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## Pupil Transportation Association of PA

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# *2010 Annual Conference*

June 23-25, 2010

Ramada Inn State College  
State College, Pennsylvania



## Wednesday, June 23, 2010

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.—Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.—Welcome and Introductions

9:10 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.—**Keynote Speaker – Denny Barger**  
Remember the heartfelt delivery on the Starfish two years ago?  
Back by popular demand and members' requests, Denny Barger  
will return to talk about so many issues facing children and adults  
today.

10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.—Break

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.—Q and A with Board of Directors  
Information helpful to you, and questions you were afraid to ask –  
– Charter Schools, Alternative Fuels, New Technology

12:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.—Lunch

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.—Mock School Bus Crash  
Everyone's Fear "School Bus Crash" Overview of Berks County  
IU's 2009 Mock School Bus Crash.

2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.—Break

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.—Q and A  
How to plan for your own mock emergency.

3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.—Announcements

3:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.—Board of Directors Meeting  
6:45 p.m.—Bus departs for night at the lanes  
11:00 p.m.—Bus returns to the Ramada

## Thursday, June 24, 2010

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.—Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. – 9:05 a.m.—Welcome and Conference Updates

- Encourage school bus safety.
- Technically correct.

Please notify all fifth grade teachers in your district of this award and submit entries!

## Student Transportation Service Award

Criteria for award:

- Years of Service – Drivers must have a minimum of five (5) consecutive years driving a school bus with No preventable or chargeable accidents (accident could have been prevented by reasonable action by the driver) on their record.
- Years of Service – Aides/Monitors must have a minimum of five (5) consecutive years of service as an aide/monitor.
- Individual must be nominated by their direct supervisor.
- Nominations may be sent by mail or email and should include a brief letter stating why the individual should be considered for the award.
- Incident or defining moment that made a difference in the life of a student.
- Conduct above reproach.

Nominate your deserving service personnel today!

The criteria above for the three awards should be followed when submitting for the 2010 Awards Program. Please submit your entries no later than May 14, 2010 for consideration for the above awards. Please help us to honor deserving personnel and leaders!

**Send to:** PTAP  
103 North Pine Street  
Middletown, PA 17057  
**Or email:** [jodisnyder@comcast.net](mailto:jodisnyder@comcast.net)  
**Or fax:** (717) 388-1350

**Awards Deadline—May 14, 2010 by 5 pm**

Thank you for your consideration,  
*Patty Motchenbaugh, Special Programs Chair*

## It's PTAP Awards Time!!

PTAP has recently revamped its awards program, allowing for a new award, and setting criteria for previous awards. Please take the time to participate this year and make sure that deserving people are recognized.

### Leadership Award:

Criteria for award:

- Active member of PTAP.
- Notable accomplishment (the accomplishment must “stand out”).
- Referral from another member of the association.
- A letter to sustain the nomination from the person's Superintendent/Executive Director/Supervisor.
- Minimum years of service in pupil transportation (at least 5 yrs).
- A review committee is set up of members of the executive board, either 3 or preferably 5 member panel (in case of a tie) with at least one Special Programs committee member on the panel to give direction to the review committee.
- The award does not have to be given each year just for the sake of giving the award.

After a couple years, at least one recipient of the award sits on the review panel.

Notice goes to the recipient's employer in the hope that a representative from the employer will attend the presentation.

Limited to School District/IU Personnel.

### Essay of the Year: Criteria:

- Open to fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) grade students.
- Not to exceed 500 words per entry.
- Entries can be handwritten (must be legible) or typed.
- Must include the theme of the National School Bus Safety Poster Competition, “Be Aware—Know the Danger Zone”

9:05 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.—Special Needs – 504's what you need to know with regards to responsibilities and requirements.

