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UAD General Mtg

March 20, 2004 at SCCDHH was the site of the UAD General Meeting. The members selected Eli McCowan, vice-president, and Nancy O'Brien, at-large, to be the UAD Delegates at the NAD Conference in July at Kansas City. The members approved a per diem rate of \$35 and to pay for their air fare, combo (registration) and hotel expenses.

Eli McCowan, 2005 UAD Conference Chair, gave a PowerPoint presentation. The Conference will be held June 9-11, 2005 at the Sanderson Community Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. She outlined the need for volunteers in many areas.

Val Kinney, bookstore manager, indicated that the bookstore volunteers are what keep the bookstore running. The bookstore posted a profit in 2003.

Eli McCowan, speaking on behalf of SCCDHH, gave her Community Partnership report. The Sanderson Center administration is seeking to partner with outside agencies such as Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, Jean Massieu School, Utah Association for the Deaf and others to work together on various projects.

Ron Nelson then took the floor to update the members on the progess on priorities as set at the September 2, 2003 general meeting.



Prestigious Award Given

Sari Lafeen was recently named a Pinnacle Winner by Discover. Pinnacle Winners are selected from among Excellence Winners from the previous year, and are nominated by a peer or a supervisor for exemplifying the values of an excellence winner. Sari has worked for nearly four years for Discover in its Utah Processing Center. Currently a vault controller, she inventories

cards set up for operators who run the embossing machines. She was cited for her flexibility in going back and forth between departments when needed, her enthusiasm in learning new tasks and job responsibilities, and teaching other employees to communicate with her. Pinnacle Winners are individuals who, with their overall

attitude, represent the Discover Center well.

As a Pinnacle Winner, she will travel to Chicago. She will tour the Riverwoods Building, and participate in a question and answer session with all the top managers. The next day, Sari will tour Chicago, with lunch and time to shop, with money given to her. That night will be the awards dinner where she will receive her award.

Sari is thrilled with the honor. More than that, she thanks Discover for making contributions to Jean Massieu School, this year being the third year.

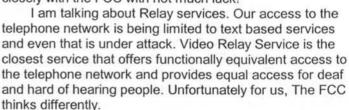
Congratulations to Sari!

Deaf America Needs Your Help!

by Andy Lange, NAD President Friends.

We are battling the FCC for our very basic communication needs. The NAD and countless of other people have been working

closely with the FCC with not much luck!



Many of you are probably unaware of what is happening with our rights to VRS and telecommunications in general. Sheri A. Farinha, Chief Executive Officer NorCal Center on Deafness, Inc. summed it up best in her letter to President Bush.

NOW is the time. More than EVER to take action and send a letter to President Bush. Take ACTION and contact your Senators and Representatives in Congress. Know any of them? CALL THEM!

We need to send a POWERFUL message to them that we, friends, relatives, and business associates of deaf and hard of hearing people will NOT TOLERATE THE TRAMPLING OF OUR RIGHTS!

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President's Message

by Ron Nelson



The UAD Board met with the UDEAL Board on March 22 and had a very good meeting in which information was shared about the bill that takes \$350,000 from the USDB Budget and gives it to JMS. The bill also directs the Utah State Board of Education and its superintendent to work on merging JMS into USDB. Since JMS has a Bilingual & Bicultural program for deaf children and USDB does not, a merge could be beneficial to both schools. There are obstacles but the goal is have a report and plan by September 2004. I

would like to emphasize that the UAD supports both schools and always works towards the goal of a quality education for all deaf students in Utah.

I have to laugh at times. I'm interested in the Windsor Pilates infomercials on TV. When I emailed them and asked if their videos were captioned, they said "Unfortunately, we do not offer closed captioned videos. We apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause you." When I reminded them of a potential market of 28 million deaf and hard of hearing people in USA, there was no answer. Yet their TV infomercials are closed captioned. I wonder if they have the old concept of "deaf and dumb".

A Gallaudet Recruiter, Jerry Pau, is coming to Utah to visit Jr. High and High School students on May 10 at SCCDHH from 9 am to noon and May 12 at USDB in Ogden from 1 pm to 3 pm. I'm excited for these students to meet someone from Gallaudet who can tell them about a deaf-friendly university. The UAD Board and BCGUAA members have been asked to come and mingle with the students. You are welcome to come too and mingle with everyone.

