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ANNUAL CONFERENCE

NATIONAL STUTTERING ASSOCIATION



27th

Cleveland, Ohio — July 7-11, 2010

The NSA is ready to rock.....
are YOU?

Hot off the heels of our biggest conference yet in 2009, the NSA is going to rock, and we've got the perfect venue to make that happen.

Our conference is not only about powerful workshops which will make you see stuttering in ways you never saw before, but social activities, both planned and impromptu. To top it all off, there's a closing banquet where we all come together, dress to impress, and dance until the wee hours of the morning!

You will be educated, motivated, and challenged. If this is your first conference, you will experience an event unlike anything you have ever imagined. In many ways you may find these few days will be the "first" days of the rest of your life.

Cleveland is a city that has truly undergone an energetic renaissance. No more is it referred to as the dreaded "Mistake on the Lake." With the creation of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame on the shores of Lake Erie including several hip new restaurants there is plenty to do for everyone. The Marriott Renaissance will bring you the luxury you're accustomed to at an NSA conference. From indoor pools to nearby hiking trails, everything you expect will be at your service.

The NSA will rock in Cleveland....make sure your voice is heard loud and clear!!!!

Don't Miss!

Research Symposium
Friday, July 9, 2010
(see page 6—for information)

CONFERENCE CHECK-IN AND REGISTRATION

Wednesday, 1:00 pm –5:00 pm.
Pick up your conference packet, and get settled into your room. You can join us for some early Wed afternoon/evening activities or get some rest. **Be ready early Thursday morning as activities begin at 9:00 a.m.** and continuing morning, noon and night throughout the entire weekend.

SLP INFORMATION

This year we will be offering up to 1.6 CEUs for the conference, so you will be able to earn more CEUs than ever before.

ADDITIONAL CEU INFORMATION

This is being offered 0.4 CEU's

Thursday, 1:00pm—5:00pm
Real-life clinical tips from real-life clinicians

Presenters: *Nina Reeves, Charlie Osborne and Craig Coleman*

GOING ONCE. GOING TWICE. SOLD!

Those simple words can mean only one thing---it's time to talk about the NSA auction. The LIVE auction is one our largest fundraisers as well as a conference ritual. So when you pack, don't forget your credit cards. (Just a little NSA humor.)

Even better, the Silent Auction for smaller items is returning to the conference. It's another chance to bid on exciting treasures and help the NSA at the same time. Talk about a win-win situation!

WANT TO HELP? We thought so! The NSA is now collecting items for both auctions. Items of interest include: sports memorabilia, electronics, art, jewelry, and more. If you have any questions about the auction, items, or anything else, feel free to e-mail us at info@WeStutter.org or call us at 800-WeStutter (800-937-8888).

SUPPORT GROUP LEADER TRAINING

Thursday, 8:00 am - 10:00 am

This year's program is designed as an open forum with discussion groups on chapter growth, leadership development, and more.

FAMILY/YOUTH

NSA Families will *Rock Cleveland!* The NSA conference is 3 1/2 days packed with activities that will enrich the entire family. From Wednesday afternoon's Meet n' Greet to the banquet on Saturday night, kids, teens and parents will be taken care of. **Family Programs staff** will be sure families are comfortable with the conference schedule and have a chance to relax and engage all at once. Workshops, outings, and presentations of all sorts will help families get to know each other and learn that they are not alone with their questions and challenges.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

Need help getting to the conference this year? Due to generosity of corporate sponsors and many of our members, we are pleased to announce that scholarships are available once again to provide financial assistance for adults/families who would like to attend our annual conference. If you would like more information regarding scholarships please tell us why at tflores@WeStutter.org.

NSA is very grateful to the generosity of many individuals and companies, which allows us to offer this financial help. If you or your company would like to make a donation, please email us at tflores@WeStutter.org for more information.

