be "Simply the Best!" and she began to steer us in that direction. Specifically, Susan presented a virtually endless list of ways in which our group can serve its members and our wonderful students. She was very accurate in encouraging us to focus on our students. Our students are our future as well as our current customers. Without our great students, there would be few reasons for us to be so gainfully employed. Several student members attended, and they participated fully in all of the activities. Susan very generously presented prizes throughout her presentation, maintaining high levels of interest and exemplifying how we, as teachers, should also fully engage our learners. Professor Pryor helped us establish several meaningful goals and specific ways in which we can reach those goals. We need to reach out into the community and serve it. So much can be accomplished if we all work together for the common good.

The program also included a very warm and informative welcome to all the new and returning English teachers and students by Jamie Carson. Her team has been assembling an extensive information packet that will help everyone adjust to island life. Life is great on Jeju Island, but it will be even better with accurate information that is so desperately needed by all residents! It is a clear example of how we have already begun to serve our community. Last, but certainly not least, we received a short report from the recent National Council meeting that was attended by Professor Yang, Jeju's very talented, personable, and capable representative.

A social event is planned as our October meeting. We want our members to get to know each other better before we elect our officers and become fully

invited George Jacobs as our international plenary speaker. George, who flew in from Singapore, gave workshops on *Putting a Participation Element in Global Education Activities* and *Compassion for Our Fellow Animals as a Global Education Topic*. We also had many other presenters who gave workshops and presentations: Bob Snell, *Thru the Looking Glass: Real Issues in a Virtual World Using Second Life in the EFL Classroom*; Andrew Finch, *A Global Issues Project Pack: Guided Project Work*; Marilyn Plumlee, *Engaging with Real-World Issues: Examples of Capitalizing on Opportunities in Korea to Stimulate Discussion and Reflection*; Steve Garrigues, *Cultural Key Words: Understanding the Role of Semantic Space in Intercultural Communication*; Yanghee Han, *Integrating L1 Culture and Target Language: Interactive Grammar Activities for Korean Secondary Students*; Heebon Park-Finch, *Content-Based Essay Writing: Global Issues in the College Composition Class*; Tory Thorkelson, *Building a Successful Content-Based (CBI) Course: Teaching Outside the 4-Skills Box*; Clare Hambly, *Reading About the World*; Maria Lisak and Gao, Ming-xia, *How to Create a Global Issues Class*; Les Miller, *Current Affairs and Journalism*; Scott Jackson, *Intercultural Communication: Which words to use and when*; Andrew Finch, *Active English Discussion: An Integrated Approach to Global Issues*.

A wonderful Thanksgiving feast followed the symposium. See you next year.

## Gangwon Chapter

By Chris Grayson

Gangwon Chapter has a new executive line-up as of this October. Seamus O'Ryan has stepped up to assume the presidency, and we look forward to some fresh initiatives as he settles into the position. Past-president Chris Grayson will assist in the transition as Vice-President. Ralph Sabio has also become a vice-president with additional webmaster and membership services duties. Norlan Page takes over as Treasurer. A great new team.

We continue to offer practical and provocative monthly presentations. Our November meeting featured Jeong-ah Lee on the topic of *Team-Teaching, the Korean Teachers' Perspective and More*. December's meeting will offer guidance on how to use videos and movies effectively in the classroom, a presentation by Lynn Peterson. Watch our web site for an announcement regarding our January meeting.

Gangwon KOTESOL strives for a nice balance of seriousness and fun. Our meetings are casual and newcomers are always welcome.

## Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter

By Yeon-seong Park

During a couple of lovely fall months, our Chapter had

two wonderful workshops. We had the opportunity to listen to Kevin Dieter's *Cultural Effects: A Learner-Centered Approach to Understanding L1 Culture and Its Effects on SLA* and Maria Lisak's *Technology in the Classroom: Preparation, Pedagogy, and Practice* in October. We were also able to increase our knowledge of CALL through Joshua Davies' presentation on Computer-Assisted Language Learning in November. There was also a year-end potluck party at the Chapter President's house on December 8th at which time Maria Lisak was presented with the Chapter Service Award and everyone had an enjoyable time.

No workshops will be planned during the winter vacation. However, we will start our new year splendidly with the joint spring regional conference with the 21st Century Association of English Language and Literature at Honam University on March 15th, 2008. Dr. Rosa Jin-young Shim of Open Cyber University (a scheduled plenary speaker at IATEFL 2008) has been invited as our plenary speaker.

## Jeju Chapter

By Calvin Rains

The Jeju Chapter, now fully recognized as KOTESOL's newest chapter, elected officers in November. The following officers were elected: Dr. Changyong Yang and Peter Mazur, Co-Presidents; Susan Pryor, Vice-President; Miran Kim, Treasurer; Jamie Carson and Kim Cummings, Events Coordinators; and Calvin Rains, Chapter Contact Person. The November meeting also featured a wide array of interesting short presentations. Jamie Carson hosted a delightful potluck dinner on Saturday, December 8.

The December 15 regular monthly meeting featured a report about the National Leadership Retreat that was held on December 1-2. Both of our co-presidents attended this fabulous event and brought back important information to the members. We have big plans for many professional events for 2008. Darren Southcott also facilitated a very stimulating and provocative discussion on global issues in education. After a raffle and refreshments, several members went to Art Space C to view a truly unique art exhibition. The evening ended with a holiday dinner.

Since the Jeju Chapter has chosen to meet from 3:00-5:00 p.m. on the third Saturday of each month, the next meeting will be held on Saturday, January 19. We are now focusing on membership recruitment and increased involvement. We are very grateful to the Jeju Foreign Language Learning Center for hosting our meetings at their very comfortable and centrally located facility.

The members of the Jeju Chapter extend best wishes to everyone for happy holidays! We are looking forward to much greater progress in 2008. Thanks, again, to the National office for helping us get off to a good start.

an icebreaker activity. Groups were given a list of funny grammatical errors published in newspapers and were asked to discuss the humor.

Sherry Seymour started her presentation with a short accent recognition test, which included English accents from London, Calgary, Johannesburg, and Auckland. Many teachers were able to identify the British accent, but only a handful of teachers were able to correctly identify the others. Next, we broke into groups to discuss the stereotypes of some accents as well as some problems we have had, or could foresee, in teaching various accents. All in all, it was stressed that, because of the new TOEIC format, students who want to take the test may be able to benefit from some practice listening to various accents. Lastly, Sherry summarized some of the results from a few surveys on the topic of accents that she had conducted on students, teachers, and publishers. After the meeting, about 14 people went out to enjoy *galbi* and *doen-jang* for our semi-annual windup.

Attendance was approximately 30 for our March 8th Chapter meeting and Tory Thorkelson's workshop "Bringing Drama into Your Classroom." Tory started with leading some basic script-reading activities. The activities presented included: an icebreaker name-memorizing activity and the human knot game (small group activity), pass-the-ring (small teams), the mirror game (pairs), the pass-the-imaginary-object game (whole group), small scene-setting mime games, and a pass-the-ball improvised story game. Tory also provided a handout of useful theater games, a reference list, and several Internet links.

### **Daejeon-Chungnam Chapter**

Plans are for Chapter meeting venues this year to alternate between Daejeon, Cheonan, and Cheongju (KNUE). For Chapter meeting details and directions to the meeting venue, see the Chapter web site or contact President Robert Capriles for details: rcapriles@gmail.com

### **Gangwon Chapter**

*By Chris Grayson*

Gangwon Chapter will kick off its new year with a presentation from its new president Seamus O'Ryan. He will speak about Social Network Analysis and how concepts from it can be used in the classroom.

Social Network Analysis is a methodology where you map human social relations within a group and use the presence and absence of connections between people in order to understand concepts such as power and position. While using the full methodology is far too time-consuming to practically use in a classroom, concepts from the methodology can be used to help a teacher both control the students and encourage learning. Seamus will provide an overview of the

methodology and concepts, a demonstration of building a network map, and then an explanation of how it can be used.

Gangwon Chapter looks forward to another season of stimulating monthly talks and workshops under new and dedicated leadership. It hopes to build on its steady member base with outreach to public school teachers, both native and Korean, as English becomes evermore important in the Korean scheme of things.

Casual, dynamic, and fun. Open to all. Check us out for self-improvement as a teacher as well as a nice opportunity to mingle with friendly, like-minded educators.

### **Gwangju-Jeonnang Chapter**

*By Yeon-seong Park*

During the winter, President Park hosted a pot-luck party at the Chapter President's house on December 8, and all of the officers and some of the Chapter members got together and had an evening of camaraderie. We did not hold any workshops during the winter vacation. However, our joint spring regional conference with the 21st Century Association of English Language and Literature will be at Honam University on March 15, 2008. Dr. Rosa Jin-young Shim of Open Cyber University has been invited as a plenary speaker, and 15 presenters from the field of literature and TESOL will share their resources and research findings. Election for Chapter officers will be held at the general meeting at the end of the day.

### **Jeju Chapter**

*By Calvin Rains*

On Saturday, February 16th, the Jeju Chapter and the Educational Science Institute of Cheju National University co-sponsored a major afternoon seminar on foreign language education in other countries. Dr. Changyong Yang, co-president of the Jeju Chapter and professor at Cheju National University, served as seminar director. Several talented educators discussed second language acquisition in Japan, China, South Korea, the US, Canada, New Zealand, and the U.K. This event also served as the February monthly meeting for the Jeju Chapter.

After a very stimulating keynote speech on Korean as a foreign language, Session 1 presented Foreign Language Instruction in China and Japan. Hyun Wonsong from Cheju National University served as the moderator, while the presenters represented Halla College. Session 2 presented Foreign Language Instruction in the United States (Peter Mazur), Britain (Darren Southcott), New Zealand (James Lister), and Canada (Juma Wood). Discussants included Yeongnam Kim (Namnyeong H. S.), Eunhee Kim (Jeil M. S.), and Hongcheol Kim (Jeju City Office of Ed.). Session 3, moderated by Kim Miran (Jeju Tourism H. S.),

holding a second monthly meeting in the western part of the province. Considering the geographical difficulties of Gangwondo, the executive has decided that this is something that can greatly benefit members outside the coastal region. We are very happy to welcome Aaron Jolly as our first presenter in Wonju.

## Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter

By Sumi Kim

The 2008 KOTESOL Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter and the 21st Century Association of English Literature and Language Joint Conference took place at Honam University in Gwangju on March 15th, with the theme of "Empowering EFL Students Through Teaching English as a World Language." The invited speaker was Dr. Rosa Jinyoung Shim from Seoul Digital University. About 150 English teachers, English educators, and students attended. The Chapter officers, who were the organizing committee, all felt very grateful for the support of everyone who made the joint conference a success.

At the Chapter meeting on April 12, Jonathan Brenner from Chonnam National University Language Education Center gave a wonderful presentation entitled "Multimedia in the Classroom: Documentaries and Educational Programming." Also, Gao Mingxia shared the result of her interesting research on peer coaching in English writing.

On May 17, Audry Hawkins from the Wales Foreign Language Institute offered an informative presentation titled "Internet Resources for Making Children's Literature Exciting for EFL Learners." President Adriane Moser was kind enough to put it on the web for others to view: <http://members.aol.com/adrmoser/Audry.html>. Then Aaron D. Jolly from Hanseo University gave a presentation on "Cooperative Strategies and Activities for Korean EFL." He spoke about seven Cooperative Learning (CL) principles, four CL techniques (including ideas for using two of those techniques with students), and about ways to address problems that may occur when using CL.

This semester's series of Chapter meetings will conclude on June 14 at Chonnam National University, Gwangju. Two presentations will be given at the meeting.

## Jeju Chapter

By Calvin Rains

Jeju Chapter of KOTESOL met on Saturday, April 19, at the renowned Halla Arboretum in Jeju City. The spring weather was fabulous and the location was perfect. Members and guests enjoyed a delicious *kimbap* lunch, played games, and discussed teaching issues and plans for the Chapter. Everyone completed a questionnaire in which they were asked to specify areas of interest for

future workshops and list topics on which they would be willing to make presentations. Tommy Tran, one of our members, also entertained us with some beautiful music on a traditional Korean musical instrument. Even though he has only been studying for a few months, he has already reached a remarkable level of expertise.

Our Chapter's March workshop and meeting, held on Saturday, March 15 at the Foreign Language Learning Center, was very informative and practical. Our co-presidents presented the sessions and guided lively discussions. Peter Mazur discussed ways in which English teachers can engage in professional development and meet various personal needs, while Changyong Yang led a very provocative discussion on cultural differences. Professor Yang presented several cartoons that were extremely amusing and engaging. By becoming more aware of cultural differences, we are better able to work together to improve English instruction and achievement.

Jeju Chapter continues to strive to address the needs of its members and provide opportunities for networking. We are attempting to increase our membership and serve the needs of our learning community. We are planning our annual conference and are looking forward to the future. On a rather sad note, we had to bid farewell to Professor Susan Pryor, our vice-president. She had to return to New Zealand to take care of personal matters, and she will be missed greatly by our members. We wish her the very best and hope that she will be able to return to Jeju within a few months. We will miss her high level of enthusiasm and expertise, enormous creativity, and the special charm that combined so well to make her "simply the best!"

## Jeonju-North Jeolla Chapter

By Paul Bolger

Jeonju-North Jeolla Chapter, as we are now known, has had a successful few months. Aggressive promotion of the Chapter workshops through business cards, sponsored rounds at the local trivia night, focusing on teacher-help-based topics at the workshops, and word of mouth, have paid dividends. Supplementary presentations on topics such as tax and pension advice, traveling by bus around Jeollabuk-do, survival Korean, ten great games, helpful advice for new teachers, and activities for very young learners have also been received well. We have new members and renewed interest in KOTESOL in the region.

Our monthly workshops have been very well attended. In March, Tim Dalby presented a very practical workshop on eliciting vocabulary from students. Those in attendance had a lot of fun with the activities, and I expect their students will too. April saw Kevin Parent give a presentation on how the education system negatively affects motivation in students and what teachers can do about it. Jeonju-North Jeolla's regional

twice annually. In the spirit of love, compassion, and interdependence, I request that others present once annually. I am also looking for a volunteer to collect names of those who would be interested in participating (and also building the mailing list). If you are interested, please contact me at [ksssig@gmail.com](mailto:ksssig@gmail.com), or call me at 010-3102-4343.

At present, I am reading Park Palmer's *The Courage to Teach*, apparently a classic at the School for International Training in Vermont, one of the premier English language teacher training universities at the master's level. This book lays out the spirit of teaching and does rigorous action research on what makes a great teacher. Thanks so much for all who have been involved with what I consider to be our wonderful group of teachers.

### **Young Learners & Teens SIG**

*By Jake Kimball*

Over the summer, the Young Learners & Teens Special Interest Group was very quiet. We had little activity on our forums despite having twenty-two subscribed members. As a result, we will be moving back to our previous source for online communication, YahooGroups. Please continue using YahooGroups to discuss YL-related issues.

I will be posting to the group useful Conference-related information as October nears. Visit the KOTESOL website and click "Special Interest Groups." From there you will see our SIG. One very positive development is that the IATEFL Young Learners SIG travelling program will be coming to the International Conference with five presenters and YL presentations. See you in October.

