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Utahs Attend the NAD Conference

Ron Nelson and Rob Kerr, UAD Delegates, spent a busy week in Washington, DC at the National Association of the Deaf"s biennial conference. It was the first time for both and the experience was overwhelming!

Rebecca Ann Davenport, Miss Deaf Utah, and her chaperone, Camille Call, arrived earlier for the retreat of the Miss Deaf America Pageant while April Trocki, MDUP State Director, arrived with Ron and Rob on July 2nd. During the week, other Utahns were seen; Robert and Mary Sanderson, Gary Leavitt, Willis Morton and Marilyn Call.

Wednesday saw the Delegates Orientation where Ron and Rob learned the rules of the Forums and Council of Representatives (CR) and met the candidates. Thursday and Friday were filled with the 6 Forums while Saturday and Sunday was the CR meeting. Many interesting workshops were presented at the same time so Ron and Rob were unable to attend the workshops. New friends were made with delegates from other states.

(Rebecca, April, new Miss Deaf America, Camille)

Experienced delegates made Ron and Rob feel better by sharing their experiences as a 1st time delegate and said it is normal to be overwhelmed but encouraged them to come again in 2 years.

The Miss Deaf America Pageant was a surprising event. The popular choice was not the winner. Miss Deaf Maryland is the new Miss Deaf America. Ron and Rob met her the day after and found her to be very sweet, outgoing and intelligent. She is a school teacher and will be a good role model for the next 2 years.

Ron, Rob, April and Camille flew home together (Rebecca stayed for Deaf Way II with friends) on Monday and had a great time. The MARC engine was broken but an Amtrak cop fell in love with Camille and helped all of us switch to an Amtrak train on time so we could get to the BWI Airport and catch our flight.

UAD Board Meeting
September 7, 2002 at UCCD
9 a.m. : Executive Session
10 a.m. : Board Meeting (open to public)

Deaf Center is Rescued!

A meeting was held at UCCD on June 29 to explain the state budget crisis and how it could drastically affect the USOR and Deaf Center. The Utah Legislature was considering a consolidation of USOR with the Division of Workforce Services. This would have effectively changed the Deaf Center into a Job Service Center. Over 200 pink postcards and emails were sent to the legislators, especially members of the Public Education Appropriations Committee with a rallying cry "LEAVE THE USOR AND DEAF CENTER ALONE!" Other disabled groups, such as the blind and speech-impaired, were also involved in the lobbying efforts.

Many of us attended the committee meetings and during the two day special session, sat in the gallery. When it became clear that the USOR and services would be left alone, a loud cheer and applause was heard. The Chair frowned and said noise from the gallery is not allowed.

The lobbying was effective! In fact, some funds were restored to USOR and the Deaf Center. A victory celebration lunch was held at the Blind Center with several legislators in attendance who helped us. They gave short speeches and expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to work with us. Unfortunately, they are not running again so they encouraged us to make new friends in the Utah Legislature.

Please contact the Republican legislators and say "THANK YOU FOR LEAVING THE USOR AND DEAF CENTER ALONE!". We need their support now and in the next few years.

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President's Message

by Ron Nelson

July and August was going to be my "vacation" but it has been one of the busiest months of 2002!

I attended the National Association of the Deaf's biennial conference in Washington, DC with Rob Kerr as UAD Delegates. Frankly, the experience was overwhelming. Other delegates assured me that it is normal to feel "over-my-head" as a 1st time delegate. I lived the whole week in a state of awe at the other delegates and NAD officers. Libby Pollard, as the outgoing NAD president, is the best I've ever seen at chairing a delegates meeting. Kent Kennedy, as the incoming NAD president, is experienced as the former NAD Vice-President and is enthusiastic about his new duties. Leon Curtis and Norma Chisholm remain as our Region IV board members. It's interesting that a new Region I board member has a cochlear implant. It seems NAD follows their policy on cochlear implants and accepts people with cochlear implants as members of the Deaf Community.

I held a meeting in July with SHHH and ALDA leaders about increasing the number of theaters in Utah with open captioned movies and applying pressure to theaters if they were resistant. I told them that I talked to people in the TRIPOD booth at the NAD Conference. If you have a local theater that you want to show open captioned movies, just send their name and address to TRIPOD. They will contact the local theater and do all the work. Simple as that! I've already contacted deaf people in Ogden, Logan and St. George for names and addresses of local theaters. As of today, Ogden and St. George have given me names and addresses which I've forwarded to TRIPOD.

