



OSHA Oklahoma Speech- Language- Hearing Association

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President's Message

by Suzanne H. Kimball

Well, it didn't take long for summer to creep up on us! The days have grown long and hot, and the sounds of summer are all around us.

Great news from OSHA! Have you noticed the newly redesigned website? The new site is fresh, easy to navigate and is more functional than ever. There are a few things to highlight. In the member only section, you have access to a searchable directory and a members-only job board. You can also post a job position as well. Just think of the additional exposure all for free! You can easily join the association and/or register for the convention all through the convenience of the website. If you haven't spent a few minutes surfing through it, you should check it out.

Unfortunately, due to ever rising costs, membership dues will be increasing beginning July 1, 2017. But don't despair! If you renew your membership by June 30, you will be able to do so at the current rate. You only have a few weeks left, so put that on your "things to do" list right away. While you are there, you should go ahead and register for the annual conference scheduled for September 15-16 at the Reed Center in Midwest City. The schedule is shaping up to be fantastic. Kudos to Lendy Duncan and her

committee for planning such an already outstanding line up!

FYI: The OSHA Executive Council has a position open for the chair of Publicity and Public Relations. If anyone has a desire to serve your state association by filling this position, please contact me at suzanne-kimball@ouhsc.edu.

Speaking of serving the association, I am recycling this from a previous newsletter a number of years ago, but it still rings true to this day.

Is Anybody Out There?

This is a story about four people: Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it but Nobody realized that Everybody would do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when actually Nobody asked Anybody.

-Author Unknown

There is much work to be shared in our association. Would you consider lending your time? There are many ways. Perhaps you could help contribute content for the new website. Perhaps you could volunteer on a committee. Perhaps you can join an advocacy effort at the local, state or federal level. We have our eye on several legislative issues, both in audiology and speech-language pathology. Contact any Executive Committee member to help.

Many hands make light work as the saying goes. We have a place for you!

Please let me hear your thoughts. Happy Summer!
Suzanne H. Kimball, AuD

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Membership News!!

by Susan Benson & Susan McHugh



OSHA now has a rolling membership year.

What does that mean? A rolling membership is one that begins on the day it is purchased (regardless of the date) and is valid for 365 days. For example, an anniversary membership purchased on March 31, 2017 will begin on March 31, 2017 and end on March 30, 2018. Membership renewal will work similarly: membership will be extended for one year provided a renewal is processed before the membership expires. If a renewal is received after the membership has expired, the new expiration date of the membership will be one year after the renewal. If you have provided OSHA with a valid email, you will receive email reminders beginning one month before the anniversary of your initial membership or membership renewal.

News about Dues

OSHA now has a new, completely redesigned website offering easy navigation, consistently responsive communication, updated schedule of

events, legislative updates, and ease of membership application and renewal. OSHA members have access to a membership directory, classified ads, a message board, a quarterly newsletter, and job postings.

To make current and future improvements possible, it has become necessary to increase membership dues. Beginning July 1, 2017, yearly dues will be as follows:

- Voting Membership \$75
- Associate Membership \$70
- Student Membership \$20



OSHA 2017 Conference Exhibitors



OSHA is just around the corner! September 15th and 16th at the Reed Convention Center in Midwest City! OSHA would like to extend an invitation to you, your organization, business, university program, to help support **OSHA** by being a vendor or exhibitor at our conference. It is a great opportunity to get in front of your target audience! As always, this year's schedule of speakers looks to be outstanding! Please consider being a part of this excellent conference and network with your peers.

The link to register as an exhibitor/vendor is: http://www.oslha.org/site_event_detail.cfm?pk_association_event=14946

Your participation as an exhibitor helps to make this conference a great one!

ASHA



July 7–9, 2017 |

Hyatt Regency New Orleans |
New Orleans, Louisiana

Join us to learn and connect with others who share your unique set of challenges and concerns and are looking for focused dialogue. Whether you're a speech-language pathologist who works in a school, health care, or private practice setting, each conference focuses on the challenges you face in your practice setting.

FAST FACTS

\$59,000

Median salary per Academic Year for SLPs in the W. S. Central region of the U.S.

