

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2015

.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 1 & 2

Registration Open

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

Location: Salon E/F

Realtime Contest Warmup and Realtime Contest

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

Location: Salon E/F

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

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Location: Ballrooms 1 & 2

Looking Through the Fun Mirror: Windows 8 and more!

There's no reason to fear the new operating system from Microsoft! It's important to stay current with software and operating systems, and this seminar will help you overcome the hurdles of upgrading to Windows 8, as well as using the latest and greatest gadgets to improve your personal and professional lives.

Sue Terry, RPR, CRR

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 Thompson West Corp., and for the Clark State Community College of Court Reporting.

Sue has extensive experience as a presenter and has led seminars for OCRA, NCRA, the StenoCAT Users Group, and many state court reporting associations. In addition, she has spoken before the Ohio State Bar Association, the Connecticut State Bar Association, and the American Trial Lawyers Association. Sue has also served as a faculty member of the Ohio Judicial College for the Ohio Supreme Court.

3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Location: Foyer 1 & 2

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

3:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Location: Ballrooms 1 & 2

Roller Coaster Ride from Court Reporting to CART and Captioning

This seminar will cover the transitioning process of the presenters from court reporting to CART and broadcast captioning. Discover the steps taken by each to take their realtime writing careers into new directions. They will share the ups and downs of the ride and talk about the pitfalls and the surprises along the way.

Allison Kimmel, RDR, CRR, CBC, CCP

Allison Kimmel graduated from Clark Technical College in 1987. Having learned a "computer-compatible" shorthand theory that wasn't quite realtime ready, Allison made various changes to her original theory and passed the CRR in 1999. Having worked many years as both a freelance and official court reporter, Allison currently is enjoying her next adventure writing realtime as a broadcast captioner from the comfort of her home. Allison also is an adjunct faculty member of Clark State Community College, her alma mater, sharing her knowledge with today's court reporting students, and Past President of OCRA.

Kelly Linkowski, RPR, CRR, CBC, CCP, CPE

Kelly began her career in 1993. Still going strong after two decades in the profession, Kelly has been captioning and CART 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 fifteen years, and find time to hit the club to practice clay shooting. As a second-generation court reporter, she 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.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2015 CONTINUED

.5 CEUs

4:45 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Location: Foyer 1 & 2

Friday Night Concession Stand**Dinner Provided****Session 3 (.15 CEUs)**

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Location: Ballroom 1 & 2

Swinging Trapeze Panel Discussion - So Many Ropes to Choose!

This interactive Friday night wrap-up session will include a panel of trapeze artists from each tent within the court reporting and captioning profession, including federal and state officials, freelance firm owner and independent contractor, CART and broadcast captioners, a court reporting program instructor, and new reporter in the profession.

After each panelist gives their background and personal perspective of the profession, the floor will be open for attendees to discuss the state of reporting in Ohio and share experiences, tips, ask questions, and interact with fellow reporters.

Federal Official - Bruce A. Matthews, FAPR, RDR, CRR, Chief Reporter, Northern District of Ohio. Bruce has been a reporter for 42 years, about half-and-half between freelance and official. He is a past President of OCRA and NCRA, and a past Chair of the National Court Reporters Foundation. Bruce is a multi-time qualifier in speed contests, and he has served on numerous OCRA, NCRA, and NCRF committees and task forces.

State Official - Douglas C. Bettis, Official Reporter, Carroll County Common Pleas Court. Douglas has worked as an official reporter with Carroll County since 2012 covering criminal, civil, domestic relations, and grand jury proceedings. Prior to that, he was an assistant to the Court Reporter Coordinator for the Northern District of Ohio.

Firm Owner - Beth A. Higgins, Higgins & Associates. Beth graduated from the Academy of Court Reporting, Cleveland, in 1977 and served the Franklin County Municipal Court and the court reporting firm of David Daily & Associates before founding Higgins & Associates in 1981. She is a member of NCRA, OCRA, and STAR (The Society for the Technological Advancement of

Reporting). She is currently President of OCRA, is dedicated to the advancement of her field, and is affiliated with top firms across the United States.

Independent Freelance Reporter - Lance Boardman is a 1984 graduate of Champlain College in Vermont and has worked for the majority of the past 30 years as a freelance court reporter (seven years as an official in Massachusetts). He is a member of OCRA and NCRA and a past NCRA Speed Contest Qualifier. He currently lives in Mount Vernon and travels extensively covering class action, patent, and multi-district litigation cases for many different agencies.

