Celebrating 35 Years of Supporting People Who Stutter

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Opening Celebration will be held in the Vinoy Grand Ballroom located in the main hotel. General Sessions, Closing Ceremonies, and Saturday evening events will be held in the Palm Court Ballroom.
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NSA Board of Directors

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the National Stuttering Association, we would like to welcome you to the NSA 2012 St. Petersburg Conference. We are so excited that you are here! If this is your first conference you will experience an event unlike anything you have ever imagined. Many have described the conference as a “life-changing experience.” In many ways you may find these next few days will be the “first days of the rest of your life.” For those of you returning for your second, fourth, tenth, or fifteenth conference, we say welcome back, good friends!

During the next four days we will come together as a closely-knit community of adults, children, families, and friends who share stuttering as a common bond. We will be educated, motivated, and challenged. We will be moved as we listen to the stories of our comrades and as we share our own stories, perhaps for the first time. Most of all, though, we will realize once again that we belong to a very special community of caring individuals who understand exactly what it is and how it feels to stutter and we will remember how important it is to be a part of that community.

Tammy Flores (Executive Director)
Melissa Lopez (Executive Assistant) & Mandy Finstad (Editor & Social Media Coordinator)

Welcome...this is going to be a fantastic weekend! If you are a ‘First Timer’, then this will be an experience you’ll never forget. The more people you meet, the more powerful an experience this will be. If this is your 2nd or 22nd conference (or somewhere in between!), just sit back and enjoy the ride, but don’t forget to say ‘hi’ to people that you have never met! Remember to take a moment this weekend to reflect on your new friends, what the NSA means to you, and what the stuttering community means to you. We are all here for each other. If you stutter you’re not alone. Most importantly, have a GREAT time!

NSA Family Programs
Stephanie Coppen (Family Programs Administrator) & Pattie Wood (Family Program Chair)

Welcome to the NSA 2012 St. Petersburg Conference! In this, our 35th year of supporting people who stutter and our 29th Annual Conference, we meet in St. Petersburg to share stories, renew old friendships, and create new memories. We welcome more families, children, teens, tweens, and young adults than ever before! We have made changes to our program in response to the growing needs of families in order to enhance the NSA experience for everyone. As children and teens who stutter come together with adults who stutter, we join our Family Voices in the spirit of understanding that “We Are Not Alone!!”
The National Stuttering Association would like to give special thanks to the University of South Florida, Tampa Bay for all of their support over the years. USF has acted as the gracious host of many CEU Workshops, Family Fun Days, chapter meetings, and other events, and we are forever grateful for their involvement in the NSA as well as the stuttering community at large.

In addition, we would like to thank Tzell Travel, United Airlines, American Airlines, Delta Airlines, and EBS Healthcare for their sponsorship and support of our 29th Annual Conference.
MEET THE EMPLOYEES OF THE NSA

Tammy Flores
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Melissa Lopez
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Stephanie Coppen
Family Programs Administrator

Mandy Finstad
Editor Letting Go/Family Voices
Social Media Coordinator
We would like to welcome each of you to the 29th Annual National Stuttering Association Conference! Whether this is your first time with us or you have attended the NSA Conferences in the past, get ready for an unforgettable time. This weekend offers an opportunity to share information and experiences, learn more about stuttering, and provide support to one another. As you know, stuttering is a complicated disorder and we value your commitment to learn more about stuttering. With your help and dedication, more and more people will be educated about stuttering and more people who stutter will be empowered.

During the next four days, you will be able to learn and grow both personally and professionally. Take advantage of this exciting conference by attending workshops, speaking to stuttering specialists, and interacting with children and adults who stutter! We encourage you to attend any workshop offered in the adult track. Please note that ASHA-approved workshops in which you can accrue Continuing Education Units are marked with an asterisk.

Please keep track of your attendance and learning outcomes in these workshops.

**Paperwork Instructions:**
If you have pre-registered, CEU forms will be enclosed in your pre-registration packet at the conference. Participants can earn up to a maximum of 2.2 ASHA CEUs (22 hours). Completed CEU forms must be turned in to registration desk by 4:00 PM on Saturday.

Enjoy the conference!

This course is offered for 2.2 ASHA CEUs (Intermediate level; Professional area).

Asterisk (*) represents CEU sessions
Workshops available for Continuing Education Units (CEUs). ASHA-approved workshops in which you can accrue Continuing Education Units are marked with an asterisk (*)

Wednesday CEU Sessions

______ MCS #1 When a Student Stutters: Meeting Challenges in the School Setting (p16/9AM-12PM/0.3 CEUs)

______ MCS #2 Stuttering Desensitization: Rationale and Practical Applications (p17/1PM-4PM/0.3 CEUs)

Thursday CEU Sessions

______ SLP Orientation (recommended for First Timers) (p20/8:30AM-9AM/0.0 CEUs)

______ MCS #3 Sharpening Your Counseling Skills (p20/9AM-12PM/0.3 CEUs)

______ MCS #4 Application of Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy Techniques to Stuttering Intervention (p24/1PM-4PM/0.3 CEUs)

______ Parenting a Child Who Stutters (p61/4PM-5:15/0.75 CEUs)

Friday CEU Sessions

______ Avoid Avoiding (p29/8AM-9:15AM/0.75 CEUs)

______ Students Who Stutter and the Challenges Presented by the New Common Core Standards (p31/9:30AM-10:45AM/0.75 CEUs)

______ Stuttering Therapy Based on the Desires of People Who Stutter (p35/11AM-12:15PM/0.75 CEUs)

______ Accept the Stuttering, Not the Struggling (p36/1:30PM-3:30PM/1.2 CEUs)

Saturday CEU Sessions

______ Stuttering Modification Strategies (p40/9:30AM-11:45AM/1.2 CEUs)

______ The Power of the Defining Moment (p44/2:30PM-3:45PM/0.75 CEUs)

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Photography Information

IMPORTANT NOTICE
**PHOTOGRAPHY PERMISSION**

Be advised that the photos/videos taken during the NSA conference may be used by the NSA for promotional purposes. Attendance at NSA events implies permission for NSA use of participant likenesses. If you DO NOT wish your or your child’s likeness to be used, please come to the registration desk to sign our opt-out form.

Disclaimer: All descriptions of workshops were developed from materials provided by the presenters, although some were edited for length. The Conference Workshop Program is a forum for views and information about stuttering. The opinions expressed here are those of the individual presenter, and are not necessarily the opinions and/or views of the NSA, organizers, and/or co-sponsors of the NSA 2012 Conference. The NSA accepts NO responsibility for the accuracy of any opinion or information provided by any presenter, nor do we endorse or reject any therapeutic strategies,
The NSA Store is located next to conference registration for your convenience. Come see our complete line of books and brochures for the teachers, parents, professionals, adults, and children who stutter.

**Store Hours**

- Wednesday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- Thursday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- Saturday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

**PLEASE NOTE:** The store is closed during the **General Sessions and Closing Ceremony.**

**Silent Auction**

Be sure to check out all of the great items we have! Bidding closes at 12:30 PM on Saturday and items must be picked up by 4:00 PM on Saturday.

Keep that conference feeling alive long after by taking home one of our St. Petersburg conference t-shirts. Help support the NSA and bring home memories to last a lifetime.
Keep the St. Petersburg Spirit Alive! Stay in touch with all the friends you’ve met. Like our Facebook page. Follow the NSA on Twitter. Join our email listservs. Make sure your information is in the NSA database and you receive our monthly emails.

Email message your friends
Share your pictures of the conference
See others’ pictures

It’s safe, fun, free, and easy!

SAFE! - you reveal only what you want to. No security problems.
FUN! - keep the conference spirit alive when you’re back home.
FREE! - doesn’t cost you a penny!
EASY! - nothing’ to it. It’s as easy as 1-2-3!

Put faces with names on Facebook. NSA’s Facebook Page always has interesting posts from old members and posts from new people just discovering the stuttering world. Log on and become a fan today. Facebook.com/WeStutter

Follow the NSA on Twitter at Twitter.com/WeStutter and live tweet with us. Don’t forget to use the hashtag #NSATampa12 to let everyone know what’s happening at the conference!

Join email group and don’t lose contact with the many special friends you’ll meet at the NSA St. Petersburg 2012 conference!

Here’s how to join:

1. Go to http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/NSA-Conference/
2. Click “Sign in to Yahoo!” or “Join This Group.”
3. Follow the easy on-screen instructions.

Join NOW! The system is up and running and ready to go NOW! You don’t have to wait until the conference. The sooner you join, the more fun you’ll have! Your friends will all be waiting for you online.
Saturday July 7, 2012

Live auction items will be on display throughout the conference in the Majestic Ballroom. Immediately following our catered dinner during the Saturday Night Banquet the room will come alive as members bid on exciting items during the NSA Live Auction. It’s fun, fast-paced, and the items are fantastic.

Some of the wonderful items being offered…

- Beautiful handmade jewelry, handmade quilts, original artwork by Peter Max, fabulous vacation packages, sports memorabilia, and so much more. Be sure to check it out.

To bid in the live auction, hold up your paddle, facing the auctioneer. NSA Youth Committee volunteers will be “running” to your table to assist you with payment during the live auction. Payments may be made with cash, check, Visa or MasterCard. Checks should be made payable to the National Stuttering Association. Thank you for supporting the NSA!

The NSA is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization celebrating over 30 years of support and education for children and adults who stutter. Your purchases are tax deductible to the extent provided by the law. Please consult your tax advisor.

All items must be paid for in full. Note all conditions, restrictions, and expiration dates on items and services. Some items must be scheduled at a mutually-agreed upon time for both parties. Unless otherwise specified, all auction items and services must be used within one year of purchase.

Thank you to the following business for contributing to our silent and live auction*:

Hasbro, Mattel, Michael Kors, Juicy Couture, Marc Jacobs, La Mer, Best Western, Busch Gardens, Papa Gino’s, Perkins Restaurants, Mohegan Sun, Six Flags, Travel Impressions, Gansevoort, Four Seasons, Classic Vacations, Walt Disney World, Duane Reade, CVS, Atlanta Falcons, Viceroy, The Peninsula Beverly Hills, Mellow Mushroom, On The Border, Capital Ale House, Donato’s Pizza, Bertucci’s Italian Restaurant, Nardo’s Natural and Sophie Gustafson.

*The information listed above is current at the time of program printing.
The Silent Auction will be set up on tables in Palm Court near the NSA store. Items will be available for viewing and silent bidding anytime the NSA store is open (see page 11 for times). **Bids WILL close Saturday at 12:30 PM. Items will be available for claim and payment on Saturday afternoon from 12:45 PM to 4:00 PM.** If you bid on an item and do not claim it by 4:00 PM on Saturday it will go to the previous bidder.

**How to Bid for Silent Auction Items**

- Upon receiving your conference material you will notice a number located on the front of your name badge. This is what you will use to bid for the items.

- All bidding is done by number. Please write your bids and bidding number legibly.

- There is a minimum starting bid on each item – once 1st bid is placed you must raise the bid by the minimum raise amount listed on the item card.

- You may not raise the advance less than the stated incremental amount. You may bid a *greater* amount than the advance amount stated and in fact, may be the best bidding strategy (i.e.-jump raise a few notches and blow away the competition).

- If you really want an item, it’s a good idea to check back several times during the conference to raise your bid.

- Sometime before 12:30 PM on Saturday you should check the item you were bidding on to see if you are the winner.

- Silent auction ends at 12:30 PM on Saturday! You **MUST** pick your items up by 4:00 PM on Saturday.
Day at a Glance

8:00 AM
Conference Registration, NSA Store, and Silent Auction Opens

9:00 AM to Noon
Master Class Series #1 Nancy Ribbler

10:30 AM to 11:45 AM
Workshops

12:00 PM to 1:00 PM
Lunch on Your Own

1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Master Class Series #2 Heather Grossman

1:15 PM
Shuttle begins leaving for baseball game

1:15 PM to 2:45 PM
Workshops

5:00 PM
NSA Store & Registration Closed for the day

7:00 PM
Pool Area
NSA 4th of July BBQ (must have event wristband)

12:00 PM to 1:00 PM Lunch on Your Own...head outside, grab some sun, and enjoy lunch at one of the many great restaurants and eateries in and around the hotel.

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3:10 PM start time Tampa Bay Rays vs. New York Yankees
Sign up at registration for a specific departure time to the baseball game.
Shuttle will begin leaving front of hotel starting at 1:15 PM.

5:00 PM Registration closed for the day

7:00 PM Join us as NSA has its own 4th of July BBQ. Head down to the Esplanade near the pool where we have reserved the entire fireworks viewing area. Fireworks begin at approximately 9:00 PM.
Must register and show event wristband to enter.
Wednesday Morning

*Master Class Series - #1 Nancy Ribbler

What: When a Student Stutters: Meeting Challenges in the School Setting
Where: Plaza B (Main Hotel)
When: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

School-based SLPs frequently encounter challenges when working with students who stutter. This Master Class is focused on addressing eligibility, scheduling, and documentation challenges with school-age children who stutter.

Nancy Ribbler, M.A, CCC-SLP, BRS-FD is a licensed Speech-Language Pathologist and Board Recognized Specialist in Stuttering and Fluency Disorders. She has worked in speech pathology and fluency disorders for over twenty-five years. She is a full-time school-based SLP in Broward County School District in South Florida. She consults as a fluency specialist in Broward County and developed the On-Line Fluency Assessment Course in Broward County School District. Nancy served on the ASHA Steering Committee for Fluency Disorders and was the Liaison for the Schools Task Force on Fluency.

Speech Therapy: Is it EVER a Good Idea?

Who: Nina Reeves
Where: Royal 1A (Palm Court)
When: 10:30 AM to 11:45 AM

Join us for a lively and interactive discussion about the concept of therapy for stuttering. The facilitators for this workshop have perspectives from both sides of the table. Do you feel good, bad or indifferent about the value of formal therapy? Then this workshop is for you. Participants will be encouraged to share experiences and discuss pros and cons of journeys with self-help, self-therapy, and professional therapy choices. What is necessary for long-term success in dealing with stuttering? Let’s talk about it.

Nina Reeves is a Board Recognized Specialist in Fluency Disorders from McKinney, TX. She has been actively involved in the NSA for over 15 years, and has served as a member of the Board of Directors, Family Programs Co-Chair, Professional Relations Chair, and was our first Family Programs Administrator. Nina is a recipient of the NSA’s SLP of the Year, Conference Dedication, and Hall of Fame awards.

Opening Icebreaker

Who: Sarah Onofri
Where: Majestic 1B (Palm Court)
When: 10:30 AM to 11:45 AM

Join us for the one of the first workshops of the 2012 NSA Conference! We’re going to start the conference off right by getting acquainted and having fun! We’re going to ‘break the ice’ with this workshop and start the conference off with a bang!

Sarah Onofri has been a part of the NSA for the past seven years, and loves being involved with Family Programs! She’s looking forward to working with the kids again this year, and to getting to know lots of the NSA families. Sarah also works as an elementary school teacher in the Boston Public School System.

First Timers Orientation

Who: Cathy Olish & Stephanie Coppen
Where: Royal 2AB (Palm Court)
When: 10:30 AM to 11:45 AM

Come meet all of the other first timers and get acquainted with the busy conference schedule at this fun, light-hearted, informative gathering. We will have a few small presentations on the history of the NSA, what great things the NSA has to offer, what stuttering is in a ‘nutshell’, tips on how to ensure your experience here is the best ever, and answer any questions you may have. Then we can move on to the fun part with some interactive activities with all the other first timers!

*Asterisk (*) represents CEU sessions*
Wednesday Afternoon

*Mast er Class Series - #2 Dr. Heather Grossman

What: Stuttering Desensitization: Rationale and Practical Applications
Where: Plaza B (Main Hotel)
When: 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

This workshop will explore the concept of desensitization to stuttering. A brief review of the literature will provide a framework for understanding the importance of this construct as it applies to stuttering treatment. Practical, evidence-based strategies will be presented that are useful to help children, teens and adults who stutter work toward desensitization including self-disclosure, and voluntary stuttering. This workshop will be highly interactive and participants will be encouraged to share personal experiences and challenges in stuttering intervention. The group will then problem-solve and practice strategies that may be employed to meet these challenges.

Dr. Heather Grossman was among the initial group to receive Board Recognition as a Specialist and Mentor in the treatment of fluency disorders. She has worked with children and adults who stutter and their families for over twenty years and is an active member of the stuttering self-help community. Her research includes exploration of parameters of stuttering modifications including voluntary stuttering. She is currently the Clinic Director at the American Institute for Stuttering in New York City, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to stuttering treatment and clinical training.