### **KOTESOL Chapters**

#### **Busan-Gyeongnam Chapter**

*By John Angus MacCaul*

The Busan-Gyeongnam Chapter had a slow but satisfying summer. Members shared EFL teaching ideas with mini-presentations and participated in round-table discussions on issues related to teaching EFL in Korea. The Chapter is looking forward to resuming more formal speaker presentations in the fall. We encourage our members to make time to attend on the third Saturday of each month and invite presentation proposals from KOTESOL members.

#### **Daegu-Gyeongbuk Chapter**

*By Elizabeth-Anne Kim*

The Daegu-Gyeongbuk Chapter of KOTESOL offered two consecutive sessions at its June meeting at the Daegu English EXCO. Tim Dalby, currently teaching at Jeonju University, used the first session to explore how schema theory informs our teaching of reading and followed this

session with an overview of the benefits of KOTESOL. The two sessions were attended by approximately 60 people.

The July meeting of the Chapter was attended by approximately fifteen people and was held in the form of a "swap shop" in which attendees traded ideas with one another. Seven members presented tips and games ranging from vocabulary and grammar games to presentation preparation and the use of pop songs in class. The workshop was followed by the Chapter's biannual dinner, held at a local Korean restaurant.

Peter Edwards gave a very hands-on presentation on the use of assessment to motivate groupwork at the September meeting. His presentation involved the 33 attendees in partner discussions and a Chinese tangrams group activity.

#### **Daejeon-Chungcheong Chapter**

*By Bob Capriles*

The Daejeon-Chungcheong Chapter had its Chapter picnic in May at a reservoir in Jochiwon. More than thirty members and their families attended this. I believe that everyone had a good time. We are looking forward to doing this again.

During the months of June and July, we do not do much in the way of Chapter events as most of our members are on vacation. This does not mean that we do nothing. This year a select committee, in close cooperation with our Executive Committee (named the "Baker's Dozen" by Dave Shaffer), met and worked out a proposal to host in May the 2009 National Conference at Korea National University of Education in Miho. That proposal was accepted at the August 30 National Council Meeting!

Our First Vice-President and his wife, Inkyung Yoo, are the proud parents of Gabriel, born in early August. David and Juliet Sauve's first child, Angelina, was born in late August. Lastly, one of our newest members, David Sigmund, got married in the Philippines in August.

#### **Gangwon Chapter**

*By Ralph Sabio*

The Gangwon Chapter has had two successful second meetings in Wonju; the Sokcho meetings continue to have strong attendance and participation. Our members all over continue to contribute by providing wonderful, practical workshops from which teachers can all benefit. We look forward to this coming semester and wish everyone luck!

#### **Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter**

*By Adriane Moser*

We held a Chapter workshop at Chonnam National University in May. Chapter member Audry Hawkins of Wales Foreign Language Institute gave a presentation on "Internet Resources for Making Children's Literature

Exciting for EFL Learners.” We met in the computer lab and attendees were able to try out the recommended web sites for themselves. The second presentation was given by KTT presenter Aaron Jolly of Hanseo University Institute for the Development of Talented and Gifted Education. He spoke on “Using Cooperative Learning Activities in the Korean EFL Classroom.” Aaron presented some theoretical background and some hands-on activities, which thoroughly engaged the attendees. A drawing was held for books and learning materials on the theme “human rights,” and after the meeting, attendees adjourned to a local Chinese restaurant. Some attendees went to a cultural event at nearby Chosun University.

We also held our June 14th Chapter workshop at Chonnam National University. Chapter Treasurer and Past Chapter President Yeonseong Park of the Chonnam National University Department of English Language and Literature spoke on “Using Literature in the EFL Class.” Jin-A Lim, from the same department, gave a presentation on “Covert Contrast in Second Language Acquisition.” This presentation was based on a paper Jin-A co-presented at the 16th meeting of ICKL (International Circle of Korean Linguistics) at Cornell University in the U.S. on June 27.

Our second Chapter newsletter was given to attendees at this meeting, with an article by Adriane Moser of the Chonnam National University Department of English Language and Literature on “Focus and Coherence in EFL Writing.”

Our September Chapter workshop has been rescheduled to September 20 (the third Saturday of the month, to allow for Chuseok) at Chonnam National University. We are making plans for an outreach workshop in Suncheon, Jeollanam-do, on October 11. Several members will be attending the International Conference on October 25-26.

## Jeju Chapter

By Calvin Rains

Although summer was a relatively slow time for meetings and events because almost everyone was enjoying a summer vacation and family-related activities, Jeju Chapter continued to meet regularly and offered opportunities for networking. Jeju Chapter is now entering its second year, and many interesting and exciting events have already been planned for what we hope will be an even bigger and better year.

The August Workshop/Meeting was held on Saturday, August 9, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at the Foreign Language Learning Center, conveniently located near the KAL Hotel in Jeju City. The topic was “ESL/EFL Teaching - Then and Now.” Attendees viewed parts of *The King and I* and discussed ESL/EFL teaching in the past as portrayed in that amazing movie and in the present actuality. Special thanks to our wonderful co-president, Peter Mazur, for guiding the discussion.

The July 19 Workshop/Meeting was held from 3:00-5:00

p.m. at the Foreign Language Learning Center in Jeju City. The topics included Chapter Bylaws, elections for vacancies, a workshop relating to teaching about money titled “Getting More for Your Money - I’ll Buy That!” and some helpful technology tips presented by Calvin Rains. Cal opened a Gmail account that houses the activity sheets and additional information. Go to “Resources” <http://www.kotesol.org/?q=node/368> to read more about these items. There is an original Jeopardy-type game that others are very welcome to download and modify to use for any topics that they are teaching.

Feel free to contact the Jeju Chapter at [JejuChapter@gmail.com](mailto:JejuChapter@gmail.com) with any questions, suggestions, or concerns that you may have. Special thanks to the Foreign Language Learning Center in Jeju City for hosting our summer sessions in their very cool and comfortable facilities.

## Jeonju-North Jeolla Chapter

By Paul Bolger

The Jeonju-North Jeolla Chapter had a great first half. Following our advertising blitz with Facebook links, email groups, business cards, sponsored rounds of the local quiz night, and word of mouth, our activity-based workshops were well attended. The annual Chapter conference was a great success too, with over 200 people attending. Our thanks go to those who attended. We are taking a break between semesters but will return with vigour in the second half of the year. We hope to see many new faces then. Remember, our workshops usually coincide with the local quiz nights, so out-of-towners can make a great day and night of it. See you all soon!

## Seoul Chapter

By Jennifer Young

The Seoul Chapter has had a busy year so far. Our May workshop, “Building Automatic Bottom-Up Processing Skills to Support Reading Comprehension,” led by Dr. Bill Snyder was both informative and useful. Both research on reading speed and comprehension, and practical activities to help students to improve their reading speed were discussed.

In June, Crystal Johnson presented “Becoming the Ultimate Circus Ringleader: Creating Student-Centered Classrooms and Developing Accountable Students in Large Classrooms.” Many, if not most, KOTESOL members have experienced large classes with inadequate or inappropriate materials, so not only did Crystal share her own ideas, she also encouraged attendees to contribute some of theirs.

At the June Executive Meeting, the Membership Coordinator and Webmaster positions were combined and the Chapter Executive unanimously approved Annie Sirgey to fill the newly merged position.

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Tory Thorkelson on a teacher training program he created for bringing drama into the public school system. Our thanks go out to Tory for making the trip down to Busan, and also to KTT for sending him.

Several members made it up to Seoul this season for the International Conference, and the chapter is preparing for a new year. Our president for 2008, Jerry Foley, is returning to the US, and we wish him all the best back in the west!

### **Daegu-Gyeongbuk Chapter**

*By Elizabeth-Anne Kim*

The Daegu-Gyeongbuk Chapter of KOTESOL has enjoyed three workshops this autumn. In his September presentation, entitled "Jazz Incentives: How Assessment Techniques Can Motivate Group Work," Peter Edwards examined the concept of willingness to communicate in rethinking the failings of group work. By focusing on the reasons for student reluctance to participate in group work, Edwards introduced the idea of allowing individual grading of group members and giving students power to grade one another in their groups. One of his colleagues detailed a similar scheme in class participation grading. Both reported increased participation in class.

Long-time Daegu-Gyeongbuk chapter member, Jo Jaeyoung, shared his strategy for using pop songs each week in his boys high school classroom. He provides the students with a book of songs for the year when school begins in March. By playing the music in the background during class "down times," he can introduce the song slowly over the course of the week and review it explicitly for only twenty minutes at the end of the week. He notes that the pop songs provide needed relief and powerful motivation for the high school students, who spend so much of their time cramming for their college entrance examinations.

Finally, Josette LeBlanc involved the November workshop attendees in a reading circle activity incorporating the discussion roles outlined in Harvey Daniels' book, *Literature Circles: Voice and Choice in Book Clubs and Reading Groups*, to guide the discussion and promote motivation, learner autonomy, fluency, and accuracy. By simplifying the tasks designated to the participants rather than the texts themselves, LeBlanc has had success with student led discussions using authentic texts among middle school students.

Steve Lamb presented "The Role of Dialogues in the English Classroom" at the Chapter's December 6 meeting.

### **Gangwon Chapter**

*By Ralph Sabio*

Because of the holiday season, Gangwon Chapter has been experiencing a slight decline in meeting attendance. Gangwon KOTESOL looks forward to having a wonderful start to the new year with some great presentations. All are welcome to attend.

### **Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter**

*By Adriane Moser*

We returned from summer break and Chuseok with a chapter meeting on September 20 at Chonnam National University. Chapter Vice-President Diane Syejeung Kim of Chonnam National University spoke on "Culture in the Language Classroom: Why and How," based on her experiences with the CNU Language Education Center's TESOL Certificate program. Jeremy Goard, also of Chonnam National University, gave a presentation on "Discourse Grounding of Nominals: Some Complexities in Definiteness and Possession." An enthusiastic group attended the meeting, including visitors from Seoul and Canada.

We held an outreach event in Suncheon at Suncheon National University on October 11. Chapter President Adriane Moser of Chonnam National University spoke on "Focus and Coherence in ELL Writing," and KTT speaker Sara Davila of Kyungpook National University Middle School gave a presentation on "Reading and Writing Strategies." Half the attendees were from the Suncheon area, making this a successful outreach event.

We returned to Chonnam National University on November 8 with Grace Wang of Yonsei University speaking on "Teaching Discourse Intonation: The Why and How" and Sef Kerwin presenting on the no-cost operating system LINUX. On December 13, we will finish the semester with a student mini-conference and holiday potluck dinner.

### **Jeju Chapter**

*By Jamie Carson*

This fall has been an exciting time for Jeju Chapter. In September, we had an incredible presentation by Mary-Jane Scott on "Teaching Presentation Skills." This meeting was the largest meeting that Jeju KOTESOL had this year. Those who attended had great things to say about the presentation that carried over to coffee shops afterwards.

October was, of course, the International Conference. We were happy to see that some of our members traveled to Seoul to enjoy it. It was a great time of renewing enthusiasm and offering encouragement to the teachers that attended. It was also nice to see three members of the Jeju-do Office of Education attend. Our November meeting heralded a change in

*Language in "The War on Terror": A Critical Discourse and Analysis.* Will's presentation focused on systemic functional grammar and corpus linguistics, and a discussion of their valuable, real-world applications in the classroom. His presentation was well received by all.

On another note, our executive has gone through some restructuring, and we are looking to increase membership, especially Korean members. Three members of the executive attended the Leadership Retreat in Daejeon last December. It was helpful to network with the other Chapters and gain new insights into running our Chapter, not to mention getting to know other members on a more personal level.

Looking forward, we have some great KTT speakers planned for March and September as well as other great activities in the works. We also started a Facebook group, so anyone interested can stay up to date on what's happening in our Chapter.

Finally, we are encouraging all local members to attend the National and International Conferences this year.

## **Daegu-Gyeongbuk Chapter**

*By Elizabeth-Anne Kim*

The Daegu-Gyeongbuk Chapter hosted two workshops this winter. In December, Steve Lamb, a native-speaking English teacher at a public school in Changnyeong City, treated the Chapter to an active workshop on the role of dialogues in the English classroom. In spite of many teachers' dislike of them, dialogs comprise such a large portion of the textbooks readily available to English teachers that it is nearly impossible to forswear them all together. Mr. Lamb therefore reminded the attendees of the benefits of dialogs and variations of their use in the classroom, including group readings, group rewritings, teacher rewritings, and the introductions of dialogs used in popular songs.

Then in January, Boon-Joo Park, a recent PhD recipient from the University of Arizona and current Instructor at Kyungpook National University, challenged approximately 30 attendees to reconsider the ways process writing can be used in class by introducing a method of rewriting a piece without the benefit of the previous draft. Her early research results regarding this method suggest that writing revised in this way may produce greater levels of correctness as well as longer pieces with a more complex syntax.

The Chapter had no meeting during the February winter break and will resume meeting March 7th when Dion Clingwall will present "Using Drama in the English Classroom."

## **Gangwon Chapter**

*By Ralph Sabio*

Gangwon Chapter looks towards a bright future in 2009. With two meeting locations, Sokcho and Wonju, Gangwon KOTESOL aims to service its members and the community with practical presentations which will contain ideas that can be easily molded to suit any EFL teacher's needs for the classroom. This year's presenters will come from a variety of institutions; they will also provide audiences with a wide variety of knowledge in EFL pedagogy such as practical listening skills, vocabulary instruction, and more!

In March, Gangwon KOTESOL will have its first meetings of 2009 - the second Saturday in Sokcho and the last Saturday in Wonju (for more information, check out the Chapter's web pages at <http://www.kotesol.org/?q=Gangwon>). All teachers and anyone interested in KOTESOL are welcome to attend as a person does not have to be a member to check out what KOTESOL is and what it does for EFL instruction in Korea. At the meetings, participation and interaction are encouraged; drinks and snacks will be offered.

For any further questions or if anyone is interested in presenting at one of the Chapter meetings, feel free to contact the president of this Chapter at [ralphsesljunction@hotmail.com](mailto:ralphsesljunction@hotmail.com).

## **Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter**

*By Maria Neliza Lumantao*

Kudos to our Chapter President Adriane Moser! She made December an exciting month for both our members and students by holding the First Student Conference of English for Academic Purposes on December 13 at Chonnam National University. The conference created a venue for students to interact with native speakers. The presenters, who were all Adriane's students at Chonnam National University, presented on various topics concerning English as a global language and current issues. A healthy exchange of ideas about the topics after each presentation made the conference very lively and interactive. Students and KOTESOL members as well as other invited guests attended the conference. We can proudly say that it was a success, so we will surely make it a yearly event.

After the conference, we proceeded to the house of our Chapter President Adriane Moser for our Christmas Party, which was at the same time a farewell party for our Web Designer Audrey Hawkins as she was going back home. We had a wonderful party which once again strengthened the friendship and camaraderie among our members.

