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President's Message

Dear HCRCA Members,

Spring is nearing and your state association is in the thick of planning for the HCRCA annual seminar Saturday and Sunday, May 21st & 22nd, at the Outrigger Waikiki-on-the-Beach. A varied roster of presentations is in the offing for Saturday with topics ranging from independent contractor versus employee; voice recognition and court reporting/captioning; understanding and coping with Alzheimer's; and work and personal life organizational tips. Sunday, as usual, will be a field trip day. Detail on that will be forthcoming. You'll also learn about the hot topics facing our profession and what's being done here and around the country to deal with these issues.

There are not too many times during the year when there's an opportunity to see our colleagues in one place at the same time. That's why I'm hoping you'll make it a point to attend HCRCA's premiere event, our annual seminar.

Because it seems like the challenges we face as a profession are more daunting with each passing year, it's important that there be a constant infusion of new energy in the form of reporters and captioners who can lend their thoughts and ideas about fresh approaches and solutions to the issues and challenges that will continue to arise. One of the best ways

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to do that, especially in a small state like ours, is to become a member of your state association. Elections will be held during the annual seminar with a new board being installed at that time.

The court reporting and captioning professions will be what they are because of the voices that stand up and advocate for their worth. What are you willing to do for your livelihood? Will you make your voice heard?

Aloha,
Sharon Mujtabaa
HCRCA President

Food for Thought:

Any intelligent fool can make things bigger and more complex... It takes a touch of genius - and a lot of courage to move in the opposite direction.

Albert Einstein

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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Hawaii Court Reporters and Captioners Association's

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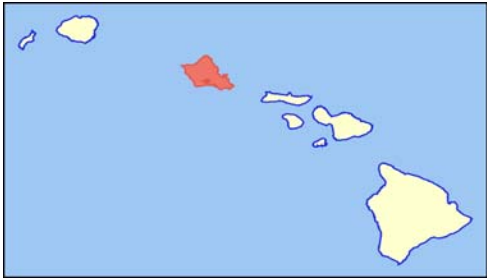
Saturday, & Sunday, May 21 & 22, 2011

Outrigger Waikiki On-the-Beach
2335 Kalakaua Avenue, Honolulu, Hawaii

Lunch at Duke's

Be There!

Visit our website regularly for details regarding CEUs, speakers and tours, pricing and registration. http://hawaiicourtreportersassociation.com/03_CEU.htm



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The Hawaii Court Reporters and Captioners Association continues to address important issues with our state legislature. Last year we were successful in passing legislation authorizing CSRs licensed by the State of Hawaii to administer oaths and affirmations without the need to be notaries public. Many of you contributed your valuable time, effort, and financial resources to that endeavor, and we owe you all a debt of gratitude. Mahalo.

This year we are focusing our efforts on legislation aimed at holding attorneys responsible for payment of their bills to court reporters. Other states have already been successful in this effort. When the time comes, you will be asked to offer letters of recommendation for approval of our bill. The following is the tentative wording of our proposal:

“Section 0606-13.9 Certified shorthand reporter services payment.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, when an attorney of record orders or requests either orally or in writing that a stenographic record be made of any judicial proceeding, deposition, statement or interview of a party in a proceeding, or of a witness related to such proceeding, or orders a copy of such stenographic record, it shall be the responsibility of such attorney to pay for the services and the costs of such record except where payment is otherwise provided by law or where the attorney expressly disclaims responsibility for payment of the stenographic service or record in writing at the time the attorney orders or requests that a record be made.

“Transcripts recorded and produced on paper, electronically, or by any other means, by a certified shorthand reporter are their work product. Photocopying or duplicating in any form or format, except for internal office use, for the purpose of giving to opposing parties, or other entities, is expressly forbidden and shall be subject to the customary charges for such services.”



WELCOME TO HCRC A!!!

To date the following 31 people have joined HCRC A for the calendar year 2011:

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How about YOU? Join the organization which lobbied the legislature and got the notary public requirement for court reporters waived, the organization which gives you an opportunity to attend fun and educational seminars every few months to hobnob with like-minded individuals and an opportunity to earn enough CEUs to meet licensing requirements without having to leave Hawaii.

Join us!! You'll be glad you did!!

JOIN NOW!

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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.

VICE PRESIDENT and PRESIDENT-ELECT

(Position vacant)

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(Bio not yet available.)



TREASURER

Madeline Gable, Oahu, madgable@gmail.com

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.



