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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

*Denise Horton, CTRS*

## FIVE SEEDS OF LIFE

*Charles Sourby, CTRS*

Greetings! I hope your summer is going well and you all enjoyed Therapeutic Recreation Week!

As I look back on my journey with NYSTRA I truly feel I have grown. I started as member of a program committee for one of the Annual Conferences. As I grew professionally I asserted myself and ran for a position on the Board. Although I did not make the Board, I did not allow myself to become discouraged. I decided to stay involved and volunteer again on another program committee. I learned a lot from the professionals I worked with and as elections came around again I threw my hat into the ring once again. I have never been happier being apart of the Board and I have not looked back. I have met great friends that have lasted through the years and professionals that have challenged me to grow. I am saying this because NYSTRA is nothing without you, the member, and what you put forth.

This year's Conference theme is OrchesTRate Change. There are several parts of the conference set already. Burt Rappaport has selected the band, Flame, which is made up of people with different disabilities. Some of our members have seen this band and have only had good things to say. We are looking into healthier selections for food this year. We are hoping to increase student involvement and attendance. The conference is the perfect place to explore possible

internships or employment. Many employers are looking to meet students for that reason as well. For example, while working on a program committee one year I unexpectedly met my future employer. We are looking into information about bus service to the conference this year departing from Long Island to Saratoga Springs, NY as many said it was too far to travel. We have listened to your concerns regarding the location of the conference and unfortunately, to keep costs down and to provide the quality sessions offered each year we have continued to hold the conference in Saratoga due to their affordable rates. I would like to say we do listen to what you ask for and try to bring as much information as we can to the Board. So please, remember to send in those responses as we can only respond to the questions we receive.

Isabel Kellerman and Linda Levine-Madori are working together on several Legislative issues and will have a follow-up shortly on what they are working on.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who updated their information. This allows us to make sure you all get what your membership entitles.

If you should have any questions or concerns feel free to email me at [dhorton824@yahoo.com](mailto:dhorton824@yahoo.com) I just ask that you put NYSTRA in the subject area.

Seed 1: Lands on a footpath—reflect on something in your life that was picked out before it had a chance to grow.

Seed 2: Lands upon rocky soil—reflect on something in your life that has withered within you because it was not securely rooted.

Seed 3: Lands, grows, but is choked out by thistles—reflect on something in your life which has been choked out by other interests, activities, values.

Seed 4: Lands, takes root in good soil, grows and bears fruit—what in your life is bearing great fruit?

Seed 5: Represents your future—may represent an aspect of your life now as it unfolds in the future, or it may be something completely new, allow it to mature.



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**WANTED: TALENTED AND PASSIONATE  
THERAPEUTIC RECREATION SPECIALIST**

*Dr. Lynn Anderson, CTRS*

*Melissa Roeder, TR grad student SUNY Cortland*

New York State therapeutic recreation specialists -- we need you!! As one of its many activities, the Inclusive Recreation Resource Center at SUNY Cortland has developed a "Recreation Referral Service" (RRS) to assist people with disabilities in locating and accessing recreation opportunities in New York State. When a person contacts our office looking for assistance, the RRS staff may simply provide the person with information about a recreation site. However, some individuals may request more assistance. This is where we need your help! A professional who has been through the RRS training can complete an assessment, develop a plan, and put the plan into action, all with the involvement of the individual, his or her family, and any community supports. As the professional, you are knowledgeable about your local area and maybe even have some connections that will assist with the referral process. You already have the knowledge and the know-how, the training simply prepares you to work with the recreation site and the individual to create a positive functional relationship following a consistent protocol. The major goal is for all people to be able to access the kinds of recreation opportunities they desire!

Because New York is a large state, and our Center is small, we need the help of talented, passionate therapeutic recreation specialists like you. The Inclusive Recreation Resource Center will be holding workshops in various regions of the state to train CTRSs in how to deliver the services of the Recreation Referral Service. The training will be free, and will qualify for CEUs. The training will cover the details of conducting an ecological assessment, developing an inclusion plan, implementing supports and accommodations, and documenting and evaluating services.

After attending the training workshop, you will be added to a resource list of trained therapeutic recreation


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specialists in New York State with the Inclusive Recreation Resource Center's Recreation Referral Service. If the Center gets a request for recreation assistance from a

family or individual with a disability in your area, we will contact you to see if you would be interested in helping facilitate inclusion in recreation for that person/family. If we develop a large network of trained therapeutic recreation specialists in New York State, we could make a significant impact on the quality of the lives of people with disabilities, their families, and their communities. We could make New York State a model for the rest of the nation.

