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A letter from the President



OUR PRESIDENT—JOAN
MOISE
LEDA CONFERENCE
2009

Dear Colleagues,

This year has flown by. Changes in 1508, RTI, and Disproportionality have been issues that we, as diagnosticians, have addressed and that will continue to be with us for a while to come. The school year is ending and summer break is very near.

Next school year, LEDA will have its annual conference early in the year, at the end of September. Our President-Elect, Nelwyn Hanley, has been working very hard to arrange a conference that will not only give us the opportunity to obtain the latest information in our professional arena, but will also give us the opportunity to share information about what is important to us in Louisiana. Let's not forget that she has also arranged for us to have a bit of fun together, too.

The conference at the resort in Marksville promises to be too good to miss, so don't take the chance and make sure to register early.

National and state economics, not to mention the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, have impacted many of us in the finances of our school systems and in our attempts to get legislation passed for the NCED supplement. We have much to talk about when we gather at conference.

I'll see you there.

Joan

A letter from the President-Elect Nelwyn Hanley

Dear LEDA members,

The time is fast approaching for another state conference. I sincerely hope you are planning to attend. As usual there will be exciting breakouts that address our concerns as Educational Diagnosticians, fellowship with colleagues, and lots of fun before the madness of a new school year gets out of hand. There's a really nice spa in the Resort that invokes images of relaxation and calm. There are shops, three movie theaters, and three swimming pools. Reminder! The social on Wednesday night is always a lot of fun.

Please make plans to attend for your benefit and as support for our professional organization.

Nelwyn Hanley, M. Ed., NCED

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- ◆ NCED Test Exam date has been changed
- ◆ LEDA Registration Form attached
- ◆ LEDA Membership Form attached
- ◆ Educational Diagnostician of the Year Form attached
- ◆ Lobbyist Donation Letter attached
- ◆ Scholarship Form attached
- ◆ Draft Agenda for the 21st Annual LEDA Conference attached
- ◆ 21st Annual LEDA Conference scheduled for Sept. 29-Oct. 1



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Highlights from the 20th Annual LEDA Conference 2009

“SMILE;
EVERYDAY
IS A GIFT”



MEMBERS OF LEDA ENJOYING DOWN TIME DURING THE SOCIAL

Many of the members had a great time singing Karaoke and enjoying some down time at the 2009 20th Annual LEDA Conference. The Conference was held in Baton Rouge at the Marriott Hotel on Oct. 7-9 and consisted of three days filled with educational speakers.

Diana Bartlett from East Baton Rouge Parish was recognized as Educational Diagnostician of the Year.

The keynote address was on Cultural Diversity given by Dan Reschly, Ph.D. There were also many break-out sessions that ranged in topics from addressing the Gifted child’s needs to the

Learning Disabled child’s needs and even included how to filter in some relaxation time for personal development.

Everyone had a great time, learned some valuable information, took away some great resources, and earned CEU’s in the process.



Inside View of the Beautiful Paragon Casino and Resort

21st Annual LEDA Conference to be held at the Paragon Resort

The 21st Annual LEDA Conference will be held in Marksville, LA on Sept. 29-Oct. 1, 2010 at the lovely Paragon Casino and Resort.

The resort offers many amenities to its guests. Some of which include:

- 531 rooms and suites in three towers, with Jacuzzis, indoor and outdoor pools,

- and hot tub
- Bayou themed atrium with bar, coffee shop, retail stores, cinema, spa, salon, and fitness center
- Many restaurants to choose from including Legend’s Steakhouse, All you can eat Market Place Buffet, Gator Coffee Company, and much more

- Affordable rooms starting at just \$59.00 per night
- Remember to mention you are attending the LEDA Conference when you register to get the best room rates

For Reservations the number is 1-800-WIN-1-WIN or go online to paragoncasinoresort.com

Directions to the Paragon Casino

Directions From Baton Rouge

From Baton Rouge Take I-10 West to the Lobdell Exit (Exit 151), onto 415. Follow 415 to merge onto US-190W. Take the New Roads/Marksville Exit onto LA 1 to New Roads. Take left onto Hwy. 3131 (Hospital Road). Follow Hwy. 3131 to LA 1 North (Left). After taking a left onto LA-1N. Follow approx. 50 miles to Paragon Casino Resort. Estimated travel time: 1 hour, 30 minutes.

