

FCTE's Conference Facilities Chairperson, Kevin Smith, has accepted a job as reading specialist with Just Read, Florida! This means FCTE will be better informed on projects, contests, etc. that Just Read, Florida is doing. Kevin will still serve on the board.

FCTE member Lou Rowland has been selected as the recipient of the Florida Council of Teachers of English Teacher of Excellence Award, sponsored by the Secondary Section of NCTE. He will be honored at the Secondary Section Luncheon, to be held in Nashville at the NCTE Convention on Saturday, November 18, 2006. Alice Sebold, author of *Lovely Bones* and *Lucky*, is the featured speaker at that event.

FCTE's Institute for Professional Development Information:

Please note that a conference preview will NOT be mailed to your home this year. We have posted all conference information on our website (www.fcte.org) and it is included in this email. Everything you need to know about this year's FCTE Institute for Professional Development is included. Remember that our fiscal year runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30, so quite a few memberships will expire this September. If you need to know your membership status, feel free to email me and I'll get back to you ASAP. Keep in mind that my county begins school today, so it may be a day or two before I respond to your email.

Conference Authors Available in October to Speak at Your School

Ben Mikaelson will be the Friday Luncheon Speaker for the [FCTE 2006 Conference for Professional Development](#). Check his website at www.benmikaelson.com for instructions to contact his scheduler, Kathy Nelson, or send an email to ben@benmikaelson.com. He is available to do school visits in the week prior to the conference (Monday, October 9 through Thursday, October 12).

Linda Oatman High, author of books for children & teens, will be speaking at the 2006 FCTE conference in Orlando. Linda has availability for school presentations during the week after the conference (October 16-23). Please see www.lindaoatmanhigh.com for info. The author may be reached at 717-445-8246 or lohigh@frontiernet.net.

John H. Ritter, author of numerous books for teens is available during October to speak at your school. For more information, please visit www.fcte.org

Marilyn Reynolds, author of **I Won't Read, and You Can't Make Me**, as well as many young adult novels is available to speak for your school. For more information and speaking fees, visit www.fcte.org. For a letter of recommendation, please visit www.fcte.org.

Neal Shusterman, Author of the Boston Globe/Horn Book award winner "The Schwa was Here," as well as "Full Tilt," "Downsiders," and many other young-adult novels, is available to speak at middle schools, High Schools, and libraries during his trip to Florida, around the time of the conference. You can find out more about Neal's author visits at his website www.storyman.com. He can be reached at nstoryman@aol.com

Brod Bagert, poet and author, will be presenting on Friday at the FCTE 2006 Conference. Brod is the author of numerous poetry books for children, including his recently-released book for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students entitled, Hormone Jungle: Coming of Age in Middle School. Brod is available to visit area schools during the week prior to the conference (Oct 9 - 11) as well as during the week of Sept 4 - 8. For more information, please visit Brod's website at www.brodbagert.com or contact Jennifer Taylor with Juliahouse Author Tours at 1-800-999-9652 or jennifer@juliahouse.com.

Eleanora E. Tate, author, will be speaking at the upcoming FCTE Conference for Professional Development, and is available to speak to Elementary Schools prior to the conference. Interested educators

may contact her directly at ablessing@members.authorsguild.net regarding fees and information packets, and visit her website at www.eleanoraetate.com to learn more about her books and to receive teachers' guides. If you have questions, please contact Ginny White: (ginnywhitefl@earthlink.net) or conference chair Joan Kaywell (Kaywell@tempest.coedu.usf.edu).

Paula Clements
Lake Region High School
FCTE Executive Secretary



**Overview of FCTE 2006 Institute for Professional Development
“Saving Our Students with Literature and Laughter”
October 12-14 -- Renaissance Orlando Hotel**

Dr. Joan Kaywell, 2006 Program Chair, has created an absolutely fantastic professional development experience for Florida’s English teachers, both middle and high school. We are beginning with a special pre-conference reading workshop by guru Kyleene Beers, which we hope will help you secure professional development funds. Come on Thursday morning and stay until noon on Saturday. There are excellent sessions from start to finish, priced most economically and promising to be exciting and fun! If you have questions, call or email Program Chair Joan Kaywell at 813-974-3516 (kaywell@tempest.coedu.usf.edu) or President Ginny White at 904-261-8162 (ginnywhitefl@earthlink.net). Please help pass the word to your colleagues! We hope to see you in Orlando!