Be a part of changing the world, one person at a time! Let us know if you are interested in attending a free training, and becoming part of the Inclusive Recreation Resource Center's Recreation Referral Service. Just drop us an email at [InclusiveRec@cortland.edu](mailto:InclusiveRec@cortland.edu)

**INCLUSIVE RECREATION  
MINI-CONFERENCE**

*Vanessa Von Seggern, CTRS*

Hello NYSTRA Members. I recently attended the Inclusive Recreation Mini-Conference that was held at Our Lady of Consolation in West Islip Long Island. I wish to thank all the speakers who came from SUNY Cortland; Dr. Susan Wilson and Laurie-Penny McGee, Dr. Lynn Anderson and the assistants from the Center of Inclusivity. The conference was free & food was provided by NYSTRA, so we only paid the \$8 CEU fee! This is a great opportunity so I encourage everyone to take advantage of it.

This was a great day and the session was very interesting and informative. This is a conference all TR professionals should attend. The Inclusive Recreation Resource Center at SUNY Cortland has developed a "Recreation Referral Service" (RRS) to assist people with disabilities in locating and accessing recreation opportunities in New York State. When a person contacts Cortland looking for assistance, the RRS staff may simply provide the person with information about a recreation site. We all have an understanding of how it feels to arrive at a restaurant, movies, or outdoor facility and it IS NOT ACCESSIBLE!!!! This resource from SUNY Cortland can be a benefit to all of us, but it can't be done without your help! Contact SUNY Cortland to find out how to become trained to assess various recreation areas and make them accessible for people. Whether you are from Suffolk County or Nassau County or any other county in the state, with your help we will all be able to gather the necessary information to make this service a success. This would be a good tool for all to have but it takes teamwork! With our knowledge and

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the tools we are given we can evaluate individual sites for specific and necessary information to properly inform us of their accessibility. This way we have fewer surprises when we go out with our participants/residents. Also when participants are discharged home from rehab they will have a resource that they can access so they can participate in their leisure time pursuits. That is what Therapeutic Recreation is all about isn't it?

**WHAT'S GOING ON THIS  
FALL IN NEW YORK**

*John Clements, CTRS*

It's that time of the year again, school is back in session, the leaves will start to turn colors soon and that crisp air will be here before you know it. This the perfect time to take some long weekends and explore some of things New York has to offer:

**GREATER NIAGARA & CHAUTAUQUA-ALLEGHENY REGIONS*****Entertainment at Medina Stone Farm***

*Old-Time Barn Dance, a fiddler or two, a caller and a do-si-do.*

255 N Gravel Rd, Medina, NY 14103

Main Phone Number: (585) 798-9238

Internet Home Page: <http://www.medinastonefarm.com>

Email Address: [info@medinastonefarm.com](mailto:info@medinastonefarm.com)

Rate & Dates: 10/13/2007 Sat, 7pm

Accessibility: W/C Entrance, W/C Interior, W/C

Parking, W/C Restrooms

Group Information: Group reservation required

***Ellicottville's Fall Festival***

*Over 200 art vendors, carnival, chairlift rides at Holiday Valley, bike race, ski swap, mountain top cookout, food and fun for the entire family.*

Main Phone Number: (716) 699-5046

Toll Free Number: (800) 349-9099

Internet Home Page: <http://www.ellicottvilleny.com>

Email Address: [eville@eznet.net](mailto:eville@eznet.net)

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**UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS**

September 14, 2007

November 2, 2007 Cortland Conference

January 18, 2008 Telephone Conference

March 7, 2008 Saratoga Springs, NY

Meetings are held between 11:00 am and 3:00 pm.

Contact Denise Horton at [dhorton824@yahoo.com](mailto:dhorton824@yahoo.com) for details.

**MEMBERSHIP**  
*Suzanne Headley-Harriott, CTRS*

Hello Members! I would just like to remind all of you that you can send name, address, telephone and e-mail (especially e-mail!) changes at any time. NYSTRA likes to keep members up to date with events, workshops, legislation and other important news, so please help us to keep you informed! You can email me at **suzannehh@comcast.net** or you can fill out the form below and mail it to:

Suzanne Headley-Harriott  
2 Hulda Lane  
Ridgefield, CT 06877

You can always update your info through the NYSTRA website as well: [www.nystra.org](http://www.nystra.org)

WHO'S WHO? WHO'S WHO? \*MEMBER NEWS\* WHO'S WHO? WHO'S WHO?

