

FAN / *liaisons*

In this season for nominating and setting 2009-10 volunteer positions, the Family Awareness Network of New Trier Township (FAN) gratefully affirms our **valuable liaison relationships**. Nearly all of the public, private and parochial school within the Township send a liaison to FAN's board, and their contributions and efforts are at the very heart of FAN's mission and success.

FAN is a unique, well-established Township-wide 501(c)(3) parent programming organization, known for our high-quality events, and our 08-09 offerings were exceptionally well-attended (please refer to the enclosed Summary for details). We addressed topics important to all parents, K-12, featuring renowned speakers, and in the process we sought out collaborations with many schools and parent organizations.

A FAN liaison has several roles:

- She informs FAN of the needs and interests of her school's/organization's parents.
- She represents FAN to your school/organization, and is a conduit between the two, including information regarding contributions (financial and collaborative) that support FAN.
- She actively promotes FAN's programs within her home school/organization, and facilitates FAN's relationship with administrators. She is guided in her work by FAN's Liaison Chair, a board member who coordinates the activities of all of the liaisons.
- Benefiting from FAN's extensive programming history, she helps her home school/organization develop programs and parent networks.
- She attends monthly FAN board meetings (1 hour duration) and the four major FAN programs. Her presence at the board meetings is the best way to maintain effective outreach and information flow. We also encourage her presence on FAN internal committees as her time and interests permit.

FAN's 09-10 plans begin with an October program with the legendary Howard Gardner, Ph.D., of Harvard University. Your 09-10 liaison will find FAN at the center of action in the Township, and will be working with some of the most engaged organizations, educators, and parents to be found. It's a great time to come aboard, and become part of a dynamic organization doing essential work. And PS: We always welcome go-getters to join our board, and can accommodate a wide variety of interests and skill levels.

Please fill out the enclosed FAN Reply Form with the required information pertaining to your slated 2009-10 liaison by May 1, 2009. FAN's Liaison Chair for 2009-10 is Ms. Gail Nusekabel of Romona Elementary in Wilmette (847-853-8292; grw3grls@yahoo.com); please feel free to contact her with any questions.

We look forward to welcoming your liaison to FAN!

Susan Rooney, 2009-10 Co-Chair

Lonnie Stonitsch, 2009-10 Co-Chair; 2009-10 Programming Chair