I received a complaint about the interview process at SLCC and met with Jes Julander. Jeff Pollock of the University of Utah also came to the meeting. I found out their interview process is unique and was done in an attempt to make it fair for hearing and deaf applicants. I'm not convinced this was done but it is certainly a creative attempt and has some pros and cons worth looking at. They've been doing it for 3 years and apparently this is the first complaint about it to my knowledge. Jeff and I made some suggestions about improving the process but it will be up to them to implement them.

Please come to the UAD General meeting on September 21. Rob Kerr and I will give our reports about the NAD Conference. April Trocki, MDUP State Director, will give her report about the meetings she attended as well as Rebecca Ann Davenport, MDU, about her experiences in the Miss Deaf America Pageant. There are several proposals to amend the bylaws so please jot this date on your calendar.

I'm excited about the start-up of the new Leadership Academy for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (LADHH) by Eli McCowan. This is an excellent leadership training program that will benefit UAD in years to come. Eleven people have already signed up. Believe me, we will reap the rewards!

Now, can I start my vacation? My phone is off the hook, the computer is off-line, and the doorbell is disconnected. :)

Society Page

Rattles 'n' Powder

☺ **July 25, 2002** - Gage Urry, son of Nanette and Jerod Urry, and a grandson of Suzanne and Normal Reese, all of Ogden. Big brother Brody is excited about his new playmate.

Obituaries

(Full information may be found at www.uad.org/bulletin/obituary.htm)

✝ **June 29, 2002** – Isabelle Thatcher, a teacher at Utah School for the Deaf until her retirement, passed away at the age of 90. She also served as president of the Teacher's Association and on the USDB Credit Union board.

✝ **July 16, 2002** - Fred Leon Monson, 80, died in Orem. He worked for the Hotel New House 20 years, then the U.S. Postal Service for 22 years. His wife was Marjorie LaVon Hales for 52 years. They had five children, three boys and two girls. He is preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, and two sisters. Funeral services were held on July 19 and he was interred at the Lake Hills Memorial Park.

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Proud Grandparents

Mary Lou and Charles Stigers of Ogden became grandparents for the 1st time. Don Stiger and his wife had a baby girl, Riley Alexandria, born May 22nd at 7 lbs and 10 oz.

Milestones

John Peterson celebrated his 80th birthday, June 26, with a family picnic held Saturday, June 29. He was born in Kemmerer, WY and attended the Utah School for the Deaf. He worked at Thiokol for 26 years before retiring.

Tracking Our People

After 13 years in Utah, Emily Rosten, who worked as a licensed psychologist and counselor in Salt Lake City, is pulling up roots and moving to San Luis Obispo, California. She will be working for the state of California, which comes with benefits.

Originally from Ithaca, NY, she went to college in Michigan and New York, obtaining her degree in social work in 1983. She spent time at the Research and Training Center on Deafness in Little Rock, and then went back to New York to obtain her degree in psychology. She came to Utah in 1989 to do her internship at the University of Utah Counseling Center and has been in Utah until now. She is looking forward to the nice weather in California.

After July 20, Ricky and Petra Rose moved from Riverside, California to Salt Lake City, Utah. Petra has accepted a job with the Jean Massieu School (charter school) as its chief operating officer/administrator. Ricky will take a year's break from school and teach ASL courses in various educational institutions. Rachel will stay in California to finish her senior year at Poly High School in Riverside, Ricke will attend East High School in SLC as a sophomore, and Renate will go to Jean Massieu School as a kindergardner.

Dr. Patricia Johanson, a former resident of Provo while attending BYU, was in a car accident in Vermont on June 23. Her husband, Thomas Harrison, was killed. Patricia was in the hospital in fair condition. She is a professor at the College of Business at Gallaudet University. The accident was caused by another driver crossing the center line in the oncoming lane.

Local News/Articles

MDU's Report

by Rebecca Ann Davenport

I am now home from Washington D.C. It was a very busy time there for me! It was nice to see Utah again and the big mountains again. At the NAD Conference, I met a lot of great people. I cannot imagine the hard work done by the people in NAD who fought for our rights and equality in America.

