

President's Message

I am both excited and honored to write my first message to you as the new President of the San Diego branch of the International Dyslexia Association. Once again, we have a dynamic, energetic, and accomplished board. However, none of this could have been possible without the leadership of outgoing President, Linda Altes. For the past four years she has led this organization tirelessly and with great finesse. I have learned a great deal from her, and she has left me with proverbial big shoes to fill.

This year we are happy to welcome two new board members who bring with them diverse backgrounds. Christine Kane is a first grade teacher, a reading specialist, professional developer, and a doctoral candidate in Literacy. She brings with her a vast knowledge of reading as well as of the San Diego Unified School system. Julie Kujawski joins us as the parent of a child with dyslexia. She brings with her infinite experience of what it is like to try to help a child who is having trouble learning to read. We are very excited to have them both on board and look forward to their fresh ideas.

After more than ten years of service, Jose Cruz has decided to retire from the board. We will miss his wit, energy, and resourcefulness, and are glad to have had the opportunity to work with him all of these years.

This year we will be hosting several events that we hope will be beneficial to the community. On March 8, 2008, we are proud to be hosting a Dyslexia Awareness seminar that will include professionals from the fields of psychology, neuroscience, educational therapy, and speech and language sciences. This free event will include a simulation as well as a question and answer session. Look for more information on the website.

We are also very excited to announce that we received the Literacy Advocate award from READ/San Diego, the adult literacy program of the San Diego Public Library. We are flattered to receive the award and will continue to maintain a meaningful partnership.

We look forward to a very productive year and hope that we can continue to educate and advocate for and about dyslexia.

Sincerely,
Kelli Sandman-Hurley
President, San Diego Branch
International Dyslexia Association

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The San Diego Branch of the International Dyslexia is happy to announce two new board members this year, Christine Kane and Julie Kujawski.

We are excited to have them on board!



San Diego IDA Receives Literacy Award



We are pleased to announce that the San Diego Branch of the International Dyslexia Association has been awarded this year's Literacy Advocate Award by READ/San Diego, a free literacy, English as a Second Language, and family literacy instruction service for adults 18 years and older offered through the San Diego Public Library system. The award was presented to the Branch board members at READ/San Diego's annual awards dinner on Friday, February 1, 2008.

Raise Money for San Diego IDA Just by Searching The Internet

Did you know that you could raise money for the San Diego Branch of the International Dyslexia Association just by searching the internet? Well, you can, and it's super easy. Any time you want to search for something on the internet, here's what you do: 1) go to www.goodsearch.com, 2) in the box that says "enter your charity here..." type in "international dyslexia association – san diego" and click the yellow button that says "Verify", 3) then type your keyword(s) into the box above that to perform your internet search. GoodSearch estimates that each search will raise \$0.01. With as little as 100 supporters, we could generate \$500- \$1000 a year! Since this is a grassroots effort, it's important to spread the word, too, so feel free to pass this information along to anyone you know who uses the internet and would be willing to support us. If you are interested in raising additional funds, and you like to shop on the internet, please see the link for GoodShop on the GoodSearch website.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SAN DIEGO IDA FREE WORKSHOP LEARNING DISABILITIES FROM A to Z

March 8, 2008
9:30 am – 1:00 pm

Carmel Valley Branch Library
3919 Townsgate Drive
San Diego

ORTON-GILLINGHAM TRAINING PROGRAM

Twelve day training
August 2008
Dates and Times TBA

Let us know if you are
interested!

**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* * 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, March 8, 2008

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for more information go to
www.dyslexiasd.org