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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Cindy L. LaRosa, M.S., RPR

## JOINING ORGANIZATIONS: A THING OF THE PAST?



Memberships in clubs and organizations have been an important part of American life. French philosopher Alexis de Tocqueville observed as early as the 1830s that America is a nation of clubs. “Americans of all ages, all stations in life, and all types of dispositions are forever forming associations.”

These clubs and social organizations were formed by people with similar interests and goals and included different socioeconomic backgrounds. A modern example would be organizations such as the PTA (Parent-Teacher Association), which for a long time formed the backbone of the elementary school education system.

However, sometime in the past 50 years, the landscape of clubs has changed. Theda Skocpol, a Harvard political scientist, noted that gender and class originally played a major role in the formation of clubs, but gender- and race-based social organizations with limited memberships started to decline without an influx of new members. With women entering the workforce and no longer available for afternoon socials or meetings, there were fewer members available for these organizations. Working women were more apt to join professional groups instead, and educated Americans pulled out of broad community-based groups, leaving gaps in their makeup.



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The purpose of groups is to collaborate and share information and goals or for recreational activities. Once an individual's needs are no longer fulfilled, they leave or lose interest.

Robert Putnam, author of the book "Bowling Alone" (2000), cites how in-person social involvement in the United States has declined since the 1960s. His reasons cited double-career families, urban sprawl instead of small communities, and the expansion of electronic entertainment and communication.

Indeed, changes with in-person involvement has declined due to the advent of the Internet. Starting with emails, chat groups, and blogs, it has further expanded with social media, online gaming, and virtual meetings. This became especially true during the COVID pandemic of 2020. Quite simply, the exchange of information and experiences online has dramatically changed the club and organization structure that once was so common.

So, how can organizations such as OCRA and NCRA continue to operate and thrive in this new reality? How can they increase

participation when so many alternative forms of communication and engagement are available? It's not that the organizations have changed, but America in general has changed.

**"Gender and class originally played a major role in the formation of clubs, but gender - and race - based social organizations with limited memberships started to decline without an influx of new members."**

THEDA SKOCPOL, PHD

One approach is to offer much more in the way of online networking. This would utilize emails, social media, texting, and other forms of electronic communication to keep members informed of professional developments, news, and events. An example would be the recent events in Indiana where court reporting was almost outlawed except for the fast response of many professionals all over the country who provided immediate and overwhelming electronic public feedback against the proposal. This utilized the power of the Internet to act towards the preservation of the profession.

While not as dramatic, everyday problems and policy issues should also be addressed in a broader scope using electronic communications to preserve the profession and allow input of its members into matters that are important to them. There are many different aspects to the job of court reporting, and more input is needed to allow a broader consensus of the challenges that the profession faces.

Of course, electronic media also allows court reporting to be done in new and innovative ways, such as providing more stenographic reporters for remote hearings. This may also include reporters who are willing to transcribe proceedings that were previously recorded. The goal should be to allow more opportunities for court reporting and bridge the gap by uniting reporters, challenging them to think, and inspiring new ideas and alternatives. Bringing people from different groups together will add to the inclusivity of other reporting techniques. If digital reporters are here to stay, shouldn't we have input on the standards of how they operate?

In the end, organizations such as OCRA and NCRA will need an emerging generation of leaders willing to change and keep up with the fast-paced technological society that we have become in order to keep the organization relevant to its members and to utilize electronic media to not only perform the work but tie the individuals together into an organization that preserves the interests and vitality of the profession.



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# LET'S MAKE THE 2025 CONFERENCE MEMORABLE!

by Lance Boardman, RDR, CRR,  
President-Elect OCRA

## HOWDY, EVERYONE!

I'm Lance Boardman, and as the President-Elect of the Ohio Court Reporters Association (OCRA), I can't wait to welcome you to our 2025 Annual Conference from April 4-6 at the Cleveland Marriott East. This year's theme, "*Reflect. Empower. Unite.*", really hits home. It's all about looking back at how far we've come, leveling up with new skills, and coming together to keep our profession strong.

We've packed the weekend with a ton of great stuff! One of my favorite parts? The Hagestrom Cup Speed Contest and the Karoscik Realtime Contest.

If you haven't signed up yet, go for it! It's a chance to show off your skills and have some fun. Plus, it's always awesome to cheer on your fellow reporters.

The sessions this year are loaded with practical tips and new tech ideas. Whether you're a seasoned pro or just starting out, there's something here for everyone. And don't forget to swing by the vendor expo to check out the latest services and wares.

Now, let's talk about the Saturday night "*Denim and Diamonds President's Reception.*" It's going to be a blast! We've got dinner, live music from Thunder Creek, and plenty of time to relax and catch up with friends.

Plus, the Silent Auction will be online starting at noon Friday and available to view on-site all day Saturday, with proceeds going to the OCRA Cardinal Foundation to support scholarships and education.

Of course, we'll also be celebrating some big achievements at the Annual Business Meeting and Luncheon on Saturday. It's always inspiring to see folks recognized for their hard work and dedication to our field.

Remember that as an "early bird" incentive, if you register

by February 14, 2025, you'll be entered to win a full refund of your registration. And don't wait too long to book your room at the Cleveland Marriott East—our special rate is only available until March 12, 2025. **BONUS: FREE PARKING AND INTERNET!**

Whether you're coming to learn, network, or just have a good time, this conference has got you covered. I'm really looking forward to hanging out with all of you, swapping stories, and celebrating everything that makes court reporting and captioning such incredible professions.

See you in April!



# VOICE WRITING, BRIEFLY

by Lin Riffle, RDR, CRR, CRC,  
Vice President

As I started to put this article together, I got the exciting news that Tori Pittman will be a speaker at our upcoming conference, so I will keep this brief and leave the details to the expert. Tori is a stenographer turned voice writer and a fantastic presenter. I look forward to her session.

We have all probably heard of voice writing by now, but what is it? Up until a few years ago, I only knew of what we called the old school “Stenomask” reporters, who merely repeated what was happening in the room into a cone-shaped mask that recorded something that was later transcribed. Attorneys complained that it was loud and distracting.

Then I watched a live demo of a voice writer. I learned that there is an important distinction between simply using a Stenomask and being a voice writer. Just as the word “writer” implies, these professionals capture the record using their own version of shorthand with brief forms and commands that are translated and sent to the same CAT software most stenographers use. This produces a realtime record that is edited and proofread to produce a final, certified transcript.

Like stenographers, voice writers have a national association with voluntary certification, and some states have licensure requirements.

I was amazed by the similarities between steno and voice, and I think you will be too. Hope to see you in Cleveland in April for this great session!



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# MENTORING: AN ADVENTURE

by Janie Blair, RPR, CRR, Treasurer

I have been a mentor through the National Court Reporters Association for many students over the years.

Recently, technology has allowed me even more opportunity to mentor students who aren't located in the same physical vicinity. Last year I helped a student in California several times, proctoring her exams for voice writing.

Even though it's been a while since I've been in school and in these students' shoes (32 years now), I feel like I can give them some guidance and cheer them on as they progress in school.

My clients have been very generous in allowing the students to shadow me in depositions, either in-person or via Zoom, which gives them a sense of the real world and lets them picture themselves as an actual court reporter.

There's a local reporter whom I have paid to send the student reporters a Kinesthetic Focus Meditation -- which she created -- and that I believe has been of great assistance. It helped me to pass one of my certifications.

A fun sidenote to this -- when I was doing the meditation down by the neighborhood pond (actually, I believe it was on cassette tape back then), I had my pre-teen daughter and her friend with me. They were so intrigued that I was doing a meditation, and they stared at me the whole time.

Another tool I have heard in the past is to put a penny in your shoe and focus on the penny and not think about the testing aspect.

