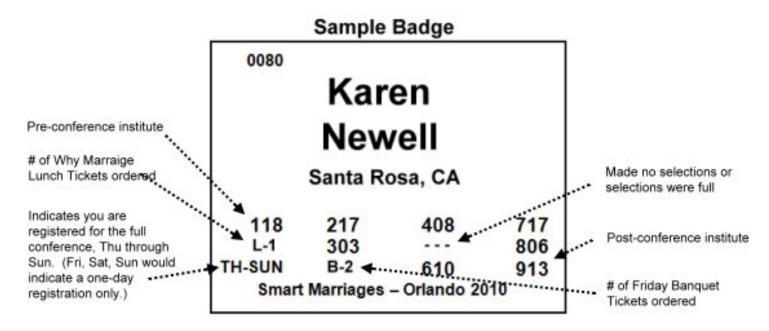


PLEASE READ THIS BEFORE YOU GET TO ORLANDO!!

With your enclosed badge you are completely registered for the **Smart Marriages Conference July 8-11 at the Rosen Shingle Creek Hotel,407-996-9936**. (Note that pre-conference institutes begin as early as Tues, July 6 at 8:30am - check the website for schedule.) You have your badge, so there will be no need to stand in a registration line. Just come to the Smart Marriages registration desk outside the Gatlin Ballroom to pick up your on-site packet. In it, you'll find a room locator and badge holder. You're all set. Head to your first session, or, if you're early, browse the exhibits.

You must wear your badge for admission to all events - keynotes, workshops, institutes, and banquet. Put your badge in your wallet now and **be sure to bring it with you**. At the conference, please wear it high on your lapel so it¹s easy to read.

<u>Workshop assignments:</u> Your workshop numbers are on your badge. If your choices weren't available, or if you did not make a choice for a time slot, you will see "---'s" in that space. If you are bringing guests that are registered for only a banquet or special event, they will not receive a badge. Their banquet & event tickets are indicated by a number on <u>your</u> badge. Contact the registrar <u>only</u> if you wish to add banquet tickets, add or change a pre or post conference training institute, or, there is a mistake with your name. Wait to make any workshop changes in Orlando.



Keynote/plenary sessions are included in your registration but don't appear on your badge. If you registered for the full conference, you're registered for 11 plenary sessions including lunch keynotes Fri, Sat & Sun and the Sat & Sun night events (John Gray and the Comedy Club). If you registered for only one day, your badge admits you to the keynotes that day. Arrive at keynotes early to win Door Prizes! Drawings are held 5 mins before sessions begin. If you¹re registered for the conference, you are automatically registered for the drawings but must be present in the ballroom to win.

It's not too late to register your spouse or significant other. That's always the number one complaint: "Why didn¹t you tell me to bring my spouse?!" It's that kind of conference. You can still add your spouse at the early-bird rate!

The Banquet is the #1 networking event of the conference. Your "tickets" appear as B-1, B-2, etc. B-1 denotes your own ticket, B-2, B-4 indicate tickets you purchased for yourself and guests. The *Why Marriage*? lunch, Thurs July 8, appears as L-1/L-2, etc. To add banquets, institutes, or register your spouse, **call 866-992-9399** or email: info@rcassidy.com ASAP.

Getting to the Hotel from the Airport: Approx 25 mins. Shuttle \$18 one-way; \$29 roundtrip - departs every 15 mins at baggage level. No reservation needed. If you're alone, shuttle makes sense. Two or more of you? Taxi is \$42 for up to 4 passengers. Even if you're traveling single, before you purchase a roundtrip ticket, know that for the return trip, you must reserve the night prior and the shuttle requires you to leave the hotel 4 hrs before your flight time to allow stops at other hotels! You might, instead, use the message board to find a taxi buddy (or three).