Thursday, October 12

- 10 AM – 4 PM Pre-Conference Workshop – Special Registration Form – extra charge
“Closing the Reading Achievement Gap: Strategies that Build Success” Kyleene Beers, author of *When Kids Can’t Read, What Teachers Can Do*
- 4 PM – 6:30 PM Registration & Check-In
- 6:30 PM Opening Session (FCTE Teacher of the Year & Auction)
Keynote Address: “Turning Promise into Practice” -- Kyleene Beers
- 8:30 PM Authors’ Reception & Grand Opening of Exhibits
Wine & Cheese Reception sponsored by McDougal Littell
- 9:30 PM Movie Time: *Narnia: The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe* sponsored by Walden Media

Friday, October 13

- 7:00 - 7:50 AM Registration and Coffee (sponsored by Glencoe McGraw Hill)
7:50 - 8:00 AM Explanation of Theme & Format – Dr. Joan Kaywell, Program Chair
- 8 – 9 AM General Session: “Beating the Odds” – Dr. Janet Allen

This year’s conference will follow a somewhat different format, combining the traditional general/breakout session model with the stream of authors model used by ALAN (NCTE Adolescent Literature Assembly). Participants will be able to move back and forth between the two models, stay in one spot for the whole day, or put together any combination of offerings.

9 AM – 4 PM Two strands of sessions will take place throughout the day: In the large ballroom, a steady flow of author presentations (ala ALAN format) will include YA authors Brod Bagert, Edward Bloor, Michael Cart, Lynne Cox, Lois Duncan, Adrian Fogelin, Patricia Hermes, Linda Oatman High, Robert Lipsyte, Ben Mikaelson, Donna Jo Napoli, Marilyn Reynolds, John H. Ritter, Neal Shusterman, William Sleator, Eleanora E. Tate, and Rita Williams-Garcia. In smaller rooms an array of panel discussions, teacher presentations, roundtable discussions, and exhibitor demonstrations will be taking place. These will include presentations such as classroom ideas from your favorite teachers who submitted proposals, experts engaged in panel discussions of timely topics as “How the English Language Arts and Reading Tie Together in the State of Florida,” roundtables modeled after NCTE’s Middle Mosaic in which you can take part, and demonstrations of the latest materials from our exhibitors.

- 12:15 – 2 PM Luncheon: Writing Awards & Keynote: YA Author Ben Mikaelson



"Saving Our Students with Literature and Laughter"
2006 Institute for Professional Development
October 12-14, 2006
Renaissance Orlando Hotel
Registration Form

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone () _____ E-mail _____

School Name _____

School Address _____

E-mail _____ School/Cell Phone _____

- ___ This is my first FCTE conference.
- ___ I am a presenter.
- ___ I became a NBCT in _____ (year).
- ___ I am a local council officer.
- Title of office: _____
- Name of council: _____
- ___ I plan to participate in the IDEA EXCHANGE.
- ___ I am a student attendee with sponsoring professor's signature below:

Signature of Sponsoring Professor

Name of College/University

Enclose a check or money order made payable to FCTE.
 No purchase orders allowed. Payment due with form.
 Registration postmarked on/before October 1, 2006.

Member* \$100.00 _____
 Non-Member \$120.00 _____
 Student** \$40.00 _____
 (**full-time, degree seeking student)

On-site registration. (Do not mail after 10/1/06.)

Member* \$120.00 _____
 Non-Member \$140.00 _____
 Student** \$40.00 _____

Friday Luncheon \$25.00 _____

Total _____

*FCTE membership year runs from Oct 1 to Sept 30.

GENERAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION

- All breakout session presenters must be registered conference participants.
- Purchase orders will NOT be accepted.
- Receipts will be in registration packets.
- All refund requests must be made in writing.
- No refunds will be made after October 1, 2006.
- No confirmations will be sent.
- Students attending conference must have a sponsoring professor sign registration form.
- Pre-conference Workshop: Use separate registration form.

Free Events---Please reserve your place!

- Thurs. evening reception ___ yes ___ no
- Thurs. evening movie event ___ yes ___ no
- Friday evening event ___ yes ___ no
- Saturday breakfast ___ yes ___ no

Send registration form and payment to:
 FCTE 2006 Conference
 10921 Pine Acres Road
 Jacksonville, FL 32257

Pre-Conference Workshop with Kylene Beers -- Thursday, October 12
 Come to a five hour workshop with the author of When Kids Can't Read What Teachers Can Do.
Separate registration form MUST be completed.



