



## Summer 2011 Newsletter

### Letter from our Presidents

Dear Colleagues,

Summer is finally here, and SHAWNY is working on planning a very exciting fall line-up of workshops and focus groups after a very successful spring. We would like to thank the many registrants who attended our March fluency workshop, as well as our presenters: Paul Blanchet, Ronald Houk, and Susan Bognar. We would also like to thank everyone who attended our annual Recognition Dinner on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. It was nice to get to meet some of our membership face-to-face and recognize our scholarship recipients and honorees. We would like to extend our heart-felt congratulations to our undergraduate and graduate scholarship winners: Kazlin Mason of SUNY Fredonia, and Carly Hanna of UB. Congratulations to Alexander Shanahan, the recipient of the Dena Goldstein Memorial Scholarship for a student with a communication impairment. Further congratulations are extended to Tracy Panzarella, our recipient of the Honors of the Association within the Professions and to Nancy Millet, our recipient of the Honors of the Association outside the Professions.

Our fall workshop will be held October 15<sup>th</sup> at Buffalo State College. The topic is "*Optimizing Independence in Individuals with Functional Cognitive Impairments*" presented by Rachel Castricone and Jennifer McGraw. Our AAC and schools-based focus groups will also be meeting in the fall. Although the SHAWNY website is currently down, we are working to get it back up and running as soon as possible, so please keep checking for updated information on our fall events at [www.shawny.org](http://www.shawny.org).

We would like to thank everyone for your continued support of SHAWNY and have a wonderful summer!

Valerie Parker and Susan Bognar  
SHAWNY Co-Presidents

# SHAWNY Year in Review

## SHAWNY Sponsored Workshops:

**March 26, 2011**

Topic: Fluency Disorders: Differential Diagnosis and Management Options

Speakers: Paul Blanchet, Ph.D., CCC-SLP  
Sue Bognar, MS, CCC-SLP  
Ron Houk, MS, CCC-SLP

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## SHAWNY Co-Sponsored Workshops:

**November 2, 2010**

Topic: iPods, Cell Phones, and Pagers: Using Everyday Technology to Enhance Independence for Individuals with Autism

Speakers: Tony Gentry, Ph.D., OTR/L  
Linda LeBlanc, Ph.D., BCBA-D  
Sean Smith, Ph.D., Professor

Sponsored by: Summit Educational Resources / SHAWNY

Location: Lackawanna, NY

**March 18, 2011**

Title: KidTalk: Naturalistic Communication Intervention for Young Children

Speakers: Ann P. Kaiser, Ph.D., Susan W. Gray (Professor of Education and Human Development at Peabody College of Vanderbilt University), and Megan Y. Roberts, MS, CCC-SLP/L

Sponsored By: Summit Educational Resources and SHAWNY

Location: Salvatore's Italian Gardens

**April 9, 2011**

Title: EnVISIONing a Bright Future for Individuals of All Ages with ASD!

Speaker: Patricia Lemer, M. Ed., NCC, M.S. Bus (Co-Founder and Executive Director of Developmental Delay Resources)

Sponsored By: Autistic Services, Autism Society WNY Chapter, and SHAWNY

Location: Salvatore's Italian Gardens

## Save the Date

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## The 2011 SHAWNY Recognition Dinner

Thank you to all who attended our annual Recognition Dinner on May 3, 2011 at Salvatore’s Italian Gardens. It was wonderful seeing so many SHAWNY members and meeting our very deserving scholarship recipients and honorees.

The 2011 recipient of the SHAWNY Award for Outstanding Service Within the Professions was Tracy Panzarella, M.A. CCC-SLP/L. Tracy has served on the SHAWNY Board of Directors since 2003, including several years as President. Under her guidance, SHAWNY was named Regional of the Year by the Board of Regional Association Presidents, achieved AAA accreditation, and created a position on the BOD to include audiologists. In addition to her service to SHAWNY, Tracy also serves as secretary of NYSSLHA. Tracy shows great dedication to the fields of speech-language pathology and audiology. Congratulations!

The 2011 recipient of the SHAWNY award for Outstanding Service Outside of the Professions was Nancy Millet. Nancy founded *Upstate Communication Resource* and made a wide variety of augmentative communication devices available to individuals with severe communication impairments, starting with the “communiclock” and “touch talker” and progressing to the higher tech DynaVox products. *Upstate Communication Resource* became a part of DynaVox, Inc.; a testament to the success and dedication Nancy and her company have shown to the field of AAC. A quote from the letter of nomination received for Nancy sums up her impact to our field nicely: “Nancy has long been a driving force for promoting and supporting the severely communicatively challenged individuals in our area needing augmentative communication, and she continues to serve as a wonderful ambassador to our profession.”