Some students feel it's better to practice at higher speeds,

and then the speed they're working on will seem slower. Others believe practicing at slower speeds is better, to focus on accuracy; that way, when they do write at their testing speed, they will make fewer mistakes.

When I was in school, we were told not to focus on adding a lot of briefs because that could slow us down.

The students now are adding more briefs. Even though some schools of thought are different, the end goal is the same, to attain 225 WPM and become a working reporter. It's great to see more students coming into our profession, and I feel like it's my way of giving back to the wonderful career that I love!!



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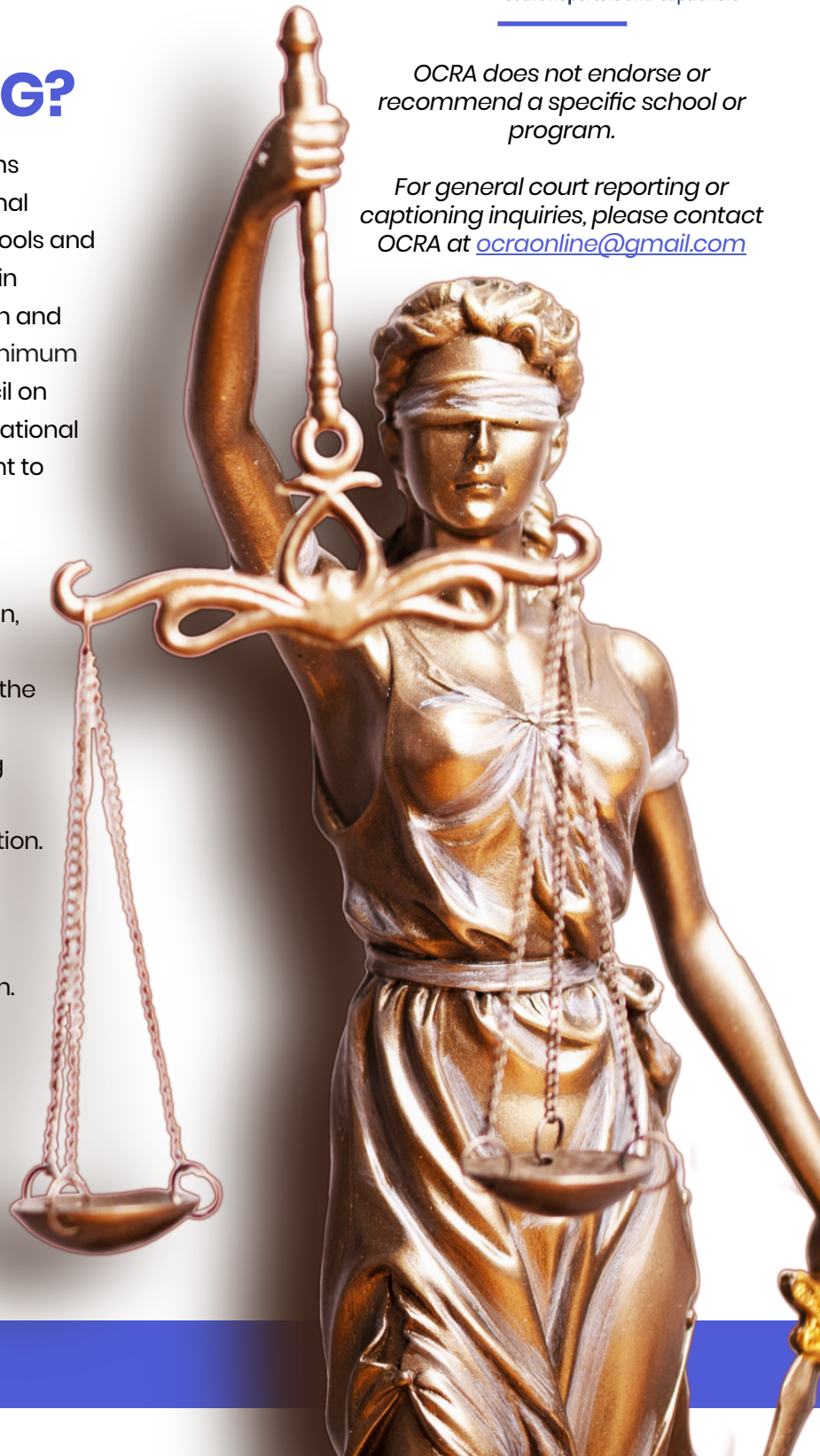
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# A VISIT TO STEUBENVILLE: NUTCRACKER VILLAGE & JEFFERSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

by Veronica Williams, RPR



My husband and I sometimes do an after-Christmas road trip. This year I heard about the Nutcracker Village in Steubenville, Ohio. We decided to stop in on our way to Pittsburgh to explore the holiday festivities and take in the town's rich historical sights.

The Steubenville Nutcracker Village is a dazzling display of over 200 life-sized nutcracker figures. Set against the backdrop of the town's historic downtown, the village captivated us with its variety of beautifully crafted nutcrackers, each reflecting a different theme or artistic style.

From classic holiday scenes to whimsical creations, the Nutcracker Village brought a festive atmosphere to Steubenville, drawing visitors

from near and far to admire the holiday magic. A couple of favorites were the Wizard of Oz, the Mary Poppins display, and the Clark Kent and Lois Lane nutcrackers.

Jefferson County Courthouse, a true gem in the heart of the city, also participated in the Nutcracker Village, complete with a bride and groom, a nutcracker of Judge Michelle Miller and Francesca, the Lawyer. They also have nutcrackers lining and representing the Armed Forces memorial.

The courthouse, constructed in the late 19th century, is renowned for its architectural beauty in neoclassical style. A standout feature is the golden statue of Lady Justice that graces the top of the courthouse, symbolizing fairness in the law. The statue's radiant golden hue gleamed under the winter sun, serving as a striking contrast to the courthouse's sturdy stone façade.



The sight of Lady Justice, standing proudly above the bustling streets of Steubenville, was especially meaningful. It was a reminder of the courthouse's long history in the community, where it has served as a cornerstone of justice for more than a century. The surrounding area, decorated in holiday lights, offered a serene and reflective atmosphere—an ideal moment to pause and appreciate both the town's legal heritage and its seasonal beauty.

Steubenville's Nutcracker Village and the Jefferson County Courthouse provided the perfect blend of culture, history, and holiday spirit. I would encourage you to spend an afternoon next holiday season enjoying the Christmas spirit of Steubenville. It may just become a tradition for us.



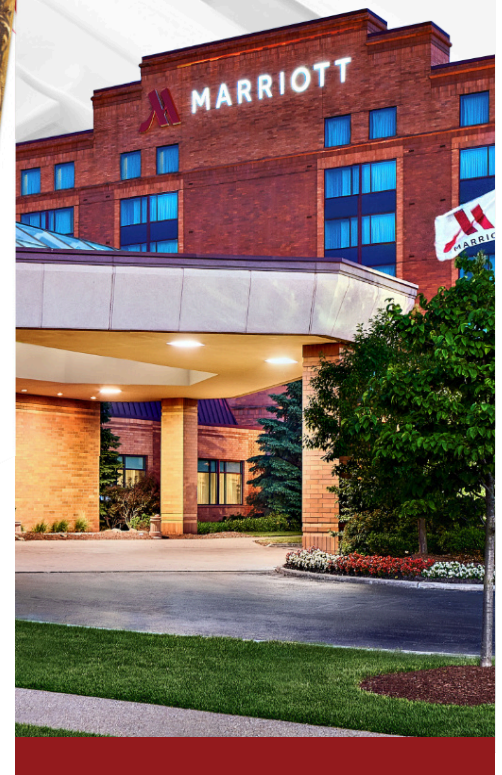
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**TICK TOCK**



# IT'S ALMOST CONTEST TIME!

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Hagestrom Cup Speed Contest  
Co-Chair, Karoscik Realtime  
Contest Contest Chair*

The 2025 OCRA Hagestrom Speed Cup and Karoscik Realtime Contests will take place on Friday, April 4, at our annual conference in Cleveland. Last year, we had 17 contestants, most of whom participated in both contests.

