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2008 Annual Meeting Agenda

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2008

8:00 am – 1:00 pm FLA SPONSORED GOLF OUTING (Tentative - Plans being developed)
9:00 am-11:00 am & 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm : SIGN IN & ONSITE REGISTRATION TABLE; Grand Foyer

BEGIN FLA ANNUAL MEETING “EARLY START”

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm MEET AND GREET RECEPTION BY inHealth- cash bar– pool Deck (alternate location for rain)
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm DINNER ON YOUR OWN
7:30 pm – 8:15 pm TEP-PROSTHESIS VOICE by Jeff Searl, PhD, CCC-SLP
8:15 pm - 8:45 pm INSTRUCTION IN SPEAKING WITH STANDARD ESOPHAGEAL VOICE by Ed Stone, PhD
8:45pm –9:30 pm TEP HANDS FREE VOICE PARAPHERNALIA AND HME by Jeff Searl, PhD, CCC-SLP

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2008

Vendor's set up early & ready for viewing by 9:00 am; Silver Screen Room

8:00 am -9:00 am SPEECH INTERVENTION SESSION I - DEMO OF EVALUATING SPEECH by Ed Stone, PhD
9:00 am – 9:30 am REFRESHMENT Break by Lauder

BEGIN FLA ANNUAL MEETING “LATE START”

9:30 am – 10:30 am TEP/PROSTHESIS SPEECH –GETTING STARTED by Deonne Malick, PhD, CCC-SLP
10:30 am – 11:30 am MANAGING THE UPS AND DOWNS FOLLOWING LARYNGECTOMY by Caryn Melvin PhD, CCC-SLP
11:30 am - 12:30 pm LUNCH ON YOUR OWN (hotel soup-salad-sandwich buffet)
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm FUN AND GAMES IN THE VENDOR'S ROOM –Prizes!
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm DEALING WITH GRIEF- A MEDICAL APPROACH by Dr. T.G. Snyder, Psychiatrist
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm (concurrent session) SPEECH INTERVENTION SESSION II -(only for those requesting speech evals)
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm REFRESHMENTS by Luminaud
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM CPR—THE NEW PROTOCOLS by Tracie Hubbard, CCEMTP ,Orlando

6:00 pm – 9:30 pm BANQUET - CASH BAR – Hollywood Ballroom

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2008

8:00 am – 9:00 am SPEECH INTERVENTION SESSION III - (only for those requesting speech evals)
9:00 am – 10:00 am LARYNGEAL CANCER: PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE: Understanding the rationale behind selecting surgical vs. non-surgical therapy by Dr. Mark El-Deiry, Head and neck Surgeon
10:00 am – 10:45 am IMPACTS OF RADIATION+CHEMO ON VOICE AND SWALLOWING by Jeff Searl, PhD, CCC-SLP
10:45 am - 11:00 am REFRESHMENT BREAK by Griffin Labs
11:00 am – NOON TEP/PROSTHESIS SPEECH –WHEN PROBLEMS DEVELOP by Annette May MA,CCC-SLP

NOON – 2:00pm BUSINESS MEETING - followed by complimentary light lunch by ATOS- Hollywood Ballroom
End of Annual Meeting

Exhibition Tables : Vendors are ATOS, Griffin Labs, InHealth, Lauder and Luminaud - Service Organization anticipated is FTRI, (distributor of the free TeliTalk) - Non-Profits are ACS, FLA and Smoke Free Society Education Corporation.:(more may be added later) Jim Lauder will be performing Servox tune-ups and repair. Bring all your old Servox instruments and be prepared to donate any that can't be repaired.. Jim can use these for spare parts.

FLA 2008 ANNUAL MEETING– Sept. 12 - 14, 2008

Four Points by Sheraton Orlando Studio City Hotel (Rate: \$80 + 12.5% Tax)

? REPEAT GOLF EVENT ?

The nearby MetroWest Golf Club is being considered again by our Vice President Bob Smiley who is organizing and will be the coordinator should sufficient interest be shown. If interested or need more information, call or email him at mosolgo65@yahoo.com or ph 321-536-0831. Bob reports he has potentially two local foursomes showing an interest.

2008 FACULTY

Nancy Blair, MS, CCC-SLP, Largo, FL – Facilitator/Speech Therapy
 Dr. Mark El-Deiry, ENT Surgeon, Tampa, FL - Speaker
 Deonne Malick, PhD, CCC-SLP, Tampa, FL – Speaker
 Annette May, MA, CCC-SLP, Orlando, FL – Speaker/Speech Therapy
 Caryn Melvin, PhD, CCC-SLP, Columbia, SC – Speaker/Speech Therapy
 Annette Miller, BS, CCC-SLP, Pensacola, FL – Speech Therapy
 Jeffrey Searl, PhD, CCC-SLP, Kansas City, KS – Speaker/Speech Therapy
 Dr. T. G. Snyder, Psychiatrist, Columbia, SC – Speaker
 Thomas Shellenberger, Head and Neck surgeon, Orlando – VBGSP Speaker
 R.E. “Ed” Stone, PhD, Nashville, TN – VBGSP Course Director;
 Speaker/Speech Therapy

HOTEL LODGING NEWS AND TIPS

Reservations: We have had a few examples of the hotel *national* reservation system not offering the FLA rate of \$80 on all nights. This appears to happen on weekends and after 5 pm M-F when the local reservation number automatically switches to national. If this happens we can rectify that later so just accept the reservation and email me or give me a call. It **will** be corrected!