10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.—Bullying—State College Area School District

10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.—Break with Vendors

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.—PSERS – Are you planning for your retirement *what you need to know and plan for*

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.—LUNCH – Pool side with Vendors

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.—Trade-Show Time (pool area)

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.—Rules and Regulations—Open forum discussion on new changes to state regulations in within PENNDOT and the State Police that affect our industry.

3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Publication 117 – Update, what has changed, what we need to know.

4:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.—Vendor Reception

6:00 p.m.—Annual Banquet and Awards

Entertainment – DJ / Dancing

### Friday, June 25, 2010

8:00 a.m.—Breakfast

8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.—Membership Meeting, Election Results

9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.—P.D.E. Updates/Information/Questions, Kathy Tendler

Conference Adjournment

### Hotel Information

PTAP has a block of rooms reserved for conference registrants at the Ramada Inn State College, 1450 S. Atherton Street, State College. Please call (814) 238-3001 before May 22 to receive special rates reserved for PTAP.

## About the Keynote—Denny Barger

### What is Starfish and what does it do?

The Starfish Programs are for schools, parents, fathers, and workplaces. Wherever there are relationships in play, Starfish can help. Putdowns and destructive attitudes of ridicule can severely damage a person's heart, leaving a person with no real spirit to move on and be productive or feel any self-worth. The putdown issue is the first step to the stairway to tragedy in the lives of many people and the result is often an act of self-destruction or senseless violence that is preventable if dealt with in its initial stages.

Starfish aims to stop the chain of events that can lead to violence or self-destruction at its starting point, before it results in huge problems. This chain of events starts as seemingly "harmless" putdowns, insults, or threats, but often leads to things like drinking, drugs, vandalism, gangs, murder and even suicide. How much better it is to go after the root cause than have to deal with the scarred victims and aggressors. Starfish aims for the cause of problems.

### Who does Starfish work with?

There are starfish programs for Schools - for teachers, staff, and students. This workshop is designed to heighten the participants' awareness of and sensitivity to "putdowns," and eliciting reactions regarding our feelings when we give or receive these negative responses in school, at work, and at home.

### Starfish founder, DENNY BARGER

Dennis Barger provides consultant services to numerous educational and community organizations. His programs and presentations cover a range of topics such as: classroom management techniques, parenting workshops, staff/professional development, peer leadership, retraining for students/staff, grief & loss workshops, and conflict management seminars.

His experiences in the field of education are extensive. Denny worked as a sixth grade teacher for thirty-two years, and was a former Head Basketball and Football Coach at Karns City High School. He also founded the Petrolia Valley Youth Center, a drug-free, Christian center for young people located on 300 acres of ground donated by Pennzoil Corporation.

Denny has been recognized for his many accomplishments through various awards including: 1989 Butler County Teacher of the Year, 1990 Butler County Commissioner's Award for Community Service, 1991 Thanks to Teachers Finalist, 1994 Jefferson Award Semi Finalist, 1996 Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year Finalist, and 1997 Butler County Conservation District Educator of the Year.

He has presented to well over 100,000 students and 18,000 . His consultant service known as H.E.L.P (Helping Everyone Live Positively) For You, is the perfect acronym to describe the kindness shown to all by this generous and compassionate individual.

## Conference Registration—June 23-25, 2010

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname for Badge \_\_\_\_\_  
District/IU \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
FAX \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Additional Registrants \_\_\_\_\_

### Early Bird Registration—by June 1, 2010

- \$275—PTAP Member \*
- \$325—Nonmember \*
- \$250—Second Member from same agency \*
- \$300—Second Nonmember from same agency \*
- Add \$75 to become a member a obtain the member discount above
  
- The registration fees listed above are early bird discounts and only apply until June 1. After June 1, registration fees increase by \$25 for each registration. Registration includes all conference meals listed and conference materials.

Please send conference registration to:

**PTAP**  
**103 North Pine Street**  
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**If you have any questions, please call (717) 856-2266 or email [jodisnyder@comcast.net](mailto:jodisnyder@comcast.net). We look forward to seeing you!**

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