



# FLA NEWS



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## The Pres Speaks

**Greetings to everyone on this day.** Much has happened since you received the last FLA newsletter.

I hate to start with sad news. On August 5th, we received word that Jim Sullivan, 1st Vice President had died. He had moved back to Tampa and was found by a co worker. I was informed of this by the people of Moffitt Clinic. He was president of the Chatterbox club. Further information was very scarce. All we know is that there was no funeral or memorial service. Jim was really looking forward to taking over the reins when my term was up. We will miss him. We keep his memory in our hearts. Go with God, Jim.

More sad news – Maureen Williams, a member of the Broward County club, died during the IAL Annual Meeting in Atlanta. She always made the meetings. She was a strong and loving person. Our condolences to her family. We know that she is now without pain and in the arms of God.

And, we also lost Rosa Jackson from Ocala. She died when we were doing the last newsletter. Our condolences to her family.

Bill and I attended the IAL Annual meeting, as many of our members did. We learned a lot and had a lot of fun. The WebWhisper Dinner was great, even if we were crowded into a room not meant for all of us. The Casey-Cooper award was presented to Mary Jane Renner. And...I was given an achievement award for my work. I accepted the award by thanking Bill, all the people of the FLA, and the Daytona Beach Club. (And I roared).

Now, we are pushing ahead to the FLA Annual Meeting and Head and Neck Clinic. The dates are Oct. 31 – Nov. 2. We will be meeting at the Plaza Resort and Spa. It is a new place for us and has a lot better amenities than last year. Please use the registration form enclosed if you want to attend the meeting. You have to call the hotel yourself – just remember to tell them that it is for the FLA Annual Meeting so you get the reduced rate.

I hope you like the schedule. We have tried to make it interesting with good advice for everyone. There will be a couple of new speakers with information we all need. And, at the dinner/dance, there will be surprise entertainment.

Back to the Board of Directors issue now that we have lost Jim Sullivan. Carl Kilmer, the Second Vice President, will complete Jim's term. So, at the present time, we are looking for a Second Vice President to complete Carl's term. That person must be able to travel to Tampa for at least one meeting each year, be at the FLA Annual Meeting, and be enthusiastic. If you feel a calling to be on the board, contact any of the board members or e-mail me at [jwramboldt@aol.com](mailto:jwramboldt@aol.com) or call 386/789-5836. Being part of the board is important and oftentimes, fun. Think about it.

I close with a big thank you to the board, to my husband, and to God.

**Judith Ramboldt**

**Florida Laryngectomee Association  
Annual Meeting  
October 31 – Nov. 2, 2003**

**Thursday, Oct. 30**                      Arrival of board members of FLA and principals of FLAHNCC  
**7:00 – 9:00 PM**                      Meeting of board members and representative of FLAHNCC  
President's suite

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2003 (Morning)**

No formal programs.

**9:00 – 11:45 AM**                      Registration for the AM. Table in main lobby. Pick up packets, buy raffle tickets for give-aways at Banquet.  
Carl Kilmer (1<sup>st</sup> Vice President) and wife Dottie,  
Jim Eklund – volunteer (sell raffle tickets)

**10:30 – 10:45 AM**                      Vendor set-up supervised by Bill Ramboldt. Ready for visitors 10 AM  
Refreshment break for HNCR Students and early FLA AM arrivals

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2003 (Afternoon)**

**1:00 – 1:30 PM**                      President's Welcome and Announcements

**1:00 – 2:30 PM**                      Florida Hearing and Speaking Impaired Program  
James Forstall (FTRI) and Matt Griffin (Griffin Laboratories)

**2:30- 2:45 PM**                      Refreshment break for HNCR students and AM attendees

**2:45 – 3:30 PM**                      Rap sessions for laryngectomees and spouses – separated  
Bill Ramboldt for the spouses and Judy Ramboldt for the larys

**3:30 on**                                      Free time for AM attendees  
President's meeting with club presidents or representative  
(15-30 minutes)

**6:00 – 7:00 PM**                      **MEET AND GREET**  
**CASH BAR AND HORS D'OEUVRES**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2003**

**Vendors 8:00 AM until 3:00 PM**

**8:00 – 9:00 AM**                      Speech Evaluation (TBA)  
Talk presented by an area pharmacist about drug problems, etc.