Directions From Lafayette

From Lafayette Take I-49N North approx. 50 miles and take the LA-106 Exit (exit number 46) toward St. Landry, merge right. Follow LA-106 and turn left onto LA-29 for approx. 6 miles. Once in Bunkie turn left onto US-71, take right at light onto Hwy. 115. Follow Hwy. 115 and take left at light onto Hwy. 115 N. Once on Hwy. 115 go approx. 20 miles to Marksville. Take right at traffic signal

onto Hwy.1 South, travel three miles to Paragon Casino Resort. Estimated travel time: 1 hour, 30 minutes.

Directions From Shreveport

From Shreveport Take I-49 South for approx. 110 miles. Take LSUA Exit (exit 80) to merge onto US-71. Take US-71 South to Hwy. 3170 (LSUA cutoff). Follow Hwy. 3170 to Hwy. 1. Turn right onto Hwy. 1 and go south for approx. 35 miles to Paragon Casino Resort. Estimated travel time: 3 hours.



VISUAL LOCATION OF PARAGON CASINO

“IT TAKES A
TEAM TO
EDUCATE A
CHILD”

Directions From Monroe

Take exit 118A to merge onto US-165 S/Martin Luther King Jr Dr toward Columbia, Continue to follow US-165 S. Turn left at LA-127 S/Central Ave. Continue to follow LA-127 S. Turn left at US-84 E/Oak St. Continue to follow US-84 E. Turn right toward LA-28 W. Take the 1st right onto LA-28 W. Turn left at LA-115 S. Turn right to stay on LA-115 S. Turn left at LA-107 S. Turn left at LA-1 S and continue to follow. Turn left at Grand Blvd and Paragon Casino will be on your right. Estimated travel time: 2 hours, 37 minutes.

Draft Agenda ready for the 21st Annual LEDA Conference

See forms attached to newsletter to print out a full version!



**WE'RE ON
THE WEB!**

VISIT US AT LEDA89.ORG

Please
don't
forget to
bring
Door
Prizes
from your
Parishes!!!

The purpose of the Louisiana Educational Diagnosticians' Association (LEDA) is to enhance the profession of educational diagnosticians; to help diagnosticians stay current on the latest professional assessment practices and legal issues relating to student performance; and to promote the awareness of educational diagnostician as a profession.

Celebration of Good News from all around Louisiana

News from Calcasieu Parish:

Donald Fontenot is a recipient of the Rotary Club Employee Excellence Award and he was nominated by the staff at St John Elementary for excellent service as an Educational Diagnostician.

Kay Calcote is retiring after 25 years working in the school system. She started as an elementary teacher, special education teacher. She received her specialist degree in School Psychology. She is now going home to play with her grandchildren and travel with her husband.

Submitted by:
Barbara Morris

News from Rapides Parish:

Nelwyn Hanley is retiring after 24 years of service in Louisiana and 7 years of service in Texas. She has been working toward National Certification since becoming an Educational Diagnostician. She will be a retired president next year.

Submitted by:
The Executive Council

The NCED exam scheduled for February 6, 2010 in Baton Rouge, LA has been rescheduled to Saturday, June 19th at 9:00 am at the Baton Rouge Marriott Hotel.

To register for the exam, please go to the LEDA website and click on the link :

[NCED Application page](#)

NOMINATION FOR EDUCATIONAL DIAGNOSTICIAN OF THE YEAR

Return form postmarked by **September 5, 2010**

Help LEDA recognize an Educational Diagnostician for accomplishments in the field. Nominate a colleague who is a member of LEDA for Educational Diagnostician of the year. Educational Diagnosticians who are LEDA Executive Council Officers, Regional Representatives or Associate members cannot be nominated. **Mail to:**

**Steven LaBry
405 Aundria Dr.
Lafayette, La. 70503
Fax (337) 783-1232**

Nominee's Name: _____ System: _____

Work Address: _____
Street/P.O. City State Zip

Work Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ Work Email: _____

Home Address: _____
Street/P.O. Box City State Zip

Home Telephone: _____ Home Email: _____

As the person nominating, please complete the following:

Name: _____ System: _____

Work Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ Work Email: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Home Email: _____

Home Address: _____
Street/P.O. Box City State Zip

**In three sentences tell why the person you nominated should be declared
Educational Diagnostician of the Year**

LEDA SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

LEDA offers scholarships for academic work and for conference attendance (except the LEDA conference) to members of LEDA. Both types of scholarships are offered as reimbursements at a maximum of \$ 150.00 A limited number of scholarships will be awarded at a drawing at LEDA's Fall conference. The number of scholarships offered each year is based upon a percentage of the membership dues. The more LEDA members/the more scholarship money available. The Scholarship Chairperson will sign and return the applications of the scholarship winners following conference.