CART Provider - Jana B. Colter, RMR, CRR, CCP, CBC, CART Captioner and Owner of A La CARTe Connection. Jana is a past President of OCRA, is current Co-Chair of the Broadcast and CART Captioning Committee for NCRA, is an Eclipse trainer, and she also works very closely with her local HLAA (Hearing Loss Association of America) chapter.

Broadcast Captioner - B. Lynn Els, RMR, CRR, is a past President of OCRA and current owner of Els Court Reporting Services. Lynn provides captioning and CART services for Kenyon College, Muskingham College, and numerous other educational and entertainment venues and with numerous broadcast captioning companies.

Court Reporting Instructor - Eileen Beltz, CRI, CPE. Upon graduation from the Academy of Court Reporting in Cleveland, Eileen was a freelance reporter and part-time instructor. In 2007, she co-authored a court reporting curriculum and was director of that program. She is currently an instructor for The College of Court Reporting in Hobart, Indiana. She holds the designations of CRI and CEP and is on the Student Committee for NCRA.

Student/Recent Graduate - Michelle Harper graduated from Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C) in November 2014. In 2013, Michelle was awarded the OCRA Rosalie Stevens Scholarship, and had the distinct honor of being the student reporter for Tri-C's annual Presidential Scholarship Luncheon with Bill Clinton as the keynote speaker. Michele is a freelance reporter with Molnar and Munguia Court Reporting.

7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Location: Foyer 1 & 2

Cocktail Hour and Beer/Wine Tasting*Beer/Wine Tasting Optional - \$25 for tastings of your choice*

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2015

.6 CEUs

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

Location: Foyer 1 & 2

Registration and Continental Breakfast**Session 4** (.15 CEUs)

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Location: Ballrooms 1-3

The Carnival has gone to the Dogs! K9 Response Search & Rescue

K9 Response Search and Rescue is a nonprofit search organization based out of Columbus, Ohio. Called out by law enforcement agencies in missing person cases, presenters will inform you about how the dogs work, what is looked for in potential search dogs, the training process involved, and what happens on a search. Also included will be information on lost-person behavior, as well as the different kinds of search dogs currently in use. Be prepared for a live demonstration with one of the search dogs who will use an audience member as a victim to be rescued.

*Contact person:**K9 Response Search & Rescue President Tara Wilsworth*

10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Location: Foyer 1 & 2

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

10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Location: Ballrooms 1-3

Safety First! Cyber and Information Security for your Everyday Life

This Ohio Homeland Security presentation will provide attendees with an overview of the Strategic Analysis & Information Center, its mission, and its role in both the state and national homeland security stages.

The discussion will then focus on cybersecurity and will present an overview of today's common threat actors, their methods, and motives. Jurisdictional issues will be explained as they relate to cyber events and methods of reporting.

Sergeant Thomas Gerber will then offer strategies to defend against these attacks and obtain a higher level of cyber awareness.

Sergeant Thomas J. Gerber

Thomas Gerber is a 10-year veteran of the Ohio State Highway Patrol. Currently, he holds the rank of Sergeant and serves as the Deputy Chief of Operations for Ohio Homeland Security's Strategic Analysis & Information Center (SAIC). The SAIC is one of fifty-three primary fusion centers recognized by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Its mission is to analyze and share information, increase awareness, reduce vulnerabilities, and develop strategies in order to prevent, prepare for, and protect against terrorism and other threats to public safety.

Prior to his assignment with Ohio Homeland Security, Tom was the assistant commander of the Ohio State Highway Patrol's Criminal Intelligence Unit. In addition to his supervisory duties, he was and is still involved in ongoing technology projects for a shared intelligence database and a DHS sponsored Centers of Excellence program with Purdue University for visual analytics. He has held field assignments where he served as assistant post commander of the Springfield and Toledo Patrol Posts. As a Trooper, he served at the Delaware and Canfield Patrol Posts.

Prior to his career in law enforcement, Tom was an information technology (IT) and telecommunications consultant in the central Ohio area where he oversaw multiple technology projects at companies like SBC Ameritech, Verizon Wireless, WorldCom, and Qwest Communications. Tom is also a veteran of the U.S. Navy where he served as an aviation electronics technician.

