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NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RUTH LATURE

As of September 30, I will be leaving the Dyslexia Association of the Pennyrile after nearly 45 years.

My adventures have brought much fulfillment and crushing problems. As we began, my garage was our storage facility. My phone was the contact number for the Association. I recall coming home from teaching a full day and after school activities also to a list of phone calls to be returned. My late husband was the office secretary.

Now we enjoy a nice, spacious office at 538A Noel Avenue, which I am sad to leave.

Communicating to parents and even professionals that the child might have dyslexia was like talking to a brick wall. Since we cannot see into the brain of the person with dyslexia except in research labs, the child was often thought of as lazy, mentally dull, or just not motivated. I have known students who would throw a

book across the room to keep from reading aloud. Of course, they would be punished, but punishment was less painful than attempting to read and being laughed at. There is still a heartbreaking amount of disbelief and misunderstanding. However, there are many more parents bringing their children to our office for a screening by a psychologist than ever before. There are sources in Nashville, Louisville, and elsewhere to get a full evaluation.

A person with dyslexia needs to be taught differently. Today, there are more delivery systems for teaching. However, all systems still use essentially the same techniques researched by Dr. Samuel Orton more than 70 years ago. In the education field, we are the "slow learners." The Dyslexia Association of the Pennyrile has had a program using an Orton-Gillingham derived method for 45 years. The Dyslexia Association started this year a group of parents and tutors using the

Susan Barton Method with excellent success.

Decoding Dyslexia now has a group in all states. This movement was started mainly by parents seeking help. Decoding Dyslexia has been of tremendous influence with state legislatures. Teacher training colleges and universities have been slow to make available meaningful courses to show educators how to work with dyslexic students. That, too, is slowly changing. State departments of education must be accountable for enforcing laws passed in many states.

I am retiring from the Dyslexia Association of the Pennyrile, but I am not retiring from dyslexia. I plan to continue to keep abreast of new information as it unfolds. Do not hesitate to contact me at home if I can be of help or if you just want to chat. I plan to continue my interest in antique glassware, travel, and possibly resume private tutoring after a rest.



*RETIREMENT RECEPTION
FOR
RUTH FULLER LATURE*

October 4, 2015 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Dyslexia Office, 538A Noel Avenue, Hopkinsville

PUBLIC CORDIALLY INVITED

Please RSVP by September 21, 2015 at 270/885-5804 or dyslexia@hesenergy.net

UPCOMING IN AUGUST

Monthly Screening for Dyslexia & other Learning Disabilities: August 14, 2015 - Call the office for an appointment at 270/885-5804. Testing is done by a trained Psychologist. There is a nominal fee for his services. Additional Screening Dates are: September 11; October 16; November 13

INSTRUCTIONAL TUTORIAL PROGRAMS

The Dyslexia Association of the Pennyrile will begin its 45th year of tutorial programs in August.

The traditional or Alphabetic-Phonetic-Structural-Linguistic Program (APSL) will begin on August 24th at First Christian Church from 5:10 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. and continue on Monday evenings until mid December. New students are accepted at the beginning of a semester.

For the spring semester 2015, the Association did a pilot program

using the Barton Reading System, supervised by Vicky Jones. The program was so successful it will be offered again this fall. Days and place are yet to be determined.

As all successful methods for teaching persons with dyslexia, the Barton System is based on the Orton-Gillingham teaching method. The Barton System, like the APSL, is a one-on-one method with someone from the student's family volunteering to tutor someone else's child in order to get a tutor

without charge for their child. One advantage of the Barton System is the availability of very explicit training videos in which Susan Barton, the developer, demonstrates each step of the tutoring process. The student must pass a simple test to determine eligibility for the program. Likewise, before an individual can take the training to be a tutor in the program, he/she has to take a short test on sounds.

FREE COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

Anyone planning to tutor in the traditional program MUST attend the workshop both days

WANTED:

Tutors for weekly Tutorial Program. Small pay; big rewards! Free training provided at workshop on August 15-16. Call 270/885-5804

Dr. Paul Thompson, psychologist, Mayfield, KY, will be conducting the workshop for the traditional tutorial program on August 15, 2015 from 9 am. - 4:30 pm. The workshop will continue on August 16 from 1:30 to 5 p.m. We do a highly specialized type of teaching which cannot be done without training.

