



Distinctive Features Fall 2011 Newsletter



Dear Colleagues,

We have had a busy fall here at SHAWNY and would like to thank everyone who attended our fall workshops and focus groups. We would like to extend a sincere thank-you to Rachel Castricone and Jennifer McGraw for their informative and fun workshop "*Optimizing Independence in Individuals with Functional Cognitive Impairments*" held on October 15th. On October 29th, SHAWNY co-sponsored a workshop with Autistic Services and D'Youville College: *Sensory Strategies: Improving Behaviors, Communication, and Social Skills Through Sensory Integration*, presented by Paula Aquilla. Our schools-based group will continue to meet this fall. Details on dates/topics for this group are included in this newsletter and are also available on our website: www.shawny.org. We are currently working on planning our spring line-up of workshops and focus groups, including a full-day workshop and another meeting of our AAC group.

This newsletter includes articles about several local support groups for individuals with communication disorders, including the New Voice Club, the National Stuttering Association, and aphasia and stroke support groups. There is also a new column for therapy tips and materials. In future newsletters we would like to include articles on research projects currently being conducted at local colleges and universities. We welcome submissions from our membership, so if you have any therapy tips, conference reviews or other suggestions for our newsletter please do not hesitate to contact us.

Included in this newsletter is our Call for Nominations form. If anyone is interested in serving on the SHAWNY board, please fill one out and send it in. Serving on the SHAWNY board is a great opportunity to network and most positions require no experience. Please feel free to email us with any questions.

Thank you for your continued support of SHAWNY and have a wonderful winter and holiday season!

Valerie Parker and Susan Bognar
SHAWNY Co-Presidents

Valerie Parker: vallahollow@roadrunner.com
Susan Bognar: slb_speechteach@hotmail.com

Call for Executive Board Nominations

SHAWNY has several positions open on our 2012 Executive Board and Council. These positions include the following (the number of volunteers needed for the position is in parenthesis):

Co-Presidents (2/2)

Treasurer (1/1)

First Vice President of Speech Pathology
(1/1)

Recording Secretary (1/1)

Co-Second Vice Presidents of Speech
Pathology (2/2)

Corresponding Secretary (2/2)

Librarian (1/1)

Co-Vice Presidents of Audiology (2/2)

If you would like to nominate a colleague (or yourself) for a position, please complete the Call for Nomination Form found at the end of the newsletter and mail it to the address listed at the bottom of the form. All are welcome!

2012 SHAWNY Scholarship

Attention UB, Buff State, and Fredonia Undergraduate Seniors and Graduate Students in
Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology –

Applications for the 2012 SHAWNY Scholarship Contest will be available in late January 2012 at www.shawny.org and will be due in late March 2012. One undergraduate and one graduate scholarship will be awarded. Winners will be notified in mid-April and will receive their award at the Annual Recognition Dinner on May 1, 2012 at Salvatore's Italian Gardens. Good Luck!

Applicants should meet the following criteria:

1. Senior undergraduates applying to graduate school **OR** current graduate students in the areas of speech-language pathology or audiology (including final semester graduate students, as the award may be applied to professional fees or student loans).
2. Student must currently attend one of the following schools: Buffalo State College
SUNY Fredonia
University at Buffalo
3. Must be a SHAWNY student member (you may join at this time)
4. Participation in a final interview if deemed necessary by the scholarship committee.

School-Based Interest Group

School-Based Speech-Language Pathologists Study Group **Agenda for the 2011-2012 School Year**

December 7, 2011

Topic: Bilingual Students and the SLP

Guest Speaker: Mrs. Kim McClaren

Facilitator: Nancy Hadyn-Hawkins

January 4, 2012

Topic: RTI: Response to Intervention: "What is Happening in your District?"

Participants will present current status within their District

February 1, 2012

Topic: Therapy Intervention

Participants will share Activities, Tools and Resources

March 7, 2012

Topic: Caseload Management

- Exiting Criteria
- Time Management
- Medicaid Responses

April 4, 2012

Topic: Social Thinking

Facilitator: Nancy Hadyn-Hawkins

May 9, 2012

Topic: The Identification of Current Trends for Sp/Language Pathologists

Development of Agenda for 2012-2013

Facilitators: CM Buscaglia; Nancy Hadyn-Hawkins; Jennifer Sinclair

June 6, 2012

Topic: The School Year in Review – Discussion of Student's Successes/Failures throughout the current school year;

Disbursement of Certificate of Clock Hours Earned for Attendance and Participation

Facilitators: CM Buscaglia; Nancy Hadyn-Hawkins; Jennifer Sinclair

SBSLP Study Group meets the first Wednesday of every month with the exception of May 2012. Please check our SHAWNY website for confirmation on the speaker and topic prior to the meetings. Also, you are welcome to contact Chris Buscaglia at 867-0442 or Nancy Hadyn-Hawkins at 713-0740.

Note: Meetings are open to SHAWNY members only. ASHA CEUs do not apply.

SHAWNY AAC Group

Please visit www.shawny.org for information regarding upcoming meetings.