Tom is currently pursuing his master's degree in strategic cyber operations and information management from George Washington University. He holds a bachelor's degree in information technology from DeVry University and a bachelor's in business administration from Mount Vernon Nazarene University. He is married with two daughters and enjoys working on home improvement projects in his spare time.

11:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Location: Pavilion

OCRA Business Meeting, Awards, and Luncheon** Lunch Provided **

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2015 CONTINUED

.6 CEUs

Session 6 (.15 CEUs)

1:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Location: Ballrooms 1-3

Under the Big, Big Dictionary - the Magical Mystery of Words

Word histories can deepen our understanding of the English language and make sense of why words are spelled as they are. The historic evolution of English will be presented in an interactive session filled with hands-on fun and humor. Discover the secrets that will change how you think about English words.

Mary Jo Fresch, Ph.D.

Dr. Mary Jo Fresch is a Professor in the School of Teaching and Learning at The Ohio State University at Marion. She teaches courses in literacy for pre-service and in-service teachers. She has spoken nationally and internationally about literacy-related topics. Her research articles have appeared in peer-reviewed scholarly journals. Her book publications include *Engaging Minds in English Language Arts Classrooms: The Surprising Power of Joy* (2014; ASCD), *Learning Through Poetry* (a 5 book series; 2013; Shell Education), *The Power of Picture Books: Using Content Area Literature in Middle School* (2009; NCTE) and *An Essential History of Current Reading Practices* (2008; IRA).

3:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Location: Foyer 1 & 2

Vendor and Refreshment Break**Session 7 (.15 CEUs)**

3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Location: Ballrooms 1-3

Tough Love with the Depoman - It's Not Your Everyday Whac-A-Mole

Join Mike for a frank and in-your-face assessment of the current state of freelance reporting. Topics will include best practices, proofing techniques, and utilizing your software to help minimize errors. Bring your sense of humor and prepare to be educated, shocked, amused, and possibly offended when "Depoman" takes the stage.

Michael E. Miller, FAPR, RDR, CRR, CSR (TX/CA), CCR (CA)

Like you, Mike Miller spends his days banging those keys with the hope that today's witness actually learned English in, say, Omaha and not Bangalore; but over his twenty-plus-career of overcoming odd accents and attorney egos, he's risen to the level of self-appointed reporting superhero, thanks primarily to his website, Depoman.com. When he's not juggling life at home with

his wife, Susan, three kids and his Internet-famous dog Elwood, Mike is most certainly on a long plane ride to somewhere interesting. From arbitrations in Reykjavik to depositions in Bangkok, he's seen most corners of the world from behind his machine, most recently as a member of the StenOps team, creating immediate transcripts of the trials of the 9/11 terrorists in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

In addition to his decorated passport, Mike has achieved the highest echelon of certifications and accolades within the reporting profession, including the designations of Fellow of the Academy of Professional Reporters, Registered Diplomate Reporter, and Certified Realtime Reporter. He is also a co-creator and was one of the lead presenters of the Realtime Systems Administrator certificate program, and is a past-president of STAR, the Society for the Technological Advancement of Reporting.

5:00 p.m.

Location: Foyer 1 & 2

Silent Auction Ends*Hagestrom Cup and Realtime Contest Results*

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

Location: Pavilion

Ringmaster Saturday Reception*Main Raffle Drawing - \$2015 winner announced!*

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2015

.3 CEUs + Bonus Session

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

Location: Foyer 1 & 2

Registration and Continental Breakfast

Sessions 8 - 11 (.15 CEUs)

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Location(s): Various (see handout at conference)

Session 8 - CaseCATalyst Breakout

Join **Elaine Haberer, RPR**, Hamilton County Official Court Reporter and certified CaseCATalyst trainer, as she walks you through the latest updates to CaseCATalyst, including Version 16, and shares editing tips and tricks to make you a more efficient reporter!

Session 9 - Eclipse Breakout

Join **Judy Gage, RDR, CRR, CBC**, Official Court Reporter for the Northern District of Ohio, and part-time Broadcast Captioner for Caption Colorado, 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

Join **Sue Terry, RPR, CRR**, Freelance Court Reporter and NCRA Director, as she discusses what's new with StenoCAT and she shares tips and tricks for a better realtime experience.