Academic Scholarship: Upon satisfactory completion (grade C or higher) of the proposed course the applicant must submit to the Scholarship Chairperson a copy of the university/college grade and the scholarship application form signed by the Scholarship Chairperson. The Scholarship Chairperson will then authorize the Treasurer to write the reimbursement check of up to \$150.00.

Conference Scholarship: Upon returning from the conference the applicant must complete the "actual expenses" column on the application form that has been signed by the Scholarship Chairperson, attach receipts and submit all of the information to the Scholarship Chairperson. The Scholarship Chairperson will then authorize the Treasurer to write the reimbursement check for an amount not to exceed \$150.00.

Please send all completed applications to: Donna Graham
479 Sandpiper Lane
Stonewall, LA 71078

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LEDA Scholarship Application Form

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

System Employed: _____

Work Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Work Telephone: _____

Proposed Academic Course: _____

University/College: _____

After completing the course the applicant must submit a copy of the grade and this form to the Scholarship Chairperson for authorization of reimbursement.

Proposed Conference: _____

	<u>Estimated Expenses</u>	<u>Actual Expenses</u>
Registration	_____	_____
Travel Mileage	_____	_____
Meals	_____	_____
Parking/Tolls	_____	_____
Lodging	_____	_____

After attending the conference, the applicant must complete the "actual expenses" column on the original form, attach receipts and a conference agenda, if available, and mail to the Scholarship Chairperson for authorization of reimbursement.

Scholarship Acceptance: _____; _____
Date Signature of Scholarship Chairperson

Scholarship Payment: Authorized by Chairperson - _____
Signature of Chairperson

Completed by Treasurer _____
Date Check # Amount



MEMBERSHIP FORM

**LOUISIANA EDUCATIONAL DIAGNOSTICIANS' ASSOCIATION
(LEDA)**

Please include your membership dues (check or money order, made out to *LEDA*), to
Ms. Barbara Morris, P.O. Box 1203, Westlake, LA 70669

Date: _____

NAME: _____

POSITION: _____

EMPLOYER: _____ REGION: _____

WORK ADDRESS: _____ PARISH: _____

CITY: _____, LOUISIANA ZIP: _____

WORK PHONE: () _____ FAX: () _____

WORK E-MAIL: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____, LOUISIANA ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: () _____ E-MAIL: _____

Check One: () *Active Member-* \$30 () *Associate Member-* \$25

Active Members- All Educational Diagnosticians and Educational Consultants who are employed in (or retired from) that position in the public or private schools of Louisiana. Active members have the right to vote and hold office.

Associate Members- All other recognized professionals involved in educational assessment, all university/college personnel involved in the training of Diagnosticians, and all graduate students pursuing Diagnosticians certification. Associate members cannot vote or hold office.

Check One: () *New Membership* () *Membership Renewal*

Joan R. Moise, President



Louisiana Educational Diagnosticians' Association

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Houma, LA 70364
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or 985-851-1550 Ext, 248

May 1, 2010

Dear Colleague,

On Wednesday, October 8, 2009 at the annual business meeting of the Louisiana Educational Diagnosticians' Association in Baton Rouge, the membership voted to assess each diagnostician in the state fifty dollars (\$50.00) in order to hire a lobbyist to assist in having a bill passed in the state legislature to get Nationally Certified Educational Diagnosticians the five thousand dollar (\$5000.00) pay increase that is currently being received by our coworkers, the school psychologists, social workers, counselors, and speech pathologists, in the state. LEDA now has a lobbyist. Her name is Brenda Noland. She is also the lobbyist for the school psychologists and we are working with them on keeping the stipend from being taken away. In order to retain her very effective services, LEDA must pay her an annual retainer.

If you are nationally certified, I believe you would want to receive the same consideration as those with whom you work. If you are not yet nationally certified, but plan to get nationally certified, I believe you would wish to participate in the effort to increase your future income. If you are not certified and do not plan to get certified, I believe you would still wish to participate in an effort to afford your colleagues and future diagnosticians the rewards they deserve for having gone the extra steps and putting forth the extra effort to obtain national certification.

