



# WSHA NEWS

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### **PRESIDENTS' MESSAGES**

#### FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

by Mary McCarty, President 2006

Hello Everyone. I hope our Wyoming spring is treating you right. Here is some of the news of the association.

We are continuing to look at other states board organizational plans in an effort to restructure our board. We will discuss the final plan during our next board telemeeting in May. The options will then be presented to the full membership for a vote at a later date..

We are continuing to work with Utah, Idaho, and Montana for the 2008 IMASH convention. Our first installment of the \$4000 fee was paid April 1, 2006.

We've had opportunities to use our new List Serve and I hope that we can use it even more in the upcoming weeks.

Our website continues to bring inquiries from advertisers and new people to the state. Thanks so much Cathy for all your hard work in that department!

I have been gathering Wyoming memorabilia to take to the CSAP/ASHA workshop in Portland, OR in May.

I have tried to forward information from ASHA about special grants and scholarships for private practice SLPs and AUDs. Hopefully, someone has been able to use that.

Lynda continues to work on the fall convention to be held in Laramie. She will give you details in her report. Thanks to all the board members for their help.

#### FROM YOUR PRESIDENT-ELECT

by Lynda D. Coyle, President-Elect 2006

Are you ready to „Cowboy Up ? The look and feel of an alumni reunion or *homecoming* is about to become a reality. The 2006 WSHA conference agenda is nearly complete! This year the conference will take place at the UW Beta House (on fraternity row) and in the College of Health Sciences building on **September 28-30<sup>th</sup>**. Mark your calendars now to attend this event where you can earn continuing education credits, meet up with former colleagues and professors and tour the newest laboratory, clinical and graduate student facilities in the Division of Communication Disorders.

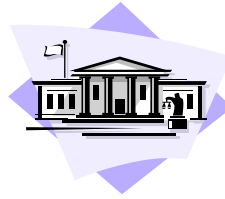
On tap to present this year include: **Dawn Wetzel** from Indiana University and Riley Hospital speaking on the topic of dysphagia; **David R. Denton** from ASHA speaking on issues of Telepractice and Ethics and a *second* topic on Legal and Ethical Issues the Students, Clinical Fellows and New Clinicians Need to Know; **Amy Weaver** from UW will speaking on Vestibular Assessment; **Teresa Ukrainetz** (UW) and **Cathy Ross** (Teton County Schools) speaking on Text Comprehension; **Roger Stevee** from UW presenting on Oral motor exercises and its affect on normal speech production; **Huanping Dai** from UW speaking on Signal Processing in Modern Hearing Aides; **David L. Jones** from UW speaking on Instrumental Assessment of Laryngeal *and*

Velopharyngeal Function; **Todd Corbett** and **Lucy Carter** both from UW presenting on American Sign Language – Survival Skills for the SLP and Audiologist; **Audiology Foundation of America** speaking on issues of ethics and licensure for Audiologists, with focus on Au.D. programs; and **Becky Anderson** Albany County School District #1 speaking on IDEIA and NCLB issues and the impact of school-based SLPs. In addition to these wonderful speakers, there are four (4) poster sessions available from our very own WSHA members. As more details become confirmed, there will be updates provided to the WSHA website.

Hotel accommodations can be made through **Ramada Center Hotel** in Laramie. Unfortunately, there is no sporting event this same weekend but Laramie offers a wonderful Farmer s Market and downtown shopping area for your pleasure. The UW Bookstore is another place to buy those alumni gifts before the holiday season. There will be a dinner on Friday evening at the historic Laramie Train Depot with bluegrass music provided for entertainment.

This year s WSHA business luncheon and board meeting, tentatively scheduled for Thursday, are important for all members to attend as executive board and by-laws restructuring and continuing education unit requirements will be just two of the important issues facing the membership. This is the time to consider how YOU might become an integral part of this organization by considering running for an office or just volunteering your services in some way. Nominations for officers typically take place at the business luncheon so start thinking ahead to who you would like to continue the mission of the organization for the future.

Remember:  
***Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world: indeed it's the only thing that ever has ~ Margaret Mead.***



## **LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REPORT**

by Nena Germany-Greer, Wyoming Legislative Councilor

Welcome to Spring! As your Legislative Councilor for Wyoming, I have prepared a report of current information from various sources (credit to ASHA Website, LC ListServe, LC Email and information from working members/professionals of ASHA including the Executive Director) Please refer to the Wyoming Speech-Language-Hearing Website at [www.wsha.info](http://www.wsha.info) for this report, and check your email for a personal forwarded copy. If you need more info or have questions please email me with any ASHA related questions and I will be happy to help you in any way possible. As always, it is my pleasure to serve you and our professions. If you do not receive an email from me, and wish to do so, please email me at [ngermanygreer@yahoo.com](mailto:ngermanygreer@yahoo.com) ; if you do not wish to receive emails please contact me at the same address and let me know. As always, take care and Best Wishes!

## **Wyoming State Legislative News**

by Cathy Ross

During the past state legislative session, an important bill was passed that provides \$4000 for each teacher or counselor who obtains National Teacher Board Certification. This is exciting news for our co-workers in the schools, however, this bill does NOT include additional money for school personnel who have national certification with their own national certifying associations. SLPs, audiologists, school psychologists, occupational therapists, and physical therapists with national certification through their own certifying agencies are not included. Other state speech-language and audiology associations have educated and lobbied their state legislators and have successfully changed their state law so that ASHA CCCs

are recognized as equivalent to National Teacher Board Certification. WSHA needs to take action at the next Legislative Session and request recognition for ASHA CCCs. Watch for upcoming information in the summer newsletter and on the website about how you can contribute to developing an action plan for WSHA and participate in this effort.