This year's format will be the same: Realtime consisting of Literary at 200 WPM and Q&A at 225; Speed consisting of Literary at 220 WPM, Legal Opinion at 240 WPM, and Q&A at 280 WPM.

The work begins far ahead of contest time (selecting and counting material, dictation practice – yes, my husband will again wonder why I am spending hours in my office talking to myself) and putting together the group of wonderful volunteers who will help on contest day. If you are interested in volunteering during the contest or grading time, please reach out to me at [RiffleReporting@gmail.com](mailto:RiffleReporting@gmail.com).

So it's time to start practicing, and you can sign up for contests along with your conference registration. I hope to see many familiar faces and some new ones as well.

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## MISUSED WORDS & PHRASES

*Courtesy of Donna Karoscik,  
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Grammarcheck.net*

People misunderstand words and phrases all the time. This may be because of poor hearing or comprehension. Speaking informally can also cause a person to misunderstand and misuse words.

Homonyms, or words that sound alike, can also present an obstacle in comprehending words. However, the spellings should always be observed because changing one letter could change the entire meaning of the word.

Check out and see which ones you may have misused.



### **BY AND LARGE**

Mistaken as “by in large.” This phrase is used when discussing a subject in a general sense.

### **LIE/LAY**

These two words are often misused to the other. Lie means to rest on a surface while lay means to put something in place.

### **SHOULD OF**

“Should of” is not proper. Use ‘should have’ instead.”

### **SNEAK PEEK**

Often mistaken as ‘sneak peak.’ This phrase means to take an early look at something.

### **LITERALLY**

Literally is often misused to express intensity when in fact, it is a word that implies something is completely true. Don’t use literally unless something is true.

### **FOR ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES**

‘For all intents and purposes’ means for all practical purposes.

### **SUPPOSED**

“This is often misused as ‘suppose to’ which is incorrect because it lacks the letter ‘d.’”

### **WREAK HAVOC**

“Mistaken as ‘wreck havoc.’ This phrase means to cause chaos.”

### **BEMUSED**

This word is not related to ‘amuse’ in any way. Bemused means bewildered or perplexed.

### **CLIMACTIC/ CLIMATIC**

Climactic is derived from climax while climatic refers to the climate.

### **ELICIT/ILLICIT**

Elicit is a verb that means to bring out or evoke. Illicit is an adjective which means unlawful.

### **HUNGER PANGS**

Mistaken as ‘hunger pains.’ This is the contraction of the empty stomach or intestines.

### **PRINCIPAL/PRINCIPLE**

A principal is the head of a school while principle means basic truth or law.

### **SCAPEGOAT**

Often mistaken as ‘escape goat.’ A scapegoat is someone who gets blamed for the errors of others. An escape goat, on the other hand, is a goat that has escaped.

### **MAKE DO**

“Mistaken as ‘make due’ which would mean to ‘make owed.’ ‘Make do’ is short for ‘make something do well’ especially during tough situations.”



## **FARTHER/FURTHER**

'Farther' refers to physical distance. 'Further' means advancement.

## **ACCEPT/EXCEPT**

Accept is a verb which means 'to receive.' Except can be used as a preposition to mean 'not including.'

## **WHET YOUR APPETITE**

It is often mistaken as 'wet your appetite.' Whet means to stimulate.

## **BECK AND CALL**

Often mistaken as 'beckon call.' This phrase means being made available.

## **(I.E.)/(E.G.)**

i.e. is the abbreviation for the Latin term 'id est' which means 'in other words.' This abbreviation is used to explain something further. If you want to abbreviate something or enumerate examples, you should use e.g.

## **EMIGRATE/IMMIGRATE**

Emigrate is leaving one country to move to another while immigrate means to enter or reside in another country.

## **ONE AND THE SAME**

Often mistaken as 'one in the same' which doesn't make any sense. 'One and the same,' however, means the same thing or same person.

## **CAPITAL/CAPITOL**

Capital is a place or center of a place. Capitol refers to a building where lawmakers meet.

## **TOWARD/AFTERWARD /ANYWAY**

None of these words should end with 's.'

## **FEWER/LESS**

'Fewer' is used for things you can count while 'less' is for things you can't count.

## **PEACE OF MIND**

Mistaken as 'piece of mind' which means a portion of the brain. Peace of mind refers to tranquility and calmness.

## **COULDN'T CARE LESS**

Misused as 'could care less.' With this phrase, it is important to keep things negative. With could you care less, you are implying that you care and you could care less. With couldn't care less, you don't care and wouldn't care any less.

## **ANOTHER THING COMING**

Often mistaken as 'another thing coming.' The phrase implies you have another thought coming.

### EXACT REVENGE

Often mistaken or misunderstood as 'extract revenge.' Extract revenge you would 'remove' revenge like a tooth. In contrast, exact revenge means to 'achieve' vengeance.

### SLEIGHT OF HAND

Misunderstood as 'slight of hand.' Slight is an insult while sleight of hand refers to dexterity or cunningness, especially in the world of magic and illusion.

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### NIP IT IN THE BUD

Often mistaken as 'nip it in the butt.' The phrase means to stop something before it grows or gains momentum. Nip it in the butt should only be used if you're a guard dog.

### AFFECT/EFFECT

Affect means 'to influence.'  
Effect is a noun and it is a result of an event.

### DOG-EAT-DOG WORLD

This phrase is often used and heard as doggy-dog world. This phrase refers to a situation where individuals are ruthlessly competitive because of their goals.

### DEEP-SEATED

This is often mistaken as 'deep-seeded.' If you would think about it, deep-seeded does make a lot of sense because it indicates something is deeply planted into the ground, but it is an incorrect expression nonetheless. Deep-seated means that something is firmly established.

### FREE REIGN/ FREE REIN

'Free reign' implies an unbridled royal authority to do as one pleases, while 'free rein' means unrestricted liberty of action or decision.



**DON'T FORGET**

**February 1-8**

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# STENO WIZARD

CONQUERING REALTIME ONE KEYSTROKE AT A TIME!

In Steno Wizard's journey to realtime **perfection** (*is there such a thing?*), it has become necessary to change some of the very basic steno briefs which were taught in theory class.

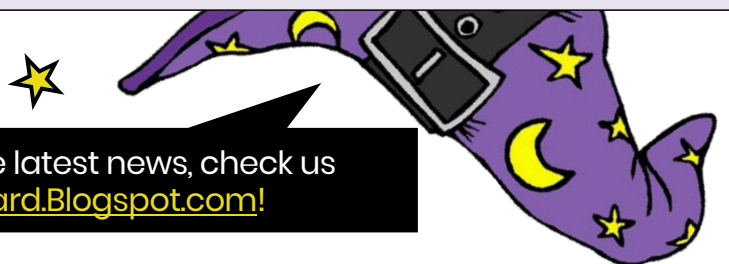
Here's some to ponder over.

## WORD, the original steno theory brief, and the necessary modification

WORD	STENO
Bottom, Bomb, ( <i>duh!</i> )	PWOPL, PWOPLT
natural ( <i>Gnarl - actually had gnarly come up in depo, of course ended up with naturally</i> )	TPHARL, TPHAURL
Jurisdiction ( <i>conflict with injured</i> )	SKWRURD, SKWRURGS
Substance, ( <i>stance</i> )	STAPBS, STAUPBS
Today, ( <i>stacking error with "-ed to" CONSTANTLY</i> )	TOD, TKAE
counsel, ( <i>when I wanted <b>count</b>, I'd get <b>counsel</b> due to weak pinkie - GRRR</i> )	KOUPB, KOUPBS
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Maybe these ideas will spare you some of the headaches that Steno Wizard has experienced.