*Pre-conference Workshop with **Kylene Beers**, author of
When Kids Can't Read What Teachers Can Do*

Thursday, October 12, 2006
10:00 to 4:00

Workshop Description:

Closing the Reading Achievement Gap: Strategies that Build Success

When kids can't read, students face more problems than just low grades and the threat of failing required tests. When kids can't read, they begin a downward spiral that at best results in on-going low-level literacy performances and at worst results in dropping out of high school. Stopping this downward spiral means helping these underachieving students gain needed strategies for not only catching up, but keeping up. This means teachers and principals must know how to accelerate comprehension, vocabulary, and fluency skills as well as build needed motivation. In this day-long workshop we'll examine the strategies that build those skills. We'll pay particular attention to comprehension strategies that help students understand narrative and expository texts, vocabulary strategies that build word knowledge across contexts, and fluency strategies that help both with word recognition and expressive reading.

Workshop Cost:

**Pre-conference workshop with
Conference registration:**

- Member \$50 _____
- Student* \$25 _____

(*full-time, degree seeking student)

Pre-conference attendance only:

- Member \$125 _____
- Non-member \$145 _____
- Student* \$50 _____

Please send in conference registration form and workshop form together.

Do not mail forms after 10/1/06.

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone () _____ E-mail _____

School Name _____

School Address _____

E-mail _____ School/Cell Phone _____

- General Conference Information and Rules Apply. See conference registration form.
- Seating will be limited to the first 250 paid registrations. On-site registration for Pre-conference workshop may not be available.
- Send this registration form and payment (check or money order made payable to FCTE. No purchase orders.) to:

FCTE 2006 Conference
10921 Pine Acres Road
Jacksonville, FL 32257



Hotel Registration Form
FCTE 2006 Institute for Professional Development
October 12-14, 2006
Renaissance Orlando Hotel, Orlando

All reservations for the above group must be received by: September 10, 2006

Hotel Information: **Renaissance Orlando Hotel -- Airport**
5445 Forbes Place, Orlando, FL 32812
407-240-1000 Reservations—1-800-228-9290

All reservations must be accompanied by a first night room deposit or guaranteed with a major credit card. Hotel room rates are subject to state/local taxes.

Room rate: \$110.00 per night, single or double occupancy

BE SURE TO ASK FOR FLORIDA ENGLISH TEACHER RATE.

Please reserve accommodations for the following:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number () _____ Smoking ___ Non-Smoking ___

Room Type: Single (1 King) _____ Double (2 Queen) _____ # of people _____

Names: _____

Credit card # _____ Expiration date _____

Signature _____

Fax form to: 407-240-1005

E-mail contact: www.renaissanceorlandoap.com

Mail to: Renaissance Orlando Hotel
5445 Forbes Place, Orlando, FL 32812

Phone: 407-240-1000, Reservations: 1-800-228-9290

Directions:

Forbes Place is located just north of Orlando International Airport and Hwy 528. Turn west off S. Semoran Blvd. on to the frontage road and the hotel will be on the right.



FCTE 2006
Saving Our Students
With Literature and Laughter!!!

Membership Application

The membership year is from October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007.

Dr. Mr. Ms. Mrs.

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone () _____ Other Phone () _____

E-mail _____

**E-mail is required in order to receive FCTE correspondences such as the newsletter and Newsbox

Alternate E-Mail _____

In some cases, servers block mass e-mails. In this case, FCTE will use the alternate address.

School Name _____ County _____

Public Private Other _____

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

- New Member.....\$20.00
- Renewal.....\$20.00
- 2 Year Renewal.....\$35.00
- Retired.....\$10.00
- 2 Year Retired Renewal.....\$17.50
- Student (One Year).....\$10.00

AFFILIATION

- Administration
- Elementary
- Middle/Junior High
- High School
- Community College
- Four Year College/University

 Signature of Sponsoring Professor/school

Return this form with your check or money
 Order (made payable to FCTE) to:
 Paula Clements
 4912 Toni Avenue
 Lakeland, FL 33812

Are you...

- a member of NCTE?
- willing to become involved in FCTE?
- a member of a local council?
 Name: _____
- a local council officer?
 Title: _____

****FCTE will not distribute e-mail addresses to any other entity.**