**Welcome, New Members!**

**Suzanne Hawes, CTRS** Marcellus, NY  
**Bradley Turner, CTRS** Astoria, NY

**Loretta Murray, CTRS** (formerly Loretta Sinnott) was married on June 9th in New Harford, NY. She and her husband honeymooned in Disney for 11 days. Congratulations!



**ADDRESS, NAME or E-MAIL CHANGED?**

Former Name _____	New Name _____
Former Address _____	New Address _____
Former Telephone _____	New Telephone _____
Former E-Mail _____	New E-Mail _____

Please mail to: Suzanne Headley-Harriot - 2 Hulda Lane, Ridgefield, CT 06877 or [suzannehh@comcast.net](mailto:suzannehh@comcast.net)

**WHO'S WHO IN NYSTRA?**

Hello Members! Isn't it nice to share exciting news with your friends and colleagues from NYSTRA? Well, why wait until the annual conference each year? Announce your news in NYSTRA's newsletter for everyone to enjoy. It will be fun for everyone to read and will also help us to get to know one another. So please inform NYSTRA about your recent promotion, engagement, birth, child's graduation/achievements or any other exciting information that you wish to share!

Simply fill out the attached form or email the information to:

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Notices must be received by the 5th of the month BEFORE the newsletter publication month. (see back cover for exact dates). If you would like to include a photo, it is preferred they be emailed, however hard copies of photos can be scanned and then returned to you.

**I would like to share the following news with my fellow NYSTRA members:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Announcement: \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBER CLASSIFICATIONS**

**Professional Member:** A practitioner holding a current credential as a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist TM (CTRS®), as granted by NCTRC®. A copy of current certification card or certificate must accompany membership application or renewal.

**Associate Member:** A practitioner not currently certified as a CTRS; or a person not practicing, but wishing to support the profession.

**Provisional Professional:** Open to past student member of NYSTRA for one year after graduation from a full time Therapeutic Recreation, Recreation Education or a Leisure Services curriculum. The additional year will begin at the current expiration date of the year graduated. Proof of graduation in the form of a transcript, diploma or letter from college must be submitted.

**Student Member:** A person enrolled in a full-time Therapeutic Recreation, Recreation or Leisure Services curriculum. Proof of full-time student status, either through a transcript or letter from college advisor must accompany membership or renewal application.

**Retired Member:** An active member of NYSTRA for at least 3 years whose full time employment in Therapeutic Recreation, Recreation or Leisure Services has been terminated by retirement. \*Please note that if you are retired but still certified as a CTRS, you must maintain professional membership status if you wish to take part in NYSTRA elections.

**Organizational Member:** Open to any organization or agency interested in supporting the Therapeutic Recreation profession. \*This does not include individual memberships. It does include the right for the organization to pre-register up to 5 people who will be allowed to attend conferences/workshops at the member rate.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

**NYSTRA MEMBERSHIP LABEL REQUEST FORM**

Requested by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose of request: \_\_\_\_\_

Which member category/region:

- Professional \_\_\_\_\_
- Student \_\_\_\_\_
- Organizational \_\_\_\_\_
- Associate \_\_\_\_\_
- Region \_\_\_\_\_
- All \_\_\_\_\_

Date labels needed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of receiver: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail request form to:  
 Suzanne Headley Harriott  
 2 Hulda Lane  
 Ridgefield, CT 06877  
 suzannehh@comcast.net

A copy of your proposed mailing, for which these labels will be used, must be included with this request.



New York State  
 Therapeutic Recreation Association, Inc.

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

(please print)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer/School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Population: \_\_\_\_\_

Certification: CTRS \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please send correspondence to: home \_\_\_\_\_ work/school \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBERSHIP FEES\***

(please select one)

	<u>1-year</u>	<u>2-years</u>
Professional	\$ 55.00 _____	\$100.00 _____
Associate	\$ 50.00 _____	\$ 90.00 _____
Provisional Professional	\$ 30.00 _____	N/A
Student	\$ 30.00 _____	\$ 50.00 _____
Retired	\$ 25.00 _____	\$ 40.00 _____
Organizational	\$125.00 _____	\$240.00 _____

Additional Contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please send check or money order to:

**NYSTRA**  
 PO Box 179  
 Riverdale Station  
 Bronx, NY 10471

(please allow 6-8 weeks for payment to be processed)

\*If membership dues create a hardship, please contact the NYSTRA Membership Chairperson at the above address.

