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If you have ideas for topics in the Communicator please email msha@fmdh.org and share your requests.....

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How many MSHA members do we have currently?

- 25 Audiologists
- 4 Dual (Speech Pathologist/Audiologist)
- 108 Speech Pathologists
- 24 Students
- 1 Unspecified (did not classify when enrolled)

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September 2012 Communicator

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Presidents Message

Mark your calendars and plan on attending our fall convention October 18th through the 20th. Our convention will be held in Great Falls. We have two speakers from ASHA presenting on Saturday morning as well as several speakers for speech pathology and audiology on Thursday and Friday. Plans are underway for a wonderful social and the return of "Are you smarter than a University Student?!" We hope to see you there.

Jennifer Closson is accepting nominations for our MSHA awards. If you know of someone who has been of service to MSHA or has demonstrated excellence in our professions of speech pathology and audiology, please take a moment and nominate them. We would love to recognize their efforts! We will be presenting our awards during the social at this year's convention.

We have made changes to our website. Take a look and let us know what you think.

I would like to express my appreciation to our members for allowing me to serve as president of MSHA for the past two years. It has been such a unique experience to get to know the dedicated and talented professionals we have serving our state. I am so proud to be part of this dynamic group.

Respectfully, Diane Simpson
 MSHA President

NOMINATIONS REQUESTED

Three people will be recognized for their wonderful efforts and dedication to the fields of speech pathology and audiology at the fall convention in Great Falls. Please email your nominations for the following awards to: jennifer.closson@mso.umt.edu

Meritorious Award: For outstanding achievement in the area of communication disorders of a nontechnical nature or exemplary service to our organization, profession and the communicatively impaired.

Achievement Award: In recognition of a major contribution to the profession, and the communicatively impaired. Their devotion and effort far exceeds recognized standards of performance.

Service Award: Recognizes someone who, with dedication and excellence, provided service to the organization.

If you would like to suggest someone be recognized outside these categories, such as: unsung hero, volunteer of the year, certificate of appreciation, clinical excellence, organization recognition, student achievement (or anything you come up with), please feel free to send those nominations as well. We love giving kudos!

Special points of interest:

- *Summer Institute Summary*
- *MSHA on Facebook*
- *Nominations Needed*
- *Membership Break-down*
- *Fall Convention Details*
- *SWAPS — what is this and how can you help?*
- *ASHA ACE State Members Recognized*
- *Jokes*
- *2010 MT Hearing Screening Statistics*

Dates To Remember

**Fall Convention
 October 18-20, 2012
 in Great Falls**

Conference information and registration details enclosed.

ACE Award Recipients from ASHA

MSHA received notification from ASHA that there are some professionals in our state who earned an Award for Continuing Education (ACE). They earned 7.0 ASHA CEUs (70 contact hours) within a 36 month period. Please join MSHA in congratulating the following individuals from Montana who were recognized. These listed individuals are also members of our state MSHA organization.

Name	Award Presented	City, State
Molly Beck	March 2012	Great Falls, MT
Ruth Fugleberg	March 2012	Missoula, MT
Bridgett Goettlich	January 2012	Laurel, MT
Laurie Slovarp	March 2012	Missoula, MT
Rachel Stansberry	February 2012	Lewistown, MT
Nichole Wiltshire-Scala	January 2012	Bozeman, MT

**Thank you all for your obvious dedication to this profession.
Thank you also for your dedication to MSHA**

Summer Institute Summary

Income:	
Registration Income	\$10,135.00
OPI Grant	4,500.00
Expenses:	
Supplies	415.34
Registration Refunds	680.00
Speaker Fees	4,000.00
Speaker Lodging	75.00
Speaker Travel	276.00
Total Profit:	\$9,188.66

Please thank **Laura Jo McKamey** for her great work in organizing another successful event for the benefit of MSHA and its members.

THANK YOU - YOU ARE AWESOME - THANK YOU - YOU ARE AWESOME

Type in "Montana Speech-Language Hearing Association" in the Facebook search bar, check out our page, and click the "Like" button! Visit the webpage and ask questions, share resources, look at event photos, and find out more about the upcoming Fall Convention. Thank Deanne Kopp for her work on this if you get a chance.

Facebook News

Deanne Reported: "We are now up to 49 members/likes on our Facebook page! And the Missoulians are currently leading the pack for the Montana city that likes our Facebook page the most. People have posted MSHA event information, links to an article, and expressed excitement about the profession on our Facebook wall."

