President's Welcome

Welcome back everyone! We would like to take this opportunity to welcome back our instructors and continuing Court Reporting students. A warm welcome to all of our new Court Reporting Theory students and to our new transfer students.

We encourage all of you to participate in our Club fundraisers. And, yes, get ready for another upcoming Spell-A-Thon! The money raised from our fundraisers will be used for scholarships and awards for well-deserving Court Reporting students, CSR candidates, our annual Spring Awards Banquet, and our proud continued sponsorship of canine rescue training.

It is our wish that this semester will bring much success to all of you in the form of many passed takes and a greater knowledge of Court Reporting. We look forward to serving you all as Co-Presidents of the Cypress College Court Reporting Club for the 2008 school year.
All the best to each and every one of you.

Colleen Pippin & Yama Buzelli
Co-Presidents

CONGRATULATIONS, KATY

Katy Bonnett is qualified and will be taking the Spring Certified Shorthand Reporter’s Examination to be held in Los Angeles on March 14 and 15. Congratulations to you, Katy!!

Katy is a resident of Huntington Beach. She resides there with her daughter, Kimberly. Originally from Montana, Katy is also the proud mother of Joshua. She has two special pets, Chihuahua, Beanie and Jack, which complete the family.

Katy is a graduate of Katella High School in Anaheim. When not practicing on her steno machine or working on her computer, Katy enjoys racquetball, swimming, hiking, and yoga. Her favorite academic class was punctuation.

Katy has an interesting and varied background. She has worked as a hearing reporter and a CART reporter. She is also an excellent masseuse and is good at handwriting analysis. She is a Board Certified Document Examiner.

She enjoys writing on her steno machine and looks forward to having only one job. Her goal upon passing the CSR is to become a deposition reporting, make more money, and spend more time with family and friends.

GOOD LUCK AND GREAT SPEED, KATY!!
LET’S HEAR IT FROM THE THEORY STUDENTS

Each semester a new set of theory students begin their journey through the program starting in Ms. Freer’s theory class. Here is a sampling of why this group of talented individuals decided to get involved in court reporting.

**Frenchell Moore:** I have chosen to be a court reporter because I want to have a skill that is not easily found. Plus the salary sounds great!

**Matthew Missick:** I knew I wanted to work in a courthouse, but didn’t want to be a lawyer. I wanted to make comparable money, though, and enjoy my job.

**Patricia Ayala-Guzman:** I decided to become a court reporter because I would love to be involved in a major trial taking down the testimony!!

**Katie Larson:** I became interested in court reporting when I learned you can make your own schedule, and it pays really well.

**Pamela Fulmer:** I have an aunt who went through the Cypress College program and is now a court reporter. She encouraged me to try it!

**Lloyd Anderson:** I decided to become a court reporter because I knew a man who was one. He seemed to enjoy it. So why not give it a shot. I don’t regret it so far.

**Madeline Weinhart:** I decided to become a court reporter because I wanted to make a change for the best. I knew if I kept going the route that I was going that I would go nowhere. I am so very happy that I decided to do this. I truly believe it is one of the best decisions I have ever made.
Lorena Farias: The reason I decided to join the court reporting program here at Cypress College is to get a career in a promising field and to have a better future for my family and being able to provide for my son.

Sally Kimball: I decided to become a court reporter because my mom’s friend does it and loves her job. I am also a really fast typist, and English was my best subject in school. Plus the pay is good. My mom has been bugging me to do this for years.

Amy Eichorn: I chose to study court reporting because it is an interesting field, and I could see myself having a career in court reporting. Now, that I have started taking classes, I find it even more interesting.

CYPRESS COLLEGE COURT REPORTING CLUB
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 6, 2008

Opening:
The regular meeting of the Cypress College Court Reporting Club was called to order at 12:45 p.m. on Wednesday, February 6, 2008, in Room 111 by Colleen Pippin.

Present:
Mrs. Freer, Colleen Pippin, Yama Buzelli, Natalie Kishishita, Gloria Loo, Shannon Kelly and Shannon Bivens

A. Call to order
Colleen Pippin called the meeting to order.

B. Review of Previous Minutes
Shannon Bivens reviewed the minutes from the last meeting.

C. Open Issues

CURRENTS: This past fundraiser, Currents, did not turn out as we expected. Currents were very disorganized and didn’t have our orders on time. We will not be using them in the future. Anybody that has not received their orders, please contact Mrs. Freer or Colleen.

