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Center For Deaf And Hard Of Hearing Gets New Name

Presentation to State Board of Education on Aug 1, 2003
by Marilyn Call



Good morning... I got back late last night from a one week camping trip so please excuse me if I still smell like mosquito repellent and if I use metaphors from Nature. Yesterday morning, I went on a last bike ride to say good bye to my favorite mountains. I followed a path that took me to a big jagged boulder framed by Jackson Lake and Mount Moran. On this big rock

was a plaque that read... this bay was named for John Colter... The first white explorer to discover the Teton Mountain Range. This piqued my curiosity about John Colter. How did he feel when he first saw these mountains?? Did he keep a journal? What season was it when he came into this beautiful valley?

I bring this up because a few weeks ago I told a friend of mine about this dream I have to rename our community center. I want to see it named after a Hero and Legend in the Deaf community. My friend commented that he thought naming buildings for people was a stupid idea. He said in 25 or 30 years, no one will know who Bob Sanderson is.

I was amazed at his perspective but I replied.... That is exactly why we need to name this building after a Deaf leader. People need to know about those who came before. They need to have their curiosity piqued and more importantly their gratitude inspired.

Richard L. Evans once said: "It is sobering or should be, to each of us to consider how much of the hours and efforts of others have gone into the making of all of us. The time others have taken to feed us, teach us, preserve our freedom, write the books we read, invent the tools we use; all of the tangibles that are ours; the very houses and buildings in which we live our lives.

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Dora Laramie Memorial

A very moving memorial was held at the Center on August 9, 2003 for Dora Laramie. Her daughter, Celia May Baldwin, organized the tribute and brought her two children, Dora Rose and Laurence with his wife Jen to Utah with her to celebrate the memory of Dora. The Lecture Hall had many pink balloons floating by the walls and a large picture of Dora and her husband. Celia May said "Finally they are together again."



Celia May realized that Utah people needed closure so a special memorial was prepared with a beautiful program given by several speakers, including Sally Green,

Art Valdez, Nancy O'Brien, and George Gavros, who shared their memories of Dora with the audience.

Afterwards, everyone grabbed a pink balloon from the room and followed Celia



May outside. When she gave the signal, everyone released their balloons at the same time and watched them rise into the sky as they thought of Dora. It was an emotional moment but one that no one would give up for anything else.

UAD General Meeting

The UAD General Meeting will be held on September 27, 2003 at the Sanderson Center at 1 p.m.

Several items on the agenda include:

1. Select one or more UAD delegates for the NAD Region IV Conference and the NAD Conference.
 2. Select a Chairman for the 2005 UAD Conference.
 3. Set Goals for the UAD Board for 2003 - 2005.
- After the General Meeting, refreshments will be provided.

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UACD Has Its Own Website

The Utah Athletic Club of the Deaf's board decided to get its own domain so they could have more information online and have control over its content. The new domain name is www.uacdsports.org. It contains their bylaws, board of trustees and sport directors, duties and pictures, meeting schedules and minutes, members, membership information, etc. It is a valuable resource to its members.

The UACD needs more volunteers to help host the national basketball tournament for USADB next April 2004. If you would like to volunteer, please visit their new website and sign up.

President's Message

by Ron Nelson



I enjoyed the Dora Laramie Memorial and was moved by the memories of the speakers. I wish I had been born at an earlier time when Dora was actively involved in the Utah Deaf Community. On second thought, I'm happy to be where I am so I can be with my sweetheart, Kristi Mortensen.

After the memorial, I met former USDB Superintendent Tegeder. I was excited to learn that he is related to former USDB Superintendent Boyd Nelson (my great-uncle) once removed, therefore he is related to me also. I now have two former USDB Superintendents in my blood. (Did I see

Supt. Robinson furiously searching his genealogy?) I could have been a student at USDB in the 1960's but was taken to Tokyo, Japan when my father transferred there in the Army.

This summer has been a very busy summer! But UAD has been humming along and is on solid grounds. The two hardest-working board members are Val Kinney and Dennis Platt.

Val Kinney is the Bookstore Manager and has been working many hours of overtime to catch up, type and organize all products and operations on the computer. She conducted a survey and will begin new bookstore hours in September to make the bookstore more accessible to the deaf and hard of hearing people.

