

Daejeon-Chungnam



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President's Monthly Message

I would like to welcome everyone back to Korea and from vacation. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Kang, Kyung-Nim (Erica) to the Executive Committee as an At-Large Member. If there is anyone who is interested in filling the positions of webmaster (we will train); newsletter editor; or At Large Member please contact me or any other member of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee has approved the following changes:

1. We have changed our meeting places for both Daejeon and Cheonan. This was done mainly to make it easier for more people to attend the meetings and to find a more central location at both venues.

In Daejeon we will be meeting at the Time Sisa Eohogwan near the Galleria Time World. I will attach directions for everyone to find the new location with this newsletter. The new facility is near all types of shopping, restaurants, there is free parking, and the facility is centrally located to most of Daejeon.

2. Now in Cheonan we are moving back to Korea Nazarene University. This is close to the bus station and the train stations. There is also free parking on campus. This location we hope will encourage more people to attend the monthly meetings due to its centralized location.
3. We have also changed the meeting date to the third Saturday of the month to make it easier and more

School teachers to attend the meetings after they finish their classes on Saturday.

The change of Saturdays will take place beginning in April, 2008. The next meeting will be on Saturday March 22, 2008 at Korea Nazarene University located in Cheonan.

These changes have taken months of discussion and a lot of work by the many people of the Executive who worked out the details. I hope everyone will understand the need for the changes and bear with us the first few months as we work out the bugs. Our next meeting is March 15th at Korea Nazarene University in Cheonan. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Bob Capriles,
President Daejeon-Chungnam Chapter

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

It has come to our attention that there are members who are not attending meetings because they have small children and no one to watch them. I am therefore asking any member that would like to volunteer one or two hours during the meetings to watch a few young children to contact me as soon as possible. If anyone knows any teenager or university student interested in watching these children I would also appreciate hearing from you. My number is 010-9959-6468 and I can be reached any weeknight after 6:00 P.M. or on the weekends.

March 22nd 3pm-6pm Cheonan City

@ Korea Nazarene University*.

(*5 mins from Cheonan-Asan KTX station, 7 mins from regular Cheonan Station)

The meeting will be in the main administration Bldg. on the 5th floor rooms 521, 522 & 523.

3pm Opening Session Scott Miles (all levels)

4pm Concurrent session Bruce Wakefield (kindergarten, elementary, middle school)

4pm Concurrent session Scott Miles (university/adult)

5pm Forum on Extensive Reading in EFL (all levels)

6pm Optional Social Dinner

Presentation Abstract/Biography Information:

3pm Extensive Reading in Korean EFL Learning and Teaching.

Scott Miles - Sogang University.

Abstract:

Extensive reading practices have grown in popularity in recent years following decades of research detailing their powerful effects on language acquisition, particularly in an EFL environment such as Korea. This presentation will introduce the practice of extensive reading and give a brief overview of how extensive reading develops reading and general language skills, including recent studies on the effect of extensive reading on TOEIC scores.

Presenter Biography:

Scott Miles is a visiting professor in the General English Education Department and Graduate Department of English Education in Sogang University in Seoul, Korea. Scott has an MA in TESOL and is currently working on a doctorate degree in Applied Linguistics in language acquisition. His research interests include extensive reading, grammar and vocabulary acquisition. He

also has many years experience as a teacher in a wide variety of levels and situations.

4pm Teaching Routines for Young Learners in the EFL Classroom"

Bruce Wakefield - Gyeonggi University.

Abstract:

This workshop will aim to assist teachers to facilitate the learning of English by Kindergarten, Elementary, and Middle School level learners. However some of these ideas could be adapted for use by teachers at the High School, College/University and Mature Student level. In the workshop I will explore issues related to setting up effective learning routines in the EFL classroom. In turn I will look at topics such as control, building up confidence in using English, and working towards tangible learning outcomes. We will also look at the question of tracking student progress.