Our members also attended the KATE Conference on February 7, which was held at Chonnam National

University. After the conference, our officers had a dinner meeting to discuss plans for the spring conference. Our Chapter doesn't usually have meetings during the winter break, so we will have our first Chapter meeting for this year in March. We are looking forward to providing more activities that will create venues to help English teachers as well as students

## Jeju Chapter

By Jamie Carson

We have had a wonderful holiday and vacation season here on the island. In December, Alexa, Darren and I came back from the Leadership Conference excited about what we could do here in Jeju! We decided to have a Christmas potluck dinner for our monthly event and some new faces came out to enjoy the holiday with us. It was a great time and we all had some good laughs together.

January is the month for vacations and mainland English camps so we decided that we would postpone the next meeting. We are looking forward to getting back to school and to promoting KOTESOL with the incoming teachers. We are getting ready to start this year's meetings with excitement and fervor for building up KOTESOL in Jeju.

## Jeonju-North Jeolla Chapter

By Henri Johnson

The Jeonju-North Jeolla Chapter executive has some new faces, along with some hopes and ideas after a successful end-of-year meeting last December. We were given an informative presentation by Aaron Jolly from KTT, which was followed by dinner at an Italian restaurant, with the Chapter footing the bill.

We have had a change in our executive body. Our new staff members are Tim Dalby, who takes Leon's place as Webmaster, and Joel MacDougald, replacing Stuart Scott as Membership Coordinator. I have stayed on as President, Shawn DeLong remains our Vice-President, and Paul Bolger is Secretary once again. We are continuing our attempts to draw in new members and will set some plans in motion in the near future. See our newly refurbished web pages for details of future workshops.

I take this opportunity to wish both Stuart and Leon well and thank them sincerely for their wonderful service to KOTESOL and our Chapter over the past year.

Jeonju-North Jeolla Chapter will be fully supporting the National Conference in May, and plans are being made to organize a bus to the venue for the benefit of our members. We always welcome members and invite applications for presentations at our Chapter monthly venues.

Please contact us at northjeolla@yahoo.com if you are interested in presenting or attending one of our workshops

## Seoul Chapter

By Jennifer Young

December's workshop, *Seven Styles in Every Classroom: Applying Howard Gardner's Multiple Intelligences Theory to Korean Learners* was led by Robert Kim. He explained the theory and provided participants with a variety of activities to put the theory into practice. Following the workshop, we had our annual Christmas dinner.

The February meeting was our ever-popular annual ideas-sharing workshop at which members offer tips and activities which have helped them be more effective teachers. The March Seoul Chapter Conference, *Beyond Survival in ELT: Reflecting, Adapting, and Thriving*, will be held on March 28 at Soongsil University. There will be several presentations in each of four strands: teaching in public schools, task-based learning, initiating research, and molding minds and building bridges. The Conference will be from 10 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., with lunch included. There will be no admission fee for members. Officer elections will be held at the Conference.

Several new members have been welcomed to the executive: Azamat Akbarov, Minsu Kim, and Sean O'Keefe. We look forward to working with them this year and beyond.

## Suwon-Gyeonggi Chapter

By Chang Myounghwan

Our Chapter was very active, with six workshops in 2008. Our next workshop is set for the third Saturday of April, 2009. The presenter is scheduled to come from the Intensive EFL Teacher Training Institute (TTI) in Seoul. We look forward to another great year of interesting and relevant workshops.

Mijae Lee, our President, has always played an important role. Younggi Kim became our Second Vice President. John McNeil, who works at Teacher Training Institute is the chapter's new outreach coordinator.

Myoung Choi, our Outreach Coordinator, became a teacher at Anyang Girls' Commercial High School last March. Seungwook Park and Myounghwan Chang attended English training programs overseas for four weeks in January.

Please join us by visiting <http://cafe.naver.com/ggkotesol.cafe>, and enjoy newly updated video clips, photos, and teaching materials.



[Compiled by Maria Pinto]

meetings, one in Sokcho and one in Wonju, were a smash hit. Attendance was high, and attendees were very interested in what was being presented and what KOTESOL is all about. With the new year, we welcomed two new VPs into the mix here in Gangwon: Anna Winchester and Kristy Grainger.

Gangwon KOTESOL encourages all to swing by for a meeting and partake in our trading post where you can find some hard-to-get stuff. Stay tuned for a wonderful rest of the year.

## Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter

By Maria Neliza Lumantao

Our first chapter meeting for this year was held on March 14 at Chonnam National University. Scott Miles from Daegu Haany University presented on the need for extensive reading in Korea. He gave an overview of why extensive reading is crucial for developing fundamental reading skills, which practices fail to achieve, and how it simultaneously develops general language skills in an enjoyable way. Another presentation related to reading was made by Youngim Kim of Chonnam National University. She talked about how she brought opportunities to underprivileged kids with the use of storybooks and story maps. During the workshop everyone practiced using a story map to retell a story. The participants learned many teaching tips from the presentations.

Our Spring Conference was held at Chonnam National University on April 11. Within the theme "Effective Teaching for the Classroom and Beyond," eleven speakers presented on different topics. Chapter President Adriane Moser Geronimo presented on using authentic children's literature with adult English learners. Vice-President Diane Syjeong Kim presented a discussion about culture in the language classroom. Secretary Maria Neliza Lumantao also spoke about language learning strategies for second language learning. David Shaffer, KOTESOL National Treasurer and also Chapter Advisor, gave the participants techniques for teacher development. Jeremy Goard and Jae-min Jeon of Chonnam National University challenged the participants to use a Cognitive Grammar approach to the analysis of the phrasal verbs *go up* and *go down*. Hyunjoo Hong of Busan National University of Education suggested some activities to help learners to acquire English syllabic awareness.

Cathy Peck, an EFL teacher and TESOL trainer from the Language Education Center of Chonnam National University, gave another presentation. She spoke about foreign methods and foreign materials versus context-appropriate teaching in Korean EFL. Young-ah Kim of Chonnam National University presented an analysis of cohesion features in argumentative writing produced by EFL learners. Hwanjung Kang from Chosun University presented on whether it is really difficult to learn the Korean language. Another beautiful

presentation was given by Ji-Myoung Park, a teacher at Cheongnam Elementary School, who took culinary training in Toronto, Canada. He spoke about cooking as a fun way to learn English inside the classroom and discussed the jambalaya of global cuisine. Tim Dalby, KOTESOL's 1st Vice-President and Co-chair to the May National Conference, presented schema theory for beginners, stating that English ability is not the only determiner of textual understanding. The Chapter is proud say that the countless meetings and preparations necessary to organize an event of this scale paid off, because the conference was really a huge success.

At present, our Chapter is trying to make sure that many of our members can attend the upcoming National Conference, so we are currently arranging for a bus to transport our members to the Conference. With our Chapter President Adriane Moser Geronimo and our Chapter Adviser David Shaffer presenting in the National Conference, our members are eager to actively participate.

## Jeonju-North Jeolla Chapter

By Henri Johnson

The Jeonju-North Jeolla Chapter has enjoyed a good first half-year. Our workshops have been interesting, informative, and well attended. In March, we strayed from the standard format and experimented with a swap-shop. Teachers shared their favorite activities and tricks of the trade. We were tied in human-knots, shouted to each other across the English Cafe, and had a free and open discussion.

April saw Phil Owen, Immediate Past President of KOTESOL, give a fabulous presentation entitled, "Student-Made Videos: A Report of Successes and Problems from a Real Classroom." Jess Semararo of Jeonbuk National University presented a short activity for increasing adjective use. Students from the Jeonju National University of Education attended in numbers and added to our audience for another great day.

Last month was the KOTESOL National Conference in Cheongju. We arranged a bus to transport local members and non-members to and from the event. Attendance became easy and enjoyable, and we learned a lot of new things too. This month we are hosting a much esteemed guest, Dr. Andrew Finch, who will present "Classroom-Based Assessment (CBA): Portfolios, Learning Journals, Self/Peer-Assessment, Web-based Assessment, and Test Design." This promises to be a very informative presentation.

In the second half of 2009, workshops are planned for September and December; details to be advised.

On Saturday, November 14th, we will be holding Jeonju-North Jeolla's 14th Drama Festival. Please let your schools know and ask them to enter students into

will only be sold online prior to the event.

The Chapter has had some changes in its executive council. These can be seen in the Who's Where in KOTESOL section of TEC. At our November meeting, the Chapter will also be holding elections to elect new officers for the year 2010.

### ***Gangwon Chapter***

*By Ralph Sabio*

With the end of the summer comes a new term for many teachers and the Gangwon Chapter. This term will include a few meetings in Wonju with elections in October. Due to the increased responsibilities required of some executives from their current jobs, there will be a couple of executive positions available. Be sure to come to the October meeting. The Gangwon Chapter meetings are currently held at Yonsei University in Wonju on the last Saturday of every month. Stay tuned and check your emails frequently!

### ***Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter***

*By Maria Neliza Lumantao*

Our Chapter is very proud that we were able to bring a number of attendees to the National Conference on May 16 at Korea National University of Education. Our decision to rent a bus made it easier for our members to travel to and from the conference venue, and traveling together strengthened the camaraderie of our members.

On May 31, we were lucky to have a KOTESOL booth at the 2009 Gwangju Together Day. This activity was spearheaded by the Gwangju International Center, in cooperation with the City Government of Gwangju. The objective of this activity was to bring together all the people who live in Gwangju, especially international people of different nationalities, in order to create friendship among all. Our hardworking officers stayed at our booth the whole day, where they gave out brochures and other reading materials about KOTESOL, answered questions about the organization, and even gave teaching tips to ESL/EFL teachers with classroom problems.

Our monthly workshop for June was held on the 13th at Chonnam National University. Dr. Mingxia Gao, who just finished her PhD at Chonnam National University and has been an English teacher at the University of China for 10 years, gave a presentation about integrating peer feedback into the EFL writing classroom. She emphasized explicit instruction for peer revision by Korean EFL learners. Another presentation, by Dr. Yeonseong Park of Chonnam National University, gave attendees tips on how to make English

teaching more informative and interesting through the use of content that will help the students become better persons.

Despite the fact that our chapter doesn't usually hold a meeting for July, this year is an exception. We had a July meeting at Gwangju University on July 11. Maria Lisak of Gwangju University talked about how to incorporate media literacies into English lessons. She also talked about participatory culture in the EFL context in Korea and discussed learning styles for Korean EFL students. Jeongbok Son of Chosun University Medical School talked about "Individualism vs. Collectivism: Different Usage of the Passive Mode in Korean and in English." He emphasized how it feels to use the passive mode in English from a Korean point of view. He also gave some tips on how to make basic English more informative.

Our Chapter did not have a meeting in August as most of our members were away for their summer vacation. We are looking forward to having more productive meetings and activities next semester.

### ***Jeju Chapter***

*By Jamie Carson*

The last few months have been a whirlwind for the Jeju Chapter. In June, we had Sherry Seymour and Maria Pinto come down and visit us. Sherry was visiting in her official capacity as Nominations and Elections Committee Chair. She also gave an especially informative presentation on Korean culture in the classroom. It was a great success and was immensely enjoyed by everyone who attended. Maria gave a brief update on publications. Many of our Chapter members were unfamiliar with all of the KOTESOL publications so they were eager to find out more and ask questions. Two people from that meeting inquired about the membership process.

We had a wonderful dinner afterwards, introducing Maria and Sherry to Jeju black pig. The food was delicious, and we had a great time talking. Our chapter took July and August off as vacation time and summer camps seemed to take over everyone's schedule. With the largest teacher influx coming in September, we are preparing a KTT speaker to present and are hoping for greater attendance. We are excited to get back in the swing of things and are looking forward to our fall events.

I would like to extend my gratitude to our vice presidents Darren Southcott and Alexa Bergman. Darren and Alexa are both leaving this month to return home after dedicating many years to teaching here in Korea. They will be sorely missed and will leave a large hole in our local chapter. Everyone in our Chapter wishes them the best in their future endeavors.

classroom. Presenting a range of comic books, from fictional fantasy to historical narration, for attendees to review, and advocating them on the basis of their ability to bridge the gap between high and low levels of language as well as formal and informal contexts, Mr. Callaghan presented a number of usable in-class comic-strip activities for students of varying levels. Oxford University Press was also available at the session with copies of readers, both traditional and in comic-strip form, which could be used in class or as extensive readers.

In November, fifty-plus attendees were treated to Ji-eun Song's practical presentation, entitled *Read, Write, and Talk with a Task Portfolio*. Faced with the limited patience of parents and an administration motivated by test scores, Ms. Song, an English teacher at Gumi Girls' High School, introduced an innovative method to apply the IIO-model (Input, Interaction, Output) to her classroom using a scaffolded approach. By staying within the topics arranged in her English book and supplementing them with a variety of materials over a period of two to three weeks, Ms. Song was able to move students out of their comfort zones and to a level in which they were routinely writing long essays and conversing on their topics with relative ease.

### ***Daejeon-Chungcheong Chapter***

*By Aaron Dougan*

What's past: On September 19, the Chapter kick-started the new semester by holding its first annual September Mini-Conference in Daejeon, at Woosong University. This small conference offered two streams. The first stream provided an opportunity for teachers to learn about practical classroom activities for young and teen learners. The second stream was focused on EFL researchers and aided them in developing their research skills both through workshops and graduate student presentations. The event hosted close to 50 attendees and was hailed a success.

What's present: Recently, Bob Capriles, the President of the Daejeon-Chungcheong Chapter, ran for office at the national level and was successful in his bid. We all congratulate Bob and wish him and the new National Council the best as they engage in their new roles. Since Bob ascended to National President, he resigned his office as President of the Chapter, and Aaron Dougan, 1st Vice-President and Interim Treasurer, became the President of the Daejeon-Chungcheong Chapter. The Chapter would like to express its gratitude to Bob for all of his dedication, hard work, and passion for our Chapter and its people. We look forward to big things from National Council this coming year.

The Chapter had its general elections in November, leading up to the 6th Annual Thanksgiving Symposium and Dinner on November 28 at Hoseo University in Cheonan. This year, the symposium was co-hosted by the Young Learners and Teens Special Interest Group. The symposium had streams for very young learners, young learners, and teens on topics such as using technology, reading, teaching for TOEIC and TOEFL, assessment, and thinking skills. The presentations were practical and focused on both micro- and macro-skills integration. We were excited to be hosting such great speakers and teacher trainers as Jake Kimball, Dr. Joungyun Ham, and David Deubelbeiss among the 18 different presentations and workshops planned. The symposium was followed by the annual Thanksgiving Dinner. The election results were announced at the dinner.

What's in store: On December 13, the Daejeon-Chungcheong Chapter annual business meeting and Christmas party will be

held. All members of the Chapter are invited to attend, to give input into their Chapter, and then share in some Christmas cheer. Keep an eye on the Chapter web page linked to [www.kotesol.org](http://www.kotesol.org) for details. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

### ***Gangwon Chapter***

*By Ralph Sabio*

In November, we had a wonderful meeting. The presentation was highly practical and the audience was really engaged. The next meeting will be held in March. Currently, Gangwon Chapter is talking to another chapter about having a joint symposium. More details to follow. Gangwon Chapter of KOTESOL would like to wish everyone a wonderful holiday season.

