

FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 2016

.5 CEUs

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Location: Cardinal

OCRA Board of Directors Meeting

10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Location: Foyer 2

Registration

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Location: Salon B/C

Realtime Contest Warmup and Realtime Contest

11:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Location: Salon B/C

Hagestrom Cup Warmup and Hagestrom Cup Contest**Lunch on your own****Session 1 (.15 CEUs)**

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Location: Ballrooms 3 - 4

Fresh Out of the Oven: NCRA/OCRA Town Hall

OCRA President Marie Fresch and NCRA Director Linda McSwain will moderate a town hall meeting to stir up the latest news and updates regarding the profession in Ohio and around the country. Topics on the menu include NCRA's new online testing procedures and OCRA's *2020 Vision*. Don't be late to the table for this seminar!

Marie Fresch, RMR

2015-2016 OCRA President Marie Fresch is owner of Marie B. Fresch & Associates. Throughout her 35+ year career, she has reported depositions, meetings, conventions, mediations, arbitrations, as well as hearings and trials in various courtrooms. In 2015, Marie began CART captioning with A La CARTE Connection, a realtime captioning firm based out of Louisville, Kentucky. Marie has been involved with OCRA since the early 1990s, serving in numerous positions on the OCRA Board.

Linda McSwain, RPR

NCRA Director Linda McSwain is an official court reporter from Mobile, Alabama, with more than 20 years of experience. She has also worked as a freelance reporter taking depositions and covering public hearings. Linda has been awarded multiple certificates of appreciation for producing accurate, timely, and complete transcripts. She has held membership in NCRA for more than 20 years and served on the National Committee of State Associations for over four years. Through that service, Linda has presented seminars at State Leadership Conferences and NCRA Conventions.

2:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Location: Foyer 2

Vendor and Refreshment Break**Session 2 (.15 CEUs)**

2:45 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Location: Ballrooms 3 - 4

Cure Your Dictionary and Terminate Transcript Turmoil

What if a small change in how you edit could result in better realtime in only two weeks? This means much shorter editing time to crank out a transcript! Anissa is going to spin you 180 degrees from how you do things now and show you just how much time and energy you are going to save. This is one seminar you will not want to miss.

Anissa Nierenberger, RPR, CRR, CRC, CRI

Anissa graduated from court reporting school in 1991. She began her captioning career in 1992, captioning for TV stations across the U.S. and Canada. She founded Dictionary Jumpstart, Inc., in 2000. Her company's dictionary building software has helped hundreds of reporters improve their dictionaries and allowed reporters to ease into different areas of reporting, including captioning and CART, over the past 15 years.

Anissa has published the *Drug Speller*. Her new books include *Simple Syllables: 1,000 Entries to better Realtime* and *A Jump Back in Time: People, Places and Events in History*. She is currently the instructor for EduCaption, providing online broadcast captioning and CART training, along with one-on-one realtime training, and has compiled comprehensive manuals and Dictionary Jumpstart versions specifically for these training courses.

Anissa is a past president of the Michigan Association of Professional Court Reporters (MAPCR) and has been a member of NCRA for 20+ years. She has presented seminars on realtime, captioning, dictionary building, and Dictionary Jumpstart to state associations, workshops, and schools across the country, including Hawaii and Canada.

In her spare time, Anissa enjoys travel, relaxation, enjoying a healthful lifestyle, and trying new recipes with her family.

4:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Location: Foyer 2

Vendor and Refreshment Break

FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 2016 CONTINUED

.5 CEUs

Session 3 (.2 CEUs)

4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Location: Ballrooms 3 - 4

Cooking Up the Profession's Experiences -***Panel Discussion***

This interactive Friday night wrap-up session will include a panel of amazing chefs who will share the recipes which have led to their professional success. Ingredients range from international depositions to world record attempts to speed and realtime contest prep and so much more!

After each chef delivers their experience, the floor will be open for you to ask questions and seek tips to satisfy your appetite for success!

Chef Sue Terry, RPR, CRR, FAPR

Sue Terry is a court reporter from Springfield, Ohio. She has been a court reporter since 1975. Throughout her career, she has reported arbitrations, court proceedings, conventions, administrative hearings, public utility hearings, large environmental cases, patent cases, tobacco cases, and other cases with highly technical or medical testimony. As a trainer, Terry has helped many reporters make the transition to realtime reporting by improving their translation rates and assisting them with mastering the use of CAT software. During the 1980s, she taught at the Stenotype Institute.

