

NLASLPA'S SIGNAL

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Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists



President's Report

by Sarina Hunt, NLASLPA President



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Despite the continuous rain and very unexpected snow, I hope everyone is having a wonderful Fall season!

Over 90 members welcomed the Fall with NLASLPA's 31st Annual Meeting of Members and Educational Conference October 1-2, 2009 in St. John's. I would like to extend a big thank you to Janice McKay and the Conference Planning Committee for a great conference this year. As well, all the best to our new Conference Planning Co-Chairs, Jennifer Jennings and Marcella Dumeresque. We look forward to the next AMM and Conference, which will be held in Gander, 2010.

During the AMM we said good-bye to outgoing Executive members Rayleen Rice (Past President) and Jill Perry (Secretary). NLASLPA is very pleased to welcome two new Executive members: Beverly Stagg (President-Elect) and Christa Piccott (Secretary).

During the AMM, members passed a motion to accept an \$8.00 NLASLPA Membership fee increase, which was presented in order to absorb an \$8.00 processing fee increase from CASLPA. An updated fee schedule is now available on the NLASLPA website for review. In addition, Kerri March and Jill Perry agreed to accept Co-Chair positions for the CASLPA 2012 Conference, tentatively to be held in St. John's in May 2012! All NLASLPA volunteers were acknowledged with a certificate of appreciation, and Janice McKay was chosen as *Volunteer of the Year*. Congrats Janice!

In addition, reports were provided by each Executive member, as well as the Conference Planning Chair, Janice McKay. A report was also presented by me, on behalf of Brenda Bishop, PR Chair, who is currently on Maternity Leave. I would like to thank Aimee Kelly, who has accepted the PR Committee Chair position, in Brenda's absence.

It is anticipated that much will be accomplished with the help and support of the Executive Team and committee members during the upcoming 2009-2010 year. We

hope that more information will be gained about licensure for our professions, and that the PR, Website and Education committees will continue to work to enhance the visibility of our professions. There is an increased focus to utilize the website in order to communicate with our province-wide membership more effectively and efficiently. Mihaela Fost, Website Chair, has extended a call to members to join the Website Committee. Regular participation in the Pan-Canadian Alliance of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Organizations group will also occur. As well, it is hoped that members will consider joining me for the CASLPA 2010 Conference in Whitehorse, Yukon, from May 2-7, 2010.

I hope that new members will consider joining a NLASLPA committee. If you would like to become more involved or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at sarina.hunt@easternhealth.ca or via phone at 945-6547.

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NLASLPA Meeting Schedule 2009-2010Executive Teleconference Meetings (2:30–4:30)

October 22, 2009	November 19, 2009
December 17, 2009	January 21, 2010
February 18, 2010	March 18, 2010
April 15, 2010	May 20, 2010
June 17, 2010	July 15, 2010
August 19, 2010	September 16, 2010

General Teleconferences

May 2010 (Date TBA)

Publishing Information

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Letters to the Editor, commentaries and other submissions (including photos) are welcome. The Editorial Committee reserves the right to edit submissions for length and clarity. Please forward your submissions to:

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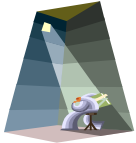
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Spotlight On...

by Elise Murphy Dowden,
Column Editor

A Speech-Language Pathologist for 16 years, Rayleen Rice is a dedicated clinician and NLASLPA volunteer who loves what she does. Read more about other things that she likes and loves.

What is your full name?

Rayleen Gayl Rice.

Where were you born?

St. John's, NL.

What is your educational background and where did you study?

B.A. from MUN and M.Sc., from Dalhousie University.

Where do you call home?

Mount Pearl.

What is your current job title?

Speech-Language Pathologist, Rehab Day Services, at the L.A. Miller Centre, Eastern Health.

What are your professional interests?

Aphasia, acquired brain injury and dysphagia. A new interest of mine is head and neck cancer.

What inspired you to become a Speech-Language Pathologist?

