



# SWISHA CELEBRATES 40 YEARS!

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## Message from the President

Hello fellow SLP's! I hope you are once again off to a good start to the school year (you medical folks included). It's a time for new ideas, new co-workers and new kids. I know some of you are thinking "a time of chaos"! Well that too! However, you as an SLP, regardless of the setting you are working, are a valuable resource for those you service and your co-workers. I hope this is just one of many affirmations you hear through out this year.

When speaking to fellow SLP's and other teaching professionals from outside our area, they often comment on what a nice job we do in offering our members opportunities for networking, collaborating and attending valuable workshops. Katherine Holman, our past Spring speaker, commented on this saying that she was so impressed with what we do and would like to see our type of organization form in her area on the East coast. Isn't it nice to hear such affirming comments from others?

As our role continues to change in the midst of RtI, Special Education caseload changes and paperwork requirements, I feel that SWISHA members can bond together even more to strengthen and grow our organization so that we can advocate for our job roles, benefits (stipends, paid dues/licensure, etc.), and higher levels of collaboration so that we can meet the needs of the children and families that we service. Whether we work in a school or medical setting, it is important to remember that we are here for our clients and that the paperwork, changing rules/regulations and fluctuating job descriptions are just a piece of the puzzle that we must overcome. Together we can figure out the most efficient and effective ways to get our jobs done, while maintaining the enjoyment of being an SLP!

Therefore, I encourage you to join again this year and ask that you would encourage others you work with or know in other settings to join us. By expanding our membership, we only enhance our abilities to accomplish organizational and individual goals.

Do you realize that this year marks SWISHA's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary? Therefore, in lieu of our Fall speaker meeting, we are planning to have a semi-formal awards dinner in November to honor our members and celebrate 40 years of esteemed existence. Please see the attached form for details and registration. PLEASE plan to attend so that we as an organization can honor some of our own for the commitment of time and service that have made SWISHA successful over the years. This is an exciting time for us to meet together and reflect on who we are and what we want to be in the

# Meet Your Board Members

**Michelle Jones, President:** Michelle graduated from SIUE in 2001. She has worked in High Mount School District and this is her 7<sup>th</sup> year with Bethalto Schools. She currently works with PreK, Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade students. Michelle has been married to her wonderful husband for 15 years and has 3 energetic children: Baylea (6), Kindyl (4 ½) and Tucker (2). Michelle and Doug also love their energetic dog, Joey. They enjoy bike riding, playing with her kids on the play-set in the backyard and socializing in their cul-de-sac.

**Laura Marzluf, Past-President:** This is Laura's 5<sup>th</sup> and final year as a SWISHA exec board member. Laura works for the Granite City School District. At Mitchell, Frohardt, and Prather Elementary Schools. In December, Laura finally bought her very first house. She is very excited to no longer have to move every few years. She enjoys cooking, playing with her dogs and being with her family and friends.

**Stacey Egan, Vice-President:** Stacey is beginning her second year as an SLP at Eastwood Elementary School in East Alton. She lives in Glen Carbon with her husband, Matt, and their two Great Pyrenees puppies, Summit and Solomon. Matt and Stacey are both graduates of ISU and enjoy watching the Redbirds! They also like to ski, run, and play with their puppies at the dog park. Stacey is excited to serve as SWISHA's VP this year!

**Mallory Welch, Secretary:** Mallory is working on her 10<sup>th</sup> year with Bethalto Unit #8. She loves working with her preK and kindergarten students. Mallory lives in Swansea and is awaiting her husband, Chad's, return from a military tour in Iraq. She has been keeping busy with her children Kevin (18), Brittany (16), Emma (6), and Davey (21 mos). She enjoys "field trips" with her children, traveling, working out, and scrap booking.

**Ann Marie Mayhall, Treasurer:** Ann Marie resides in Granite City with her husband, who is a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Niedringhouse School in Granite. She also has 2 sons, Dean (6) and Dominic (3) and 2 Shi Tzu's, Duke and Daisy. She continues to work at Maryville & Mitchell Schools in Granite for her 12<sup>th</sup> year in the district. She is also the speech-language coordinator for the district. In her spare time Ann Marie enjoys playing with her boys and puppies.

**Amy Bruce, Representative Council (RC):**

Amy is a Speech-Language Pathologist and owner of ABC Pediatric Therapy, which is located in O'Fallon, IL. She provides services to children in the Illinois Early Intervention system as well as the pediatric population in her clinic. This is her 2<sup>nd</sup> term serving SWISHA as RC. She is a mother of three children ages 20 months, 4 years and 6 years and wife to a supportive husband. Amy enjoys serving on the board in order to learn about her profession as well as to meet new exciting people.

**Beth Mueller, CEU Coordinator:** Beth is a speech pathologist with and co-owner of The Caring Group. She lives in Shiloh with her husband, Tim, and son, Tyler (3 ½). Beth is due with her second baby in late September.

SWISHA's  
40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Honors Dinner and  
General Meeting.

November 7, 2008

## Save the Dates

ASHA in Chicago!

**November 19-21**

McCormick Place West

ISHA in Rosemont

**February 12-15**

Donald E. Stephens  
Convention Center

Barbara Hodson

**March 6**

Four Points Sheraton-  
Fairview Heights

SWISHA's totally  
awesome Trivia Night to  
raise scholarship funds

**March 21**

Knights of Columbus  
Hall Granite City

\*Information and  
registration forms will  
be included in the

# Know someone worthy of recognition?

If you know someone who is deserving of recognition, you may nominate him or her for one of the following awards. Please see requirements for each. Awards will be presented at the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner on November 7, 2008.

**Distinguished Service Award**—individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the field of Speech-Language Pathology, to SWISHA, to their employing institute or co-workers.

**Honors of the Association**—individuals who are well known in the area for their innovative clinical practices, research, creative administration, effective advocacy, outstanding teaching, or other distinguished contributions. This is the highest honor awarded.

Please email Michelle Jones at [mjones@bethalto.org](mailto:mjones@bethalto.org) with the following information for nominations:

- \*Name of nominee, address, and two phone contact numbers
- \*Your name and contact number and email
- \*One page narrative document supporting the person being nominated to include contributions, involvements with SWISHA, ISHA, ASHA or other organizations (communication related or otherwise-church, YMCA, United Way etc)
- \*One page supporting document from one other person who knows the nominee professionally

**\*\*All Nominations & information are due no later than October 27<sup>th</sup>\*\***

## **Lifetime Member Status**

Please note that you are eligible to be a lifetime member if you have been a SWISHA member for the last five years and are retired. If you meet these criteria, please contact us or indicate this on your membership form so that we can make the appropriate notation.

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## **Retirements**

If you know anyone who has retired in the last year or will be retiring this year, please contact us or make a note on your membership form, so that we can recognize those individuals as well.

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