Open Microphone

Who: Bernie Weiner
Where: Majestic 3AB (Palm Court)
When: 1:15 PM to 2:45 PM

Drop in and join other NSA’ers for one of our open microphone sessions. You can listen or participate, it’s all up to you! These sessions are an opportunity to communicate in a safe and supportive environment and a small group setting.

Bernie Weiner has been an active member of the NSA since 1995. He has attended every conference since then, with his wife, Harriet. He was the co-leader of the Royal Oak, Michigan Beaumont NSA group for 10 years.

Laughter Yoga - Lagniappe for Living

Who: Judith Newman
Where: Royal 2AB (Palm Court)
When: 1:15 PM to 2:45 PM

Laughter yoga is a great way to reduce and improve the immune system. A laughter yoga reintroduces you to the uninhibited laughter you enjoyed as a child. Laughter yoga reduces tension and relaxes you. With laughter yoga, you will never get hurt or feel pain. However, you will crack up laughing!

Judy Newman has been an SLP at the same school in Jefferson Parish, Louisiana for the past 15 years. She has been the treasurer of SPALS, Inc. (Speech Pathologists and Audiologists in Louisiana Schools) for the past 7 years. This is the first time she has presented at a conference.

From Victim to Survivor: The Value of Self-Help/Mutual Aid

Who: Lee Reeves
Where: Royal 1A (Palm Court)
When: 1:15 PM to 2:45 PM

This workshop will present the victim/survivor/thrivor concept. Participants will learn how involvement in self-help/mutual aid groups can help to facilitate personal, group and societal change for those affected by stuttering.

Lee Reeves is a long time member of the NSA. He is a founder of the Dallas, Texas Chapter and past Chairman of the Board of Directors. He has presented workshops on stuttering to SLPs, PWS, and parents for over 30 years. Dr. Reeves has authored or co-authored numerous articles on the value of self-help/mutual aid for those affected by stuttering.

*Asterisk (*) represents CEU sessions*
Wednesday Night Events

Baseball Game:
Tampa Bay Rays vs. New York Yankees

The domed Tropicana Field is home to the MLB's Tampa Bay Rays, who play their games in the 43,500-seat stadium featuring an artificial turf ballpark and an all-dirt infield and base paths. Left Field Street is a popular area for families and game fans, offering a baseball game show, photograph opportunities, authentic MLB baseball gear and video games. **We will begin leaving the hotel at 1:15 PM and return after the game.**

Chihuly Collection presented by Morean Arts Center

The Chihuly Collection presented by the Morean Arts Center is a stunning, permanent collection of the world-renowned artist’s unique artwork in a magnificent 10,000 square foot setting designed by award-winning architect Albert Alfonso. The collection includes the spectacular Ruby Red Icicle Chandelier created specifically for the collection and is not to be missed. This collection is walking distance from the hotel. Please feel free to explore at your leisure.

NSA 4th of July BBQ

Come down Wednesday evening at 7PM for the NSA's 4th of July ‘Freedom of Speech at the Beach’ BBQ & Fireworks Show on the front Esplanade at the Vinoy! Join us by the pool where we have reserved the entire fireworks viewing area and enjoy some good food and great company.

The cost to attend is $17/adult (12 years and older) and $12/child (under 12) and includes hamburgers and hot dogs, coleslaw, potato chips, watermelon, cake, cookies, iced tea, and lemonade. Beer/wine will also be available at our cash bar. **Must register and show event wristband to enter.**
Day at a Glance

7:45 AM to 10:30 AM
Chapter Leader Program
Lassing/Miller

SLP Orientation
Plaza A

8:30 AM to 9:00 AM
SLP Orientation

9:00 AM to Noon
Master Class Series #3
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9:00 AM to 10:15 AM
Complete descriptions on page 21

11:45 AM to 12:45 PM
Lunch on your own

1:00 PM to 2:15 PM
General Sessions

2:30 PM to 5:15 PM
Workshops

6:30 PM to 8:00 PM
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David Luterman Sharpening your Counseling Skills Plaza C

9:00 AM to 10:15 AM Complete descriptions on page 21
Facilitator Workshop Title Location
Cathy Olish First Timers Workshop Royal 2AB
Annie Bradberry Intuitive Change Majestic 2AB

10:30 AM to 11:45 AM Complete descriptions on page 22-23
Facilitator Workshop Title Location
Greg Snyder Role of Prosthetic Devices Majestic 1B
Nina G/Mertz Inviting Women Who Stutter to the Table Majestic 3AB
Hannah Laday Discussion for Spouses Royal 1A
Sam Gennuso Fearless Stuttering Majestic 2AB

11:45 AM to 12:45 PM Lunch
NSA is happy to offer you some inexpensive options for lunch. Head over to the Vinoy Grand Ballroom in the Main Hotel and enjoy lunch.

General Session 1:00 PM to 2:15 PM
Awards (Chapter Leader, Adult Chapter, Family Chapter, SLP, and RCC) and Open Microphone - Majestic 2/3AB

*Master Class Series #4 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM Complete descriptions page 24
Facilitator Workshop Title Location
Lisa Scott Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy Techniques Plaza C

2:30 PM to 3:45 PM Complete descriptions on page 25
Facilitator Workshop Title Location
Jay Jones-Doyle Dispelling the Myth Majestic 2AB
Aman Kumar Stuttering in the Era of Google+ Majestic 3AB
Greg Snyder 12 Steps & Recovery to Stuttering Royal 3AB

4:00 PM to 5:15 PM Complete descriptions on page 26-27
Facilitator Workshop Title Location
Pam Mertz/Panel The Stuttering Monologues Majestic 2/3AB
Bingham/Green Using Humor Royal 2AB

Opening Conference Celebration 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM
(Vinoy Grand Ballroom, Main Hotel)
### Thursday Workshops (8:00 AM to 12:00 PM)

#### Chapter Leader Breakfast

**Who:** Dr. Mitch Trichon and Dr. Lee Reeves  
**Where:** Lassing/Miller (Main Hotel)  
**When:** 7:45 AM to 8:30 AM  
We invite all Chapter Leaders to join us on morning for a Chapter Leader Breakfast – our way of saying 'thank you' for all the hard work you put in throughout the year.

#### Chapter Leader Workshop - Self-Help and the Process of Change

**Who:** Dr. Mitch Trichon and Dr. Lee Reeves  
**Where:** Lassing/Miller (Main Hotel)  
**When:** 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM  
This is a forum for Chapter Leaders to learn and share ideas on such topics as chapter development, increasing and retaining attendees, leadership skills, conflict resolution, publicizing your chapter though media and technology, and developing future leaders for long term success of the chapter. The workshop will feature a presentation by Lee Reeves, who will discuss topics including: why people make amazing progress after finding the NSA, while others choose not to return; why do some long time participants seem to stay stuck; and the concept of self-help and the process of personal change.

Dr. Mitchell Trichon, St. John’s University, Stutter Social, has published and presented research on self-help activities in stuttering management. Mitch, a person who stutters, has co-hosted national and regional conferences and advocates in the media. As a member of National Stuttering Association’s Board of Director’s he Chairs their Adult Programs.

Dr. Lee Reeves has been a member of the NSA for over 25 years. He is the co-founder of the Dallas Chapter of the NSA, and is a former Chairman of the NSA Board of Directors. He has authored or co-authored several articles and book chapters on stuttering self-help.

#### Speech-Language Pathologist Orientation

**Who:** Nina Reeves  
**Where:** Plaza A (Main Hotel)  
**When:** 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM  
Attention SLP’s! Whether this is your first conference or your tenth, come and join us for discussions on how to navigate the NSA conference. We have the inside scoop on how to get the most from your experience. This session will allow us to help you choose the best places to gain insight on stuttering.

#### *Master Class Series - #3 Dr. David Luterman*

**What:** Sharpening Your Counseling Skills  
**Where:** Plaza C (Main Building)  
**When:** 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
A listening/valuing model of counseling will be presented and demonstrated via a lecture and video presentation. Counselor responses will be destined and demonstrated to client feelings. Some experiential learning will be provided.

Dr. Luterman has dedicated his career to developing a greater understanding of the psychological effects and emotions associated with communication disorders so as to encourage professionals in the field to incorporate counseling strategies in their clinical interactions. He has successfully translated this understanding into a model of counseling which allows for content and affect exchange and has extended his model to include families. He has lectured and written extensively on counseling and communication disorders throughout the United States, Canada, and abroad. He is a fellow of the American Speech-Language and Hearing Association (ASHA).

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First Timers Workshop

Who: Cathy Olish
Where: Royal 2AB
When: 9:00 AM to 10:15 AM

Come meet all the other first timers and get acquainted with the busy conference schedule at this fun, lighthearted, informative gathering. We will have a few small presentations on the history of the NSA, what great things the NSA has to offer, what stuttering is in a "nutshell", tips on how to ensure your experience here is the best ever and answer any questions you may have. Then we can move onto the fun part with some interactive activities with all the other first timers!

Cathy Olish lives in Ferndale, Michigan and works in Human Resources at Ford Motor Company. She has been a member of the NSA for 12 years, has facilitated over 25 workshops, is the former co-chapter leader for the Royal Oak NSA Chapter and the Royal Oak Kids/TWST Chapter. She is also the Secretary for the Board of Directors and serves as the Special Projects and Volunteer Coordinator.

Intuitive Change: Intuitive Appreciation and Reflection of Feelings, Situations, Choices, and Changes

Who: Annie Bradberry/Anita Blom
Where: Majestic 2AB
When: 9:00 AM to 10:15 AM

Sometimes situations and challenges become clearer when we look at them in a different way. Conventional language and media often obscure more than they reveal. Personal feelings and choices are sometimes better approached intuitively. This interactive workshop will help to visually interpret normally silenced feelings.

Annie Bradberry has over 19 years of experience working in the nonprofit sector and was previously Executive Director of the National Stuttering Association (NSA) from 1993 - 2003. Currently, Annie is the Director of Development for The 100 Mile Club, a physical fitness and life skills program for kids in school. Still involved in the stuttering community, Annie provides in-services to local school districts and universities in the state of California and for the last 15 years, has served as a Board of Director for the National Stuttering Association, The International Stuttering Association, and the American Speech Language and Hearing Association - Specialty Board on Fluency Disorders.

Anita Scharis Blom was born and raised in the Netherlands, but is now married and living in Sweden. She works as an educational organizer and teacher. Besides that, she is the chairperson of the local stuttering chapter (SSF), former chairperson of the Swedish stuttering association (SSA), vice chair of the European League of Stuttering Associations (ELSA) and a member of the advisory board for the International Stuttering Association (ISA). She states, "I have stuttered since I was 9 and had a troublesome youth, but this helped me to now work with and give advice to people who stutter of all ages and help them to break down their barriers and show them the world is at their feet."

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The Role of Prosthetic Devices in Stuttering

Who: Greg Snyder
Where: Majestic 1B (Palm Court)
When: 10:30 AM to 11:45 AM

This workshop will briefly discuss how our biases on the cause of stuttering often predicts our understanding and beliefs about: (a) how prosthetic stuttering management devices work, and (b) if stuttering prosthetic management devices should be used at all. We will then discuss the history of prosthetic stuttering management devices, and cover the current devices on the market. Future innovations and the application of stuttering management devices will also be discussed.

Greg Snyder is a person who stutters and associate professor in the department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at The University of Mississippi. He specializes in the science and prosthetic management of stuttering. More recently, Greg has also begun collaborating the creation of other novel behavioral approaches to the treatment of stuttering which focus on improving clients’ quality of life.

We ALSO Have A Voice! Inviting Women Who Stutter To The Table

Who: Nina G, Pam Mertz, Gina Davis
Where: Majestic 3AB (Palm Court)
When: 10:30 AM to 11:45 AM

In a recent article in the ASHA Leader, Graham-Bethea and Mayo discussed the lack of research and discussion of women who stutter in the field of speech therapy. There are few opportunities for women who stutter to talk about the intersection of gender and stuttering. Consequently, SLPs may not have opportunities to learn about the experience of WWS. This session will look at issues related to women who stutter both for those who stutter and for those treating people who stutter.

Nina Ghiselli is a psychologist in private practice and the system-wide director of disability services for Alliant International University.

Pam Mertz is an Adult Literacy Program Manager in New York. She writes an active blog about stuttering and interviews and hosts women from all over the world for her podcast “Women Who Stutter: Our Stories”

Gina Davis is a graduate psychology student from El Cerrito, California and this will be her second NSA conference.

Open Microphone

Who: Marc Winski
Where: Royal 3AB (Palm Court)
When: 10:30 AM to 11:45 AM

Drop in and join other NSA’ers for one of our open microphone sessions. You can listen, participate, it’s all up to you! These sessions are an opportunity to communicate in a safe and supportive environment and a small group setting.

Marc Winski is thrilled to be a part of his second NSA conference. He has been a member of the NSA for a year. He has been a PWS since he was 4. After graduating from Indiana University, he traveled the country with touring productions of Grease and Hairspray. Marc is currently residing in New York City as an actor and is excited to see what life has in store.

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Thursday Workshops (10:30 AM to 11:45 AM)

**Thriving in Life and in A Relationship With a Person Who Stutters:**

*a Discussion for Spouses/Significant Others*

*Who:* Hannah Laday  
*Where:* Royal 1A (Palm Court)  
*When:* 10:30 AM to 11:45 AM  

Do you love a person who stutters? Is it challenging journey? Is it rewarding? Share your concerns and joys in this open discussion that is meant to provide insights on how to support your significant other who stutters while also maintaining your own integrity and your own life path. A unique perspective will be offered by the workshop facilitator who is both a spouse to a PWS and a PWS herself.

**Hannah Laday** is the co-leader for the Central NJ Adult and TwST chapters of the NSA. She has presented workshops on stuttering, both formal and fun, and has been a Guest Resource Person as well as a Keynote Speaker at Speak Easy Symposium in New Jersey.

**Fearless Stuttering and the Power of Positive Thinking**

*Who:* Samantha Gennuso  
*Where:* Majestic 2AB (Palm Court)  
*When:* 10:30 AM to 11:45 AM  

This is a workshop for those of us who have been afraid to introduce themselves AND for those of us who have self-advocated and soared afterwards. We all have highs and lows and sometimes it takes a little extra to remember what it’s like to soar. Using the power of positive self-talk, Samantha will walk the audience through techniques that will significantly enhance their quality of interaction when it comes to self-advertising their stuttering and feeling comfortable in their own skin. If anyone’s been there (sweaty palms, racing heart and panic), it’s her. Expect guest appearances from the StutterTalk B-team and whoever else Samantha has been inspired by!

**Samantha Gennuso** is a successful 20-Something who has learned to embrace stuttering in a way that allows her to flourish professionally and personally—in other words, she kicks it. She’s a media planner who works with big name clients in a fast paced environment, talking on the phone all day, handling lots and lots of money. Samantha says she couldn’t have done any of it without the NSA.

**LUNCH 11:45 AM to 12:45 PM**

The NSA is happy to offer you some inexpensive options for lunch. Head over to the **Vinoy Grand Ballroom in the Main Hotel** and grab a bite to eat with friends. We will have a variety of cold sandwiches and salads ($5.50), chips, and drinks available for purchase.

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### General Session

**Awards and Open Microphone**

**Where:** Majestic Ballroom (Palm Court)  
**When:** 1:00 PM to 2:15 PM

For this year’s General Session we’re taking it back old school open mic style! That’s right, we listened to you when you said you wanted to be heard, so we’ve decided to make this year’s General Session all about YOU, the conference attendees. We are dedicating the full hour as a time for you to share your stories, experiences, and thoughts, or just to share how much fun you’re having being with over 600 other people who stutter and ‘get it’. This is your chance, so speak up! *Emcee—Vikesh Anand*

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### Thursday (1:00 PM to 4:00 PM) *Master Class Series - #4— Dr. Lisa Scott*

**What:** Application of Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy Techniques to Stuttering Intervention  
**Where:** Plaza C (Main Hotel)  
**When:** 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Cognitive-behavioral therapy focuses on changing thoughts as a means to changing behavior. This workshop will first outline the cognitive model of the interaction between thoughts, feelings, and behavior. Then, methods for identifying helpful vs. unhelpful thoughts and their roles in behavior change will be explored. Finally, concrete strategies for changing unhelpful thoughts will be presented. Case studies will be used to highlight various components of the CBT process.

**Dr. Scott** directs the L. L. Schendel Speech and Hearing Clinic, teaches courses in stuttering and counseling, and maintains an active clinical practice. She is the Vice President for Education for the Stuttering Foundation of America and is a former Coordinator for the American Speech-Language Hearing Association’s Special Interest Division 10, Issues in Higher Education. Dr. Scott has made numerous presentations at district, state, and national meetings, and co-authored several publications in the area of fluency disorders.

