



February 2012 Newsletter



Dear Colleagues,

We hope you are enjoying the mild winter we have been having. Spring is just around the corner and SHAWNY is busy planning our spring line-up of workshops and focus groups. We would also like to acknowledge our out-going board members and welcome the new.

SHAWNY would like to extend our sincere thanks to Donna Ringholz, Carol Sellers, and Lori Wildt for their years of service and dedication as Membership Chair, Public Relations Chair, and Librarian. Their presence and input will be missed.

We would like to welcome some current board members filling new roles: Amy Ratajczak, Membership Chair, and Tracy Panzarella, Public Relations Chair. We also welcome new board member, Marie Meyer, who will serve as our Librarian.

The SHAWNY spring workshop, *English Language Learners: Second Language Acquisition and Considerations- Pre-K to High School* presented by Kim McClaren, MS Ed, TESOL and Stephen Guerra, MS ED, TESOL, will be held March 24, 2012 at Buffalo State College. SHAWNY is also co-sponsoring ECMC's May 16th Community Education Workshop: *Childhood Apraxia of Speech: P.R.O.M.P.T.* presented by Leah Blum, MA, CCC/SLP, NYS Lic/TSHH PC and Susan Pisarek-Freatman, MS, CCC/SLP, NYS Lic/TSHH PC. Please check our website or email us for information regarding these workshops and meeting dates/locations for our school-based, AAC, and medical focus groups.

Our annual SHAWNY Recognition Dinner is set for Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at Salvatore's Italian Gardens, so please save this important date. Applications for the 2012 SHAWNY Scholarship Award and information on the Dena Goldstein Memorial Scholarship are available on our website. Also included in this newsletter are nomination forms for our Honors of the Association. If you know a colleague or related professional who goes above and beyond for individuals with communication disorders, please consider nominating them for these awards.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support of SHAWNY and wish you a warm and prosperous spring!

Sincerely,

Valerie Parker and Susan Bognar
SHAWNY Co-Presidents

2012 SHAWNY Executive Council

The 2012 SHAWNY Executive Council seats were established at the Executive Board meeting in December. We value these Board members who are willing to volunteer their time to SHAWNY's success. The 2012 SHAWNY Executive Council members include the following:

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SHAWNY Membership Update

The Speech Language Hearing Association of Western New York (SHAWNY) is a professional and educational organization. Our membership includes speech-language pathologists and audiologists practicing in a wide variety of settings. These settings include hospitals, health care facilities, private practice, nursing homes, school districts, and public and private agencies. It is dedicated to providing continuing education and up to date information through workshops, lectures, current legislation, and community service.

Renewal forms have been sent to current 2011 SHAWNY members. Thank you to all of you who have renewed your membership for 2012. If you have not yet renewed your membership for 2012, you can download an application on the SHAWNY website or contact Amy Ratajczak at amyratajczak@gmail.com.

Reminder – you have the option to “Go Green!” and receive the newsletter via email. Please indicate this choice on your membership renewal form or contact Amy at the email address listed above.

2012 SHAWNY Recognition Dinner Awards

The Annual SHAWNY Recognition Dinner will be held on **Tuesday, May 1, 2012** at Salvatore’s Italian Gardens. Nomination information for this year’s Honors of the Professions is listed below. We hope to see you there!

SHAWNY will be awarding two members in our community our highest awards. The ***Honor of the Association within the Profession*** is awarded to a speech-language pathologist or audiologist who has worked to further the profession and serve the community in a way that makes them outstanding in the profession. The ***Honor of the Association outside the Profession*** is awarded to an individual who is typically in a related profession who has supported our professions or the individuals we serve in a unique or outstanding manner.

As with past Recognition dinners, we are opening nominations from our SHAWNY members to nominate an individual within or outside our profession to receive one of SHAWNY’s honors. All nominations will be considered by SHAWNY’s Executive Council who will then make the final vote. To nominate an individual, please write a two paragraph nomination letter describing the individual and why they deserve SHAWNY’s Honor of the Association. Please submit your nominations to either Valerie Parker at vallahollow@roadrunner.com or Sue Bognar at slb_speechteach@hotmail.com and do not forget to include your contact information and the contact information of your nominee. The deadline for submitting nominations is **March 2, 2012**.