This workshop in particular will set out to challenge some notions of classroom practice that Bruce feels need to be debated in South Korea.

Presenter Biography:

Bruce Wakefield is a New Zealander. He has taught English in South Korea since June, 2000.

During this time he has taught students at all levels, from Kindergarten age up to Mature Adult.

From 2001 to 2003 he taught at Soonchunhyang University. During 2004 he taught at ECC School, Gangneung. From 2005 to 2006 he taught in the New Zealand Centre for Culture and Education (NZC) English School in Gangnam, Seoul.

Currently he is teaching in the College English program on the Suwon Campus of Kyonggi University. Prior to arriving in New Zealand he had spent nearly 30 years teaching in the New Zealand Primary School system. Bruce holds a Master of Education degree from Auckland University, New Zealand. He is also an Associate of the New Zealand Educational Institute (ANZEI), the New Zealand primary school teacher's organization.

4pm Extensive Reading for University and Adult Learners:

How to Supplement General Language Courses.

Scott Miles - Sogang University.

Abstract:

This follow-up presentation to the opening session is focused on older learner's and will discuss the practical aspects of implementing extensive reading in the university classroom, primarily as a supplement to existing language courses. In this workshop, the presenter will introduce several ways to incorporate principles of extensive reading as a supplement to reading and general language courses.

1. Ways to give students access to graded readers or other self-selected reading materials
2. Common speaking and writing activities that can be based on students self-selected reading
3. Ways to check and evaluate students' self-selected reading
3. Combining extensive reading and intensive reading practices

5pm Extensive Reading in EFL Forum

Convened by Aaron Jolly this session will give attendees the chance to quiz the featured speakers about their experiences of teaching reading in relation to extensive reading practice in the classroom.

The convener will also demonstrate some of the methodology applied at the Hanseo University Institute for the Development of Talented and Gifted Education in Seosan, Chungnam. The research institute's program is based around a 10 000 book English library. Students progress from phonics, song and story based Kindergarten and 1st grade program into reading comprehension and finally (often quite quickly depending on the student's and parents resolve) into extensive reading. Some of the results show that extensive reading could well work from the Youngest Learners in Korea up... if applied with sound principles, and good books!

Biography:

Aaron Jolly has become a self-confessed missionary for Extensive Reading in Korean

EFL. Between all the E.R. prayer and sermons he is instructor, and curriculum developer, in the General Studies Department of Hanseo University, where he is the lead instructor at the university's Institute for the Development of Talented and Gifted Education in Seosan. He also serves as the Representative of Foreign Faculty to the Academic Affairs Department.

Presently he is the National Nominations and Elections Officer of Korea TESOL, and from 2004-6 was President of Korea- TESOL in Daejeon Chungnam. Back in the day he was a semi-pro footballer in Western Australia, and is currently the Assistant Manager of Anyang FC.

How to get to Korea Nazarene University (KNU).

From Bus Terminal, get a bus no. 12(bound to KNU). KNU is the last stop.

From KTX, there is no local bus service from KTX. Take a taxi. It will cost about 5,000 won.

From the train or subway station take any bus with a 900 number it should come right by KNU. Be sure to ask the driver to let you off at Korea Nazarene University.

Those of you traveling by car turn left upon leaving the toll gate at the Cheonan exit turn left at the first major intersection. Continue going south on highway 1 and route 21 towards Asan/Onyang. Continue south on this road until 21 turns to the right heading west (NamBu DaeRo), do not go under the overpass, but take a right onto NamBuDaeRo. Follow the signs to Korea Nazarene University. After going over a viaduct and driving several kilometers you will see a series of tall apartments on your right and a HomeEver dept. store on your right, turn right at this T-intersection. Go to the very next intersection and turn left, go just a short way to the next light and turn right. Follow this road until you come to a T, turn left and KNU will be on your right about two blocks down. Once you turn into the main gate the Nazarene Building will be on your immediate right (see map below).