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Thursday Workshops (2:30 PM to 3:45 PM)

Dispelling the Myths and Addressing the Fears About Succeeding with a Stutter

Who: Jay Jones-Doyle
Where: Majestic 2AB (Palm Court)
When: 2:30 PM to 3:45 PM
This presentation aims to dispel the fears which plague many parents regarding their child’s social, academic, and professional opportunities. Through interactive discussion I hope to address these concerns and show parents why they need not be as worried, and that life really is 1/10th what happens to you and 9/10th what you do about it. Stuttering need not be a negative if you know how to frame it.

Jay Jones-Doyle recently completed an MSc in Marketing and environmentally-friendly behavior, he is now interning with the UN. Jay was the President of the Business Graduate Student Association, is a father of an eight year old, a championship-winning junior hockey coach, a web designer, a person with Cerebral Palsy, and a person who stutters.

Our Cambrian Moment: Stuttering in the Era of Google+ and The King’s Speech

Who: Aman Kumar
Where: Majestic 3AB (Palm Court)
When: 2:30 PM to 3:45 PM
The Cambrian Period is the geological era marking the explosion of life on Earth from small and simple to complex organisms. We are living through our own Cambrian: never before has there been so much attention on stuttering and hope for those who stutter. From an Oscar-winning movie to a sitting Vice-President, from mobile computing to social media, the groundwork and potential for an explosion in stuttering awareness, research, and advocacy are in place. We’ll explore the intersection of these social and technological forces, their concomitant impact on stuttering and the community, and how you can harness them in your own life as a stutterer or therapist.

Aman Kumar is the head of strategy at MobileIron, a mobile startup in Silicon Valley. Prior to this he helped develop the iPhone at Apple and Google Voice at Google. He serves as Vice Chairman of the United States Presidential Scholars and is a member of the Board of the American Institute for Stuttering and the Advisory Board of the National Stuttering Association.

The 12 Steps and Recovery from Stuttering

Who: Greg Snyder
Where: Royal 3AB (Palm Court)
When: 2:30 PM to 3:45 PM
This workshop will relate 12-step recovery programs to the issues and challenges faced by those who live with stuttering. We will discuss how the 12 steps have little to do with substance abuse, but are better applied to how the person views themselves and the world. Issues such as self-pity, anger, shame, denial, and victimhood will be discussed.

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### Thursday Workshops (4:00 PM to 5:15 PM)

**Live from the Vinoy: The Stuttering Monologues**  
**World premiere performance!**

| Where: Majestic 2/3AB (Palm Court) |
| Where: | **When:** 4:00 PM to 5:15 PM |
| Where: | Join us for an unforgettable performance by our one-of-a-kind ensemble of “tellers.” Our cast of 15 all-stars will be performing their stories in their own words, a performance that promises to be inspirational, compelling, hilarious, and empowering. This debut performance of *The Stuttering Monologues* is just the ticket to get us stoked up for the Opening Celebration on Thursday evening. *The Stuttering Monologues* will leave you laughing, crying, bursting with pride, and cheering for more. |

**The cast:**

- **Carolina Ayala** has her Masters in Critical Disability Studies and did major research on how her stuttering is affected by her listener. She enjoys running, teaching, shopping, and engaging in lively discussions about disability issues. She is from Ajax, Ontario, Canada.

- **Kenyatta "Kenny" Butler**, lives in Zephyrhills, FL (Tampa Bay Area) is recently married and works as a Baker for Publix Supermarkets. He is a former NSA Southeast Regional Chapter Coordinator for 4 years and an avid tech enthusiast.

- **Jody Fuller** is a comic, a speaker, and a soldier with 3 tours of duty in Iraq. He lives in Alabama with Chyna, his 15 year old black lab.

- **Nina G** is a disability advocate and the only female stand-up comic who stutters. She is from the San Francisco Bay Area of California.

- **Samantha Gennuso**, of Los Angeles, is an online advertising planner that faces stuttering head on every day. She holds a MS in Mass Communication and loves running and hot yoga.

- **Teresa Hiney** is a 21-year old college student, currently attending The College of Saint Rose in Albany NY and studying Communication Sciences and Disorders. She is originally from Vestal, NY.

- **Rupert Johnson** is a graduate student at Penn State University pursuing a degree in Speech Pathology. He hails from the Bronx, NY and his interests include basketball, rugby, reading, and cooking.

- **George Laday**, of Metuchen, NJ, is a former member of Speak Easy Players, a theater group that performed "Why Can't We Talk?" across the country. He performed a one-man stand-up comedy act at the 2003 NSA Conference. He will soon retire from the USPS and begin his next adventure.

- **Pamela Mertz** is the creative mind behind this show and is working on a script for a community production of *The Stuttering Monologues* in Albany, NY. She is a blogger, podcaster, and Toastmaster who works in adult literacy and incarceration education.

- **Elliot Olds** grew up in St. Paul, Minnesota. He now lives in Seattle where he plays ice hockey and creates software for a search engine.

- **Mara Schlimm Ormond** is a leadership and life coach dedicated to helping people thrive in their careers and in their lives. She also teaches yoga and meditation. She lives in Dover, Delaware.

- **Jacquelyn Revere** is from Los Angeles, California, and recently received her Master’s degree in Acting from The New School for Drama. She hopes to continue her own journey of self-acceptance through educating others about stuttering.
Thursday Workshops (4:00 PM to 5:15 PM)

Cast continued:

Cynthia Scace is from Greenfield, Massachusetts and works in case management with elders and persons with disabilities. Cynthia started a NSA Chapter with the late Marty Jezer. She has many funny stories from her long career with stuttering.

Tom Scharstein owns a creative construction company in Cincinnati, OH. He is a kayaker, martial artist, person who stutters and founder of “Speaking Strong!”

Miranda Smith is a sophomore at Northern Kentucky University. She is a member of the Teen Advisory Council and serves as the TAC Chairperson on the Board of Directors for the NSA.

Using Humor to Navigate Everyday Interactions

Who: Dr. Shawn Bingham & Dr. Sara Green
Where: Royal 2AB (Palm Court)
When: 4:00 PM to 5:15 PM
Humor provides us with a creative means of unlocking social norms. More than just entertainment, humor ruminates who we value, what we fear, and how we negotiate daily life. It can ease tension, but it can also highlight difference and reinforce nerachy. The panel will feature three professional comedians who use comedy to examine everyday life expedience and responses to stuttering, as well as two sociologists from the University of South Florida who study humor and disability.

Dr. Shawn Bingham is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology at the University of South Florida. He studies sociology of art, humor and disability, and has a background in both special education and disability studies.

Dr. Sara Green is an Associate Professor in the Sociology Department at the University of South Florida.

Thursday Night Opening Celebration and Awards

Where: Vinoy Grand Ballroom (Main Hotel)
When: 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Join your fellow conference attendees in the Vinoy Grand Ballroom (located in the Main Hotel) as we kick off the 29th Annual NSA Conference ‘Sunshine State’ style with our Opening Celebration and Awards Ceremony.

Awards will be given for Volunteer, Parent, and Youth of the Year, as well as the Conference Dedication. We will be serving Light hors d’oeuvres and a cash bar will be available. Take a break from the sun and come together for a good time!
Day at a Glance

8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
NSA store and Silent Auction open

8:00 AM to 12:15 PM
Workshops

12:15 PM to 1:15 PM
Lunch on your own

1:30 PM to 3:00 PM
Workshops

3:00 PM
Beach Bus leaves

4:15 PM
Dolphin Cruise leaves

5:00 PM
NSA Store and Registration closed

7:00 PM
Ghost Tour leaves

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AVOID AVOIDING

Elimination of avoidance behaviors by PWS is one of the primary goals in the treatment of secondary stuttering. The Subjective Stuttering Scale was developed many years ago by Jeanna Riley, PhD. This scale will be presented and discussed by the participating SLPs and PWS and each person will rate themselves. A discussion will be opened for SLPs and PWS on “How can we work to Avoid Avoiding?”; “What have you done?”; “What are your ideas?”; “What have been the results of elimination of avoidance behaviors?” and “Have your communication abilities become more effective?”

Judith Eckardt is a licensed certified speech-language pathologist who specializes in fluency. She is a Board Recognized Fluency Specialist in ASHA and now resides in Tucson, AZ. She continues to do therapy/consultation and workshops for stuttering. She is the facilitator for the NSA Tucson Chapter and during this past year has been doing her program of Fluency Consultation with the Tucson Schools. Judith has obtained her CTM in Toastmasters and her motto for herself and other people who stutter is YOU CAN DO IT. This refers to being able to communicate effectively—even with some stuttering.

IT DOES GET BETTER! Passing Twice: LGBT Person Who Stutter and Allies

Billy Collins is a human resources analyst for the City of Philadelphia. This is his first NSA conference, but not his first time presenting at a national conference; he was part of a panel discussion at the 2010 conference for the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration in Las Vegas. Bill is originally from Delaware and served in various leadership roles at the university of Delaware’s LGBT student group.

Our Paths, Our Perceptions - An Exploration

Obim Okongwu is a long time member and former Board member of the Canadian Stuttering Association (CSA), he coordinated a Toronto self help group in the past, was Co-Chair for the 2003 CSA conference in Toronto. He holds an MBA in Finance and works as a Risk Manager in Toronto.
Friday Workshops (8:00 AM to 9:15 AM)

**Understanding Psychiatric Medications for Those Who Stutter: Q&A**

**Who:** Gerald Maguire  
**Where:** Majestic 3AB (Palm Court)  
**When:** 8:00 AM to 9:15 AM  
Dr. Maguire will present in an active exchange format, the latest information on medication treatments for stuttering. Dr. Maguire will also discuss the side effects of commonly prescribed medications which may adversely impact stuttering. Dr. Maguire will allow significant time for questions during the session.

**Gerald A. Maguire, MD,** is Associate Professor of Clinical Psychiatry and the Kirkup Endowed Chair in Stuttering Treatment in the Department of Psychiatry as well as Senior Associate Dean for Educational Affairs at the University of California, Irvine (UCI) School of Medicine. Dr. Maguire earned his medical degree from St. Louis University School of Medicine in 1991. He carried out his residency in Psychiatry at UCI from 1991 to 1995, where he was Chief Resident his final year. Dr. Maguire has been a member of NSA since 1992 and serves on our Research Advisory Board. He is the author of *Without Hesitation — Speaking to the Silence and Science of Stuttering* which has just been published by the NSA.

**Open Microphone**

**Who:** Jean Finstad  
**Where:** Royal 1A (Palm Court)  
**When:** 8:00 AM to 9:15 AM  
Drop in and join other NSA’ers for one of our open mic sessions. You can listen, participate, it’s all up to you! These sessions are an opportunity to communicate in a safe and supportive environment and a small group setting.

**Jean Finstad** resides in Arlington, VA with his wife, NSA Staff Member Mandy Finstad, and their two dogs. Jean is the owner/operator of Just Right Renovation home renovation company, in addition to regularly playing upright bass with a variety of local singer-songwriters and orchestras. Jean has stuttered since he began speaking and is a strong follower of Avoidance Reduction Therapy. This is Jean’s fourth NSA conference.

**Toastmasters**

**Who:** Delroy McPherson  
**Where:** Plaza C (Main Hotel)  
**When:** 8:00 AM to 9:15 AM  
General information as well as some history about the Toastmasters organization will be explained. We will conduct a demo of a Toastmasters meeting. A mock meeting will be conducted including speakers, evaluators, a joke master, etc. If you don’t know what goes on during a Toastmasters meeting, this is a great opportunity to experience what one is like. Ample time will be given for Q&A.

**Delroy McPherson** is a long time member of the NSA and is currently co-leader of the NSA USF Tampa chapter.

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New Breakthroughs in Beating Stuttering Blocks

Who: Bill Parry  
Where: Majestic 2AB (Palm Court)  
When: 9:30 AM to 10:45 AM

Do words sometimes feel like “brick walls,” even before you try to say them? Do your blocks get stronger the harder you try to force through them? This workshop will propose new explanations and solutions to the most common stuttering behaviors, based on the presenter’s ongoing clinical experience with Valsalva Stuttering Therapy. It will show that the problem is not in saying the initial consonant, but rather the neurological substitution of effort in place of phonation of the word’s vowel sound. This reaction may be triggered by the anticipation of difficulty or the urge to use effort to reduce anxiety.

Bill Parry is founder and leader of the NSA’s Philadelphia Chapter and author of the NSA’s best-selling book, *Understanding and Controlling Stuttering*. He previously overcame his own stuttering to become a successful trial lawyer. Now as an ASHA-certified SLP, he is developing a new approach to the treatment of stuttering.

*Students Who Stutter and the Challenges Presented by the New Common Core Standards

Who: Dr. Lynne Remson/Becky Peters  
Where: Majestic 3AB (Palm Court)  
When: 9:30 AM to 10:45 AM

Children who stutter face many challenges, not the least of which is communication in the school environment. This workshop will address the new common core standards in relation to the communication demands in classrooms and on school campuses. Participants will learn what these new standards are, where they came from, and why SLPs should care about them. They will also explore the ramifications of the increased focus on rigor, oral presentation, and communication competencies in these standards and the implications for children who stutter.

Lynne Hebert Remson, Ph.D. CCC-SLP, is a speech-language pathologist in Scottsdale, Arizona. Dr. Remson is a member of the initial cadre of Board Recognized Specialists in Fluency Disorders (2001). She is a co-founder and co-leader of the Metro Phoenix NSA Kids and NSATWST support groups for children and adolescents who stutter.

Becky Peters received her Master of Arts degree from the University of Northern Iowa and has worked in the public schools and private practice for over thirty years. Becky is a co-leader of the Metro Phoenix NSA Kids and NSATWST groups for children and adolescents who stutter. Becky received extensive training on the Common Core academic standards in her work as the Speech Pathology Content Specialist and SLP liaison to Mesa Schools curriculum department in Mesa, Arizona.

Advertising your Stuttering

Who: Reuben Schuff/Elaine Robin  
Where: Lassing/Miller (Main Hotel)  
When: 9:30 AM to 10:45 AM

This interactive workshop teaches and promotes advertising and being open about our stuttering. Talking to others about stuttering has helped many to accept their stuttering while overcoming the fears and embarrassment associated with stuttering. Come challenge yourself and learn how you can become more open with your stuttering.

Reuben Schuff is a juggler, person who stutters, NSA chapter leader, and devoted NSA conference go’er.

Elaine Robin is from Seattle, Washington and has been an active member of the NSA for many years. She is not only a person who stutters, but also an SLP who continues to work on accepting her stuttering and being open with others.

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You Are What You Choose to Be!

Who: Dr. Marvin Klotz  
Where: Royal 3AB (Palm Court)  
When: 9:30 AM to 10:45 AM  
An interactive dialogue to explore and understand the essential concepts of choosing exactly what we want. Do you want to be fluent, a good communicator, successful, happy? What is success/happiness? Are stutterers handicapped, challenged, abnormal? How do we see ourselves, how do others see us and does it matter? Can we influence our thinking, actions, behavior – how? Acceptance vs. acknowledgment. Similarities between weight loss/control and stuttering/fluency. What do we ‘owe’ our audience?

Dr. Klotz is a life-long stutterer, Pediatric Dental specialist, teacher, consultant, director of large multi-discipline health center, editor, writer/humorist. Active in organized and regulatory dentistry, self-help groups. Past presenter at several NSA/CSA conferences and recipient of many honors/awards.

Stutter Social

Who: Samuel Dunsiger/David Resnick/Daniele Rossi/Evan Sherman/Mitch Trichon  
Where: Royal 1A (Palm Court)  
When: 9:30 AM to 10:45 AM  
Research supports the notion that people who stutter benefit from self-help activities, but what if you don’t have access to a support group? What if you want to keep in touch with friends beyond the conference? Stutter Social (StSoc) utilizes a fresh Google technology to bring face-to-face interactions with others who stutter to your computer, tablet, or smartphone. Current StSoc users will share their experiences, while “hangout” hosts and the management team provide live demonstrations, Q & A session, and help you get started. Be a part of this quickly growing community of people who stutter.

Samuel Dunsiger is a PWS and freelance journalist from Toronto, Canada, who works in public relations. Last year, he attended his first NSA conference, which played a huge role in his journey towards self-acceptance. Sam joined the Stutter Social team as Communications Director in the summer of 2011.

David Resnick is an entrepreneur, web producer, and biofield energy worker in Los Angeles. He recently graduated from UC Irvine with a Masters in Arts Computation Engineering and conducted his thesis research on how different types of vibrations effect the mind and body. David has been a proud NSA member for three years and co-founded Stutter Social in October 2011.