## 2011 SHAWNY Scholarship Recipients

This year, SHAWNY had the distinct pleasure of awarding two scholarships in the amount of \$750.00 (awarded as a one-time payment) to one undergraduate and one graduate recipient. The scholarships were awarded based on leadership, community involvement, clinical experiences (weighed heavier for graduate applicants), an essay, academic performance, and additional experiences. This year’s scholarship recipients exemplified not only academic and clinical excellence, but a desire to serve the community-at-large. Carly Hanna, a second year speech-language pathology graduate student from the University at Buffalo, was the 2011 Graduate Scholarship Award Recipient. The 2011 Undergraduate Scholarship Award was presented to Kazlin Mason, a senior at SUNY at Fredonia who will be entering graduate school this fall to study speech-language pathology. Both recipients were present on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at Salvatore’s Italian Gardens to accept their awards during the Annual SHAWNY Recognition Dinner. Congratulations to both Carly and Kazlin, and best wishes for continued success in all your future endeavors!

Applications for the 2012 SHAWNY Scholarship Award will be available online beginning February 2012.

## 2011 Dena Goldstein Memorial Scholarship Recipient

Alexander Shanahan, a graduating senior at Williamsville North High School, was awarded with the 2011 Dena Goldstein Memorial Scholarship at the SHAWNY recognition dinner for his perseverance, leadership, scholarship, and spirit. A member of the National Honor Society, he has excelled in the classroom while also participating in a variety of sports including ice hockey, roller hockey, cross country, and track and field- all while challenged by stuttering.

From an early age, Alex never let stuttering define him- he made himself known to others as a person who stutters rather than a stutterer. Instead of using his stuttering as an excuse, he held himself to the same standards as his peers. He gave oral presentations, just like the other students, even though he could have been exempt. He chose to stand in front of his middle school classmates and speak- showing remarkable courage. His Speech-Language Pathologist from middle school, Susan Grieve, remembers Alex well. In her letter of recommendation, she referred to him as an exceptional young man who has always dug deep within himself to find resolve and determination.

In high school, he never let stuttering prevent him from pursuing interests and involving himself in his school and community. Although fearful of meeting new people and speaking in general, he did not shy away from his peers. Instead, he persevered and allowed others to see him for who he was. This was clearly exemplified by teammates on two different hockey teams who admired him for his character and elected him to serve as assistant captain.

With the support of his family, Alex has continued to seek treatment for his stuttering. In 2009, he enrolled in a two week intensive speech therapy program at the Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk. There he developed what he describes as a "newfound sense of self-confidence." He has resolved to continue working toward fluent speech without letting his stuttering control him or his life.

In his essay supporting his application, Alex said that when looking for inspiration he had turned to athletes, musicians, and pop culture icons but none of them sufficed. He said, "I was on the edge of the abyss when I found inspiration in a previously unthought-of place. I found inspiration and hope in myself." He quoted the rapper Immortal Technique who sings "If the solution has never been to look in yourself, how is it that you expect to find it anywhere else?"

In the fall, Alex will attend Duquesne University where he plans to study Pharmacy. He hopes that he can share his inspiration with other students so they can conquer whatever barriers they face in their lives. For more information regarding the Dena Goldstein Memorial Scholarship, please visit [www.shawny.org](http://www.shawny.org). Donations may be directed to:

Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo  
712 Main Street  
Buffalo, N.Y. 14202

Please make checks payable to: "**Dena Goldstein Memorial Scholarship Fund**"

## Kaleida Health

Kaleida Health Speech-Language Pathology and the Palliative Care Departments, with the UB Center for Clinical Ethics and Humanities in Healthcare, and the Dept. of Communicative Disorders and Sciences are pleased to provide: Swallow Evaluation of the Palliative Patient: A Clinical Conversation (Increase understanding of the medical, nutritional, legal, social, and ethical aspects of the ability to swallow at the end of life.

Date: July 8, 2011

Place: Swift Auditorium – Kaleida Health Buffalo General Hospital, 100 High Street, Buffalo, NY

Additional Information:

- 7:30 - 8:30 registration and continental breakfast
- Lunch and snacks provided
- Fee: Pre-registration: \$90 ; At door: \$100 ; Students: Free
- For brochure or registration contact: Mr. Dan Miori, RPA-C at 716-887-4368, Millard Fillmore Gates Hospital, 3 Gates Circle, Buffalo, NY 14209
- Approved by ASHA (6.5), ACCME (6.25).

## NYSSLHA

Why join NYSSLHA?

NYSSLHA is our state professional organization that works to protect our professions and the clients we serve. NYSSLHA is active in NYS legislation. In addition, NYSSLHA supports continuing education opportunities throughout the year and provides a CEU registry at no cost to its members. The annual convention provides a minimum of 1.6 CEU's. NYSSLHA is a great tool to use in networking among professionals and the NYSSLHA office is a terrific resource for information on licensure, teacher certification, legislation and more. It is never too late to join NYSSLHA with prorated member dues. The membership application can be found on the NYSSLHA website at: [http://www.nysslha.org/i4a/ams/public/memberapp\\_description.cfm](http://www.nysslha.org/i4a/ams/public/memberapp_description.cfm)

## NYSSLHA Convention

The 51<sup>st</sup> Annual NYSSLHA Convention was held in Saratoga Springs from May 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>. As always, it was an outstanding event made possible by NYSSLHA. The 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention will once again be held in Saratoga Springs from April 26-28, 2012.