Keep up with the latest news, check us out at [StenoWizard.Blogspot.com!](http://StenoWizard.Blogspot.com!)





# DISTRICT NEWS

## DISTRICT MEET AND GREET AT CLEVELAND'S HISTORIC TREMONT NEIGHBORHOOD BOURBON STREET BARREL ROOM



### Who?

All OCRA Members

### What?

Join your fellow Ohio court reporters and captioners for a social gathering at The Bourbon Street Barrel Room in Cleveland's historic Tremont neighborhood!

### When?

January 23, 2025  
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

### Where?

2393 Professor Avenue,  
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

Is your area holding a Meet & Greet for OCRA?  
Wanting to let others know to join?

SHOW US HOW **YOU** HAVE FUN.

Send us an email at [OCRAonline@gmail.com](mailto:OCRAonline@gmail.com), and we'll put it in the next edition of the Buckeye Record!

**OHIO  
COURT REPORTERS  
ASSOCIATION**



**2025  
Annual  
Conference**

**April 4-6, 2025  
Cleveland Marriott East**

**REFLECT  
EMPOWER  
UNITE**

***1.5 CEUs Available***

**Pending NCRA Approval**

## 2025 Conference Location

**Cleveland Marriott East**  
26300 Harvard Road  
Warrensville Heights, Ohio 44122  
(216) 378-9191  
[www.marriott.com](http://www.marriott.com)



**Single/Double Occupancy \$135 per night (plus tax)**

The OCRA room block is available through March 12, 2025, or until sold out.

**Contact the Cleveland Marriott East reservation line at 888-236-2427 and use “OCROCRA” as the conference group code, or [click here](#) to make your reservations online instantly.**

*All OCRA activities will take place at the Cleveland Marriott East.  
Included in your OCRA room block is complimentary parking and internet.*

## 2025 OCRA Contests

**Hagestrom Cup Speed Contest and Karoscik Realtime Contest**

*Open to OCRA Members Only*

**Friday, April 4, 2025**

**Location: Cleveland Marriott East**

*Visit [www.OCRAonline.com](http://www.OCRAonline.com) for full contest rules and additional information*

### **Entry Fee**

Please register with the annual conference registration form and/or online.  
The fee is \$60 per contest if paid by the registration deadline. Fee to be paid prior to contest.

**Register for both contests and receive a discount (\$110 for both contests)!**

### **NCRA Professional Development Credit (PDC)**

Each qualifying leg of an OCRA speed contest or realtime contest will earn .25 PDC.  
*A maximum of 1.0 credit from all non-CEU credits will be accepted by NCRA per three-year cycle.*

# OCRA Fundraising Lineup

For a full list of sponsorship and/or exhibitor opportunities, please visit [www.OCRAonline.com](http://www.OCRAonline.com).  
Conference sponsorships are available and appreciated at any level, including:

## Event and Session Sponsors

Speaker(s)	\$150
Refreshment and Vendor Break(s)	\$250
Breakfast(s)	\$350
Contest(s)	\$400
Silent Auction	\$450
Saturday Luncheon and Business Meeting	\$550
Denim and Diamonds Saturday Reception	\$750

## Annual Conference General Sponsors

Transformation Level	\$1,000 +
Inspiration Level	\$500 - \$999
Solidarity Level	\$250 - \$499
Connection Level	\$100 - \$249
Balance Level	\$1 - \$99
Student "Growth" Sponsors	All levels welcome

Are you an exhibitor/vendor? Be a part of the action Friday and Saturday for just \$275! Please visit [www.OCRAonline.com](http://www.OCRAonline.com) and/or contact OCRA at [ocraonline@gmail.com](mailto:ocraonline@gmail.com) to reserve your spot!

**\$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20**

Silent auction will take place online (with on-site displays)

*Don't wait to purchase your raffle tickets! Tickets may sell out!*

Raffle open to all OCRA members' friends,  
coworkers, and family!

# Amazing Prizes

Prizes include overnight stays, amusement park tickets, and much, much more.

*Official prize list coming soon!*

**All raffle drawings will take place during the Saturday Reception**

# RAFFLE TICKETS

**\*Winners need not be present\***

# SILENT AUCTION

*(To be hosted online with on-site displays)*

**Saturday, April 5, 2025**

**Auction ends at 6:00 p.m.**

Donate an item to our Silent Auction and/or bid on your favorite item.  
Proceeds from our Auction benefit the OCRA Cardinal Foundation.

The Foundation supports the education and advancement of the  
stenographic court reporting and captioning professions.

# 2025 Awards and Scholarships

To be awarded during the Annual Business Meeting and Luncheon  
Saturday, April 5, 2025

## 2025 MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

### Glenn W. Stiles Distinguished Service Award

This award is awarded for outstanding devotion and service to the court reporting profession and OCRA.

### Martin Fincun Award

This award is given in recognition of a single but outstanding contribution to diligently promote the goals of our profession and our professional association.

### Diplomat Award

This award acknowledges members of OCRA who consistently work to further the goals of the association. The intent of the Diplomat Award is to create a method of recognizing worthy service and accomplishments that might go unheralded because they do not fall under the criteria required to receive the Martin Fincun or Glenn Stiles Award(s). The Diplomat Award can be bestowed on one or more members each year.

### Other (please indicate)

Other past awards have included but are not limited to: Legislative Award, Outstanding Associate Member Award, Meritorious Award, Special Award, and designation by the Board of Directors of Honorary Members.

## 2025 ROSALIE STEVENS AND SUE TERRY TECHNOLOGY AT YOUR FINGERTIPS STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP(S)

**ELIGIBILITY:** Students must be a member of OCRA and cannot have previously won the award. If applicant is not currently an OCRA member, they may join at any time prior to submission of scholarship application. Applicant must be a resident of the state of Ohio or attending an Ohio-based program, either online or in-person classroom. Additional eligibility requirements vary depending on the scholarship applied for. Visit OCRA's website for additional information.

## 2025 VERNON C. STEELE NEW REPORTER SCHOLARSHIP

**ELIGIBILITY:** Applicants must be a resident of the state of Ohio and meet the following criteria in order to be considered for the award of the Vernon C. Steele New Reporter Scholarship: (1) The applicant must be a current OCRA member and cannot have previously won this scholarship. (2) The applicant must have graduated from an NCRA-certified program or request special consideration for such other graduation/program completion. (3) The applicant must be in his/her first three years as a working reporter, as verified by an official transcript or verification statement from the court reporting program submitted along with the application. (4) The applicant must submit a letter of recommendation from his/her employer or contracting agency attesting to the applicant's professional demeanor, attitude, and motivation. (5) The applicant must be striving to achieve certification, as verified by receipt of registration for a past/upcoming certification test. (6) The applicant must be working in one or more of the profession's career paths: judicial (official/freelance), CART, or broadcast captioning.

**Do you know someone deserving of recognition for their hard work?**

Do you know a court reporting student who meets the requirements of the Rosalie Stevens and/or Sue Terry Student Scholarships?

Do you know a new reporter who would be ideal for the Vernon C. Steele New Reporter Scholarship?