My grandmother encouraged me to become a Speech-Language Pathologist. One of her nephews became an Audiologist and he married a Speech-Language Pathologist. She thought it was an exciting job. In about Grade 9, I met my cousin's wife and she shared with me her love of being a Speech-Language Pathologist. From that point forward, I worked towards that goal.

What do you like best about being a Speech-Language Pathologist or what is your favorite part of your current job?

I love helping people. As well, I work with a fabulous group of Speech-Language Pathologists and other professionals who make it easy to go to work every day.

Where do you see yourself in five years or in ten years?

Hopefully I will still be working with adults who have communication or swallowing difficulties.

What has been the highlight of your career to date?

There have been so many highlights but I think the week I spent at the Aphasia Institute in 2005 is my

favorite. It inspired me to teach other Speech-Language Pathologists, health care workers, and families how to communicate better with people who have aphasia. It also changed my perspective on how I saw myself as a communication partner. I now take shared responsibility for a communication interaction with a person who has aphasia.

What career/profession would you have chosen if you hadn't become a Speech-Language Pathologist?

Believe it or not, an Accountant. The two careers couldn't be more different. I know I chose the right one.

What do you like best about Newfoundland and Labrador?

The people in Newfoundland and Labrador are the best. It is also great to live near family. As well, the scenery here is amazing.

What do you like to cook?

I am more of a baker than a cook. I am often found in the kitchen making desserts for special occasions, almond/Oreo bark for Christmas gifts, or cookies for my kids' and their friends.

What do you do to relieve stress?

I read books that I don't have to think a lot about. An occasional massage is also great.

What are you reading at the moment?

I am reading "Deadly Decisions" by Cathy Reichs. I typically love to read chicklit though.

What is your favorite saying?

"It is what it is."

Who inspires you?

My clients. I have had a few clients during my career who absolutely amaze me. They have significant speech and/or language problems and they still put themselves out there. Instead of staying in their house and isolating themselves, they look for opportunities to communicate and meet new people. I'm not sure that I could do that.



CASLPA CONNECTION

by Sean Kinden, CASLPA Director



Hi Folks, hope everyone is doing well and taking all necessary precautions to stay healthy this Fall. Or should I say winter, we seem to be in that Season, at least here in Central. Immediately following our AMM last month, CASLPA's Board of Directors met October 3-4 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. I brought to the Board NLASLPA's willingness to host the 2012 CASLPA Conference in St. John's. The Board voted and it was unanimously decided that Newfoundland and Labrador would be an excellent host for this event. The conference date will be May 9-12, 2012. Kerri March and Jill Perry have volunteered to be co-chairs of this huge event - a big thank you to them. They also need volunteers to be on the host committee so lets get at it.

The Pan Canadian Alliance met on October 6. The wait time benchmarks for Sudden Onset Hearing Loss and Dementia were approved by the Alliance. An information sharing session was held on providing continuing education opportunities effectively and efficiently across provinces/territories.

We were informed that CASLPA has been selected by the Canadian Society of Association Executives (CSAE) as co-winner of the Association's Make a Better Canada Award in the category of Public Information/Education for our work leading the Concerned About Classrooms Coalition.

CASLPA sent a letter of support to be a research collaborator on the CIHR proposal titled: *Advancing the evidence*

base in tobacco use and dependence education available to Canadian health professional students: A survey of Canadian entry level programs and professional associations/colleges.

In preparation for the *H1N1 Pandemic Preparedness*, CASLPA created a document for national office staff.

CASLPA joined the *Dignity for All* campaign.

The following "thank you" was received by CASLPA from James S. Cowan, Q.C., Leader of the Opposition in the Senate regarding our support of Bill C-32:

I would like to thank you for your email concerning Bill C-32: An Act to Amend the Tobacco Act, and for expressing your views on this important piece of legislation.

Every year, tobacco is responsible for the deaths of more than 37,000 Canadians. It is crucial that we protect our children from the risk and health hazard that arises from tobacco consumption. Banning the sale of individually wrapped small cigars (which is one of the measures proposed in this Bill) is an important step towards reducing this hazard to the health of our young people.

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Speech-Language Pathology Recognition Recipients (in attendance) at the Allied Health Celebration held each Fall by Eastern Health.