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Rate & Dates: 10/06/2007 - 10/07/2007  
Sat-Sun  
Accessibility: W/C Interior, W/C Restrms

### ***Nightmare Hayrides on Somerville Street***

*The Scariest Hayride you'll ever ride. Hayride, Haunted Barn, Haunted Maze, crafts, food and lots of excitement. Weekend evenings only.*

6319 Somerville Valley Rd, Ellicottville, NY 14731  
Main Phone Number: (716) 699-4839  
Internet Home Page: <http://ellicottvilleroдео.com>  
Rate & Dates: 10/06/2007 - 10/28/2007  
Fri-Sun  
Accessibility: W/C Entrance, W/C Parking

### **FINGER LAKES REGION**

#### ***Botanical Wonders***

*The exhibition celebrates the singular triumph of glassmakers Leopold Blaschka (1822-1895) and his son Rudolf (1857-1939); provides insight into the intellectual appetite of the late Victorians, through the lens of botany as an academic discipline and craze; and offers close-ups of the people and the craft process behind the Glass Flowers.*

Corning Museum of Glass  
1 Museum Way, Corning, NY 14830  
Main Phone Number: (607) 937-5371  
Toll Free Number: (800) 732-6845  
Internet Home Page: <http://www.cmog.org>  
Email Address: [info@cmog.org](mailto:info@cmog.org)  
Rate & Dates: 05/18/2007 - 11/25/2007  
Daily, 9am-5pm; extended summer hours  
\$11.25 - 12.50  
Discounts & Rates: Children free or discounted, Group packages, Senior citizen discounts/rates  
Accessibility: W/C Entrance, W/C Interior, W/C Parking, W/C Restrms  
Group Information: Group reservation required

### ***TRANSactions***

*Art created by contemporary Latin American and Latino artists moves across and beyond geographical, cultural, political and aesthetic borders. Approximately 50 paintings, sculpture, drawings, photographs, textiles and electronic media from the collection of the Museum of Contemporary Art in San Diego are accompanied by a fully-illustrated, bilingual exhibition catalogue.*

500 University Ave, Rochester, NY 14607  
Main Phone Number: (585) 473-7720  
Internet Home Page: [www.mag.rochester.edu](http://www.mag.rochester.edu)  
Rate & Dates: 10/07/2007 - 12/30/2007

### ***Fall Friends of the Library Book Sale***

*This used book sale is always a huge success. Over 250,000 volumes to choose from.*

509 Esty St, Ithaca, NY 14850  
Main Phone Number: (607) 272-2223  
Internet Home Page: <http://www.booksale.org>  
Rate & Dates: 10/06/2007 - 10/22/2007  
Call or check website for exact dates and times.  
Accessibility: W/C Entrance, W/C Interior, W/C Parking, W/C Restrms

### **ADIRONDACK REGION**

#### ***Annual Sparkle Village Craft Show***

*Artisans from across northern New York display their crafts.*  
30 Main St, Saranac Lake, NY 12983  
Main Phone Number: (519) 891-1990  
Toll Free Number: (800) 347-1992  
Internet Home Page: <http://www.saranaclake.com>  
Rate & Dates: 11/30/2007 - 12/01/2007  
Fri, evening, Sat, 10am-4pm  
Accessibility: W/C Entrance, W/C Parking

#### ***St. Petersburg Ballet on Ice***

*World renowned Ballet Company performs "The Nutcracker."*  
1 Civic Ctr Plz, Glens Falls, NY 12801  
Main Phone Number: (518) 798-0202  
Internet Home Page: <http://www.glensfallssc.com>  
Rate & Dates: 11/28/2007  
Accessibility: W/C Interior, W/C Parking, W/C Restrooms

#### ***North Country Festival of Trees***

*Christmas wonderland including gingerbread houses, Arts & Crafts, Holiday Boutique, activities for the children and Santa too!*  
89 Six Flags Dr, Queensbury, NY 12804  
Main Phone Number: (518) 798-0170  
Internet Home Page: [www.prospectcenter.com](http://www.prospectcenter.com)  
Rate & Dates: 11/23/2007 - 11/25/2007  
Fri-Sun  
Accessibility: W/C Entrance, W/C Interior, W/C Parking, W/C Restrms