OFFICIAL DIRECTORS

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@hawaiiintel.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

BREAKING THE SILENCE: A CAREGIVER'S VOICE

By Frances H. Kakugawa

I was recently privileged to receive an advanced copy of *Breaking the Silence* by Hawai'i's own Frances Kakugawa, poet, educator, and Alzheimer's advocate. I never thought I'd actually enjoy a book of poetry, but I did. From the very beginning this book touched my heart and brought tears to my eyes. The poetry is accompanied by Frances' narrative that puts everything into perspective.

Breaking the Silence is ultimately a book about death: physical, emotional, relational death. I've faced death since the age of fourteen, when my father was diagnosed with terminal cancer. My husband and I speak frequently of death, in an effort to plan for life. Most of us are now faced with the prospect of caring for our elderly parents, and the insights in this book can provide valuable tools for coping.

Interestingly enough, *Breaking the Silence* isn't actually morbid. It made me laugh as much as cry. Picture the scene of an adult woman taking her mother for a walk through Ala Moana Shopping Center. She lovingly holds her mother's hand. Her mom cries out, "Don't touch me! You're a witch!" We laugh and cry all at the same time. We've seen these people. We know them. They break our hearts. There are sections of poetry by male caregivers that give us a sometimes different perspective on things. There is something in this book that will touch your heart. If not, you may want to check for a pulse.

Frances has pioneered poetry-writing workshops for caregivers of Alzheimer's patients. She teaches us, above all else, compassion. She is scheduled to speak at our May seminar. It is an event not to be missed!

For more information, contact Frances at <http://francesk.org/homepage.html>
Or visit info@willowvalleypress.com, <http://www.willowvalleypress.com>

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lcarnazzo@carnazzo.com

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Brain Teaser

GEOGRAPHY REDUX

So we all failed miserably at last year's Geography Challenge during our May seminar. Madeline Gable has been kind enough to develop some challenging questions. Let's see how we do this time.

1. The northernmost point in the United States is in Maine:
True or False?
2. The southernmost point in the United States is in Florida:
True or False?
3. Name the four states bordering Mexico.
4. Name the fourteen states bordering Canada.
5. Name the five Pacific Coast states.

(Answers are found on last page.)



Laughter as Medicine

Thanks to input from Madeline Gable, we have brought a little humor back to our newsletter. In the process, we get a new dictionary word of the day.

APHORISM

A SHORT, POINTED SENTENCE EXPRESSING A WISE OR CLEVER OBSERVATION OR A GENERAL TRUTH

1. The nicest thing about the future is that it always starts tomorrow.
2. Money will buy a fine dog, but only kindness will make him wag his tail.
3. If you don't have a sense of humor, you probably don't have any sense at all.
4. Seat belts are not as confining as wheelchairs.
5. A good time to keep your mouth shut is when you're in deep water.
6. How come it takes so little time for a child who is afraid of the dark to become a teenager who wants to stay out all night?
7. Business conventions are important because they demonstrate how many people a company can operate without.

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8. Why is it that at class reunions you feel younger than everyone else looks?

9. Scratch a cat and you will have a permanent job.

10. No one has more driving ambition than the boy who wants to buy a car.

11. There are no new sins; the old ones just get more publicity.

12. There are worse things than getting a call for a wrong number at 4 a.m. It could be a right number.

13. No one ever says "it's only a game" when their team is winning.

14. I've reached the age where the happy hour is a nap.

15. Be careful reading the fine print; there's no way you're going to like it.

16. The trouble with bucket seats is that not everybody has the same size bucket.

17. Do you realize that in about 40 years we'll have thousands of old ladies running around with tattoos? and rap music will be the golden oldies!

18. Money can't buy happiness -- but somehow it's more comfortable to cry in a Corvette than in a Yugo.

19. After 60, if you don't wake up aching in every joint, you are probably dead!

20. Always be yourself - because the people that matter don't mind, and the one's that mind, don't matter.

KEEP ON SMILING!



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BOARD MEMBER NOMINATIONS NEEDED

Won't you please consider participating in *your* association by volunteering to hold a position on HCRCA's board of directors? We meet once a month to plan events, address legislative issues, and chart a course for the future. It is a rewarding professional experience, and we are always looking for new blood and new ideas. You don't have to live on Oahu to serve. Many of our members participate in meetings via telephone conference and are critical in planning outer island events. If you have ideas, complaints or criticisms, consider running for office and being part of the solution!

Nomination forms coming soon.

Brain Teaser Answers:

1. *FALSE: The Northernmost point in U.S. is Point Barrow, Alaska.*
2. *FALSE: The Southernmost point in U.S. is Ka La'e, Hawai'i on the Big Island.*
3. Four states bordering Mexico: *California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas*
4. Fourteen states bordering Canada (includes states with a border at the Great Lakes): *Alaska, Washington, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine*
5. Five Pacific Coast states: *Alaska, Hawai'i, California, Oregon, Washington*

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