REGISTER ONLINE
www.WeStutter.org

(Click on Annual Conference)

Reservation and Travel Information



Renaissance Cleveland Hotel

SPECIAL NSA room rates: \$139 Single/Double/Triple/Occupancy + tax
Make your hotel reservations online with Renaissance NOW! Be sure to mention NSA for our great rate.

Call, write, fax or email the hotel at: 216-696-5600 or 800-468-3571

Online Reservations available at:

<http://www.westutter.org/connect/Hotel-Reservations.htm>

Cut off date for this great rate is June 18th

Rooms are very limited in the summer. *If sharing a room, request a double room and please give the name of all parties staying in the room. This will help decrease the likelihood of double booking.* Need a roommate? Please complete Roommate Profile on reverse side [Don't hesitate. Reserve your room now!](#)

Traveling to Cleveland: Internet travel sites such as Travelocity, Orbitz and Expedia are out there, so pick your favorite and make your reservations early! The airport is Cleveland International (CLE). The hotel is located 20 minutes away by taxi or shuttle. Be sure to try and fly in before 4:00pm or after 7:00 pm—that way you won't get caught in traffic.

Traveling on Continental Airlines: Book online at www.continental.com enter offer ZGRFDBW0B2 in offer code box to receive 2%-10% off airline tickets.

Driving to Cleveland, Ohio - We have negotiated a great rate for onsite parking at the hotel of \$10 per day. If you are a member of AAA, you can get a **free** Triptik (personalized driving guide).

Red Line Rapid Transit: The RTA (Regional Transit Authority) offers a very easy and direct route to our conference hotel (25 minutes), the Marriott Renaissance, via the Red Line Rapid Transit Rail. Upon landing, head to the lower level below the middle of the baggage claim. You can only go one direction (toward Louis Stokes Station at Windermere). Once the Red Line stops at Tower City-Public Square, hop off and our hotel is literally connected to the station. **One-way cash fare on RTA is \$2.25.** All-day passes and discounted senior passes are available. It can't get any better than this. For more information, log on to <http://www.riderta.com>!

Shuttle Service: Hopkins Transportation will be the official NSA shuttle company. They have given us some great rates so be sure to take advantage of them! Pricing is as follows: \$32pp roundtrip with advance reservation, \$20pp one way. [Click here](#) to see the shuttle service times. **Make your reservation now** ~ [click here](#).



Family/Youth Program

The NSA conference will rock your world! Invest time with your family to explore, learn, network and share stuttering with leading experts who specialize in working with children and adolescents who stutter, as well as with other families. Bring the whole family! Parents, children who stutter (ages 7 and older) and their siblings can participate in activities and workshops which will enrich the whole family.

Families who have experienced the NSA conference have said they wish they had known about us years before. This is a rare chance for you to take a break from life's busy days to focus on your child's stuttering and what you can do to help. Meet with some of the world's outstanding stuttering specialists while sharing stories with others

families. Children and teens could be reluctant to come for the first time but chances are, they'll want to come back. The simple act of meeting other people who stutter can be liberating!

In private parent sessions, questions will be answered by meeting teens and adults who stutter. At the same time, children will explore their stuttering in a fun and safe environment. The NSA's family program staff has designed all sorts of new activities around a "rock 'n roll" theme to help everyone find their inner rock star!

Don't feel alone any longer! These three and a half days of activities will be in an environment where people who stutter are the "majority". The conference will officially begin Wednesday with a meet 'n greet then off to the Rock 'n Roll hall of fame and Hard Rock Cafe. Thursday morning's

Family Orientation Workshop will familiarize you with the conference schedule while giving you a chance to become better acquainted with the Family Programs staff, the **Teen Advisory Council** and other families. This program will provide you with the opportunity to network with leading experts who specialize in working with children and adolescents who stutter, as well as with other families. Activities include parent/teen round table discussions, expert panels, therapy advice, teen lead workshops, pool time, all sorts of new hands-on/action packed activities for the kids, and much more!



Twenty-Somethings

Making its debut in Cleveland, the NSA is proud to announce our newest program, Twenty Something's. This new program is designed specifically for 20- 29 year olds. We understand that Twenty- Something's sometimes feel too old for the teen scene and too young for the Adults. There is now a special agenda for you!

