



SWISHA SPEAKS

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Message From the President

Greetings fellow SWISHA members! I hope that everyone had an enjoyable summer and I hope that everyone experiences as little stress as possible getting back into the school groove. When I was asked to be Vice-President and subsequently President, my first thought was that I would dread having to write this letter. However, now that it "is my turn," I actually have one or two topics already in mind. (I can hear your groans already!) I will try to make the best use of this space and encourage positive feedback.

I must start by thanking the outgoing Board for their commitment to serve this organization. I know that lack of time in the day and with crazy schedules ever increasing, giving one's ever dwindling time and energy is an important and much appreciated role to play in keeping SWISHA running and successful. I encourage and implore you to get involved in this great organization. Participation within the membership is what makes SWISHA one of the most successful and interesting area groups. This year we would like to expand our membership into the medical fields of speech as well as the educational. It is important to SWISHA that all areas of speech have an organization that fulfills their needs. Please encourage those SLP's working in the medical settings to look into our fine organization. We have two interesting and informative speakers lined-up for the fall. Please remember to volunteer for a committee, help is always needed.

Starting this year, the newsletter, membership and scholarship forms, as well as upcoming events will be available online at www.swisha.org. This new medium will be "bigger and better." The ability to utilize the convenience of the internet will provide a faster, more efficient way to get up to date information to our membership. We will continue with dual publications through this year. When you provide us with your email, you will receive a paper copy of the newsletter and a link to our newsletter online. My hope is that you will all go green, and start to get your SWISHA information and newsletter from our website! I hope to see everyone at our first membership meeting this fall!

Sincerely,
Laura Marzluf

Fall Meeting

WHEN: Wednesday, October 24, 2007

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

WHERE: Collinsville Public Library
408 W. Main
Collinsville, IL

PROGRAM: Response to Intervention—RTI: What is it? What is the role of the SLP?

PRESENTERS: Jennifer Weber: School Psychologist—will give an overview of the RTI concept and how it can be implemented in the school system. Peg Flach: Speech-Language Pathologist—will lead a discussion of how the SLP can fit into the framework of RTI. She will be reviewing general information attained from ASHA websites/publications as well as posing questions to the group in order to generate an open discussion among colleagues. The discussion is intended to create brainstorming on (1) how to best address/define our possible role in the RtI framework, (2) how to present information to administration regarding caseload/workload, and (3) collaborate on what SLPs are currently doing or planning on doing in their districts.

CPDUs: 1 will be offered -
Provider # 102376

FOOD: Snacks and beverages

COST: None!

RSVP: Please! So we can have a count for purchasing snacks.

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Special Notices

-- Save the date for Trivia 2008—March 8, 2008 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Granite City

--Millstadt #160 is looking for a part time SLP—one day or two half days per week. The job would probably cover students in grades 4-8. Please contact Mr. Allen Scharf, Superintendent at 476-1803 or email: ascharf@stclair.k12.il.us.

--Enclosed please find your 2007-2008 membership form. Please fill it out and along with you check send it to the address at the bottom of the form, or bring them to the October 24th meeting.

--Membership forms are also available on www.swisha.org.

ISHA Update

The ISHA Fall Forum will be held on , October 12, 2007 at the Four Points Conference Center in Fairview Heights, IL. Dr. Louis Rosetti will be speaking on provision of services to infants and toddlers with special needs. Nina Reardon-Reeves will be speaking on school age stuttering therapy, with an emphasis on how to integrate counseling with speech management. You can register online and learn more about the Fall Forum at www.ishail.org.



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Meet Your Board Members

Laura Marzluf, President: This is Laura's 4th year as a SWISHA Executive Board member, and she is looking forward to her presidential year. She currently works for the Granite City School District. She recently made a switch from Worthen and Niedringhaus Schools to Mitchell, Frohardt, and Prather Schools. At the end of last school year Laura bought her second Brussels Griffon puppy, Lily. Now Bruno has a little sister. In her spare time she enjoys cooking, playing with her dogs, and being with her family and friends.

Pamela Brezger, Past President: Pam is happy to be back on the SWISHA board again this year. She currently works with K-5 at Prather School in Granite City. In her free time she enjoys taking cooking class, watching movies, and playing with all of her furry, four-paw kids.

Michelle Jones, Vice-President: This is Michelle's 7th year as an SLP and currently works for the Bethalto School District. She is married and has three lovely children. She looks forward to this year's adventures with SWISHA.

Bonnie Goldenberg, Secretary: This is Bonnie's first year of retirement from the Granite City School District. She is currently working for SIUE supervising SLP student teachers. She has been a member of SWISHA since 1988 and is very happy to be back on the board. She lives in Granite City with her husband, Mark, and loves visiting her two children, Mitch who teaches in Los Angeles, and Samara who is a senior in Speech Pathology at U of I.

Ann Marie Mayhall, Treasurer: Ann is happy to be a part of SWISHA again as the Treasurer: a position she hasn't held in the past. He lives in Granite City with her wonderful husband Darren and their two sons, Dean-5 and Dominic-2. This is her 11th year with the Granite City School District. She looks forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming meeting!

Amy Bruce, Representative Council (RC): Amy is a Speech-Language Pathologist and owner of ABC Pediatric Therapy, which is located in O'Fallon, IL. This is her second year serving on the board as RC. She also serves as a co-chair on the Early Intervention Committee through ISHA. Amy's first career is as a mom to 3 beautiful children and wife to an awesome husband, David. Amy looks forward to another eventful year on the SWISHA board.

Beth Mueller, CEU Coordinator: Beth is a Speech-Language Pathologist and co-owner of The Caring Group, a pediatric speech pathology practice. She is also a clinic supervisor at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. She lives in Belleville with her husband, Tim, and their 2 ½ year old son Tyler. Beth enjoys the beach, reading Nicholas Spark's novels, and spending time with her family.