**9:00 – 10:15 AM**                      Panel demonstration with different ways of talking  
(Jim Sansing – esophageal, Charlie Blair – TEP, Richard Crum – Hands Free Valve, Judy Ramboldt – Artificial Larynx)  
Q and A included in time frame

**10:15 – 10:30 AM**                      Refreshment Break with HNCC students and AM attendees

**10:30 – 11:30 AM**                      Visitation do's and don'ts. Linda Stachowiak (Moffit)

**11:30 AM – 1:30 PM**                      Lunch on your own

**1:30 – 2:45 PM**                      Facts and Fantasies. Mary Jane Renner (HNCR)

**2:45 – 4:00 PM**                      Pulmonary function – Mark Finfrock (Kapitex)  
Combined session with FLAHNCC)

**4:00 PM**                                      Free time

**6:30 – 10:30 PM**                      Dinner/Dance – Cash Bar

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2003**

**8:00 – 10:30 AM**                      BREAKFAST – BUSINESS MEETING (HNCR Students Welcome Tickets Available)



## FLA ANNUAL MEETING OCT 31-NOV 2, 2003 REGISTRATION FORM

**COMPLETE AND RETURN BY OCTOBER 1, 2003**  
**ADVANCED RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**

Event	Fee	# People	Amount
General Registration includes sessions & vendors	\$10	_____	_____
Banquet Saturday Night	\$25	_____	_____
Dinner Choice for each registrant	Beef _____ Chicken _____		
Breakfast/Business Mtg. Sunday Morning	\$10	_____	_____
Total Enclosed			_____
Name of Laryngectomee, as it will appear on nametag _____			
Type of speech used: Esophageal _____ TEP _____ Electrolarynx _____			
Name of Spouse or Guest, as it will appear on nametag _____			
Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____			
Home Phone ( ) _____ Club _____			
E-Mail Address _____			

Make Checks Payable to: **Florida Laryngectomee Association**

Mail to:

Judy Ramboldt, President  
2640 Derby Drive  
Deltona Fl. 32738

Hotel Reservations must be made directly with the Plaza Resort & Spa 600 N. Atlantic Ave, Daytona Beach Fl. (800) 874-7420 by September 30, 2003. You must advise them that you are part of the FLA to get the group rate. Rates are \$75.00 per night. All rooms run of the house, best available. Local tax is 11.5 %. Group rates will apply to 3 days before and 3 day's after the meeting based on availability.

Please complete the following. (Circle one)

I want individual speech evaluation during the convention	YES	NO
I am a first time attendee	YES	NO
I am requesting financial assistance	YES	NO

## Auxiliary Note

Bill Ramboldt President

For those of you who were at the annual meeting last year you will remember that the auxiliary voted to do away with the craft sale as it puts the burden on the same few people all the time. I am letting you all know at this time that we had agreed to ask for donations to give to the FLA in place of the craft sale. In past years the craft sale has brought in about \$500 to \$600 dollars or more. I hope that you will keep that in mind this year when asked for your donations. If you can think of another way for us to get this money, please Let me know. I am open to any and all

suggestions you all may have. You can contact me at the E-Mail address in this letter or send your ideas to my home address which is.

Bill Ramboldt  
2640 Derby Dr.  
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I will be glad to look into all that I get and see what we can do. I will let you know at the annual meeting if we have anything to consider.

## Editors Note

If you know of anyone who is not getting this news letter, **PLEASE** give me the name and address. Than I will add it to the mail list. Thank You for your help in updating the mail list.

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