\$76,000

Median calendar year salary for AuDs in the U.S.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Find out more at:
<http://www.asha.org/uploadedFiles/2016-Schools-Survey-SLP-Salaries-Wages.pdf>

<http://www.asha.org/uploadedFiles/2016-Audiology-Survey-Annual-Salaries.pdf>

Medical Issues

by Teresa Bierig Medical Issues Chair

News and Updates:

The Medical Issues Committee continues to monitor (and address as appropriate) any changes. Current items of interest include:

Oklahoma Healthcare Authority -

During the most recent legislative session, just over \$1 billion was appropriated for the agency's state fiscal year (SFY) 2018 budget. Appropriations bills were sent to be signed by Gov. Fallin on May 26. However, even with the appropriated funding, the OHCA projects a nearly \$34 million budget shortfall for SFY2018 due to rising costs and declining federal funds. The OHCA notes that reductions to benefits and provider rates will only be considered as a last resort.

ASHA Reimbursement Networks - STARs and STAMPs!

►THE STAR NETWORK - STATE ADVOCATES FOR REIMBURSEMENT ADVOCATE IN EACH STATE FOR IMPROVED HEALTH CARE COVERAGE AND REASONABLE REIMBURSEMENT. RECENT TOPICS OF INTEREST FROM THE STAR NETWORK INCLUDE:

- ☑ASHA has developed a new Pediatric Brochure which can be found at: http://www.asha.org/public/added-benefits/additional_resources.htm (under "other resources")

►THE STAMP NETWORK - THE STATE ADVOCATES FOR MEDICARE POLICY WORK TO INFLUENCE LOCAL PUBLIC POLICY DECISIONS THAT AFFECT MEDICARE COVERAGE AND REIMBURSEMENT OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY SERVICES. THE STAMP NETWORK HAS LOOKED AT THE FOLLOWING TOPICS DURING MONTHLY PRESENTATIONS:

- ☑Medicare Advantage programs as an option under Medicare and how it affects Speech-Language Therapy services reimbursement.
- ☑Cognitive interventions and clinical considerations when billing Medicare.
- ☑Therapy caps and Medicare rulemaking cycles.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, comments, or need for assistance and I will be happy to try to help!

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Oklahoma STAR
Oklahoma StAMP

Camp Sunrise!

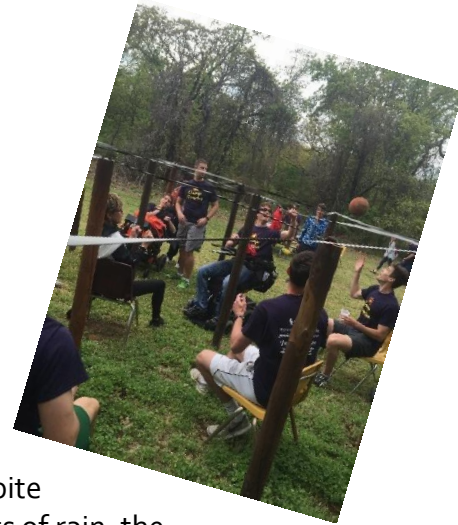
by Tracy Grammer

The 15th annual Camp Sunrise for brain injury conquerors was held Friday, April 21 through Sunday, April 23, 2017 at Central Camp in Guthrie. Camp Sunrise, named so because with a sunrise comes the hope of a new day, was an opportunity for 44 adults who have sustained a traumatic brain injury to enjoy outdoor activities such as fishing; paddle boating; adapted bike riding; flying on a zip line; climbing a rock wall; playing field games such as human fooseball, basketball, nine-square, volleyball; pitching horseshoes; archery; paintball; laser tag; and light hiking - even if by wheelchair. Our groovy sides were apparent as we tie-dyed back packs for the annual craft project led by Emily Boyette, MS, CCC-SLP. Every camper and counselor also enjoyed the dance as well as the talent show. Both of the latter activities, of course, invoking the statement, "What happens at camp – stays at camp!" (If you've even seen me



dance or the male medical students sing, you'll know exactly why this is true.) The country band Timberline performed an incredible concert opening night. The lead guitarist of this country band has also conquered a traumatic brain injury and has learned to play his guitar with his left hand. Yes! He picks and frets with only one hand and is remarkable! He is a true inspiration to all.

