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Tentative 2008 Annual Meeting Agenda

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2008

8:00 am – 1:00 pm FLA SPONSORED GOLF OUTING (tentative)
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- cash bar– pool Deck (alternate location for rain)
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm DINNER ON YOUR OWN
7:30 pm – 8:15 pm INSTRUCTION IN SPEAKING WITH STANDARD ESOPHAGEAL VOICE by Dr. Ed Stone
8:15 pm - 9:00 pm ESOPHAGEAL VOICE AIDED BY TEP by Melissa Czpala. MS, CCC-SLP
9:00 pm – 9:45 pm EVALUATING COMMUNICATION SKILLS WITH STANDARD ESOPHAGEAL VOICE, TEP AND ALDS by Ed Stone PhD, CCC-SLP

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2008

Vendor's set up early & ready for viewing by 9:45 am; Silver Screen Room
8:00 am -9:00 am TEP HANDS FREE VOICE PARAPHERNALIA AND HME by Melissa Czpala. MS, CCC-SLP
9:00 am – 9:30 am REFRESHMENT BREAK

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 (advance sign-up for hotel meal selection)
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
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm REFRESHMENTS
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM CPR—THE NEW PROTOCOLS (concurrent session)
3:00 pm – 4:30 pm SPEECH EVALUATIONS with TEP Prosthesis Change Demonstration– Session Two (concurrent session, students only) - Studio One
6:00 pm – 10:30 pm BANQUET - CASH BAR – Hollywood Ballroom

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2008

8:00 am – 9:00 am SPEECH EVALUATIONS – Session Three (Studio One)
(Attendance limited to students -all others sleep in)
9:00 am – 10:00 am LARYNGECTOMY ALTERNATIVES –NEW PROTOCOLS
by Dr. Mark El-Deiry, Head and neck Surgeon
10:00 am – 11:00 am ESOPHAGEAL ON THE CHEAP – ROLE OF THE SLP by Jeff Searl, PhD, CCC-SLP
11:00 am – NOON SPEECH EVALUATIONS – Session Four, concurrent session -students only - (Studio One)
11:00 am – NOON TEP/PROSTHESIS SPEECH –WHEN PROBLEMS DEVELOP
by Annette May MA,CCC-SLP
NOON– 1:00 pm STUDENTS' FINAL EXAMS AND CRITIQUE
Students only- Studio One (concurrent session with FLA business meeting)
End of Vic Baird Graduate Student Program
NOON – 2:00pm BUSINESS MEETING - followed by complimentary
light lunch - Hollywood Ballroom
End of Annual Meeting

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

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

2007 FLA HALL OF FAME

Deceased - Bruno Johnke ; 1906 - 2007

Bruno was born in Berlin, Germany and died in Pensacola, Florida at the age of 101! He had a long and interesting life. He competed in the 1928 Olympics and in 1936 escaped Nazi Germany by accepting the position as coach of the Egyptian Olympic Gymnastics team, immigrating to the US in 1949. He began a career as pre-flight instructor at NAS, Pensacola in 1954 including coaching the base gymnastics team. He was a very early member of the PALS support group, charter member of PALS Hall of Fame, attended every IAL Annual Meeting after retirement while remaining very active. Jim Sansing of PALS states, "Bruno was an asset to all that knew him."

Living - Richard Crum

Despite Richard's laryngectomy he has remained very active with Crum's Auction and Realty, Inc. of Jeffersonville, Indiana as well as an excellent representative and consultant for Inhealth Technologies. He attended his first FLA Annual Meeting in Daytona Beach in 1993 and has been a regular ever since. I believe that is when your editor first met Richard and first learned how to maintain a seal for the hands-free valve. Richard has demonstrated his auctioneering skills on many occasions during previous banquets. His skillful efforts ensured a maximum return from valuable donated gifts from our members and generous vendors. Richard is the true southern gentleman.