Dennis Platt is the UAD Treasurer and has also been working many hours at home on his computer. He is using Quicken and QuickBooks Pro and has been feeding UAD's income and expenses for the benefit of UAD members.

I appreciate very, very much these two work horses. Any organization can serve its members if a few people are willing to put in the hours and work. It's clear to me that Val Kinney and Dennis Platt are a very big part of UAD's progress this summer.

Please come to the UAD General Meeting on September 27 and find out what they have done for us.

UAD Board Meeting & General Meeting

September 27, 2003 at UCCD

10:00 a.m. : Board Meeting (open to public)

1:00 p.m. : General Meeting (UAD Members)

Society Page

Rattles 'n' Powder



August 11, 2003 – Danielle

Jonna Kinner, daughter of Jodi and Duane Kinner of Eagle Mountain. Their son, Joshua, who will be 2 on October 21, is excited to have a playmate. Kenneth and Ilene Kinner of Riverdale are grandparents.

Obituaries



August 16, 2003 – Jeff Kerr, 42,

passed away in Salt Lake City. After the funeral service in Roy, he was buried in South Ogden beside his father who had passed away the previous November. Suzanne Reese, a sister, survives.



August 21, 2003 - Sylvia

Lecher Birkhead, 83, passed away in Grand Haven, MI. Four days later would have been Lewis and Sylvia's 58th wedding anniversary. She was a naturalist who loved outdoor life, and worked for the US Forest Products Laboratory in the field of wood preservation. A daughter, Eli McCowan, was with her family in the weeks before Mrs. Birkhead's passing.

20 Years Ago

The votes were tallied, and the audience waited in breathless anticipation as the time drew to announce the new Miss Deaf Utah.

Nanette Hix, a 1983 graduate of Utah School for the Deaf, was crowned as the new Miss Deaf Utah.

Her first runner up is Shauna Barr (now Palmer), who also won in three categories – best cocktail dress, best evening gown and best talent.

Second runner up is Vickie Pearman, who was voted as Miss Congeniality by the contestants who competed. The Miss Photogenic award went to Shelly McCann (now Stratton).

Co-Editors Correction

Norman Williams retired on August 31, 2003, not August 31, 2002.

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All this and so much else unmentioned, others have done for us. We are the inheritors of so much more than we can calculate. One measure of our gratitude should be our willingness to work, to serve, to pass on to others such things as we ourselves have received. "

Twenty to fifty years from now... I want everyone who comes to the community center to wonder ... who is Robert G Sanderson?

I want them to learn the history and appreciate what Dr. Sanderson and other great Deaf leaders of the 1900's such as Dave Mortensen and Dennis Platt have done.

Why does our beautiful community center exist? Is it because Legislators were bored and decided they wanted to help Deaf people? Noooooooo.....It is because Deaf leaders persevered at lobbying for this center for 46 years. They also lobbied for the relay system, interpreters and the many other accommodations we have today. 100 years ago Deaf people were not even allowed to marry or get a drivers license. People need to know what a small group of Deaf leaders in Utah accomplished by hard work and sacrifice.

MDUP's 2nd ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY

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Ages: 0 - 99

Now each of you has a copy of a memorandum which gives a brief outline of the history of the Deaf center and why Dr. Sanderson was chosen to represent Utah's Deaf leaders. I won't take the time to go over everything in that Memo but let me highlight a few reasons.

Dr Sanderson was the first person hired to create a rehabilitation service program for Deaf people. The many services that we have today has stem from his creation Of a Deaf Unit of V.R.

He was the chairman for the feasibility study which was given to Dr. Talbot in 1975. This officially began a quest for funding for a center which culminated in 1988.

He has been lobbying the legislature for better services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Utahns for over 40 years.

He is the first Deaf professional hired by the State board of Education.

He is the first Deaf person in Utah to get a decorate degree. He didn't need this for his job. He just wanted to prove that Deaf people could do it. This was before the days of interpreters in the classrooms.

When he retired in 1985... he didn't quit working for the cause. He just stopped getting paid. He is still comes to the community center 2 or 3 times a week from Roy. He serves on various committees, boards, volunteers at the book store, etc.

He reminds me of Old Faithful. A new sign in Yellowstone National Park explains that the Old Faithful geyser does not shoot as high or as fast as it used to perhaps because of earthquakes and human pollution. However, it is still the most faithful Geyser in the park. Dr. Sanderson may not walk as fast anymore.. or jump as high.. but he is always there to do a job when he is needed.. just like Old Faithful.

