



LDA of Michigan is submitting Kathleen Kosobud as one of our very dedicated volunteers. Kathleen started working at the Washtenaw County Chapter level and when she became chapter president she was then a state board member as well. Kathleen continues to work with the chapter but always works tirelessly at the state level as well. She has served as secretary, president-elect (which means conference chair) and then president. She has been our delegate to SEAC (Special Education Advisory Committee) for the past 6 years and has been very involved in working to make the State Board of Education be aware of students with learning disabilities and their needs.

Kathleen has been instrumental in developing our technology and upgrading it whenever she can. We have our information on <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=175934873651> (LDA of Michigan on Facebook)

<http://apps.facebook.com/causes/357275> (our fundraising site on Facebook)

<http://ldaofmichigan.wikispaces.com> (a "wiki" where we post presentations from our conference)

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ldaofmichigan> (a listserve where you and I share information/newsletters with the general public)

<http://ldamiexchange.blogspot.com> (a blog, currently not active, which I started before the YahooGroup; audio podcast-enabled by Odiogo.com)

<http://ldaofmichiganall.wiggio.com> (an invitation-only group communications tool--basically a virtual office with capacity for web conferencing; private space for board and PAB communications and events)

She keeps us abreast of the things that are happening regarding laws, policies, etc. that effect persons with LD and sends web information that can be used to respond to our I&Rs.

Kathleen has been diagnosed with her own learning disability and has two adult children with learning disabilities. She taught special education for 32 years and holds National Board Certification as an Early Adolescent/Generalist. She worked as a teacher-in-residence for the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards where I developed my interest in education policy and teacher quality. I worked as a liaison to assessment development for Exceptional Needs Specialists, World Languages, Literacy-Reading/Language Arts, Library-Media, and several other redevelopment areas.

She is the proud grandmother of 2 delightful grandchildren with another one on the way.