CSR CANDIDATE: Katie Bonnett has qualified for the CSR Examination. The program will either have a qualifier party or club officers will take her out to breakfast.

D. New Business

NEW STUDENT WELCOME: Club Officers will welcome the new theory students on February 21, 2008 at 10:20 in room 111.

THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY: On March 7, 2008 our anniversary party will be held in the old library from 11:00-1:00 p.m. Attending will be school faculty, deans, and alumni. Cypress College is funding this event. Club officers will be acting as hostesses.
SPELLING BEE: The Spell-A-Thon will be held on April 9, 2008. Time and location to be determined.

STUDENT STORE: Shannon Bivens will be opening the Student Store on Tuesdays from 12:30-1:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m. by Colleen Pippin. Minutes submitted by Shannon Bivens.

A Spotlight on Instructor: Dixie Lynch

by Colleen Pippin

"I strongly recommend a good student support system. Spend time together outside of school. Don’t compare yourself to other students. There will always be somebody better than you and somebody worse than you," advises instructor Dixie Lynch.

Ms. Lynch, who teaches the 70-100 speed class and the 160-challenge class at Cypress College, has also worked as a deposition reporter for M&M Court Reporters in Santa Ana for the last 16 years. She is an Orange County resident and received her A.A. and CSR from Cypress College in 1991.

Ms. Lynch remarks that Court Reporting has changed dramatically since she was in school. "We didn’t have real time; CAT systems were fairly new and used DOS, not Windows. Very few people had laptops because they were so expensive and barely large enough to hold a CAT system. We didn’t have cell phones to call and get directions and had to rely on the Thomas Guide for driving time and directions to a job."
While in school in her 120’s, Ms. Lynch fondly remembers an instructor, Mrs. Stoltz, who made such a lasting impression on her. “She was so inspiring and so clear in her dictation. I decided when I got my CSR and became a court reporter, I would like to teach at Cypress College and apply everything I liked about my teachers here and hopefully make a difference in the students’ lives.”

Ms. Lynch is mother to son, John, 21, daughter Kasie, 19, two dogs, Snoogins and Yoshi, and Geneva, a Bengal cat. She loves to sing, spend time with her family and pets, watch the Discovery Health Channel, and spend time on the Internet. Son John recently earned an A.A. from Irvine Valley College and works full time as a Quality Assurance Analyst at Blizzard Entertainment. Daughter Kasie is a freshman at UCSB, having fun experiencing college dorm life, and plans to become a genetic counselor.

In recalling her “nearly five years” in school, Ms. Lynch remembers how grateful she is for the support from her friends and classmates “who were there to build each other up when others couldn’t understand what we were going through.” She also recalls the challenge of figuring out how to push down multiple keys on the steno machine at one time and then transition to the typewriter (no computers yet) and only type one letter at a time.

Her advice to students on how to build speed and improve the quality of writing is practice, practice, practice. “Also repetition. I can’t tell you how much I wish I had followed my own advice when I was in school. It makes a huge difference when you get out there in the field.”

What attracted Dixie Lynch to court reporting? “I wanted a job that paid well and was flexible so that I could be there for my kids whenever they needed me, and being a deposition reporter sounded like the perfect job. And, I was right,” she concluded.

WELCOME BACK TO ALL FACULTY

Ms. Cardoza
Ms. Doustourian
Ms. Freer
Mr. Halford
Ms. Lynch
Ms. Melendez
Ms. Nichols
Ms. Pilger
Ms. Spack
Ms. Starbuck
Ms. Tisdale

Speeding Along

70’s

Kathleen Pineda

80’s

Alice Chang
Amber Jensen
Jackie Littlefield

120’s

Shannon Kelly
Candie Mason
Darlene Serna

140’s
Colleen Pippin
Natalie Kishishita
Ingrid Villalobos

**Speeding Along (continued)**

**160’s**

Yama Buzelli
Nancy Gabriel
Jessica Gomez
Cindy Hachey
Keri Leatherman
Tashina Lopez
Sarah Martinez

**170’s**

Candice Andino

**180’s**

Candice Andino
Yama Buzelli
Clay Frazier
Laurie Fremon
Marsha Sawa
Jessica Gomez
Sarah Martinez
Nancy Gabriel
Suzette Toral
Keely Van Zee

*Speeding Along (continued)*

200’s
Candice Andino
Yama Buzelli
Clay Frazier
Lisa Pechan
Marsha Sawa
Veronica Cortez

230’s
Candice Andino
Clay Frazier
Laurie Fremon
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