

Plenary Sessions

There are special plenary sessions on both days that you won't want to miss.

On **Friday** morning, Dr. Sam Trychin will speak on *Helping People Prevent/Reduce Communication Hassles*. Sam Trychin Ph.D. is currently a psychologist in private practice and a consultant to Stairways Behavioral Health, Erie, PA. Previously, he was the Director of Training at the Mental Health Research and Training Center for Hard of Hearing and Late-Deafened Adults, California School of Professional Psychology, San Diego, California (1994-1997). Prior to that, he was Professor of Psychology and Director of the Living With Hearing Loss Program, Gallaudet University, Washington, DC (1981-1995).



Dr. Trychin has written 15 books, authored numerous professional book chapters and journal articles, and produced a variety of videotapes related to coping with hearing loss. He has conducted hundreds of workshops and training programs across the United States and in Canada.

On **Saturday** morning, Dr. Michael Harvey will speak on *Hearing Loss in Families*. Dr. Harvey provides training and consultation on deafness/hearing loss, vicarious trauma and mental health issues. In addition to a private practice in Framingham, Mass., he is an adjunct faculty at Boston University and a consultant faculty at Pennsylvania College of Optometry, School of Audiology, where he teaches on-line courses relating to the psychosocial aspects of hearing loss. Dr. Harvey writes a regular column, "What's On Your Mind?", in *Hearing Loss*, the journal for Self Help for the Hard-of-Hearing.



In addition to over 40 articles, his publications include *The Odyssey of Hearing Loss: Tales of Triumph*,; *Psychotherapy with Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons: A Systemic Model* (second addition), and a co-edited book entitled *Culturally Affirmative Psychotherapy with Deaf Persons*. His most recent book is *Listen with the Heart: Relationships and Hearing Loss*.

Celebration Luncheon

On Saturday, the lunch is included in your registration so everyone is invited to attend a special session with remarks by Dr. Terry Portis and an entertaining show by Rog Bates.

Dr. Terry Portis is the Executive Director of the Hearing Loss Association of America. The Hearing Loss Association has 14 state organizations and 200 local chapters. Terry is a graduate of Covenant College and received his Master's Degree from NC A&T State University. He has a doctorate in Counseling Psychology.



You won't want to miss Dr. Portis' comments during our Celebration Luncheon.

Corporate entertainer and speaker **Rog Bates** has been customizing positive, clean corporate comedy and funny surprise songs for more than fifteen years. Comedian, songwriter and author with a business background, Rog is the ideal after dinner speaker, program emcee, or primary entertainer for your awards banquet, holiday party, meeting or seminar. Rog also offers entertaining humor training sessions, customized to fit your group's agenda to a tee.



Based in Raleigh, North Carolina near the Research Triangle (RTP), Rog is a popular corporate comedian and humorous speaker for companies like IBM, Progress Energy and GlaxoSmithKline. In fact, businesses from North Carolina to California know they can trust Rog's humor to be smart, clean and relevant, and his presentation to be uplifting and motivational. Best of all he's ... FUNNY!