

NVRA's

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Don't Miss the Magic!

July 28-31, 2010, Charleston, SC

Click for complete convention, hotel, and travel information:

<http://nvra.org/displayconvspecific.cfm?convnbr=8642>

Register by **July 15** to qualify for discounted rates!



All of your favorite vendors, great socials, networking, CE credit!

Earn up to 16.5 CEs!

All in the heart of historic Charleston and right next door to the City Market.

Best of all, prices have been reduced in all categories!

Need a roommate to help defray expenses? Contact NVRA@nvra.org and ask for a list of prospective roommates for convention.

Plan to attend NVRA's Annual Convention July 28-31st in Historic Charleston at the DoubleTree Suites Hotel. Suites and executive king rooms are available for \$135 per night. Hotel rates will increase on July 2nd or when our room block is full, so reserve your room ASAP!

Freight Discount Program

The NVRA is developing a freight discount program to save you significant dollars on shipments to and from your business. The discounts will apply to small package air and ground shipments

We need you to complete a short survey in order to negotiate the best rates possible. Once discount rates have been established, they will be offered through the NVRA at no cost. NVRA is continuously working to help you lower your cost of doing business. Please go to the following Web address to take the survey now. It will only take a couple of minutes to complete. Thanks for your assistance!

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/C9Y97Y3>

Realtime Testing @ Convention

Registration is now open for NVRA's convention testing, July 28-29, 2010:

- Certified Verbatim Reporter (CVR)
- Certificate of Merit (CM)
- Realtime Verbatim Reporter (RVR)
- Registered CART Provider (RCP)
- Registered Broadcast Captioner (RBC)

Testing packets and registration materials are available online at:

<http://www.nvra.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=8>.

Special practice materials are available through Stenograph at a discounted rate to NVRA members. Stenograph's "Steno U High Stakes Test Prep Practice Kits" are available at 10% off current retail rates. Stenograph's "Realtime Accelerator, Vol. 1" is available at 20% off retail pricing. View these products online at www.stenograph.com. Please order directly through Stenograph, at 1-800-323-4247, ext. 5563 (Al Larosiliere) to receive the discount. You may also email alainl@stenograph.com.

Green Cosmetics

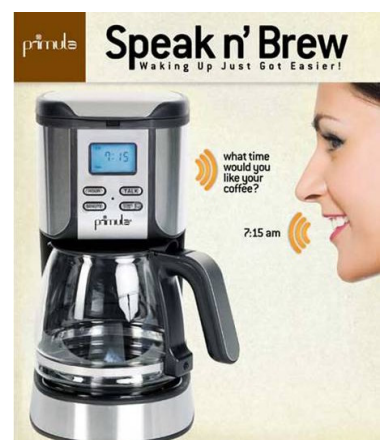
Beautorium.com sells only natural and organic beauty products, including France's popular organic line Melvita and Germany's Dr. Hauschka brands.

Saffonrouge.com claims to be America's largest online retailer of natural and organic skin care products. If it's not organic, it's not here!

ABHome.com recently added an in-store apothecary. Browse through Skinny Skinny soaps or In-

Speak n' Brew

Getting up just got a little easier. Primula 10-cup Speak n' Brew is the world's first talking coffee maker. There is a chip inside that understands your speech. It is used to set the clock or to program the brew time. It also works manually instead of using the Talk feature. Just 2 simple Steps: 1) Press Talk , 2) Listen and speak! Speak n' Brew asks you when you would like your coffee ready. Simply say the time. Speak n' Brew answers confirming the time and shows in the display. Available from Macy's and Bed Bath & Beyond, \$79.99.



Survival Tips for a Tight Economy

Being self-employed as a court reporting professional in this economy can be tough! Work is never guaranteed and collections in the summer months seem to be slower than usual. Here are some survival tips for those periods when your workload and your paycheck are unpredictable.