# Don't Wait! Nominate/Apply Today!

*Nominations/applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 14, 2025*

Downloadable forms, online submissions, and further information available at [www.OCRAonline.com](http://www.OCRAonline.com)



# Friday, April 4, 2025

.5 CEU

TIME	CEU	SEMINAR/TOPIC	LOCATION
8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.		<b>OCRA Board of Directors Meeting</b>	Cleveland Room
10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.		<b>Registration and Vendor Setup</b>	Atrium
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.		<b>Karoscik Realtime Contest</b> Warmup (10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.) Contest (11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.)	Salon V, VI
12:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.		<b>Hagestrom Cup Speed Contest</b> Warmup (12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.) Contest and Transcription (12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.)	Salon V, VI
		<b>Lunch On Your Own</b>	
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Session 1 .15 CEU	<b>Breaking Down Social Norms: Professionalism and Inclusivity</b> <i>Meredith Bonn, RPR, CRR, CSR</i>	Salon I, II, III
2:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.		<b>Vendor and Refreshment Break</b>	Atrium
2:45 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.	Session 2 .15 CEU	<b>From the Ground Up: Understanding Our Past to Promote Our Future</b> <i>Sarah Nageotte, FAPR, RDR, CRR, CRC</i>	Salon I, II, III
4:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.		<b>Vendor and Refreshment Break</b>	Atrium
4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Session 3 .2 CEU	<b>Two Paths, One Goal</b> <i>Victoria (Tori) Pittman, BA, CVR-CM-M, RCP, RVR</i> <i>FAPR, RDR, CRI (Ret.)</i>	Salon I, II, III
		<b>Dinner On Your Own</b>	

# Saturday, April 5, 2025

.7 CEU

TIME	CEU	SEMINAR/TOPIC	LOCATION
7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.		<b>Registration and Breakfast</b>	Atrium
8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Session 4 .2 CEU	<b>Artificial Intelligence and Your Future: <i>Opportunities, Challenges, and Adaptation</i></b> <i>Matt Lydy</i>	Salon I, II, III
10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.		<b>Vendor, Silent Auction, and Refreshment Break</b>	Atrium
10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Session 5 .15 CEU	<b>Write on the Spot: Realtime Tips that Speak to the Crowd</b> <i>Michael Scire, RPR, FPR-C</i> <i>Richard Scire, RPR, FPR-C</i>	Salon I, II, III
12:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.		<b>2025 Business Meeting, Awards, and Luncheon</b> <i>Plated Lunch Provided</i>	Salon IV, V, VI
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Session 6 .15 CEU	<b>A Stenorella Mindset: Transforming Perseverance into Prosperity</b> <i>Lady Stenorella (aka Shirle Perkins, RDR, CRR)</i>	Salon I, II, III
3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.		<b>Vendor, Silent Auction, and Refreshment Break</b>	Atrium
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Session 7 .2 CEU	<b>Oh, the Places You Can Go ... But What Do You Do When You Get There?</b> <i>Cindy Isaacsen, CSR, RPR</i> <i>NCRA President-Elect</i>	Salon I, II, III
6:00 p.m.		<b>Hagestrom Cup Speed and Karoscik Realtime Contest Results</b>	Salon I, II, III
6:00 p.m.		<b>Silent Auction Ends</b>	Atrium
7:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.		<b>Denim and Diamonds President's Reception</b> <i>Dinner Provided / Cash Bar Available</i> <b>Entertainment and live music with local band <i>Thunder Creek</i></b> 	Salon IV, V, VI

# Sunday, April 6, 2025

.3 CEU

TIME	CEU	SEMINAR/TOPIC	LOCATION
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.		<b>Breakfast</b>	Atrium
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Session 8 .1 CEU	<b>CATerrified</b> <i>Michael Scire, RPR, FPR-C</i> <i>Richard Scire, RPR, FPR-C</i>	Salon I, II, III
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.		<b>Refreshment Break</b> <i>(30-minute break provided to allow for hotel check out)</i>	Atrium
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Session 9 .2 CEU	<b>Becoming Irresistible</b> <i>Amy Doman, RDR, CRR, CSR (CA, IL, MO, TX, and WA)</i>	Salon I, II, III

## Ohio Court Reporters Association

### 2026 Annual Conference

March 20-22, 2026

### Columbus Marriott Northwest

5605 Blazer Pkwy, Dublin, OH



# Registration Form

**Early-Bird:** Register by 11:59 p.m. on 2/14/2025 and you will be entered to win a free registration (full reimbursement of paid registration).

**Registration Deadline:** Deadline to preregister is 3/17/2025. Registrations received after 3/17/2025 and on-site will incur a \$50 late processing fee.

**Refunds:** Full refunds are available prior to 3/17/2025. All voluntary cancellations after 3/17/2025 will incur a \$50 cancellation processing fee.

**Cancellation of Event Notice:** If the 2025 Annual Conference is canceled due to COVID-19 or other restrictions, full refunds will be issued.

## FULL WEEKEND/ALL-INCLUSIVE OPTIONS

All seminars, breaks, luncheon, and reception included  
1.5 CEUs available

	April 4-6 full weekend	
	Member	Nonmember
With CEUs	<input type="checkbox"/> \$430	<input type="checkbox"/> \$560
Without CEUs	<input type="checkbox"/> \$360	<input type="checkbox"/> \$430
Student	<input type="checkbox"/> \$140	<input type="checkbox"/> \$190

## SATURDAY-ONLY REGISTRATION OPTIONS

Saturday seminars, breaks, luncheon, and reception included  
.7 CEU available

	April 5 Saturday only	
	Member	Nonmember
With CEUs	<input type="checkbox"/> \$300	<input type="checkbox"/> \$425
Without CEUs	<input type="checkbox"/> \$225	<input type="checkbox"/> \$300
Student	<input type="checkbox"/> \$110	<input type="checkbox"/> \$140

## FRIDAY-ONLY REGISTRATION OPTION

Friday seminars and refreshment breaks included  
.5 CEU available

	April 4 Friday only	
	Member	Nonmember
With CEUs	<input type="checkbox"/> \$225	<input type="checkbox"/> \$350
Without CEUs	<input type="checkbox"/> \$150	<input type="checkbox"/> \$225
Student	<input type="checkbox"/> \$95	<input type="checkbox"/> \$120

## SUNDAY-ONLY REGISTRATION OPTIONS

Sunday seminars and refreshment break included  
.3 CEU available

	April 6 Sunday only	
	Member	Nonmember
With CEUs	<input type="checkbox"/> \$175	<input type="checkbox"/> \$300
Without CEUs	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$175
Student	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100

## REGISTRATION ADD-ONS, GUESTS, AND EXTRAS

### Sponsorship Options

- Student "Growth" Sponsorship \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- General Conference Sponsorship \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Speaker (\$150) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Refreshment/Vendor Break(s) (\$250) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Breakfast(s) (\$350) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Contest(s) (\$400) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Silent Auction (\$450) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Saturday Luncheon/Business Meeting (\$550) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Saturday Reception (\$750) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Social Options for Guests

- Saturday Luncheon and Business Meeting**
- \$45 each \_\_\_\_\_ guests
- Saturday Dinner Reception**
- \$55 each \_\_\_\_\_ guests

### Contests: Friday, April 4, 2025

- Open to OCRA Members Only*
- Hagestrom Cup Speed Contest  \$60
  - Karoscik Realtime Contest  \$60
  - Both Hagestrom and Karoscik (*discount*)  \$110

TOTAL THIS PAGE \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# IMPORTANT

## HEALTH AND SAFETY INFORMATION

As a presenter, vendor, and/or attendee, you recognize that your participation, involvement, and/or attendance at any event or activity hosted by the Ohio Court Reporters Association is voluntary. Social distancing should be practiced and face coverings worn in compliance with any then-current Ohio Department of Health's orders or recommendations to reduce the risks of exposure to and spread of COVID-19 and/or any other contagious/infectious diseases. While OCRA and the Cleveland Marriott East will put in place preventative measures to prevent spreading of contagious/infectious diseases, OCRA and/or Marriott cannot guarantee that its participants, volunteers, partners, or others in attendance will not be exposed to or become infected with COVID-19 and/or any other contagious/infectious diseases.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

By registering for in-person attendance at the Ohio Court Reporters Association 2025 Annual Conference, I understand, acknowledge, and agree to the following:

1. I will comply with any and all state, county, or local orders and provisions in place at the time of my attendance including, but not limited to, social distancing and face coverings;
2. Participation includes possible exposure to and illness from infectious diseases including, but not limited to, COVID-19; and
3. I knowingly and freely assume all such risks related to illness and infectious diseases, such as COVID-19, through my voluntary attendance.

