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President's Message

Dear HCRCA Members,

A lot has happened since my last President's Message to you. In August I attended the NCRA convention in my hometown of Chicago.

The day before the official start of the convention, there was a boot camp training for state association leaders and board members. It covered NCRA's efforts on Capitol Hill; how our profession is affected by whichever party is in power; how to set up a meeting, prepare for, and interact with your congressional representatives to let them know about the advanced technology that court reporters have to offer, and why it's vital that court reporting and captioning programs continue to be funded on the national level.

The most interesting – and strangest – part of the convention for me was the election of NCRA board members for the coming year. There were challenges to several of the NCRA Nominating Committee candidates: the position of president-elect, vice-president, treasurer, and for one of the directors' positions. Only the Nominating Committee candidate for president-elect prevailed – and then only by three votes (that's right, three votes) to a relative newcomer on the NCRA scene. The catalyst of the president-elect challenger's campaign was her contention that NCRA should advocate steno-only court reporting.

The steno-only mantra was responsible for defeating one of

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the candidates for the three open directors' positions. This is a person who has been a court reporter for over 20 years and has reached the RDR level but because of carpal tunnel lost the ability to continue reporting using the steno machine only, so she transitioned to using voice recognition software for some of her court reporting assignments and the steno machine for other assignments.

Our profession faces numerous challenges, a lot of them from outside forces that don't understand the importance of the service we provide. As an association, we have and will continue to disagree on certain issues, but it's important that we are all knowledgeable about the methods of making the record and that we stay involved and engaged in what's happening, first in our own state and then on the national level, so that we can present a united front.

Now that NCRA's elections allow for online voting, you don't even have to be present during the business meeting to cast your vote, so there's really no excuse for non-involvement.

Remember to register for HCRCA's December 4th CPR/AED seminar, which has been accredited for C.E.U.s by NCRA.

Aloha,
Sharon Mujtabaa
HCRCA President

Food For Thought:

"As long as a hundred of us remain alive we will never be subject to tyrannical dominion because it is not for glory or riches or honours that we fight, but for freedom alone which no worthy man loses except with his life."

From Scotland's "Declaration of Arbroath," 1320 A.D.

HCRCA suggests a visit to the following websites:

Our Official Website:

<http://www.hawaiicourtreportersassociation.com>

National Court Reporters Association <http://www.ncraonline.org/>

California Deposition Reporters Association <http://www.caldra.org/>

California Court Reporters Association <http://www.cal-ccra.org/>

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Presents:



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Saturday, December 4, 2010

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A five-hour hands-on seminar with certification in CPR/AED presented by the American Red Cross at the Honolulu YWCA, 1040 Richards Street, Honolulu, Hawaii.

8:30am – 9:00 am – Registration at Honolulu YWCA, 1040 Richards Street, Honolulu

9:00am – 3:30 pm – Adult CPR/AED. *(This time frame allows a 1 hour 15 minute lunch break as well as a couple 5 to 10 minute breaks during class.)*

***It is mandatory to attend the complete session
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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Many Mahalos!

The Hawaii Court Reporters and Captioners Association would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the following individuals (*in alphabetical order*) for their financial contributions to our recent successful advancement of legislative issues directly affecting court reporters throughout the state:

ROBERT BALIAN
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COCSA WHITE PAPER

In December of 2009 the Conference of State Court Administrators adopted a white paper entitled, “Digital Recordi: Changing Times for Making the Record,” expressing the view that electronic recording is more cost effective than the stenographic method used by official reporters. NCRA is hoping that a revised version will be presented, after submitting its comments. You can view the entire text at:

<http://cosca.ncsc.dni.us/WhitePapers/DigitalRecording-Jan-2010.pdf>



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PRESIDENT

Sharon Mujtabaa, Oahu, captionlady@hawaii.rr.com

Sharon is one of the leaders in Hawai'i in the field of captioning and is a past president and vice president of HCRCA.

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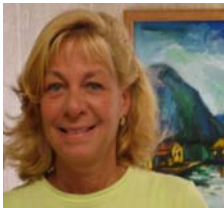
Madeline is a seasoned veteran, having reported in the U.S. and abroad, and is the inaugural recipient of the HCRCA Reporter of the Year Award for her outstanding contributions to the community and the profession.



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Beth Kelly, Maui, mauibak@yahoo.com

Beth has been a reporter for over 30 years. She started out in freelance with her own firm in Florida and then moved to Maui and became an official for the Second Circuit Court. She has been the supervisor for Maui County since 1987. She is currently the Chairperson for the CSR Board and has served multiple terms as an Official Director for the HCRCA Board.



Leslie Takeda, Oahu, leslietakeda@gmail.com

(Bio not yet available.)



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Laurie Savo, Oahu, lsavo@hawaii.rr.com

Laurie Savo grew up in L.A. and graduated from Merit College in Van Nuys in 1993 and practiced court reporting in L.A. for six months before moving to Hawaii. She returned to school at CSUN in 1999, finishing her bachelor's by end of 2000, and returning to Hawaii a few months later. She took over Ali'i Court Reporting in 2005 and still owns it to the present.

Anyone have a photo of Laurie?