I ask you to support this request to rename this state building after this deserving Deaf Leader.

After Marilyn Call's speech, the Utah State Board of Education approved the name change unanimously.

Historic Moment

by Ron Nelson

I went to the Utah State Board of Education board meeting when Marilyn Call gave a short speech on why the UCCDHH should be given a new name; Robert G. Sanderson Community Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Many excellent reasons were given. Robert Sanderson and his lovely wife, Mary, were present along with Dave Mortensen and his lovely wife, Shanna, Ron Nelson and his lovely wife, Kristi Mortensen, Dennis Platt, Camille Call-Garcia, Kathy Evans (President of SHHH), and Mitch Jensen.

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Historic Moment

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It was an historical moment for all of us to see the USOE Board vote unanimously to support the name change. Then Robert Sanderson (affectionately known as Sandie) gave a short speech with tears in his eyes and thanked the board for the honor. He said he was lucky to be with the right people at the right time, especially his wife, Mary Sanderson and also Dave Mortensen.

We are fortunate to have our precious Center named after one of our own people. It gives us another reason to be proud of the Center and take care of it the best we can.

Harrah for the Robert G. Sanderson Community Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing !

Sanderson Center Celebration

On Saturday evening, October 4, 2003 from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm, our building, which is the pride and joy of Utah's Deaf and Hard of Hearing community, will be renamed the Robert G. Sanderson Community Center of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. We believe this is the first state government building in the United States to be named in honor of a Deaf person. That alone is cause for celebration!

Dr. I. King Jordan, President of Gallaudet University will be speaking at the event. He and Dr. Sanderson are long time friends. Dr. Merri Pearson, the Director of the National Center on Deafness and other dignitaries will be on the program, including the State Board of Education and Government officials.

Come and join the celebration!

Assistant Superintendent Hired at USDB



It was announced that Linda Rutledge has been selected as assistant superintendent of Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.

She comes to us from Idaho where she worked at the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind. Her USDB employment began July 8, 2003. She is stationed at the Ogden campus.

Ms. Rutledge has more than 15 years experience as an administrator and more than 25 years in the field of education. Her experience has been in both public education and in the field of Deaf and/or Blind education. She has three master's degrees, one in Textiles and Clothing, one in Educational Administration (P-12), and one in Deaf Education. In

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addition, she also is certified as a superintendent.

She is eager to meet the people in the great state of Utah and support our educational programs.

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September 16 & 17, "Lara Croft Tomb Raider", Ritz

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Provo

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September 9 & 10, "Lara Croft Tomb Raider", Wynnson

September 16 & 17, "Seabiscuit", Wynnson

For more information, see www.uad.org/cmoviesutah.

Awards Given at Opening Institute

by Val Kinney

During the morning session of the Opening Institute held recently, the Teacher of the Year award went to Cindie Walker, Central Region for the Deaf, and the Employee of the Year award went to Ruth Taylor of the Educational Support Services Department.

Cindie is a sister of Heidi Ercanbrack Gaudette of North Ogden, and Ruth Taylor is a daughter of Jerry and Nancy Taylor of South Ogden.

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Awards Given at Opening Institute

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Over 40 service awards for years of service – 5, 10, 20, 25 and 35 year awards – were given out. The 35 year service award went to Dwight Moore.

Utah Schools for the Deaf and Blind traditionally hosts the Opening Institute at the Ogden campus for all new and returning staff members from all over the state.

Miss Deaf Utah Pageant Events

by Kristi L. Mortensen

Retreat for Contestants

In September, we will be having our first MDUP Retreat at Brighton Cabin for all young ladies who are not sure or will definitely join the MDUP as a contestant. The Retreat is for you, young ladies. We will be having wonderful exciting activities scheduled for Friday, September 26th and Saturday, September 27. Some of the activities will help you learn how to decide on a talent to present and how to develop a platform presentation and most importantly, the Retreat will teach you how to find sponsorships to help with expenses for the Miss Deaf Utah Pageant. We will also have exciting adventures with Mother Nature by hiking and exploring the beauty of the earth.

Saturday morning, board members of the Utah Association for the Deaf will whip up a delicious breakfast. If you want to attend the MDUP Retreat, please contact Shirley Snow, State Director, 299-1552 TTY or SSflagirl43@aol.com Email or Andrea Anderson, Contestant Coordinator, andrea@audioenhancement.com Email.