Allied health professionals are recognized for their participation in student education, professional leadership roles and publications.

As you are undoubtedly aware, on October 6, 2009, Bill C-32 was passed by the Senate. Your support, together with the support of many other like-minded Canadians for this legislation, played an important role in ensuring its timely passage.

The Home and Automobile Insurance Program with Meloche Monnex continues to produce excellent results with an increase in participation of 17%. Active policies are numbered at 484 with a client retention rate of 87.6%.

The Health Action Lobby (HEAL) presented its Brief to the Standing Committee on Finance on October 28, 2009.

Office Move: The CASLPA office is moving on November 13. The office was closed on that Friday but was ready for "regular" business on Monday, November 16.

CASLPA partnered on a funding submission to Health Canada on the workplace-related health of health professionals.

Clinical Certification Examination

The total number writing at the 15 sites this sitting was 176 with an overall passing rate of 94.9%. There were 17 Audiology candidates with a passing rate of 100% and 159 Speech-Language candidates with a passing rate of 94.3%.

Project: Aboriginal Issues

CASLPA has submitted a proposal to Health Canada to conduct an analysis of current speech, language and hearing services to First Nations, Inuit and Metis communities.

Clinical Research Grants

The 2010 application forms have been revised and posted on the web.

Communications Department

A press release was distributed for Autism Awareness Month and Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) month outlining the role our professionals play in these areas.

The awards program survey was completed by 476 respondents (8% response rate). The results are being summarized and a full report with the findings will be issued as soon as possible.

Continuing Education

50 contributed paper submissions were received for the 2010 conference program. The committee has chosen 20 posters and 2 alternates, 2 mini seminars, and 16 papers and 2 alternates. All letters will be mailed to contributors shortly.

CASLPA, as we can see, continues to have a busy year and strategic plan will certainly keep us busy well into the future. Remember this year's Conference is in Whitehorse, a great place to visit and a super opportunity.

Once again, stay healthy and have a great Fall,

Sean

CASLPA CONFERENCE 2012

Exciting news NLASLPA members! The CASLPA board has officially approved Newfoundland to host the 37th Annual CASLPA Conference in 2012. Kerri and I are delighted with the words of encouragement we have received from NLASLPA members to serve as co-chairs of the conference. As we embrace our new roles, we are thrilled with the offers to help plan the event; NLASLPA members are the best! Over the next two years, we welcome any suggestions and comments members might have, and look forward to providing you with updates. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. Let's show our Canadian colleagues once again why Newfoundland and Labrador boasts and delivers the best in hospitality!

*Kerri March & Jill Perry
CASLPA 2012 Conference Co-Chairs*





NLASLPA Conference Preview

by Jennifer Jennings and Marcello Letto, Conference Planning Chairs

Operation Volunteer With Us!

*Gander is a little town
In Central Newfoundland
A conference for our colleagues
Is what we have to plan.*

*We'll pick a place with lots of food
And great tasting wine too.
We'll all get together and have loads of fun
During this annual rendezvous.*

*Jennifer and Marcella
Are thrilled to get things going.
They need to get some plans made
Even before it starts snowing.*

*Our committee is a little small;
Right now it's just us two.
We're really looking for lots of help
From some professionals like you.*

*Come sign up to join our team;
It'll be quite the time.
Perhaps we'll even reward you
With another simple rhyme.*

*We'll be so thankful that you've signed up
To help us over the next year!
If you work real hard and stay on task
We may even nominate you for the best volunteer!*

Please sign up folks and help us make the NLASLPA 2010 Conference a success. We're looking for approximately five volunteers. If you're willing and able, please email me at the address below! We REALLY appreciate your help!!

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Materials Review

submitted by Dawn Dodge, S-LP

Nasometer II—Model 6450

The Nasometer is a tool that was developed to objectively measure nasality of speech. It is used to assess and treat a variety of speech conditions such as cleft palate and hearing impairment, as well as motor speech disorder and functional nasality. The Nasometer was developed by Drs. Sam Fletcher, Larry Adams and Martin McCutcheon at the University of Alabama and the first model was introduced in 1987. Prior to its development, Nasality could only be measured perceptually, and while this is the most important part of the assessment, the Nasometer allowed for objective comparisons pre and post therapy, as well as pre and post surgical interventions.