Reservations must be cancelled without penalty 72 hours in advance of check in and normally have a penalty for early departures after initial check-in. We were successful in having these waived in the event of medical emergencies for self or immediate family.

Banquet: The hotel is preparing a special banquet meal specifically for the FLA. This is the first time we have had the pleasure of having a double entrée meal, New York Strip **and** Scrimp Scampi; including a garden salad, Chief’s selection of Appropriate Vegetable and Starch, Rolls and Butter, Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, international Teas and Ice Tea, **plus** an FLA ‘Tribute’ special dessert -Homemade Cinnamon Apple Turnover with ice crème.

Saturday Lunch: The hotel restaurant is not normally open for lunch on weekends this time of the year but have agreed to offer a special lunch buffet for the FLA Annual Meeting. It will consist of 2 kinds of Soup, Sliced Ham, Roast Beef and Turkey, Assorted Bread and Rolls, Caesar Salad, Garden Salad, Homemade Cookies and Beverage for the low price of \$8.95. this is an excellent alternative for those not wishing to eat outside and not be late for the start of the afternoon session, and you can’t beat this price.

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THANKS, LISA PROPER

Lisa Proper has been an active FLA Board member, a Voice Institute Director and a Graduate Student Program staff member during her 20+ year affiliation with the FLA. She has submitted her letter of resignation and will not be participating in the 2008 Annual Meeting. Lisa, your work, support and creativity have been appreciated. Thank You!

NEW AUXILIARY RAFFLE

Members, please donate your special craft!! This year all raffle items will be on display throughout the meeting. You will be able to purchase tickets and place them in a bag for each item. You can select the item you want to win! The winners will be announced at the banquet Saturday evening. Each club is asked to supply a \$25 gift. Please bring all crafts and gifts to the meeting or send them to Ellie Nail, Wini Mogk or Nancy Blair. We will also have our traditional auction at the banquet. Tom Lennox and Richard Crum will lead the fun.

Florida Laryngectomee Association (FLA) - Annual Meeting Program

Four Points by Sheraton Orlando Studio City Hotel - September 12 - 14, 2008

REGISTRATION FORM

Advance Registration is required by August 22, 2008 for early discount. Late fees apply after this date. Completed registration forms must be received by Sept. 3, 2008. On site registration required after Sept.3, 2008. Full refunds will be given with notification prior to Sept. 3 and Sept 12 for medical emergencies.

Event	Fee- (by 8-22)	(by 9-3)	(on site)	# guests	Amount
Registration	\$20	\$22	\$25	_____	_____
Banquet	\$30	\$33	\$37	_____	_____
Conference Special	\$45	\$50	\$56	_____	_____
(Conference Special includes all the above activities at a reduced cost.)					
TOTAL ENCLOSED					_____

Note: Registration includes all sessions, exhibitions, Friday reception, all breaks, box lunch at Sun. Business. Meeting.
Banquet includes double entrée (New York Strip & Shrimp Scampi) with full course meal, short program, raffles, and auction..

*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

8745 Maplewood Road

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Hotel reservations must be made directly with the Four Points by Sheraton Orlando Studio City Hotel. Rates are \$80, based on single to quad occupancy. Local taxes 12.5% Hotel Reservations required by August 22. Subject to availability later.

Call 1-800-327-1366 for reservations Website: www.fourpoints.com/studiocity

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

I plan to attend the Friday reception **Yes No** I plan to attend the Sunday luncheon **Yes No**

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**

Present method of speech: Writing tablet - Electrolarynx - Esophageal – TEP with prosthesis

Date of laryngectomy _____ Speech Problem _____

NEWS BITS

- ?? I regret to report that Lisa Proper, Member at Large and long time faculty member has resigned from FLA for personal reasons. We will sorely miss Lisa and her talents.
- ?? We have had considerable difficulty recruiting candidates for FLA officers. To ease this problem we are proposing to change the Bylaws to lift the term restrictions on Treasurer and Secretary. **We propose to delete the last sentence of ARTICLE V OFFICERS, B.2. which reads as follows; "The Secretary and Treasurer shall be limited to three consecutive terms of two years each."** This will allow Earl Mogk to continue as Treasurer. We absolutely could not find anyone else to agree to run for this position.
- ?? We have developed a "killer" program for this year, with as good a faculty as any you could find. The hotel has a new name, new staff, refurbished rooms, new Chef and kitchen and as nice as they were before, you are going to be pleased with the changes. I feel really good about the 2008 program. What's the reason?—hard work from many sources and some good luck. Remember, elections this year so come and welcome in the new slate of officers.
- ?? The FLA Auxiliary has a new look this year with a major change to our prior system of raffles. You will like it. See page 2 for more information.
- ?? We again have a limited number of financial aid grants for those seeking speech therapy but unable to attend without financial aid. These grants are limited to Florida residents up to a max of \$350 based on actual cost. Little out of pocket expenses is required. Recipients will be given 2 nights in the meeting hotel, full registration fees including banquet and if necessary a nominal advance for onsite meals and vehicle gas expenses. If a traveling caregiver is necessary a portion of their expenses may be eligible up to the maximum.
- ?? We really do need a good attendance for this very promising Annual Meeting. Come and say good bye to Ed Stone and welcome Jeff Searl (departing and incoming Director of Education.

Charlie Blair



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