Those parents who will be tutoring in the Susan Barton Program for the first time, will also meet at the same place during the same hours. (First United Methodist Church on

August 15 & 16).

Parents who taught in the Susan Barton Program this past year will meet at a different day to be announced.

The workshops are FREE and anyone is invited regardless of their intention to tutor. Workshops will be held at First United Methodist Church, 1305 South Main Street, Hopkinsville.

If you have any questions concerning these workshops, please call our office at 270/885-5804.

PARENTS OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT DYSLEXIA

We will have a table at the Open Houses in August for Christian County Public and Private Elementary Schools. Information on dyslexia and our services will be available to parents and teachers.

NEWS FROM BOARD PRESIDENT MERRIE SIMONTON

Celebratory Reception for Retiring Executive Director

You have already read of our Executive Director's announcement to retire at the end of September. Ruth Fuller Lature leaves quite a legacy to Christian County and surrounding area. As co-founder of our association 45 years ago, she was a woman ahead of her time in recognizing that persons with dyslexia learn to read differently and therefore need to be taught differently. In 1970 she established an instructional tutorial reading program to teach persons, mostly children, who had been unsuccessful learning to read. That program continues today. Ruth has spent her life advocating for, and teaching to read, many hundreds of children with dyslexia. As a result she has turned discouragement into hope for their families. We will honor Ruth with a celebratory reception on Sunday, October 4, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at our new Dyslexia Office. We hope you will be there to honor her with your presence.

New Executive Director to take over October 1st

Vicky Jones has been named our new Executive Director to assume the position beginning October 1st. Vicky as served as our Administrative Assistant for the last two years. This past spring she served as supervisor piloting our new Barton Reading and Spelling Program. She graduated from Western Kentucky University in 1979 with a degree in Elementary Education and a Minor in Special Education. She has served as a Special Education Teacher in the Christian County and Trigg County School Systems for 27 years. Her past administrative experience includes managing an office of a local business, serving as a local realtor, and serving as International President of a Non-Profit Organization with over 10,000 members. She and her husband, Dan, live in Cadiz.

Recognition of Our Program Staff and Board

We are happy to announce our Fall

Supervisors for our Instructional Tutorial Programs: Angela Jenkins - Traditional APSL Program and Vicky Jones - Barton Reading & Spelling Program

We are also pleased to announce our New Board Members who were welcomed in May: Captain Michael Felts, Hopkinsville Police Department; Alyssa Keller, Hopkinsville Museum; Kendriana Price, Christian County Extension Office; and Alethea Williams, Planters Bank and Trust Company.

Appreciation is expressed to members who rotated off the Board in May after 27 years of combined service: Peggy Bozarth, Mike Bruce, Jane Bruce, and Amy Nightingale.

Children (and adults) served this past year

The Dyslexia Association served approx. 200 persons through our screenings, training of tutors, instructional tutorial programs, and individual consultations.

DECODING DYSLEXIA

Decoding Dyslexia is a movement started by a group of New Jersey parents which has spread to all states. Their vision of a grassroots movement driven by motivated families of dyslexic children with a mission to raise awareness empowers families to support their children, and inform policy-makers about dyslexia. Decoding Dyslexia is certainly not limited to parents. Many teachers are joining the movement. Barbara Reilman, Cold Springs, Kentucky is heading the group in Kentucky. Decoding Dyslexia Kentucky maybe found on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/decodingdyslexiaky>. Our Dyslexia Association supports Decoding Dyslexia Kentucky.

WHY BOTHER WITH CURSIVE?

Cursive writing has many advantages, especially for persons with dyslexia.

1. The word becomes a unit, rather than a series of separate strokes. Thus spacing within and between words is much less of a problem.
2. Fewer letters are reversed with cursive writing.
3. Most critically, handwriting engages more cognitive resources than keyboarding does. Writing exercises the brain, keyboarding the fingers.
4. Teaching cursive includes the ability to read cursive. The Declaration of Independence and many other important documents are written in cursive.
5. A cursive signature is more difficult to forge than a printed one.

The above information was taken from an article by Diana Hanbury King, highly esteemed in the field of dyslexia.

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Dyslexia Association of the Pennyrile is listed with www.krogers.com/communityrewards, as an organization to receive rebates from customer purchases. Please go to the above website and register your Kroger Plus Card. While the percentage is small, the Association does a tremendous amount with a very small budget. This act on the part of any Kroger customer will help greatly.



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