

USCRA 2015 ANNUAL CONVENTION

PARK CITY, UTAH OCTOBER 7-11, 2015

SUBMITTED BY: JAN DAVIS

Hotel Escala Lodge Park City
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Park City, Utah 84098
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Room Rate \$139 Our room block code is G-USCR
Please check our website, www.uscra.org, for additional information.
At press time, our room block was close to being sold out.
Overflow hotel information will be posted on our website.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2015

6:00 PM Executive Committee Meeting
7:00 PM Circuit Representative Meeting

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2015

8:00 AM USCRA Board of Directors Meeting

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2015 (.75 CEUs)

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Keynote: Round Peg – Reporters in the Federal Judiciary - Honorable John R. Tunheim
9:00 AM -12:00 PM Shorthand for the 21st Century: Write Short-Write Fast - Ed Varallo
 This is a hands-on seminar. Participants are encouraged to bring computers and writers.
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Lunch on your own
12:15 PM The Honorable John R. Tunheim Annual Realtime Speed Contest
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM Continuation of Write Short-Write Fast - Ed Varallo
2:30 PM - 3:30 PM Professionals in the Profession of Reporting - Nancy Varallo
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM Kennedy Perspective - Honorable John R. Tunheim
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Opening Reception
8:00 PM - 11:00 PM Hospitality Suite

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2015 (.65 CEUs)

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM FCRR Examination
9:15 AM - 10:45 AM Courtroom Technology & the Reporter's Role - Honorable David Nuffer &
 Laura Robinson, RPR, FCRR
10:45 AM - 12:15 PM Goal Setting & Accountability: Developing a Personal Strategic Plan - Nancy Varallo
12:15 PM - 12:30 PM Business Meeting
12:30 PM - 2:00 PM Lunch on your own
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM From the Outside Looking In - Yvette Rodier Evans-Whitby
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Seeking the Death Penalty - Thomas Bruner, Jeremy Delicino & Troy Rawlings
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Serving the Native American Population - Hence Williams
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM President's Reception
8:00 PM - 11:00 PM Hospitality Suite

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2015

8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Race Scriptorers
9:45 AM - 11:00 AM Guided Ghost Tour of Historic Park City

PRESENTATION SUMMARIES:

Shorthand for the 21st Century: Write Short – Write Fast - Ed Varallo

To be truly realtime capable – able to turn out fast, accurate drafts and fast certified transcripts – we need to write smarter. We have to write fast, with clean notes, for hours on end – and then turn out a fast draft transcript on demand. Ed Varallo, six-time NCRA Speed Contest champion, will outline his systematic approach to writing shorthand which is designed to require less physical effort, produce better realtime output, and thus reduce editing/scoping time. Ed will share his tips and techniques that will set you on the path to unleash the Realtime Superstar inside you!

Goal Setting & Accountability: Developing a Personal Strategic Plan - Nancy Varallo

Do you have great ideas to move your career forward but need a plan to accomplish your goals? How will you make your ideas a reality? Whether it's professional aspirations or New Year's resolutions, goal setting needs accountability. Nancy Varallo and the professionals at The Varallo Group have been helping reporters create strategic plans for more than 20 years. Learn how to apply those principles to develop your personal strategic plan. Don't wait for tomorrow. Be ready today.

Professionals in the Profession of Reporting - Nancy Varallo

Nancy Varallo, owner of The Varallo Group LLC, knows the court reporting business. She's worked as an official, a freelancer, a CART provider, a reporting educator and a firm owner. She was also NCRA's 2013-2014 president. Nancy will walk you through the landscape of today's court reporting profession. She'll also explore with you how to gain confidence and boost your ability to get what you need from the court manager, the judge and the attorneys. Don't miss the opportunity to ask "Dear Nancy" your questions!

Keynote: Round Peg – Reporters in the Federal Judiciary - Honorable John R. Tunheim, USDC-MN

Kennedy Perspective - Honorable John R. Tunheim, USDC-MN

Judge Tunheim will discuss his time as chairman of the U.S. Assassination Records Review Board, the independent federal agency that reviewed all assassination documents related to JFK's death. He will talk about the many legal, procedural and practical obstacles the board faced in its effort to get documents from the nation's intelligence and law enforcement agencies regarding President Kennedy's November 1963 assassination in Dallas. He also focuses on the board's additional accomplishments of collecting and releasing records previously held by state and local governments and in private hands. He will also focus on the lingering significant evidentiary issues still swirling around the assassination and attempt to clarify answers to questions that people still have.

Courtroom Technology & the Reporter's Role - Honorable David Nuffer, USDC-UT & Laura Robinson, RPR, FCRR

Court reporters work in an environment affected by Courtroom Technology. Regardless of the technology in use (video conference, audio conference, video display, translation systems) the reporter has to capture the record. The District of Utah has ten fully tech-enabled courtrooms so Judge Nuffer and Laura Robinson will explain the technology present and discuss how it affects reporters.