This program will offer workshops that deal with those issues that plague most Twenty-Something's: long-term relationships, job interviews, career choices, advertising your stuttering and many others. We have planned workshops, social times and other age specific activities. The Twenty Something's program will offer activities where you can be with people in your age group as well. You will be encouraged to attend specific activities where you can learn from older people and others where you can mentor the younger people who stutter. Be there! - you will be glad that you came. Come hang out with people your age and who understand where you are in life.

Wednesday July 7, 2010 ~ 1:00PM- 5:00PM CEU (0.4)

Topic: Real-Life Fluency Tips From Real-Life Clinicians

Description: Come learn about stuttering therapy for those who really do the therapy. These three presenters will outline their philosophy, share clinical nuggets, and share clinical tips and insights. The workshop will be broken into three specific sections for pre-schoolers, school-age children, and teens and adults.

Presenters: Nina Reeves, Craig Coleman and Charlie Osborne

Registration Information

Choose to attend special events such as: Saturday night banquet or one of the exciting tours described in this brochure. Mark your selections on the registration form, total the cost along with your registration fee and send it in. Your conference fee will be based on the date you register, so save money by registering early!

You can also register online, go to www.Westutter.org and click on Annual Conference on the top right hand side

Adult Registration: This is for all adults who stutter, their family, friends.

Family Registration: This is for children who stutter and their families

SLP Registration: This is for SLP's that are requiring CEU credits

Fee includes: Conference materials, workshops, general sessions and Thursday Night Opening Celebration (hors d'oeuvres), kids social event and our teen social event. **Tours/banquet are not included in this fee.**

We have a great selection of tours this year for you to select from all price ranges. Many of them are available on a first come basis. There will be **NO** onsite tour sales so book yours now! Use this worksheet to select the tours you want, then check them off on the registration sheet included. Pre-payment is required for all tours.

Thursday Night Welcome Reception

Come meet your fellow conference attendees as we kick off the 27th Annual NSA Conference!

Light hors d'oeuvres will be served and cash bar. This **IS NOT** dinner—this is appetizers and finger foods. An evening full of fun and enlightenment for everyone.

Annual Awards



What would a conference be without the chance to publicly acknowledge the efforts of members, volunteers, families, chapters and SLPs who do so much for the NSA and the stuttering community? Awards will be given out throughout the conference – some at the opening reception and some at the general sessions – so be sure to attend and find out who wins, it may be you!

Awards will be given to Member of the Year, Chapter Leader of the Year, Chapter of the Year, Parent of the Year, Special Youth Recognition, Regional Chapter Coordinator of the Year, and Speech Language Pathologist of the Year.

Saturday Night Banquet & Dance (Pre-paid event! Ticket required)

Come together to close NSA 2010 with dinner, a live auction and dancing. Dress up for a wonderful dinner with friends and then kick off your shoes and dance the night away. Please choose your dinner selection from the list below. Then check it off on the registration form enclosed.

All dinners include: House Tossed Salad with Basil Vinaigrette Dressing, Main Entrée, dinner rolls, Double Chocolate Cake and Starbucks coffee or tea.

Adult Banquet Selections: Select one per person (\$38.00 each)

1. Roasted Breast of Chicken in Caramelized Shallot Sauce, mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetables
2. Sliced Roast Beef, mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetables
3. Grilled Portobello with Rustic Vegetable Paella

Youth Meal: (\$22)

1. Chicken Tenders w/ BBQ Sauce, French Fries, Fruit Cup



Research Symposium Friday, July 9, 2010

The NSA is excited to announce that in response to our members' request for more information regarding research about stuttering, we have expanded our annual conference to include an annual NSA Research Symposium, at no additional cost to our members. The focus of this session will be to pass along scientific information on the treatment of stuttering directly to our membership, not from the internet or other less reputable sources. This year's NSA Research Symposium will focus on functional treatment outcomes, neurophysiology and imaging, and behavioral treatments for children. You will also have the chance to hear from some of the nation's leading experts and become informed about the latest developments in stuttering research.