Therefore, I am requesting that you fill out the bottom portion of this letter, tear it off, and return it with your check for fifty dollars (\$50.00) to our treasurer, Barbara Morris, who will keep these funds separate from our operating/conference budget to pay the lobbyist.

If you are not yet a member of LEDA, please email me at joanellenmoise@att.net or joanmoise@tpsd.org and I will email you a LEDA membership form. We need all diagnosticians' support. Our numbers are small as compared to our coworkers and we do not have the same type of politically active national organizations that they do.

Thanks for your support! We can do it if we stick together.

Joan R. Moise

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Name: _____

- ___ Yes, I am sending my check for \$50.00 to pay for a lobbyist to get the NCED pay increase.
- ___ No, I am unable to send \$50.00 to assist my colleagues in paying for a lobbyist to obtain the pay increase for NCED.

*****Please make the check out to LEDA and mail it to: Barbara Morris, Treasurer, LEDA
P. O. Box 1203
Westlake, LA 70669

DRAFT AGENDA
TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL LOUISIANA EDUCATIONAL DIAGNOSTICIANS' CONFERENCE
Theme: **HIT THE JACKPOT WITH LEDA**

September 20th and 30th and October 1st , 2010
Paragon Resort and Casino
Marksville, Louisiana

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

7:00 – 8:00 Registration and Complimentary Breakfast
8:30 – 9:30 Entrance of Color Guard and Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation
Welcome: **Joan Moise** LEDA President
9:30 – 10:30
Session I **Heather Stephens – Keynote Speaker**
Working Memory, Reading Comprehension, Executive Function of the Brain
10:30 – 11:00 Break
11:00 – 12:00
Session I Contd. **Heather Stephens – Keynote Speaker**
12:00 – 1:30 Door Prizes Lunch on Your Own
1:30 – 2:30
Session I **Dr. Judy Manning**
Resuscitating a Flatsy-Patsy
Session II **Dr. Litton**
Session III **Safe and Drug Free Schools**
2:30 – 2:45 Break
2:45 – 3:45 **LEDA Business Meeting and Election of Officers followed by**
Legislative Update
3:45 – 4:45
Session I **Heather Stephens – Breakout Session**
Session II **Dr. Litton**
Session III **Patricia McElroy, Ed. S., NCED – State Department Round Table**
4:45 Door Prizes
7:00 – 10:00 Social
Along with a buffet, the Wednesday night social will include entertainment by Shakedown Productions. Sherwood and Patti White will provide professional karaoke and DJ services. They play music of all kinds, teach line dances, and show music videos (if requested)
. They plan a fun evening.

Thursday, September 30, 2010

7:00 – 8:30 Registration and Complimentary Continental Breakfast
8:30 – 9:30
Session I **Claire Advakot - Medications**
Session II (2 hrs.) **J. Steven Welsh, Ph.D., Nicholls State University**
Survival Skills for Litigation:
Preparation, Testimony, and the Daubert Challenge
9:30 – 9:45 Break
9:45 – 10:45
Session I **Claire Advakot – Medications**
Session II Contd **J. Steven Welsh – Litigation**
10:45 – 11:00 Break
Session I **Dr. Judy Manning**
Resuscitating a Flatsy-Patsy
Session II **Gesa Hill**
Occupational Therapy-Memory and Learning as It Relates to
Visual Motor Abilities

Session III **Rachal McGee – Graphs, Etc.**
 12:00 – 1:30 Luncheon:
 Entertainment by Northeast High School Performance Choir
 Installation of Officers
 Awards and Acknowledgements
 Door Prizes

 1:30 – 2:30
 Session I **Shawnee Parker – Universal Design Learning/UDL**
 Session II **Ellen Brocoto – Aspergers Syndrome**
 Session III **Patricia McElroy, Ed.S., NCED**
 Round Table Discussion (LEDA CEU Categories)

Friday, October 1, 2010

7:00 – 8:30 Registration and Complimentary Continental Breakfast
 8:30 – 9:30
 Session I **John Simoneaux, Ph.D.**
 Conduct and Oppositional Defiant Disorders-Interventions and Recs
 Session II **Heather Landry – retirement Planning**
 9:30 – 10:00 Door Prizes
 Break

 10:00 – 11:00
 Session I **John Simoneaux, Ph.D.**
 Conduct and Oppositional Defiant Disorders-Interventions and Recs
 Session II **Safe and Drug Free Schools**
 11:00 Door Prize **\$100**