We need to know one week prior to the Retreat so we can prepare dinner and snacks on Friday evening and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. We will send you the agenda and a list of what to bring to the Brighton Cabin. I look forward to seeing the young ladies at the Brighton Cabin.

Halloween Bash

Another exciting event in October is the Halloween Bash. For those of you who attended last year's Halloween Bash, this year is sure to have a lot of fun and free food. A lot of exciting activities for young children and young adults. Of course -- we will make sure Not-too-old Adults will get their share of fun! Please red-circle on your calendar this date October 25, Saturday evening. Look for a 1/4 page advertisement elsewhere in this issue. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Shirley Snow, 299-1552 TTY or SSflagirl43@aol.com Email, Kristi Mortensen, kristi@uad.org Email, and Camille Call-Garcia, princesscamille@hotmail.com Email, for more information.

Bazaar

During the Bazaar at the Sanderson Center, the MDUP will have a booth selling exciting Salt City Candles. All profits from Salt City Candle Merchandise will go to MDUP funds.

Miss Deaf Utah Pageant

The Miss Deaf Utah Pageant will be held at the Sanderson Center on November 22, 2003. Please red-circle this date on your calendar. More information about the contestants will be in the October or November issues.

If you have any questions regarding tickets for the pageant, please contact Shirley Snow for Salt Lake and Davis County, Kristi Mortensen for Weber, Davis, SLC, and Utah County, Camille Call-Garcia for Weber/Davis County and TC Nicholes for Utah County.

Thank you!

The MDUP Committee is forever indebted to you for your faithful support of MDUP. MDUP is continuing to grow and grow -- it gets better all the time with wonderful new faces on the committee. If you are interested in joining the MDUP Committee - please contact Shirley Snow, State Director.

Services For Deaf Are Frequently Ignored In Florida

Meg Sumner said her doctor's office knew she needed an interpreter. But when Sumner, who is deaf, arrived for an appointment, no one was there to put the doctor's words into sign language for the 81-year-old Orlando woman.

The doctor blamed an agency for not sending an interpreter as requested. People at the agency blamed the doctor, saying they never got the call.

"We have doctors call us up to get an interpreter, and when they find out there's a fee, they say they don't want to do it," said Kathy Towk, director of operations at Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services in Daytona Beach.

Not only could they be sued for not following the Americans with Disabilities Act, doctors in particular risk malpractice suits if there is a miscommunication with a patient, Towk said. Her group advocates for the estimated 3,000 to 5,000 deaf people in Volusia County, helping them find services and educating the public about ADA laws that pertain to the deaf.

Officials at the Deaf Services Bureau of Central Florida said although they do not track numbers of complaints, lack of interpreters is the biggest gripe these days.

The nonprofit organization, which has offices in Tampa and Hudson, expanded to Orlando this month. One of director Joshua Hughes' missions is to make sure businesses that offer consumer services know they are obligated through the ADA to pay for services for the deaf and hard of hearing.

The law requires businesses to provide qualified interpreters as needed.

Businesses are not required to have an interpreter on staff, but rather to make one available by appointment. A deaf person, for example, would contact a doctor's office and request an interpreter for a future time.

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The doctor must contact an interpreting service and pay for the interpreter's visit -- even if the cost is more than the cost of the services provided to the patient.

Hughes said he has already begun faxing the ADA rules to businesses. Often, businesses think they are complying because they have a staff person who knows sign language, Hughes said. Typically, however, that person is not what the ADA terms a "qualified interpreter."

Interpreting involves more than signing -- an interpreter must accurately convey messages between the different languages, a skill that takes time to develop, he said.

To become certified, interpreters must pass an exam offered by the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf. "If you can't pass that test, you shouldn't interpret," Hughes said.

Hughes said relatives often are too emotionally involved with the person and it is difficult for them to be neutral. Using family members as interpreters in some situations can cause confidentiality problems, he said.

Comatose Woman Speaks Sign Language To Family

Holly Snider is beating the odds.

Snider, 34, was injured three months ago. Doctors said her chances of recovering were slim at best, but thanks to Snider's strong will and the support of her family, Snider has pulled out of a coma.

