



**OFF THE RECORD
& ON THE BEACH**

**ICRA ANNUAL CONVENTION
HONEY CREEK
JUNE 16-18, 2010**

1.4 CEUS Available

Wednesday - June 16, 2010

- 1:00 – 4:00 Board Meeting – Restaurant boardroom**
- 4:00 – 5:00 Realtime Contest – Mercy Medical Center Room (.10 w/ 96% accuracy)**
- 4:00 – 7:00 Prairie Trail Nature Hike – Mike Godby (Limited to 15 people each session) (.10)**

The prairie trail nature hike will last, approximately, one hour through the woods of Honey Creek where we will learn all the wonders of the outdoors. There are three sessions available: 4 p.m., 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. Please meet in the front lobby.

- 7:00 - ? Hospitality Room – Cabin 1 (Please bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on.)**

Thursday – June 17, 2010

- 7:30 – 8:15 Registration**
- 8:15 – 8:30 Welcome by President Sheryl Culver**
- 8:30 – 10:00 Overcoming Obstacles – Sheila Holzworth (.15)**

Sheila at the age of 10 lost her eyesight when the rubber bands of her braces came off and hit her in the eyes. She has accomplished more than most of us ever could dream of. She was the first blind woman to climb Mt. Rainier. She has also received numerous honors and awards over the years as an athlete. Her hobbies are snowmobiling, breeding thoroughbred racehorses, and owning her own railroad motorcar that she operates on the rail rides. Yes, she does all this blind. Her presentation will be to learn how to overcome obstacles in our own lives and to break the barriers that keep us from succeeding.

- 10:00 – 10:30 Break with Vendors**
- 10:30 – 12:00 The Battle Continues – Kurt Swaim and Keith Kreiman (.15)**

Representative Kurt Swaim and Senator Keith Kreiman have been our biggest supporters this last year. They will be explaining the importance of meeting with your legislators and how to communicate with them effectively so we can continue to fight the battle against DART. They'll be joining us for lunch, so it will give you a chance to personally thank both of them for all their support.

- 12:00 – 1:15 Lunch – Business Meeting**
- 1:30 – 3:00 Are You a Team Player? – Martha McCormick, Next Step Inc. (.15)**

Be prepared to be split up into teams for the GPS Scavenger Hunt. This will be the start of learning how to be a team player. Our skills at being a team player will be tested. Can you work together as a team, or will your team get lost at Honey Creek?

- 3:00 – 3:30 Break with Vendors**
- 3:30 – 4:30 Becoming a Team Player – Martha McCormick, Next Step Inc. (.10)**

After our GPS adventure, Martha will go over what it takes to be a team player. Next Step's Mission Statement is, "So, how do we go forward?" Martha will challenge all of us to take that next step with courage.

- 6:00 – 7:30 Backyard BBQ – Bring your family**
- 7:30 – 8:30 Entertainment – Junior Talley presents "Elvis"**
- 8:30 – ? Count your Lucky Stars – Mike Godby (.10)**

After we have been serenaded by Elvis, we will gather around the campfire for S'mores and a presentation on Stars & Constellations. What a perfect time to relax around the campfire and at the same time learn all about our lucky stars.



Friday – June 18, 2010

7:00 – 8:00 Early Morning Yoga

Start your day off right with early morning yoga on the back patio viewing the lake. What a relaxing and beautiful way to wake up.

8:30 – 10:00 Communicating Silently – Diana Kautzky (.15)

Diana is President and owner of Deaf Services Unlimited and co-owner of Woodard Hearing Centers. Bridging the communication gap between deaf and hard-of-hearing people with people who hear has been a commitment for Diana for as long as she can remember. Deaf Services Unlimited provides sign language interpreting as well as captioning and CART services. Come learn how you can effectively communicate silently.

10:00 – 10:30 Break with Vendors

10:30 – 12:00 What's New? – ProCat, Stenograph & Eclipse (.15)

This session is to learn all the new technology that ProCat, Stenograph & Eclipse has to offer. This is your opportunity to figure out what system you might want to buy, a chance to ask questions of each representative, and to learn what our future holds when it comes to technology in the court reporting field.