FLA 2007 Annual Meeting a Mixed Success

Attendance at our September AM was near a record low and we finished the year with a net operating loss for the first time since 2004. Our total attendance was 86 including vendors and graduate speech students. Positive aspects were attendance by 18 *first timers*, speech evaluations/therapy given to 8 individuals and the granting of financial aid to 4 individuals. We are thrilled by the continuing success of our Vic Baird Graduate Student Program! Our dedicated vendors continue to provide excellent support to our organization. One highlight of our banquet was the entertaining floor show "*The Next Best Thing*" brought to us by FLA members Carol and Bob Kanjian with their traveling troupe. Was that really Barbara Streisand and Lisa Minnelli performing? A really poignant and touching moment was the tribute to our troops and the memoriam to our recently departed members. The recently formed team of Richard Crum and Tom Lennox provided another highlight with their professional but entertaining auction of items donated by Griffin Lab, Luminaud, PALS, and Laura Talmich. They truly maximized the value of the gifts. A near record number of items were raffled off. Luminaud donated 14 miscellaneous items as well as 2 items for auction. Griffin Lab donated a very nice raffle item and an auction item. Gift certificates for raffle were donated by clubs - Broward County, Chatterbox, Indian River, Space Coast, Suncoast and Treasure Coast. Broward County ACS donated a very nice large silver bell. Dang - I wish I had won that!

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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. Bring money and a bidding attitude!

A joint ACS/FLA letter containing information regarding volunteering for needed ACS activities was mailed to known in-state FLA members in April. Our current ACS grant is \$2200. We hope to receive more for Fiscal Year 08/09. We are privileged to be 1 of 3 state organizations receiving these annual grants. Help us to remain a strong partner with ACS by volunteering for an interesting, beneficial and rewarding position. More specific information will be available at the September Annual Meeting.

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.

Event	Fee- (by 8-22)	(by 9-3)	(on site)	# guests	Amount
Registration	\$20	\$22	\$25	_____	_____
Banquet	\$30	\$33	\$37	_____	_____
Exhibits only	\$10	\$12	\$15	_____	_____
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 (to be determined later) 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
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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.sheraton.com/studiocity

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**

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

Date of laryngectomy _____ Speech Problem _____

NEWS BITS

Dr. Ed Stone resigns: After 26 years of continuous dedicated service to FLA Ed has decided to turn the Director of Education reins over. As he says in parting; "I feel it is time for me to quietly and without any fanfare, step aside and let new influences with more current information and skills provide the leadership in the educational mission of FLA., I count you all as wonderful friends who give me continuing good memories without equal. I shall miss you!" Ed's resignation is effective at the conclusion of the 2008 Vic Baird Graduate Student Program. He will be sorely missed. Come and say your good byes to Ed at the banquet.

Dr. Jeff Searl appointed FLA Director of Education to succeed Dr. Stone. From Jeff; "I am honored to be asked and equally honored to (accept)." Jeff comes highly recommended and will also serve as the IAL Voice Institute Director this year in Little Rock, AR. Welcome aboard, Jeff. Come welcome Jeff to FLA at the AM.

William F. Ramboldt "Bill" July 7, 1941— March 15, 2008 Bill was a former FLA Member at Large, the Voice Institute Visual Aids specialist and video recorder as well as anything else we requested. He died at home (Deland) with his wife Judy Ramboldt at his side. He had been very ill for a short time fighting cancer as well as other health problems. We will all miss Bill. Our sincere condolences to Judy Ramboldt and family.

FLA/ACS Joint Letter - Yes, that was truly a mutual effort to recruit FLA members for a couple of important ACS programs. Call me if you need additional information prior to volunteering. I plan to volunteer as a driver. Call; It's easy, just do it!

Early Registration: Late registrations just kill us in regards to increased manpower and the ability to accurately advance guarantee our hotel food and beverage events. You will note some differences in this year's registration form. Be not afraid - Full refunds will be given with notification prior to Sept. 3 and Sept 12 for medical emergencies. Hotel reservations may be cancelled up to 3 days prior to scheduled day of arrival without penalty. A new feature this year is the early and late starts, giving options of a 2 night versus 1 night hotel stay.

Elections - Full elections this year during the Sunday Business Meeting. Please be there.

Charlie Blair

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