



Dear USSAAC member:

Season's Greetings from USSAAC's Board of Directors and volunteers!

As we wrap up 2018, we reflect on our achievements, including:

- A MASSIVE reboot to our USSAAC website, www.ussaac.org.
- Presentations by our Disaster Relief Committee at ISAAC and ASHA as well as several local and regional conferences
- Membership meetings at ATIA 2018 and ISAAC
- Approval by ISAAC's Board of Directors of a 2-year regular membership option
- A robust webinar schedule providing many hours of continuing education (including ASHA CEUs)
- Completed transition from SpeakUp! Magazine to the SpeakUp! Blog, with new content almost weekly.
- Negotiated member discounts to the first annual AT Maker Fair in Concord, NH as well as ATIA
- Efforts to assist people who use AAC and their families affected by disasters, including survivors of the 2018 fires, floods, and hurricanes; continued support to those affected by the 2017 disasters (with many thanks to those individuals and corporations that have donated time, money, and in-kind resources
- Continued advocacy for people who use AAC and their families

USSAAC thanks **Lisa Timm** (Secretary) and **Rose Sevcik** (ISAAC Liaison) for their amazing contributions to USSAAC's Board over the past several years. We know we can count on your continued support.

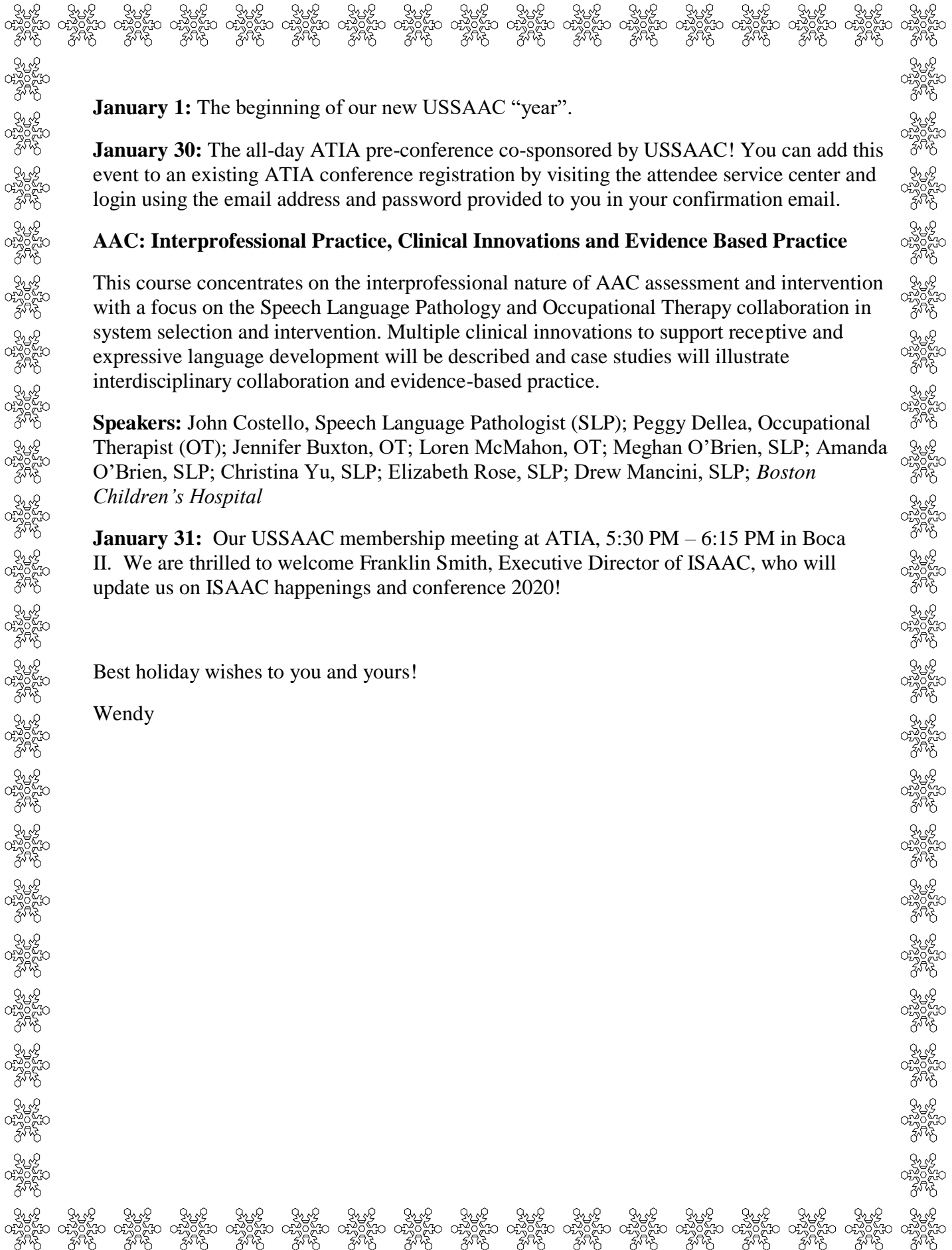
We also want to warmly welcome our new Board members:

- Alison Pentland will serve as Secretary
- Tami Altschulter will serve as ISAAC-Liaison
- Mike Hipple will continue as Director, Membership

Looking forward to 2019, please note the following dates:

December 31: The deadline to renew your membership AND be included in a drawing for a free registration to ATIA. Renew your membership at <http://www.ussaac.org/membership>. ISAAC International will continue to manage USSAAC membership sign-up and renewal through ISAAC International's secure web membership system. As ISAAC International is based in Toronto, Canada, all payments will be processed in Canadian dollars.





January 1: The beginning of our new USSAAC “year”.

January 30: The all-day ATIA pre-conference co-sponsored by USSAAC! You can add this event to an existing ATIA conference registration by visiting the attendee service center and login using the email address and password provided to you in your confirmation email.

AAC: Interprofessional Practice, Clinical Innovations and Evidence Based Practice

This course concentrates on the interprofessional nature of AAC assessment and intervention with a focus on the Speech Language Pathology and Occupational Therapy collaboration in system selection and intervention. Multiple clinical innovations to support receptive and expressive language development will be described and case studies will illustrate interdisciplinary collaboration and evidence-based practice.

Speakers: John Costello, Speech Language Pathologist (SLP); Peggy Dellea, Occupational Therapist (OT); Jennifer Buxton, OT; Loren McMahon, OT; Meghan O’Brien, SLP; Amanda O’Brien, SLP; Christina Yu, SLP; Elizabeth Rose, SLP; Drew Mancini, SLP; *Boston Children’s Hospital*

January 31: Our USSAAC membership meeting at ATIA, 5:30 PM – 6:15 PM in Boca II. We are thrilled to welcome Franklin Smith, Executive Director of ISAAC, who will update us on ISAAC happenings and conference 2020!

Best holiday wishes to you and yours!

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