Daniele Rossi is a proud stutterer from Toronto, Canada. A prolific digital content creator, Daniele is co-founder of Stutter Social, enjoys producing the Stuttering is Cool podcast has created a cartoon website based on the Ti-Ger Analogy of Stuttering, and has been interviewed on Canadian radio and television. This is Daniele’s third NSA conference.

Evan Sherman is a Speech-Language Pathologist from Ormond Beach, Florida and a lifelong person who stutters. This is his fifth NSA conference. Evan is currently a host for Stutter Social hangouts on google+. To Evan, stuttering defines who he is as a person. Everything he is, was, and will ever be in life is directly related to his stuttering. He feels that self acceptance is of most importance as one goes through life as a person who stutters.

Mitchell Trichon, PhD, St. John’s University, Stutter Social, has published and presented research on self-help activities in stuttering management. Mitch, a person who stutters, has co-hosted national and regional conferences and advocates in the media. As a member of National Stuttering Association’s Board of Director’s he chairs our Adult Programs.

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Friday Workshops (11:00 AM to 12:15 PM)

20 Seconds of Courage

Who: Mara Schlimm & Annie Bradberry  
Where: Majestic 3AB (Palm Court)  
When: 11:00 AM to 12:15 PM

20 Seconds of Courage will provide participants with the opportunity to explore the topic of courage, by examining their fears, identifying their potential for (and history of) courage, and articulating a definition of courage uniquely relevant for their own lives and what life vision that courage will serve. The workshop will offer a safe, supportive space for deep exploration and mutual support, and will include powerful insights about fear and courage, introspective exercises, and the optional opportunity for group sharing and support.

Mara Schlimm Ormond's coaching practice is dedicated to helping people achieve superior results in their lives and in their careers. She holds a Leadership Coaching certificate from Georgetown University and an M.B.A. from the Yale School of Management. A person who stutters, Mara first joined the NSA over 20 years ago. She lives in Dover, Delaware, with her husband.

Annie Bradberry has over 19 years of experience working in the nonprofit sector and was previously the Director of the National Stuttering Association (NSA) from 1993 - 2003. Currently, Annie is the Director of Development for The 100 Mile Club, a physical fitness and life skills program for kids in school. Still involved in the stuttering community, Annie provides in-services to local school districts and universities in the state of California and for the last 15 years, participated in the 1-day Youth workshop for children who stutter and their parents in Tacoma Washington.

The King and You – Building Your Personal Lionel Logue App

Who: Dale Williams & Kaustubh Kale  
Where: Royal 1A (Palm Court)  
When: 11:00 AM to 12:15 PM

Having a full-time SLP is normally a luxury fit for a king, but what if you could have your own Lionel Logue? The presenters are hoping to develop an app to be used as an adjunct to stuttering therapy, designed to help people who stutter and their SLPs track speech performance, secondary behaviors, and speech-related emotion between sessions. It is the hope that this will improve the transfer of therapy skills. The current version of the app will be demonstrated at the workshop. Feedback is encouraged in order to make the app as functional and user-friendly as possible.

Dale F. Williams, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, BRS-FD is a Professor of Communication Sciences and Disorders and Director of the Fluency Clinic at Florida Atlantic University. His publications include the book Stuttering Recovery: Personal and Empirical Perspectives (Psychology Press). Dr. Williams has coordinated the Boca Raton chapter of the NSA since 1996.

Kaustubh Kale, M.S., M.S.M, is the founder of AventuSoft LLC. He is an innovator with 4 patents, over 10 Pending, and expertise in Human-psychoacoustics, audiology, and speech-disorders. With focus in developing disruptive technologies and business models that help enhance the efficiency and function of people through advanced biologically inspired engineering.

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**Speed Talking**

**Who:** Cathy Olish  
**Where:** Royal 2AB (Palm Court)  
**When:** 11:00 AM to 12:15 PM

Shy? Never sure how to start a conversation or hesitant because of your speech? Would you like to meet new friends this year? Would you like to practice your introductions and social skills? Well, here is your chance! Come join us for this fast moving workshop that will allow you to talk to at least 15 - 20 people and meet new friends at the same time! There will be two rows of chairs facing each other and one side will rotate every four minutes so you are talking to someone new (just like speed dating but without the dating!). There will be topics for discussion at each chair to get things going and then the conversation will take on a life of it’s own!

**Cathy Olish** lives in Ferndale, Michigan and works in Human Resources at Ford Motor Company. She has been a member of the NSA for 12 years, has facilitated over 25 workshops, is the former co-chapter leader for the Royal Oak NSA Chapter and the Royal Oak Kids/TWST Chapter. She is also the Secretary for the Board of Directors and serves as the Special Projects and Volunteer Coordinator.

**What Can People Who Stutter Learn from the Disability Rights Movement?**

**Who:** Nina Ghiselli, Beth Bienvenu, Gina Davis  
**Where:** Majestic 1A (Palm Court)  
**When:** 11:00 AM to 12:15 PM

Over the past century, people with disabilities have moved from dependence, institutionalization, and pity to independence, empowerment, and self-determination. Through the courts and civil disobedience, the disability rights movement has fought hard for their rights to full inclusion and access. What can we learn from the disability rights movement? We have come a long way through groups like the NSA, but we are still held back by public perceptions and self-perceptions. What can we learn from people with disabilities, and how do we fit in with that movement?

Join an outspoken comic, a disability policy guru, and a speech therapist who stutters and has cerebral palsy for a lively discussion about how the *D word* can help us with life, advocacy, and acceptance!

**Nina Ghiselli** is a psychologist in private practice and the system-wide director of disability services for Alliant International University.

**Beth Bienvenu** is a former Policy Advisor on disability employment. She has been member of NSA for 8 years and is a member of the Rockville, MD chapter.

**Gina Davis** is a psychology graduate student from El Cerrito, California and this will be her second NSA conference attendee.
Friday Workshops (11:00 AM to 12:15 PM)

*Stuttering Therapy Based on the Desires of People Who Stutter*

Who: John Tetnowski & Jim McClure  
Where: Majestic 2AB (Palm Court)  
When: 11:00 AM to 12:15 PM

This workshop will report on the last two NSA surveys (adults and teens) and explore how implementing the desires of people who stutter with sound theory and accurate diagnosis can lead to success in stuttering therapy. Based upon survey results, the presenter will highlight seven major findings and demonstrate how these can lead to more effective therapy for people who stutter. Specific findings include issues related to therapist experience, the role of parents and others. Demonstrations will be supplemented with actual video clips of therapy and outcome measures.

John A. Tetnowski, is the Blanco Endowed Professor of Communicative Disorders at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. He is a Board Recognized Fluency Specialist and Mentor and was the NSA’s Speech-Language Pathologist of the Year in 2006. He has authored nearly 50 publications related to stuttering and research methods and has treated people who stutter for over 25 years.

Jim McClure has been active in the NSA for more than 25 years. His professional career as a public relations consultant includes extensive corporate work in consumer and market research. Jim is the consumer representative for the Specialty Board on Fluency Disorders and serves on the NSA Board of Directors.

12:15 PM to 1:15 PM LUNCHTIME

The NSA is happy to offer you some inexpensive options for lunch. Head over to the Vinoy Grand Ballroom in the Main Hotel and grab a bite to eat with friends. We will have a variety of cold sandwiches and salads ($5.50), chips, and drinks available for purchase.

First Timers Luncheon

Who: Cathy Olish  
Where: Main Hotel, Vinoy Grand Ballroom  
When: 12:15 PM to 1:15 PM

Come join the other first timers for a relaxed lunch and share your thoughts and stories about your experience with the conference so far. There will be no speakers or presentations, just eating and getting a chance to catch up with people you just met as well as give you an opportunity to meet new friends! Lunch is $8 an includes a sandwich, chips, and a drink (paid on-site). There will also be one conference veteran at each table to help get the conversation going as well as an opportunity to share some tips on how you can make the rest of your conference even better! Hope to see all you first timers there!

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### *Accept the Stuttering, Not the Struggling!*

**Who:** Vivian Sisskin  
**Where:** Majestic 3AB (Palm Court)  
**When:** 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM *(please note extended workshop)*

Living with stuttering does NOT necessarily mean living with struggling. The physical struggle comes from maladaptive behaviors that interfere with forward moving speech (tension, silent blocks, and overuse of filler words such as “uh”). The psychological struggle comes from efforts to conceal these behaviors, as well as one’s identity as a person who stutters. The resulting “mental gymnastics” can be exhausting! Panel members, at varying points along their journey to recovery, will share strategies from Avoidance Reduction Therapy. Learn about the actions they are taking and the choices they are making to shed struggle and achieve comfortable, spontaneous, forward-moving speech.

Vivian Sisskin is an instructor at the University of Maryland and an ASHA Board Recognized Specialist in Fluency Disorders. She served as Coordinator for ASHA’s Special Interest Division 4 (Fluency Disorders) and is on the Board of Directors of the NSA. She is co-leader of the Northern Virginia TWST Chapter.

### Genetic Research on Stuttering - What’s the Latest?

**Who:** Dennis Drayna, PhD  
**Where:** Majestic 2AB (Palm Court)  
**When:** 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM

What's up with genetic research on stuttering? Developments in the past year have brought exciting new insights to our understanding of the causes of stuttering. Dr. Drayna will give a user-friendly overview of this area to provide listeners with both the background on this research and a clear understanding of what we know and don’t know today. The presentation will provide an understanding of how recent genetic discoveries affect people who stutter. In the second part of the workshop, individuals who stutter will have an opportunity to participate in the research taking place and NIH.

Dr. Drayna received his Bachelor’s degree in Biology from the University of Wisconsin in 1976, and his PhD in Genetics from Harvard University in 1981. Dr. Drayna is currently a Senior Investigator at National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders, where he pursues studies on the genetics of human communication disorders, with an emphasis on stuttering.

### Open Microphone

**Who:** Landon Murray  
**Where:** Majestic 1B  
**When:** 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM

Drop in and join other NSA’ers for one of our open mic sessions. You can listen, participate, it’s all up to you! These sessions are an opportunity to communicate in a safe and supportive environment and a small group setting.

Landon Murray is a 30-year old person who stutters from New Orleans, Louisiana. Since becoming involved with the NSA in 2009, he has become the New Orleans Chapter Leader and the Regional Chapter Coordinator for the Southwest Region. In his spare time he enjoys listening to music and seeing bands.

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### Friday Workshops (1:30 PM to 3:00 PM)

#### Pros and Cons of Disclosing Your Stuttering in Job Interviews

**Who:** Samuel Dunsiger & Daniele Rossi  
**Where:** Royal 1A (Palm Court)  
**When:** 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM  
Are you comfortable disclosing your stuttering in a job interview? A hot topic at last year’s conference, we intend to cover the pros and cons of disclosing, including potential segue to bring it up during the interview process (including networking) and the dreaded thought of what the employer might be thinking. Daniele and Samuel will also be sharing their own stories of disclosing and their positive results. We’ll open up a discussion for attendees to share their own thoughts and experiences and have mock interviews to give attendees a chance to disclose themselves (and see how they like it)!

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The Growing Trend: A Person Who Stutters by Chance, A Speech-Language Pathologist by Choice

**Who:** Holly Nover  
**Where:** Majestic 1A (Palm Court)  
**When:** 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM  
There seems to be an increase in the number of Speech-Language Pathologist’s (SLP) who are Persons Who Stutter (PWS) and there are great reasons why! Why would a PWS want to be a SLP? What are the challenges of being a SLP and PWS? What are the benefits of being a SLP and PWS? These are some of the questions that will be addressed and shared during this presentation.

*Holly Nover* is a PWS and SLP. Holly was a overt PWS until her 1st NSA Conference in 2008. She has since accepted her stuttering and enjoys providing workshops to SLP’s about her experiences as a PWS. Holly has been an SLP for 7 years and currently works in the public school system in Jacksonville, Florida.

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Beach Party: Grab your bathing suit - the NSA is hitting the sand for the biggest beach party of the summer! Join us on Friday afternoon as we soak up the sun with games, activities, and relaxation for the whole family. Each participant is responsible for their own towels and beach gear, but food will be sold on location. Parents must accompany their children under the age of 18 to the beach and remain with them the entire time. Buses begin leaving from the front of hotel at 3:00 PM and will return at 7:00 PM. Please sign up at the registration desk for your specific time slot.

Dolphin Queen Cruise: Cruise the waters of Tama Bay while enjoying the area’s treasured wildlife and the beautiful sights St. Petersburg has to offer! Board a boat and enjoy a 1½ hour Dolphin Queen Cruise to where the wildlife lives and see Bottlenose Dolphin, endangered Manatees, and nesting Seabirds in their native habitats if you’re lucky. A relaxing afternoon of sun, fresh air, and nature all rolled into one. Meet in front of hotel promptly at 4:15 PM. Boat will leave the dock at 5:00 PM, sharp.

Ghost Tour: Peer into the shadows and mysteries of Florida’s “Sunshine City” on a candlelight walking tour of St. Petersburg! Hear true ghost stories of wandering spirits, haunted mansions, phantom lovers, and age old curses… forgotten tales brought back to life. Join in for a leisurely 90-minute walking tour along St. Petersburg’s quaint streets and beautiful waterfront. Shuttle will leave from the front of hotel at 7:00 PM and return at 9:30 PM.

The Pier: Extending a mile out into the silvery waters of Tampa Bay, this five-story upside-down pyramid at the end of the city’s famed Pier shimmers in the sun. Here, you will find a variety of stores, restaurants, evening entertainment spots, and the city’s aquarium, plus a hands-on museum. On the ground floor is a replica of the HMS Bounty with galleries and boutiques. Top floors have an aquarium, hands-on exhibits from the Great Explorations Children’s Museum, and an observation area. Grab a group of friends and enjoy the sights of St. Petersburg nightlife. Sign-up sheet will be located at the NSA Registration desk.
## National Stuttering Association’s 29th Annual Conference

### Saturday Adult Workshop Schedule

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**Using Participatory Storytelling to Create a Culture of Stuttering**

**Who:** Nina Ghiselli & Pam Mertz  
**Where:** Royal 2AB (Palm Court)  
**When:** 9:00 AM to 10:15 AM  
Storytelling is a way for people to express and share their experiences. These experiences may be similar among people who stutter, and talking about these stories helps us to feel a common bond and helps us to see that we are not alone. This interactive workshop will give participants an opportunity to share a story related to stuttering and will include discussion about establishing a common experience of stuttering.

Nina Ghiselli is a psychologist in private practice and the system-wide director of disability services for Al- liant International University.

Pam Mertz is an Adult Literacy Program Manager in New York. She writes an active blog about stuttering and interviews and hosts women from all over the world for her podcast *Women Who Stutter: Our Stories.*

**Putting Stuttering Modification Strategies into Practice: Affective and Cognitive Activities**

**Who:** Dr. Ellen Lanouette & Tricia Krauss-Lehrman  
**Where:** Majestic 3AB (Palm Court)  
**When:** 9:30 AM to 11:45 AM *(Please note extended workshop time)*  
Working with children who stutter can be challenging for clinicians. Although clinicians understand stuttering modification strategies, implementing Van Riper’s principles with school-age and adolescent children who stutter can be difficult. This presentation will provide practical therapy activities which address the affective and cognitive components of stuttering disorders.

Dr. Ellen Bennett Lanouette has worked in the field for over 30 years in public school, university, and private practice settings. Dr. Bennett Lanouette is a board-recognized fluency specialist and is the Chair of the Specialist Board on Fluency Disorders Appellate Body. Dr. Lanouette was voted the Speech-Language Pathologist of the Year by the NSA in 2007.

Tricia Krauss-Lehrman is a speech-language pathologist and board-recognized fluency specialist who works with individuals of all ages who stutter. She has participated in the Dallas chapter of the NSA since 1982 and started a support group for children who stutter and their parents in Dallas in 2000.

**Unraveling the Mystery of Struggle**

**Who:** Vivian Sisskin  
**Where:** Majestic 2AB (Palm Court)  
**When:** 9:00 AM to 10:15 AM  
Stuttering is both cyclical and variable. The symptoms change over time. Techniques that “work” in the therapy room do not always generalize to real-life situations. Parents are sometimes afraid to say the wrong thing, and therefore say nothing. Despite being able to ace a game of Stuttering Jeopardy, parents are often at a loss when it comes to supporting their children who stutter because they lack basic principles necessary for effective problem solving.

Vivian Sisskin is an instructor at the University of Maryland and an ASHA Board Recognized Specialist in Fluency Disorders. She served as Coordinator for ASHA’s Special Interest Division 4 (Fluency Disorders) and is on the Board of Directors of the NSA. She is co-leader of the Northern Virginia TWST Chapter.