Each camper was paired with a counselor to facilitate ADLS and participation in activities. Camp Sunrise was a success secondary to the efforts of 65 professional volunteers to include physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech-language pathologists, medical students and nurse as well as students in each area to assist the campers. Each camper was assigned a counselor according to need as well as to the counselors training. Several campers were assigned two counselors to assist. No counselor was asked to assist a camper with any task or activity which the counselor was not comfortable performing. Camp Sunrise could not exist without these counselors. The weekend was captured by the photography of Sally Cotarelo, M.Ed., CCC-SLP of Rehab Source. You can see these pictures on the Camp Sunrise Facebook page!



Despite bouts of rain, the sunshine was prevalent and we enjoyed seeing friends and forming new friendships while playing outside. The one guarantee of Camp Sunrise is that your perspective will be changed. It helps us to realize that it really doesn't matter if our socks match our shirt, if we have the latest phone technology, or if the cashier rings up an extra loaf of bread. What Camp Sunrise will do is to help you realize that life is too short to fill up on vegetables first, that if you want three cookies you should eat them, that you should eat dessert throughout the meal, and that you should dance like no one is looking. Camp Sunrise will help you to realize that what is important is that you make a difference in someone's day.

Camp Sunrise was a weekend of fellowship. It was not about what the camper can no longer do, but about what he or she can do. It afforded each camper the chance to be on common ground with others. This weekend also provided a beneficial respite for caregivers and family members.

Camp Sunrise is an opportunity for therapists, nurses, and medical students to experience recovery and rehabilitation outside the therapy gym or clinic suite. It is a phenomenal experience to see the improvements of a friend after a year. For example Stephen was dependent upon a wheel chair for mobility when Camp Sunrise began 15 years ago. Over the years, we have watched him graduate from that wheelchair to a quad cane, to a single tip cane to a walking stick to independent walking. He now has a job and passed his driver's license test last summer. Sean has graduated after eleven years in a motorized wheelchair to a walker. Sene has begun verbalizing functional language as well as initiating social language after six years. Can you imagine watching Dennis sing his rendition of "Friends in Low Places" during the talent show as he does each year, but scoot his wheelchair over to Joel to hold the microphone so that they could sing an impromptu



duet? The teary-eyed crowd broke into applause. It is experiences like these that humble us and remind us of our "why." These experiences remind us of our ministry.

Camp Sunrise would not be possible without our sponsors. A huge thank you is extended to OU Medicine, Janet Moore, The Rehabilitation Institute at St. Mary's Regional Medical Center, When Sean Speaks, Roxie

Albrecht, MD, JC and Charlie Bowen, The Brain Injury Alliance of Oklahoma, The Oklahoma Speech-Language Hearing Association, Valir Rehabilitation, Hakeem Shakir, MD, Basheer Shakir, MD, American Plant Products, NeuroInternational, Atos Medical, InHealth Technologies, Brainxcite, Zane LaCroix, Kathy Parnell, Lorean Droke, Reflective Edge Screen Printing, William and Kelly Needler, The Oklahoma Pork Council, Timberline, Ambucs, and Andy's Frozen Custard. Thank you to Madison Wells, Kimberly Barr, and Jordan Hales for securing incredible BINGO prizes.

Camp Sunrise is held the second or third week of each April. If you are interested in volunteering or even sponsoring a camper, please contact Tracy Grammer. Check out camp pictures and like Camp Sunrise on Facebook! We hope to see you next year.

OSHA 2017 Annual Conference

Friday, September 15 – Saturday, September 16

One-day registration available

Visit www.oslha.org for more information.

Schools Issues

by Kathy Wheat

Summer Practice Ideas for Students

Handy Handouts

https://www.superduperinc.com/handouts/pdf/264_SummerBreak.pdf

SLP Therapy Homework Freebies

<https://www.pinterest.com/speechiefreebie/slp-therapy-homework-freebies/>

Summer Speech Therapy Homework for Spanish-Speaking Parents

<https://bilinguistics.com/summer-speech-therapy/>

{FREE} Summer Homework Calendars for Language

<https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/FREE-Summer-Homework-Calendars-for-Language-729494>

Making EdPlan More User Friendly

EdPlan: If you have suggestions for EdPlan be sure to use the message board in EdPlan and send your needs. If the suggestion involves EdPlan software/technical issues, this is where to submit. If your suggestion involves OSDE Handbook procedures, the place to submit is <http://ok.gov/sde/documents-forms>. This is the way we make change and make it better!

Have a great summer break! Practice self-care and renew yourself, learn something new, and plan for fall!

Kathy Wheat, OSHA School Issues Co-Chair
