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FLA 2007 ANNUAL MEETING– Sept. 14 - 16, 2007 SHERATON STUDIO CITY HOTEL – ORLANDO (Rate: \$85 + 12.5% Tax)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2007

8:00 am- 11:00 am	REGISTRATION TABLE; Grand Foyer
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	
2:45 pm – 3:00 pm	WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	STORIES OF COMMUNICATION
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	IAL NOW AND TOMORROW
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	RECEPTION- on the Pool Deck - cash bar (alternate location in event of rain) Hors D'Oeuvres sponsored by InHealth Technologies
6:00 pm	DINNER ON YOUR OWN

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2007 (Students join FLA Annual Meeting)

8:00 am –8:45 am	SPEECH EVALUATION INTERVIEWS (Dr. Stone Demonstrates Evaluation Techniques)
8:45 PM – 9:45 PM	TEP PANEL – PROBLEMS & SOLUTIONS
9:45 am –10:00 am	Refreshments by Luminaud
10:00 am – 11:00 am	UROLOGY CONCERNS FOR THE SENIOR LARYNGECTOME
11:00 am – NOON	ACCESSORIES and INTERESTING TIDBITS
NOON – 1:00 pm	LUNCH ON YOUR OWN (pre-order necessary in hotel restaurant)
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS OF THE SPOUSE/CAREGIVER –
2:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Refreshments by Griffin Laboratories
2:30 pm – 4:00 pm	SPEECH EVALUATIONS – SESSION TWO - Studio One (Attendance limited to students -all others free time)
6:30 pm – 10:30 pm	BANQUET (Ticket required) -Cash Bar (Raffles & Auction - Surprise Program!)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2007

8:00 am – 9:00 am	SPEECH EVALUATIONS – SESSION THREE (Studio One)
9:00 am –10:00 am	CRITICAL INFORMATION A LARYNGECTOMEE NEEDS TO KNOW FROM (and about!) THEIR SLP
10:00 am – 11:00 am	PROBLEM SOLVING RAP SESSIONS-
11:00 am – NOON	SPEECH EVALUATIONS – SESSION FOUR (Studio One) (Attendance limited to students -all others free time)
	BUSINESS MEETING WITH
	COMPLIMENTARY LIGHT LUNCH- All Invited Sponsored by Lauder Enterprises and Servox

END OF ANNUAL MEETING

FREE SPEECH EVALUATIONS — Financial Grants Available

Come to the FLA Annual Meeting (AM) for speech evaluation by FLA staff; all are licensed and certified Speech-Language Pathologists. Don't miss this opportunity! Free! Included in registration fee. The FLA is sponsoring financial grants (with thanks to ACS) up to \$450 for those who request speech evaluations and need financial assistance. To qualify for a grant; ***Must be a Florida resident. *Must pre-register for the convention and attend all Annual Meeting instructional sessions and the banquet. *Must lodge in the meeting hotel. *Must pre-register for speech evaluations.** Priority will be given to laryngectomees who are 5 years or less from date of surgery. (or having significant problems). Consideration will be given to others unable to attend without financial aid. Grants are limited and awarded on a first come basis and determination of need. Grant recipients will be provided a Sheraton hotel room for 3 nights (value \$255), registration fee(\$15), banquet ticket (\$30), meals in the hotel dining room (allowance of \$80). Additional expenses may be approved in advance up to the \$450 limit and may include the registration fee and banquet for accompanying caregiver. Advance travel fuel expenses may be provided (within the max \$450 limit) including advance 'loans.' Our policy is to eliminate the need to pay out-of-pocket prior to reimbursement. Another option is a lump sum \$450 payment at end of the Annual Meeting, provided all qualifying factors listed above are met.

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Note: for a full size copy of the agenda with meeting rooms, speakers' names/credentials and refreshment breaks/sponsors call, write or email the President/Editor at above.