Session 11 - General Breakout**Volunteerism 101 - What's Your Prize Level?**

Sarah and Yolanda will share their experiences of volunteering at the local, state, and national levels. Hear their stories and personal benefits of volunteerism, and be prepared to ask questions of how getting involved at any level increases your professionalism and introduces you to a world outside of your norm!

Sarah Nageotte, RDR, CRR, CBC

Currently serving as NCRA President, Sarah is an official court reporter for the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio, Cleveland. Sarah is a past Director of the Ohio Court Reporters Association and has been a member of the NCRA Board of Directors since 2009. She has extensive committee work at both the state and national levels, including, but not limited to, testing, students and education, officials, realtime, policies and procedures, finance, et cetera. Sarah has received the Ohio Court Reporters Association Distinguished Service and Legislative Awards; the Miami Jacobs Alumni Award; and was recognized as one of the "Top 5 Under 45" by the Ashtabula Area Chamber of Commerce.

Yolanda Walton, RPR

Yolanda is an official court reporter for Huron County Common Pleas Court, and is a Past President of the Ohio Court Reporters Association. She has been instrumental in helping OCRA stay the course as one of the leading court reporters associations in the country. She currently serves on NCRA Nominating Committee. Yolanda has received the Ohio Court Reporters Association Martin Fincun and Diplomat Awards for her outstanding service to the profession and association.

Student Session - Student Breakout

Hear Stephen Zinone, NCRA President-Elect, share experiences and encouragement as you journey through school. Students, take the opportunity to draw on Steve's career, passion for court reporting, and vision of the future to help propel you to the finish line!

10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Location: Foyer 1 & 2

Refreshment Break

Session 12 (.15 CEUs)

10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Location: Ballroom 3

Juggle These Seven Practices of Highly Profitable Court Reporters and Captioners

This presentation will disrupt your thought process and give you a new way to think about the profession. Learn about modern trends across the economy and connect them to current issues that you deal with on a day-to-day basis.

Stephen A. Zinone, RPR, NCRA President-Elect

Steve is NCRA's President-Elect and is an official court reporter from Pittsford, N.Y., who started out freelancing in 1985, working as a stenographer in the Monroe County Town courts and in the deposition arena. In 1989, he was employed by the Monroe County D.A.'s office as a grand jury reporter, where he worked until 1997. He spent the next three years working for the Federal Court for the Western District of New York. Since 2001, Stephen has worked for the New York State Unified Court System in the 7th and 8th Judicial Districts and is now assigned to the Ontario County Courts.

11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Location: Foyer 1 & 2

Refreshment Break

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2015 CONTINUED*.3 CEUs + Bonus Session*

Bonus Session **

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Location: Ballrooms 1 & 2

A Fun Alternative to Core Strengthening - Belly Dance for Reporters

A strong core and posture is important for court reporters and captioners. In this interactive, fun-filled, and humorous session, you will focus on strengthening your core through belly dance and additional "core" techniques. Belly dance is a non-impact, weight-bearing exercise and is thus suitable for all ages. It is a good exercise for the prevention of osteoporosis in older people. Many of the moves involve isolations, which improves flexibility of the torso. Belly dance moves are beneficial to the spine, as the full-body undulation moves, lengthens, and strengthens the entire column of spinal and abdominal muscles in a gentle way. Dancing with a veil can help build strength in the upper body, arm and shoulders. Playing the zills trains fingers to work independently and builds strength.

Sue Coots, RPR

Sue Coots is a court reporter in Columbus, Ohio, and outgoing OCRA Vice President. She works for Anderson Reporting and devotes her time to her career, her family, and her passion - belly dancing and the positive impact it has had on her professional and personal life.

Jiffy Stiles

Jiffy Stiles indicates that belly dance has proven to be a wonderful influence in her life. Having the opportunity to take workshops from some of the top belly dance talents in the world, she has carried the passion of spreading the knowledge of belly dance by teaching beginner level to intermediate level combined classes at Kira's Oasis, the Lebanon YMCA, and currently at Happy Life Fitness.

*** Your family and friends are invited to this last session for an additional \$15 charge per guest. Treat yourself, and those closest to you of any age, to an exciting ending to the OCRA 2015 Conference weekend!*