Professor Luc De Nil joined the University of Toronto in 1990. He currently is Chair of the Department of Speech-Language Pathology in the Faculty of Medicine. After working as a clinical psychologist for four years in Belgium, he completed a Ph.D. degree in Communication Disorders and Sciences at Southern Illinois University in the USA, followed by 2 years of post-doctoral training at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. His research focuses on using behavioural and brain imaging techniques to study brain mechanism underlying speech fluency in developmental stuttering and acquired adult-onset stuttering. He has published over 70 research papers and book chapters on developmental and acquired stuttering, and has presented more than 150 papers at national and international scientific and self-help group meetings.

Marilyn Langevin is the Director of Research at the Institute for Stuttering Treatment and Research (ISTAR), Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine and an Assistant Professor in the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology at the University of Alberta. Her research interests include the social impact of stuttering on preschool and school-age children, evidence-based treatment, and evidence-based clinical training practices. Prior to obtaining her PhD from the University of Sydney in Australia, Dr. Langevin was Clinical Director at ISTAR. In that capacity she worked with over 800 children, teens and adults who stutter and trained over 200 clinicians in advanced clinical training programs.

Gerald A. Maguire, MD, is an Associate Professor of Clinical Psychiatry, the Kirkup Chair in Stuttering Treatment and the Senior Associate Dean for Educational Affairs at the University of California, Irvine (UC Irvine) School of Medicine. He serves as the director of the Kirkup Center for the Medical Treatment of Stuttering at UC Irvine – at present, the only facility in the world devoted wholly to this specialized area of medicine.

J. Scott Yaruss, Ph.D, CCC-SLP, Board-Recognized Specialist and Mentor in Fluency Disorders is an Associate Professor of Communication Science and Disorders and Director of the Speech-Language Pathology Master's Degree Program at the University of Pittsburgh and Associate Director of the Department of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. In addition to conducting research on the development of stuttering in young children, Dr. Yaruss has extensive experience working with children and adults who stutter in a wide variety of clinical settings. He has worked in private practice, at speech-language clinics and hospitals, and as a consultant to school districts. His primary goal is to help clinicians become more comfortable with their ability to help children and adults who stutter learn to speak more easily and communicate more effectively.

Special Workshop presentation by Dr. Dennis Drayna, July 8, 2010 “Recent Discovery of Genetic causes of Stuttering”

Dr. Dennis Drayna will be speaking about the recent discovery of genetic causes of stuttering. In a landmark discovery reported in the New England Journal of Medicine this year, Dr. Drayna's research team described the discovery of inherited mutations that cause stuttering. The genes that carry these mutations indicate that these cases of stuttering are the result of an inherited metabolic disorder. This workshop will describe, in non-scientific terms, what this means for our understanding of stuttering, and for people who stutter. People will have the opportunity to participate in research studies aimed at learning more.

Dennis Drayna Ph.D, is Section Chief at National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland.

Tours—Space is limited register EARLY!

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Wednesday— Ultimate Rock and Roll

Just like the music it pays homage to, inside and out, the **Rock and Roll Hall of Fame** exudes coolness. From the adventurously wide-open architecture and compellingly eye-popping displays to the sing-along soundtrack of continuously streaming rock and roll hits, this is one museum experience that really gets your heart pumping.



