

The Twenty-Third Seminar-Treat for the Head of the School



April 8, 9, 10, 2009 • ACE Center • 800 Ridge Pike • Lafayette Hill, PA 19444

Seminar Leaders



Sarah Lawrence Lightfoot

Sarah Lawrence Lightfoot has written eight books, including *The Good High School* (1983), *Balm in Gilead: Journey of a Healer* (1988), and *The Essential Conversation: What Parents and Teachers Can Learn From Each Other* (2003). She joined the Harvard University faculty in 1972 as professor of education.



Richard Hawley

Richard Hawley has written more than a dozen works of fiction, non-fiction, and poetry, including *The Headmaster's Papers*, *The Headmaster's Wife*, *Papers from the Headmaster*, and *Boys Will Be Men*.

April is a busy time for school heads—too many meetings, too many deadlines, too much worry. **Instead of that**, this seminar offers:

✓Time alone and with 15 or so other people who share the unique experience of heading a school—time for reflection, sorting out, savoring, designing, enjoying, renewing, replenishing, even for celebrating one's talent and mission.

✓A chance to engage in conversation with two authors, one a former independent school headmaster, one a Harvard University researcher/professor/artist: Richard Hawley, author of *The Headmaster's Papers*, *Papers from the Headmaster*, *Boys Will Be Men*, and *The Headmaster's Wife*, and Sara Lawrence-Lightfoot, author of *The Good High School*, *Balm in Gilead: Journey of a Healer*, *I've Known Rivers: Lives of Loss and Liberation*, *Respect and The Essential Conversation: What Parents and Teachers Can Learn from Each Other*.

✓Other sessions will be just the participants together, with David Mallery as instigator-president, exploring issues and experiences that seem interesting, urgent, and alive for them, and celebrating their own vision, hopes, stories, and journeys.

✓A setting—ACE Center, 800 Ridge Pike, Lafayette Hill, PA 19444—that is comfortable, even a bit elegant; beautiful grounds abundantly celebrating springtime; surroundings for walks, runs, tennis and indoor pool, gym, exercise room.

A Special Note from David Mallery



As we move toward the 23rd Seminar-Treat, and as I look down the list of nearly 400 heads who have taken part, I feel deep respect and admiration for those who have gathered in this seminar and made something fine for themselves and each other.

We urge past participants to portray the Seminar-Treat to colleagues and friends and let me know about them so I can get in touch with them directly. This process has brought together an extraordinary range of people from schools around the world. *We hope that heads who like the sound of this will call me. They will get a warm welcome. (215-242-0731)*

We do not hurry to explain that the gathering is serious. "Treat" has many meanings, and we hope participants will find their own as they make their experience alone and together.

I know about April and school heads. I know they worry about faculty development money and may hesitate to ask their boards for a grant for themselves. (*Don't hesitate!*) I know that heads are often over-meetinged, over-seminared, overwhelmed with nuts-and-bolts lectures and visionary big picture exhortations. Instead of all that, this Seminar-Treat offers refreshment and enjoyment, a sorting-out and savoring time

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