**After reading the above safety information and acknowledgment, the checkbox on the registration form must be marked to indicate your full understanding, acknowledgement, and agreement in order for your registration for the 2025 Annual Conference to be processed.**

# Registration Form

## CONFERENCE ATTENDEE INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ NCRA ID \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Year Started Reporting \_\_\_\_\_

Certifications \_\_\_\_\_ Special Meal Needs/Requests \_\_\_\_\_

Are you staying at the Marriott?  Y  N **Health and Safety Acknowledgment (refer to previous page)**  I acknowledge

## SEMINAR/EVENT SELECTION \*\* REQUIRED \*\*

Please indicate which event(s) you will be attending  
(if registered all-inclusive or for a day registration, these events are included, but attendance numbers are necessary)

Saturday Breakfast  Saturday Luncheon and Business Meeting

Saturday Night Reception  Sunday Breakfast

## RAFFLE TICKETS

**MAIN RAFFLE: \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20**

*Silent auction will take place online (with on-site displays)*

\*Winners need not be present to win\*

**PRIZES: Overnight stays, restaurant gift certificates, and much, much more! Official prize list coming soon!**

Number of tickets to purchase in advance \_\_\_\_\_  
for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## ATTENTION NONMEMBERS

Join OCRA now and register at the member rate!  
Membership is good through 6/30/2026 (student good through 8/31/2026)

Reporter/Captioneer/Professional Dues  \$125

Associate Dues  \$60

Student Dues  \$25

## PAYMENT OPTIONS AND PAYMENT SUBMISSION INFORMATION

TOTAL PRIOR PAGE \$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL THIS PAGE \$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL DUE \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* Preregistration deadline is 3/17/2025. After 3/17/2025, add \$50 late processing fee. \*\*

**Note:** If the 2025 Annual Conference is canceled due to COVID-19 or other restrictions, full refunds will be issued

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed (made payable to OCRA)

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

CSC (code on back of card) \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

### Mail registration form and payment to:

Ohio Court Reporters Association  
c/o Sarah Nageotte, Executive Director  
2274 Chapel Road  
Jefferson, Ohio 44047

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# **YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS**

**READY TO RENEW OR JOIN RIGHT NOW?**

You may either use our secure server online or download a membership application and mail it to the address indicated.

**PROFESSIONAL, ASSOCIATE, AND RETIRED MEMBERS**

**ARE YOU A FIRST-YEAR REPORTER OR CAPTIONER?**

Use the online student membership renewal and choose the first-year reporter option for a discounted membership rate just for you!

Email [info@ocraonline.com](mailto:info@ocraonline.com) for more information or assistance.

**Online NEW Membership  
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**Online RENEWAL  
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Members**

**Online STUDENT  
Membership  
Application and/or  
Renewal**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF YOUR  
ASSOCIATION RIGHT HERE AT HOME!**

# FUN & GAMES

Like any good court reporter, it's best to keep one's skills sharp, so we have compiled a few games for your enjoyment!

## WORD SEARCH: DRUG SLANG

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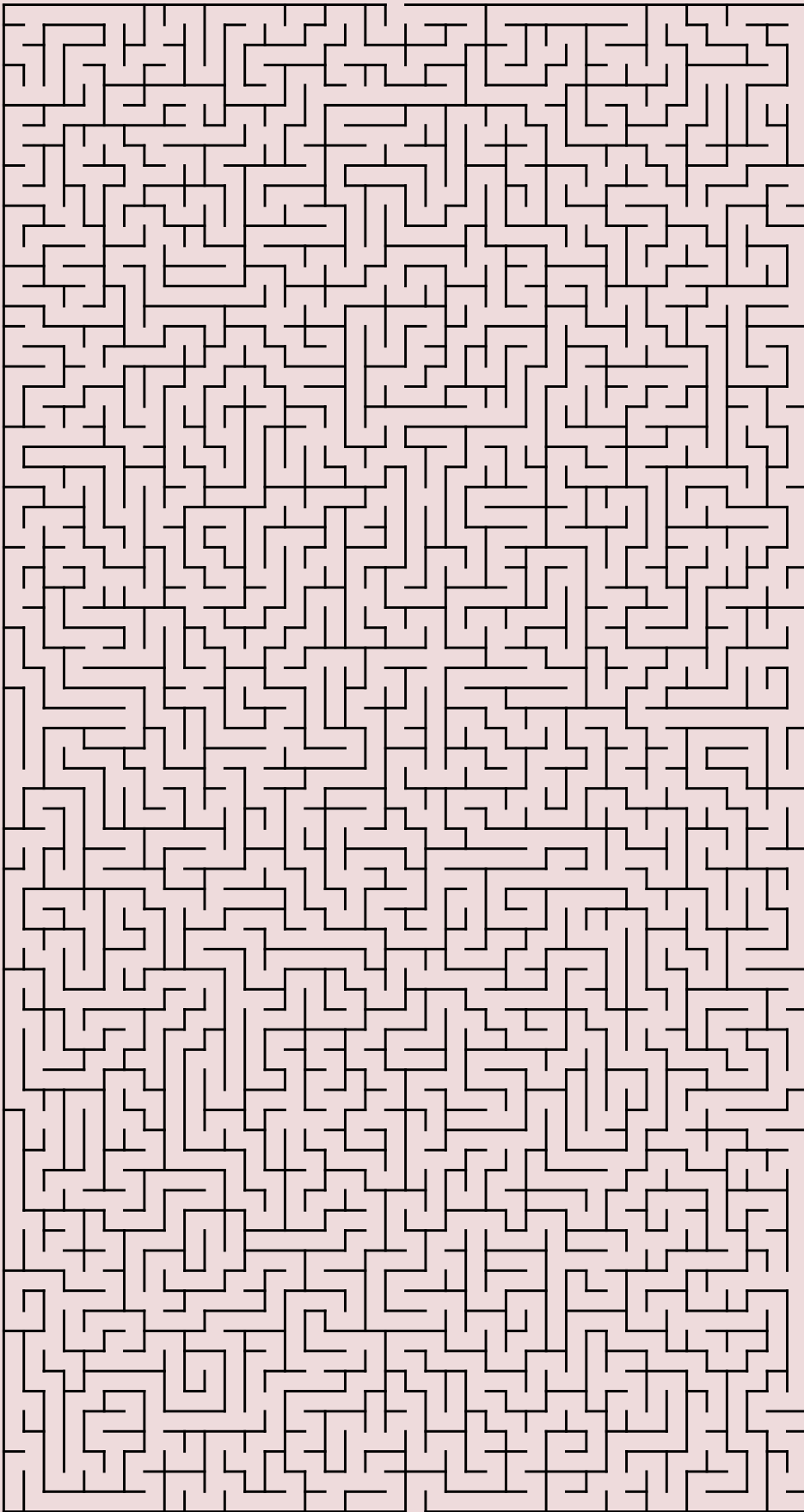
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Insect Repellent  
Pizza Toppings  
Crazy Eddie  
Joy Juice

Evil Sister  
Hawaiian Salt  
Gorilla Glue  
Juanita  
Pink Panthers  
Kaleidoscope  
Laughing Grass