Once done with the tour of the RRHOF head over to the **Hard Rock Café** and dine with your fellow NSA'er. *Price includes transportation, admission to RRHOF and dinner at the Hard Rock Café - Adult (\$42) Seniors (\$38) Kids 9-18 (\$34)*

Cleveland Rock Gym: Stuttering can sometimes feel like a mountain... let it get in your way- or CLIMB IT! Rock Climbing with the NSA as your support network! Similar to dealing with stuttering, rock climbing requires getting out of your comfort zone, challenging yourself, relying on your support team and letting us cheer you to the top. *Price includes transportation and 1 hour of climbing. Each person \$21*

Friday

Bowling at The Corner Alley: Featuring 16 lanes of bowling, two sleek bars and the stylish 4th Street Bar & Grill restaurant, The Corner Alley is the only place in Cleveland where can you bowl and sip martinis while enjoying time out with friends or dine on classic comfort foods in a fun, upscale atmosphere. *Price (\$22) per person includes shoe rental, 2 hours of bowling and \$5 meal voucher to Corner Alley.*

Tall Ships®: returns to Cleveland for a sailing spectacle of historic proportions as they once again grace the shores of Lake Erie. This 4-day festival includes events for the entire family and features ship boardings, a wide variety of exhibits and displays, sail aways and much much more! These spectacular vessels represent maritime history from the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, Great Lakes trading schooners, Baltimore Clippers and more. *Price includes transportation and ticket ~ Adults (\$17) Kids 6-14 (\$13) Kids under 6 are free.*

Lolly the Trolley: More than 20 miles of facts and fun are covered in the tour route. The comprehensive two hour narrated tour of Cleveland features the **North Coast Harbor** (home to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame & Museum), **Downtown** (mix of classic/modern architecture), **The Warehouse District** (fine restaurants/clubs & galleries in Cleveland's original downtown), **The Flats** (where the Cuyahoga River meets Lake Erie), **Ohio City** (restored Victorian homes, restaurants & West Side Market), the **Gateway Sports Complex** (site of both Indians Baseball & Cavs Basketball as well as vibrant E. 4th Street), **Playhouse Square**, stories of **Millionaire's Row**, the **Cleveland Play House**, the massive **Cleveland Clinic**, and the totally unique **Cleveland Cultural Gardens** before our ride back along the **Lake Erie Shoreline**. Price of each ticket is *\$22 Adults ~ \$14 Kids under 15*

Grab a group of friends: (sign up sheet located at registration table) The Renaissance is located in downtown Cleveland and connected to the Tower City Center where you will find exclusive boutiques, six full-service restaurants (Hard Rock Café, Morton's Steakhouse, Tower 230 Bar & Grill, etc.) movie theater, more than 75 specialty stores and a food court featuring Subway, Dunkin Donuts, KFC, McDonalds, etc. If you are in the mood for the bar scene Tower 230 is the local hot spot. Or you could head back to the hotel and mingle with your NSA friends. This is the perfect choice for anyone who doesn't want a guided tour and it's a great way to enjoy the local sights and sounds. **FREE!**

Other options for Friday evening:

House of Blues, within walking distance of hotel, check website to see who will be performing; Head down to **Little Italy** and check out some amazing food and shops, taxi ride; **Great Lakes Brewing**, free tours Fridays from 5:00pm—9:00, cab it or take the train; **West Side Market**—2 miles from hotel, bus or cab; **The Flats/Warehouse District**—10 minute walk or you can cab it.



NSA 2010 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Mail your registration form to National Stuttering Association, 119 W 40th Street, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10018. Fax to 212-944-8244. This form is also available on our web site at www.WeStutter.org.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____ Email: _____

Check all that apply:

- I am a person who stutters.
- We are a family attending together (please register below using the 3-day Family package)
- I am an SLP I am a _____ SLP student
- I am under 18 years old.
- I am interested in volunteering at the conference. (Please complete Volunteer Profile on reverse side)
- I would like to join/renew with the NSA. (Please include \$40 membership/renewal fee)
- I am a chapter leader. (Indicate chapter: _____)
- I have **not** attended an NSA Conference before.
- I need a roommate (Please complete Roommate Profile on reverse side)

Additional Family Members Attending:

Name _____ Relationship _____ Age if child under 18 _____

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REGISTRATION

Early Registration: On or before March 31, 2010

NSA Member - \$136 Non-member - \$169

Regular Registration: After March 31, 2010

NSA Member - \$156 Non-member - \$189

Late Registration: After May 1, 2010

NSA member - \$176 Non-member - \$199

Speech Language Pathologist (Session listed below included in registration)