I'm pleased to report that Johnny Peebler will begin scanning the UAD Bulletins (begins with 1954 and ends with 2004) and create an archive of Utah's Deaf History. He has been busy as Chair of the USADB Security Committee. The archive will prove to be very valuable and useful! Did you know that UAD's website has all the issues of the UAD Bulletin beginning in February 2000 to now? There is also a Search Engine that will search these issues for anything you want to find. Visit the UAD Bulletin online at www.uad.org/bulletin.

UAD Board Meeting May 15, 2004 at USDB (Ogden) 10:00 a.m. : Board Meeting (open to public)

June 9 - 11, 2005 at Sanderson Center Look for details in early 2005. Chairperson: Eli McCowan, eli@uad.org

Society Page

Obituaries



March 26, 2004 - Marion

Thornton passed away. She had lived in a Draper nursing home for some time.



April 13, 2004 - LaMar Buffmire,

79, passed away peacefully at home. He was the husband of Judy Ann Buffmire, a legislator sitting on the Public Education Committee. After funeral services in Salt Lake City, he was laid to rest in Ferron, UT.

20 Years Ago

May 1984 - The UAD has been investigating and contemplating the purchase of a business computer. Chairing the committee is Dennis Platt. Other members of the committee are Sophia Wilding, Rodney Walker, Charlene O'Neal and Robert Welsh. The computer would be used in many different ways – membership lists, financial reports, inventory lists, 1986 NAD convention business. An idea being discussed is the possibility of other organizations leasing time on the computer to maintain membership lists. As you can see, the

UAD is moving fast into the '80's and looking forward to another 75 years of service to the deaf.

Editor's note: And to think we never dreamed of emails and videophones back then!

Editors' Correction

The Quigley's Golden Anniversary Celebration took place on October 9, 2003, not 2004.

USD Alumni Members

Attention: USD Alumni Members.

My name is Linda Berness, USDB class of 1968. I am the registration chair for the USD Alumni Reunion. I want to let you know about our plans for the next USD Alumni Class Reunion, which will be July 8 - 10, 2005.

But first, I need your help by providing updated information on your full name (with maiden name), home address, e-mail address, phone (TTY or voice), fax, VP number, and the year you graduated or left. This will be kept confidential for alumni reunion committee purposes only.

Please spread the word to others who do not have email address. Mail your information to me at 4084 S 300 E #B, Murray UT 84107-1680, or call me at 801-226-4076.

Please get back to me as soon as you can so we can make this as successful as possible. E-mail information to angel@slcad.org.

UAD Board Meeting Highlights

March 20, 2004

Approved a new reimbursement policy.

- Indicated that if the USD Alumni wishes to keep their funds in UAD, they are to be charged \$25.00 a year for affiliation fee. This is to be effective June 1, 2004.

- Agreed to host the 2005 Western Region Academic Bowl at SCCDHH on February 14-20, 2005.

Local News/Articles

Deaf America Needs Your Help!

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There is specific protocols and procedures that the FCC should be following, yet, they totally disregard them and are doing what they please. IS this AMERICA? Is this WHAT we PAY OUR TAX DOLLARS FOR? NO! NO! NO! And NOOOO!

We are not asking for much. We are asking the FCC to FOLLOW established protocols and procedures! We are asking for FUNCTIONALLY EQUIVALENT SERVICE! Is that too much to ask for?

VRS is the closest thing to TRUE FUNCTIONALLY EQUIVALENT SERVICE (FES). It's not perfect yet, but if the FCC would follow their own procedures, we can help shape VRS to where it CAN BE A FUNCTIONALLY EQUIVLAENT Service.

To do nothing now is to accept the oppression of the FCC! Please take action!

As a friend of mine and Deaf America, You MUST TAKE ACTION. PLEASE visit this website and TAKE ACTION.

DEAF AMERICA NEEDS YOUR HELP!
I am counting on you for your support. PLEASE
TAKE ACTION. Thank you.