Her ordeal began in May, when Snider, a mother of two, went for a motorcycle ride. Her sister, Dona Spaw, recalled the moment she heard Snider was taken to the hospital.

"When we got in, they said it was really, really serious," Spaw said. "We didn't really realize it was as serious as it was at the time."

Snider suffered a stroke and slipped into a coma. Her brain was severely damaged.

"If she would live, it would be in a vegetative coma for the rest of her life," Spaw said of the doctors' prognosis. "And she would never wake up. She would never communicate. She would never anything."

Spaw and most other members of the family were ready to take Snider off life-support, based on recommendations from doctors.

"As a family it's devastating, it's heartbreaking, it's horrifying," Spaw said. "As a family it was difficult to listen to what they had to say to us, and it was difficult for them to say what they had to say."

However, one person, Snider's brother, saw something in Snider the others did not, and he asked the family to keep her alive. "God used him for his will, I mean, clearly," Spaw said.

Several weeks ago, a nursing home worker named Toni started talking to Snider, and Snider started doing something her family never knew she could do: Speaking sign language.

"She'd been moving her hand, her right hand," Spaw said. "Well, we don't speak sign language, so we were just thinking she was just moving her fingers. So, Toni watched her and watched her and finally she said, 'Holly, do you know sign language?' And Holly just went through and did the whole alphabet for her."

Spaw said her sister's memory is intact.

"What we were told from the beginning was her personality, her memory, would be gone. And it's all there," Spaw said.

Snider has a long way to go, but she's beaten the odds once and her family says she can do it again.

"She is more of the kind of person that will never give up. She doesn't give up," Snider's son Kennan said.

Spaw thinks her sister's recovery is nothing short of a miracle.

"I can't place anger or blame," Spaw said. "There's nothing but joy. This is a miracle. God is working absolute miracles in her life and the life of this family."

by Channel 5 News, Cincinnati, Ohio, August 5, 2003

Brain Teasers

"Questions"

1. A murderer is condemned to death. He has to choose between three rooms. The first is full of raging fires, the second is full of assassins with loaded guns, and the third is full of lions that haven't eaten in 3 years. Which room is safest for him?

2. A woman shoots her husband. Then she holds him under water for over 5 minutes. Finally, she hangs him. But 5 minutes later they both go out together and enjoy a wonderful dinner together. How can this be?

3. There are two plastic jugs filled with water. How could you put all of this water into a barrel, without using the jugs or any dividers, and still tell which water came from which jug?

4. What is black when you buy it, red when you use it, and gray when you throw it away?

5. Can you name three consecutive days without using the words Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday?

"Answers"

1. The third. Lions that haven't eaten in three years are dead.

2. The woman was a photographer. She shot a picture of her husband, developed it, and hung it up to dry.

3. Freeze them first. Take them out of the jugs and put the ice in the barrel. You will be able to tell which water came from which jug.

4. The answer is Charcoal. In Homer Simpson's words: "hmmmm...Barbecue."

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United Organizations of the Deaf (UOD) Calendar of Events for September 2003

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Day	Date	Organization	Event	Location	Time
Every Monday	Start September 8	BBCD Seniors	Bowling League	Bonwood	11:00 AM
Every Wednesday	Continuing	Card Club	Cards	UCCDHH	9:00 AM
Every Thursday	Continuing	UACD	Basketball Practice	UCCDHH	6:00 PM
Monday	9/1/2003		LABOR DAY		
Friday	9/5/2003	SL Frats	Monthly Meeting	UCCDHH	9:30 AM
Friday	9/5/2003	Ogden Frats	Monthly Meeting	Chuck-a-Rama	3:45 PM
Wednesday	9/10/2003	DSU	Meeting and Luncheon	UCCDHH	9:00 AM
Saturday	9/13/2003	Deaf Seniors	Conference	UCCDHH	9:00 AM
Saturday	9/13/2003	UCCDHH	Health Fair	UCCDHH	4:00 PM
Tuesday	9/16/2003	UACD	Monthly Meeting	UCCDHH	7:00 PM
Wednesday	9/17/2003	UCCDHH	Legal Services	UCCDHH	4:30 PM
Saturday	9/20/2003	YFP	Crazy Kids Club	TBA	1:00 PM
Saturday	9/27/2003	UAD	Board Meeting	UCCDHH	10:00 AM
Saturday	9/27/2003	UAD	General Meeting	UCCDHH	1:00 PM