## **MAY is BETTER HEARING and SPEECH MONTH**

### ***How do WSHA Members Celebrate May is Better Hearing and Speech Month?***

I did my better speech and hearing month project in Nov when I had bulletin board duty. I took pics of students showing their work (tests made with Boardmaker subsequent to literacy units), showing techniques or equipment we use in speech therapy (flossmate, etc.) and posted their work so that other students, staff and parents would know what we do in speech and language services. I got good comments and will sign up for May next year. --Margaret MaGee

Sweetwater County School District #1 SLP's submitted an article in the Rocket Miner, our local paper, with a picture of the SLP's in the district. We have all received 1 to 2 ACE awards over the last year so the picture included an ACE award with an explanation. For professional development, SLP's in Sweetwater #1 participate in an approved ASHA class per month. --Marilyn Tangen

I have hung up posters from ASHA at each building, bought pencils, pens and

sticky notes and given them to staff, written PSA's (used ASHA PSA's as a guideline) and sent them to the local newspaper and radio, I've worn ASHA BSHM shirt in May, used BSHM sticky notes on my informal correspondences with staff, announce it in each school bulletins with tid-bits and facts about speech and/or hearing. I think that's about it! --Mary Streib

For BSHM or BSHM we've done the following: We have a "Morning Show" that the third and fourth graders broadcast through the school TV network in the mornings. They read little blurbs about speech and hearing items like taking care of your ears etc. I have my students do a poster contest and the winner's get a prize. We have also made up little badges that say Better Speech and Hearing or some other saying with our "Badge a Minute" maker. We've hung up posters with things written in the phonetic alphabet and see who can guess what it says. We have also done posters with idioms and multiple choice answers and announced the winners over the intercom and awarded the winning class a bag of candy. This year we purchased cheap little canvas bags from Oriental Traders and we are decorating for speech and hearing month. The kids can keep their bags or give them to someone else. --Mary McCarty

In the past, I have invited the mayor to come and eat lunch with students and SLP's at our school. This was very enjoyable and created discussion opportunities. --Nancy Axthelm

Activities in May Is Better Speech and Hearing Month that promote the professions and clientele and educate other professionals should provide prevention strategies and information on what it means to have a speech/language or hearing disorder.

In the elementary school ages, a poster contest would provide motivation and give children information. "Create a poster that shows how you protect your voice and your ears." Ideas could be presented to the children by teachers. Once the posters are created, they could be displayed in businesses in the

community to promote awareness to others in the community. Just for participating, all children could receive a small prize and then for the posters judged as top 3, the children could get a free hearing test for their family and a gift certificate to a local restaurant that is displaying the posters.

In the high school ages, a presentation about careers in speech language pathology and audiology would promote the professions and educate students as to what careers are available. A fact sheet could be handed out to provide information on protecting speech and hearing.

For professionals in an educational setting, an in-service on what it is like to have a language or hearing disorder could be given. This will educate teachers and other professionals on the most effective ways to teach and interact with children who have speech/language or hearing disorders. -- Nicole Goulet (Nicole is a Communications Disorders student at UW. She submitted this winning entry for the 2006 UW WSHA Scholarship)



## **EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Summer CEUs at UW**

The University of Wyoming Division of Communication Disorders will offer a 1 credit class on Traumatic Brain Injury this summer. Dates for the class are July 24 - 26th from 10am - noon and from 1:20 - 4:20 (5 hours per day). If there is enough interest from WSHA members, Dr. Mary Hardin-Jones has announced that this class will also be offered for ASHA CEUs. There will be no CEU registration fee for WSHA members- You are invited to attend the course free of charge. Indicating your interest at this time is important so that Dr. Hardin-Jones can make a decision

about pursuing the paperwork necessary for ASHA CEUs. There is a fee for university credit. If you are interested, please contact Mary Hardin-Jones at [mhardinj@uwyo.edu](mailto:mhardinj@uwyo.edu).

### **3-day Hanen Certification Workshop**

*It Takes Two to Talk*™ – The Hanen Program® for Parents – May 24-26, 2006. Eligible for 2.1 ASHA CEUs. Hosted by Children's Resource Center. Workshop location: Big Horn Federal Bank, 1701 Stampede Avenue in Cody, Wyoming. For more information and to register, contact Shawna Fagnant: e-mail: [crc1@bresnan.net](mailto:crc1@bresnan.net), tel: 307-754-2864. Visit us at [www.hanen.org](http://www.hanen.org).



## **WSHA Scholarship Winner**

The WSHA scholarship committee has announced the winner of the University of Wyoming Communication Disorders student scholarship. Nicole Goulet has won the \$500 scholarship which may be used towards books at the University Bookstore. Nicole is a leveling student at the University of Wyoming. She is from Sparwood, British Columbia, Canada and received her undergraduate degree at the University of Calgary in Calgary, Canada. In the fall, Nicole will be entering into the University of Wyoming's graduate program for speech language pathology. Congratulations to Nicole!

## **MEMBERSHIP UPDATES**

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## **Business Opportunity**

**Private practice for sale** in Littleton, Colorado. Contact Janell - 303-730-3860.