PS. For a white paper on FUNCTIONALLY EQUIVALENT SERVICE please visit https://secure.hovrs.com/news/functionallyequivalent_relay.pdf



Local News/Articles



The Pansies Principle

by Kristi Mortensen
Spring has finally arrived.
One morning, I decided to sit on
my front porch -- just to take a
deep breath of fresh air and bask
in the warm Sunlight, looking at
my yellow pansies I had planted
last Fall. I knew they were hardy
flowers but I was amazed at their
vibrant colors after being covered

with snow for several months. Now that the snow has melted, these pansies are ready for Summer and already blooming. However, I won't sit and watch them die in the middle of July. I will ask my Garden Nursery Advisor what I need to do to ensure that my pansies continue to bloom brightly throughout the hot desert Summer.

I believe the same principle applies with Deaf Education. We, as Deaf adults, cannot afford to sit down and twiddle our thumbs waiting. We have a responsibility to our deaf children's future, regardless if they are our flesh and blood children or not. I have spent over 25 years working with deaf children. My first job was at MSSD in Washington, DC as an Activity Sponsor when I was a student at Gallaudet College (now University) then it led me to being a Teacher's Aide, Substitute Teacher and finally --my dream job -- a School Counselor.

I spent so many years watching deaf children grow into adults. I saw some turn out successful and some not so successful. I thought to myself "How could this happen?" "What didn't I do that I failed to help those deaf children become what they could have become?" I thought of so many things until that day I sat on my porch admiring my pansies. Ahhhh! The Pansies Principle.

Pansies deserve to be treated with respect, caring, loving, and nourishment. Pansies have feelings. Pansies detest weeds. Pansies like attention from the gardener. It is the same for deaf children. When we see them -- I encourage you to approach them and greet them. I encourage you to treat them with respect and be aware that these deaf children are individuals with feelings regardless of their limitations and different levels of intelligence.

The results will show in the end. I must prepare ahead to ensure that my pansies will not wither during the middle of the Summer months. Deaf children are like flowers and each of them have their own personality and intelligence. Soon the schools will be let out for the Summer. Have you thought about inviting deaf children to your house for a dinner or a weekend? It doesn't have to be 20 at a time but it could be two at a time? I believe

DeafNation Expo

November 6, 2004

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they will have a highlight time of their lives if they are invited to your "deaf" home.

Let us be the best gardeners these Deaf children ever had. I am going to be one for my pansies and deaf children.

Miss Deaf Utah's Report

by Ellen O'Hara

Summer is approaching! We have more hours before the sun sets giving us more sunshine in our day. The school ends and the kids are out playing. Dreams for summer vacations begin to emerge in working minds in the business

world or colleges. Marvelous world! Beautiful season of life! Seize the day!

The final exams came and went. I am done with BYU. I have been accepted by USU and am transferring there. I am presently living in Logan, Utah. I am looking forward to a new life and new school. Not only am I faced with new changes but the Miss Deaf America Pageant will be hosted by NAD at Kansas City on the first week of July.

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Miss Deaf Utah's Report (continued from page 4)

I am excited to go and meet many people there in the convention. It would be a great opportunity for me to represent Utah, meaning you readers! I hope I will make you proud! At the present, I need your help. I need your contributions or donation to help me go to the Deaf America Pageant. I need some things that are expensive like the dress, and shoes. You can donate \$1 or more. Your name will be recognized. Just write your check to UAD/MDUP then send it to Dennis Platt, the treasurer of UAD. If you do this, I will be forever grateful to you! It will lift my heart and know that my community will help me when I need them. I love you all. I know I am truly Miss Deaf Utah because my heart is full of love for you all!

MDUP Blood Drive

There will be a blood drive sponsored by the Miss Deaf Utah Pageant committee on May 5 at the Sanderson Center gym from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Please bring your picture ID card. Interpreters will be provided.





Please contact Cherie Hodson or Camille Call-Garcia with the time you are available to come and donate your blood. You can contact Cherie at cherie@uad.org and Camille at camille@uad.org.



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What's New for Relay Utah and You? VRS Mail & RFP

By the Public Service Commission

The Public Service Commission is excited to inform you of some new and exciting technological changes for Relay Utah and for Sprint.

Sprint recently added a new service to its Video Relay Service (VRS) platform that is available online. VRS mail is the newest addition. It is a service that allows hearing people to contact VRS and leave a message for you which you can obtain online when checking your e-mail.