The hardware consists of a headset and a hardware box, and the software can be loaded on any computer with the Microsoft XP or Vista operating systems. The nasality measure consists of the ratio of the nasal acoustic energy (measured by the microphone placed under the nasal cavity) to the oral acoustic energy (measured by the microphone that rests in front of the oral cavity). As well, a contour is displayed across the screen, with the nasalance contour rising with increased nasality to determine any patterns such as weakness.

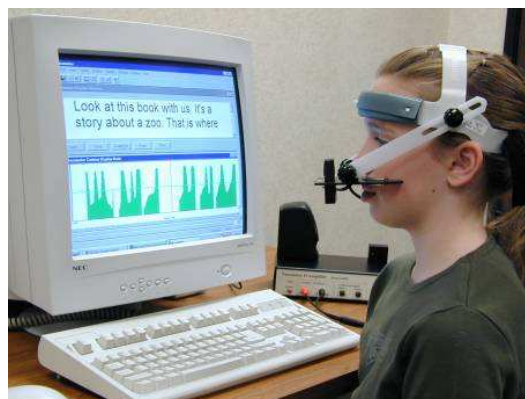
For assessment purposes, the original Nasometer contains three standardized passages that have been normed on 40 adults using the Nasometer II. In addition, the **McKay-Kummer SNAP Test-R Simplified Nasometric Assessments Procedures Revised 2005 (SNAP Test)** can be used for children as it contains a variety of repeated syllables and prolonged sounds as well as pictures, in addition to reading passages that can be used for older children. Norms are available on the **SNAP Test** for children only. It cannot be stated enough that all results should be interpreted with caution!! Classifications of

nasality should not be based on Nasometry scores alone, but the Nasometer II should be used as an assessment adjunct to perceptual finding as well as endoscopy and/or videofluoroscopy and other assessments that are available.

As a treatment tool, guidelines are provided for selecting therapy tasks, using phrases and sentences outlined in the manual. Contours are again displayed on the screen and targets can be set using colored displays and lines. Games are also provided using visuals to help younger children maintain adjustable target goals. Again, the Nasometer should not be used as a sole therapy technique but one piece of the overall treatment plan.

I find the Nasometer II extremely useful working with the children who are seen through the Cleft Palate and Craniofacial Clinic, particularly for assessment purposes and documentation of therapy and/or surgical success. However, I always complete a perceptual assessment first and use the Nasometer for verifying my results. From there, if I suspect Velopharyngeal Dysfunction (VPD), I will investigate why the VPD exists through videofluoroscopy and/or endoscopy. I have also used the Nasometer II for therapy, mostly with older children who have had secondary surgeries completed, but also on occasion with the younger children using the games. I find the children tolerate the headset fairly well without much resistance for approximately 15 minutes and the SNAP Test can be administered in that time, or can be administered in part with a less cooperative child.

Besides my ear, the Nasometer II is probably the most valuable device for clinical purposes currently sitting in my office!



Scrunchins Asks...

*What's happening in your corner of the world?
What's new with the school board based professionals?*

News from Western Health...

Welcome back to Speech-Language Pathologist, Madelyn St. Croix, who returns after a two year leave from her position in Stephenville. Also welcome back to Kathy Miles, who has returned to her position in Corner Brook after a one year maternity leave. Both Speech-Language Pathologists returned to work on September 8. Western Health is also pleased to have Amanda Dalley on staff since June (filling Kathy's position). Funding has been approved to keep Amanda around until December. So Western Health is finally fully staffed, and more!

Angelina Burse presented the *Parkinson's Education Sessions* in partner with the Parkinson's Society in the Spring 2009. The participants appeared to benefit greatly from the course and were interested in therapy. Thus, this September 2009, she started the Parkinson's therapy group with four members (at present). Angelina hopes to increase visibility and resources for Parkinson's patients while focusing on their interested goals such as breath support, increased volume, articulation, AAC options, etc. Hoping to make this a regular event (both the education sessions and subsequent therapy).