SHAWNY Membership Update

Thank you to all of you who have renewed your membership for 2012. If you haven't renewed your membership yet, please find and use the attached membership form or go to our website www.shawny.org to print out the form. If you are unsure of your current membership status, please contact our membership chair, Donna Ringholz, at ringholz@buffalo.edu or at 829-5536.

Buffalo Hearing and Speech Center

2011 CCC Workshop Series Continues ***Fall Schedule***

December 7th: Title: Sensory Motor Group Therapy: A Primary Prevention Model
Speaker: Nicole Kunda, OTR, Buffalo Hearing & Speech Center

*ASHA, AOTA and PT CE credits

Workshops are held each month from **4:45 pm to 6:45 pm at Buffalo Hearing & Speech Center**, 50 E. North Street, Buffalo, NY.

The cost of each workshop is **\$35.00 or \$40.00** if registration is received less than 7 days in advance.

To register, please call our Buffalo office at **885-8318**. For more information, please visit www.askbhsc.org or contact Joe Sonnenberg at 885-8871 ext. 210.

BRAP Scholarship

The Board of Regional Association Presidents is pleased to announce the 2012 BRAP Scholarship. The scholarship is open to all residents of New York State who are entering or completing a full or part-time graduate or doctoral program in the fall of 2011 in speech-language pathology or audiology. Applicants must also be a member of a regional speech-language and hearing association. For further information please contact: Valerie Parker, BRAP Scholarship Chairperson at BRAPScholarship@gmail.com.

UB GSA Fundraiser

Help support speech, language, and literacy awareness in the Buffalo Community!

The UB Communicative Disorders and Sciences Graduate Student Association is promoting awareness of speech, language, and literacy development by providing a comprehensive parent/caregiver guide to families who may not have access to this information. The guide is an excellent resource for both parents and professionals. Guides are available to you for a suggested donation of \$10. Donations will be used to print, bind, and distribute the guides to parents and caregivers of preschool children. If you are interested, email Donna Ringholz at ringholz@buffalo.edu or contact her at 716-829-5536. Thank you for your support!

National Stuttering Association – Buffalo Chapter

By Bonnie L. Weiss

Bonnie Weiss and Gary Rentschler founded the Buffalo Chapter of the National Stuttering Association in 1994. Gary was the Director of the Speech and Hearing Clinic at the University at Buffalo at that time and I was in therapy at the clinic. I had just started working in the Classics Department at UB, and since I was the only staff person working there, I had to do EVERYTHING, which included answering the phone, making calls, and helping faculty and students get whatever they needed to be done. Though I had been in therapy several times before, it just didn't work. The Buffalo Chapter of the NSA still meets in Park Hall. We have a membership of 25 people, and the average attendance at our meetings is eight. We meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, and also try to have a weekend social every six weeks or so. We have members who are working or taking classes on Wednesdays, and so we try to get together on the weekends so we can see them too. Of course, the topics at our meetings pertain to stuttering. We generally start out our meetings sharing something that has happened since our last meeting. We take turns facilitating the meeting, and the one who is in charge gets to pick a topic. We have had teens in our group in the past, and would love to have teens meet with us again. Thankfully, I now have a co-chapter leader, Adrian McAdory. He has helped a lot with ideas for meetings and socials. By the way, I was the only person from the Buffalo Chapter to attend the annual convention in Ft. Worth, Texas this past summer. Attendance was 857! This included adults, teens, and children who stutter as well as speech/language pathologists. Believe me, when you get that many people who stutter together, we don't stop talking!!! We would love to have SLPs from Western New York attend our meetings and/or our socials. If you wish to attend our meetings, or be on our e-mail/ mailing list, please let me know. My e-mail is blweiss1@verizon.net.

New Voice Club of the Niagara Frontier

The New Voice Club of the Niagara Frontier is a head and neck cancer support group, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, Western New York District. The club was established in 1962 by Marshall J. Duguay, Ph.D, who was a speech-language pathologist working with laryngectomy patients at Roswell Park Cancer Institute. Meetings were originally held on Saturday mornings in the doctor's dining room. Dr. Duguay believed that "some affiliation with the American Cancer Society would legitimize work in the community and help negate the erroneous perception that Roswell may be a patient's last resort". He elected to move the group to a more neutral environment to create a wider appeal to more than just Roswell patients. Dr. Duguay went to the Erie County Unit of the American Cancer Society where Helen Ryan and Louis Fisher contacted the Salvation Army Headquarters on Main Street and got them to agree to hold monthly meetings in their facility.

Dr. Duguay needed a name for the group and decided on the "New Voice Club". He added to the title "Of the Niagara Frontier". He developed a name, a great sponsor and a neutral meeting place. He then chose a president and the club continues to function a half century later. The New Voice Club of the Niagara Frontier currently holds monthly meetings on the third Thursday of the month at the Church of the Nativity, which is located at 1530 Colvin Boulevard near Sheridan Drive. The Board of Directors and members continue to share experiences and support each other, remembering Dr. Duguay's words that "victory over cancer is indeed possible".