Simply give family members, friends, clients, doctors, etc. the VRS telephone number, 1-866-410-5787 and your own personal extension number. This extension number is obtained when you sign up for VRS mail. Any hearing person who calls the number and extension can leave a message for you, which the Video Interpreters (VI's) will sign, and immediately send to you by e-mail.

"With VRS Mail, it's much easier for the doctor's office to call back to remind me of an appointment, or for the car mechanic to let me know that my car's ready to be picked up. Sometimes the person at the doctor's office or car mechanic shop forgets to communicate that information to another person making the call, and that person ends up skipping dialing 711 first, and calls me directly without being able to really get in touch with me.

With VRS Mail, it's a lot easier for them to understand the more common extension number (which comes with every VRS Mail account upon signing up). I get messages every time, thus it's a win-win situation for all of us," says Dan Brubaker, Sprint Account Manager.

You can access VRS mail via www.utvrs.com.



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What's New for Relay Utah and You

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Unlike VRS, it is not necessary to have high speed internet service such as a cable modem or DSL, but your computer does need Windows Media Player and must have Windows '98 or newer.

Anywhere you are able to check your e-mail then you will be able to check your VRS Mail messages. A video message is much easier and more convenient than trying to retrieve answering machine messages from remote locations where TTY's may not be readily available.

If you have any questions, Sprint's live customer service representatives are available to assist you, or contact Dan Brubaker at dan.brubaker@mail.sprint.com.

The new URL to access Sprint online services such as Sprint Relay Online and a second place to access Sprint's VRS is www.sprintrelay.com.

The Request for Proposals (RFP) for Relay Utah was released in April, and the Public Service Commission is eagerly awaiting the vendors' responses. The responses are due in July, and then the selection committee must choose the vendor to provide service in January of 2005.

The RFP process is lengthy and involves evaluating the responses, collecting references, and making test calls, but the Commission is excited to ensure that Utahns are receiving the best possible relay service.

For any information you may need regarding Relay Utah and/or the Equipment Distribution program, then please contact the Public Service Commission at (801) 530-6638 (V/TTY).

Changes in LDS Leaderships

Ron Winterton is the new branch president in the St. George deaf branch. Von Jones and Bob Neely are his counselors.

Chris Flygare is the new bishop in the Salt Lake Valley 1st Ward. Zach White and Jon Hodson are his counselors.

Successful 60th USADB Tournament

The 60th USADB Tournament was held at UVSC in Orem during April 14-17, 2004.

Justin Anderson, UACD President, was the chairperson.

"Congratulations on putting on a WONDERFUL tournament. Everywhere I went, people were talking about the courts, how great it was to have so much room, the exhibits (and the ability to make calls), the awards and entertainment, etc etc.

I know that Shirley and Justin worked very hard to pull this off. I also saw for myself how supportive, enthusiastic, and patient the local committee people were. Their teamwork and respect for one another was an inspiring thing to see. They are great role models for all of us in the deaf sports community.

Congrats again on a job very well done." by Muriel Strassler

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Successful 60th USADB Tournament

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"On behalf of FAAD Executive Board, I want to extend my congratulations on your well-preparedness for the 2004 USADB Tournament. It was a huge success in everything-- banquet/entertainment/Hall of Fame Cermony; basketball schedule/statistics; and registration/program book/ exhibits/security/sales. Also, we praise the USADB Board and Committee for helping this local committee to create such a well-organized tournament. All of your efforts were superb and the results outstanding! "

by Susan Margolin, FAAD Secretary-Treasurer

NWAAD & UACD Teams at USADB

The NWAAD Women's Champion "Utah" (UACD Team) placed 4th with a record of 1-2. Their 2nd game was against the eventual champion, Minnepaul, and the score was tied at half time. Unfortunately, Minnepaul had a run in the 2nd half and won the game. Shari Kelsch won a spot on the 1st Team All-Stars and Andrea Anderson won a spot on the 2nd Team All-Stars. The roster includes Jen Alleman, Andrea Anderson, Nicole Banks-Gough, Julie Eldredge, Shari Kelsch, Cheryl Nance, Sarah Parker, Delight Pearson, Lori Ruth, and Travis Zaremba (Coach).

