



Arete News Update

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Thriving on Challenges

New challenges are a prerequisite to the pursuit of excellence. Recent ones for Arete have included delivering a product to a client to meet a pressing deadline; pushing the edges of a new technology; crafting sensible compromises—even skiing across arctic Finland and swimming the Hudson River! Each challenge is a new opportunity.

CURRENT AND RECENT PROJECTS

- **Community School District 10, Bronx:**



Special education home-zoning. NYC's largest school district called us in after special

education students became concentrated in a few schools due to years of overcrowding and complex regulations. Our analysis led to specific steps for phasing in home quadrant zoning.

- **Literacy Assistance Center: Database marketing feasibility.** New federal reporting regulations prompted the LAC to consider commercially marketing their database. Arete's market analysis crystallized

critical decisions.

- **"I Have A Dream"® Foundation: Training and networking assessment.** Individual projects nationwide have few chances to share ideas and strategies. The national office launched several new initiatives supporting projects in the field. We are evaluating these new projects and providing technical and program assistance to management.



- **Archdiocese of New York: Library Connections.** We are evaluating a new, multi-year initiative to create exemplary libraries in



under-funded inner city parochial schools.

- **NYC Dept. of Employment: Food Industry Employment Opportunities Program.** The food industry is one of New York's major employers. Arete is working with industry representatives and the DOE to address obstacles food employers face in hiring and retaining entry level workers.

- **Stevens Institute of Technology.** Arete worked with computer science faculty to develop a collaborative plan for research on "next generation" programming issues.

Meier, NY State Declare Hudson Open to Swimmers



Perhaps taking their cue from adventurers like

Arete President Jim Meier (see story on reverse), the New York State

Department of Environmental Conservation and the State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation are talking about developing public swimming beaches along the Hudson.

The story outlining the state's plans appeared in the *New York Times* on July 21, 2000 — less than a week after Jim competed in a 2.4 mile Hudson River swim race. Coincidence?

More Arete Projects *(continued from reverse)*



- **NYC Housing Authority (NYCHA): Resident election monitoring.** Resident As-

sociations are a cornerstone of self-determination for public housing residents. As a pilot project, NYCHA asked Arete to monitor several elections to ensure a fair and unbiased process. Our report will determine future

- election procedures.
- **Skirball Center/ Temple EmanuEl: Center for Jewish Learning.** Arete is advising on planning and launching an innovative new adult education center.
- **Community School District 11, Bronx: Special education home-zoning.** District 11's assignments of self-contained special education students closely resembled District 10's (*see over*). We analyzed enrollment and recommended specific short- and

long-term actions.

- **Annenberg Arts Assessment: Evaluation of arts programs at public schools, District 20.** Artists-in-residence collaborate with teachers in imaginative opera and visual arts programs, captivating students by melding arts and academic skills. Our evaluation pinpoints the elements of the pro-



Arete Adventures on Land and Sea

Remember the story of Arete President James Meier's gold medal in February's gruelling Canadian Ski Marathon? That was a piece of cake compared to Jim's 300-mile ski race across Finland from Russia to Sweden.

After the snow melted, Jim sampled the waters in liquid form,



swimming the Hudson River in a 2.4 mile race from Chelsea Piers to the World Financial Center on July 15—despite a torrential downpour, winning first prize in his age category.

Then, while hiking in Tanzania, Jim ruptured a tendon in his knee. Two emergency airplane trips, three braces, and one operation later, Jim began zipping around New York City on crutches. Anybody know a

small country with a border-to-border crutch race?

Associate Elizabeth Crownfield matched wits with some of the world's leading musicologists at a conference on Medieval and Renaissance music in Oxford, drawing praise for her scholarship and on-the-spot analyses. In her spare time, she is collaborating with an international team of experts on a critical edition of a 1597 book by Thomas Morley.



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