News from Eastern Health...

Congratulations and best wishes to Dale Morgan, Speech-Language Pathologist, on her retirement as Division Manager, Rehabilitation Day Services, at the Miller Centre. Dale is one of the founding NLASLPA members and over the course of her career played many key roles clinically and to the profession. While Dale is officially retired she has accepted a part-time contract with Eastern Health and is focused on a number of rehab related projects. While we were happy to celebrate with Dale on her retirement - we're glad we don't have to say goodbye just yet! Dale can be reached at 777-2097.

Congratulations to Judy Davidson. Following Dale's retirement Judy has been awarded the management role in Rehabilitation Day Services. Good luck Judy. You'll always be a "speechie" to us.

Notable News: A new .5 permanent FTE position was created at St. Clare's and has been filled by Tara Bishop (who was previously working between two sites but is happy to be at St. Clare's fulltime!).

News from the Conference...

During the NLASLPA Annual Meeting of Members and Conference on October 1&2, 2009, people who wore their Jeans on Friday made a donation and a Jeans Day draw was held. A donation of \$142.33 was sent to "The Smiling Blue Skies Cancer Fund" at the request of Ronda Halfyard. This charity helps dogs that have been diagnosed with cancer. All the little doggies (and their owners) will be very happy! Thanks to Ronda and all of those who donated to such a worthy cause!

The Conference Planning Committee donated extra food items/goodies from the NLASLPA Conference to the Leary's Brook Junior High Food Drive on October 5, 2009. This contributed to the over 100,000 items raised by the school and donated to the Community Food Sharing Association's Thanksgiving Food Drive.

News from Rural Avalon...

Peter and Brenda Bishop are delighted that Anthony David has finally joined their family. He was born on October 14, 2009 at 4:21 a.m., weighing 8 lbs., 9 oz. "We are looking forward to the wonderful adventure of parenthood!", reports Brenda. Congratulations!

*A Funny
submitted by Jen Jennings, S-LP*

*Read recently in a Speech and Language Treatment
report written by Claudette Butland:
"(The Child) enjoyed playing in a macaroni box".*





COMING EVENTS

by Dawn Dodge, Column Editor

JANUARY 2010

Introduction to PROMPT: Technique Workshop

Toronto, ON

January 14-16, 2010

Instructor: Debra Goshulak

Web: <https://promptinstitute.com/index.php?page+Workshops>

3rd Annual Children's Autism Services of Edmonton Conference

Edmonton, AB

January 21-23, 2010

Contact: Pam Gauthier

Phone: 780-495-9235

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E-mail: info@childremsautism.ca

Web: www.childremsautism.ca

FEBRUARY 2010

Hanen: It Takes Two to Talk

Port Moody, BC

February 4-6, 2010

Contact: Thais Turner

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Web: www.hanen.org

"You're Going to Love This Kid": Teaching and Supporting Children on the Spectrum and the Role of Sensory Processing in Learning, Behavior and Activities of Daily Life

Saskatoon, SK

February 5-6, 2010

Presenters: Paula Kluth and Paula Aquilla

Contact: Victoria Harris

Phone: 1-866-724-2224 or 780-474-8355

Fax: 780-477-8350

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Web: www.autismawarenesscentre.org



CASLPA's MOVING!

The Canadian Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists (CASLPA) office is moving to new heights. As of Monday, November 23, 2009 we will be located on the 10th floor of 1 Nicholas Street in Suite 1000. To facilitate this move, our office will close at noon on Thursday, November 19 and reopen on Monday, November 23. Our phone, fax and email information remains the same.

All you have to do is change our suite number from 920 to 1000.