I have learned so many different things from the Miss Deaf America Pageant. I had the opportunity to get to know the other twenty-six contestants. I found that every woman has different talents and all of us felt that we are equal. We became united and had the feeling of sisterhood during the experience. It was a very cherishing experience. After MDAP was over, we agreed to keep in contact through email.

During the MDAP retreat week, we had several awesome speakers. They taught us about NAD, finger-spelling our name clearly. If you do it fast and unclear, it means that you are not concerned about others being able to understand your finger-spelling. I learned about our health and that we should care about our health, such as our eating habits and using sunblock before going outside. I didn't realize that every person has the chance to get skin cancer even if you have olive skin. In another workshop, I learned how to be careful about people who are attempting to pull you down. The reason why people do that is because they don't want to see you be successful and want to see you become upset. Be confident in yourself! Have the courage to show who you are!

On our day off, I went to the Inner Harbor in Baltimore. It was so beautiful and is one of the most beautiful places I've ever seen. It had many different malls, and many different things.

During my preliminary, I did well in the private interview, evening dress, talent, and platform. I didn't make the top six but I am not disappointed because I learned so many different things. Every woman is a winner, no matter what.

One thing I will never forget is during the opening ceremony, I was wearing a fancy black dress. I was walking and holding the Utah flag. When I walked downstairs, I fell down and I tore my dress! I didn't feel awful or embarrassed. I just stood up again and continued walking. When I sat to listen to the speaker, I discovered that my dress had a rip in it so I went to the bathroom to fix it up.

The NAD/ MDAP was a very rich experience. There is nothing that could have beaten this experience. I want to thank the Utah Deaf Community for giving me a lot of support. That experience helped me become a leader. I enjoyed it very much.

Favorite Website

by Val Kinney

To check up on myths, hoaxes, urban legends, chain letters and the like, go to hoaxbusters.ciac.org, securityresponse.symantec.com/avcenter/hoax.html or www.vmyths.com.

Like all computer users, I am wary of email messages and attachments that clog up my mailbox on a daily basis. These websites allow me to check and check up on email "stories."

20 Years Ago

August 1982 - Despite being the last entry in the bidding for the 1986 NAD Convention, Utah Association for the Deaf won out over six other states for the opportunity to be host. Las Vegas, NV, and Hawaii were close on the heels of UAD in the balloting.

A thought...

"If every wife knew what every widow knows, no man would be without adequate life insurance."

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Local News/Articles

GSACD Elects Officers, Honors Basses

During their annual campout at Crystal Springs, members of the Golden Spike Athletic Association for the Deaf elected new officers. They are:

Cristal Ray	President
Lance Gale	Vice President
Becky East	Secretary
Ron Heinrich	Treasurer
Wayne Stoltz	Sports Director
Evelyn Stoltz	1st trustee
Wendy Sanderson	2nd trustee
Lisa Heinrich	3rd trustee

After the Saturday evening dinner, friends gathered to surprise and honor Fred and Barbara Bass, who made a special trip from their new home in Arizona to be with their friends for the weekend.

Utah Selected as RID Testing Supersite

Linda Allington, Utah RID LTA/Site Coordinator, announced that Utah is now an RID Testing Supersite. What this means is that RID performance tests can be offered in Utah by appointment. This will give Utah interpreters an unprecedented opportunity to become RID certified. The written tests will still be given in conjunction with the national testing schedule, first Saturdays of June and December, as required by RID. However, the performance tests and the ASL version of the CDI tests can now be handled much more flexibly.

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UAD Honors Night
Utah Community Center of the Deaf

August 24, 2002
6 p.m.
Dinner (sponsored by Sprint)