### **CAPITAL-SARATOGA REGION**

#### ***Beneath the City: An Archaeological Perspective of Albany***

*Albany is a defining artifact of New York society. Beneath the city's streets, sidewalks, backyards and buildings are layers of soil that contain objects that were made, used and discarded by former residents. Each item reveals information about the people who created and used it. Research in Albany has demonstrated how archaeology can provide us with a unique way of learning about our past. Archaeologists work at sites, where they recover information from features and artifacts. Some of these discoveries and their meaning can be seen in an exhibit at the New York State Museum about archaeological*

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*excavations in Albany related to the early Dutch settlement, a colonial rum distillery, the expansion of the city from the initial settlement and the daily life of residents in the past.*

3020 Cultural Education Ctr, Albany, NY 12230

Main Phone Number: (518) 474-5877

Email Address: [www.nysm.nysed.gov](http://www.nysm.nysed.gov)

Rate & Dates: 05/01/2007 - 12/31/2008

### **Capital Holiday Lights in the Park**

*The Albany Police Athletic League presents Capital Holiday Lights in the Park extravaganza! Visit the all new spectacular featuring never-before-seen display, and end your drive with a visit to Santa & Mrs. Claus, crafter and refreshments in the Lakehouse. Also see the reindeer and carriage rides.*

Main Phone Number: (518) 458-8695

Toll Free Number: (800) 258-3582

Internet: [capitalholidaylights.com](http://capitalholidaylights.com)

Email Address: [capitalholiday@aol.com](mailto:capitalholiday@aol.com)

Rate & Dates: 11/25/2007 - 01/01/2008

Sun-Thur 6-9pm; Fri-Sat

6am-10pm; Lakehouse

closed Dec 24, 25, 31.

Price: \$10.00 - 75.00

Accessibility: W/C Entrance, W/C Interior,  
W/C Parking, W/C Restrooms

### **HUDSON VALLEY REGION**

#### **Sugar Loaf Fall Festival**

*Street festival featuring crafts, food, children's activities, musicians and performers in Sugar Loaf Art and Craft Village.*

Sugar Loaf Art & Craft Village

Kings Highway, Sugar Loaf, NY

Local Phone: 845-469-9181

Dates: 10/6/07 - 10/8/07

Event Time: 10am-6pm

Internet: [www.sugarloafnychamber.com](http://www.sugarloafnychamber.com)

Admission price: Free

#### **Annual Columbus Day Weekend Sale at Woodbury Common Premium Outlets**

Woodbury Common Premium Outlets

498 Red Apple Court (Route 32), Central Valley, NY

Local Phone: 845/928-4000

Dates: 10/5/07 - 10/8/07

Event Time: 9AM-9PM

Internet: [premiumoutlets.com/woodburycommon](http://premiumoutlets.com/woodburycommon)

#### **Apple fest**

*One of the grandest apple harvest celebrations in NY State. Celebrate Warwick's apples, culture and entertainment at this one-day huge street celebration in Warwick's historic downtown. Live music, food, art and crafts vendors, dance demos, farmers market, apple pie contest and more. Nearby u-pick orchards.*

Village of Warwick

Route 94 & Railroad Ave, Warwick, NY

Local Phone: 845-986-2720

Date: 10/7/07 10am - 5 pm

Internet: [www.warwickapplefest.com](http://www.warwickapplefest.com)

Admission price: Free

For more information or ideas please visit  
[www.iloveny.com](http://www.iloveny.com) or [www.travelhudsonvalley.com](http://www.travelhudsonvalley.com)

### **SUPPORT CONNECTION'S 13TH ANNIVERSARY SUPPORT-A-WALK**

**Sunday, September 30, 2007**

**10 A.M. Rain Or Shine**

Pre-Walk Activities at 9:00 A.M.

3-mile walk at FDR State Park

Route 202 and the Taconic Parkway

Yorktown Heights, New York

*And in the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years." Abraham Lincoln*

September is National Ovarian Cancer Awareness month. For the past four years "KIM'S KREW" has celebrated the month by walking in honor of Kim Kiernan, a former NYSTRA Board member. If you wish to raise awareness for this important cause, we invite you to walk with "KIM'S KREW" ON Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. Our team would like to set a record both in terms of walkers and funds raised. Please plan to join us with Pre-Walk Activities starting at 9:00am at FDR State Park in Yorktown Heights.

