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The 26th Annual C. J. Davidson Lecture Series: Advances in Literacy

Presents

Karen Avrit, M.Ed., LDT, CALT-QI

Topics Include:

Working with Students in K-1 Who are At-Risk for Dyslexia

What about High School Students with Dyslexia

How to Address the Needs of Students with Dyslexia Identified Through Special Education

and

The New Texas State Dyslexia Handbook

Date: Friday, February 24, 2023

Time: 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Location: The Scottish Rite Learning

Center of West Texas, Lubbock, TX

Cost: \$50

5 ALTA CEU credits offered



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Welcome, New Staff!

Amarillo Campus

Carla Parker has joined the staff of the Scottish Rite learning Center in Amarillo. She will work in Administration and teach two classes of children with dyslexia. Carla received her degree from West Texas A&M and her Masters in Curriculum and Reading Instruction from Grand Canyon University. She has worked twenty-eight years in education as a classroom teacher, an Education Specialist at the Region 16 Service Center, and has been a Dyslexia Therapist for seven years. Carla is a Certified Academic Therapist (CALT) and a Licensed Dyslexia Therapist. Carla is in training to become a Qualified Instructor. Welcome Carla!



Lubbock Campus



The Lubbock and Amarillo Learning Centers are pleased to introduce Patti Ford as the new Administrative Assistant. She received her training at Lubbock Christian University and over the course of forty years, Patti has served as Secretary to businesses, bankers and attorneys. For the past twenty-three years she has worked as an Office Manager/Secretary in the Frenship School District. Patti brings many skills along with a warm and engaging countenance. Welcome Patti!

Cindy Sallee has joined the staff at the Lubbock Scottish Rite Learning
Center of West Texas. She is a graduate of Texas Tech and received her
Master's in Special Education from Lubbock Christian University. Cindy is a
Certified Academic Language Therapist (CALT), a Qualified Instructor, and
a Licensed Dyslexia Therapist. She taught thirty-one years in public
school, with sixteen of those years as a Dyslexia Therapist. She is looking
forward to working with the staff, assisting with teacher training, and
helping students to become confident readers. Welcome Cindy!





Welcome, New Students!

Lubbock Students











"Reading should not be presented to children as a chore, a duty.

It should be offered as a gift." - Kate DiCamillo



Amarillo students,

Garrison, Finley,

and Riley

with their

dyslexia therapist,

Melissa Espino.



LEARNING
IS A TREASURE THAT WILL
FOLLOW ITS OWNER
EVERYWHERE

Therapist Training Classes

Lubbock Campus



Introductory Class

Top Row: Kristi Tidmore, *Jayton ISD*, Darla Dennis, *Brownfield ISD*, Emily Weaver, *Shallowater ISD*, Bryan Armes, *Lubbock ISD*, Stephany McDougal, *Lubbock ISD*, Tori Ramey, *Big Spring ISD*

Center Row: Kelly Addison, *Brownfield ISD*, Holly Chowning, *Idalou ISD*, Teresa Bullock, *Seminole ISD*, Dana Davis, *Lubbock ISD*

Front Row: Shelby Hendrick, Cooper ISD, Amanda Lee, Shallowater ISD, Deana Swartz, Seminole ISD, Sheila Ward, Big Spring ISD, Kelley Bearden, Lubbock ISD

Advanced Class

Pictured left to right:
QI Hang, Kenley School Abilene
Liana Garcia, Brownfield ISD
Delaila Sifuentes, Canutillo ISD
Elsa Martinez, Lubbock ISD
Brenda Morales, Canutillo ISD (not pictured)



Amarillo Campus



Introductory Class

Top Row: Melissa Espino, QI, Dumas ISD, June Hoffman, QI, Scottish Rite Learning Center of West Texas

Bottom Row: Misty Wilkins, River Road ISD, Heather McGilvray, Boulder, Colorado ISD, Gloria Mason, Dumas ISD, Heather Hall, Lefores ISD

Advanced Class

Top Row: Melissa Espino, QI, Dumas ISD, June Hoffman, QI, Scottish Rite Learning Center of West Texas

Seated Row: Lydia Stang, Stinnett ISD, Shonda Foreman, Kansas Public Schools, Kristen Watson, Amarillo ISD, Tara Lowery-Hart, St. Andrews, Amarillo



Congratulations, New CALTs!

Congratulations to these ladies for becoming Certified Academic Language Therapists.

To become a CALT, these therapists passed the Academic Language Therapy
Association Competency Exam for Multisensory Structured Language
Education.

We are proud of you!



Laura Bow



Barb Biard



Kathryn Wiggins



Allison Klinke



April Flores



Melissa Hale



Crystal Orum



Page House



Haley Carson



Jennifer Mitchell



Patty White



Regina Gaillard



Shelli Thompson



Karen Webb



Barbara Bass



Becca Webb



Karen Avrit M.Ed., LDT, CALT-QI

Karen is the
Director
of Dyslexia
Education in the
Luke Waites
Center for
Dyslexia &
Learning

Disorders at

Scottish Rite for

Children

Announcing The 26th Annual C. J. Davidson Memorial

The Scottish Rite Learning Center of West Texas is pleased to announce Karen Avrit, M.Ed., LDT, CALT-QI will be the featured speaker at the 26th annual C.J. Davidson Memorial Lecture Series. Karen has served on the Texas State Dyslexia Handbook committee, the Texas First Grade Reading Adoption committee, as well as the committee writing the Texas standards and competencies for reading.