At the national level, Sue currently serves as Director of NCRA and is Board Liaison to the NCRA Technology Committee and TRAIN (Taking Realtime Awareness and Innovation Nationwide) Task Force. Sue is a past president of OCRA and the StenoCAT Users Group, and is the recipient of both groups' Distinguished Service Award. She has also served on advisory committees for the Gigatron Software Corporation, LiveNote for the Thomson West Corp., and for the Clark State Community College of Court Reporting.

Chef Kelly Linkowski, RPR, CRR, CRC, CPE

Kelly began her career in 1993. Still going strong after two decades in the profession, Kelly has been captioning and CARTing since 2003. She loves working from home and the flexibility captioning/CART provides so she can also serve as room mom for her two sons, actively volunteer, have dinner on the table (or takeout!) for her loving husband of 16 years, and find time to hit the club to practice clay shooting.

As a second-generation court reporter, Kelly is passionate about mentoring the next generation of reporters, not only in her family as a new generation embarks upon this great profession, but with students across the nation. She serves as OCRA's Student Relations Chair, in addition to being OCRA's District D Director.

Chef Donna Karoscik, RDR, CRR, CRC

Donna Karoscik graduated from The Stenotype Institute in 1989 while working as a legal secretary at various law firms in Columbus. Her reporting career has been mostly in freelance reporting, with captioning and CART scattered here and there. She joined OCRA's board in 1999 as District C Director, was Secretary/Treasurer for two terms, and chaired the Fundraising Committee. After retiring the Realtime competition with three consecutive wins, she now chairs the Realtime Contest Committee. When not working as a freelance realtime reporter, Donna spends time with her husband of 25+ years, Joe, and their four children.

Chef Lisa Knight, RDR, CRR, CLR

Lisa Knight has been a reporter since 1984. She began her court reporting career working as an official reporter in Arapahoe County District Court in Colorado. It was there where she was chosen to be one of two beta test sites for Stenograph's brand-new software called Attorney's Answer (good trivia question for sure). She beta-tested their Computer Integrated Courtroom for three years before moving on to the United States Bankruptcy Court, where she worked for two years. In 1994, she joined the freelance world and enjoyed working for two of the largest reporting firms in the Denver metro area.

Although there were a few international realtime assignments sprinkled here and there in her career, after raising a family and wanting something "more," in 2008, Lisa went it alone - offering her realtime and technology skills to court reporting firms big and small - mainly specializing in realtime reporting on an international level.

Lisa is proudly the co-chair of the NCRA Grassroots Realtime Task Force (TRAIN), as well as serving on the Realtime Systems Administrator Certificate Committee, Technology Education Committee, and co-chair of the Education Content Committee.

Chef Kathryn Thomas, RDR, CRR, CRC

Kathryn Thomas provides CART in the greater St. Louis area. She is president-elect of the Illinois Court Reporters Association. In 2013, Kathryn, along with five others, attempted to break the Guinness World Record for stenographic speed. In her spare time, she is a Whovian, Ravenclaw, Redditor, Walking Deadhead, Sherlockian, pro wrestling fan, and amateur astronomer. She resides in Caseyville, Illinois, with one husband, one dog, one cat, and an undetermined number of fish.

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Location: Foyer 2

Alphabet Soup Social and Vendor Reception

* Light dinner provided/Cash bar available *

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2016

.6 CEUs

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Location: Foyer 2

Registration and Continental Breakfast**Session 4 (.1 CEUs)**

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Location: Ballrooms 3 - 4

You've Made the Dough, Now What?

Paul Dolce, Certified Financial Planner™, will start our Saturday off with a smorgasbord of financial advice to fill our bellies - and cupboards - with plenty of options to take our investments to the next level. Paul will make himself available for the 30-minute vendor and refreshment break following this hour session to help you with your personal *kneads* and *dough*. [Click here for full course description](#)

Paul Dolce, CFP®

Paul Dolce is the founder and President of Financial Solutions LLC. He is a Certified Financial Planner™ practitioner, and a Registered Investment Advisor in the state of Ohio.

Paul earned his MBA with Finance and Accounting concentrations from The Ohio State University, and has worked in both corporate finance and in the financial services industry.

Paul teaches tax planning classes in The Ohio State University's CFP® program, and he serves on the Board of Directors of the Central Ohio Financial Planning Association.

Financial Solutions is an independent, fee-only practice, which means that Paul is paid only by his clients. He does not sell financial products or receive commissions of any kind.

Paul and his wife live in Dublin. They have two daughters.