Before March 31st \$209 after 3/31—\$239

Special 3-Day Family Package (entire family)

Regular Registration \$175 After 3/31 \$195

Twenty Somethings (Specify age here _____)

\$99 before 3/31 \$139 after 3/31

Spouse/Guest/Student/Low Income/1- Day Pass

\$65 (please circle one)

Continuing Education Seminar (0.4 CEU's offered) Wednesday 1:00pm – 5:00pm **If you are attending this session only, price is below otherwise included in registration price**

Topic ~ Stuttering: Real-life clinical tips from Real-life Clinicians SLP Price \$40

EVENTS

Wednesday: Rock and Roll Hall of Fame/Hard Rock Café: Adult (\$42) Seniors (\$38) Kids 9-18 (\$34)

Wednesday: Rock Climbing at Cleveland Rock Gym \$21 per person _____ how many

Friday ~ Bowling at The Corner Alley: \$22 per person _____ how many

Friday: Tall Ships on the Shore of Lake Erie Adults (\$17) Kids 6-14 (\$13) Kids under 6 are free

Friday ~ Lolly the Trolley: Adults (\$22) Kids under 15 (\$14)

Banquet Options

Saturday **Adult Banquet** : \$38 Roasted Breast of Chicken w/Caramelized Shallot Sauce

Sliced Roast Beef Bordelaise Sauce Grilled Portobello with Rustic Vegetable Paella

Saturday **Youth Banquet**: \$22 Chicken Tenders with BBQ Sauce

METHOD OF PAYMENT

Mail your registration form to National Stuttering Association at 119 W. 40th Street, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10018 or fax to 212-944-8244.

Check Visa MasterCard
 Card Number _____/_____/_____/_____ Exp Date ____/_____
 Cardholder Name (please print) _____
 Signature _____
 Subtotal \$ _____ Renew my membership \$ _____ I want to join \$ _____
 Other Donation \$ _____ Total \$ _____

Volunteer Profile

Get involved, have fun, meet people and be a part of the conference team!

Please provide information about the volunteer:

Name _____ Age if under 18 _____

Check all volunteer activities in which you are interested:

	NSA Store		Family Programs
	Open Microphone		Kids Workshops
	Info table		Other (<i>Please specify:</i> _____)

Check all time slots that you are available to volunteer. Please take into account your arrival and departure times, presentations you may be giving, tours and other activities you don't want to miss. Working shifts are two (2) hours long.

Roommate Profile

Please book your hotel room now and request two beds. We will be in touch soon.

If you need a roommate, please fill out the simple form below. The NSA office will contact you by June 15, 2010 with your roommate information. The NSA is not responsible for compatibility of roommate selected. We will do our best to make a suitable match for you. Filling out this form does not guarantee a roommate. If you find a roommate before we contact you, please let us know so we can remove you from the roommate request list.

Arrival Date: _____

Departure Date: _____

Smoking Room: Yes No

How many roommates (not including yourself): 1 2 3



Highlights you don't want to miss!

Wednesday:

1:30 Meet and Greet (Family Programs);

1:00pm Registration opens; Continuing Education Seminar ~ 1:00—5:00 Topic ~ Stuttering: Real-life clinical tips from real-life clinician; Wednesday evening tour: Rock and Roll Hall of Fame/dinner at Hard Rock Café



Thursday: *Youth/Family mandatory orientation 8:30am;*

Dr. Dennis Drayna; Workshops begins; Chapter leader meeting; Opening Ceremonies; CEUs offered throughout the weekend; First timers workshop (a must for all first timers)

Friday: *Research Symposium; Workshops, Workshops, Workshops, Friday night tours.*

Saturday: *Keynote speech; Closing Ceremonies; Silent Auction ends; Banquet and Live Auction; Dance the night away with all your new and old friends.*

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook (National Stuttering Association)
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