

Pudewa

"All the homeschool moms love that Andrew Pudewa!" the lady next to me told my

6 mom as they discussed mom topics. It is true. Anyone, who has used IEW, is extremely intrigued by Mr. Pudewa. What was his early life like? Why did he found IEW? How 3 does his personality capture students' attention? Endlessly, people have asked 2 questions about this delightful teacher. Until recently, these answers have remained a 5 mystery. While I sat down with Mr. Pudewa, he graciously answered some of our questions.

2 Andrew Pudewa had a childhood much like other children in his area. On April 19, 1960, Mr. Pudewa was born in Southern California. As a young boy, he enjoyed playing on the beaches and among the rocks. Mr. Pudewa attended a private school, which he 5 immensely enjoyed and local public schools. While Mr. Pudewa did not love writing as a child, his teachers recall he was an excellent writer, however, the truth was Mr. Pudewa used the "read, copy, and change method." Mr. Pudewa's childhood hobbies reflected his parents' hobbies. He eagerly sailed with his father entering many competitions and joyfully learned music with his mother beginning the violin when he was four or five years old. Once Mr. Pudewa grew older, he became interested in board games involving war. He even wrote a war game "newsletter," which he charged his friends two dollars 3 for a subscription. Subsequently, one of his first jobs was working at a war game store. 6 He loved it. He was paid to talk to people about what most interested him. Later he became a teacher, which began his career as a writing teacher. Mr. Pudewa's pleasant early life contributed to his interests later in life.

One of the greatest achievements of Andrew **Pudewa's** life is **creating** the Institute for Excellence in Writing (**IEW**). A persuasive Canadian teacher at the school where Mr. Pudewa taught eagerly told all the teachers of an amazing writing program created by

⑥ Dr. James B. Webster. Mr. Pudewa took notice. He attended the program taught by Dr. Webster. When he finished the course, Mr. Pudewa agreed it was a fantastic program and decided to return the next year for the same course. After that twelve-day class, he

③ knew there was still more to learn. He returned for a third year. Finally, the organization invited him to be on their staff. He served as Dr. Webster's assistant and learned from

⑤ him. Although Mr. Pudewa founded IEW, it was his teacher who sparked the idea. Mr. Pudewa named the system the Institute for Excellence in Writing. IEW is named after a

time in Mr. Pudewa's life when he worked at The Institutes for the Achievement of Human Potential in Philadelphia, which focused on three areas of a person's life: The Institute for the Achievement of Physical Excellence, The Institute for the Achievement of Intellectual Excellence, and The Institute for the Achievement of Physiological Excellence. As he chose the name, Mr. Pudewa decided he wanted the same for his program and it was originally called the Institute for the Achievement of Writing

② Excellence, but he decided that was a mouthful. With the help of his wife, he shortened the name to the Institute for Excellence in Writing, which we know and love today.

Andrew **Pudewa founded IEW** to help everyone learn to write well.

Andrew **Pudewa** is a very fun person with a colorful personality. Mr. Pudewa has

⑤ always appreciated humor and loves jokes. Because he wants to brighten his tired

⑥ students' day, he tells them a joke before class. Students eagerly anticipate his jokes.

⑤ Andrew Pudewa is a man with many ties. Although he has never precisely counted, he estimates that he owns fifty to seventy ties. He tries to wear a different tie to every class.

② Family and friends give him ties, which remind them of him. In Mr. Pudewa's words, "A tie is not only professional, it is also a wearable napkin." Mr. Pudewa has seven children and eleven grandchildren. Mr. Pudewa owned pets as a child and his wife believes pets

③ are beneficial for children. Accordingly, Mr. Pudewa and his children have owned many pets. Now that his children are grown, he happily has no pets although his wife has been talking about a particular kitten. Mr. Pudewa's favorite color is purple because blue, the color of strength, and red, the color of love, make purple, which is a balance of both. Mr. Pudewa loves East Indian food, and the spicier, the better. Andrew **Pudewa** is a very **appealing** teacher with a creative **personality**.

② As Andrew Pudewa experienced a cheerful **early** life, his interests and **personality**

③⑤ grew. Ultimately he founded **IEW**, which is an amazing writing program. While all of these are outstanding points, the most quintessential aspect about Mr. Pudewa is the impact he has on his students' lives. Because of Mr. Pudewa, we are able to easily write

⑥ well and feel confident in our writing. Thank you Mr. Pudewa!