Golden Hand Award
President's Awards

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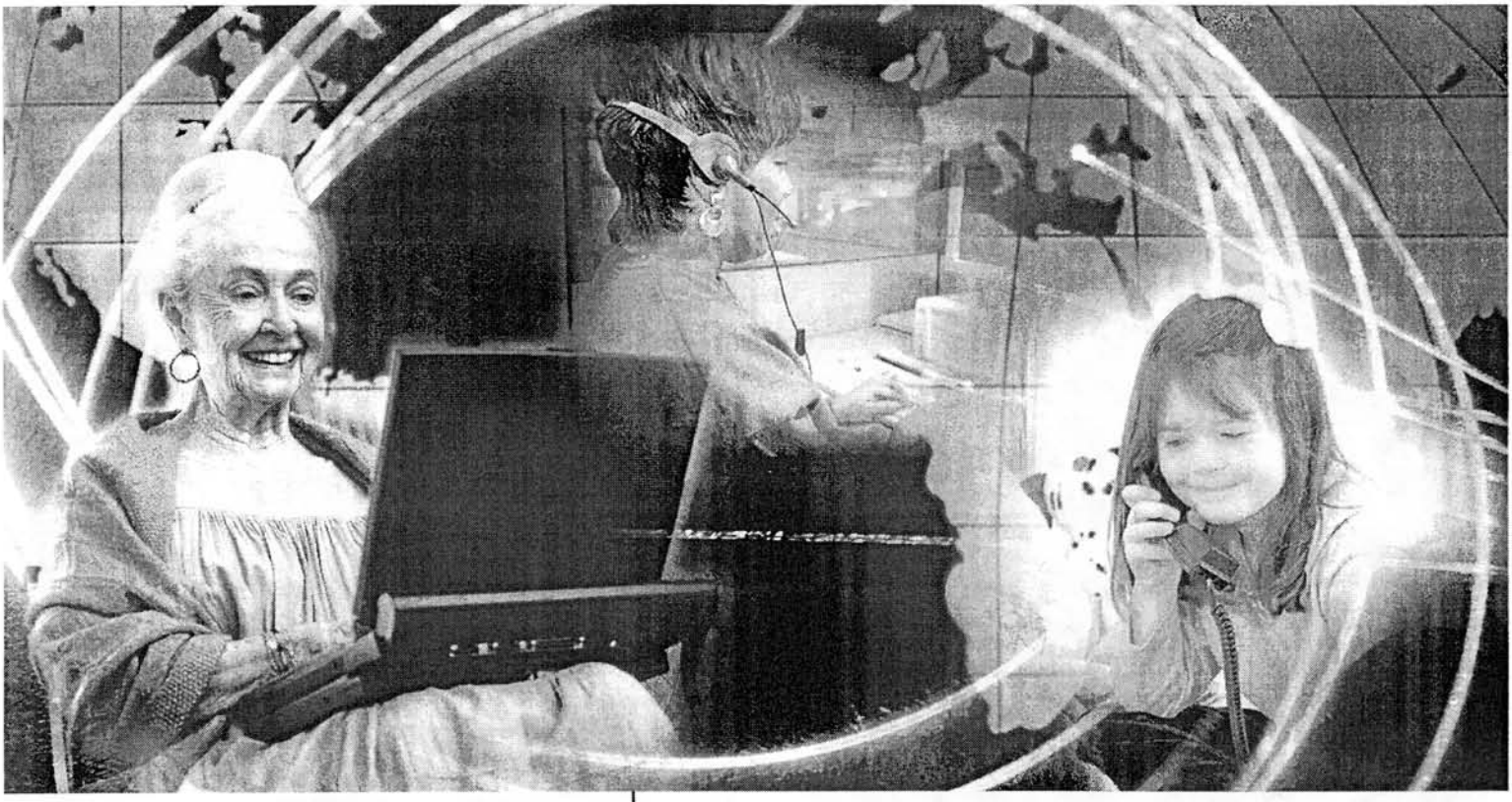