### ***Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter***

*By Maria Neliza Lumantao*

Our first meeting for the fall semester was held last September 12 at Chonnam National University (CNU). Mr. Kevin Dieter, a graduate of Northern Illinois University and currently an English teacher at Gwangju Health College University gave a presentation about the role of the teacher in teaching English in English (TEE). His presentation focused on the learner-centered perspective and the role and qualities teachers need in order to be effective in TEE learning environments. Another wonderful presentation was given by Ms. Miho Hirase of Japan, a graduate of George Washington University, who has been teaching Japanese in CNU's Language Education Center since 2008. She talked about comparative studies in non-verbal communication between Koreans and Japanese, focusing on interpersonal distance.

Instead of having a regular meeting for the month of October, the Chapter had an outreach workshop at Mokpo National University. Our membership coordinator, Jocelyn Wright, who is an English instructor in the university, made that event possible. The many participants who came made the meeting a very lively one. Mr. Tim Dalby, then KOTESOL's 1st Vice-President and former coordinator of KITT (KOTESOL Teacher Training) conducted a vocabulary workshop where he discussed eleven different ways to elicit vocabulary from students, what students need to do in order to learn a word, and how students store vocabulary in their long-term memory. Our Chapter President, Adriane Geronimo, presented on voice in ELT writing. She discussed some strategies writers use to develop their own voice, the relationship between voice and vocabulary knowledge, multiple intelligences, and how voice is assessed by high-stake English proficiency exams. She also discussed some practical techniques for incorporating voice instruction into the English language class.

We held our November meeting together with the election of Chapter officers at Chosun University. Angela Park from CNU's English Language and Literature Department presented on the development of a Fun English Program from a cognitive perspective. She talked about her research, which focuses on incidental learning, through the use of fun activities inside the classroom to include authentic situations. The second presentation was by Jonathan Brenner, an English instructor at the CNU Language Education Center. He talked about the use of newspapers and magazine articles as source materials in upper-level discussion classes and discussed many ways to

engage upper-level students in reading, discussion, and debate.

The election of officers followed the presentations. Dr. David Shaffer was elected Chapter President. The list of newly elected officers can be found in the Who's Where in KOTESOL section at the end of this issue.

With our new set of officers, we are looking forward to increasing our membership, creating a set of chapter procedures in order to strengthen our Chapter, and continuing our vision of helping English teachers in their pursuit of becoming better English instructors.

We are happy to announce that many of our Chapter members attended the KOTESOL International Conference last October. The Conference has again provided our members with a lot of ideas and resources that will definitely help them become better English instructors. We would also like to announce that we will be having a December workshop this year. It will consist of an ensemble of advanced CNU EFL students giving presentations of English projects designed for delivery at our workshop. Visit the Chapter web site for more details.

### Jeonju-North Jeolla Chapter

By Paul Bolger

Here at Jeonju-North Jeolla Chapter, we have had a productive quarter. In September, we had a workshop by our very own Tim Dalby entitled *I hate my coursebook!* This piece was for any teacher who uses a coursebook and wanted to learn how to get more from it.

During October, the annual KOTESOL International Conference was held in Seoul. Tim Dalby did a great job as MC at the opening ceremony, and Jeonju-North Jeolla was well represented with Allison Bill, Kristin Dalby, Marla Wolfe, and Tim Dalby all presenting.

On November 14, we rejuvenated Ingrid Zwaal's concept - The Jeonju-North Jeolla Drama Festival. It was a fantastic day! Our members and a good crowd of family, friends, and TESL students, all enjoyed five great pieces. Two groups from Global Prodigy Academy, led by Tammy Fisher-Heldenbrand, entertained us with *The Airplane*, a true story of a students' experience, and *Tourist Information*, an investigation of accents in English. Jeong-up High School, directed by Choi Byung Cheon, gave an interesting rendition of the movie *Shrek*. Pyeong-hwa Elementary School, coached by Leon Rose, recited the classic piece, *Chicken Little*, with a few funny adaptations.



▲ Jeonju-North Jeolla Chapter Drama Festival participants and Chapter members.

Finally, Bill Whitehaire's team presented a puppet show entitled, *Missing Sock*.

Many thanks to Chris Funk, Julie Whitehaire, Soo Eun Kim, Lee Klinger Amanda Maitland, Ingrid Zwaal, Allison Bill, Brian Heldenbrand, Nancy Marcet, Tori Elliot, Tim Dalby, Henri Johnson, Joel MacDougald, Paul Bolger, and Shawn DeLong. Special thanks to Tammy Fisher-Heldenbrand for her intermission presentation on stagecraft and to David Van Minnen, who did an entertaining and hilarious job as MC.

Thanks also to the groups who donated our many prizes: Macmillan Korea, Oxford University Press Korea, Kyobo Bookstore, Compass Media, and Top Bookstore. Special thanks goes to Top Bookstore for their long-term support of the Drama Festival. Every child received at least one award and many received special recognition for their work, and extra prizes, too!

Our final meeting of the year will be on December 12. The speaker is yet to be announced. We are also scheduled to hold our 2010 Chapter elections and go to dinner afterwards to thank everyone for all the hard work they have done throughout the year. Please contact us at northjeolla@yahoo.com if you are interested in joining the group, presenting, or attending one of our workshops.

### Seoul Chapter

By Jennifer Young and Bruce Wakefield

The Seoul Chapter has had a busy year so far. Our September workshop, *Assessment Rubrics for Writing and Speaking*, led by Mary-Jane Scott, was both informative and useful for teachers looking to improve their assessment skills. Mary-Jane is a past-president of the Chapter, a KTT presenter, and now, the Advisor to the Chapter.

The November presentation, *Successful English Camps: Planning, Delivery, and Beyond*, presented by Rob Dickey, former KOTESOL president, was aimed at helping teachers to lead well-planned camps. He covered such areas of planning as material selection and activities, as well as a variety of more-detailed points which must be taken into account in order to have an organized, efficient camp program. On November 21, Lisa Levine was elected as our new Chapter Secretary. Please see Who's Where in KOTESOL, in this issue, for contact information.

In December, the monthly workshop was scheduled for the second Saturday, rather than the third, due to the holiday season and end-of-semester responsibilities that keep many teachers busy at that time. Maarten Bazuin presented the workshop, *Introduction to Multi-Level Teaching*, in order to help public school teachers (as well as anyone who teaches students who have not been grouped according to proficiency level) to not only plan lessons with various levels in mind, but also to assess the students according to their own abilities and take their individual styles and strengths into consideration. The December workshop was followed with the annual Holiday Dinner at Toque Diner in Itaewon.

Planning is also well underway for the 2010 Seoul Chapter Conference at Soongsil University on Saturday, March 27. One strand will be related to teaching English in the public school system, while another will have the theme *Surviving as a Foreign Teacher in South Korea*. Any 2010 Conference queries should be directed to seoulchapter@gmail.com. 

December workshop of the Daegu-Gyeongbuk Chapter, in which Elizabeth-Anne Kim presented "Fighting Our Gut: When It Is (and Isn't) the Language." By using training as good teachers and lesson planners, Ms. Kim showed how identifying observable, measurable traits and behaviors (the teacher is sitting on the desk) and then correlating them to an expectation and need (teachers should demand respect and I don't think sitting on desks is appropriate) and following that need with a concrete request expressed as an observable, measurable behavior (please use a chair) can reduce workplace arguments.

In January, Maria Pinto, a current instructor at Dongguk University in Gyeongju, challenged the thirty-plus attendees with a workshop titled, "Conducting Speaking Exams." From first notifying the students of the exam, devising prepared exams or proctoring unprepared exams, to using non-descriptive rubrics or descriptive rubrics to score the exams, Ms. Pinto covered every area of the speaking exam process. She also discussed the goals of the exams and ways to provide more transparency by outlining those goals for the students and allowing the students to participate in the grading process.

The Daegu-Gyeongbuk Chapter took their winter recess in February, so there was no February workshop. The next workshop will be held on March 6, 2010, when Greg Brooks-English will present "Mutuality and Motivation: Nonviolent Communication in the Classroom." Also, the Daegu-Gyeongbuk Chapter will be hosting a writing conference in June. The call for papers can be viewed on our web site at <http://www.kotesol.org/?q=Daegu-Gyeongbuk>. The deadline for proposals is March 15.

### ***Gangwon Chapter***

*By Ralph Sabio*

Gangwon KOTESOL is looking forward to having its first meeting of the year on the last Saturday of March. We hope to have it closer to the bus terminal in order to provide members with better access to the meeting. Also, Gangwon KOTESOL will be jointly hosting a symposium with Daejeon-Chungcheong Chapter. We look forward to providing members with even more opportunities to network and get to know other EFL teachers.

### ***Gwangju-Jeonnang Chapter***

*By Maria Neliza Lumantao and David Shaffer*

For several years, December had been a Chapter dinner month for Gwangju-Jeonnang Chapter, but beginning in 2008, we started hosting a student "conference," where students studying English are given the chance to give presentations in English on a topic of their choice. Last December 12, the Chapter hosted the Third Student Conference of English for Academic Purposes.

Six students from Chonnam National University gave presentations on the following topics: Tourism in Korea, Travel, Atopy, The Relationship Between Music and Human Beings, Plagiarism, and Automobiles. We are thankful to our Immediate Past President Adriane Geronimo - course instructor for the student presenters - for making the event possible. This activity created a venue for teachers and students to interact, especially with a question-and-answer period allotted at the end of each presentation. Before the conference started, we had our Chapter officers' meeting, where we discussed our initial plans for the year 2010. We also discussed the roles of each officer for the coming year since elections had just been held the previous month.

After the EAP conference, we had a sumptuous dinner, which was followed by a farewell party for our Immediate Past President Adriane Geronimo, who was leaving Korea for the US. Over 50 KOTESOL members and friends of Adriane attended the after-dinner party. We are very grateful to our Treasurer, Yeon-seong Park, and our Vice-President, Maria Neliza Lumantao, for their hard work in making the farewell party possible. It was indeed memorable for its farewell video presentation, the numerous non-KOTESOL friends in attendance, and all the emotions present.

In the months of January and February, the Chapter has been busy planning our meeting schedule for the coming year. In addition to our regular meetings in Gwangju with two presentations each, we are planning two outreach workshops for 2010 - one in Mokpo, the other in Suncheon. Our regular meetings for the first half of the year will be on the second Saturday of March, April, May, June, and July. The spring outreach workshop is planned for Mokpo National University on May 1. Jocelyn Wright is doing a great job of coordinating things at the venue.

Our March meeting features Chapter member Keum Ju Cheon presenting on how to use storytelling with learners of different ages and proficiencies. Stuart Bills of Chosun University will be discussing what teachers can do to improve classroom dynamics. Presentations for later in the spring include communicative language teaching and creative techniques for grammar instruction. For schedule updates and other information, visit our Chapter web site regularly at <http://www.kotesol.org/?q=Gwangju-Jeonnang>.

### ***Jeju Chapter***

*By Jamie Carson*

This new year has brought some changes to the face of the Jeju KOTESOL Chapter. Darren and Alexa, our 2009 co-vice-presidents, both returned to their home countries to pursue graduate degrees. Jessie Dishaw was voted in as the new vice-president. We had a Christmas dinner and planning session with members looking ahead at 2010 and what it has in store for our Chapter. In the beginning of January, both Jessie and

audience with a solid foundation to the NVC process. As a way of connecting with the NVC process, the audience was asked to reflect on how they were feeling and on what they needed at that moment. He also delighted everyone with a puppet role-play between the giraffe (symbol of a compassionate communicator) and the jackal (symbol of a life-alienating, dominating communication). NVC can be used in the classroom as a way of empathizing with students. He explained how he aims to connect his lessons to his students' needs and feelings. The large number of attendees at the meeting could be attributed to Mr. Brooks-English's continuing work in propagating the NVC process.

The meeting in April featured Patty Yoon as speaker. Ms. Yoon gave a presentation titled *Forms and Variations: Balancing the Textbook with Activities*. Talking about her own experiences as a student in the Korean educational system 25 years ago, she stated how important it was to engage the students and make their learning relevant to their own experiences, and to make the material useful for them. She showed a video that illustrated the difference between learning styles in the East and West. Ms. Yoon also gave the audience ideas on how to incorporate activities into their lesson plans. The audience was impressed by the high ability of her students given the young age of many. All-in-all, it was quite refreshing and informative to receive the insight of a bilingual instructor who has an inside track on the types of lessons and activities that motivate Korean students.

## Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter

By David Shaffer

Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter started off 2010 on a very positive note. Our March 13 Chapter meeting attracted considerably more attendees than expected. A total of 51 attendees (with three children) came to our first meeting of the year. The two presentations featured were a demonstration of *Storytelling at Work in the EFL Classroom* by Chapter member Keum-ju Cheon and a talk on *Classroom Dynamics* by Stuart Bills of Chosun University. Both presentations were well received as attested by the vibrant question and answer sessions that followed. The presentations were followed by a "swapshop" session of teaching activity- and idea-sharing, instituted for the first time into our regular meeting schedule. The session was started off by Yeon-seong Park and David Shaffer, with other members also contributing interesting and innovative ideas. The meeting ended with our regular book draw.

Our second monthly meeting of the year was again heartening. Attendance at our April 10 meeting was 45, more than enough to confirm that our March meeting attendance was not a fluke. The first presentation of the afternoon was by James Baldrey of Chosun University, who presented *Culture and Communicative Language Teaching in Korea*, based on results from his MA TESOL research. The second presentation, *Developing Sentence Structure from the Bottom Up*, was given by Nancy Jo Marcet of Jeonju-North Jeolla Chapter, whose techniques were based on years of teaching U.S. middle-schoolers. Our teaching ideas swapshop was led off by Jocelyn Wright and Yeon-seong Park, and generated contributions by numerous attendees.

On May 1, the Chapter traveled south to Mokpo National University in Muan for our spring outreach workshop. Membership coordinator Jocelyn Wright did a superb job of venue coordination for the event. Turnout was beyond expectations: a total of 53 attended, 43 of whom were non-members. The attendees came to see three presentations and workshops scheduled for the day. Tory Thorkelson, past president of KOTESOL (Hanyang University), gave a well-received presentation on *Image and Imagination: Pictures and Picture-Based Activities in the EFL Classroom*. Chapter member Keum-ju Cheon (Gwangju Women's University) gave a very popular presentation entitled *Storytelling Techniques at Work*. Chapter President David Shaffer (Chosun University) presented on why we should all pursue professional development and the many options available to us in going about the task. Attendees came from all areas of the southwestern quarter of the province and beyond. As the overwhelming majority of our audience were Filipino residents, we have identified a particular need in our area and must now determine how our Chapter can best address and serve to fulfill this need.

The following Saturday (May 8), the Chapter held its regular May meeting in Gwangju. The nearly forty attendees were treated to two presentations. The first was *Creative Grammar Instruction Techniques* by our Chapter Treasurer, Dr. Yeon-seong Park (Chonnam University), who presented on the way she incorporates multiple intelligences in her new book. The second was *Assessing Speaking Skills* by KOTESOL Publications Chair Maria Pinto (Dongguk University, Gyeongju), who opened our eyes to the variety of ways rubrics can be employed in the assessment of oral skills. These presentations were followed by the teaching idea share-time, which has become a regular part of our meetings. Activities and ideas were presented by Maria Lumantao, Jocelyn Wright, Stuart Bills, and David Shaffer.