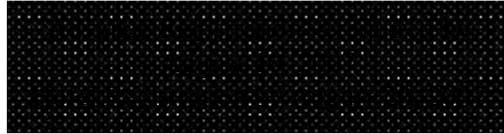
2007 Annual Meeting (AM) Announcement

Our hotel has reduced room rates to \$85 for the earlier dates of **September 14-16, 2007**. We begin Friday afternoon and end the meeting by early afternoon Sunday, moving the reception and banquet to Friday and Saturday evenings respectively. We will significantly increase the number of **free** individual speech evaluations by offering more sessions and raising the financial aid maximum. We plan to increase the number of first timers by aggressive advertising, offering more free therapy and providing easier access to financial assistance. We will increase the number of students in the graduate student speech training sessions by inviting additional universities. The 2007 program is designed to be new, fresh and exciting. Expect to see new topics, new speakers and familiar speakers presenting new topics. Many of your vendors will be present with Jim Lauder rejoining us and doing Servox repairs and adjustments. Speech students from UF,UCF and USF will meet concurrently with the AM on Friday afternoon and join the AM for the Saturday and Sunday sessions. Limited space required a condensed agenda on page 1 (sorry about that but see note just below FLA Officers Table)

ACS VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

The FLA and most of our local Clubs receive valuable support from the ACS State divisional and/or regional offices. We anticipate continuation of our strong anti-tobacco advocacy and participation in Relay for Life events but there other ACS programs that **direly need our support**. Contact President/Editor for more info.

Florida Laryngectomee Association (FLA)
ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM
 Sheraton Studio City Hotel, Orlando, FL
 September, 14 - 16, 2007
 REGISTRATION FORM



Event	Fee (Advance)	# guests	Amount
General Registration, includes all sessions & exhibits	\$15	_____	_____
Luncheon/Business Mtg. Sunday midday*	<u>complementary</u>	_____	<u>XXXXXX</u>
Banquet Saturday evening (Optional)***	\$30	_____	_____
*(Please list total number planning to attend Sunday luncheon)			
Circle Dinner Choice:	Chicken Marsala	Tilapia Dish with lemon sauce	
TOTAL ENCLOSED			_____

Name for **each registrant and guest** as it will appear on the name tag:

Address: _____ City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone () _____ Club or Affiliation _____

Make check payable to: Florida Laryngectomee Association
 Mail to: Charles Blair, President
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**A.M. Advance
 Registration is
 Required by Aug 10**

If lodging is desired or required , hotel reservations must be made directly with the Sheraton Studio City Hotel, Orlando, FL. Rates are \$85, based on single/double occupancy. Local taxes 12.5% Reservations required by August 20, 2007. This is a critical deadline.

Call 1-800-327-1366 www.sheratonstudiocity.com

Complete the following: **(circle appropriate choices in each line)**

I want a speech evaluation during the convention **Yes No** (If **Yes** list primary concern below)

First time attendee **Yes No**

If requesting financial aid complete all below;

I am requesting financial assistance **Yes No** (must be requesting speech eval and include phone # if **Yes**)

Would you be able to attend without financial assistance? **Yes No**

Do you wish lump sum payment at convention end or actual? **Lump sum Actual**

Present method of speech: Writing tablet - Artificial Larynx - Esophageal – TEP

Date of laryngectomy _____

Speech Problem _____

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The agenda speakers are listed in order of appearance; **FRI.** 3 pm: Pat Wertz Sanders, WebWhispers President; 4 pm: Gary Miner, IAL President; **SAT.** 8am: Ed Stone, PhD, CCC—SLP; 8:45am: (Nancy Blair, MS, CCC-SLP - Caryn Melvin, PhD, CCC-SLP - Melissa Czapla, MS, CCC— SLP); 10am: Dr. Fernando Borges, M.D.,F.A.C.S.; 11 am: Lisa Proper, MS, CCC-SLP; Caryn Melvin, PhD, CCC-SLP; **SUN.** 9am:Jeffrey Searl, PhD, CCC-SLP; 10am (Nancy Blair, MS, CCC-SLP - Caryn Melvin, PhD, CCC-SLP):

Speech evaluations will be conducted by our very capable and professional staff, arguably one of the finest in the country. These speech sessions will be integrated into the graduate students' training curriculum which should make it a valuable experience for our future Speech Language Pathologists. The Vic Baird Graduate Student Speech Program is in its 2nd year and by all indications is developing into a premier FLA outreach educational program.

In our next newsletter issue I will be listing proposed FLA Bylaw changes for approval at the coming Business Meeting in September. Primarily, they redefine the role of our Medical Director: Refine, condense and rewrite our Goals: Clarify how our Executive Committee conducts its business and some other miscellaneous but important items.

Our Website is presently being reconstructed for an improved "new look", with better organization and easier navigation. It be ready in a couple of weeks at the same web address, www.f-l-a.org

Caution: The TeliTalk telecommunications device should never be dismantled in order to remove the electro larynx. The attached TruTone is an integral part of the device and such actions could jeopardize continuation of this free program.

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