



Florida Communication Association Newsletter

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interested in advancing the communication arts and sciences in Florida

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Speech is civilization itself. The word, even the most contradictory word, preserves contact—it is silence which isolates.

Thomas Mann

Convention Update

Join us for our 73rd annual convention October 16-18, 2003 in Kissimmee. This year's convention theme is **Re(*constructing*) Communication**. Convention site is the Radisson Resort Parkway, 2900 Parkway Boulevard, Kissimmee, FL 34747. For Reservations, call 800- 444-3344 or go to their website at www.radisson.com/kissimmeefl

Orlando: More to Enjoy By Cynthia Irizarry

Orlando is one of the most popular cities for conferences. Those attending this year's FCA conference will find many events and attractions in this lovely city. While Orlando is certainly known for its theme parks, there is a host of activities that offer cultural, educational and culinary enjoyment.

Interested in art? Orlando offers many museums, both general and specialized. The largest of these venues is the **Orlando Museum of Art**. Running through October, OMA will be featuring the works of Eliot Porter in the exhibit, "The Color of Wildness." The **Mennello Museum of American Folk Art** is also located in the downtown Orlando area and features both local and national exhibits. In Winter Park, the **Morse Museum of Art** features a comprehensive collection of the work of Louis Comfort Tiffany. Also in Winter Park, on the campus of Rollins College, is the **Cornell Fine Arts Museum**. The admission for museums ranges from \$3.00 to \$6.00. The Cornell Museum is free.

Interested in theater? The **UCF Shakespeare Theatre** will be in full swing during your stay. The feature performance the weekend of October 16th is "The Tempest." Other local productions are also offered. For example, The **Osceola Players** will be performing Ivan Menchall's "The Cemetery Club" and the **Mad Cow Theater** in downtown Orlando will be performing "The Fantastiks."

Interested in music? Check out the Orlando Philharmonic at the **Bob Carr Center for the Performing Arts**. The Philharmonic will be performing American greats such as Gershwin and Copeland on October 18th. If Blues is more your preference, guitarist Robert Cray will be performing at the **Hard Rock Live** in the Universal City Walk complex on October 17th.

Member News

▫ **Dr. Sue Easton** (Rollins College) was awarded the prestigious Walter E. Barden Distinguished Teaching Award.

▫ Santa Fe CC has hired **LaVette Burnette** as an assistant speech professor beginning Fall 2003. LaVette is a graduate of Western Kentucky University.

▫ **Ann Scroggie** (Santa Fe CC) gave five presentations at NISOD at the Univ. of Texas, and was named the Fall guest editor for the Florida Storytelling Association Newsletter.

▫ **Dr. Susan Andersen** (Brevard CC) and her husband, Michael announce the adoption of their baby son, Cody James. Born in Tyumen, Russia (Western Siberia), Cody became an American citizen on June 8, 2003.

News of your own?

Please share your news with FCA; friends and colleagues. Just send an email to Newsletter Editor Susan Andersen at

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More adventurous in your musical tastes? Try local acts performing at the **House of Blues** at the Downtown Disney complex or rub elbows with hip locals at the **Orlando Social Club** in Downtown Orlando. For the brave at heart, sing karaoke in front of hundreds of diners at the **Motown Café** in the Universal City Walk complex.

Interested in learning? **The Orlando Science Center** is a low-cost way to learn about our universe through many fine interactive activities and exhibits. The **Orange County Regional History Center**, also located in downtown Orlando, explores the cultural roots of Central Florida. If you'll be bringing children, these venues are excellent, low-cost alternatives to the theme parks.



Interested in dining? Both **Downtown Disney** and **Universal City Walk** offer many moderately priced theme restaurants. Be prepared for very long-lines. In some cases, reservations will be needed such as at **Emeril's**, Universal. You can find additional dining in the I-drive area. Two places are noteworthy and moderately priced. **Bahama Breeze** offers Caribbean and Cuban cuisine and **The Bonfish Grill** specializes in seafood. Both are winners of the *Orlando Sentinel's* Foodie Award. Before you think that Orlando offers only chain food fare, there are also many good local restaurants far from the theme park crowds. On the cheap, **NYPD Pizza** has the best New York style slice in the city and **Le Coq au Vin** offers excellent French cuisine at moderate prices. If you really want to splurge, try **Del Frisco's Steak House** for gourmet steaks and seafood.

For more information, the Friday edition of the *Orlando Sentinel* offers a comprehensive weekend section that rates all restaurants, lists all theatrical and musical performances and provides admission information for parks and attractions. The weekend section also provides current discount admissions for Florida residents.

FCA Website

If you haven't seen the new FCA Website, take a moment now to click on

<http://pegasus.cc.ucf.edu/~fca/>

Kudos to **Christine Hanlon** for her hard work getting the site up and running. This will be a great tool for keeping FCA membership connected in the months and years ahead!

A word is dead
When it is said,
Some say.
I say it just
Begins to live
That day.

-Emily Dickinson

Campus Contacts By Sue Easton

A special thank you goes out to all of the following campus contacts who have helped with FCA communication using our new email network:

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We have seen a wonderful response from many new members and individuals whom we might not have reached through traditional methods. We are grateful for your willingness to help establish another channel of communication for our association.



Don't forget to send your news – professional and personal – to Newsletter Editor Susan Andersen at andersens@imail.brevard.cc.fl.us