We encourage members to share your ideas and activities with us at future meetings. Chapter meetings are scheduled for July as well as June this year. Our second outreach workshop, this time in the Suncheon area, will be in the early autumn (Oct 2). Check our web pages on the KOTESOL web site for details of upcoming events, at which we hope to see you soon.

## Jeonju-North Jeolla Chapter

By Tori Elliott

Reaching out is never easy. The utmost commitment to any cause can be curbed by the constraints of geographical distance or foiled by a fear of the unknown. However, here in Jeonju-North Jeolla, the executive has hoisted itself on to a progressive new platform. And recruitment is its goal.

The campaign sprung into action with a full convergence on Kunsan University. With thanks to local professor Phil Owen, the Chapter was able to secure a meeting facility on the leafy college grounds. The lecture attracted a huge amount of publicity and support for seasoned presenters Tory Thorkelson (*Using Drama to Activate Your Classroom*) and Ingrid Zwaal (*Successful Role Plays in the English Classroom*). With a theatrical theme setting the scene for the afternoon, and an electric enthusiasm in the air, the art of personal persuasion was rendered unnecessary, owing to the sheer quality of the workshops themselves.

their own classrooms and to try to identify a problem they have had with the view to solving the problem. The process helped to give organization to a natural thought process that most teachers go through and showed the benefits of putting these thoughts on paper, as well as collecting data from various sources instead of solely relying on instinct or supposition. Mr. Kimball also gave an excellent example of action research that he employed at his academy to increase the rate of homework completion.

The July meeting was followed by an intimate gathering at the gracious Ms. Patty Yoon's FIN English Institute. Ms. Yoon hosted a BBQ for the workshop participants. There was an abundance of food, and it was a fine way to spend the Fourth of July weekend (although our Irish, Korean, and Canadian members may not have realized this).

On a more somber note, our chapter treasurer, Dr. Chae Joon-Kee, recently suffered a stroke. We wish him a speedy recovery. Peadar Callaghan has agreed to shoulder the treasurer duties in Dr. Chae's stead.

## ***Daejeon-Chungcheong Chapter***

*By Aaron Dougan*

The Daejeon-Chungcheong Chapter is happy to announce the appointment of a new executive member to fill its ranks. David Lee was appointed Treasurer to fill the existing vacancy. We all wish him the best in his new position.

The Chapter recently held a summer picnic. It was in a lovely park in Daejeon on Sunday, July 4. There were about 35 people in attendance, including some new faces amongst the regulars. The weather was fine, the barbecue was delicious, and the company was good. It was a great networking and community-building event.

The Chapter has two upcoming events. First of all, there is the Daejeon-Chungcheong Chapter and Multimedia and CALL SIG Mini-Conference, to be held at Woosong University, Daejeon, on September 11. Following that, there will be the 7th Annual November Symposium and Thanksgiving Dinner, co-hosted with the Research SIG, which will be held on November 27. The theme of the Conference is "Language Research, Teaching, and Learning for a New Decade," and it will be held at Hoseo University, Cheonan. We look forward to seeing you at these events. For more information, please check the website.

Lastly, the elections for the Chapter are coming up. Getting involved is a great volunteer opportunity where you can meet people, have fun, get valuable organizational experience, and gain professional development. I hope that members of the Chapter consider becoming a part of our executive team. More information on the elections will be forthcoming. On behalf of the Daejeon-Chungcheong Chapter, we wish you a great fall semester and a happy Chuseok!

## ***Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter***

*By David E. Shaffer*

Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter held its June meeting on the 12th at Chosun University. A satisfying turnout of 35 gathered for the two presentations scheduled for the afternoon. Tim Thompson (Daejeon Chapter) gave a KTT presentation entitled "Don't Get Depressed; Get Creative." He gave great suggestions on how to work with low-level students, and students who want to give up on a project, in addition to tips on how to incorporate L1 into a communicative activity and on teaching multiple skills concurrently. The second presentation, "Developing Supplementary Course Materials," was given by Jeffrey Hamilton (Chosun University). He stressed the importance of the teacher knowing their core beliefs about teaching, analyzing the text to understand the author's intentions, and organizing receptive tasks before productive ones. Teaching activities were presented by Viva May Cabrerros, Jocelyn Wright, Ynell Lumantao, Sumi Kim, and David Shaffer. Before closing with our monthly book draw, free KOTESOL memberships were awarded to Melody Melody and Yuri Kim.

We were happy to see 33 members and guests come together at Chosun University for our July 10 Chapter meeting. The presentation session was led off by David Shaffer's "Teacher Development: The Five Circles." He described how we can pursue teacher development through ourselves and with our students, our colleagues, our schools, and our profession, and followed this up with a reflective activity on the teacher development we have done and what we might want to concentrate more on. In our second presentation, "English Zones for English Learning," Jocelyn Wright (Mokpo National University) explained the process of designing an English zone's facilities and program offerings. She emphasized the time requirement that a zone coordinator must commit to in organizing courses, cultural events and fun contests. Great teaching activities were shared by Ynell Lumantao (teacher introduction by numbers), Viva May Cabrerros (teen quiz games for motivation), and Jocelyn Wright (play dough activities for university students). Before our book draw, we welcomed our three newest members, Mary Grace Fado, Telmo Evelyn Cho, and Bebian Tagolog, increasing our Chapter membership to an all-time high of 71. The meeting culminated with the Chapter awarding a plaque of appreciation to Membership Coordinator, Jocelyn Wright, "for her dedication and service as a member and officer of the Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter of Korea TESOL." Jocelyn has relocated to France to pursue a graduate degree in education.

After an August break, our September 4 Chapter meeting attracted over 35 attendees, even though many regular attendees could not make it due to beginning-of-semester commitments. The first of our two fine workshop presentations was by Grace Wang (Yonsei University), who traveled down from Seoul to present "Creating a Sizzling Language Classroom Environment." Ingrid Zwaal (Jeonju University) came down from Jeollabuk-do to give us a variety of varied new ideas on "Making Your Own Class Materials." Viva May Cabrerros led our increasingly

popular teaching-ideas session. We welcomed Faith Fishley as our new Membership Coordinator and Kristine Dona as Member-at-Large. We also welcome four new members since our July meeting: Telmo Evelyn Cho, Bebian Tagolog, Matthew Melton, Chris Williams, and Josie Bulahao.

The remainder of our autumn-winter schedule includes our Outreach Workshop in Suncheon on October 2, at which five presentations are scheduled. We will have a lunchtime chapter room for meet-and-greet purposes on October 16 at the International Conference. Check the conference book for location. Our regular monthly meeting on November 13 will feature two presentations and our annual elections. For details contact our elections officer, Dr. Yeon-seong Park. A student symposium on student perspectives on English language teaching in Korea will be the feature of our December 11 meeting. For event details, visit our chapter webpages on the KOTESOL website.

### **Jeonju-North Jeolla Chapter**

*By Tori Elliott*

Following a sensational Jeonju-North Jeolla Conference, Jeonju KOTESOLers have been taking a well-deserved rest. Summer vacation for the Chapter kicked off with the first “Schools Out for Summer” social. Members and friends surprised the residents of local apartments by congregating along the green and sunny river park. With Tim as chef, and Shawn and Tori as most excellent sous chefs, the group hosted a fun and very fulfilling BBQ as a thank you to all who have contributed to the success of Jeonju-North Jeolla Chapter in 2010.

During the final executive meeting of early 2010, plans were laid for the annual Drama Festival, scheduled for November 13 at Jeonju University. As Festival Chair, Shawn DeLong informed the Chapter that entries will be open to teams from across the country and that prizes will be awarded in various categories. The revival of the Drama Festival in 2009 proved popular in schools throughout the region, and the Chapter hopes to have an even better

response this year.

Jeonju-North Jeolla is also delighted to announce that the next meeting, to be held at Geun Young High School, will feature Gwen Atkinson with “Investigations into Language and Culture.” The workshop, on September 18 at 2.30 pm, is designed for teachers of all ages and levels. The lecture includes a walk-through demo lesson with YouTube clips of cult classic “The Wizard of Oz.”

In October, our Chapter will have yet another strong showing at the annual International Conference with Ingrid Zwaal, Justin & Rachel Kroeker, Tim Dalby, Kristin Dalby, and Allison Bill all accepted to present. It is sure to be colorful start to the latter half of a magical year!

### **Seoul Chapter**

*By Don Payzant*

Following the annual conference in March, the Seoul Chapter hosted a quartet of workshops leading up to the summer break. In April, Michael Griffin offered up some potent remedies for the ubiquitous teacher-talk virus. In May, Roger Fusselman showed how to satisfy school administrators and awaken grammar-weary students with an inductive grammar workshop. A report on a new multi-skills technology-based English language training program currently being tested in Korea came in June. Janice Koh (Intercultural Communications College) and Vincent Flores (Fulbright Korea) showcased the virtual classroom system currently in use in some schools and for government in-service training. Sharing learning strategies was the focus in July. Robert Kim (Kyonggi University, Suwon) started the session by describing numerous prompts to get shy university students talking. Audience members pitched their own strategies in the second hour. Practical skills are the unofficial theme for the remaining 2010 workshops. “Integrating Online Resources,” “Speaking Skills for Teachers,” and “Peace Education” are planned for September 11, November 20, and December 11. Check the KOTESOL website for details. Please note that the September and December workshops will be held on the second Saturday of the month. 

## **A Quote to Ponder**

*The act of teaching is essentially  
a constant processing of options.*

Jim Scrivener

*Learning Teaching* (2nd ed.; 2005, p. 10)

of educating, there were five nominees: President, Daryl McKay; Vice-President, Jeffrey Walter; Treasurer, Phil Redmon; Secretary, Philip Elwell; and Publicity, Doug Lopez. As there were no other candidates running, the entire group of nominees was put up for a vote and overwhelmingly voted in as the new executive of the Gangwon Chapter for 2010-2011. After the election process was completed, people returned to socializing and either a BBQ or vegetarian food supplied to those non-carnivores amongst us. The meeting was an outstanding success with several attendees signing up as KOTESOL members at the meeting, with more joining in the weeks following.

On Saturday, November 13, we held a meeting at Sangji University in Wonju. We had 12 attendees, with some new faces and one individual who joined KOTESOL at the end of the meeting. Jeff Walter gave a wonderful presentation on "Multiple Intelligences and Learning Styles," which built in a lot of activities that demonstrated the usefulness of Howard Gardener's ideas in the EFL classroom. We were able to make sure that many of the attendees left with the rather excellent new KOTESOL pamphlets to promote the social and professional benefits that KOTESOL membership can bring.

Our next meeting is on Saturday, December 11, at a venue to be confirmed. We want to move the venue around Gangwon Province to be as inclusive as we possibly can. Our first meeting of 2011 will be on Saturday, March 13. Feel free to check us out on Facebook under "KOTESOL-Gangwon Chapter." We are a small but motivated chapter, and we would love to have visitors and guest speakers from around KOTESOL come our way.

## **Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter**

*By David E. Shaffer*

The Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter's October event was our second outreach workshop program of the year. On October 2, we traveled to Suncheon National University to offer a five-workshop program to the teachers in the Suncheon area. Forty-five attendees, many of whom were non-members from the Suncheon area, turned out for the workshops. Sara Davila traveled down from Daegu to start off the afternoon with her workshop on methods for teaching with songs and chants. This was followed by split presentations by Allison Bill of Jeonju Chapter, presenting "Vocabulary Learning: More Than Just Memorization," and Isabel Lee and David Shaffer of Gwangju Chapter leading a workshop aimed at the non-Korean teacher, "Adapting to English Language Teaching in Korea." For the second set of split presentations, Faith Fishley and Brian Thomas, both Chapter members, presented "Using Video in the Elementary Classroom for Reflective Teaching," and Chapter President David Shaffer lead a workshop on the various ways available for developing as a EFL teacher. The outreach program ended with an introduction to KOTESOL and to Gwangju Chapter, the announcement of upcoming events, and a book draw. Afterward, workshop organizers, including our venue coordinator Faith Fishley, and the workshop presenters gathered at the nearby pasta restaurant Garlic for dinner

to cap a very successful day. At least six attendees joined KOTESOL as a direct result of the Suncheon Outreach.

On November 13, our regular monthly meeting was back at its regular meeting place at Chosun University. Chapter member Tim Whitman (Chosun University) gave the first presentation of the day, "From Writing to Composition." His session showed ways in which we can incorporate a variety of writing activities and writing styles into our skills lessons. The second presentation of the day was "Tips for Teaching Young Learners." David Shaffer (Chosun University) described how special consideration must be given in preparing lessons for young learners as they are still very much developing physically, emotionally, and socially as well as cognitively. He went on to emphasize that listening activities should come first in presenting new material, followed by speaking activities. A sample of activities for teaching each of the four macro skills was also presented.

Following the presentations were elections of Chapter officers for the coming year. Elections were led by Elections Officer Tim Whitman. Officers elected were Dr. David Shaffer as President for a second term and Vivien Slezak (Chosun University) as Treasurer. No candidate was put forward for the office of Vice-President. Accordingly, the Chapter Council will be working on filling that position, and appointments for other Council positions will be made soon.

The December Chapter meeting will feature student perspectives on a variety of aspects of English language learning and teaching in the Korean context. Teams of students will be presenting of four topics: (a) learning English in the public school system, (b) autonomous language learning, (c) learning English from native English speaking teachers, and (d) teaching English as an English learner. The presenters are all graduating seniors at Chosun University. This symposium should be of particular interest to non-Korean teachers as it gives a perspective on language learning in Korea that they have not been able to experience. Feel free to contact us on any Chapter-, KOTESOL-, or ELT-related matter. Contact information appears in the Who's Where in KOTESOL section of this issue.

## **Jeonju-North Jeolla Chapter**

*By Tori Elliott*

As fall nestles in to the nooks and crannies of sleepy Jeonju, Jeonju-North Jeolla Chapter cashed in their summer reserves and stretched out for a Drama Festival smash.

With the competition fully booked, and teams locked, loaded, and ready for action; festival organizer, Shawn De Long, had his clapperboard full. But with the help of the executive and dedicated local activists, the curtains opened with a great cheer. Treading the boards were students ranging from elementary to high school age. This year's audience swelled, owing to some crafty networking and fierce promotion. The theater-sized auditorium at Jeonju University was filled with laughter and energy right

as many teachers were on winter vacation and used the time to refresh their well of ideas and to energize each other despite the cold weather.

In February, the Daegu Chapter executives will meet to strategize for 2011 and capitalize on the efforts of our members in 2010.

## **Daejeon-Chungcheong Chapter**

*By Aaron Dougan and Kathy Moon*

In November, the 7th Annual Daejeon-Chungcheong KOTESOL Symposium and Thanksgiving Dinner was held at Hoseo University, Cheonan Campus. There were about 100 people at the symposium. There were 78 people at the dinner, which proved to be a fun and friendly event. The Annual Business Meeting for the chapter was held between the November symposium and the turkey dinner. There were 27 members in attendance, and a new and improved Constitution and Bylaws were approved for the Chapter.

Elections were also held at the November symposium, and Kathy Moon was elected the new president. Aaron Dougan, former president of the Chapter, will serve as a secretary for the coming year.

The incoming and outgoing executive met on the afternoon of December 18 and discussed a number of issues. After that, the Chapter Christmas social was held at the Solpine Restaurant at Woosong University. There were about 30 members who enjoyed an evening of good food, good company, and an exciting episode of the Give n' Steal gift game.