We're at a resort! Think palm trees, pools, spa, tennis, golf. Everything in our self-contained oasis - including dining. No nearby, walk-to restaurants, but the Shingle Creek has great restaurants on the property and great deals for Smart Marriages: Café Osceola 25 % discount on their breakfast, lunch & dinner buffets. And, a \$25 prix fixe 3-course dinner menus at their fine dining restaurants: A Land Remembered - Steakhouse in elegant clubhouse setting and Cala Bella - Italian. Advance reservations recommended for Cala Bella & Land Remembered. 18 Monroe Street - 24-hr NY-deli with hot take-out from 6:30am - 11:30pm. Cat-Tails - burgers et al by the pool, 11am-6pm. Headwaters Lounge - noon to 1am watering hole. Smooth Java off the lobby for Starbucks coffee & snacks and the Ice Creamery off the pool.

The Thursday night dinner crunch: Attending a pre-conference Institute? You'll have only an hour for dinner before the opening keynote session. Institutes end at 5:30pm, Keynote begins at 6:30pm. Plan ahead! Also plan where you'll eat on Sat & Sun so you can get to the *Mars/Venus* & *Comedy* events at 7:30pm. Especially plan ahead if you want to attend the Film Festival 5:30pm Sat & Sun. Buy your sandwich in advance & eat while you watch!

<u>The EXHIBITS</u> are the heart of the conference – the "town square." Each exhibit is a mini-marriage-education workshop unto itself. Sample the programs. Check out what's new. Ask questions you didn't have time for in the workshops. Register for door prizes (bring plenty of business cards). Get books signed. Bring a camera! The Exhibit area is also the location of the conference registration desk, message boards, poster sessions, and recording sales. The recording discounts are good only for orders placed at the conference.

Networking Events. Don't miss them, it's why we keep meeting like this. No need to register, your badge is your ticket! See the room locator onsite, or download in advance: smartmarriages.com

- <u>Check the list of registrants</u> by state, city & country at the registration desk to connect with those from your area. Use the message boards to meet for coffee, lunch, dinner, golf.
- **Opening Night Reception: Thurs** 8:30pm, following the opening session. The plenary (6:30-8:30pm) is at the dinner hour so eat <u>before</u> the session. The reception cheese, grapes, crackers, chips, punch, and a cash bar is <u>not</u> a meal.
- Opening Night Gatherings Thurs 8:45pm following the Reception: Singles, Strong Marriages Florida, Catholics, Utah, LGBT, Marriage-Friendly Therapists.
- <u>Singles Only</u>: Bonus session Thurs 8:45pm, Gatlin A-2, *Secrets of Great Relationships* with **Scott Haltzman**. Get a **singles sticker** at the registration desk so you can recognize & meet other singles. For never-married, divorced, widowed. 1.5hrs CE
- <u>Bonus: Marriage Film Festival</u>: Wed Sun. *You Saved Me; Heart of Stone, 16 & Pregnant, Crossing the Bridge; Children of Divorce.* Bring a sandwich so you can make it to the 7:30pm Sat & Sun evening keynotes on time! Meet the Directors! See schedule on web.
- Morning Special Interest Roundtables, Fri, Sat, Sun: 7:30am: Bring coffee & a bagel and share what's worked (or not) in your setting. Check onsite or on web for locations.

<u>Fri</u>: School/Youth, Asian, Refugees • <u>Fri & Sat: African American</u> • <u>Fri, Sat & Sun</u>: Family Ministry • Sat: Retrouvaille