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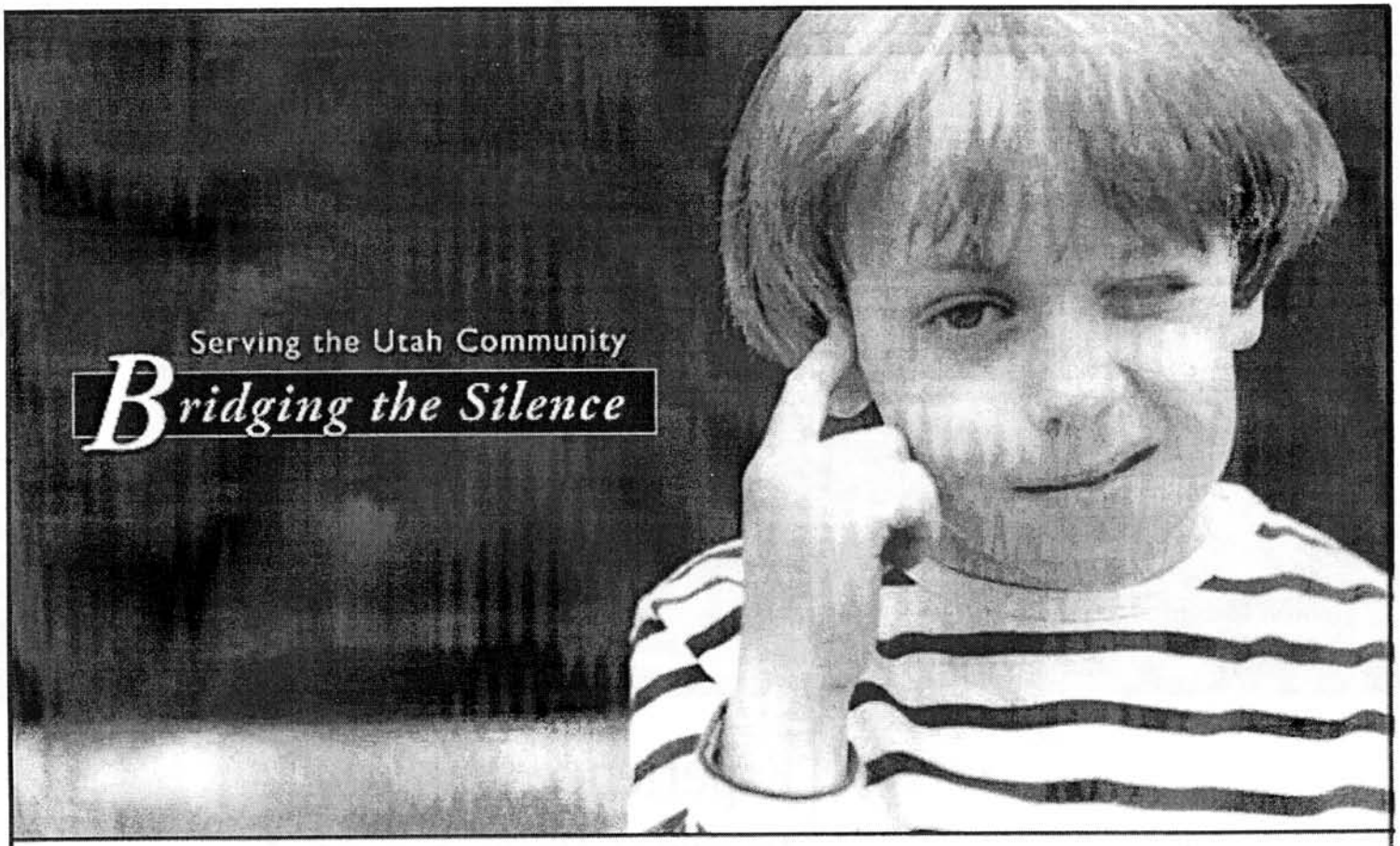

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Wednesdays	August	DSU	Cards	UCCDHH	9:00 AM
Wednesdays	End Aug 21	UACD	Sport/Social Night	Murray Park	TBA
Wednesdays	Start Aug 28	UACD	Bowling	Valley Lanes	7:00 PM
Friday	8/2/2002	SLC Frats	Meeting	UCCDHH	9:30 AM
Fri-Sun	08/2-3-4/2002	UACD	Camp	TBA	TBA
Thursday	8/1/2002	Ogden Frats	Meeting	Chuck-a-Rama	3:30 PM
Fri-Sat	08/9-10/2002	UACD	Camp	TBA	TBA
Saturday	8/17/2002	LADHH	Orientation & History	Park City	TBA
Wednesday	8/21/2002	MDUP	Blood Drive	UCCDHH	10:00 AM
Thursday	8/22/2002	SUCDHH	Joseph and the Dreamcoat at Tuacahn	Tuacahn Amphitheatre	7:00 PM
Saturday	8/24/2002	UAD	Honors Night	UCCDHH	TBA
Wednesday	8/28/2002	BBCD Seniors	End of Summer Picnic	UCCDHH	3:00 PM
Saturday	8/31/2002	GSACD	Autumn Picnic	West Roy Park	4:00 PM