

SAN DIEGO CATESOL

CATESOL: San Diego Chapter Newsletter

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The New Kid on the Block

by Magdalena Kwiatkowski, Assistant Coordinator

CATESOL San Diego is the youngest in the family of eleven CATESOL chapters. With thousands of new immigrants each year and dozens of programs across the city's schools, colleges, and universities, San Diego has long been a major arena for ESL life. Each year, it has sponsored a CATESOL Regional Conference and entertained many workshops and presentations held by individual schools and colleges, and yet, in the words of chapter coordinator, Erika Rose, "there was not a well-connected, cohesive ESL community in San Diego before the chapter's inception." Considering that one of the main goals of CATESOL is improving articulation among programs across all levels, this was a major drawback.

On November 3rd, 2011, the first chapter meeting was held by twelve founding members at Kaplan Language School in La Jolla, which continued to be our host until we moved to a more traffic-friendly location at University of San Diego's English Language Academy in Linda Vista. Since then we have grown, expanded, and matured, and if at the age of 16 months we are still barely a toddler, we have certainly turned out to be a precocious child. We have held regular monthly meetings, during which we were able to reach ESL professionals from all types of institution: universities, community colleges, IEPs belonging to universities and smaller private language schools, adult education, K-12, and M.A. TESOL programs. We have had three terrific winter and summer social events, which allowed members to connect and network in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere. We have organized two very successful workshops on teaching Middle-Eastern students, a topic still galvanizing ESL instruction in the area, and are just weeks away from the third, which this spring will be devoted to teaching language skills.

All of this would not have been possible without the efforts of many generous and committed individuals. Chapter coordinator Erika, former CATESOL coordinator for the Capital area, brought with her not only organizational skills, but most importantly the passion for teaching and enthusiasm for the new organization. Gretchen Bitterlin has given us guidance and support and gratefully opened the doors to her home to host our holiday socials. Maria Allan, Stephanie Thomas, Rheba Smith, Elizabeth Scofield, Doug Baltazar, Daniel Heckmyer, Haytham Boles, Scott Ferry and others have committed many hours of their time to the numerous duties that made all the events possible.

We need your help, too. Take advantage of the network of social and professional contacts we have created. Share teaching insights and experience. Build up leadership skills. Come and join us at our next chapter meeting on **Friday, April 5th, at 5 p.m.** at the USD English Language Academy at **5394 Linda Vista Road.**



*This picture
was taken
at our very
first meeting
on November
3rd, 2011,
at Kaplan
Language School
in La Jolla.*



It is not necessary to be a CATESOL member to attend the chapter meetings.

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The CATESOL San Diego Chapter is a wonderful professional organization to be a part of! As one of the founding members of this organization, I have been able to watch how an organization is formed and grows. Being part of this process has helped me to grow in my professional career and hone my skills in a variety of areas. While volunteering at the many events our group has organized, I have been able to meet many other people within the ESL profession. In the trainings themselves, I have gained valuable insight into how many of my students learn in their own countries and why they continue to make the same mistakes. Through my participation in this group I have been able to attend many free workshops which have helped me as a teacher.

I have continued to be excited to be part of this wonderful professional organization and I encourage all ESL teachers in the San Diego area to get involved as well. It is a place to network, get ideas for your organization, and to learn techniques that will make your class more fun and your teaching more effective.

By Daniel Heckmyer
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Helpful Websites

For Students:

Websites with a focus on language skills practice (free resources, supported by advertisements)

<http://www.dailyesl.com>
<http://www.manythings.org>
<http://www.esl-lab.com>
<http://www.englishmedialab.com>
<http://www.eslfast.com>
<http://www.fiestaesl.com>
<http://www.really-learn-english.com>
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish>
<http://www.podcastsinenglish.com>

For Teachers:

<http://www.azargrammar.com>
<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com>
<http://americanfolklore.net/folklore/esl-reading>
<http://teflgeek.net>

THE CATESOL SAN DIEGO CHAPTER PRESENTS

SPRING WORKSHOP

INNOVATION AND INSPIRATION

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

DIANE LARSEN-FREEMAN

GRAMMAR AND GRAMMARING –

RESEARCH-INFORMED TEACHING PRACTICE WITH HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES

(SPONSORED BY SAN DIEGO CONTINUING EDUCATION)

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

READING: FUN EXTENSIVE READING CIRCLES / FINDING THE LEVEL OF READING TEXTS, PRESENTED BY MARIA ALLAN AND DANIEL HECKMYR

LISTENING AND SPEAKING: TEACHING LISTENING AND SPEAKING THROUGH MEANINGFUL INTERVIEW PROJECTS, PRESENTED BY PAT BENNETT

WRITING: JING THERAPY – SAVE TIME USING JING TO EDIT, GIVE FEEDBACK, AND GRADE ESSAYS, PRESENTED BY LETY BANKS

CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES: IMPROVISE AND ENERGIZE – FUN ACTIVITIES TO ACTIVATE YOUR CLASSROOM, PRESENTED BY RHEBA SMITH

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2013

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM BREAKFAST / PUBLISHERS' FORUM

9:00 AM – 9:50 AM CONCURRENT SESSIONS

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM KEYNOTE WORKSHOP

12:30 – 1:30 PUBLISHERS' FORUM

To register online, go to <http://catesol.org/merchant/SD%20Chapter%20Online%20Reg.htm>

For more information, go to the CATESOL San Diego Chapter page at <http://catesolsandiego.weebly.com>, or e-mail Chapter Coordinator Erika Rose at catesolerika@att.net

Bring your used whiteboard markers to the workshop to be recycled.
There will be a box labeled Marker Recycling at the check-in.

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