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Association**
Changing lives of people who stutter

LET'S TALK!!

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE BUFFALO CHAPTER of the
NATIONAL STUTTERING ASSOCIATION

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See What's Happening in March and April 2010

Hi Everyone,

First of all, HAPPY SPRING! Sorry that it has taken so long to get the March/April 2010 NSA Buffalo Newsletter to you all. This is what I call being **too busy!!** I will try really hard to not let this happen again.

The March meetings went very well. John Cheney discussed the recently new findings regarding stuttering. It was an interesting meeting as John had taken the time to update himself on the reports that had come out regarding stuttering being a "mutation" in the brain! At the March 17th meeting, we watched "Voice in Exile". It is a film about a teenager who stutters. A good discussion followed the movie.

For April, we will have regular meetings. On April 7th, Adrian McAdory will show some clips on Van Riper (who was one of the first "known" speech language pathologists who did some studies on stuttering). On April 21st, we will have a guest facilitator. Carol Sellers is a speech pathologist at UB's Speech and Hearing Clinic. She will share some of her thoughts about stuttering and stuttering

MEETINGS

March 3rd
John Cheney
Facilitator
New Findings
Regarding Stuttering

March 17th
Bonnie Weiss
Facilitator
Movie: Voice in Exile

April 7th
Adrian McAdory
Facilitator
Van Riper Clips

April 21st
Guest Facilitator
Carol Sellers
Stuttering Therapy

Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month in 280 Park Hall on the Amherst Campus of the University at Buffalo from 7:00-9:00 p.m. For further information, please call Bonnie Weiss at 838-3999. Or send an e-mail to: **blweiss1@Verizon.net**. You can also drop a note to 1484 Kensington Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14215.

NSA ROCKS

NSA ANNUAL CONVENTION
Renaissance Hotel
Cleveland, Ohio
July 7th—11th

We will be able to drive to the convention, and some of us will be driving down together. If you want to attend the convention and need a ride, just let us know.

I will be bringing some convention brochures to our April 7th meeting, and perhaps we can talk some about the program. For some of you, the NSA has announced a new program called "20-Somethings". This is a program specifically planned agenda for people who are ages 20-29!

My first NSA convention was in Cleveland in 2004. I had never attended a convention, though I had been a member of the NSA for a very long time. The convention was more than I had dreamed it would be. I will never miss another one! In case you don't know, we also had the convention here in Buffalo in 1997 and are working with the Buffalo Convention Bureau to host one in the future!

There is still time to sign up. Hope we can get a good group from Western New York (and the Buffalo Chapter) at the convention this year!

Did You Know....???

The National Stuttering Association (NSA) is the largest self-help/support organization in the United States for people who stutter. Our mission is to bring "hope, dignity, support, education, and empowerment to children and adults who stutter, and their families".

The Buffalo Chapter members would love to see YOU at our meetings!

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NEWS AND NOTES

Plans for 2010

It would be so good for chapter members to help us come up with topics for our meetings as well as ideas for socials. If you have any ideas, please let us Adrian and Bonnie (co-chapter leaders) know. There are many films about stuttering that we might want to watch during some of our meetings or even at a social. We also need to know ways in which we can promote our chapter and find more members. Also, it would be great for Western New York Speech Language Pathologists to know that they are welcome at our meetings anytime. We also have had students who are in the Communicative Disorders programs at the University at Buffalo and Buffalo State attend our meetings. It'd be great to have more visitors attend our meetings.

VERY SPECIAL NEWS

One of the members of the Buffalo Chapter, Heddy Szucko has retired. She has been a very active member of the National Stuttering Association.

We didn't get to see Heddy very often as she worked from 3:00 to 11:00 at her job. We are all pleased that Heddy will be attending our meetings and look forward to her being more active with our chapter! Heddy is known as the "quilt" lady at our national conventions. She is already working on quilts for the 2010 convention in Cleveland.