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| How to Find a Job (or Simply Advance Your Career) Without Really Interviewing | Jeff Goodman                                                       | Lassing/Miller (Main Hotel) | 9:00 AM to 10:15 AM            | Jeff will share his background and some of his experiences, and then open it up for discussion. Jeff will talk about how he has found career and consulting opportunities in a non-traditional manner (i.e. not through a formal job interview), and with any luck, some of the workshop attendees will have similar stories that they’d like to share. During the workshop, Jeff hopes to touch on a number of related topics, including elevator speeches, networking, the "golden rule", and volunteering.  
  
  **Jeff Goodman** is the former leader of the Fort Worth NSA chapter and now lives in Dallas. He has both a Bachelors degree and an MBA from The University of Texas at Austin and is a CPA. He is currently working as a freelance consultant, primarily with start-up, small, and mid-sized companies in the areas of business and strategic planning, budgeting, and financial analysis.                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
Saturday Workshops (10:30 AM to 11:45 AM)

Covert Stuttering Exposed!
Who: Cathy Olish/Dr. Pelczarski/Jennifer Campbell
Where: Royal 3AB (Palm Court)
When: 10:30 AM to 11:45 AM

"W-w-w-what are you d-d-d-doing here? You d-d-d-don't st-st-st-stutter!" That question is common for a covert stutterer attending an NSA conference. Covert or hidden, interiorized stuttering is a greatly misunderstood stuttering phenomena which is exposed in this workshop. Emphasis is given to establishing the "covert" classification as a unique form of stuttering, explaining and examining some of the unique characteristics of covert stutterers, and recommending some courses of action for recovering covert stutterers. This workshop is recommended for all covert stutterers as well as overt open, exteriorized stutterers who want to understand this unique form of stuttering. Parents are also encouraged to attend to help understand the roles they can play in helping their children identify and recover from covert stuttering. SLPs are also encouraged to attend so that they can understand the recommended therapies involved with this unique form of stuttering.

Cathy Olish lives in Ferndale, Michigan and works in Human Resources at Ford Motor Company. She has been a member of the NSA for 12 years, has facilitated over 25 workshops, is the former co-chapter leader for the Royal Oak NSA Chapter and the Royal Oak Kids/TWST Chapter. She is also the Secretary for the Board of Directors and serves as the Special Projects and Volunteer Coordinator.

Dr. Kristin Pelczarski is an Assistant Professor at Bloomsburg University where she teaches classes on stuttering, child language, and phonology. Her research investigates phonological encoding and other underlying linguistic mechanisms that influence stuttering. Dr. Pelczarski has also worked with children who stutter and their families for many years at Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh.

Jennifer Campbell is a PhD candidate in Engineering Physics at Queen’s University in Kingston, Ontario. Her research is in nano-electromechanical systems and she enjoys (almost) every minute of it. She attended her first conference last year and it was a life-changing experience. Jennifer loves basketball and hiking and is possibly addicted to cycling.

Open Microphone
Who: Gregg Benedikt
Where: Plaza B (Main Hotel)
When: 10:30 AM to 11:45 AM

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Gregg Benedikt is an internationally award-winning advertising maverick and maven. In addition, one night a week he teaches 'the most popular conceptual advertising class in the world.' He is a longtime member and friend of the NSA. St. Petersburg is his 16th consecutive conference.
We can all name famous people who stutter – King George VI, James Earl Jones, Winston Churchill, Carly Simon, Bruce Willis, Julia Roberts, Joe Biden, etc. But what about the career stars among us in the NSA? The NSA has hundreds of members who are real people who have achieved real success in their careers. These are the true role models for those of us who are still searching for a job that makes us happy and fulfilled (and pays well!). This is your opportunity to hear their stories and how they got where they are today!

Beth Bienvenu is a former Policy Advisor on disability employment. She has been member of NSA for 8 years and is a member of the Rockville, MD chapter.

Vikesh Anand is a person who stutters and has been a member of the NSA since 2002. He currently resides in Toronto, Ontario, where he works in the wireless industry.

Kenny Koroll Vice-Chairman. Kenny currently lives in Naperville, IL and has been a member of the NSA since 2000. He has presented multiple conference workshops, including speaking on the inaugural NSA All-Star panel. He has written various articles in Letting Go, represented the NSA at the Illinois AHSA conference, and was interview by the New York Times regarding stuttering and the NSA. He is best known for living and promoting a non-covert stuttering lifestyle.

John M. D’Amelio is a person who stutters and has been a member of the NSA since 2004. He has served as Co-Chapter Leader and facilitator of the NSA Queens Chapter since its inception in 2008. He has been running a successful manufacturing business along with his brother for over 12 years. He enjoys sharing his journey in hopes of inspiring others in any way he can while at the same time facing his own fears. He resides in Bayside, New York.

Nina Zito is 23 years old and lives in Queens, New York. She is pursuing her M.A. in Literacy and Cognition at St. Joseph’s College in Brooklyn. Nina is a PWS and she is very passionate about teaching. She currently teaches kindergarten at a public school in Queens. Nina has not let stuttering hold her back from pursuing her dream of becoming a teacher!

Lunch on your own at one of the many places surrounding the hotel, or head over to the Vinoy Grand Ballroom where we will have grab-and-go cold foods available for purchase, including a variety of sandwiches and salads ($5.50), chips, and drinks.
Saturday Workshops  (1:00 PM to 3:45 PM)

General Session: 1:00 PM to 2:15 PM

**NSA Member Bill Wade**

**Guys From Harvard Don’t Stutter…and Other Myths**

We are only as strong as the truths living within us. After years of struggling with his speech, Bill discovered several lessons that changed his life. He will share stories and insights about this transformational change…and renew our appreciation for the truth that stuttering should not (and does not!) hold one back.

Bill is a Partner at Bain & Company, a global management consulting firm. He advises Fortune 500 corporations and leading non-profits on matters of strategy, growth and performance improvement. He received an MBA from Harvard Business School, where he graduated with high distinction as a Baker Scholar and Siebel Scholar. He also received bachelor’s and master’s degrees in accounting from Brigham Young University, graduating summa cum laude. Bill resides in Southlake, Texas, with his wife Katy and two sons. Among other things he’s now proud of, Bill is a life-long stutterer.

*The Power of “Defining Moments” in Stuttering*

Who: Cheryl Garnett/Marilee Fini/Patrice Nolan

Where: Royal 3AB (Palm Court)

When: 2:30 PM to 3:45 PM

We have all experienced “defining moments” in regards to our stuttering that hold important and special meanings. A negative experience in school with presentations may lead us to avoid public speaking in our career. A positive “defining moment” gives us courage to change our path and propel us out of our comfort zone to take risks we never thought possible! In this workshop, you will have an opportunity to share your “defining moments” and to create NEW ones by taking a risk in a safe and encouraging environment. Teens, adults, parents, and SLP’s are all encouraged to join us!

Cheryl Garnett has been a person who stutters for as long as she can remember! She hopes her experiences will help you to feel less alone as she has always felt until her best and lifelong friend introduced her to the NSA. She is an avid boater who lives in Jackson, NJ with her husband. Her children and grandchildren keep her busy both in NJ and Tampa, FL.

Patrice Nolan, M.E.D. SLP TSHH is a speech-language pathologist and teacher of the hearing impaired. She currently is working in the Pittsfield Public Schools in Pittsfield, MA. and lives in Bennington, VT. Patrice brings to this workshop both her professional and personal experiences with stuttering. This will be Patrice’s 7th NSA convention!

Marilee Fini, M.A. CCC-SLP is a practicing speech pathologist in Cleveland, OH running her own private practice, MLF Speech Therapy. Marilee regularly speaks on the subject of stuttering throughout the U.S. In her workshops, she brings her own personal experiences with stuttering, a deep passion for her work and humor.

*Asterisk (*) represents CEU sessions*
Your First Memory of Stuttering…Let’s Create A New Outcome!

Who: Lucy Reed & Kathy Filer
Where: Majestic 1B
When: 2:30 PM to 3:45 PM

Working in small groups, participants will explore their first memory of stuttering (or other trauma for fluent speakers). They will then be guided in recreating the scene with a positive outcome! Participants will experience the healing that comes from sharing in a public forum.

Lucy Reed is a school-based SLP who stutters. She has been involved with the NSA since she attended her first NSP convention in 1998. Along with Katherine Filer, she helped create the Southern New Jersey Chapter of the NSP in 1998 and was named Chapter Leader of the Year in 2000. She credits the NSA with giving her the courage to change her life.

Katherine J. Filer has been a self-employed network consultant for more than 25 years as well as a life coach. In 1990 she founded the Tri-County Fluency Group, a support group for people who stutter, which she Lucy Reed later evolved into the Southern New Jersey Chapter of the NSA. Katherine has devoted her life to empowering others to live life powerfully, with self-expression! Her stand is that each and every voice is heard and listened to powerfully, NOW!

Raising Stuttering Awareness: Ways of “Getting the Word Out”

Who: Evan Sherman
Where: Majestic 3AB (Palm Court)
When: 2:30 PM to 3:45 PM

The King’s Speech was a great start in letting the world know about stuttering, but now it is up to us to keep the public informed. Did you know that there are ways that you can educate the general public about stuttering? We will explore several methods of “getting the word out” including mass media, social media, one to one interactions, presentations, and workshops. In addition, workshop participants will be given the opportunity to tell their personal story in a live news interview role play. Everyone’s stuttering journey is different. Now you can tell the world about your individual journeys.

Evan Sherman is a Speech-Language Pathologist from Ormond Beach, Florida and a lifelong person who stutters. This is his fifth NSA conference. Evan is currently a host for Stutter Social hangouts on google+. To Evan, stuttering defines who he is as a person. Everything he is, was, and will ever be in life is directly related to his stuttering. He feels that self-acceptance is of most importance as one goes through life as a person who stutters.

Taking the Next Step, Where Do We Go From Here?

Who: Bernie Weiner
Where: Majestic 1A (Palm Court)
When: 2:30 PM to 3:45 PM

This workshop is aimed mainly at First Timers, but is open to all. The is one last opportunity to express what the conference has meant to you and to gain some tips on how to carry over the good feelings into the "real world."

Bernie Weiner has been an active member of the NSA since 1995. He has attended every conference since then, with his wife, Harriet. He was the co-leader of the Royal Oak, Michigan Beaumont NSA group for 10 years. He has been employed at General Dynamics Land Systems for 30 years as an Engineering Records and Release Specialist. He has presented past workshops on "Humor and Stuttering."

*Asterisk (*) represents CEU sessions*
Saturday Events You Don’t Want to Miss!

Closing Ceremonies

Who: NSA Conference attendees
Where: Palm Court Ballroom
When: 4:00 PM to 4:45 PM

Everyone comes together one last time with the new friends we’ve met to reflect on the stories shared and lessons learned. Kids, teens, and adults who stutter and those who are here to support us are reminded that, ‘We are beautiful, no matter what they say. Words can’t bring us down!’

Dinner Banquet, Live Charity Auction, and Dancing

Who: Fun for All!
What: This is a pre-paid event. Please bring your ticket with food selection indicated.
Where: Palm Court Ballroom
When: 6:30 PM Cocktails in Foyer
       7:00 PM Doors open for banquet seating

Dine together, bid to your heart’s content at our Live Charity Auction, and dance, dance, dance! Celebrate the close of NSA 2012 in style with old and new friends, as we dance the night away.

**You must bring your ticket with food selection indicated**

The NSA welcomes feedback on your conference experience. Be sure to complete the Post-Conference Survey (sent via email in early August), and feel free to send your comments, criticisms, and stories to Info@WeStutter.org.
Day at a Glance

Thursday
9:00 AM to 2:15 PM Workshops
6:30 PM to 8:00 PM Opening Celebration

Friday
11:00 AM to 3:00 PM Workshops
3:00 PM Tours begin leaving

Saturday
9:00 AM to 9:30 AM 20-Somethings Breakfast
10:30 AM to 3:45 PM Workshops
4:00 PM to 4:45 PM Closing Ceremony
6:30 PM to 7:00 PM Evening Reception
7:00 PM to 12:00 AM Banquet/Live Charity Auction

Note: Please refer to adult program for additional workshop options

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Thursday Night Opening Celebration and Awards
Where: Vinoy Grand Ballroom (Main Hotel)
When: 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM
Join your fellow conference attendees as we kick off the 29th Annual NSA Conference ‘Sunshine State’ style with our Opening Celebration and Awards Ceremony. Awards will be given for Volunteer, Parent, and Youth of the Year, as well as the Conference Dedication. Light hors d’oeuvres will be served and a cash bar will be available. Take a break from the sun and come together for a good time!

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Closing Ceremony 4:00 PM to 4:45 PM Palm Court Ballroom

Dinner/Banquet/Live Charity Auction
Palm Court Ballroom
6:30 PM Evening Reception (cocktails in foyer)
7:00 PM Banquet (doors open)

*Just because these workshops is targeted toward 20-Somethings it does not mean we will be carding at the door!*

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### Thursday Workshops

**Introduction and Welcome**

**Who:** Andrew Bowers  
**Where:** Royal 1A (Palm Court)  
**When:** 9:00 AM to 10:15 AM

Introduction to the new 20-Somethings (20-S) program! This workshop kicks off the start of the new program for the emerging adult. Will include an ice-breaker activity to welcome everyone as well as get to know each other, an explanation why this program was created, what workshops are tailored specifically for this group and information on the social events planned throughout the conference.

**Fearless Stuttering and the Power of Positive Thinking**

**Who:** Samantha Gennuso  
**Where:** Majestic 2AB (Palm Court)  
**When:** 10:30 AM to 11:45 AM

This is a workshop for those of us who have been afraid to introduce themselves AND for those of us who have self-advocated and soared afterwards. We all have highs and lows and sometimes it takes a little extra to remember what it’s like to soar. Using the power of positive self-talk, Samantha will walk the audience through techniques that will significantly enhance their quality of interaction when it comes to self-advertising their stuttering and feeling comfortable in their own skin. If anyone’s been there (sweaty palms, racing heart, and panic), it’s her. Expect guest appearances from the Stutter Talk B-Team and others that Samantha has been inspired by!

*Samantha Gennuso* is a successful 20-something who has learned to embrace stuttering in a way that allows her to flourish professionally and personally—in other words, she kicks it. She’s a media planner who works with big name clients in a fast-paced environment, talking on the phone all day, handling lots and lots of money. She says she couldn’t have done any of it without the NSA.

### Friday Workshops

**Following Your Career Dreams**

**Who:** Reuben Schuff  
**Where:** Royal 3AB (Palm Court)  
**When:** 11:00 AM to 12:15 PM

Some of us may wonder, "can I do that if I stutter"? A panel of young adults will discuss their career paths, challenges and successes with stuttering. Each panelist will have an opportunity to share his or her story as a professional who stutters. This workshop will explore the diverse range of careers of PWS’s. Audience questions and participation in the discussion are encouraged and expected.

*Reuben Schuff* is a person who stutters, NSA chapter leader, and devoted NSA conference go’er.

**The Importance of Advertising in your Twenties**

**Who:** Chase Decraene  
**Where:** Royal 2AB (Palm Court)  
**When:** 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM

Advertising is an effective method of disclosing your stutter. We experience a release of anxiety when we disclose to others that we stutter. Those in their twenties experience several situations where advertising is necessary, such as college presentations, job interviews, and dating. We will discuss the importance of advertising in your twenties, and the methods we can use to advertise.

*Chase Decraene*, aka DJ Stutter, is a student at Georgia College. He is the resident DJ at a leading night-club in Georgia. He has attended the previous three NSA conferences consecutively and is honored to be the DJ for this year’s Closing Ceremony. Advertising is what has made him into the person he is today.
Saturday Workshops

20-Something Breakfast

Who: Andrew Bowers  
Where: Majestic 1A (Palm Court)  
When: 9:00 AM to 9:30 AM

Attention all 20-Somethings! Join us for breakfast on Saturday morning to connect with others in your age group.

Andrew Bowers is a person who stutters as well as a speech-language pathologist with EBS Healthcare working primarily in the intermediate/secondary school-based setting.

When Should I Tell Them?

Who: Pamela Mertz  
Where: Royal 1A (Palm Court)  
When: 10:30 AM to 11:45 AM

In this day and age, many people rely on email, text, and social media to communicate: networking, job screening, making friends, dating, even shopping. Sometimes you don’t have much face to face communication until you absolutely have to. You might not have the need to tell certain people you stutter into you are well into an online relationship. So how do you do it? When? How do you deal with possible negative reactions if you choose to not tell in advance? What happens if you feel like you are being deceptive? How much info about stuttering is it really ok to have on your Facebook profile page? Will employers who Google me and see stuttering stuff automatically rule me out? Should I worry? Do we have two different personas – real and virtual? Are they the same person? Join us as we have a conversation about when, how, and why.