Many new people attended the KOTESOL Leadership Retreat on January 15-16 in Daejeon. Our Chapter members helped to set up the food and beverage station and clean up the rooms. We are really proud of making a friendly and warm atmosphere for all attendees.

We plan to have an executive meeting on February 26 in Daejeon. We are going to discuss the 2011 strategic plan. We are going to follow those good chapter years, and try to keep healthy and strong.

## **Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter**

*By David E. Shaffer*

The last meeting of 2010 for Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter was held on December 11. The day's presentations were given by university students. This year's graduating English majors presented on topics related to English teaching and learning, with four presentations by eight students in Dr. David Shaffer's senior-level oral skills course at Chosun University. The thirty-minute presentations provided student viewpoints on topics of interest to the English teachers in attendance.

The presentations started off with "Learning English in the Public School System," by Seungwoo Han and Choyeon Kim. It criticized the focus on reading, grammar,

and vocabulary, and called for more emphasis on oral and aural skills. The second presentation, "Learning English from NESTs" by Soohyun Oh, called on the government to strengthen qualifications in hiring native English-speaking teachers at public schools to include some training and/or experience in teaching English.

The trio of Aron Kim, Hongmin Sun of China, and Mrs. Hyegyung Park presented "Autonomous Language Learning." They praised self-directed learning as being tailored to individual needs and potentially very interesting, and they urged English teachers to introduce autonomous learning to their students. Presenting "Teaching English as an English Learner" were Eunae Ko and Munkyoung Jung, who have each taught English for a year - one full-time, one part-time. They accented the adage that "teaching is learning" and pointed out that teaching can be physically very challenging as well as being gratifying.

The presentations were well received, sparking lively question-and-answer sessions at their conclusions. Vivien Slezak, Viva May Cabrerros, and David Shaffer each shared a teaching activity during the swap-shop session before the meeting closed with the book draw.

During the January-February monthly meeting hiatus, the chapter was not inactive. The annual KOTESOL Leadership Retreat was held on the weekend of January 15-16. Chapter President David Shaffer, Membership Coordinators Faith Fishley and Kristine Dona, and Viva May Cabrerros formed the Chapter delegation. Julien McNulty also attended the gathering of nearly 50 members in his capacity as 2011 International Conference Committee Chair. David led the session on Building and Running a Chapter, and Inter-Chapter Cooperation. The importance of making the teaching community more aware of KOTESOL and increasing member benefits were stressed. A Chapter Leaders' Meeting, which David spearheaded, is also planned for this spring. Kristine was part of the "Encouraging New Leaders" session and led the debriefing to the whole group. Julien headed the session on the International Conference, explaining preparations and announcing openings for committee volunteers. Faith was busy attending sessions throughout the two days - Institutional Memory, Chapter Workshops, SIGs - but found the session on Skills for Presenters especially informative.

Sunday afternoon was filled with the National Council Meeting. The 2011 National budget was approved, which included requested funding for our Chapter's March 12 event: the KOTESOL Conference in Gwangju, organized by the Chapter in conjunction with the Young Learners and Teens SIG. The theme of the event is *Classroom Interaction: A Young Adult and Young Learner Essential*. It consists of a plenary session by YLT-SIG Facilitator Jake Kimball ("Principled Techniques for Social Interaction in the Classroom"), and one young adult and two young learner strands of three presentations each.

The April monthly meeting is scheduled for the second Saturday of April. Visit the Chapter web pages for all monthly meeting details.

## Gangwon Chapter

The Gangwon KOTESOL Chapter is a small group. However, we are keen to connect with ALL English teachers in the province. So whether you work at a school, university, or hagwon, or whether you are a foreign teacher, or a Korean English teacher, we would love to hear from you.

Please feel free to connect with us and to share your ideas with each other. We would love to see you at our meetings! The more you contribute, the more we can find out how to serve you, the English teacher.

We are also contactable via Facebook and we are an open group. If you are Facebook, type in KOTESOL-Gangwon Chapter. See you there.

For more information please refer to: <http://www.koreatesol.org/GangwonNews>

## Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter

*By David E. Shaffer*

Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter started off 2011 with a bang. The Chapter teamed with the Young Learners and Teens Special Interest Group (YLT-SIG) to provide an afternoon full of professional development. Under the theme "Classroom Interaction: A Young Adult and Young Learner Essential," the March 12<sup>th</sup> event consisted of a plenary session by **Jake Kimball**, YLT-SIG Facilitator, and ten concurrent sessions. Mr. Kimball's plenary presentation, "Principled Techniques for Social Interaction in the Classroom," emphasized that the heart and soul of communicative language teaching is interaction and addressed a number of practical applications which promote social interaction in the classroom.

Over half of the concurrent sessions were young learner-specific, while the remainder was on more general ELT topics. These

presentations were by **Bora Sohn** and **Jennifer Young** (Seoul Chapter), **Allison Bill** and **Phil Owen** (Jeonju), **Jake Kimball** (Daegu), **Donald Kim** (CUP), **Keumju Cheon**, **Faith Fishley**, **Julien McNulty**, and **David Shaffer** (Gwangju Chapter). The presentations were all interesting and informative, making the conference quite a success with a more-than-expected attendance of 135, many of whom were not KOTESOL members.

Our April 9<sup>th</sup> Chapter meeting featured presentations by **Dr. Joo-Kyung Park** (former Chapter and National President) who talked on "Helping Our Students to Become Successful Users of English," and by **Vivien Slezak** (International Affairs Committee Chair), who addressed "The Importance of Collocations in the Classroom." Dr. Park stressed the importance of understanding the major characteristics of "successful users of English (SUE)" and developing strategies to help our students to become SUEs. Ms. Slezak's presentation introduced the notion of collocation and its value in the classroom. Attendance was 43, with participants coming from as far as Seoul for the event. During the teaching idea share-time, activities were presented by **Ji-Myoung Park**, **Robert Kim**, **Viva May Cabrerros**, **Faith Fishley**, and **David Shaffer**.

Scheduled for our May 7<sup>th</sup> Chapter meeting were **Julien McNulty**, who presented "The Hemingway Approach to Writing and Sentence Correction", and **Dr. David Shaffer**, who presented a comparison of English teaching and learning in Korea today with that of four decades ago. June and July meeting presenters will include **Scott Miles**, who will be explaining how to set up an extensive reading program and **Peadar Callaghan**, who will be promoting active listening activities. Two Chosun University students will be describing an array of impressions that native English teachers have

had upon them. We are also considering the possibility of having a Chapter meeting in August this year. For more information, visit us online at our Chapter web pages and on Facebook. We hope to see you at our next Chapter meeting.

## Jeonju-North Jeolla Chapter

*By Tori Elliot*

After a long chilly winter, the Jeonju Executive reconvened with **Leon Rose** as Chapter President. It was the hope of the group that we could continue with the vigor and success that our immediate past-President, **Tim Dalby**, had led with.

Jeonju-North Jeolla kicked off the year with a Swap shop event at Geun Young Girls' High School. As usual, the chapter sported a large and enthusiastic turnout with mini-presentations from Shawn, Ingrid, Norman and Matt.

Much of April was spent in preparation for the 2011 Regional Conference entitled 'Building Blocks for Better Learning'. With **Allison Bill** in charge of proceedings, all were confident that this year would be as outstanding as the last.

Unfortunately, it was also within this crucial month that the unit was devastated by the resignation of President Leon Rose. We all wish him the best and the speediest of recoveries.

Trying to pick up from where Leon left off, Vice President **Tori Elliott** stepped up to the helm and will be steering the executive for the remainder of the year.

On the group's calendar, for the spring session, is the first National Pop Song Contest – to be held at Jeonju University on June 4<sup>th</sup>. There will also be a regular meeting on May 21st, followed by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual 'School's Out for summer' Barbeque on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

All are encouraged and welcome to join us!

## Jeju Chapter

Welcome to the Jeju Chapter of KOTESOL. We hold regular workshops/meetings on the third Saturday of each month and an annual conference. Both members and non-members are welcome at all our events. For more information please visit our website at: <http://www.koreatesol.org/Jeju>

## Suwon-Gyeonggi Chapter

*By Matthew Millar*



In April, the Suwon Chapter held a regular workshop featuring four sessions – two long, and two short.

The first long presentation was given by

a summer beach bash in Samcheok, which will, of course, take place after a Chapter meeting on professional development. September will bring the current Gangwon Chapter Executive Committee full circle, and we will elect new officers for 2013 at the Chapter's Annual Business Meeting.

For more information on the entire goings-on and other local events that promote the job of teaching students of other languages, become a friend on our Facebook page at KOTESOL-Gangwon Chapter.

## Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter

By David E. Shaffer

### October Chapter Outreach Workshop.

October 1 was the date of the Chapter's Fall Outreach Workshop. This year again we traveled to the Suncheon area and to Sunchon National University. The afternoon began with President David Shaffer introducing Korea TESOL, the Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter, and their activities. The first workshop presentation was by Phil Owen (Kunsan Nat'l University; KOTESOL Past President) on *The How and Why of 'Vocabulary Cha-Cha'*. The motivation and inspiration behind this vocabulary matching activity were shared as were variations to make it applicable to all levels and ages. Next Maria Lisak (Gwangju University; Past Chapter President) presented on *New Media Literacy and Storytelling*, incorporating digital forms into classroom storytelling. Ji-Myoung Park demonstrated the use of community-building activities as warm-ups to further classroom interaction. The afternoon presentations ended with Dr. David Shaffer comparing and contrasting English education in Korea today with that of 40 years ago. The event finished with the Chapter's signature gift draw for ELT books and materials.

**Chapter Booth at GIC Day.** GIC Day (Gwangju International Center) was October 29 at the Kim Daejung Convention Center. Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter was present with an information booth for the day, introducing

KOTESOL and the Chapter to interested English teachers and others attending the festivities. Often mentioned by visitors to the booth was the helpfulness of "Letters to KOTESOL," an advice column in the *Gwangju News* for which "Dr. Dave" Shaffer provides solutions to readers' questions and problems on behalf of the Chapter. Two new members joined the Chapter that day. The booth was staffed by Vivien Slezak, Gene Shaffer, and Dr. David Shaffer.

**November Chapter Meeting.** On November 5, Ms. Keumju Cheon was our first speaker, presenting *Connecting Reading and Writing with YLs*. The second presentation of the day was by Dr. David Shaffer, *Popular Beliefs on Learning and Teaching English*. Annual chapter elections were held for president, vice-president, and treasurer. David Shaffer, Ynell Lumantao, and Vivien Slezak, respectively, were re-elected to their positions.

**December Chapter Meeting.** Our final meeting of the year was held on December 10. The featured presentation was by Billie Kang (TaeBong Elementary School; Past Chapter Vice-President): *Let's Play: Games and Activities for the Language Learning Classroom*. This was followed by Julien McNulty's (Chosun University; 2011 Intl. Conference Chair) pecha kucha: *The History of English in Verse*. Our Swap-Shop Hour attracted teaching ideas and activities from eight contributors and lasted more than the anticipated one hour. Of particular interest was Julien McNulty's introduction of a smartphone app, Socrative, which is a free student response system. Annual Chapter Service Awards were presented to Kristine Dona, Ynell Lumantao, and Vivien Slezak.

**February Chapter Meeting.** For our first-ever February chapter meeting, Henry Gerlits presented *Using Short Clips from TV in the Classroom: Pronunciation, Intonation, and Creativity through Role Plays*. Following David Shaffer's pecha kucha on classroom management was a one-hour-plus swap-shop session on first-day-of-class ideas and activities.

**March Chapter Conference.** This year's annual chapter conference is being jointly held with the Extensive Reading and Young Learner SIGs. The full afternoon of presentations will begin with split plenary sessions by Scott Miles (*Comprehensible Input: Why Students Need It, and How They Can Get It*) and Jake Kimball (*When Theory and Practice Collide*). This will be followed by an extensive reading strand, a young learner strand, and two general ELT strands, and end with a session of pecha kuchas.

For more information, visit us online on Facebook (Gwangju-Jeonnam KOTESOL) and at our Chapter web pages (<http://www.koreatesol.org/GwangjuJeonnam>). Send inquiries to [gwangju\\_kotesol@yahoo.com](mailto:gwangju_kotesol@yahoo.com) or [chosunu@yahoo.com](mailto:chosunu@yahoo.com). We hope to see you at our upcoming Chapter events.



Bille Kang (far right) demonstrating one of her activities to the "class" at the December chapter meeting.

## Jeju Chapter

By Darren Southcott

The last few weeks have been a time of flux for the Jeju Chapter. Our previous Chapter President, Jamie Carson, assumed the position of 1st Vice-President for the National Council and had to vacate the Chapter Presidency at the time of the KOTESOL Leadership Retreat in December 2011. This was in addition to the vacated position of Chapter Treasurer and, at short notice, these positions had to be filled, along with confirmation of all other positions for the

coming year. Our confirmed Chapter Officers for the coming year are: Darren Southcott, President; Marlene Wilkinson, Vice-President; Kim Minkyung, Treasurer; Cynthia Loiselle, Joint Membership/Publication Chair; and Jessie Dishaw, Joint Membership/Publication Chair. All successful candidates are looking forward to making 2012 a successful year for Jeju Chapter and would like to thank everyone who supported their nominations.

Jeju Chapter's final meeting of 2011 coincided with the KOTESOL Leadership Retreat and had to be cancelled due to officer commitments. Officers are now involved in putting together the schedule for our quarterly meetings of the coming year, the first of which is fast approaching on Saturday, March 17. We look forward to kicking things off then and hope to see some fresh faces.

Finally, everyone involved in Jeju Chapter would like to extend their heartfelt congratulations to our Joint Membership/Publication Chair Jessie Dishaw on giving birth to her firstborn Hana on January 31! Jeju Chapter wishes Jessie, Myles, and Hana love and happiness for the future.

## Jeonju-North Jeolla Chapter

By Ingrid Zwaal

The last two months of 2011 were quite busy for the Jeonju-North Jeolla Chapter. We held our annual drama festival at Jeonju University. Teams from elementary to university participated and everyone won a prize. Allison Bill, Gina Yoo, and Marla Wolfe were our judges and Shawn Delong did another fabulous job as our emcee. It was very successful, and everyone had a good time.

In December, Amanda Maitland presented at our chapter meeting on *Assessing a Child's Mind Through Creative Play Whilst Raising Literacy Levels and Creating a Dialogue in the Classroom*. A long title, but she also included detailed how-to kits for the people who came. Many teachers learned a variety of ways to

event, this meeting's theme, "Tackling Professional Development Questions," is a departure from the normal format of presentations. Some of our own, seasoned Gangwon KOTESOL experts will address questions from the membership regarding career advancement. From the *hagwon* to the university, from your laptop to the publishing house – if you've a question, we've got your answer!

The weather will be great out on the East Sea, so come to the meeting as a colleague and stay as a friend, because as usual there will be a great post-meeting social!

### Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter

By David E. Shaffer

This year's annual chapter conference was held jointly with the Extensive Reading and Young Learner SIGs on March 10. We thank First Vice-President Jamie Carson for making the trip up from Jeju to give an opening address. The full afternoon of presentations began with outstanding plenary sessions by Scott Miles (*Comprehensible Input: Why Students Need It, and How They Can Get It*) and Jake Kimball (*When Theory and Practice Collide*). These were followed by an extensive reading strand, a young learner strand, and two general strands of presentations, and ended with a session of four pecha kuchas. We wish to thank all the presenters from far and near for their outstanding presentations: Eunsol Shin, Bora Sohn, Ingrid Zwaal, Jennifer Booker Young, Maria Lisak, Vivien Slezak, Ynell Lumantao, Jake Kimball, Peadar Callaghan, Henry Gerlits, Dr. David Shaffer, Aaron Jolly (English Central), and William Packard (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt). And Julien McNulty's Sesame Street-based pecha kucha tickled the funny bone of many more than the lone child in the audience. The post-conference dinner was held at the Italian De Mercanti Restaurant in downtown Gwangju.

#### April Chapter Meeting

Our April 14 Chapter meeting was another very well-attended event, partially due to the

pleasant spring weather, partially due to the popularity of the previous month's conference, but mainly due to the bill of fare for the day. It consisted of two outstanding and informative presentations. Dr. Steve Garrigues, Daegu-Gyeongbuk Chapter Vice-President, ventured into Jeollado territory to point out the distinctive characteristics of many troublesome English sounds for our students and how to make them easy to teach in his presentation, *Phonological Pitfalls for English Teachers in Korea*. This was followed by a presentation on the coalescing college entrance examination by Brad Serl, Busan-Gyeongnam Chapter President. In his presentation, *The NEAT: Background, Practice, and Consequences*, Brad explained that the National English Aptitude Test is still very much in its beta stage, but that it has the potential to trigger wide-ranging and favorable effects if its goals can be met.



Plenary Speaker Jake Kimball in his workshop session at the 2012 Gwangju Conference in March.

Our regular swap-shop followed the presentations, but with an added twist. In addition to swapping teaching ideas and activities, must-have ELT books were added to the list. David Shaffer introduced Lightbown and Spada's *How Languages Are Learned* and Brad Serl recommended every teacher have a copy of Michael Swan's *Practical English Usage*. Teaching activities included Craig Overdon's "Dating Game" and Ynell Lumantao's space travel activity. A number of the group relocated to the First Nepalese Restaurant downtown for a wonderful after-meeting dinner.



Dr. Steve Garrigues presenting “Phonological Pitfalls for English Teachers” at the Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter meeting in April.

### May Chapter Meeting

Attendance was again pleasingly high for our May 12 monthly meeting at Chosun University. Nate Kent (Chosun University) started off the afternoon with the presentation Student Task-based Activities for Kids Intensive Camps. Many of the activities introduced could also easily be adapted to more advanced learners and to the regular classroom setting. The second presentation of the afternoon was by John McDonald, What Every EFL Teacher Should Know about Teaching Writing. John’s background as a research paper editor and coordinator of the writing lab at the Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology made for an excellent presentation on the elements to include in a writing course and how to include them. Swap-shop ideas were shared with the group by Dr. Yeon-seong Park and Henry Gerlits.

### Upcoming Events

Scheduled to present at our June 2 Chapter meeting are June 9. Chapter Meeting are Michael Rabbidge and Nico Lorenzutti of Chonnam Natl. University, who will present *The Bimodal Narrative Approach: Extensive Reading and Listening*, and Jacob Boer of Taebong Elementary School, who will present *Fun and Games – Every Child’s Language Learning Preference*. Tim Thompson of KAIST will be providing the workshop, *Creating Practical and Original English-based Lessons* at our July 14 meeting. On August 11, Allison Bill (Jeonju University) is scheduled to present

*Reflective Teaching: Improving the Learning Context* along with Jeremy Bissett (Chosun University), who will present *Facebook and English Learning in Korea*.

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Networking between scheduled presentations at one of Gwangju-Jeonnam’s chapter meetings. Scheduled for 20 minutes, break time often is extended to accommodate additional networking.

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## Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter

By David E. Shaffer

This has been a rather busy summer for the Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter, the busiest in memory, as a matter of fact. This summer, the Chapter has held regular monthly meeting in June, July, and August; a rooftop picnic later in August; and our annual outreach to the Suncheon area to start off September.

### June Chapter Meeting

Our June 9 Chapter meeting program aroused particular interest and brought over 40 attendees to the meeting. The program featured a presentation by Michael Rabbidge and Nico Lorenzutti, both of Chonnam National University, entitled *The Bimodal Narrative Approach: Extensive Reading and Listening*. They explained a well-organized course that they had planned and taught that was interesting, motivating, and effective. Jacob Boer (Taebong Elementary School, Gwangju) followed with *Fun and Games – Every Child's Language Learning Preference*. This presentation of innovative activities created by the presenter for young learners was of interest to everyone due to their easy adaptability.



Jacob Boer Presenting his bag of Language games and activities at the June Chapter meeting.

### July Chapter Meeting

Our July 14 Chapter meeting featured a two-hour workshop by KTT Coordinator Tim

Thompson of KAIST, *Creating Practical and Original English-Based Lessons*. The presentation began with a discussion of lesson objectives and expected outcomes, and workshop on new lesson plans was conducted, followed by an overview of how to design creative and practical lessons. The attendance was in the 30s, considered very good for an early summer meeting when many members are away. Doug Stuber presented one of the swap-shop ideas: motivating research by students for project work. Viva May Cabrerros presented two fun language learning activities, and Henry Gerlits presented a three-question, short student presentation as a regular class warm-up.



Doug Stuber describing his swap-shop idea on student project work at the July Chapter meeting.

### August Chapter Meeting

Last year we had our first August meeting, and although the turnout during this vacation period is lower than at other times of the year, those who are able to attend are happy to not have to endure a two-month lapse in Chapter activity. Our August 11 meeting featured three presentations: *Reflective Teaching: Improving the Learning Context* by Allison Bill (Jeonju University), *Facebook and English Learning in Korea* by Jeremy Bissett (Chosun University), and a non-ELT presentation by Chapter President David Shaffer, *Korean Highlights: Four Decades of History*, marking the major events occurring during his time in Korea.



*The attendees at the August Chapter meeting taking part in the break-out session of Allison Bill's presentation.*

### August Rooftop Picnic

Successfully wedging itself in between the tropical-storm rains of August was the Chapter's first summer social function – a downtown Gwangju rooftop picnic. More than forty people came to partake of the barbeque, the homemade Filipino spring rolls by Viva May and Kristine, and the best pizza in Gwangju by Tim Whitman. The event included poetry reading and music by members under the starlit sky on the night following Chilseok (August 25).

### September Outreach Workshop

Again this year, the Chapter traveled to Suncheon to hold our outreach workshop at Suncheon National University. This year we had brand new facilities to hold our September 1 event in, and thank James Hunt for his organizational efforts as venue coordinator. The workshop featured six presentations: *Warmers and Warm Downs* presented by Tim Dalby, *Classroom Activities for Young Learners and Teens* by Viva May Cabrerros, *Extensive Listening through a Personal Goal Project* by Gina Yoo, *Creative Reading and Writing for Children* by Allison Bill, *Online and Mobile "Flash Cards" with Quizlet* by Phil Owen, and *Easy Integration of Videos and Other Media into Grammar- and Function-Focused Lessons* by Lindsay Herron. A sample of the Swap-Shop

session of regular Chapter meetings was presented by Doug Stuber and David Shaffer, and the afternoon concluded with door prizes. The outreach attracted over forty attendees, a majority of whom were non-members.

### Upcoming Events

Scheduled to present at our October 6 meeting are Nico Lorenzutti (Chonnam Natl. University)

With *Dynamic Listening Activities for Using Pop Songs in the Classroom*, and Catherine Peck (Chonnam Natl. University) with *Building Speaking Confidence: Teaching from a Discourse Perspective to Encourage Longer Speaking Turns*. We expect both to be outstanding presentations. Our November 10 meeting features Heidi Vande Voort Nam (Chongsin University, Seoul) with her talked-about KTT presentation, *Do They Get It? – Six Techniques for Monitoring Student Comprehension in Class*, and Matthew McLaughlin (Chosun University) with his all-new presentation on warmers and coolers. Winding up the Chapter meeting year on December 8 will be Henry Gerlits (Gwangju University) presenting *Good Teachers and Bad Coursebooks: Adapting Materials to Fit Your Class*, and Warren Merkel (Chonnam Natl. University) presenting *Implementing Writing Activities into the English Classroom in Korea*.

The 20th Annual Korea TESOL International Conference will be held on October 20-21 at Sookmyung Women's University in Seoul. This year, Chapter members presenting at the Conference are Dr. Yeon-seong Park, John McDonald, Henry Gerlits, and Dr. David Shaffer. Pre-register before September 30 to receive reduced registration fees.

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four of them: Wayne Bottiger, Alex Grevett, Andrew Pollard, and Jeff Walters.

The Saturday of the IC was an important event for Gangwon Chapter as we held our annual ABM where new officers were elected for the upcoming year: President: Andrew Pollard; Vice-President: Michael Free; Treasurer: Scott Henderson; Secretary: Amelie Kelly; Webmaster: Cody Tornow.

The new officers have vowed to attempt to further the Chapter on a number of levels in 2013, with some of the major priorities being to promote Chapter members as presenters, introducing collaborative and reflective practice through idea swaps and problem-solving sessions, attracting a larger Korean contingent to our meetings, and improving our digital presence to more easily reach our geographically diverse membership to provide a professional support network.

This Executive's first meeting is to be held on Saturday, December 1 beginning at 2:00 pm at Gangneung-Wonju National University in Gangneung. We will have Brad Serl (Busan Chapter President) traveling from Busan to give an informative presentation on NEAT, and we will also have Scott Kim of Kwandong University sharing his ideas on learning behaviors and vocabulary acquisition. The December meeting will be our last for the year with our next meeting to be held after the winter freeze is over, the province has thawed, and the spring is blooming. In the meantime, please visit the KOTESOL-Gangwon Chapter Facebook page for all the latest.

## Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter

*By David E. Shaffer*

While the summer was a busy period for Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter, the autumn has been arguably even busier. After holding our September Outreach program in Suncheon, the Chapter's events moved back to Gwangju. October and November monthly meetings were held at Chosun University, and at the time of this writing, preparations are underway for our December meeting and a following Year-End Chapter Dinner.

## Chapter Meetings

Our October 6 meeting featured outstanding presentations. Nico Lorenzutti (Chonnam Natl. University) presented "Dynamic Listening Activities for Using Pop Songs in the Classroom," and Catherine Peck (Chonnam Natl. University) presented "Building Speaking Confidence: Teaching from a Discourse Perspective to Encourage Longer Speaking Turns."



*Cathy Peck presenting at the October Chapter Meeting.*

Our November 10 meeting featured two equally outstanding presentations. Heidi Vande Voort Nam (Chongsin University) traveled down from Seoul to deliver her KTT presentation, "Do They Get It? – Six Techniques for Monitoring Student Comprehension in Class," and Matthew McLaughlin-Stonham (Chosun University) treated us to his all-new presentation, "Warmers and Coolers," featuring original ideas for classroom activities.



*Matt Stonham presenting at the November Chapter Meeting.*

On this same day, several of our members were across town participating in the annual GIC Day, organized by the Gwangju International Center. The Chapter again had a

booth at the event, manned by Lindsay Herron, Henry Gerlits, Jacob Boer, and Maria Lisak, which introduced the Chapter to the public. Kristine Dona was also there at the Philippines booth.



*Henry Gerlits and Lindsay Herron at the Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter booth at GIC Day 2012.*

For our final Chapter meeting of the year, on December 8, Henry Gerlits (Gwangju University) will be presenting “Good Teachers and Bad Coursebooks: Adapting Materials to Fit Your Class,” and Warren Merkel (Chonnam Natl. University) will be presenting “Implementing Writing Activities into the English Classroom in Korea.” The meeting will be followed by an end-of-year Chapter Dinner.

### **International Conference Participation**

The 20th Annual Korea TESOL International Conference was held on October 20-21 at Sookmyung Women’s University in Seoul. This year, Chapter member participation was higher than ever before. Thirteen presentations were delivered by ten members: Nico Lorenzutti (3), Michael Rabbidge (2), Dr. David Shaffer (2), Julien McNulty (2), Dr. Yeon-seong Park, John McDonald, Catherine Peck, Henry Gerlits, Darren Bean, and Han Seo. The Conference Committee itself was also composed of more Chapter members than in the past. This year’s ConComm included David Shaffer, Julien McNulty, Lindsay Herron, Ynell Lumantao, Gene Shaffer, Henry Gerlits, and Eunjo Cho.

### **Chapter Membership**

Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter has experienced gains in Chapter membership in recent months that have caused a shift in Chapter

size in relation to other Chapter within KOTESOL. As of November 12, Chapter paid membership stood at 104 – an unthinkable possibility just three short years ago when the membership stood at a humble 35. With this increase in membership, Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter has moved from fifth in size among chapters to become the second-largest chapter in KOTESOL (after Seoul Chapter).

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## **Jeju Chapter**

*By Marlene Wilkinson*

Kia Ora! The Jeju Chapter of KOTESOL recently held its chapter officers elections, and we are happy to welcome new and continuing chapter officers as follows: Marlene Wilkinson, Jeju Chapter President; Erin Williams, Vice-President; Christina Geiman, Treasurer; Jessie Dishaw and Cynthia Loiselle, Publicity/Membership; Darren Foley, Webmaster.

We look forward to 2013 and are planning some major events to not only boost chapter numbers but also promote the professional development of English language teachers here on Jeju Island. Keep an eye on news and events on the KOTESOL website. Hei te wa.

## **Jeonju-North Jeolla Chapter**

*By Ingrid Zwaal & Steven Lindbergh*

On Saturday, November 17, Jeonju-North Jeolla KOTESOL had its 17th Annual Drama Festival at Jeonju University. Shawn Delong did an outstanding job organizing and running the festival. We had seven teams involved, from elementary school to university students. Three were from a new local institute, Duet English. Others included Jeonju University, Jeonju Geunyoung Girls High School, Korea

Conference Co-chairs, B. T. Stoakley and Aaron Dougan, are heading up a conference committee made up of KOTESOL members both from within and outside the Chapter to bring in extra experience and manpower. The Conference theme is “Developing Professionally: Plug-and-Play SLA Pedagogy.” To speak on the theme, the plenary speaker will be Dr. Keith Folse of the University of Central Florida. He will also head the post-conference workshop on the following day. For more details on the National Conference, visit <http://www.koreatesol.org/NC2013>

### Gangwon Chapter

*By Andrew Pollard*

Gangwon Chapter’s final meeting of 2012 was held on December 1 at Gangneung-Wonju National University in Gangneung. The two major presentations of the day looked at NEAT and the vocabulary development of students. Busan's Brad Serl gave a well-received presentation on NEAT that sparked the interests of the 22 Gangwoners in attendance. Kwandong University’s Scott Kim, who talked about adding a verbal element to vocabulary quizzes, followed Brad. The wrap-up for the day saw several brief activity ideas swapped by members who had something to share in line with the theme.