- Sat & Sun: Military, Hispanic, CMPs, TANF Funding
- <u>Teach-Ins 5:15pm</u>: <u>FRI</u>: Saving the Marriage Money <u>SAT</u>: 16 & Pregnant; Legislation Strategies; Tech Boot Camp; Media Savvy • <u>SUN</u>: TANF Funding.
- Jewish Sabbath Service 5:30pm Fri, St John 26
- Catholic Mass 5:30pm Sat, Conway
- What to Pack: Avg temp 92 high, 73 low. With pools, palm trees and sunshine think casual. But remember, hotel meeting space with "zone" AC, can fluctuate from sweltering to freezing! Pack long sleeves & wear easy-to-adjust layers. Days are long and the hotel is huge pack comfy clothes & comfy shoes. Business casual works for the conference & banquets jacket & tie totally optional. Pack for the pool, health club, tennis, golf. Pack your favorite noshes nuts, dried fruit, prunes, power bars, chocolate, tea bags. Pack notepaper it's not provided. And bring an extra suitcase to carry home all the books, DVDs, & funky marriage t-shirts you'll buy.
- Attractions: Disney, Universal, Sea World, etc are 10 mins down the road. An hour west: the Gulf of Mexico with Caladesi, ranked the #1 most beautiful beach in the country (hope it still is in July!). An hour east, on the Atlantic: Kennedy Space Center & 30 mins north: St Augustine, the oldest city and fort in the U.S. Or add on a few days & head south to Miami, South Beach, the Everglades and the Keys. See attractions at smartmarriages.com
- Avis Discounts: Why Avis when Enterprise has a desk at the hotel? Avis: lower rates; open Sun; nearby with FREE pick up/drop off and, you can pick up at the hotel & return at the airport, with no extra fee. (Enterprise charges a \$50 airport drop-off fee & is closed Sun!)

Use our Avis code #D086788 (5-20% off - good June 29 - July 20). Pick up at the airport or call 407-370-3231 an hour in advance to schedule pick-up from the lot near the hotel - Lot #E2F.

<u>In case you're wondering</u>, the 2nd most frequent complaint is that we don't have a cloning machine and there are too many great sessions all scheduled at the same time. As soon as a cloner is available, we'll rent one. In the meantime, we've got you covered - <u>we record ALL workshops & keynotes</u>. Relax and listen without taking notes.

Conference Recordings - On-Site Specials!
Order at PlayBack Now counter in the Exhibit area
See Coupon in your on-site packet for \$100 discount on Complete Packages
ordered onsite at the conference. Coupon expires July 12.

• All sessions available on Audio CD or MP3: \$15.95 each Keynotes, Banquet, & Luncheon available on Video DVD: \$29.95 each

- OR, "Mix-and-Match" Create Your Own Customized DISCOUNT Audio Package: \$159.50 Choose your format: Any 10 Sessions on custom-burned MP3 CD, plus 6 more FREE!
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- <u>Complete</u> MP3 or Ipod Audio Package: Only \$295 on site! (\$395 reg price) The whole conference (ALL keynotes & workshops 160+ sessions!) Perfect for car, classroom, congregations or agencies.
 - <u>Complete</u> Video Package: All Keynotes and Banquets over 24 presenters on DVD or Ipod: \$195 (\$295 reg price). Perfect for Staff Teach-Ins!
 - The WORKS <u>Complete</u> Package: \$349 w coupon onsite (reg price \$449) ALL the session, ALL the audios & videos, ALL the formats: iPod & MP3 Audio & DVD & IPod Videos.

Order form will be in your on-site packet. Orders shipped immediately.

Personal recorders and cameras are not allowed in sessions. • Training Institutes are not recorded.

<u>The third</u> most frequent complaint is that there are not enough breaks. <u>Advice: Take them when you need them</u>! There is no reason you must attend all sessions. (Unless you need the CE!) Take a nap, browse the exhibits, go for a swim, get a massage. We'll have a masseuse right on the exhibit floor!

On-line CE: No waiting for the mail. No fees - CE included in your registration fee. Up to 69 hrs for psychologists, counselors, MFT, SW, CFLE. Visit smartmarriages.com from July 11 - 31 to complete your evaluation and print your form. Even if you are not interested in earning CE (continuing education) credits, please complete an evaluation. Your feedback helps us improve the next conference.

Become a Certified Family Life Educator! Visit the NCFR exhibit to learn about the CFLE Exam (6pm Sun) and application process. Info: www.ncfr.org/cert/become/ 888-781-9331. Pick up a CFLE ribbon at the NCFR booth.

Child Care: Call the hotel concierge 407-996-9939 in advance for referrals. No children/ babies in sessions.