Pam Mertz works as a Adult Literacy Program Manager in Troy, NY. Pam is an active blogger and produces/hosts two podcasts for people who stutter from all over the world.

Closing Open Microphone for 20-Somethings

Who: Andrew Bowers  
Where: Royal 1A (Palm Court)  
When: 2:30 PM to 3:45 PM

You have just experienced the magic of the NSA Conference. What better way to complete your experience but with some courage and self-confidence! Don’t miss your final opportunity to participate in an ever popular Open Mic workshop! Come on up and tell your story! You will never find yourself in a more comfortable setting to speak as everyone listening to you “gets it” because they stutter too.

Closing Ceremony 4:00 PM to 4:45 PM Palm Court Ballroom

Stay in Touch All Year Long!

Join us on Facebook (Facebook.com/WeStutter) and Twitter (@WeStutter) today!

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Wednesday Family Workshop Schedule

**Day at a Glance**

8:00 AM Come on down to Palm Court to pick up your program and registration materials so you'll be ready when the fun gets started!

**Family Workshops (10:30 AM to 11:45 AM)**

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12:00 PM to 1:00 PM Lunch on your own...head outside, grab some sun, and enjoy lunch at one of the many great restaurants and eateries in and around the hotel.

**Family Workshops (1:15 PM to 2:45 PM)**

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1:15 PM Buses begin leaving for Tampa Bay Ray vs. New York Yankee game

3:10 PM start time Tampa Bay Rays vs. New York Yankees

Sign up at registration for a specific departure time to the baseball game. Shuttle will begin leaving front of hotel starting at 1:15.

5:00 PM Registration closed for the day

7:00 PM to 11:00 PM NSA 4th of July BBQ

Join us as NSA has its own 4th of July BBQ, head down to the Esplanade near the pool where we have reserved the entire fireworks viewing area. Fireworks begin at approximately 9:00 PM. Must register and show event wristband to enter.
**Wednesday Family Workshops**

**8:00 AM** Come on down to Palm Court to pick up your program and registration materials so you'll be ready when the fun gets started!

**Family Icebreaker - Candy Apples**

*Who:* Debbie Nicolai  
*Where:* Royal 3AB (Palm Court)  
*When:* 10:30 AM to 11:45 AM

Let’s get the party started! What better way to start the conference than with some yummy caramel apples! Why candy apples you ask? Meet our veteran families and our First Timer families as we come together for the first time and you will find out why we are starting with candy apples.

**Debbie Nicolai** is mom to 20-Something liaison Stephanie. Besides being a proud parent, Debbie recently retired as Co-Chair of the Family Programs and NSA Board Member. Debbie and her family live in Canyon Lake, California. This is her 11th conference.

**12:00 PM to 1:00 PM Lunch on your own...** head outside or out to the pool and enjoy lunch at one of the many great restaurants and eateries in and around the hotel.

**Kids: NSA Kids Icebreaker!**

*Who:* Sarah Onofri  
*Where:* Majestic 1B (Palm Court)  
*When:* 1:15 PM to 2:45 PM

Let’s kick off this conference on the right foot! The NSA Kids will meet together to discuss and brainstorm what they can all do to help make this NSA conference the best ever! We will generate a list of the kid’s roles and responsibilities and then share that list with the NSA parents!

**Sarah Onofri** has been a part of the NSA for the past seven years, and loves being involved with Family Programs! She’s looking forward to working with the kids again this year, and to getting to know lots of the NSA families. Sarah also works as an elementary school teacher in the Boston Public School System.

**Parents: Empowering Your Child**

*Who:* Melanie & Nate Rogers  
*Where:* Royal 3AB (Palm Court)  
*When:* 1:15 PM to 2:45 PM

Too often, it's easy to take over for your child and be their voice, especially when their voice struggles to be heard. This workshop encourages parents to provide the tools to their children so that their voice can be heard. Through education, encouragement, and lots of love, Nate has been able to share his story with a strong, clear (even with blocks and stutters). Attend this workshop to hear what they have learned to help kids advocate for themselves, even when it's hard.

**Melanie Rogers** is mother to 3 fantastic kids, including one who happens to stutter. She believes in supporting her kids to speak up for themselves and take risks.

**Nate Rogers** is 10 years old and doesn’t let his stutter stop him from sharing his love of Ford Mustangs, being outdoors, or telling people what it is like to be a person who stutters.
Wednesday Family Workshops

Teens/Tweens: Meet-n-Greet & Ice Breaker

Who: Miranda Smith & Courtney Ross  
Where: Majestic 1A (Palm Court)  
When: 1:15 PM to 2:45 PM

Join us for the first teen workshop of the 2012 NSA Conference! We're going to start the conference off right by getting acquainted, having fun, and playing a Teen vs. Tweens game! We're going to ‘break the ice’ with this workshop and start the conference off with a bang!

Miranda Smith is a sophomore at Northern Kentucky University studying Computer Information Technology and Computer Forensics. Miranda has been a member of the NSA since 2010 and since then she has loved helping others who stutter realize that stuttering does not need to hold them back from anything! Miranda is a member of the Teen Advisory Council (TAC) and currently serves as the TAC Chairperson for the NSA Board of Directors.

Courtney Ross is currently a freshman in college studying deaf education. Courtney's parents are very supportive and helpful with her stuttering. Her older sister, Heather, is her best friend and helps her through life's hardest obstacles; she would be lost without her family. Courtney has been stuttering for as long as she can remember, though she wouldn't change it for the world because it makes her who she is today. Courtney has also played softball for twelve years, and writing and music are also huge parts of her life. She is proud to be a part of the TAC so she can give back to the organization that changed her life for the better in every way.

Wednesday Tour Information

Baseball Game: Tampa Bay Rays vs. New York Yankees

The domed Tropicana Field is home to the MLB’s Tampa Bay Rays, who play their games in the 43,500-seat stadium featuring an artificial turf ballpark and an all-dirt infield and base paths. Left Field Street is a popular area for families and game fans, offering a baseball game show, photograph opportunities, authentic MLB baseball gear and video games. We will begin leaving the hotel at 1:15 PM and return after the game.

NSA 4th of July BBQ

Come down Wednesday evening at 7PM for the NSA’s 4th of July ‘Freedom of Speech at the Beach’ BBQ & Fireworks Show on the front Esplanade at the Vinoy! Join us by the pool where we have reserved the entire fireworks viewing area and enjoy some good food and great company.

The cost to attend is $17/adult (12 years and older) and $12/child (under 12) and includes hamburgers and hot dogs, coleslaw, potato chips, watermelon, cookies, iced tea, and lemonade. Beer and wine will also be available at our cash bar.

Must register and show event wristband to enter.
Day at a Glance

8:30 AM to 9:00 AM
Family Orientation

9:00 AM to 11:45 AM
Kids: Games Shows
All Others: Opening Roundtable

11:45 AM to 12:45 PM
Lunch on your own

1:00 PM to 2:15 PM
General Session

2:30 PM to 3:45 PM
Kids: Scavenger Hunt
Teens: Friend or Foe?
Tweens: Open Mic
Parents: Parent Involvement
Parents: Dispelling the Myth

4:00 PM to 5:15 PM
Kids: Talking to the Rock
Siblings: Stuttering 411
Teen/Tweens: Pool Party
Parents: Parenting a Child Who Stutters

6:30 PM to 8:00 PM
Opening Celebration

8:30 AM to 9:00 AM
Family Orientation Royal 2AB

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11:45 AM to 12:45 PM
Lunch on your own

1:00 PM to 2:15 PM
General Session

Awards (Chapter Leader, Adult, Family Chapter, SLP, and RCC of the year) and Open Microphone

1:00 PM to 2:15 PM
Kids: Design Your Own T-Shirts

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5:30 PM to 8:00 PM
Vinoy Grand Ballroom
Opening Celebration and Awards
(Volunteer, Parent, and Youth of the Year; Conference Dedication)
**Thursday Family Workshops (8:30 AM to 10:15 AM)**

**Family Orientation**

**Who:** Stephanie Coppen, Pattie Wood & Debbie Nicolai  
**Where:** Royal 2AB (Palm Court)  
**When:** 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM  
Meet other families and get acquainted with first time attendees and returning families. The conference program will be discussed as well as the “How to Use this Program” instruction page. There will be plenty of time for socializing, and questions and answers.

Stephanie Coppen is the NSA Family Programs Administrator and previous NSA Board member. She is the proud mom of Cameron, a PWS, Rachel, and Deacon. Stephanie, her husband Matt, and Cameron attended their first conference in 2008 and have been active in the NSA since then. Stephanie enjoys working on behalf of kids and teens who stutter and their parents. She looks forward to supporting and making future contributions to the families of the NSA.

Pattie Wood is Chair of Family Programs. Pattie attended her first NSA Annual Conference in 2008 with her family, including her son, Danny, who is a person who stutters. Since then she has volunteered her time to Family Programs by starting and co-leading a successful NSA Kids and TWST Chapter in Southern New Hampshire. She has lead and been involved in presenting workshops for parents and children at conference. Her children are growing up in the heart of NSA, and her son, Danny, is a proud member of the TAC. In May, she completed a program to become a certified Speech-Language Pathologist Assistant.

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**Kids: Game Show Fun**

**Who:** Sarah Onofri  
**Where:** Plaza A (Main Hotel)  
**When:** 9:00 AM to 10:15 AM  
Kids will get together to bring some favorite game shows to life at the conference! We’ll break off into teams and enjoy some friendly game show competition. Come show us what you’ve got!

Sarah Onofri has been a part of the NSA for the past seven years, and loves being involved with Family Programs! She’s looking forward to working with the kids again this year, and to getting to know lots of the NSA families. Sarah also works as an elementary school teacher in the Boston Public School System.

**Teens: Opening Roundtable**

**Who:** Teen Advisory Council  
**Where:** Plaza B (Main Hotel)  
**When:** 9:00 AM to 10:15 AM  
As you begin to absorb the conference scene, we will come together for free-flowing, supportive conversation where you can share your thoughts, your hopes, and your fears about conference and so much more for those who want to participate. This is an amazing opportunity to be with people who truly understand YOU!

Hosted by Teen Advisory Council Members - Miranda Smith, Alex D’Agostino, Courtney Ross, Ben North and Chloe Whittaker. Teen Advisory Council (TAC) - is a dedicated and highly respected group of teen leaders, mentors, and role models for the teens and kids of the NSA. Members provide support for the teens and kids of the NSA and must possess a positive attitude.
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| Who: Kayla Wood & Tim Haus                    |
| Where: Avery/Chance (Main Hotel)              |
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| This all new workshop is the first chance for NSA siblings to come together to share stories and learn from one another as siblings of a PWS. Lead by siblings of PWS, this workshop is not to be missed. **This workshop is recommended for kids age 11 and older.** |

**Kayla Wood** is a 17-year old senior in high school. This is the 5th conference Kayla has attended with her brother Danny, a PWS. She helps with the southern New Hampshire NSA Family Chapter and is active in numerous extracurricular activities such as mentoring elementary school students and is a member of FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America).

**Tim Haus** is a 17-year old junior in high school and older brother to Dan Haus, a PWS. He plays varsity volleyball at Central Bucks East High School in Doylestown, PA and is a teen leader for the local Catholic Youth Group. Tim enjoys playing X-box, scuba diving and riding his motorcycle.

| Tweens: Opening Roundtable                    |
| Who: Danny Wood & Katie Duffield             |
| Where: Majestic 1A (Palm Court)               |
| When: 9:00 AM to 10:15 AM                     |
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**Danny Wood** is a member of the Teen Advisory Council (TAC). He is looking forward to his fifth conference this year. Danny is in the seventh grade and is a first degree black belt. Last year Danny was accepted to his school’s National Junior Honor Society. He has always looked up to the TAC members and hope that other kids will look up to him in the same way.

**Katie Duffield** is a member of the Teen Advisory Council (TAC). Katie is in her last year of middle school and enjoys writing, drawing, playing guitar, singing, and acting. When she started stuttering at age three, her parents (being involved as they are) looked for "solutions", and that's when they found the NSA. She is so grateful they did! Katie's first NSA Conference was in Atlanta and she finally felt accepted. Ever since then, the NSA has been a huge part of who she is and she can't imagine where she would be without it. Stuttering can be very frustrating, but the NSA and many of the wonderful people in it have eased that frustration for Katie. She reports that she loves this organization and would do almost anything to help it as much as it helped her. This is Katie's first year on the TAC and she can't wait to see what this journey brings!
**Thursday Family Workshops (10:30 AM to 11:45 AM)**

**Kids: Letter of Empowerment**

**Who:** Shannon Beaty & Pattie Wood  
**Where:** Plaza A (Main Hotel)  
**When:** 10:30 AM to 11:45 AM

Get tools to educate family and teachers! Give kids and teens who stutter the power to say how their stuttering is treated. Give resources and options for educators for IEPs. This workshop will give teens/ kids and their parents the opportunity to educate teachers on the facts about stuttering. The kids will be able to choose from a list of do’s and don’ts for the teachers which can be included into the Speech and Education plans. This will empower the person who stutters.

**Shannon Beaty** is from The Colony, Texas where she currently serves as chapter leader of Dallas TWST. This is her 6th conference and she enjoys being involved in conference committees, NSA Radio shows, and other projects. She is mom to Austin and Braden Barber (former TAC member) and wife to Kevin Beaty. She believes education, empowerment, and acceptance are the keys to success for your PWS, not fluency.

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**Teens: Design Your Own T-shirt**

**Who:** Shawn Czerwinski & Steve Ernst  
**Where:** Avery/Chance (Main Hotel)  
**When:** 10:30 AM to 11:45 AM

Make a memory of the conference, your friends, your experience at the 2012 St. Petersburg NSA Conference. Take that memory home with you to help you remember your experiences.

**Shawn Czerwinski** is a junior at Edinboro University in Edinboro, PA majoring in forensic accounting. He works at Sam’s Club as a front end supervisor. He enjoys playing tennis, traveling, and the outdoors. The NSA has helped him to accept his stuttering. This will be his 9th NSA Conference.

**Steve Ernst** works in sales at Performance Bikes in MD. He is studying Fire Protection Engineering at University of Maryland, College Park. Steve’s first NSA conference was in Fort Worth, TX in 2011 and since that time he has been very active in various volunteer opportunities within the NSA, including hosting NSA Family Radio teen shows.

**Tweens: Game On!**

**Who:** Debbie Nicolai  
**Where:** Majestic 1A (Palm Court)  
**When:** 10:30 AM to 11:45 AM

This workshop involves fun, laughing and noise! Teams will compete against each other with some fun and outrageous games! This is a workshop that the ‘tweens don’t want to miss!!! Lots of running, working with other team members, and Gummy Worms!

**Debbie Nicolai** is mom to 20-Something liaison Stephanie. Besides being a proud parent, Debbie recently retired as Co-Chair of the Family Programs and NSA board member. Debbie and her family live in Canyon Lake,
## Thursday Family Workshops (10:30 AM to 2:15 PM)

### Parents: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: Our Journey as Parents

**Who:** Jeff Miller  
**Where:** Royal 2AB (Palm Court)  
**When:** 10:30 AM to 11:45 AM

Being the parent of a child is a challenge. Add stuttering to the mix ups the challenge. I would like to say that we did everything by the book, perfect to a "t", but we didn’t. It took knowledge, information, mistakes, and power to get us where we are today with our children. Come and hear our story, the good, the bad, and the ugly.

Jeff Miller has been an Information Technology professional for over 25 years in the Dallas Fort Worth area of Texas. He has been married to his wife Aliza for 20 years and they have three children, Rhys 14, Ian 12, and Tess 9. The Fort Worth NSA conference; which was their first, was a life-changing experience for our family.

### 11:45 AM to 12:45 PM Lunch

**Head over to the Vinoy Grand Ballroom in the Main Hotel and join other conference go-ers.** We will have grab-and-go cold foods available for purchase, including a variety of sandwiches and salads ($5.50), chips, and drinks.

### General Session

**Where:** Majestic Ballroom (Palm Court)  
**When:** 1:00 PM to 2:15 PM

For this year’s General Session we’re taking it back old school open mic style! That’s right, we listened to you when you said you wanted to be heard, so we’ve decided to make this year’s General Session all about YOU, the conference attendees. We are dedicating the full hour as a time for you to share your stories, experiences, and thoughts, or just to share how much fun you’re having being with over 600 other people who stutter and ‘get it’. This is your chance, so speak up!