Over the snowy winter, Gangwon Chapter has been busy preparing for the year ahead, with larger events planned for Wonju and Sokcho in the coming months. Our next true event is a mini-symposium to be held in Wonju on Saturday, April 13. The day will feature a Gangwon members' raffle, as well as four presentations under the broad umbrella of "Games and Role Play." Further information will be posted on the KOTESOL Gangwon Chapter Facebook page and emailed to members as the event draws nearer.

In the meantime, we wish everyone an energetic beginning to the new teaching year and would also like to ask those interested in presenting at a Gangwon Chapter meeting in the future to please submit proposals for consideration to [presidentgangwonchapter@gmail.com](mailto:presidentgangwonchapter@gmail.com)

### Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter

*By David E. Shaffer*

While it is customary for some chapters to be much less active during the winter vacation months, Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter was anything but dormant. Rather than hibernate, Chapter members made the winter months of January and February among the most active in terms of monthly meeting turnout.

#### December Chapter Meeting

The last Chapter meeting of the year featured Henry Gerlits of Gwangju University presenting “Good Teachers and Bad Coursebooks: Adapting Materials to Fit Your Class” and Warren Merkel of Chonnam



Henry Gerlits presenting on adapting coursebook materials at the December Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter meeting.

National University with “Implementing Writing Activities into the English Classroom in Korea.” Although the meeting coincided with the end-of-semester rush, nearly forty

attendees turned out for the two well-delivered presentations.

On the same evening was the Chapter's Year-End Dinner. Again approximately forty members and guests gathered at the Gwangju International Center for an evening of roasted turkey and Filipino cuisine. The evening included the reading of poetry composed by Chapter members with one penned by Doug Stuber especially for the occasion. This was followed by testimonials by a number of the members and an open mike for everyone. It was a great conclusion for a very good year for Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter

### January Chapter Meeting

The Chapter began 2013 with our first-ever January meeting, on the 19th. Though lower than normal attendance was anticipated, it topped that of our previous meeting. School vacation time does not seem to cause a dip in attendance if there is a good program on offer. And there was – scrumptious presentations on activities for Monday morning classroom use. Julien McNulty of



Julien McNulty presenting on save-the-day activities at the January Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter meeting.

Chosun University pleased with “Drawing Blanks I: Five Activities for When You Have Nothing or Technology Fails,” and Nico Lorenzutti of Chonnam National University delighted with “That’s NEAT... Five Easy Activities for M2 NEAT Speaking Preparation.”

### February Chapter Meeting

On February 16, we were pleasantly surprised to have one of our highest turnouts for a Chapter meeting, even though it was the middle of winter and of vacation time. We credit this to two more great presentations. Jacob Boers (EPIK, TaeBong Elementary School) amazed the group with “Fun and Games: Planning for Young Learners Lessons,” and Catherine Peck and Scott Findlay of Chonnam National University treated the group to “Error Correction Strategies, Techniques, and Activities for the EFL Classroom.” Also unexpected during the winter months, was a slow but steady rise in Chapter membership.

### March Chapter Conference

The Chapter has high expectations for the March 9 Chapter Conference. Based on past attendance, we are preparing for over 150 EFL educators to gather at Chosun University. This year, the Chapter is cooperating with KOTESOL's Reflective Practice Special Interest Group (RP-SIG) to emphasize the importance of reflection in professional development. Hence, the conference theme is “Reflecting on Practice; Projecting on the Future.” The Conference will feature a plenary session, *Becoming a Better Teacher Through Reflective Practice*, presented by Michael Griffin, a co-facilitator of the KOTESOL Reflective Practice SIG. One strand of the concurrent sessions will be a set of three RP presentations by RP-SIG members. Also planned is a morning pre-conference RP workshop aiming to introduce RP practices and RP-SIG activities in the hopes of establishing a KOTESOL RP-SIG group meeting regularly in the Gwangju area. There will be a total of twelve concurrent sessions by KOTESOL members from within the Chapter and around the nation.

Looking further forward, we have been able to convince Dr. Steve Garrigues of Daegu Chapter and Kyungpook National University

to again travel over the mountains in April to present his second consecutive springtime presentation for us: "Time, Place and Person: Cultural Dimensions of English Teaching and Learning in Korea." For more of our scheduled presentations, visit our Chapter calendar of events on the Chapter website.



Cathy Peck leading hands-on practice in corrective feedback techniques at the February Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter meeting.

### Incheon Chapter

The formation of the Incheon Chapter of KOTESOL was approved on January 13 at the KOTESOL Leadership Retreat. Incheon Chapter plans to meet on the 4th Saturday of the month at GyeongIn National University of Education (GINUE) located in Incheon.

The first meeting of the Chapter, an organizational meeting, will be held on March 23. It will feature a presentation by KOTESOL member Roger Fusselman on inductive grammar and eliciting. All EFL professionals in the area are invited to attend. At present, Incheon Chapter maintains a Facebook presence at "Incheon KOTESOL." For more information, contact Nathan Rice at nathanrutledge@hotmail.com

### Jeju Chapter

*By Marlene Wilkinson*

Kia Ora! The Jeju Chapter welcomes two new officeholders to the executive team, Mr. Alister Martin, Events Coordinator, and Ms. Alexis Oesterle, Membership Officer. Alister is from New Zealand and Alexis is from the USA. Alister has already organized a casual member meet up for lunch on Saturday, March 9 in Jeju City. We are looking forward to their fresh ideas, energy, and persuasive abilities to up our membership numbers and make sure we are all well fed!

On the events front, the Jeju Chapter executive has been in full swing preparing for its first event of the year on Saturday, April 6, 2013. The esteemed Ms. Sara Davila will be conducting a two-hour workshop on "Creative Thinking Techniques," and we are more than excited to learn from her vast experience and expertise, and to start the Jeju Chapter workshops off with a huge bang.

On Wednesday, February 27, I was fortunate enough to be invited by the Public Office of Education TaLK Co-ordinator to conduct a two-hour workshop on "Effective Lesson Planning." The workshop was for the sixty-four TaLK scholars on Jeju Island, some of whom have been here for awhile and some who are brand new to teaching.

It was a nerve-wracking but rewarding experience, but what better way to start the Jeju "Grow Our Own" project than leading by example. The TaLK teachers were just awesome, and after I got over my initial reaction to run screaming from the room, we just got down to it and had a bit of fun. As a result both Erin Williams (Jeju Chapter Vice-President) and myself have been invited back to do a presentation and another workshop this August. (Rock on upping those membership numbers!)

We are also looking forward to the design and development of a Jeju Chapter logo. Ms. Lizechen Probart, from South Africa, is a colleague and talented artist who is getting her creative skills on for us (which is just as

Gangwon Chapter Facebook page and the KOTESOL site as the date draws closer.

We would like mention that we have an ongoing Call for Papers in place, and ask those interested in presenting at a Gangwon Chapter meeting in the future to please submit proposals for consideration to [presidentgangwonchapter@gmail.com](mailto:presidentgangwonchapter@gmail.com).

In contrast to the above, it brings deep sadness to announce that a colleague, friend, Chapter member, and former KOTESOL Publications Chair – Jong-Hee Lee – passed away in late April. Professor Lee will be greatly missed by his peers, colleagues, and students at Kangwon National University. His ever-cheerful demeanor coupled with his passion for linguistics and expanding the frontier of his knowledge will remain in our memories and imprinted on our lives. (For more information, see his obituary in Members in the News section.)

## Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter

*By David E. Shaffer*

Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter has had a great spring with great events for professional development and networking, and with large numbers of teachers participate in our Chapter meetings and other events.

### March Chapter Conference

The 2013 Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter Conference was held on March 9 in the Main Building at Chosun University. The Chapter coordinated with KOTESOL's Reflective Practice Special Interest Group (RP-SIG) to emphasize the importance of reflection in professional development. Hence, the conference theme is "Reflecting on Practice; Projecting on the Future." Attendance for the day was over 150 and the weather was the finest that all of March had to offer.

The Conference featured a plenary session, "Becoming a Better Teacher Through Reflective Practice," presented by Michael Griffin, a co-facilitator of the KOTESOL

Reflective Practice SIG. One strand of concurrent sessions was a set of three RP presentations by RP-SIG members. Also on offer was a morning pre-conference RP workshop, lead by Suzanne Bardasz, aiming to introduce RP practices and RP-SIG activities to area KOTESOL members in order to establish a KOTESOL RP-SIG group meeting regularly in the Gwangju area. The Conference offered a total of twelve concurrent sessions and four pecha kucha sessions by KOTESOL members from within the Chapter and around the nation. The event ended with a book and pizza draw following the pecha kuchas, and with a post-conference dinner downtown following the on-campus prize draw.

### Gwangju Reflective Practice SIG

The Gwangju-Jeonnam area received an initial introduction to Reflective Practice at the March conference, the Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter of KOTESOL is proud to announce it has started an RP-SIG group of its own. The first meeting was held in Gwangju on Saturday morning, April 13, at a coffee shop near Chosun University, conveniently located for attending the afternoon Chapter meeting. Gwangju RP-SIG co-facilitators are Jocelyn Wright and Maria Lisak. Additional meetings with active discussions have been held on the second Saturdays of May and June, and will continue in September after a summer break. For information, please refer the [Gwangju-Jeonnam RP-SIG's events page](#).

### April Chapter Meeting

The Chapter was once again able to entice Dr. Steve Garrigues of Daegu Chapter and Kyungpook National University to make the trek across the mountains to our environs in April to present his second consecutive springtime presentation for us: "Time, Place and Person: Cultural Dimensions of English Teaching and Learning in Korea." The presentation demonstrated how language is bound up with culture and how culture impacts our speech. Our second outstanding

presentation of the day was “Encouraging Longer Responses from Students in Teacher-Student Interaction Classroom” by Ross Chambers (Gwangju National University of Education).

### Spring Outreach to Mokpo

Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter renewed its spring trek to Mokpo National University on May 11 for its Mokpo Area Outreach Workshop. The afternoon started off with our main presentation, “A Look at Communicative Language Teaching and How It Might Apply to Your Classroom,” by Stafford Lumsden (Seoul Chapter President).

This was followed by two sets of concurrent presentations by four Chapter members: “Poetry Activities for All Ages” by Jocelyn Wright (Mokpo Natl. University), “Teaching with Music and Song” by Nico Lorenzutti (Chonnam Natl. Univ. of Ed.), “It’s All in the Technique: Giving Instructions in the EFL Classroom” by Catherine Peck (Chonnam Natl. University), and “Online Tools for Preparing Activities” by Lindsay Herron (Gwangju Natl. Univ. of Ed.).



*Lindsay Herron presented a very useful array of online tools for preparing classroom activities*

Many thanks go to Jocelyn Wright for her efforts as venue coordinator. For our regular Chapter meeting the following Saturday (May 18) in Gwangju, we had encore presentations from the Mokpo Outreach by Cathy Peck and Lindsay Herron.

### GJ Chapter Participation in NatCon

The Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter was well represented at the KOTESOL National Conference, held at KNUE on May 25. Nico Lorenzutti presented “Teaching Communicatively Towards the NEAT and Other Productive Speaking Tests”; Ross Chambers presented “Making Our Classes More Communicative Through Effective Teacher Talk”; and Dr. David Shaffer gave two presentations: “The Changing Face of English in Korea” and “Developing Professionally: Reflecting on Our Practices.” David was also a member of the National Conference Committee. Other Chapter members making the conference trip up to Cheongju were Cathy Peck, Scott Findlay, Seneca Ryan, Jasmin Silver, and Lindsay Herron.

### From June to July Meetings

Our June 8 Chapter meeting featured a first-time presentation by Eul Soon Lee (Dong-un Elementary School, Gwangju). Her amazing presentation was on “Using Storybooks to Create a English-Friendly EFL Environment.” On a related topic for higher-level learners, Henry Gerlits (Jeonnam Educational Training Institute) presented on “Injecting Interest into Intensive Reading Activities.” On deck for our first of our two summer meetings (July 13): “More is Less: The Use of Brevity in L2 Writing” by Warren Merkel, III (Chonnam Natl. University, Gwangju) and “Young Learner Activities That’ll Knock Their Socks Off” by Jacob Boer (Gwangju EPIK, Elementary Ed. Program).

For more on our scheduled presentations, visit the Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter [Calendar of Events](#) on the KOTESOL website and keep up to date by regularly visiting our Chapter’s Facebook page ([Gwangju-Jeonnam KOTESOL](#)). You can also find us on Twitter ([@GwangjuKOTESOL](#)). For our Reflective Practice SIG meetings, visit the [Gwangju RP-SIG’s Facebook page](#).



*Eul Soon Lee's presentation on the use of storybooks in the classroom was stellar.*

## Jeju Chapter

*By Alexis Oesterle*

Big changes are happening within the Jeju Chapter of KOTESOL this year! Not only is the Jeju Chapter aiming to boost their membership numbers, but they are also trying to develop a “Grow Our Own” project where members will have the opportunity to give presentations on any aspect of teaching for their own professional development. This year, the Jeju Chapter will hold four professional development workshops with qualified and experienced presenters from KOTESOL, and also plans to have bi-monthly chapter meet-ups.

On Saturday, March 9, the Jeju Chapter had a lunch meet-up at Harry's Pub in Jeju City. The Chapter welcomed two new faces to the fold, Hanna Baek and Jessica Bennett, and bade farewell to the Publicity Co-chairs, Jessie Dishaw and Cynthia Loiselle; the publicity role has been taken on by Alexis Oesterle, Membership and Publicity Officer. While the Jeju Chapter was reluctant to say farewell to Jessie and Cynthia, accolades were given for their contributions over the past three years. Over delicious handmade burgers and fries, the members of the Chapter came up with means to boost membership and promote professional development among the teaching

community of Jeju. Some ideas presented and discussed were an amazing Jeju Chapter logo (designed by a local ESL teacher) for T-shirts, business cards, and bookmarks detailing the 2013 workshop program.

On April 6, teachers on Jeju Island looking to spice up their classroom were given the opportunity to observe some creative ideas in play at a workshop hosted by the Jeju Chapter of KOTESOL. Guest speaker, Sara Davila led a group of 37 ESL teachers in demonstrating some creative ways to allow for more communication in the classroom. Laughter was prevalent as teachers, enjoying themselves on a rainy Saturday, let loose for a while, participating in a number of activities designed to demonstrate ideas that will have students thinking “outside the box.”

Teachers interviewed before the conference had the same response when asked what inspired them to come: each was looking for new ideas to take into their classroom environments. One such teacher, Petra Eastaugh, had this to say after the conference: “I was particularly interested in Sara's take on creative thinking as a skill that can be taught, exercised, and practiced, and owned. I hadn't thought of it like that.”

The Jeju Chapter has been trying to revive itself and its numbers in recent months. This workshop was the first of four for 2013. Interested parties are urged to follow the Chapter on Facebook (“KOTESOL Jeju Chapter”) or their website ([www.kotesol.org](http://www.kotesol.org)) to find out about future activities. If you are interested in more information on the guest speaker or some of her creative ideas, please visit her webpages at [www.saradavila.com](http://www.saradavila.com)

Some members of the KOTESOL National Council also made a guest appearance at the workshop! Peadar Callaghan (1st Vice-President), Jamie Carson (2nd Vice-President), Patricia Marion (Publicity Chair), and Stafford Lumsden (Seoul Chapter President) all flew down to the honeymoon