2012 Dena Goldstein Memorial Scholarship

SHAWNY will be offering the 10th annual Dena Goldstein Memorial Scholarship at our awards dinner on May 1, 2012. Any graduating Western New York high school senior with a speech, language, and/or hearing impairment who plans to further his/her education and has benefited from speech and/or hearing services is eligible to apply. Applications may be downloaded from www.shawny.org or may be obtained by contacting Stephanie Verrico at verrico@buffalo.edu. Completed applications must be postmarked by March 23, 2012.

The Dena Goldstein Memorial Scholarship was established in memory of Dena Goldstein, who lost her life as a result of a tragic car accident on February 16, 2002. Dena was born profoundly deaf and worked with many Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists in Western New York to help her lip read and speak. She was a 1994 graduate of Amherst Central High School and attended American University and Buffalo State College. Her accomplishments continue to serve as an inspiration to all who knew her.

2012 SHAWNY Scholarship

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

It's that time of year!!! This year, the Speech-Language-Hearing Association of Western New York (SHAWNY) is pleased to offer two \$750.00 scholarships to assist students in the Western New York area who are working towards a degree in speech-language pathology or audiology. One scholarship will be awarded to an **undergraduate senior** speech-language pathology or audiology student and a second scholarship will be awarded to a current **graduate** student.

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 regional schools: Buffalo State College
SUNY at Fredonia
SUNY at Buffalo
3. Must be a SHAWNY student member (you may join at this time for a fee of \$20.00- see enclosed application form if needed).
4. Participation in a final interview if deemed necessary by the scholarship committee.

The scholarship will be awarded based on leadership, community involvement (weighed heavier for undergraduate applicants), clinical experiences (graduate applicants only), an essay, academic performance, and additional experiences. The scholarship recipients will be notified in early April. This year's scholarship award is a one-time payment of \$750.00 to one undergraduate and one graduate recipient. Winners will be presented with the scholarships at the SHAWNY Banquet on May 1, 2012.

****The deadline for this scholarship is March 26, 2012. This includes all scholarship application materials, letters of recommendation, official transcripts, etc. There are no exceptions!**

Please go to **www.shawny.org** and click on *SHAWNY scholarship* to download an instruction form, an application form, and a student membership form. Good luck!!!

Thank You

SHAWNY would like to thank all of the members who have contributed to the Scholarship Fund so far this year. As of February 5, 2012, we have added \$1,510 to this fund. Without your generosity we would not be able to award these scholarships to the future speech-language pathologists and audiologists in our area.

Judith Arnold
Carmille Bauer
James Becker
Gretchen Burden
Kathleen Burke
Marilyn Calabrese
Pamela Clabo
Cynthia Dimitri
Sal Gruttadauria
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Susan Roberts
Pamela Simon
Joseph Sonnenberg
Claudia Stachowski
Stephanie Verrico
Shannan Weimer

SHAWNY Sponsored and Co-Sponsored Events

March 24, 2012 – 9:15 AM – 12:00 PM

Topic: English Language Learners: Second Language Acquisition and Considerations—Pre-K to High School

Speakers: Kim McClaren, MS Ed, TESOL & Stephen Guerra, MS Ed, TESOL

Description: Kim and Stephen will discuss the stages of second language acquisition, the differences between second language difficulties and language disorders, and considerations for formal assessments of English language learners. This conference will award .2 CEUs. It is \$35 for SHAWNY members and \$40 for non-member professionals. Students who are SHAWNY members may attend for \$15. It is \$20 for non-member students. Contact Deborah Insalaco at insaladm@buffalostate.edu or 878-5319 for more information.

Location: Buffalo State College – Butler Library (Room 210)

May 16, 2012 – 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Topic: Childhood Apraxia of Speech: P.R.O.M.P.T.

