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Welcome to the new 2010 School Year! I'm excited to and proud to be your president. I have always had my heart rooted in speech pathology and knew from high school there was no greater calling. I spent my first seven years working in special education speech therapy. That's when alternative communication meant my dad made me a box and put three squares of wood in it and spinning wheels on the outside. Then we could move the wood so we were able to put four sides of pictures on each piece of wood. We've come a long way since those days.

Now I'm in audiology, and I still remember attending a lecture about whether it was ethical for audiologists to sell hearing aids or not, since they could make a profit from their sales. Well it's thirty-three years later and I have one student with two cochlear implants. I program FM's from classrooms with my laptop. I can have teachers use team-teaching transmitters.

Remember when audiology was mostly hearing testing? And speech was mostly articulation? And there weren't multiple secondary issues? Daydreaming about the past is fun.

Today we are smarter, better equipped and more efficient about using our knowledge and resources. We are the present and future of our field of speech and audiology. I know that I have never been more excited about being an audiologist than I am at this time!

I hope this year holds that kind of exciting challenge for you.

A little audiology news - October is National Audiology Awareness Month and National Protect Your Hearing Month. So go out there and warn those students wearing loud iPods about noise damage and tell them your Audiologist told you to do it!

Cheryl Siegel Grieves
SWISHA President 2010-2011

Meet Your Board Members

Cheryl Siegel Grieves, President: Cheryl has been the audiologist for Region III Special Education for 15 years. Previously she was Director of Audiology at Saint Elizabeth Medical Center. Cheryl started in the field as a Speech Therapist in Special Education where she spent two years working in East Saint Louis and five years at The William BeDell Center. Cheryl currently resides in Edwardsville with her husband Jack. Her two children are attending Southern Illinois University.

Messina Lenger, Vice President: Messina is a speech language pathologist with Bethalto School District. She lives in Moro with her husband, Mike, and children, Lucas, 4 and Elizabeth, 18 months.

Stacey Egan, Past President: Stacey is in her fourth year as an SLP at Eastwood Elementary School. She and her husband, Matt, live in Glen Carbon. Stacey is working on finishing her certification requirements in Educational Administration at SIUE. This is Stacey's third year on the SWISHA executive board. In her free time, Stacey enjoys skiing, jogging, listening to music, and spending time with family and friends.

Mallory Welch, Secretary: Mallory is an SLP for the Bethalto School District. She enjoys her work with PreK – 2nd grade students. She lives in Swansea with her husband, Chad and their children, Kevin (20), Brittany (18), Emma (8) and Davey (3).

Karen Reinacher, Treasurer: Karen has been an SLP with the Grant School District in Fairview Heights for 11 years. She lives in Troy with her significant other of 20 years and her daughter, age 3.

Kim McCausland, RC Rep: Kim is an SLP for Belleville District 118, currently based at Jefferson School. This is her 2nd year serving as the RC Rep on the SWISHA board. She has been a member of SWISHA since 1996 and is a past treasurer. Kim lives in Glen Carbon with husband Dave, sons David and Doug, and her grandpuppies.

Beth Mueller, CEU Coordinator: Beth is a speech therapist with and co-owner of The Caring Group specializing in pediatrics. She lives in Shiloh with her husband Tim, son Tyler (5), and daughter Claire (2).

Save the Dates

SWISHA FALL WORKSHOP
OCTOBER 27, 2010
TRI-TOWNSHIP LIBRARY
TROY, IL
6:30PM

ASHA CONFERENCE
NOVEMBER 18-20, 2010
PHILADELPHIA, PA

ISHA'S 51ST ANNUAL
CONVENTION
FEBRUARY 10-13, 2011
ROSEMONT, IL

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