# School-Based Interest Group

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

### September 7, 2011

Topic: ASHA's New Ethics Policy and Scope of Practice  
Facilitator: Nancy Hadyn-Hawkins

### October 5, 2011

Topic: Voice and Oral Resonance  
Guest Speaker: Mrs. Shannon Notto, SLP @ Women's and Children's Hospital  
Facilitator: Jody Marshall

### November 2, 2011

Topic: Living With Asperger's Syndrome-Guest Speaker  
Facilitator: Nancy Hadyn-Hawkins  
Video with Peer Modeling Facilitator: Liz Derx

### 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.

## SHAWNY AAC Group

Please visit [www.shawny.org](http://www.shawny.org) for information regarding upcoming meetings.

## SHAWNY Website

Please visit our website at [www.shawny.org](http://www.shawny.org). It's a great way to keep up-to-date on SHAWNY events, legislation, and job postings. Job postings may be sent to Terri Cinotti at [cinotti@buffalo.edu](mailto:cinotti@buffalo.edu). Please make sure to note "*SHAWNY Job Posting*" in the subject line of your e-mail.

## Member's Corner

Congratulations to our friend and colleague Sarah Furlani on her upcoming wedding nuptials. Her married name will be Sarah Matson.

## Buffalo Hearing and Speech Center

**BUFFALO HEARING & SPEECH CENTER  
2011 WORKSHOP SCHEDULE  
CONTINUING CLINICAL COMPETENCY (CCC) SERIES  
AUDIOLOGY/SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY**

Location: At Buffalo (Italics)/Location at Fredonia (Bold)

September 21<sup>st\*</sup>      Title: Auditory Processing Disorders Revisited – Beyond CAPD:  
Diagnosis and

Pre/Post Therapy Results

Speaker: Kim Tillery, Ph.D., CCC-A, Fredonia State University

Sept. 28<sup>th\*\* & \*\*\*</sup>      Title: Response to Intervention: Special Educators and  
Therapists

Working Effectively with Their Schools

Speaker: To Be Announced

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

\*\* Joint OT/PT and SLP Workshop: Approved by AOTA and ASHA for C.E. Credits

\*\*\* Joint Special Education and SLP Workshop: Approved by ASHA for C.E. Credits

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

# Buffalo Hearing and Speech Center

## Fun Summer Events to support clinical services at Buffalo Hearing & Speech Center

### **BHSC GOLF TOURNAMENT**

On Monday, August 29, 2011 Buffalo Hearing & Speech Center will host its Annual Golf Tournament and Auction at Orchard Park Country Club. The day will be filled with contests, great prizes and wonderful auction prizes. The event is sponsored by Lawley Service Group, Pella Windows and Door of WNY, KeyBank, Chef's Restaurant and AAA of Western and Central New York. Shotgun start at 12:00 and lunch will be served on the course.

Proceeds from the tournament will benefit programs and services at the Center. From our clinic, where we provide a wide range of audiology and speech-language pathology services to our programs such as Language to Literacy, Oral Deaf Education, Social Communication, Early Intervention, and Preschool, we have transformed many lives. With the help of local supporters we can continue to make miracles happen for children and adults, and in many cases, provide them with the life altering services they need to succeed.

For more information or to golf, contact Carla LiVecchi, Development and Marketing Manager at 885-8871 ext. 248 or by email at [clivecchi@askbhsc.org](mailto:clivecchi@askbhsc.org).

### **BUFFALO BREWFEST**

The 2011 Buffalo BrewFest, now in its 10<sup>th</sup> year, is scheduled for **Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm – 9:30pm** at the HSBC Arena atrium and plaza.

This year's Buffalo BrewFest will feature well over 100 special craft brews from around the world. Brewers will be set up across the two floors of the HSBC Arena atrium and outside in the Arena plaza. Food will be available from a menu specially prepared by Delaware North for the event featuring beer-inspired items.

Only 5000 tickets will be sold for the event due to space limitations in the HSBC Arena atrium and plaza. Tickets to the event are \$25 pre-sale and \$35 day of the event. Admission price includes a souvenir sampling glass and 20 tickets to taste and enjoy craft brews from the more than 100 brewers. **Buffalo BrewFest tickets are on sale now at all area Consumer's Beverage locations and at [Tickets.com](http://Tickets.com).**

All proceeds from this event benefit Buffalo Hearing & Speech Center.



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**Have a Safe and Wonderful Summer!**