<u>BEFORE you leave home</u>, visit www.smartmarriages.com/conferencedetails.html for all kinds of helpful hints- print out the room locator, hotel floor plans, Exhibits list, etc....plan your route in advance.

Conference Etiquette: Be Considerate of Presenters and Colleagues TURN OFF CELL PHONES!

Sessions close 15 mins after start time. No admission after that point.

Make room: Move to seats in the center. Move to front.

Do not go in and out of sessions – VERY distracting!

No laptop note taking. No recording devices. No kids or babies.

Use microphones when asking questions. Be brief. State your name & where you're from.

Keep your badges visible, so door monitors can quickly read session #'s & keep things moving.

Door monitors are wearing red STAFF ribbons. Help them make things run smoothly.

Door Prize Drawings

Here are some of the prizes to be given away at the drawings held <u>5 mins BEFORE each keynote</u>.

<u>You must be present in the ballroom to win.</u>

Keynote door prizes are drawn from conference registrations - if you are registered, you are entered.

Thurs Opening 6:20pm: Five Love Languages DVDs/Books • Dibble Youth Curricula • 10 Great Dates • Family Wellness Training & DVDs//Fri 8:20am: PREP 6-DVDs, Fighting For Your Marriage & Prayer Journal //Fri Lunch 11:55am: Children in the Middle DVDs //Fri 3:40pm:

How to Avoid Falling For A Jerk & Marriage LINKS DVDs //Fri Banquet: The First Dance TOOB & Take Back Your Marriage //Sat 8:20am:

Hot-Monogamy-Evening Gift Basket • Sexual Addiction & Healing Books & CDs //Sat Lunch 11:55am: Divorce Busting Training //Sat

3:40pm: Keeping FAITH Training & DVDs //Sat 7:20pm: Mars/Venus 9-Day Relationship Makeover //Sun 8:20am: Mating In Captivity //Sun Lunch 11:40am: Fundraising DVDs & Book //Sun Comedy Club 7:20pm- Happily Ever Laughter DVD Package • Celebrate Your Marriage DVDs

Exhibits also hold their own door prize drawings. For exhibit drawings, enter your name at each exhibit. Bring plenty of business cards and enter early - and often!

Book Signings/Meet the Authors - at Exhibits - Bring your cameras!

Buy books well before the signings - they sell out! Check book-signing schedules at exhibits. Here is a partial listing:

John Gray - Venus on Fire, Mars on Ice • Gary Chapman - The Five Love Languages & The Five Languages of Apology • Harville Hendrix - Getting the Love You Want • Barry McCarthy - Discovering Your Couple Sexual Style • Steven Stosny & Pat Love - How to Improve Your Marriage Without Talking About It • John Van Epp - How to Avoid Falling For a Jerk • Michele Weiner-Davis - Divorce Remedy & The Sex-Starved Marriage • Esther Perel - Mating in Captivity • Howard Markman & Scott Stanley - Fighting For Your Marriage • Mark & Debra Laaser - The Seven Desires of Every Heart • Barry McCarthy & Michael Metz - Men's Sexual Health • Patty Howell & Ralph Jones - World Class Marriage • Terry Hargrave - The Essential Humility of Marriage • Bill Doherty - Take Back Your Marriage • Scott Haltzman - The Secrets of Happy Families & The Secrets of Happily Married Men • Tom Phelan - 1-2-3 Magic • Lori Gordon - Passage to Intimacy • Ron Deal - The ReMarriage Checkup • Rita DeMaria - The 7 Stages of Marriage • Anne Bercht - My Husband's Affair Became the Best Thing That Ever Happened to Me • Dave Carder - Torn Asunder & Close Calls • Steven Stosny - Love Without Hurt • David & Claudia Arp - The 10 Great Dates series & Second Half • Peggy Vaughan - To Have and To Hold & Monogamy Myth • Wallace Goddard & James Marshall - The Marriage Garden • Jason & Kelli Krafsky - Facebook and Your Marriage • Howard Marshall • Let's Have Lunch Together

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