FALL CONVENTION PLANS ARE WELL ON THE WAY! OCTOBER 18-20, 2012 in Great Falls

Mark your Calendars & Save the Date

The MSHA Fall Convention is being held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Great Falls (406-452-1000). This is a beautiful newer facility right near Exit 0. Please mention MSHA when you call for reservations to get the conference rate. If there is an overflow of reservations, the Hampton Inn (406-453-2675), which is also a new facility in the same area, will also have a block of rooms for MSHA. Reservations need to be made by 9/26/12. Please plan to attend and support your state organization, connect with other professionals throughout the state, meet the students from the program in Missoula, and obtain your CEUs in a fun and interactive way. Plan to attend the Thursday afternoon student Poster Session Presentations followed by the Social, awards presentations, auction, and "Are you Smarter than a University Student?" game. All of these activities will happen from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Looking forward to seeing you there, Leah Jacobsen

MSHA Social / Silent Auction

Don't forget to attend the MSHA Social Hour (or two) on Thursday at 5:00-7:00 for light appetizers, a no host bar, awards announcements, the reunion of Floyd and Florence, and a silent auction. Please bring donations by anytime during Wednesday or Thursday to the registration table, or by 5:00 during setup. Everyone should try to bring an item or a donated service to auction off. Sharlene Schmidt can provide you with receipts and donation solicitation letters if needed. Any questions? Email Leslie DeDominic at leslie_dedominic@gfps.k12.mt.us or Eve at tolberteve@aol.com. Let's make some \$\$\$\$ this year!!!!

So bring your checkbooks and check out the new (old) improved social event.

Sincerely, Leslie DeDominic & Eve Tolbert

Things to do in Great Falls: Great Falls has several unique tourist opportunities that you should take advantage of. The **Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center:** Learn about Lewis & Clark's expedition. Some hands on exhibits. Great for all ages. The **Charlie Russell Museum:** See the works of Charles Russell, his home and art studio as well as other western artists. **Children's Museum of Montana:** Hands on, interactive museum for children. Lots to do and see. **Giant Springs Heritage Visitor Center. Gibson Park:** Feed the ducks at this park. **Rivers Edge Trail:** Great trail along the Missouri river for walking or bicycling. **Paris Gibson Art Museum. First Peoples Buffalo Jump (Ulm):** Approximately ten miles from Great Falls. Enjoy your time in Great Falls... Diane Simpson

Remember to bring it if you don't use it.....

SWAPS (Students Will Accept Professional Stuff)

We will have a table set up near registration where therapists can bring unused materials or duplicate copies of materials to convention.

Students will be encouraged to look through and take what they might use.

A SHORT HISTORY OF MEDICINE: "Doctor, I have an ear ache."
2000 B.C. - "Here, eat this root."
1000 B.C. - "That root is heathen, say this prayer."
1850 A.D. - "That prayer is superstition, drink this potion."
1940 A.D. - "That potion is snake oil, swallow this pill."
1985 A.D. - "That pill is ineffective, take this antibiotic."
2000 A.D. - "That antibiotic is artificial. Here, eat this root!"

**JOKE
FOR YOU!**

Need to Update Your Membership? If your information has changed please email msha@fmdh.org so those changes can be made in the database....



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**Mail this form and payment to:
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Full Membership (licensed or equivalent) - \$75.00

Aide/Assistant—\$25.00

Student Membership—\$25.00

Membership dues include January 1 through December 31 of each year

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Current email: _____

EMPLOYER INFORMATION

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Current email: _____

Please circle all that apply: SLP AUD DUAL AIDE/ASSISTANT STUDENT
HOSPITAL SCHOOL PRIVATE PRACTICE

The information may be published in the directory **yes / no** on the website **yes / no** (please circle yes or no on each) _____ (signature). Year you first became a MSHA member: _____

Would you like to volunteer to work on a committee **yes / no** or be nominated for an office **yes / no**. If so, which one(s)?: _____

Contribution to Community Outreach
Community Outreach is a MSHA program that provides modest grants to clients of speech pathologists and audiologists for funding materials or equipment necessary for our clients to reach their potential.

Dues (Full Membership \$75.00))	\$
Dues (Aide/Assistant or Student \$25.00)	\$
Contribution to Community Outreach	\$
TOTAL	\$

Continuing Education Information

Mary Callahan is the Continuing Education Administrator for both MSHA sponsored and ASHA sponsored CEUs

State licensure requires 40 hours of continuing education every odd year, and ASHA certification requires 30 hours during each 3-year certification maintenance interval. MSHA sponsored CEUs follow the same standard set by ASHA. Anyone interested in organizing workshops and wish to provide documented attendance and offer CEUs, contact Mary at sti4211@blackfoot.net and she will send you the necessary forms for documentation.

Feel free to contact Mary if you have any questions related to CEUs.

2010 Montana Hearing Screening Statistics

As reported in the 2012 CDC EHDI Survey.....

Number of Births in Montana in 2010: **12,065**

Total Number of babies who received a complete hearing screening: **11,550 (95.7%)**

Number of babies who did not pass newborn hearing screening: **208**

Number of babies who received a reported "diagnosis" of *no hearing loss*: **5**

All 5 babies were diagnosed before 3 months of age

Number of babies who were diagnosed with hearing loss: **23**

Number of babies diagnosed before 3 months of age: **5**

Number of babies diagnosed between 3 and 6 months of age: **6**

Number of babies diagnosed after 6 months of age: **6**

Number of babies whose age at time of diagnosis is unknown: **6**

Type of hearing loss reported for diagnosed babies diagnosed with hearing loss

9 --Sensorineural hearing loss

8 --Conductive hearing loss

6 --Unknown type of hearing loss

Numbers of babies with refer results that had no reported diagnostic assessment: **180**

19 of the 23 babies diagnosed with a hearing loss were referred either to Part C or MSDB for follow-up,

There is no documented referral for follow-up services for the remaining 4 babies diagnosed with hearing loss.