Speakers: Leah Blum, MA, CCC/SLP, NYS Lic/TSHH PC &
Susan Pisarek-Freatman, MS, CCC/SLP, NYS Lic/TSHH PC

Description: Workshop will include an overview of motor-based speech disorders with a particular emphasis on Childhood Apraxia of Speech. Information specific to the P.R.O.M.P.T. (Prompts for Restructuring Oral Muscular Phonetic Targets) approach to remediation will be included. A description of the use of P.R.O.M.P.T. for assessment and treatment of motor speech disorders, as well as the protocol for training in this method will be discussed. Please note, this is NOT the Introduction to P.R.O.M.P.T. course offered through the P.R.O.M.P.T. Institute, but rather a synopsis of this technique.

Location: Conference Center, 4242 Ridge Lea, Amherst, New York 14226

SHAWNY AAC Group

The SHAWNY AAC Focus group will be meeting at Loughran's – 4543 Main Street, Amherst, NY on March 28th from 4:30-7:00. Please contact Amy Ratajczak at amyratajczak@gmail.com or 903-3032 for more information. Thanks!

SHAWNY Medically-Based Group

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

SHAWNY School-Based Interest Group

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

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.

Advertisements

Do you have something to share with the speech-language pathology and audiology communities? SHAWNY offers the opportunity to advertise in our newsletters! Fees are as follows:

Half Page – \$15.00

Full Page – \$25.00

Please contact Sarah Matson at sarah.furlani@gmail.com for more information!

Members can also 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”.

Buffalo Hearing and Speech Center

BUFFALO HEARING & SPEECH CENTER 2012 WORKSHOP SCHEDULE CONTINUING CLINICAL COMPETENCY (CCC) SERIES

- March 6th
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Title: Tourette Syndrome and Associated Disorders – OCS, ADHD, LD, Sensory, and Dysgraphia
Speaker: Susan Connors, President, Tourette Syndrome Association of Greater NYS
- March 8th
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Title: Brain Gym ® Program – Part II (Continuation of 10-6-11 Workshop)
Speaker: Kate Baer-Gagola, M.S., Licensed Brain Gym Instructor/Consultant
- March 13th
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Title: Apps, iPads, and More: Using Tablets, PCs, and Mobile Phones in Therapy and Classroom Activities
Speaker: Tammy Roberts, CCC-SLP, Bornhava
- March 14th
*&**
Title: Update on OAE, ABR, ECocG, and a New Auditory Evoked Potential, CE-Chirp
Speaker: Sherri Weller, GSI Audiologist, Sponsored by AudioMedtric Technology
- March 15th
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Title: Beginning Experiences with Telepractice/Teletherapy
Speaker: Christopher Heximer, CCC-SLP, Buffalo State College
- April 30th
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Title: Classroom Acoustics and Classroom Learning
Speaker: Merri Bragg, MA, FAAA, Classroom Audio Consultant, Lightspeed Technologies
- May 1st
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Title: Incorporating Speechmapping as a Hearing Aid Fitting, Counseling, & Neuroplasticity Rehabilitation Tool
Speaker: David Smigra, MA.....Sponsored by AudioMedtric Technology
- September 18th
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Title: Childhood Apraxia of Speech: Effective Therapy and Target Selection
Speaker: Sarah Arth, CCC-SLP, Beyond Boundaries Therapy & Hearing & Speech Center of WNY
- September 25th
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Title: Effective Classroom Strategies for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders
Speaker: Tracy Panzarella, CCC-SLP, Autistic Services
- October 2nd
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Title: Practical Measures that Can Assist your Critical Thinking When Conducting Dysphagia Evaluations
Speaker: James Smaldino, CCC-SLP, Roswell Park Memorial Institute
- October 9th:
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Title: Spoken Language Processing APD Model: Intertwining of Cognition, Language, and Auditory Processing
Speaker: Larry Medwetsky, Ph.D., Rochester Hearing & Speech Center
- October 16th
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Title: Primer on 504 and the Schools: How is this Different from Special Education?
Speaker: Bruce Goldstein, Esquire, Goldstein, Ackerhalt, & Pletcher
- October 23rd
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Title: Social Learning Through Social Thinking
Speaker: Nancy Hadyn-Hawkins, CCC-SLP, Clarence School District
- October 30th
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Title: Interdisciplinary Approach to DIR/Floortime for Young Children with ASD & other Delays
Speaker: Bridget Palmer, CCC-SLP, Liberty Post & Patricia Halton, MS, Buffalo Hearing & Speech Center
- November 7th
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Title: Clinical Management of Toe Walking
Speaker: John Petrunyak, MPT, Buffalo Hearing & Speech Center