In addition to monthly meetings, a July family picnic and December holiday party, the club produces a monthly newsletter, visits patients and loans equipment. The school visitation team speaks to thousands of students each year about the dangers of tobacco use.

We invite anyone to attend a meeting and experience the camaraderie, courage and faith surrounding our cancer survivors.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

American Cancer Society
101 John James Parkway
West Amherst, New York 14228

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Bogner, MS, CCC/SLP
SHAWNY Co-President
New Voice Club of the Niagara Frontier
Speech Advisor, Vice President

Local Speech & Language Support Groups

APHASIA SUPPORT GROUPS:

- Buffalo State College – Meets Fridays from 2:00-3:00 PM (August-May)
Speech-Language Hearing Clinic
Caudell Hall
Buffalo, NY 14222
716-878-5319
Deborah Insalaco, PhD-CCC-SLP
insaladm@buffalostate.edu
<http://www.buffalostate.edu/speech/clinic.xml>

- Buffalo Hearing and Speech Center – Meets two Fridays/month from 12-1 PM – call for details
50 E. North Street
Buffalo, NY 14203
716-885-8318
Joseph Sonnenberg, MS-CCC-SLP

- University at Buffalo – Meets Thursday mornings – call for details
Speech-Language and Hearing Clinic
52 Biomedical Education Bldg.
Buffalo, NY 14261
716-829-3980
Carol Sellers, MS-CCC-SLP
<http://cdswebserver.med.buffalo.edu/drupal/?q=node/561>

- SUNY Fredonia – Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 3:00 PM
W127 Thompson Hall
Fredonia, NY 14063
716-673-4618
Julie L Williams
julie.williams@fredonia.edu

LARYNGECTOMEE THERAPEUTIC SUPPORT GROUP:

- Buffalo Hearing & Speech Center – Meets 2nd & 4th Fridays from 2:00-3:30 PM
50 E. North St.
Buffalo, NY, 14203
Joe Sonnenberg
885-8871 ext. 2210
jsonnenberg@askbhsc.org

Local Speech & Language Support Groups (continued)

STROKE SUPPORT GROUPS:

- American Stroke Association Stroke Support Group – Meets once/month 6-8 PM – call for details
Beechwood Continuing Care
2235 Millersport Hwy
Getzville NY 14068
716-614-1986
Roseanne Hemmitt, coordinator
Roseanne.hemmitt@heart.org

- Buffalo General Stroke Support Group – Meets 3rd Monday each month from 7:00-8:00 PM
100 High St.
Buffalo NY 14120
716-859-2203
Emily Greenfield, support group leader
egreenfield@kaleidahealth.org

- DeGraff Stroke Support Group – Meets 3rd Tuesday each month from 7:00-8:00 PM
445 Tremont St
N. Tonawanda NY 14120
716-859-2203
Emily Greenfield, support group leader
egreenfield@kaleidahealth.org

Useful Therapy Materials and Tips

- [Apps for Autism: An Essential Guide to Over 200 Effective Apps for Improving Communication, Behavior, Social Skills, and More!](#)

→For sale at: Life Resources Christian Bookstore
3902 Maple Road
Amherst, NY 14226
716-836-4001
www.shopliferesources.com



- **Speech Buddies:** Speech therapy tools designed to help children learn correct tongue placement for five sounds – R, S, L, CH, and SH. To learn more, visit www.speechbuddy.com.

- Progress has been seen working with a student diagnosed with autism and apraxia. These tools are a great way to teach correct positioning of all articulators!
(Submitted by: Sarah Matson)



Members' Corner

Have you attended a conference, like the ASHA convention, and would like to post an editorial on what you heard or saw? Do you want to discuss a case study to get member feedback? Is there new or exciting news (i.e. new baby, marriage) that you want to share with fellow colleagues? Are you a new professional who would like advice from experienced members? Then this is the corner for you! Each newsletter, we would like to post our members' letters to increase member communication with one another. Submissions to Members' Corner can be sent to Sarah Matson at sarah.furlani@gmail.com.

On the same topic, we would like to encourage our SHAWNY members to visit our website often to check out the latest information in our profession. Members can submit information regarding updated legislative issues, continuing education, and employment opportunities through our website. Just visit our home page at www.shawny.org and click on "Submit News".

NOMINATION FORM FOR THE SHAWNY 2012 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Please nominate yourself or another individual for a position on the SHAWNY executive council.

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| <p>Elected Positions:
President
First Vice President of Speech Pathology
Second Vice President of Speech Pathology
Vice President of Audiology
Treasurer
Corresponding Secretary
Recording Secretary
Librarian</p> |
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Please mail your nomination to: SHAWNY
24 Old Colony Avenue
Tonawanda, NY 14150

Position: _____ Nominee: _____

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Due: Friday, December 2, 2011



Compilation of the newsletter begins on the 15th of the month in which it is issued. Submissions must be signed in writing by this date or they will not be included until the next publication. If you are submitting any articles or quotations from copyrighted publications, please be sure to reference them so they may be cited properly.

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Have a safe and happy holiday season!