Three old guys are out walking.

First one says, 'Windy, isn't it?'

Second one says, 'No, it's Thursday!'

Third one says, 'So am I. Let's go get a beer..'

Learn About our 2012 MSHA Fall Convention Speakers

Speech Pathology Speakers

Jeredene Mayfield
Marilee Fini, M.A., CCC-SLP

Jeredene Mayfield is an Associate, Technology Trainer and Grant Writer for Northern Rockies Educational Services, Inc. Jeridene will be providing tips, tricks, and how to organize your iPad, as well as learning how to use and understand iPads and correlation with augmentative communication.

Marilee Fini MLF Speech Therapy is in Cleveland, Ohio. Marilee will be discussing stuttering therapy, focusing on concrete strategies, treatment plans that address physical and emotional components, differentiate between normal dysfluencies and stuttering, techniques for working with parents, and effective strategies for building communication skills.

Janet Brown, M.A., CCC-SLP
Eileen Crow, M.A., Public Administration

SATURDAY SPEAKERS!

Great information for all professionals so consider staying Saturday morning!

Eileen Crow is the Director for the State Association Relations for ASHA. Eileen will be discussing Support Personnel: Training, Trends, and Regulation.

Janet Brown is the Director of Health Care Services in SLP for ASHA. Janet will be discussing telepractice issues and the impact of the Affordable Care Act on SLP and Audiology practice.

Remember Saturday speakers begin at 9 a.m.

Audiology Speakers

Linda Hood, Ph.D
Antonio Santin, M.D., F.A.C.S.
April Luxner, M.S., CCC-A

Linda Hood is a professor in the Department of Hearing and Speech Sciences, Associate Director for Research at the National Center for Childhood Deafness and Family Communication at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee. Dr. Hood will be sharing physiological approaches to evaluation of auditory function and current issues in the evaluation and management of Auditory Neuropathy/Dys-Synchrony.

Antonio Santin is a doctor at the Montana Plastic Surgery Center in Great Falls, Montana. Dr. Santin will be discussing the correlation of the impact of cleft palate in ear disease, anatomic differences between the patient with and without a cleft palate, and treatment caveats.

April Luxner is a Clinical Applications Specialist for Cochlear Americas. April will be discussing appropriate Baha and CI candidacy, understanding current CI and Baha technology, and rehabilitation resources available for patients and clinicians.

Remember Thursday and Friday all speakers begin at 8:30

MSHA would like to thank **LinguiSystems** for their generous donation of \$1000.00 which is being used to help maintain the low cost of registration for our students attending the fall convention.

Their hope is to “increase the likelihood that students who have entered speech and hearing programs will continue with their studies and go on to be contributing professionals. We hope they will spread the word to others about how rewarding our fields are.”



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MSHA 2012 FALL CONVENTION

OCTOBER 18-20, 2012

HILTON GARDEN INN - GREAT FALLS, MT

Complete the following form and return it by October 12th with your check (payable to MSHA) to:
MSHA Fall Convention * c/o Sharlene Schmidt P.O. Box 1065 Glasgow, MT 59230

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Current email: _____

Please circle all that apply: SLP AUD DUAL AIDE/ASSISTANT STUDENT

Remember you can also register online and pay via Paypal instead.....

2012 CONVENTION PRE-REGISTRATION

Check Box

- MSHA 2012 Membership Dues \$75
- MSHA 2012 Aide/Assistant Dues \$25
- MSHA 2012 Student Dues \$25

Membership Subtotal _____

	Students	Aides	Members	Non-Members
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday, Oct. 18 (J. Mayfield or L. Hood)	\$50	\$75	\$100	\$175
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday, Oct 19 (Fini or Santin and Luxner)	\$50	\$75	\$100	\$175
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday, Oct 20 (E. Crowe and J. Brown)	\$15	\$35	\$50	\$70
<input type="checkbox"/> Entire Convention	\$50	\$150	\$225	\$390

Convention Subtotal _____

Grand Total (Membership and Convention) = _____ Check # _____

Please check the boxes if you plan to attend the MSHA business luncheon on Thursday (included in registration fee—students also welcome) and/or the MAG (audiology) business luncheon on Friday (self-pay) .

On-site registration will cost an additional \$20.00. A \$25.00 cancellation fee will be deducted from refunds if notice is received up to 10 days before the convention. No refunds will be granted after that date.

This course is offered for up to 1.5 ASHA CEUs (Intermediate level, Professional area)



Montana Speech-Language-Hearing Association is approved by the Continuing Education Board of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) to provide continuing education activities in speech-language pathology and audiology. See course information for number of ASHA CEUs, instructional level and content area. ASHA CE Provider approval does not imply endorsement of course content, specific products or clinical procedures.