

## President's Address

Greetings!

As we take time to reflect on the year, it is important to think about how far we have come and to think about the things that we want to try again next year. One of the good things about teaching is that we get a fresh start each year and we get "a second chance". If my district is like yours, we are seeing more and more children who need intervention, more children with severe disabilities and more accountability for all teachers. As educators, we are all learning to use data to support our thoughts about children.

As president of ATOMIC, I would like to review some of the data for you. In May 2009, we had 441 members and in May 2010, we have 572 members which is an increase of 131 members. As part of our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, we brought 3 programs to our members. In an attempt to reach a variety of audiences, we planned activities in various locations to attract a wide range of people. Our members listened to Professor Hammond from Connecticut College who spoke to teachers, parents and students at The Williams School. It was very well-received and everybody learned about the connection between Dante and Mathematics. In May, we visited The Moylan School in Hartford to play multicultural math games with students and parents. This event was well-attended and we hope they use the packet of activities at home as they clearly had fun at the event. Lastly, our members attended a workshop at The Smart Living Center in Orange. Attendees learned about mathematics in the environment and enjoyed exploring the activities at The Smart Living Center. There is so much available to educators – please take time to check it out so you can see if your school can take advantage of the opportunities.

Next year promises to be a year of growth and discussion. We will be co-sponsoring a workshop on Mathematics as it relates to SRBI on September 28<sup>th</sup>. Please save the date as we know this is a hot topic in all districts. To follow the presentation, we plan to hold some dinner meetings where you will have the opportunity to discuss math interventions with practitioners and colleagues. We appreciate your continued support and encourage you to renew your membership for 2010-11.

Sincerely,

*Kathryn Hart*

*ATOMIC President*

### **Note from the ATOMIC Newsletter Editor:**

As we begin to see the light at the end of the tunnel and anxiously await the beginning of summer vacation, please keep in mind that the ATOMIC newsletter so desperately needs your input. Throughout your travels this summer, keep your eyes out for interesting activities that fellow teachers might like to try in their classrooms. I would like to encourage all of our readers to send in lesson plans, creative activities, quotes, tips, articles, etc. that might be of interest to others in the ATOMIC membership. . If you find math – related picture books that you would like to share with the membership, please send in a review! Submissions could be as simple as a sentence or two or as long as a page or two!

If you would like to submit an article for publication keep in mind that deadlines are the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of September, January and April. Due credit will be given. Please help to make the ATOMIC newsletter a great read for all. **Have a wonderful summer! Have fun, stay safe. See you in the fall!** *Nancy Iannuzzi, Newsletter Editor* [Nancy.Iannuzzi@ct.gov](mailto:Nancy.Iannuzzi@ct.gov)  
P.S. A very special thank you to all of those members who have contributed to the ATOMIC newsletter. Your support is greatly appreciated.