# THE A-MAZE-ING RACE



# SU-DO-KU

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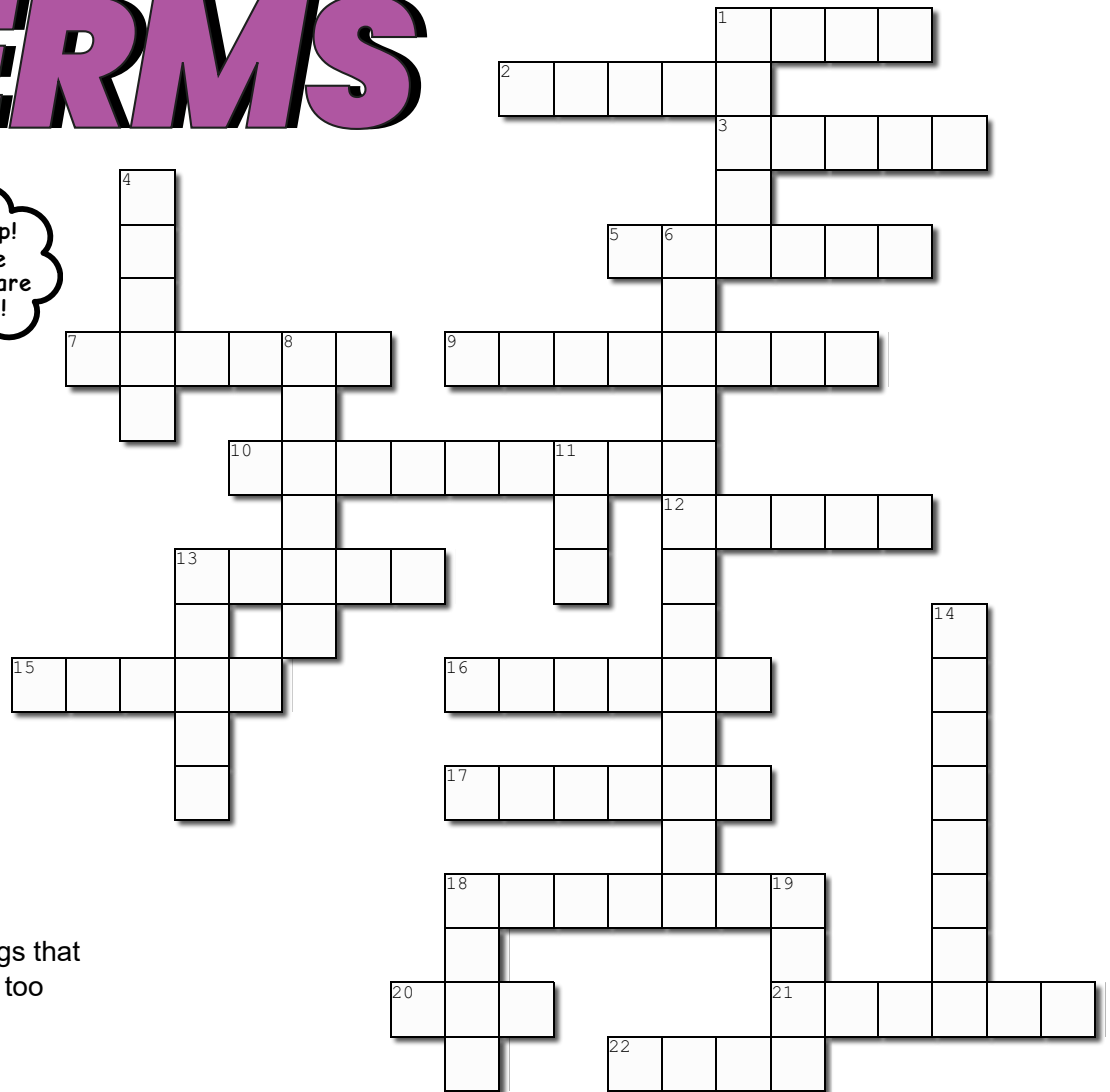
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# SLANG

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# TERMS



## ACROSS

1. Cool or sweet.
2. Sleep/pass out.
3. One's best.
5. Used to describe "uncool" things that are either out of style or trying too hard to be in style.
7. Really embarrassing.
9. To sneakily steal.
10. A confused mixture of seemingly random words and phrases.
12. Stands for "if you know, you know."
13. Your besties. Your girls. Your buddies.
16. An adjective describing something extravagant, luxurious, or of high-class taste.
17. Secretive.
18. To end a relationship by cutting off communication, especially online communication.
20. An acronym for "before anyone else."
21. A term of endearment or nickname that you call your best friend or significant other.
22. Aware of potential injustices.

## DOWN

1. To subtly or indirectly disrespect someone.
4. Something considered "over the top."
6. Something that lands differently than usual.
8. As you age, you only become more fabulous.
11. "Really good."
13. Used to describe something witty, racy, coarse, and humorous.
14. Verbal retaliation to criticism—otherwise known as a comeback.
18. These letters stand for "greatest of all time", meaning the absolute best at something.
19. Something that is exceptional or awesome.

# the PEANUT GALLERY



When you practice your rbf too hard and look like this in court while taking down the record



## MEET MAYHEM

I'm some guy with a tape recorder your court reporting agency promised is as good as a stenographer

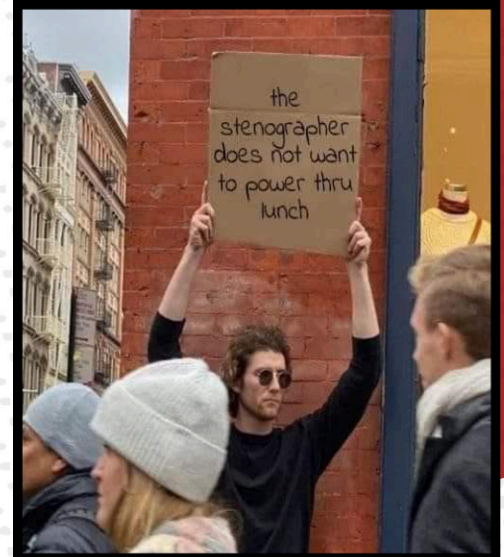


If you need me, I'll be right here taking notes or browsing Facebook



I do not want to save to onedrive. I want to save to the documents folder... On my computer... That I own... In my house.

When Facebook starts making friend suggestions for people you searched to confirm spellings.



## WHAT ALL PARTIES PRESENT LOOKED LIKE WHEN THE WITNESS WHIPPED OUT HIS PHONE TO ASK SIRI A QUESTION



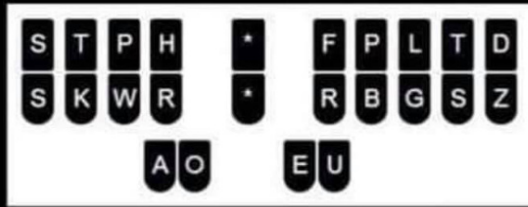
# CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & MARKETPLACE

Have a posting for a career opportunity or a court reporting item you would like to sell?

Postings are FREE for OCRA members for 60 days.