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9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Location: Foyer 2

Vendor and Refreshment Break**Session 5 (.15 CEUs)**

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Location: Ballrooms 3 - 4

Carving Out Time to Create a Successful Future

Lisa will share with us the difference between a job and a profession, between having pride in your work and just getting by. You can have the professional life you have always dreamed of - and Lisa has a few "special ingredients" that you may be missing when creating your masterpiece (you).

Lisa Knight, RDR, CRR, CLR*(see Session 3 for presenter information)*

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: Pavilion

OCRA Business Meeting, Awards, and Luncheon** Lunch Provided ****Session 6 (.15 CEUs)**

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Location: Ballrooms 3 - 4

Use the Correct Recipe and Cut Through the Internet Nonsense

Abraham Lincoln said, "Don't believe everything you read on the Internet." Maybe he didn't *really* say that, but this fun and useful session introduces some red flags to help you discern which Internet articles, images, and posts are good and which belong in the garbage disposal. Hopefully you will leave this seminar believing nothing shared on Facebook ever again. Spoiler alert: Use Snopes.com early and often!

Kathryn Thomas, RDR, CRR, CRC*(see Session 3 for presenter information)*

2:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Location: Foyer 2

Vendor and Refreshment Break

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2016 CONTINUED

.6 CEUs

Session 7 (.2 CEUs)

2:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Location: Ballrooms 3 - 4

In the Kitchen and in Life: Survive!

Survive Institute offers no-nonsense safety strategies that actually transform into courage - rapidly!

Debbie and Mike's safety straight talk is passionate, effective, unforgettable, and easy to use - regardless of age, athleticism, gender, size, or strength. The Gardners' content and teaching style is different. They are fun, motivational speakers who happen to teach explicit crime survival rooted in the (*feel good*) Power of Love!

Since the role of police and security is to get there, not be there, you need **MVP** safety certainty explained on three specific levels: **M**ental, **V**erbal, and **P**hysical power, as outlined below.

MENTAL POWER

- Accept 100% responsibility for personal safety at all times
- Learn three specific choices that break the freeze of fear for immediate self-control and peak performance in any crisis including:
 - Crime Prevention/Survival
 - Confrontational dialogue
 - Public speaking
 - Medical emergencies
 - Testifying in court
 - Test taking
- Replace guilt-oriented safety tips and old safety rhetoric with a new understanding of mind power rooted in personal rights, courage, and absolute personal freedom.

VERBAL POWER

- Identify the four personalities who commit crime and the three ultimate goals of criminals
- Use range of verbal commands to stop accelerating crime setups, including specific words to influence and/or talk down an armed assailant(s)
- Learn one-sentence self-defense law that exactly explains *when* you have the right to physically strike someone to save your life

PHYSICAL POWER

- Learn the best one physical strike that stops even an enraged and/or intoxicated assailant
- Learn how to use everyday objects already in one's hands (like cell phones, water bottles, markers, ice scrapers, TV remotes, etc.) as subtle, effective defense weapons
- Learn the additional one physical choice to survive an unstoppable armed assailant. And same simple choice works regardless of weapon type: gun, knife, razor, bottle, club, etc.

Debbie and Mike Gardner, Survive Institute

Debbie and Mike Gardner met at the Cincinnati Police Academy in 1973. During their distinguished law enforcement careers, their training was extensive ... and their tests of courage and application of self-defense were routine. Due to life-threatening personal challenges, they were forced to respectfully question traditional survival/self-defense concepts that emphasized complication instead of focused simplicity. In a crisis, the Gardners learned that "*Less is more ... when less is right!*"

Mike is a 28-year veteran Sergeant of the Cincinnati Police Division (CPD), serving as CPD's legal liaison, expert witness for use of force issues, and academy instructor. He was acknowledged as *Officer of the Year* in 1990 by the Cincinnati Police Department. Debbie retired from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department after eight years as a Deputy Sheriff. She was one of the first women in the United States to be assigned patrol duty - alone - in the mid-'70s.

Debbie founded the Survive Institute on February 4, 1981 as a result of letters she and Mike received after a regional TV appearance. The host convinced her she had a responsibility to share her gift of teaching fear control and courage.

Debbie and Mike co-authored a book, *Raising Kids that Can Protect Themselves* (McGraw-Hill, New York). Debbie is also the author of *Simply the BST Crime Survival* (BookMasters, Inc.) and *SURVIVE! Don't be a Victim* (Warner Books, New York). Debbie was acknowledged as America's #1 Female Crime Fighter in the premier issue of *Crime Fight* magazine. The Gardners have been featured in magazines and newspapers throughout the United States and Canada, including *Omni*, *Vogue*, and *Cosmopolitan*. They have also been guests on numerous national television shows, including O'Reilly Factor, Later TODAY, and Jerry Springer (no kidding!).