### Kids: Design Your Own T-shirt (*during general session*)

**Who:** TAC  
**Where:** Royal 3AB (Palm Court)  
**When:** 1:00 PM to 2:15 PM

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**Kids: Scavenger Hunt**

**Who:** Debbie Nicolai  
**Where:** Royal 1A (Palm Court)  
**When:** 2:30 PM to 3:45 PM  
Hey kids! Come join our group scavenger hunt for a fun filled afternoon. Prizes will be awarded!

Debbie Nicolai is mom to 20-Something liaison Stephanie. Besides being a proud parent, Debbie recently retired as Co-Chair of the Family Programs and NSA board member. Debbie and her family live in Canyon Lake, California. This is her 11th conference.

**Teens: Friend or Foe? Dare to Challenge**

**Who:** Hannah Laday  
**Where:** Majestic 1A (Palm Court)  
**When:** 2:30 PM to 3:45 PM  
Have fun amidst a raucous and lively discussion in the form of a game! Battle over what defines a “friend or foe” based on things people say to PWS. Dare to talk, dare to challenge! The answers are not always black and white. Bells will be ringing, things will get loud, and a panel of judges will keep everyone in line!

Hannah Laday is the co-leader for the Central NJ Adult and TwST chapters of the NSA. She has presented workshops on stuttering, both formal and fun, and has been a Guest Resource Person as well as a Keynote Speaker at Speak Easy Symposium in New Jersey.

**Tweens: Transitioning To Middle School**

**Who:** Dan Haus & Danny Wood  
**Where:** Plaza B (Main Hotel)  
**When:** 2:30 PM to 3:45 PM  
Are you headed to middle school this fall? Are you already in middle school, but having a difficult time with the transition? You don’t want to miss this workshop where you can learn from middle schoolers who have successfully made the leap to middle school! There will be an open discussion of the possible difficulties of this transition along with positive, proactive ideas of how to make the transition as smooth as possible.

Daniel Haus is 14 years old and going into 9th grade. He has stuttered since he was 3 years old and this is his 5th conference. Daniel is a member of the National Honor Society and a local Catholic Youth Group in Doylestown, PA. He enjoys playing soccer, snowboarding, and hunting with his cross bow.

Danny Wood is a member of the Teen Advisory Council (TAC). He is looking forward to his fifth conference in 2012 (St. Petersburg). Danny is in the seventh grade at Auburn Village School in Auburn, New Hampshire. He lives with his mom, dad, and two sisters, and is a first degree black belt in karate. Danny also runs cross country for his school. Last year Danny was accepted to his school’s National Junior Honor Society. He has always looked up to the TAC members and hope that other kids will look up to him in the same way.
Thursday Family Workshops (2:30 PM to 3:45 PM)

Parents: Parental Involvement in Therapy: What's My Role?

Who: John Tetnowski & Jim McClure
Where: Royal 2AB (Palm Court)
When: 2:30 PM to 3:45 PM

How should parents be involved in their children’s speech therapy? Parents struggle with the balance between supporting their kids and allowing them to “own” their therapy. Recent research uncovered some differences between parents and teens that suggests some parents may let go too soon as children grow older. This workshop will explore the dynamics of the parent-child-clinician partnership, and how this partnership changes as children mature into teens. Presenters will discuss how parents can help children and teens get the most out of speech therapy.

John A. Tetnowski, is the Blanco Endowed Professor of Communicative Disorders at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. He is a Board Recognized Fluency Specialist and Mentor and was the NSA’s Speech-Language Pathologist of the Year in 2006. He has authored nearly 50 publications related to stuttering and research methods and has treated people who stutter for over 25 years.

Jim McClure has been active in the NSA for more than 25 years. His professional career as a public relations consultant includes extensive corporate work in consumer and market research. Jim is the consumer representative for the Specialty Board on Fluency Disorders and serves on the NSA Board of Directors.

Parents: Dispelling the Myths and Addressing the Fears About Succeeding with a Stutter

Who: Jay Jones-Doyle
Where: Majestic 2AB (Palm Court)
When: 2:30 PM to 3:45 PM

My presentation aims to dispel the fears which plague many parents regarding their child’s social, academic, and professional opportunities. Through interactive discussion we will address these concerns and show parents why they need not be worried. Life really is 1/10th what happens to you and 9/10ths what you do about it. Stuttering need not be a negative if you know how to frame it.

Jay Jones-Doyle recently completed an MSc in Marketing and environmentally-friendly behavior, he is now interning with the UN. Jay was the President of the Business Graduate Student Association, is a father of an eight year old, a championship-winning junior hockey coach, a web designer, a person with Cerebral Palsy, and a person who stutters.
**Thursday Family Workshops (4:00 PM to 5:15 PM)**

**Kids (5-10) Sometimes Stuttering Hurts: Talkin to the ROCK!**

*Who:* Dr. Ellen Lanouette & Tricia Krauss Lehrman  
*Where:* Royal 1A (Palm Court)  
*When:* 4:00 PM to 5:15 PM  

This workshop for children will focus on the affective component of stuttering. The idea that there are thoughts, feelings, and behaviors which are part of the stuttering will be discussed. As a group, the children will come up with a “feeling word” for each letter of the alphabet. Then, the feeling they experience at times in connection with their stuttering (i.e. being teased) will be explored. As a way to help ease negative feelings at difficulty times, each child will create a “pet rock” that will always be there to listen to and accept them.

**Dr. Ellen Bennett Lanouette** has worked in the field for over 30 years in public school, university, and private practice settings. Dr. Bennett Lanouette is a board-recognized fluency specialist and is the Chair of the Specialist Board on Fluency Disorders Appellate Body. Dr. Lanouette was voted the Speech-Language Pathologist of the Year by the NSA in 2007.

**Tricia Krauss-Lehrman** is a Speech-Language Pathologist and board-recognized fluency specialist who works with individuals of all ages who stutter. She has participated in the Dallas chapter of the NSA since 1982 and started a support group for children who stutter and their parents in Dallas in 2000.

**Siblings (ages 5-10): Stuttering 411**

*Who:* Sarah Onofri  
*Where:* Majestic 1A (Palm Court)  
*When:* 4:00 PM to 5:15 PM  

Some siblings talk about everything, but sometimes stuttering is the one thing that is rarely discussed. This workshop gives siblings a chance to get the real deal on stuttering, from both someone who stutters and a sibling of someone who stutters. Siblings will get a chance to learn some important facts about stuttering and will also get to ask any questions they have about stuttering and being the sibling of someone who stutters!

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**Teens/Tweens: Pool Party**

Attention all teens and ‘tweens!

Need a break from workshops? Grab your bathing suit, a towel, and sunscreen and head on down to the Vinoy’s beautiful outdoor pool for some fun in the sun with your friends! Enjoy some time away from it all, kick back, relax and soak up the rays! Make sure to join in, you’re definitely going to have some fun!

**This event is open to 11 - 19 year olds ONLY.**
Thursday Family Workshops (4:00 PM to 5:15 PM)

*Parents: Parenting a Child Who Stutters

Who: Dr. David Luterman
Where: Royal 3AB (Palm Court)
When: 4:00 PM to 5:15 PM

This workshop will discuss issues confronting parents of children who stutter. The presenter will facilitate a discussion among the parents. This workshop is open only to parents, grandparents and a limited number of professionals.

Dr. Luterman has dedicated his career to developing a greater understanding of the psychological effects and emotions associated with communication disorders so as to encourage professionals in the field to incorporate counseling strategies in their clinical interactions. He has successfully translated this understanding into a model of counseling which allows for content and affect exchange and has extended his model to include families. He has lectured and written extensively on counseling and communication disorders throughout the United States, Canada, and abroad. He is a fellow of the American Speech Language Hearing Association.

Thursday Night
Opening Celebration and Awards

Where: Vinoy Grand Ballroom (Main Hotel)
When: 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Join your fellow conference attendees in the Vinoy Grand Ballroom (located in the Main Hotel) as we kick off the 29th Annual NSA Conference ‘Sunshine State’ style with our Opening Celebration and Awards Ceremony.

Awards will be given for Volunteer, Parent, and Youth of the Year, as well as the Conference Dedication. *Light hors d’oeuvres* will be served and a cash bar will be available. Take a break from the sun and come together for a good time!
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Day at a Glance

8:30 AM to 9:15 AM
Family Conversational Breakfast

9:30 AM to 10:45 AM
Kids: This is What... Teens: Reality Check in the Work Force
Siblings: So, My Sibling Stutters Parents: Meet the TAC

11:00 AM to 1:15 PM
Families: Get Teamed (Lunch included)

1:30 PM to 3:00 PM
Kids: What Bugs Me Teens: Jeopardy Tweens: Open Mic for Middle School Parents: Learn To Stutter Parents: Teasing & Bullying

8:30 AM - Conversational Family Breakfast (Vinoy Grand Ballroom)

9:30 AM to 10:45 AM
Workshop Title
Location
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Majestic 1A
Teens: Reality Check in the Work Force
Plaza A
Siblings: So, My Sibling Stutters
Plaza B
Parents: Meet the Teen Advisory Council
Majestic 1B
Parents: New Common Core Standards
Majestic 3AB

11:00 AM to 1:15 PM
Families: Get Teamed 2012 (Lunch Included)
We will meet in the Vinoy Grand Ballroom located in the Main Hotel.

1:30 PM to 3:00 PM
Workshop Title
Location
Kids: What Bugs Me
Plaza B
Teens: Jeopardy
Plaza C
Tweens: Open Mic for Middle School
Lassing/Miller
Parents: Learn To Stutter
Plaza A
Parents: Bullying & Teasing
Royal 3AB

Tours begin leaving at 3:00 PM, please see page 38 for details.
Conversational Family Breakfast

Who: Diane Games  
Where: Vinoy Grand Ballroom  
When: 8:30 AM to 9:15 AM

This breakfast is offered to provide opportunities to practice social conversation. Conversation Stations are set up to encourage the children/teens to practice the telephone, read out loud to a group, handle teasing, and so much more. Join us to learn how to navigate these types of situations while having fun too!

Diane Games, M.A. is a licensed and certified Speech-Language Pathologist in the Cincinnati area. She currently is Director of Convention for the Ohio Speech Language Hearing Association. Diane received the National Stuttering Association's Speech Pathologist of the Year award in 2010. She has presented many workshops on fluency disorders and coordinates the annual Fluency Friday Plus program for children/teens who stutter in the Cincinnati area.

Kids: This is What my Stutter Looks Like

Who: Jessica Giuffre  
Where: Majestic 1A (Palm Court)  
When: 9:30 AM to 10:45 AM

Kids should get ready to have some fun and be creative while learning a little something about their stutter and themselves! Kids will have the opportunity to create a visual representation of what their stutter looks like and share their work of art with the other workshop attendees if they wish.

Jessica Giuffre has been to four NSA conferences and she’s really excited to be leading her first kids workshop this year! She’s studying Corporate Communications at Northern Illinois University and she is also a Sales Associate for Coach.

So, My Sibling Stutters: What 'Signals' do I Send?

Who: Becca Liben  
Where: Plaza B (Main Hotel)  
When: 9:30 AM to 10:45 AM

Join us for a fun, interactive workshop where YOU are the messengers! Learn facts about stuttering, discuss what works/doesn't work for people who stutter, discover what you can do to be a part of your family's ‘stutter team’.

Rebecca Liben is currently a graduate student going into her first year of a dual degree program at Columbia University and The Jewish Theological Seminary. She will be receiving her masters in both Social Work and Jewish Studies. She is pursuing a career in working with children. While at the undergraduate level Rebecca was involved with many clubs on campus including Active Minds which works with mental health awareness, her sorority, and Hillel, the center for Jewish life on campus. Her older brother Michael stutters, and Becca and her family are very involved in the NSA.
### Teens: Reality Check in the Work Force

**Who:** Braden Barber  
**Where:** Plaza A (Main Hotel)  
**When:** 9:30 AM to 10:45 AM

Be prepared for the moment that you put on your Sunday best and shake and employer's hand. This workshop will help teens prepare for job interviews. Experiences will be shared and key notes will be given to make sure that teens have the right tools needed for interviewing for - and getting - a job.

Braden Barber is an 18-year old recent high school graduate from The Colony, TX. He has spent 4 years in military and law enforcement programs to build upon his leadership skills. He is set on enlisting in to the armed services and developing a career in criminal justice. Braden never thinks twice about helping someone in need and always uses his disciplined attitude to be a mentor to those who need help the most. He began stuttering at a very young age after being diagnosed with meningitis. Braden has been a valued member of the NSA for 6 years and was a TAC member for 4 years.

### Parents: Meet the Teen Advisory Council (TAC)

**Who:** TAC Members  
**Where:** Majestic 1B (Palm Court)  
**When:** 9:30 AM to 10:45 AM

Meet the teen leaders of the NSA. Our TAC will discuss issues related to growing up with stuttering and will answer questions from the parents.

### Parents: Students Who Stutter and the Challenges Presented by the New Common Core Standards

**Who:** Lynne Remson & Becky Peters  
**Where:** Majestic 3AB (Palm Court)  
**When:** 9:30 AM to 10:45 AM

Children who stutter face many challenges, not the least of which is communication in the school environment. This workshop will address the new common core standards in relation to the communication demands in classrooms and on school campuses. Participants will learn what these new standards are, where they came from, and why SLPs should care about them. They will also explore the ramifications of the increased focus on rigor, oral presentation, and communication competencies in these standards and the implications for children who stutter.

Lynne Herbert Remson, Ph.D. CCC-SLP, is a speech-language pathologist in Scottsdale, Arizona. Dr. Remson is a member of the initial cadre of Board Recognized Specialists in Fluency Disorders (2001). She is a co-founder and co-leader of the Metro Phoenix NSA Kids and NSATWST support groups for children and adolescents who stutter. In addition to teaching graduate classes in fluency disorders, she has given numerous presentations to school districts and private practices on assessing and treating children who stutter and on language disorders.

Becky Peters received her Master of Arts degree from the University of Northern Iowa and has worked in the public schools and private practice for over thirty years in Iowa and Arizona. Becky is a co-leader of the Metro Phoenix NSA Kids and NSATWST groups for children and adolescents who stutter. During the 2009-2011 school years Becky received extensive training on the Common Core academic standards in her work as the Speech Pathology Content Specialist and SLP liaison to Mesa Schools' curriculum department in Mesa, Arizona.
**Families: Get Teamed 2012**

**Who:** Nina Reeves  
**Where:** MEET IN THE VINOY GRAND BALLROOM (MAIN HOTEL)  
**When:** 11:00 AM to 1:15 PM (lunch Included)

This exciting event is for children who stutter, their parents and siblings. The evening will include music, discussion, and pizza for all! The team building activities will demonstrate how increased communication, trust, negotiation, and problem solving among all members of the team (children, parents, siblings, speech therapists, etc.) can help families better understand and cope with the daily challenges that stuttering brings to one’s life. Come prepared to have fun!

**Kids: What Bugs Me**

**Who:** Marybeth Allen  
**Where:** Plaza B (Main Hotel)  
**When:** 1:30 PM to 2:45PM

What bugs you about stuttering? Now is your chance to make it happen! Kids will make a funny and creative “bug box” (craft project) and then will talk about what “bugs” each of them about their stuttering. They will write it down and put it in their Bug Box. Stay tuned for the fun as we all decide what we can do about what bugs us about our stuttering! P.S. -Those bugs just might get smooshed, smashed, and stomped!

Marybeth Allen, Associate Graduate Faculty and staff speech-language pathologist at the University of Maine and holds specialty recognition in fluency disorders. As a person who stutters, she is active in the National Stuttering Association as leader of the Eastern Maine Chapter, has participated in regional and national workshops, and was named “SLP of the Year” at the Annual Conference in 2011. Marybeth is the mother of 4 wonderful children, one of whom also stutters.

**Teens: Jeopardy**

**Who:** Alex D’Agostino & Miranda Smith  
**Where:** Plaza C (Main Hotel)  
**When:** 1:30 PM to 2:45 PM

You’ll be put to the test in this workshop playing a Stuttering Jeopardy Game! You can choose to participate and play along or sit back and listen to others share their stuttering stories and experiences.

Alex D’Agostino is 18 and recently finished up her last year at Sir Wilfrid Laurier Secondary School. In the fall she will attend Carleton University in Ottawa to study Music. Alex is a TAC member and this is her second conference. Her first conference (Texas - 2011) changed the way she views her stutter. Alex has always maintained the motto “Don’t care what other people think about you,” and the NSA taught her it is okay to stutter openly. She has been stuttering openly in her community and at her school in the Music Department, where she is a dedicated member. She is in almost every ensemble group, where she plays 4 different instruments and sings as well. One day she aspires to study at the Juilliard School of Music and become a professional musician on the flute. She never lets her stutter stop her from doing what she wants to do, and accomplish in her life. She is looking forward to becoming a bigger part of the NSA and hopes to one day start an NSA chapter in her hometown in Canada.