Karen has served as president of the Academic Language Therapy Association (ALTA) and the International Multisensory Language Education Council (IMSLEC). She is the lead author of *Take Flight: A Comprehensive Intervention for Students with Dyslexia curriculum*.

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Calendar of Events 2022–2023

2022

November 4 SRLCWT Lubbock Campus Introductory Seminar #2

November 6 Daylight Savings Time Ends

November 18 Amarillo Seminar #6

November 21-25 Thanksgiving Break – Lubbock and Amarillo Campuses Closed

December 2 Lubbock Campus Advanced Seminar #2
December 9 Amarillo Campus Introductory Seminar #2

December 15 Lubbock and Amarillo Campuses – Last Day of Classes

December 19 Christmas Holiday Begins – Lubbock and Amarillo Campuses Closed

2023



January 13 Lubbock Introductory Seminar #3

January 16 Martin Luther King Day – Lubbock and Amarillo Centers Closed

January 27 Amarillo Campus Advanced Seminar #7

February 20 President's Day – Lubbock and Amarillo Centers Closed

February 24 C. J. Davidson Memorial Lecture Series: Advances in Literacy – Karen Avrit

March 3 Lubbock Campus Advanced Seminar #3

Amarillo Campus Introductory Seminar #3

March 12 Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 13 – 17 Spring Break – Lubbock and Amarillo Campuses Closed

March 24 Lubbock Campus Introductory Seminar #4
Amarillo Campus Advanced Seminar #8

April 7 Good Friday – Lubbock and Amarillo Campuses Closed

April 9 Easter Sunday

April 10 Easter Monday – Lubbock Campus Closed
April 14 Amarillo Campus Introductory Seminar #4
April 22 Scottish Rite Car Show (on Lubbock Campus)

April 27 Amarillo – Last day of classes
April 30 Amarillo Campus – Graduation

May 4 Lubbock Campus – Last Day of Classes

May 7 Lubbock Campus – Graduation

May 29 Memorial Day – Lubbock and Amarillo Campuses – Closed
May 30 – June 16 Lubbock Campus Introductory Dyslexia Therapist Training
June 5 – 10 Amarillo Campus Advanced Dyslexia Therapist Training
June 12 – 24 Amarillo Campus Introductory Dyslexia Therapist Training

June 19 Juneteenth Holiday – Lubbock Campus Closed

June 20 – 30 Lubbock Campus Advanced Dyslexia Therapist Training

October 8 High Noon Tea and Style Show - Lubbock

ONLINE Registration is open for the 2023 Lecture Series

Visit our website www.srlcwt.org

Lubbock Scottish Rite Fundraisers

High Noon Tea and Fashion Show

Save the Date:

Plan to attend the 2023 Style Show presented on **October 8, 2023!**



Thank you to the Horizon Assembly#384, International Chapter of Rainbow Girls, for sponsoring this great event. Attendees were treated to a silent auction and a fashionable style show.









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Car Show 2022





Our Car Show was a success! Save the Date: The next Car Show will be held in Lubbock on April 22, 2023!









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2022 Take Flight Graduation

Lubbock and Amarillo campuses held graduation ceremonies in May.

Congratulations to our graduates!



Lubbock Dyslexia Therapist Graduates:

Top Row: Sheri Dendy, Becca Webb, Shelli Thompson, Barb Biard, Allison Klinke, Crystal Orum **Bottom Row:** Emily Smyth, Karen Webb, Haley Carson, Kyndra Montgomery, Amber Bozeman, Nicky King **Mason pictured:** Chris Felton



Amarillo Dyslexia Therapist Graduates:

Kathryn Wiggins, Roberta Hazen, Brittany Dockery, Regina Gaillard (not pictured)







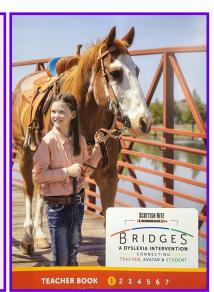


New Curriculum News: Bridges and BUILD



The Luke Waites Center for Dyslexia and Learning Disorders at Scottish Rite for Children and The Center for Simulation and Synthetic Humans at The University of Texas at Dallas have joined forces on an innovative project to break down educational barriers. This new collaborative program is called **Bridges**. It is a Dyslexia Intervention which connects an avatar, a teacher and the students.

Lubbock and Amarillo campuses are using this new curriculum with students. Toni Parrish and Melissa Espino are leading the classes.







BUILD is a reading intervention program developed by the staff at the Luke Waites Center for Dyslexia and Learning Disorders at Scottish Rite for Children. **BUILD** is designed to meet specific learning needs of K-1st Grade students who are at risk for being dyslexic.

Toni Parrish and June Hoffman attended training at the Luke Waites Center in Dallas in order to present this intervention to teachers.

Lubbock and Amarillo Learning Centers provided training for educators. Many students will benefit from the training presented at these workshops.

Thank you, Toni and June for putting together a wonderful learning experience for these dedicated teachers.







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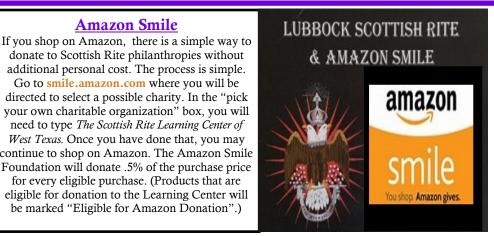
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