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10 fingers -22 keys -  
4,194,303 possible strokes



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## CROSSWORD KEY

### Across

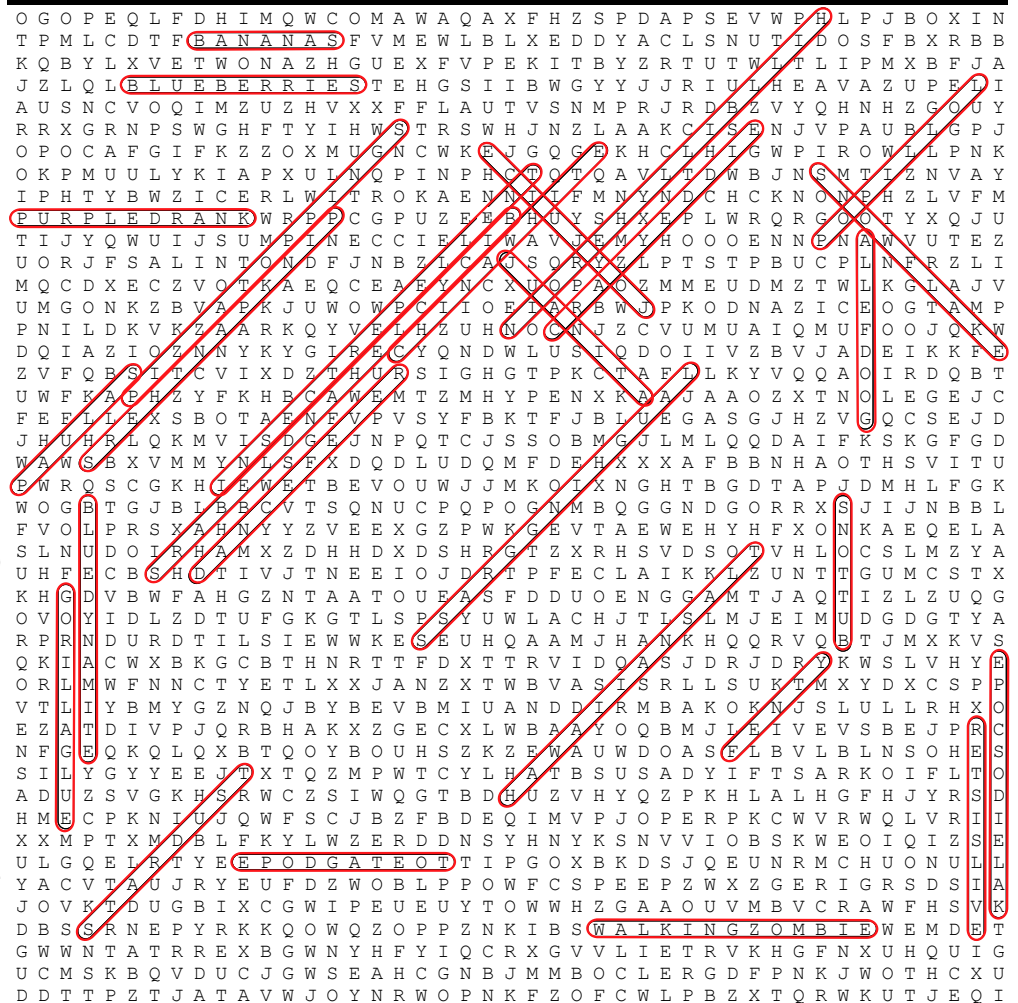
- Cool or sweet. (**Sick**)
- Sleep/pass out. (**Crash**)
- One's best. (**A Game**)
- Used to describe "uncool" things that are either out of style or trying too hard to be in style. (**Cheugy**)
- Really embarrassing. (**Cringe**)
- To sneakily steal. (**Boosting**)
- A confused mixture of seemingly random words and phrases. (**Word Salad**)
- Stands for 'if you know, you know.' (**IKYK**)
- Your besties. Your girls. Your buddies. (**Squad**)
- Really muscular. (**Swole**)
- An adjective describing something extravagant. (**Boujee**)
- Secretive. (**Lowkey**)
- To end a relationship by cutting off communication, especially online communication. (**Ghosted**)
- An acronym for "Before Anyone Else." (**Bae**)
- A term of endearment or nickname that you call your best friend or significant other. (**Pookie**)
- Aware of potential injustices. (**Woke**)

### Down

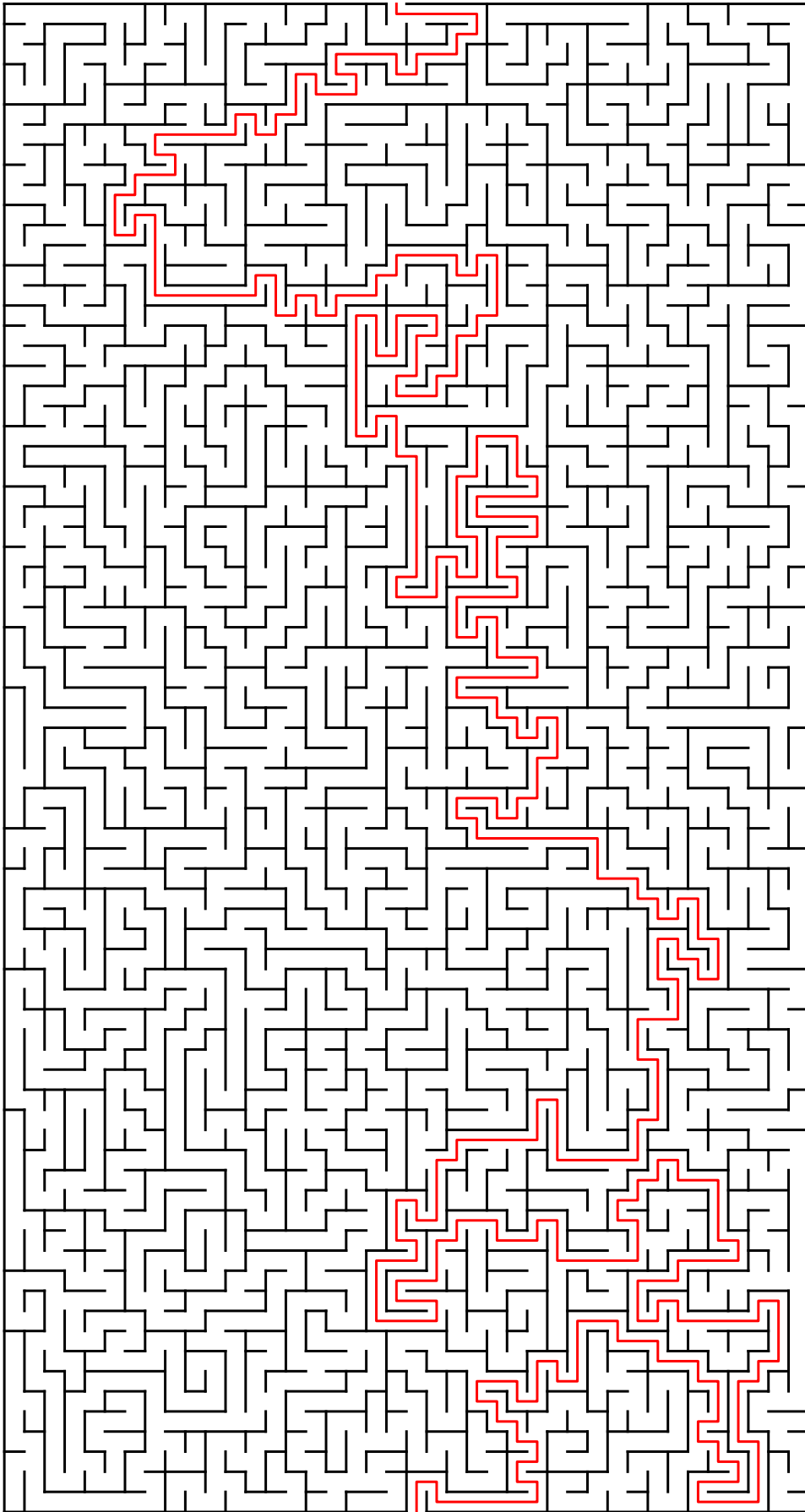
- To subtly or indirectly disrespect someone. (**Shade**)
- Something considered "over the top." (**Extra**)
- Something that lands differently than usual. (**Hits Different**)
- As you age, you only become more fabulous. (**Glow Up**)
- "Really good." (**Lit**)
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- Verbal retaliation to criticism—otherwise known as a comeback. (**Clapback**)
- These letters stand for "greatest of all time", meaning the absolute best at something. (**GOAT**)
- Something that is exceptional or awesome. (**Dope**)

## ANSWER KEY FOR FUN & GAMES

### WORD SEARCH KEY



# MAZE KEY



# SUDOKU KEY

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