Debbie and Mike conduct their realistic crime survival workshops for corporations, conventions, and colleges in almost every state in the U.S. and in Canada, South America, Australia, and Central Europe.

5:00 p.m.

Location: Foyer 2

Silent Auction Ends**Hagestrom Cup and Realtime Contest Results**

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Location: Pavilion

Top Chef President's Saturday Reception*Main Raffle Drawing - \$2016 winner announced*

SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2016

.35 CEUs

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
 Location: Foyer 2
Continental Breakfast

Sessions 8 - 10 (.2 CEUs) **CHOOSE ONE**
Session 11 (.25 PDCs*)

8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
 Location(s): Various (*confirm at conference*)

Session 8 - CaseCATalyst Breakout (*Ballroom 4*)
 Join **Pam Szczecinski**, certified CaseCATalyst trainer and founder of *Tutors4Computers*, as she walks you through the latest updates to CaseCATalyst, including Versions 16 and 17, and shares editing tips and tricks to make you a more efficient reporter! [Click here for full course description](#)

Session 9 - Eclipse Breakout (*Ballroom 3*)
 Join **Jana Colter**, RMR, CRR, CRC, President/Owner of A La CARTE Connection and Certified Advanced Eclipse Trainer, as she gives you a hands-on experience of the newest updates to Eclipse and shares her tips and tricks for a better realtime experience.

Session 10 - StenoCAT Breakout (*Ballroom 1*)
 Join **Sue Terry**, **Marie Fresch**, and fellow StenoCAT users as they discuss what's new with StenoCAT. Be prepared to engage in a hands-on session. Plus, bring your tips and tricks to share!

Session 11 - General Breakout (*Ballroom 2*)
Dictionary Jumpstart Lite (*limited to first 25 pre-enrollees*)
Computer/Machine Recommended - LIMITED TO 25
 Working with Dictionary Jumpstart on your computer, you'll add words to your dictionary at a rate of up to 1,000 words per hour! Anissa will provide each of the confirmed registrants with a free copy of Dictionary Jumpstart Lite (DJ Lite), a \$149 value!

Anissa Nierenberger, RPR, CRR, CRC, CRI
(see Session 2 for presenter information)

* Session 11 qualifies for PDCs (Professional Development Credits) with NCRA in place of standard CEUs (Continuing Education Credits)

Student Session - Student Breakout (*Foyer 2*)
 Students, bring your appetite! Meet with **Sarah Nageotte**, RDR, CRR, CRC, NCRA Immediate Past President, **Linda McSwain**, RPR, NCRA Director, and other professionals as they share their experiences and encourage you on your journey through court reporting school. Bring your questions and don't miss this opportunity!

10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
 Location: Foyer 2
Vendor and Refreshment Break

Session 12 (.15 CEUs) **CHOOSE ONE**
Bonus Session (CEUs not available)

10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
 Location(s): Various (*confirm at conference*)

Session 12 - Burn Those Transcripts! Say Yes to CART and Captioning (*Ballroom 3*)
 Transcripts ... you despise them and they're the burnout factor of your passion. The growth for CART captioners and broadcast captioners will outpace court reporters through 2018! Don't be left behind! EduCaption is your ONLY source for CART and broadcast captioning training online with individual feedback. We'll start with *5 Things to Improve your Realtime*. Transitioning into a new, exciting career is a matter of taking things one step at a time. Reinvigorate your passion today!

Anissa Nierenberger, RPR, CRR, CRC, CRI
(see Session 2 for presenter information)

Bonus Session - Be a Courage Coach, not a Fear Coach, to Your Kids! (*Ballroom 4*)
 Crime has changed. Child pornography, gun violence, and numbing drug/alcohol abuse has changed the seriousness of violence against children. That's why traditional self-defense no longer works for you or them.

Here's the good news - this love-based safety empowers without scaring. Imagine your child bully-resistant for life! It's an attitude and mind game.

It's time to stop worrying! Learn to replace old, ineffective safety tips with new, simple safety strategies designed for kids. Included are specific tools that will improve your child's self-control, self-confidence, assertiveness, eye contact, voice control, crying outbursts, and self-defense.

Debbie and Mike Gardner, Survive Institute
(see Session 7 for presenter information)

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 2016 OCRA Annual Conference
 a success!*