Messages Received by Project Chair and Co-Chair (J. Grala/ B. Ahart) for The PACS Community Heritage Project Student Team National Historic Registry, NPS / USGS Update Project 2014

"Stewardship, once comprehended, is a Universal study and way of living from the individual to the family unit, village, town, state, nation, world & universe, in terms of social interrelationships, scientific, environmental, political, and virtually all other venues of expression. Hence the historian especially, or any individual generally, should from the earliest age be exposed to and indoctrinated in the role and value of loving Stewardship in their daily life."

--Gary Heinmiller, Grand Historian Area 11, representing William J. Thomas, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of the State of New York--

"Always strive to do the best you can and as members of a team remember you can achieve more when you work together."
--Christopher Reis, District Deputy Grand Master, Oswego District, representing William J. Thomas, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of the State of New York--

"I believe that it is hugely important to motivate people with the potential of the future"

--Christine Perey, worlds foremost researcher: augmented reality, precision geospatial, smart cities of the future, representing the IEEE from her home base in Geneva, Switzerland--

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"Dear John, This morning, I issued a Secretarial Order that formalizes the goals of an exciting and ambitious youth initiative to inspire millions of young people to play, learn, serve and work in the outdoors. If Americans are going to continue to lead healthy lifestyles, and have healthy lands and a healthy economy, one of the steps we must take is to bridge the growing divide between young people and nature. Through today's action, we are establishing specific goals that the Interior Department, as manager of America's national parks, refuges and other public lands, will meet by working hand in hand with businesses, conservation organizations, tribes, youth corps and partners like you. One of the best investments we can make in the future of our country is in our young people, and I look forward to working with you on this effort."

-- Sally Jewell, United States Secretary of the Interior--

"I share the Third Metric: well-being, wisdom, wonder, empathy and our ability to give back, from my own mentor and source of endless inspration Arianna Huffington. While your Chair would certainly have you manning the next Space-X launch, after proudly curating much of your e-Learning content and plotting your geospatial data - it is the spark we see in your eyes and the amazement we see from your community that reminds me of the iconic image of Samuel "Sammy" Herman Reshevsky (born Szmul Rzeszewski; November 26, 1911 – April 4, 1992) at age 8 beating chess Grandmasters in 1920. Embrace your community and lead into the future. I am very proud to be your mentor and friend."

--Barbara J. Ahart, PACS-CHP Technology Sponsor / Co-Chair, QC Communications/DigitalDeli.org--

"OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) Educational Indicators published at the beginning of 2014 tell us: educational attainment in the United States has risen far more slowly than in much of the industrialized world over the last three decades. Younger Americans, between 16 and 24 rank near the bottom among rich countries, well behind their counterparts in Canada, Australia, Japan and Scandinavia and close to those in Italy and Spain. In contrast, Americans between the ages of 55 and 65 have literacy, numeracy and technology skills that are above average relative to 55- to 65-year-olds in the rest of the industrialized world. In eleven short months, the PACS-CHP Student Team has proven they are capable of learning at accelerated rates when they have the right tools and support of their community through public/private partner-ships. They have harvested many gems and garnered the attention from people across the globe. I have no doubt these students will stagger our imagination as they carefully craft the future before us in new and innovative ways that we could only dream of. So Students, prepare yourselves for a great journey of Exploration, Discovery and Leadership!"

--John R. Grala, PACS-CHP Technology Sponsor / Chair, QC Communications/DigitalDeli.org--