**Tweens: Open Microphone for Middle School Good, Bad and Ugly Stories**

**Who:** Danny Wood/Katie Duffield/Evan Tiller  
**Where:** Lassing/Miller (Main Hotel)  
**When:** 1:30 PM to 2:45 PM

Drop in and join other NSA’ers for one of our open mic sessions. You can listen, participate, it’s all up to you! These sessions are an opportunity to communicate in a safe and supportive environment and a small group setting.
**Parents: Learn to Stutter**

**Who:** Debbie Nicolai & Diane Games  
**Where:** Plaza A (Main Hotel)  
**When:** 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM  
Parents learn to stutter and live the experience of stuttering as they support each other in this challenging, inspiring and powerful workshop.

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**Parents: Teasing and Bullying: What Every Parent Needs to Know**

**Who:** Shannon Beaty & Ellen Lanouette  
**Where:** Royal 3AB (Palm Court)  
**When:** 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM  
In this workshop we will discuss the problems they see their children going through. We will share how they have handled such problems and we will share some way parents and SLP’s can help reduce or eliminate bullying.

Shannon Beaty is from The Colony, Texas where she currently serves as chapter leader of Dallas TWST. This is her 6th conference and she enjoys being involved in conference committees, NSA Radio shows, and other projects. She is mom to Austin and Braden Barber (former TAC member) and wife to Kevin Beaty. She believes education, empowerment, and acceptance are the keys to success for your PWS, not fluency.

Dr. Ellen Bennett Lanouette has worked in the field for over 30 years in public school, university, and private practice settings. She has co-authored numerous articles and has presented many workshops at the local, state, national, and international level. Dr. Bennett Lanouette is a Board Recognized Fluency Specialist and is the Chair of the Specialty Board Fluency Disorders Appellate Body and was voted the 2007 Speech-Language Pathologist of the Year Award by the National Stuttering Association.

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# Saturday Family Workshop Schedule

## Day at a Glance

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  - NSA Member Bill Wade

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- **Closing Ceremony**

**4:00 PM to 4:45 PM**
- **Closing Ceremony**

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- **Banquet/Live Charity Auction**

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# Closing Ceremony

**Closing Ceremony**
- **4:00 PM to 4:45 PM**
  - Majestic Ballroom
- **Dinner/Banquet/Live Charity Auction**
  - Majestic Ballroom (Palm Court)
  - **6:30 PM**
    - Evening Reception (cocktails in foyer)
  - **7:00 PM**
    - Banquet (doors open)

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**Saturday Family Workshops (9:00 AM to 10:15 AM)**

**Kids: Stu Fu a Stuttering Martial Art**

Who: Tom Scharstein  
Where: Plaza C (Main Hotel)  
When: 9:00 AM to 10:15 AM  

Stuttering and martial arts are connected. We’ll go through the levels of confrontation through the eyes of someone who stutters. We’ll learn how to avoid confrontation, nonverbal responses, and conflict resolutions through martial arts. This is a “hands on” workshop (participation is on a volunteer basis). You will learn body language to diffuse any confrontation. You will also learn theories and techniques from a variety of martial arts. Please wear a white t-shirt.

Tom Scharstein was born in 1965 among a lineage of PWS and now two of his children stutter. Tom’s stuttering was extremely severe during childhood and teen years. As life unfolded a path, beginning as a carpenter (so as to work with his hands and not his mouth), found himself now the owner of a modest building company in Cincinnati, Ohio. Now he finds himself using his mouth more so than his tools! His message to a young person is, “You keep going, keep trying, get through youth as best as you can, and YOU WILL SUCCEED!

**Teens: Braving the College Scene**

Who: Drew Kiser  
Where: Plaza A (Main Hotel)  
When: 9:00 AM to 10:15 AM  

A free-form discussion group to explore social, academic, and career based concerns for ages 18-21. Graduating high school and entering the working world or college is a challenging time for anyone. Stutterers are faced with unique challenges during this transitional phase. This workshop provides a forum for young adults to share common experiences associated with the transition.

Drew Kiser recently graduated cum laude from Tusculum College in Greeneville, TN with a degree of Bachelor of Arts in Biology, Pre-Physical Therapy Concentration. He will be attending Mercer College in Atlanta in August in the physical therapy graduate program. He was a scholarship athlete on the Tusculum tennis team and enjoys going out with friends and playing basketball. The NSA has changed his life and really helped him to come to terms with stuttering and accept stuttering. He hopes to be able to help other kids and teens to do the same.

**Tweens: Teasing and Bullying**

Who: Braden Barber & Miranda Smith  
Where: Plaza B (Main Hotel)  
When: 9:00 AM to 10:15 AM  

Bullying and teasing is one of the many challenges that kids who stutter may have to manage. It can be a complicated subject that often has damaging effects; but there are ways for parents to support their child, recognize when they may be struggling through difficult social situations and educate those who lack proper information about stuttering.

Braden Barber is an 18-year old recent high school graduate from The Colony, TX. He has spent 4 years in military and law enforcement programs to build upon his leadership skills. He is set on enlisting in to the armed services and a developing a career in criminal justice. Braden has been a valued member of the NSA for 6 years and was a TAC member for 4 years.

Miranda Smith is a sophomore at Northern Kentucky University studying Computer Information Technology and Computer Forensics. Miranda has been a member of the NSA since 2010 and since then she has loved helping others who stutter realize that stuttering does not need to hold them back from anything! Miranda is a member of the Teen Advisory Council (TAC) and currently serves as the TAC Chairperson for the NSA Board of Directors.
Parents: Challenges: Finding and Moving Successful Through Appropriate Fluency Therapy

Who: Sheryl Gottwald & Susan Cochrane
Where: Royal 3AB (Palm Court)
When: 9:00 AM to 10:15 AM

Parents of children who stutter report feeling confused and often powerless when it comes to helping their children. They report hearing conflicting information and are unsure when and to whom to turn for help. A panel of two Board Recognized Fluency Specialists and 3 parents whose children are currently receiving therapy for stuttering will address the questions parents have about treatment for stuttering. Parents on the panel will represent preschool, school-age and teen-age children currently receiving treatment. Attendees are encouraged to introduce their own concerns for discussion.

Sheryl R. Gottwald, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, an Assistant Professor at the University of New Hampshire, teaches the graduate courses in stuttering, counseling and language, and directs the Clinical Fluency Program. Dr. Gottwald is a Board Recognized Fluency Specialist/Mentor. She has lectured nationally and internationally on the topic of fluency disorders.

Susan Cochrane is a licensed Speech-Language Pathologist in New York and Florida. She is Board Recognized Fluency Specialist. She has worked in the public schools and as an adjunct professor. Currently, Susan owns Freedom To Speak, a private practice, exclusively treating people who stutter. Susan speaks nationally and internationally on the topic of stuttering and its treatment.

Parents: Unraveling the Mystery of Struggle

Who: Vivian Sisskin
Where: Majestic 2AB (Palm Court)
When: 9:00 AM to 10:15 AM

Stuttering is both cyclical and variable. The symptoms change over time. Techniques that “work” in the therapy room do not always generalize to real-life situations. Parents are sometimes afraid to say the wrong thing, and therefore say nothing. Despite being able to ace a game of Stuttering Jeopardy, parents are often at a loss when it comes to supporting their children who stutter because they lack basic principles necessary for effective problem solving.

Vivian Sisskin is an instructor at the University of Maryland and an ASHA Board Recognized Specialist in Fluency Disorders. She served as Coordinator for ASHA’s Special Interest Division 4 (Fluency Disorders) and is on the Board of Directors of the NSA. She is co-leader of the Northern Virginia TWST Chapter.

Tweens: Advertising 101

Who: Miranda Smith
Where: Plaza C (Main Hotel)
When: 10:30 AM to 11:45 AM

Do you wish you could tell people you stutter, but aren’t sure how to go about it? Join us at this workshop to discover the benefits for you of advertising your stutter to friends, teachers, coaches, and more!

Miranda Smith is a sophomore at Northern Kentucky University studying Computer Information Technology and Computer Forensics. Miranda is a member of the Teen Advisory Council (TAC) and currently serves as the TAC Chairperson for the NSA Board of Directors.
## Saturday Family Workshops (10:30 AM to 11:45 AM)

### Kids: Fun with the TAC

**Who:**  Debbie Nicolai  
**Where:**  Vinoy Grand Ballroom  
**When:**  10:30 AM to 11:45 AM  
This workshop involves fun, laughing and noise! Teams will compete against each other with some fun and outrageous games! This is a workshop that the kids don’t want to miss!!! Lots of running, working with other team members, and donuts!

### A Parent’s Journey with Stuttering

**Who:**  Donna Cooperman  
**Where:**  Majestic 2AB (Palm Court)  
**When:**  10:30 AM to 11:45 AM  
Explores the concept of change in both children who stutter and their families. Attendees will gain a basic understanding of the process of change; the ability to examine the impact of change on their child and the ability to examine the impact of change on themselves.

**Donna Cooperman** is a Board Recognized Specialist and mentor in fluency disorders. She has worked with people who stutter and their families for more than 40 years.

### Parents: Celebrating Your Child’s Speech

**Who:**  Marilee Fini & Patrice Nolan  
**Where:**  Royal 2AB (Palm Court)  
**When:**  10:30 AM to 11:45 AM  
Celebrating your child’s speech is often a challenge when you are dealing with stuttering. When we have the courage and strength to look beyond the stuttering, we can hear the child’s message and see all the wonderful gifts that children who stutter possess as communicators. Strategies will be shared to help parents celebrate their child’s communication skills. A unique light will be shed on this subject by two speech pathologists who stutter and who have had different experiences in dealing with stuttering as children.

**Marilee Fini, M.A. CCC-SLP** is a practicing speech pathologist in Cleveland, OH running her own private practice, MLF Speech Therapy. Marilee regularly speaks on the subject of stuttering throughout the U.S. In her workshops, she brings her own personal experiences with stuttering, a deep passion for her work and humor.

**Patrice Nolan, M.Ed. SLP** TSHH is a speech-language pathologist and teacher of the hearing impaired. She currently is working in the Pittsfield Public Schools in Pittsfield, MA and lives in Bennington, VT. Patrice brings to this workshop both her professional and personal experiences with stuttering.
Saturday Family Workshops (11:45 AM to 3:45 PM)

11:45 AM to 12:45 PM Lunch
Head over to the Vinoy Grand Ballroom in the Main Hotel and join other conference go-er’s.
Or lunch on your own at one of the many places surrounding the hotel, or we will have
grab-and-go cold foods available for purchase, including a variety of sandwiches and salads
($5.50), chips, and drinks.

General Session: 1:00 PM to 2:15 PM (Palm Court Ballroom)
NSA Member Bill Wade
Guys From Harvard Don’t Stutter…and Other Myths

We are only as strong as the truths living within us. After years of struggling with his
speech, Bill discovered several lessons that changed his life. He will share stories and
insights about this transformational change…and renew our appreciation for the truth
that stuttering should not (and does not!) hold one back.

Kids in the Kitchen (taking place during general session)
Who: Mandy Finstad
Where: Plaza B (Main Hotel)
When: 1:00 PM to 2:15 PM
Like speech patterns and personality differences, it is a variety of ingredients go into making up a whole,
complete cookie and every cookie is different, but they are all delicious!

Mandy Finstad—Editor of Letting Go and Family Voices, Social Media Coordinator, and co-webmaster. She is
also the co-leader for the Northern Virginia TwST Chapter, and an active member of the NoVA Adult Chapter.
Mandy resides in Arlington, VA with her husband, PWS Jean Finstad, and their two dogs - Emmett and Graham.
She graduated from George Mason University with a B.A. in Psychology and continued on to graduate studies
at The Catholic University of America and University of Ulster. Mandy has been invited to speak to several
groups and give numerous interviews on being the spouse of a person who stutters, and has recently
completed an e-book chapter on the topic.

Kids: Finish That Sentence
Who: Sarah Onofri
Where: Plaza C (Main Hotel)
When: 2:30 PM to 3:45 PM
Join us for our last kids workshop of the conference, where you’ll help us finish our sentences (from silly to
serious) and then talk about heading back into the real world after the conference is over. We’ll talk
about ways we can think about stuttering when we’re not surrounded by our NSA friends and family.

Sarah Onofri has been a part of the NSA for the past seven years, and loves being involved with Family
Programs! She’s looking forward to working with the kids again this year, and to getting to know lots of the NSA
families. Sarah also works as an elementary school teacher in the Boston Public School System.

Parent: Closing Roundtable
Who: Stephanie Coppen, Pattie Wood, Debbie Nicolai
Where: Royal 2AB (Palm Court)
When: 2:30 PM to 3:45 PM
At the Closing Parent Session, NSA Parents come together for the last time to share what they have
learned and felt in the past three days during their conference experience.
Saturday Family Workshops (2:30 PM to 3:45 PM)

Teens: Closing Roundtable
Who: TAC
Where: Plaza A (Main Hotel)
When: 2:30 PM to 3:45 PM
Some of the best days of your life are coming to an end. Join us to share your conference experience, what you've learned, and what you'll be taking home with you from the past few days!

Teen Advisory Council (TAC) - is a dedicated and highly respected group of teen leaders, mentors, and role models for the teens and kids of the NSA. Members provide support for the teens and kids of the NSA and must possess a positive attitude.

Tweens: Closing Roundtable
Who: Katie Duffield/Danny Wood
Where: Plaza B (Main Hotel)
When: 2:30 PM to 3:45 PM
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Danny Wood and Katie Duffield are members of the Teen Advisory Council (TAC).

Closing Ceremonies
Who: NSA Conference attendees
Where: Palm Court Ballroom
When: 4:00 PM to 4:45 PM
Everyone comes together one last time with the new friends we've met to reflect on the stories shared and lessons learned. Kids, teens, and adults who stutter and those who are here to support us are reminded that, "We are beautiful, no matter what they say. Words can't bring us down."

Dinner Banquet, Live Charity Auction, and Dancing
Who: Fun for All!
What: This is a pre-paid event. Please bring your ticket with food selection indicated.
Where: Palm Court
When: 6:30 PM Cocktails in Foyer
7:00 PM Doors open for banquet seating
This is the event we've been waiting for all year! The evening begins with an exquisite banquet dinner, continues with a fantastic live auction, and goes into the wee hours of the morning with music and dancing. This is the time to really celebrate and let loose with your NSA family! Celebrate the close of NSA 2012 in style with old and new friends

**You must bring your ticket with food selection indicated**
See you next year!
Scottsdale, Arizona
July 3-7, 2013

NSA 2013: So Nice, We’re Doing Arizona Twice!!!

Get ready to raise those voices along with the temperature, because next year, the NSA is setting in the Valley of The Sun. Come join us next year, July 3-7, 2013, at the Westin Kierland Resort & Spa in Scottsdale!

If you were one of the 600+ attendees who had the chance to experience this dazzling establishment in 2009, you heard about the compliments that lasted long after our conference ended. The Westin Kierland Resort & Spa truly is one of the crown jewels of American hotels. Surrounded by golden rays of sun, perfectly formed palm trees, and spectacular views of the mountains, this property showcases the very best of the Phoenix metropolitan area. And if you want to keep cool, we have the best way to do it: lavish outdoor pools, a “lazy river” where you can float away, and oh yes...how can we forget a hot tub under the stars? A four-star gym, spacious conference rooms, and guest rooms that blend the perfect mix of cosmopolitan with the Native American history! If you’re looking to indulge yourself in the very best spa treatments around, every option you could ever want will be available.

Being a guest at the Westin Kierland will also mean you won’t have go far...for anything. If you want to enjoy a day at the mall, Kierland Commons is only a short walk away, and regardless of whether you want a new pair of jeans, Indian jewelry, or a delicious dinner, you’ll have easy access. Restaurants such as The Cheesecake Factory and Tommy Bahama are popular choices, and because Arizona is all about the outdoors, you can take in one of the world’s renowned wonders, The Grand Canyon. It’s a mere three hour drive, but a lifetime away. Explore an Indian reservation or go for a road trip. After all, we’re just three hours to San Diego!

Book your reservations as soon as possible because this resort WILL sell out quickly. Once again, the NSA will be able to offer you a generously discounted rate, as we have always done for our conferences. Dream, go big, speak loudly: all in the Great Wide Open!

We will see you next year!!!
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