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Hanen: Learning Language and Loving It

Winnipeg, MN

February 10-12, 2010

Contact: Thais Turner

Phone: 1-877-Hanen55 (1-877-426-3655), ext. 225

E-mail: Tom.Khan@hanen.org

Web: www.hanen.org

Cognitive Communication Disorders—Level One

Toronto, ON

February 25-26, 2010

Contact: Mary Cook

Phone: 1-800-718-6752 or (416) 920-3676

Fax: 416-920-6214

E-mail: mail@osla.on.ca

Web: www.osla.on.ca

Brain Gym 101 Certification

Markham, ON

February 26-28, 2010

Contact: Sharon Todd

Phone: 905-830-6902

E-mail: Sharon@brainworksglobal.com

Web: www.brainworksglobal.com

March 2010**Autism Awareness Centre Presents: Solving the Social Equation in Autism Spectrum Disorders and Empathy and Analysis in Working Through the Behavioral and Emotional Difficulties of Children with ASD**

Edmonton, AB

March 5-6, 2010

Contact: Victoria Harris

Phone: 1-866-724-2224 or 780-474-8355

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Web: www.autismawarenesscentre.org

Successful R and S Therapy...Fixing the Two Hardest Sounds in the World!

Edmonton, AB

March 12, 2010

Contact: Bonnie Chappell

Phone: 780-464-3897

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E-mail: chappellab@shaw.ca

WEIRD "WORDY" FACTS

"Stewardesses" is the longest word typed with only the left hand, and "lollipop" is the longest word typed with your right hand. (Bet you tried this out mentally, didn't you?)

No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver or purple.

"Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters MT. (Are you doubting this?)

Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.

The sentence: "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" uses every letter of the alphabet.

The words "racecar", "kayak" and "level" are the same whether they are read left to right or right to left (palindromes).

There are only four words in the English language which end in "dous": tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous. (You're not doubting this, are you?)

There are two words in the English language that have all five vowels in order: "abstemious" and "facetious".

"Typewriter" is the longest word that can be made using the letters only on one row of the keyboard. (All typists are going to test this out.)

A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.

67th Annual American Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association Meeting
 Fort Worth, TX
 March 16-20, 2010
 Web: <http://www.acpa-cpf.org/EduMeetings/>

May 2010

CASLPA Conference 2010—Rendezvous Under the Midnight Sun
 Whitehorse, Yukon
 May 19-22, 2010
 Web: www.caslpa.ca/english/events/conference.asp

Clinical Aphasiology Conference
 Wild Dunes Resort, South Carolina, USA
 May 23-25, 2010
 Contact: Laura Murray
 Phone: 812-855-3585
 Fax: 812-855-5531
 E-mail: lmurray@indiana.edu
 Web: www.clinicalaphasiology.org

June 2010

Brain Gym 101 Certification
 Markham, ON
 June 4-6, 2010
 Contact: Sharon Todd
 Phone: 905-830-6902
 E-mail: Sharon@brainworksglobal.com
 Web: www.brainworksglobal.com

NHS 2010 - Beyond Newborn Hearing Screening: Infant and Childhood Hearing in Science and Clinical Practice
 Cernobbio (Como Lake), Italy
 June 8-10, 2010
 Contact: Sharon Scagnetti
 Phone: +39 02 23993345
 Fax: +39 02 23993367
 E-mail: nhs@polimi.it
 Web: www.nhs2010.org

AHS - 2010—The International Conference on Adult Hearing Screening
 Cernobbio (Como Lake), Italy
 June 8-10, 2010
 E-mail: ahs2010@polimi.it
 Web: www.ahs2010.polimi.it

October 2010

28th Annual Closing the Gap Conference
 October 21-23, 2010
 Minneapolis, MN
 Web: <http://www.closingthegap.com/conference/>

November 2010

2010 ASHA Convention
 November 18-20, 2010
 Philadelphia, PA
 Web: www.asha.org



Welcome to our world!

submitted by Kelly Harris, S-LP

A teacher was wondering why I was seeing a well behaved little boy in her class. It was for language and it became more obvious after this. She was doing the morning routine and going over word families. Then she went on telling the class they would now read a story in the story circle. When she sat in the rocking chair the student put up his hand and asked "Is you going to teach us to knit?" *Knit* was on one of the word family lists. That was all he had gotten from the morning lesson.

How these kids get through their day is amazing.