



Ed Scheiblich, a retired professor of mathematics from Elgin, SC.

News from the DAN!

by Kathy Buek, Legislative Action Coordinator

What is the DAN?

Have you ever wondered what kind of people join the District Activist Network and what they do and why? I often receive telephone calls and e-mails from Population Connection members who are in the DAN—but they aren't sure what it involves. So, I went straight to the source and asked a few of our members to tell me about their DAN experiences!



Chris Greene-Hutchins, a secretary in Ann Arbor, MI.

Ed Scheiblich: "I found Population Connection (then ZPG) about three years ago and was immediately hooked on their message. The organization has taught me a lot about population issues and how to channel my efforts. I write several letters a month to my legislators—sometimes to thank someone for speaking out against sprawl and sometimes to ask for legislative support. I enjoy hearing from Kathy, the Legislative Coordinator; she quickly answers any questions I have and she always thanks me for my comments and letters."

Capitol Hill to visit with my representative and senators. I plan to keep up my donations of not only money, but also my time as my schedule allows. I always feel like I should give more of each, but I also believe what I do give helps others to better understand population issues."



Bob Pettapiece, a professor at Wayne State University in Detroit, MI.

Chris Greene: "I became interested in population issues in college, when I took a course called "Earth Resources and the Environment." Becoming a Population Connection DAN member was just what I needed to kickstart my efforts to change the world without leaving home. We had a group training earlier this year in Chicago, and I got to meet several other DAN members from the Midwest. We had a variety of backgrounds, personalities and interests, and I think that makes us all the more interesting and effective when it comes to talking to our legislators."

Cornelia Smith: "Population Connection was a very important part of my husband's life. When he died, I became involved to give direction to my life, and to honor my husband's memory. The District Activist Network has been really supportive and helpful, assisting me in identifying important issues and encouraging me to meet with my representatives. The DAN also draws me to Washington for Capitol Hill Days, a time that culminates in walking the corridors of Capitol Hill, getting my feet wet in lobbying. I count my experiences with the DAN as the most rewarding of my retirement years!"



Cornelia Smith, a retired educator from Hyde Park, NY.

Bob Pettapiece: "I joined Population Connection (ZPG) in the mid-1970s and soon understood that politics plays a part of the problem and the solution to environmental issues. So, when the offer came to join the DAN, I accepted! Besides responding to legislative alerts through e-mail, I attend Capitol Hill Days in Washington D.C., which I recommend to anyone who is interested. It's a good mixture of information and of trooping up to

We think that Ms. Smith summed up her feelings about the DAN and Population Connection in the best way possible when she said, "Thank you for the opportunity to perform useful service to the community, and to make a difference to women and children around the world!"

Population Connection is always looking for new members of the District Activist Network. Please call Kathy Buek at 1-800-767-1956 for more information about the DAN and see how easy it is to make a difference in population issues from home.