

President's Message

This has been an exciting year for our board. We have so many enthusiastic and knowledgeable board members who are willing to give generously of their time that we have been able to do a great deal of work. Our wonderful new website is up and running. It is a fantastic resource for the community. Please take some time to review the website at www.dyslexiasd.org and share the web address with your friends. In the resource section you will find numerous fact sheets that you can download as well as a wonderful reading list. We are grateful to Kelli Sandman-Hurley, Tracy Block, and Jose Cruz who were instrumental in the design of the website.

The board is preparing an excellent program for October, which is Dyslexia Awareness month. Our free workshop, "Learning Disabilities from A to Z", will be held at the Carmel Valley Branch Library on Saturday, October 27 from 9:30 AM to 1 PM. You will be able to learn about different types of dyslexia, hear a summary of recent research on dyslexia, and ask your questions of many recognized local experts. We look forward to seeing you at the event. As always, we will have light refreshments there for your enjoyment.

Roxanne Ruzic has helped us focus and clarify our future direction during a retreat in the early summer. We plan to increase our outreach and visibility in the community during the months to come.

Our board is fortunate to have the knowledge, dedication, and enthusiasm of our board members. We are saddened by the fact that Jose Cruz who has been served our board for many years will be leaving the board this year because of increased work responsibilities. He has assured us, however, that he will continue to support our organization and to help us in any way that he can. We owe Jose many, many thanks for his hard work and efforts over the years.

As you can see our branch is made up of a very dedicated group of volunteers who are willing and able to help increase knowledge about dyslexia and learning disabilities to the public. We are currently seeking nominations for next year's board and would love to hear from you if you are interested in joining this dynamic group.

Linda Altes, Ph.D.
President, San Diego Branch
International Dyslexia Association

Now Accepting Nominations for Board Members!

The San Diego Branch of the International Dyslexia Association is accepting nominations to its 2008 Board of Directors.

For more information please contact Kelli Sandman-Hurley at ksandmanhurley@sandiego.gov by November 15, 2007.

Elections will take place in early December of this year.
Thank you!



*The San Diego Branch of
The International Dyslexia Association presents:*
Learning Disabilities from A to Z

Do you have dyslexia? Do you have a child with dyslexia? Would you like to know more about dyslexia and other learning disabilities? The San Diego Branch of The International Dyslexia Association is sponsoring a Free Workshop "**Learning Disabilities from A to Z**" to provide information and answers to the many questions you may have about dyslexia and other learning disabilities.

The program for this event includes:

- Simulations
- Presentation on Different Types of Learning Disabilities
- Presentation of Recent Research on Dyslexia
- Panel of Experts
- Question and Answer Session

Featured Speakers:

Carol Atkins, MA, CCC-A, Audiologist
Sara L. Boswell, PhD, Neuropsychologist
Sharon Lerner-Baron, PhD, Educational Advocate
Danielle Shulman, Pediatric Occupational Therapist
Laurie Silverman, Speech Language Pathologist
Christy Hendrickson, MD, Certified Educational Therapist
Elena Mendoza, Educational Therapist
Jennifer Petrich, PhD, Research Scientist

Saturday, October 27, 2007

9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Carmel Valley Branch Library
3919 Townsgate Drive
San Diego 92130

for more information go to www.dyslexiasd.org

Calendar of Events

*National IDA
58th Annual Conference*

Literacy & Language in the Lone Star State

October 31-November 3, 2007

The Adam's Mark Hotel
Dallas, Texas

San Diego IDA Free Workshop
**Learning Disabilities
from A to Z**

October 27, 2007
9:30 am - 1:00 pm

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Save-the-Date:

IDA, San Diego
Annual Dinner
Friday, January 24, 2008