12:00 – 1:15 Lunch – Award Ceremony

1:30 – 3:00 The Patient's Perspective - Carolyn Adams (.15)

Carolyn has a Master's of Science Degree in nursing and has been a registered nurse since 1988. Carolyn's main focus has been in the Intensive Care Unit where she works with potential life-threatening conditions that require immediate treatment. She will be talking about what it is like from the patient's perspective when they're in the Intensive Care Unit and how she assists the families that are dealing with end-of-life decisions. Carolyn's presentation is an educational and emotional learning experience.

3:00 – 3:30 Break with Vendors

3:30 – 4:30 "The Wild Side" (Presentation of wildlife at Honey Creek by Mike Godby) (.10)

Come meet the wildlife at Honey Creek. Mike Godby, a DNR officer, will be bringing in the different wildlife that lives in and around Honey Creek. Don't be shy. Come on up and get an up-close view!

(The entire convention is casual dress.)



GENERAL INFORMATION

After a stressful year of working day and night, it is time to kick off those heels and have some fun!!!

While you are riding around in your golf cart, swimming in the indoor water park, or just relaxing with your friends, drop off your steno machine at the hotel for a thorough cleaning. Worth Business Machines will magically clean your steno machine while you have fun.

Forget your problems, forget about Crying in the Chapel, forget about the defendants doing the Jailhouse Rock, plan to attend the ICRA convention and see Junior Talley perform as Elvis on Thursday evening.

Junior Talley has performed to sold-out crowds all over the Midwest, and he has agreed to serenade us while we drink our wine and have fun.

Play golf, go fly fishing, hike the nature trails, attend team-building sessions and other awesome seminars. Time to leave those work clothes at home and have some fun with the Iowa Court Reporters!

Honey Creek is located in Moravia, Iowa - only a short drive from Des Moines. Grab your family and head down to join us at Iowa's newest state park!

All-Inclusive Registration

Fee includes all general sessions, seminars, refreshment breaks, handout materials and two lunches.

One-Day Registration

Special one-day packages are available for those wishing to attend one day rather than the entire convention. One-day registrations include all general sessions and seminars, refreshment breaks, handout materials and lunch for that day.

Non-Member Registration

This fee includes a \$110 membership to ICRA, plus the \$25 late fee, and a subscription to *In Verbis*.

Hospitality Room

The ICRA Hospitality Room will be open Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. Join your peers for networking and relaxation in Cabin 1. Please bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on.

Deadlines

To qualify for convention "early bird" discounted registration and avoid paying the \$25 late fee, registrations need to be received by June 5, 2010.

Cancellation Policy

Cancellation with full refunds will be made through June 5, 2010. Since commitments have been made for meals, refreshments, space and equipment, we will be unable to make refunds after that date.

Realtime Contest

The realtime contest will be held Wednesday June 16, at 4 p.m. in the Mercy Medical Center Room. The cost is \$15. The contest consist of 180 wpm straight matter for 5 minutes. 96% accuracy (36 errors) will earn members an additional .10 CE points. Preview words will be sent out in advance. The top contender will be given an award Friday during the luncheon.

**Hotel Information**

ICRA has reserved a block of rooms for convention registrants, but only a specified amount. Rooms are subject to availability after those rooms have been reserved. Room rates are as follows: \$109 for a standard room with two double beds or one king-sized bed. There are also cabins available starting at \$199 a night to \$399 a night. Each cabin sleeps, at least, 6 to 8 people. Call Honey Creek at 877-677-3344 or go to www.honeycreekresort.com to reserve your room or cabin. Check out all the activities Honey Creek has to offer while on their website!

Worth Business Machines

Worth Business Machines will clean your steno machine for \$187.50 at the convention. E-mail worth4154@msn.com to reserve your space and for questions.

Silent Auction

Janis Lavorato and Delayne Johnson will coordinate our silent auction. If you have an item to bring, or if your district wants to donate an item, please contact Janis at Janis.Lavorato@iowacourts.gov. Proceeds from the silent auction go to the Mary L. Brown Scholarship Fund.

Questions regarding Convention

Please contact Kristina Sickels at 515-442-2451 or at icra@assocserv.com.