Tristan Joseph, Oahu, tristan_joseph_rpr@hawaiiantel.net

Tristan Joseph, RPR, CSR, has been a freelance stenographer since September 1998. He has served as Vice President in 2006, President in 2007, Immediate-Past President in 2008 with the Greater Washington Shorthand Reporters Association in the Greater Washington, D.C. area, which includes Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia. He made his transition to Oahu, Honolulu, Hawaii, on October 31, 2008, as a freelance stenographer.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR & WEBMASTER

Valerie Mariano Swiderski, valerie.swiderski@gmail.com

Valerie is a graduate of Humphreys College, Sacramento, California. She is an RPR and a CSR licensed in the states of Hawaii and California and has specialized in medical/technical depositions. She has served on the HCRCA board multiple times in the past as both vice president and freelance director.





BOOK REVIEW

by Valerie Mariano Swiderski

THREE CUPS OF TEA

By Greg Mortensen and David Oliver Relin

Three Cups of Tea was required reading for my niece's entire freshman class at the University of San Francisco. It showed up on my sister's book club list for her work group at Franklin Templeton. I borrowed a copy from my 83-year-old mother, from whom I've inherited the travel bug. With such a wide range of readership, this book went straight to the top of the pile. Think of *Three Cups of Tea* as a wild, true adventure story inadvertently laced with valuable geopolitical insights. A Must-Read!

So what happens when a 6'4", 210-pound mountaineer from Montana, finding himself lost and alone, without tent or sleeping bag, on a Himalayan glacier over 20,000 feet above sea level in temperatures below zero degrees Fahrenheit, after 78 days, a 30-pound weight loss, and a failed attempt at climbing K2, the second highest, and most dangerous, peak on the planet, stumbles into a remote, poverty-stricken village? He commits the rest of his life to building schools to provide basic education for children who would otherwise be marked for a life of poverty and religious extremism. Fittingly, the original title of the hardcover edition of this book was *One Man's Mission to Fight Terrorism and Build Nations...One School at a Time* with the view that overcoming ignorance is the only way to bring lasting peace to the region.

Valuable insights I took from this book include the understanding that national boundaries in the region of the "stans" – (Pakistan, Waziristan, Afghanistan, etc.) – are often arbitrary and contrary to cultural, political, and even geographical realities. I learned of the evil irony that radical Islamic madrassas which spawn our violent terrorist enemies are funded by Saudi Arabian oil money, a country supposedly one of our few allies in the Middle East. On the brighter side, Mortensen gives us a poignant glimpse into personal Muslim devotion. And I have a new favorite word: *changazi*. It was the moniker of a man helping Mortensen who eventually ended up holding his building materials hostage. *Changazi* literally translates "of the family of Genghis Khan" and is used as a derisive term conveying "terrifying ruthlessness."

I am left with one gnawing concern after reading of events that happened over a decade ago. What has become of Mortensen's schools? Through all the violence and political upheaval in the region, have they been overtaken by violent extremists? Has the oppression of women and children and the poor abated at all? It may take generations of educating children to raise a new generation able to throw off the shackles.

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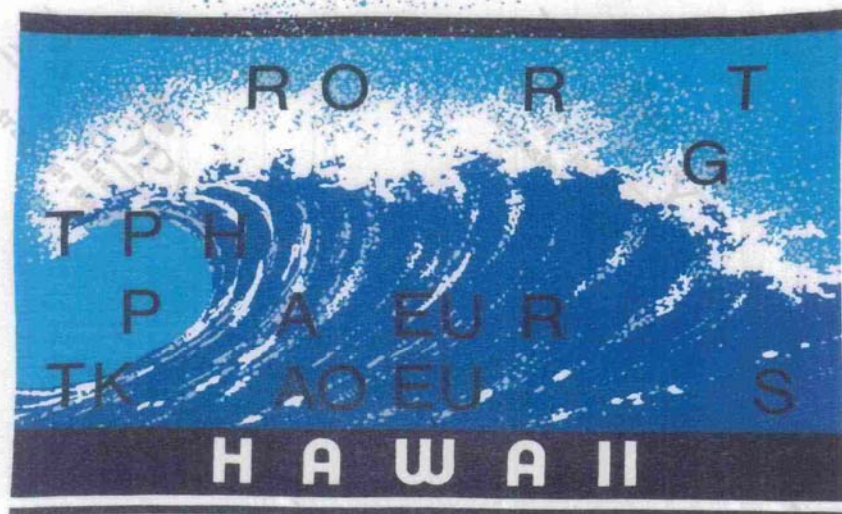
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Brain Teaser

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

GOT GAS?

1. These three things cost approximately the same amount:
 - a. one can of Diet Coke bought on sale in a 24-pack
 - b. one round of 9mm handgun ammo
 - c. the average state tax on one gallon of gasoline

Approximately how much do the above items cost?

- a. 21 cents
 - b. 2.1 cents
 - c. 12 cents
2. Which state has the lowest gasoline tax?
 - a. New York
 - b. Georgia
 - c. Montana
 3. Which state has the highest gasoline tax?
 - a. New York
 - b. California
 - c. Hawaii
 4. What is the federal tax on a gallon of gasoline?
 - a. 2.5 cents per gallon
 - b. 30.1 cents per gallon
 - c. 18.4 cents per gallon
 5. What is Hawaii's combined state and federal tax per gallon of gasoline?
 - a. 25.5 cents per gallon
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4. What is the federal tax on a gallon of gasoline?
A 18.4 cents per gallon
5. What is Hawaii's combined state and federal tax per gallon?
34.4 cents per gallon (PLUS .12 cpg environmental tax PLUS 4 percent GET on the entire gasoline purchase!)

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