From the Outside Looking In - Yvette Rodier Evans-Whitby

When a random act of violence took Yvette's best friend, Zach Snarr, and left Yvette wounded, she began the difficult journey through the criminal justice system. It was a journey she, like most crime victims, was not prepared for. As a beneficiary of rights afforded crime victims, Yvette will share her story and describe the advancement of crime victims' rights over the last two decades.

Seeking the Death Penalty - Thomas Bruner, Jeremy Delicino & Troy Rawlings

The presentation will begin with a quick overview of the entire process in death penalty cases from trial to execution and may include a case study of the Ronnie Lee Gardner case. This first component will emphasize how important accurate reporting is to a case that may span two or three decades and much of which involves review of reported hearings held many years earlier. The presentation will include a discussion about what goes into the State's decision to seek death, including the ongoing review of whether to continue pursuing a death sentence. It will also include a discussion from both State counsel and defense counsel about the preparation for and litigation decision processes in death-penalty cases. The remaining time will be opened for questions from attendees.

Serving the Native American Population - Hence Williams

Hence Williams is the Tribal Liaison to the Northern Ute, Ute Mountain Ute, and Navajo Indian Reservations for the District of Utah. Hence will educate attendees on the Tribal Community Reentry Court (TCRC) program. TCRC offers offenders an effective and supportive program to transition back into their community. The TCRC program interprets all policies and procedures related to the unique cultural and historical traditions of the tribal land people while maintaining justice and fairness. While this is currently an offender based program, we do anticipate adding a Pretrial/ Diversion component in 2016.

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PARK CITY, UTAH

SUBMITTED BY: LAURA ROBINSON

Park City has many wonderful restaurants and attractions to keep you entertained when you're not engaging your mind in our seminars. October is a gorgeous time to visit, but do remember to bring a jacket because it will be cool in the mountains in the evening.

RESTAURANTS

BLUE IGUANA – Located on Main Street, in the heart of historic Old Town, it brings the best of Mexico to the mountain town experience.

CISCEROS (Expensive) – Italian

DAVANZA'S – A long-time local's hangout where you can find menu items to fit nearly everyone's taste.

EL CHUBASCO – A good, inexpensive Mexican grill featuring a world famous homemade salsa bar, fish tacos, fajitas, carnitas, asada salads and burritos.

FLETCHER (Expensive) – Eat, drink and lounge.

GOOD KARMA – Indo-Persian Restaurant

GRAPPA (Expensive) – Italian

HANDLE (Expensive) – American Cuisine

HIGH WEST DISTILLERY– This fun bar features homemade whiskey and great food.

RIVERHORSE (Expensive) – Fine dining

SUSHI BLUE (Kimball Junction) – The eclectic, pan-Asian menu features sushi, sashimi, Korean street tacos, American burgers and all-beef Kobe hot dogs.

SHOYU – Sushi House and Japanese Kitchen

WASATCH BREWERY – Brewers of Polygamy Porter, Chocolate Rye Stout and Provo Girl. Full restaurant.

WINDY RIDGE – Casual dining offering a selection of soups, salads, sandwiches, wraps and comfort food.

VINTO – A casual Italian restaurant located on Main.

SHOPPING

Historic Main Street has been Park City's prime shopping district since the 1800s. The area hosts over 70 retail stores ranging from souvenir shops to one-of-a-kind boutiques with the finest apparel from New York, London and European designers. Art galleries, specialty shops, and spas also offer visitors a full range of products from toothpaste to Chagall.

Tanger Outlet Center

Monday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Over 65 brand name outlet stores including Nike, Polo, Ralph Lauren, Tommy Hilfiger, and JCrew. Located six miles north of Park City on SR 224. From I-80 take Kimball Junction exit #145, turn west on Ute Boulevard.

ENTERTAINMENT/ACTIVITIES

BIKING & HIKING

The International Mountain Bicycling Association calls Park City, Utah, the highest rated mountain biking destination in the world. The hills surrounding Park City offer over 400 miles of public trails, ideal for all skill levels of hiking and mountain biking. Mountain bike rentals are available at numerous locations throughout town.

GOLFING

Park City Golf Club – Thaynes Canyon Drive, Park City
Crater Springs Golf Course at Homestead Resort, Midway, Utah

Wasatch Golf Course, Midway, Utah – Mountain and Lake courses at Wasatch Mountain State Park

Soldier Hollow Golf Course, Midway, Utah – championship, 36-hole complex

HOT SPRINGS

The Homestead Crater

PARK CITY MOUNTAIN RESORT

Alpine Day Pass – Our All-In-One day pass allows you to spend an entire day enjoying unlimited rides on your favorite activities for one great price. This includes Alpine Coaster, Alpine Slide, chairlift rides and all other activities in the base area. The ZipRider is \$12 additional per ride and the Flying Eagle Zip Line is \$5 additional per ride.

UTAH OLYMPIC PARK

The Utah Olympic Park is a winter sports park built for the 2002 Winter Olympics. During the 2002 games the park hosted the bobsled, skeleton, luge, ski jumping, and Nordic Combined events. The center houses two museums, the Alf Engen Ski Museum and the George Eccles Salt Lake 2002 Olympic Winter Games Museum.