- Create a budget you can live with. Bills have to be paid. Set aside a little savings so you'll have something to fall back on in the worst of times.
- Eating out is fun, but taking your lunch can save you a bundle. The meals at those pricey little cafes near the courthouse are probably not as nutritious as the salad or sandwich you bring from home.
- Don't splurge. Put your money into savings. When times are better, you can buy those 4-inch heels you're dying for.
- Resist the urge to scream at clients who owe you money. Send pleasant "reminder" invoices.
- Don't turn down work. You never know when that gazillion-dollar job with umpteen copies will arrive. The more you take, the more money you make.
- Use down time wisely. Don't become a depressed couch potato. Catch up on reading or chores you never have time to do when business is booming!

How Well Can You Spell?

An important part of any takedown is being able to hear, understand and repeat what's being said. Then you have to make sure what you hear is spelled correctly! Can you pronounce and spell these words? (Answers on last page) Take the Spelling Quiz from Merriam-Webster's Spelling Bee Hive every day. You can see AND hear the pronunciation! <http://www.merriam-webster.com>

(1) rad-ee-OSE-un-ate

(2) sfig-moh-muh-NAH-muh-dur

(3) WAH-byuh-lay-dur

Haptic: Relating to or based on the sense of touch; tactile. Some new "smart" phones have a setting for "haptic feedback," meaning the phone will vibrate as you touch soft keys!

Intersteno Guest at NVRA Convention

Mrs. Rian Schwarz-van Poppel (and her husband and son) from The Netherlands will attend NVRA's Annual Convention in Charleston. She has succeeded Cees Van Beurden as the IPRS* Member of Intersteno's Board.

Rian worked for 20 years as a stenographer at the Reporting Office of the Dutch Parliament. For the last 10 years, she has been the team manager at the Reporting Office. She is interested "to regularly exchange experiences with new developments in our discipline." Please make her welcome when you meet her.

*Intersteno Parliamentary and Other Professional Reporters Section



NVRA's July Birthdays

July 2010

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | |
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| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | • 14 Bastille Day |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | • 21 National Hot Dog Day |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | • 24 Amelia Earhart Day |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | • 30 Father-in-Law Day |

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- **3 American Family Day**
- **5 America's Night Out Against Crime**
- **13 International Left-Handers' Day**
- **18 National Homeless Animals' Day**
- **19 Aviation Day**

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National Verbatim Reporters Association®

eVoice on Vacation!

eVoice Editor and NVRA Staff are on a publication “vacation” during July as we prepare for NVRA’s Annual Convention in Charleston, SC. **eVoice will resume with the September issue.**



Answers to How Well Can You Spell?

- (1) ratiocinate
- (2) sphygmomanometer
- (3) wobulator

Make Your Nominations for NVRA’s Value Awards

For the sixth consecutive year, NVRA will recognize outstanding members who remind us of the values that bring joy to others and leave a lasting mark on family, friends, and associates. These are the eight values important to our professional and personal lives:

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| TRUTH: | The individual who demonstrates open communication. |
| PROFESSIONALISM: | The individual whose actions reflect ethics, honor, and equality. |
| INDIVIDUALISM: | The individual who recognizes that respect and the rights of every member are paramount. |
| WELLNESS: | The individual who demonstrates and encourages healthy living. |
| SUPPORT: | The individual who is involved in opportunities for networking, mentoring, education, and interaction. |
| SERVICE: | The individual whose volunteer activities and charitable works inspire others. |
| EDUCATION: | The individual who works to establish standards for testing, certification, or continuing education. |
| INNOVATION: | The individual who demonstrates invention and creativity in any aspect of our profession. |

We need your nominations! It’s as easy as simply writing a short description, giving the name of the person you are nominating, the award you believe they characterize, and a brief description of the traits and activities of that person that reminds you of the value for which you make the nomination. E-mail your nomination to nvra@nvra.org. Please include “Value Awards” in the subject line.

Nominations will be read at our convention banquet. The winners need not be in attendance. The Value Award is a book chosen for each recipient based on the value category and the description given in your nomination. Please take a few moments to think of reporters who reflect these values and send in your nomination. **The deadline for nominations is June 28, 2010.**