Buffalo Hearing and Speech Center continued

2012 Workshop Schedule

* **Speech-Language Pathology: Approved by ASHA for C.E. Credits**

** **Audiology: Approved by AAA and ASHA for C.E. Credits**

*** **Occupational Therapy & Physical Therapy Workshops: Approved by AOTA, NYS (PT)**

**** **Special Education – Professional Development Hours**

Dates/Times/Place

Workshops are held on weekdays (M-Th) from 4:45 to 6:45 p.m. at Buffalo Hearing & Speech Center, 50 E. North Street Buffalo, NY, 14203.

Cost

The cost of each workshop is:

- \$35 if payment is received seven days in advance
- \$40 if payment is received less than seven days in advance

- **All workshops may be purchased at a package price of \$270.** Payment can be made by credit card or check (payable to *Buffalo Hearing and Speech Center*). Fees paid are non-refundable.

To register, please contact JoAnn DeMarco or Christine Zaciewski at Buffalo Hearing & Speech Center, 885-8318.

For More Information: visit our website at www.AskBHSC.org or call Joe Sonnenberg at 885-8871 ext. 2210.

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!

Buffalo State College Thielman Speaker Series

Buffalo State College will be holding its Seventh Annual Thielman Speaker Series on April 21, 2012 from 8:30 am—4:15 pm in the Bulger Communication Center located at 1300 Elmwood Ave Buffalo NY 14222. The guest speaker, a former Buffalonian, Lyn Turkstra, PhD, CCC-SLP, will discuss Intervention for Adolescents with Acquired Communication Disorders. Her presentation will focus on the critical benchmarks in adolescent brain and communication development, the similarities and differences between the communication development of adolescents with acquired brain injuries and those with developmental impairments, and intervention using an evidence-based practice framework. This conference will award .6 CEUs. Contact Deborah Insalaco at insaladm@buffalostate.edu or 878-5319 for more information.

Congratulations!

Submitted By:
Constance Dean Qualls, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, ASHA Fellow
Chair and Professor of Speech-Language Pathology
State University of New York College at Buffalo

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Dolores E. Battle on the publication of the 4th Edition of her book, *Communication Disorders in Multicultural and International Populations* (Elsevier Publishers). Dolores, as many of you know, is one of the pioneers on multicultural issues in our field. Her definitive book (now in the 4th edition) is cited in virtually every writing dealing with multicultural issues and is used in CSD courses around the country and the world. You will note that this latest edition includes international issues as well.

We are proud that Dr. Battle is one of our own and continues to be affiliated with the Speech-Language Pathology department.

Autism Course

Autistic Services is a NYSED approved provider of training in the needs of students with autism. Effective with applications submitted after September 1, 2009, all candidates for a Classroom Teaching certificate in all areas of Special Education are required to complete coursework or training from a State Education Department approved provider of such training. For more information about this new requirement or other NYSED Office of Teaching Certification Requirements, please visit their website at www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/autism.html.

We are excited to share our unique and extensive experience by offering training to education professionals throughout the year. This course will be offered through our Autism Center for Learning located at our main school and administrative site at 4444 Bryant and Stratton Way, Williamsville, NY 14221.

Our 2012 Training Schedule is as follows:

- Saturday, March 3, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 5, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 21, 2012 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Please note that payment must be included with your registration form, and you must be pre-registered to attend the training. For more information regarding trainings through the Autism Center for Learning, please call (716) 631-5777, ext. 363 or e-mail sdoyle@autisticservices.org. We look forward to seeing you there! Thank you.

NYSSLHA Convention

52nd Annual NYSSLHA Convention

NYSSLHA's 52nd Annual Convention will be held in Saratoga Springs, NY on April 26-28, 2012.

Employment Opportunities

Please visit www.shawny.org for a complete list of current job opportunities in WNY. SHAWNY members can post job opportunities on our website by emailing Terri Cinotti at cinotti@buffalo.edu. Be sure to write "Job Posting" in the subject line of your e-mail.

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".



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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