To participate in the Walk you can register online at [www.supportconnection.org](http://www.supportconnection.org). Once getting your sponsors, you can mail the form to: Support Connection, 360 Underhill Ave., Yorktown Heights, NY 10598 or bring it with you to the walk. There is no registration fee, but donations are welcome. If you submit your donations prior to the walk and donate or raise \$30 or more, you will receive a free Support-A-Walk t-shirt. You can also fax the registration form to (914) 962-1926 with credit card information if you wish to make a donation. As an added thank you, if you pre-register or make a donation prior to the Walk, you will be entered in a "Thank You Drawing." Winners will be notified.

Thank you so much for your willingness to support such a cause.

To walk with "KIM'S KREW" or for more details contact:

Erin Kiernan: [erin\\_kiernan@msn.com](mailto:erin_kiernan@msn.com)

**2008 CONFERENCE UPDATE**

*Vanessa Von Seggern , CTRS*  
*Loretta Murray, CTRS*

Welcome all NYSTRA members! We hope you have all enjoyed your summer. On behalf of the new board, we want to send out an update on the 13th Annual NYSTRA Conference which will be held April 5th - 8th at the Holiday Inn in Saratoga Springs. As Denise mentioned, we have already booked the band, Flame (Thanks, Burt). The Hospitality committee has picked out a Hawaiian theme for the network and game night. This has become a great hit and we have been getting a larger crowd each year. Watch out everyone - MEGA FLOOR JENGA will be there for this year's competition. I feel a challenge Matt... Even the food has been addressed already for different and healthier options. Now we NEED YOU ALL TO HELP! We need the speakers to send in papers ASAP. We need you to contact anyone you have heard, seen or know and have them send in an abstract ASAP, PLEASE! Even if you have not presented in a while please step up. This is where you can help. Without good sessions and speakers we are at a loss. If you have seen someone at another conference please contact them. The abstract is in this newsletter (on the following page) or they can go to our NYSTRA website and download one. So please help us to have another successful conference! Thank you again!

Sincerely,  
 The NYSTRA Board and Conference Committee

**THANK YOU**

*Vanessa Von Seggern , CTRS*

I would like to thank everyone who worked so hard on last year's conference and also like to apologize for not thanking you sooner!

Judy Isaksen and I would like to thank all who participated in the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Saratoga Springs, NY. We were very pleased to see how many people will travel to attend or present at our conference. We had RT's from as far away as Maine, Connecticut, and Massachusetts. Most of them had stated to us that they came to NYSTRA's Annual Conference because their state and local organizations do not put on a conference with such a selection of educational sessions. That definitely says something about us. They stated

they do not have the opportunity to network in a 3-day conference, getting vital information to bring back to their state.

We hope to continue to meet and exceed your expectations of NYSTRA's Annual Conference. But we need your help in doing so. WE NEED YOU to send in abstracts to have news speakers. Susan Wilson had the task to find different speakers and I believe she did a great job and made the conference diverse. If you should see a speaker you think might be interesting for our conference please let us know.

Another way to help us improve our conference each year is to complete your evaluations. We received many positive comments regarding the presenters. Some of the other comments we received were regarding the food. We are looking into different food options and hope to have some pleasing choices this year.

I would like to thank Judy for being the co-chair and wish her luck in all of her endeavors. I would also like to thank Susan Wilson for all of her hard work in putting together a program so impressive we had people travel across several states to attend. Hats off to all of those members who stepped up and moderated for us, we greatly appreciate it.

See you next year at our 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, April 5-8, 2008 to be held at the Holiday Inn in Saratoga Springs, NY.



**New York State Therapeutic Recreation Association, Inc**  
**Multi-Day Conference "ORCHESTRATE CHANGE"**  
**April 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> 2008**  
**Holiday Inn, Saratoga Springs, New York**

**Title of Presentation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Description of Presentation:** (Please be as specific as possible, in order to give an full and accurate understanding of your presentation. Refer to the NCTRC job analysis code to insure your session is eligible for CEU's and will be accepted by NCTRC).

**Learning Outcomes:** Outcomes must be measurable. Please indicate what your audience will learn through participating in this session. (Please provide three).

