

SWOSHA Newsletter



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President's Message 2009-2010

Dear SWOSHA members and colleagues,
Wow, I cannot believe that it is Winter and snow is on the ground! Hopefully Spring (and warmer weather) will be here soon!

I want to extend a BIG thank you to those who planned and attended the Fall Workshop! Jessica Buringrud, Bethany Stortz, Jeff Stec and Ann Slone facilitated a collaborative setting where professionals learned about and discussed important topics, including Apraxia, Feeding, Second Language Acquisition, and Selective Mutism. The presenters shared pertinent information and provided insight into their clinical settings. We received positive evaluations from the Workshop, and we hope that attendees continue to incorporate new information from the Workshop into their professional practices to impact the lives of their clients.

We are currently in the process of planning the Spring Meeting. Although the plans are not finalized at this point, SWOSHA Council members hope to incorporate an event where attendees will receive contact hours. We encourage you to join us for an evening of honoring your colleagues for all of their efforts as well as earning contact hours, networking with others, and enjoying tasty food and wonderful discussions. Please check the SWOSHA website at swosha.org within the month to receive

additional information about this wonderful evening. We hope that you will be able to join us! Within the next month, the Nominations Committee will be providing information about the new leaders of SWOSHA. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to become involved in this organization. Is there a particular topic or speaker that you would like to hear at a Continuing Education event? Do you have ideas about how to recruit new members or keep the ones that we have? Are you interested in serving as a leader within this organization? As a member of Executive Council, you have the opportunities to provide change in the organization. I encourage all of you to think about becoming involved!

As my term as the SWOSHA President nears the end, I encourage all of you to provide ideas, thoughts, and expectations for this upcoming year. Please feel free to provide any input or feedback to continue to ensure that our organization is the best that it can be!

I look forward to working with each of you!

Sincerely,

Christina Yeager Pelatti

2009-2010 SWOSHA President

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Professional Development Opportunities



SWOSHA NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES:

Please join SWOSHA in planning a networking event that your service area will sponsor. Your event can focus on social networking, continuing education, "hot topic" discussions, journal review, among others. As an organization we want to meet the needs of our local members. The professional service executive council member will assist you in this process. Save the date for the following events:

- April 14, 2010 event hosted by the private practices
- July 14, 2010 event hosted by the audiological affairs

Fall Collaboration Workshop Update:

SWOSHA would like to thank everyone who presented and attended the Fall Collaboration Workshop! The event was held at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center on Saturday, October 24, 2009. The topics discussed included ESL, evidenced-based practices, apraxia, dysphagia, selective mutism, and collaboration between the hospitals and schools. It was interesting to hear the two different perspectives from the presenters on each topic (one hospital-based and one school-based). The intimate setting and number of people who attended also allowed for rich discussions during the presentations. We have received great feedback about how professionals in our field are starting to collaborate more with one another. SWOSHA members also expressed that the workshop was very beneficial and worth the time on a Saturday!

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Spring Meeting on **April 20, 2010!** Details of the location and program are coming soon.

Submitted by Bethany Stortz

SWOSHA Spring Banquet



WHO: all SWOSHA members

WHAT: Spring member meeting and awards

WHEN: **Tuesday, April 20, 2010** 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: Sharon Woods- Stonewood Banquet Center (Buckeye Room)
11555 Swing Road, Sharonville, OH 45241

WHY: Lots of reasons to attend!!!

- Earn contact hours
- Participate in “Hot Topic” table discussions
- Receive “Better Speech and Hearing Month” packets
- Learn about the upcoming fundraiser at Max & Erma’s
- Honor fellow SWOSHA members and students
- Socialize with colleagues and enjoy hors d’oeuvres & drinks!

*Please RSVP to bethany.stortz@hcesc.org by April 9 if you are able to attend.

*Don’t have a Hamilton County Park sticker? No worries...its all taken care of!



Fluency Friday Plus – 2009!

A Journey to Change!

By Diane Games, M.A. CCC-SLP BRS-FD

On Friday, November 6 & Saturday, November 7th 2009, 60 children and teens who stutter participated in an intensive treatment program, Fluency Friday Plus. Graduate clinicians from the University of Cincinnati and Bowling Green State University provided treatment under the supervision of experienced Speech Language Pathologists from the greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky area..

The theme this year, A Journey to Change, provided a framework for the FFP program. Each student in treatment had “Trip Tics” to talk about personal journeys with stuttering. They developed a “Guided Personal Plan” to plan and discuss stuttering. During treatment activities, students were encouraged to develop a personal map for change. This map for a journey could include different people, sites, feelings and experiences! They also learned a “journey with stuttering” can include challenges, triumphs, and barriers! Feelings about stuttering were also validated as students worked through different speaking tasks and activities.

