

2009 WCRA SPRING CONVENTION

April 24-26, 2009

Holiday Inn Select, Appleton

Theme: "Going Green in our Courtrooms, Offices, and Homes"

FRIDAY

- 5:00pm **WCRA REALTIME CONTEST** – Kimberly Room
Five-minute live dictation of literary material at 180 wpm. Contestants passing with 96% accuracy will receive .4 CEU. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places!! Results will be announced at Saturday's business meeting.
- 5:00-7:00pm **Early Registration & Social - Marlon's Pub & Grill**
Enjoy Marlon's complimentary hors d'oeuvres & cash bar

SATURDAY – *Grand Chute Ballroom*

- 7:15-5:15pm **Registration**
- 7:15-8:15am **Continental Breakfast**
- 8:15-9:45 **"To Comma or Not to Comma" – Session 1** .15
You know rules for where to put commas. How about rules for where NOT to put commas? This seminar will help even the most sophisticated reporter be better. It is always good to brush up on and polish some of those rules.
Margie Wakeman Wells
- 9:45-10:00 **Break**
- 10:00-11:30 **"The Fragment" – Session 2** .15
The problem with English books is that they give rules for the written word. This seminar will explore what to do with the spoken words -- most especially with fragments. Come get those tricky transcript questions answered.
Margie Wakeman Wells
- 11:30-12:45 **Lunch (included in registration) - Terrace Restaurant**
- 12:45-2:15 **"The Hyphen" – Session 3** .15
This session will look in depth at problems with hyphens. Do I look it up? Do I make it one word? You will leave with a better understanding of what to do with hyphens.
Margie Wakeman Wells
- 2:15-2:30 **Break**
- 2:30-3:30 **"Healthy Snacks"** .1
Do you want to make better choices for you and your family's health? Brush up on your nutritional needs and how to make healthy, easy snacks and better choices for your family's health. Plus enjoy a tasty afternoon snack!
Chef Scott Finley, Fox Valley Technical College
- 3:30-3:45 **Break**
- 3:45-5:15 **"Captioning Church Services"** .15
Did you know that 98% of people with hearing loss do not have a church home? And many have stopped attending because they can no longer hear. Whether or not you have considered providing CART/captioning for a church or are already providing this very valuable service, please join us for an informative and interesting seminar as you learn the ins and outs of captioning a church service.
Pat Gardiner & Bernice Radavich
- 5:30-6:30 **"Town Hall Meeting"** .10
WCRA Board Members will update you on current events in our state and will be available for Q&A.

SUNDAY – *Grand Chute Ballroom*

- 7:15-8:15am **Continental Breakfast**
- 8:15-9:45 **"Going Green in our Courtrooms, Offices, and Homes"** .15
Learn ways that we can conserve energy and save our environment at the same time in this very informative seminar.
Penny Bernard Schaber, 57th Assembly District Representative and Sierra Club Member
- 9:45-10:00 **Break**
- 10:00-11:30 **"Prison Ministries"** .15
This presentation will help you understand the three major areas that result in men and women breaking the law; how we address their spiritual, emotional, and psychological needs for those willing to change; and what help is available after they are released. You will also hear the personal story of a former inmate who will share his journey from a troubled childhood, to incarceration, to becoming a responsible and accountable citizen.
Chaplain Tom Buxton, Fox Valley Jail Ministry

TOTAL POINTS **1.0**

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STUDENT SEMINARS
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- 2:30-3:30 “First day of work”
Learn firsthand from working professionals what to take with you on your first day on the job.
- 3:30-3:45 Break
- 3:45-4:45 “Mock depo”
Experience a mock deposition and a Q & A session with a panel of official and freelance reporters.