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the level of your presentation \_\_\_ Basic \_\_\_ Intermediate \_\_\_ Advanced

Please indicate the method of your presentation \_\_\_ Lecture \_\_\_ Panel \_\_\_ Interactive \_\_\_ Noisy

Please indicate the length of your session \_\_\_ 90 mins. \_\_\_ Double \_\_\_ Institute (4-6 hours)

Your Audio-visual requirements \_\_\_ TV/VCR \_\_\_ CD/Tape Player \_\_\_ Overhead projector \_\_\_ Slide projector  
 \_\_\_ Other (please indicate) \_\_\_\_\_

Your room arranged as \_\_\_ Lecture/Theatre \_\_\_ Classroom \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Participants \_\_\_ Limited to \_\_\_ or \_\_\_ Unlimited

Please indicate the appropriate NCTRC job analysis code:

- \_\_\_ I Background
- \_\_\_ II Diagnostic Groupings and Population Served
- \_\_\_ III Assessment
- \_\_\_ IV Planning the intervention
- \_\_\_ V Implementing the Individualized Plan
- \_\_\_ VI Documentation and Evaluation
- \_\_\_ VII Organizing and Managing Services
- \_\_\_ VIII Advancement of the Profession

Preference of session day and time \_\_\_\_\_

Presenter's Name and Title \_\_\_\_\_

Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Day \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Evening \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

For your presentation to be accepted, please include a resume for each speaker

Please e-mail or send your completed form to: **Loretta Murray 121 West St. Whitesboro, NY 13492 or MissLoretta84@hotmail.com**

**Please return by Friday October 19, 2007**

**2007 Annual Downstate Recreation Conference**  
**Westchester County Center, White Plains, NY ~ October 11, 2007**

**Registration Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Certification: \_\_\_ CPRP \_\_\_ APRP \_\_\_ CTRS \_\_\_ CPSI Other \_\_\_\_\_

Member Affiliations: \_\_\_ HVLSA \_\_\_ NYSTRA \_\_\_ LILSA \_\_\_ WRAPS \_\_\_ METRO \_\_\_ NYSRPS

Payment Information:

Registration (Please circle appropriate category)

	Before 10/5/07	On-site
Affiliate Member	\$55	\$65
Non-Member	\$65	\$75
Full-Time Student	\$35	\$45
Speaker	\$28	\$38
Options Training	\$23	N/A (Options Training is 9:00 am - 3:30 pm, 1 hour lunch at 11:40 am)
CEU (optional)	\$8	\$8

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (The price of lunch is included with your registration)

Payment Options:

\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_ Money Order \_\_\_ Voucher/ Purchase Order

Please make checks payable to NYSRPS

General Information

Cancellations: Cancellation refund requests must be made in writing. Cancellations postmarked on/before October 1, 2007 will be assessed a \$10.00 processing fee. After October 1, 2007, a charge of \$15.00 will be assessed. No refunds will be made for no-shows.

Parking: A fee per car will be charged on the day of the event by the Westchester County Center. Before 9:00 am the fee is \$5.00. After 9:00 am the fee is \$4.00

Questions: Please contact Conference Chair, Jo Anne Pedersen, phone (845) 639-6200 or Kate Quinn at NYSRPS, phone (518) 584-0321 ext. 14 or email: nysrps@verizon.net

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\$10.01 - \$20.00	\$6.00			<b>SHIPPING/POSTAGE FEE</b>	\$
\$20.01 - \$40.00	\$7.00			<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	\$
\$40.01 - \$50.00	\$8.00				
\$50.01 - \$60.00	\$9.00				
\$60.01 & over	\$10.00				

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**ATRA 2007 Annual Conference***"Investing In Our Profession"*

September 9 - 13, 2007

Hyatt Regency

Milwaukee, WI

[www.atra-tr.org](http://www.atra-tr.org)**The National Institute on Recreation Inclusion**

October 25-28, 2007

Hyatt Regency Reston at Reston Town Center

Reston, Virginia

[www.nrpa.org](http://www.nrpa.org)**NRPA Congress & Exposition**

September 25 - 29, 2007

Indiana Convention Center

Indianapolis, IN

[www.nrpa.org](http://www.nrpa.org)**NCTRC Certification Exam***Application Deadline for January 2008 Exam*

October 1, 2007

[www.nctrc.org](http://www.nctrc.org)**13th Annual Downstate Recreation Conference**

October 11, 2007

Westchester County Center

White Plains, NY

[www.nysrps.org](http://www.nysrps.org)

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**PLEASE SHARE YOUR NEWS WITH US!**

If you wish to contribute to NYSTRA NEWS, please submit articles/information to the editor before the deadlines listed below.

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