Parents attended programs while their children/teens participated in various activities. Issues such as motivation, expectations from treatment and the impact of various responses to stuttering were discussed under the leadership of Donna Cooperman and Nina Reeves. Parents were able to ask questions of a teen panel on Friday led by Derek Daniels and an adult panel on Saturday led by Rod Gabel. In addition, speech language pathologists from the community answered various questions about treatment, and qualifications for school treatment.

FFP is a collaborative program that relies on the support of many talented professionals. This program could not exist without the supervision and support of community speech language pathologists. The professionals involved in the program development included:

- Irving Wollman and Karen Rizzo from Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center; Irv also teaches the graduate class in Fluency and Fluency Disorders at the University of Cincinnati.
- Phyllis Breen & Sue Schmidlin from the University of Cincinnati.
- Sally Disney – OMNIE program
- Rob Gabel and Donna Colcord from Bowling Green University who travelled to Cincinnati with their student clinicians.
- Ann Slone from the Hamilton County Educational Service Center who facilitated the printing for FFP and provided support for recruiting professionals to supervise.
- Maureen Simpson-Henson & Carol Leslie from Cincinnati Public Schools.

Many thanks to the many speech language pathologists who volunteered time to supervise clinician this year! They included Judy Songer, Katrina Zeit, Sarah Waligura, Bethany Stortz, Rob Reichhardt, Kevin McElfresh, Barb Hershey, Kathy Fischesser, Lisa Duwell, Julie Byrne, Michelle Pachuk and Susan Allen in addition to those previously mentioned.

All professionals and graduate clinicians at FFP received a Diagnostic and Treatment manual developed by the FFP leadership team. This manual is digitally available on the Fluency Friday Plus web site: www.fluencyfriday.org.

Finally, FFP has been supported by the Ohio Speech Language Hearing Association’s Affiliate Grant program and by SWOSHA, the Southwestern Speech Language and Hearing Association. The many children, teens, speech language pathologists, graduate clinicians and families thank OSHLA for their financial support.

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Numbers to know:

- **AAA** - 800-222-2336 www.audiology.org
- **ASHA** - 301-897-5700,800-498-2071(hotline) www.professional.asha.org
- **Educational Audiology Association** – 800-460-7322 www.edaud.org
- **Fluency Friday Plus** - www.fluencyfriday.org
- **Ohio Department of Education** - 877-644-6338 www.ode.state.oh.us
- **Ohio Licensure Board** - 614-466-3145 <http://slpaud.ohio.gov>
- **OMNIE** – www.omnie.org
- **OSLHA Business Office** - 800-866-OSHA (6742) or 937-855-4337 www.ohioslha.org
- **OSSPEAC** - 888-258-1032 www.osspeac.org
- **SWOSHA** www.swosha.org

Dates to Remember

- **SWOSHA Meetings:**
 - **April 14, 2010** hosted by the Private Practices
 - **July 14, 2010** hosted by the Audiological Affairs
- **Licensure Board Meeting Dates:**
 - **March 11, 2010**
 - **May 10, 2010**
 - **June 22, 2010**
 - **August 13, 2010**
 - **October 5, 2010**
 - **December 2, 2010**
- **ASHA Convention:** November 18-20, 2010 Philadelphia, PA
- **OSLHA 2010 Convention:** March 11-13, 2010 Hilton Easton Columbus

SWOSHA positions for 2009-2010



- **President:** Christina Yeager
- **Past President:** Jeff Stec
- **President Elect:** Mary Ennis
- **Treasurer:** Leisa Thomsen
- **Secretary:** Jessica Buringrud
- **Nominations:** Laurie DeWine, Debbie McGraw , Sally Demmler, Maureen Simpson-Henson
- **Membership:** Sally Demmler
- **Director of Continuing Education:** Bethany Stortz
- **Vice Director of Continuing Education:**
 - Co-chair Beth D’Amico
 - Co-chair Laura Kretschmer
- **Director of Professional Services:** Mindy Freson
- **Vice Director of Professional Services:** Cindy Speakman
- **Audiological Affairs:**
 - Honors:** Janet Coleman
 - Hospital/Clinic:** Kelly Twehues
 - Newsletter:** Deb McGraw
 - OSLHA Representative:** Christina Yeager
 - Private Practice:** Julie Augsburger
 - Scholarship:**
 - School Affairs:** Gloria Turnbow
- **Director Public Information:** Sue Schmidlin
- **Vice Director of Public Information:** Carol Marsh
- **Better Speech and Hearing Month:** Susan Brown
- **Mentorship:** Leisa Lauck
- **Professional Services Directory:**
- **Publicity:**
- **Website:** Annette Cosgrove

Deadlines for the next newsletter: **June 15th**. Please send submissions to Deb McGraw at debbie.mcgraw@hcesc.org.



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