Another NWAAD Women Team "Lucky 8" (also UACD Team) placed 8th with a record of 1-2. The Lucky 8 women team lost their first game against Minnepaul and were behind in the 2nd game against Piedmont but they found something inside themselves and roared back to win the game. Their efforts made us proud of them. The roster includes Lora Atkinson, Kilee Bennett, Emilie Butler (Coach), Lisa Hardman (Co-Coach), Rebecca Davenport, Kelli Fletcher, Elena Gee, Melissa Stockton, and Lorenda Wegehaupt.

The NWAAD Men Champion "Bay Area" placed 7th with a record of 3-1. The NWAAD Men 2nd Place Team "Fort Vancouver" placed 13th with a record of 0-2.

The NWAAD Men 3rd Place Team "Utah" (also UACD Team) placed 16th with a record of 0-2. They finally played "Bay Area" in a long-awaited match. It proved to be a hard-fought game and Bay Area won by only 3 points. The roster includes Justin Anderson, Tanner Carr, Brad Crowther (Coach), David Davenport, Brandon Dopf, Cory Fletcher, Wade Hester, Rick McCabe, Craig Radford, Bobby Richards, and Travis Zaremba.

Spice Up Your Life!

by Rebecca Overson

There will be a community event called Spice Up Your Life! Dancing for Deafness, to be held on June 4, 2004 at 6 p.m. It is an evening of Salsa Dancing, one of the most FUN forms of dancing around - very popular throughout Latin America and the USA and it will be a

fundraiser for JMS. This will be an opportunity for people of all ages, both deaf and hearing, to come have a great time learning a new skill (dance Salsa/Latin style). One of the Salsa Instructors is an interpreter for the deaf.

A representative from Wal Mart has committed to match donations anywhere from \$1000-\$3000. Melina's, a Mexican restaurant in Ogden, will be donating the catering. There will be a Salsa DJ. The event is currently scheduled to be held at a large recording studio/concert hall called Studio 1, located at 870 East 7145 South in Midvale. There will be prizes from local sponsors to either give away or raffle off. More details to come!

Mark your calendars and start spreading the word! Any questions, please contact me by emailing rebeccaoverson@hotmail.com or by phone: 801-792-8893.

'Deafstock' Bus

The riders on the "Deafstock" bus were fueled by enthusiasm for Angel Ramos, superintendent of the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind. The state Board of Education was slated to decide his future at its meeting at North Idaho College.

The Save Our Superintendent (SOS) Committee's plan was to board a chartered bus in Twin Falls Wednesday night, stop in Bliss and Boise for more passengers, and then head north. Ramos supporters will eat breakfast at Denny's and then go to the board meeting. "It is our hope that the Board would do the right thing, especially with us watching over their shoulders," Stubbs, chairman of the SOS Committee, said.

The board meeting has been scheduled for Coeur d'Alene for months. But SOS believes the remote location is helping the board avoid publicity. The bus trip is the SOS's answer to that problem.

UPDATE!

The State Board of Education Thursday delayed deciding whether to reinstate Angel Ramos because several legal briefs arrived Thursday morning from Ramos's attorneys. Board members wanted time to read them, said Luci Willits, the board's spokesperson.

Ramos has been on paid administrative leave since July 30, 2003. He is still living in the superintendent house in Gooding and receives his regular salary of \$84,500 a year.

Roark said the board should reinstate Ramos because Hearing Officer Charles McDevitt twice recomended it and the school made progress under Ramos's leadership, according to Willits.

The board's next scheduled public meeting is June 17-18 at the University of Idaho in Moscow.

"Yesterday we went to Couer D' Alene to listen to the Board of Education. It is not bad news but frustrating. They decided to postpone Angel Ramos' situation another 8 weeks so they can study. It makes us so frustrated. The Board of Education members looks at 27 of us and not look happy. But Ramos told us that we must think positive. So it is."

by Joan Drown, deaf Idahoan

Miss Deaf Utah's Dry Run & Dinner





4:00 p.m.

May 8, 2004, Saturday

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

Admission: \$10 per Plate of pasta, trimmings, drink, dessert with choice of seafood or chicken or vegetables

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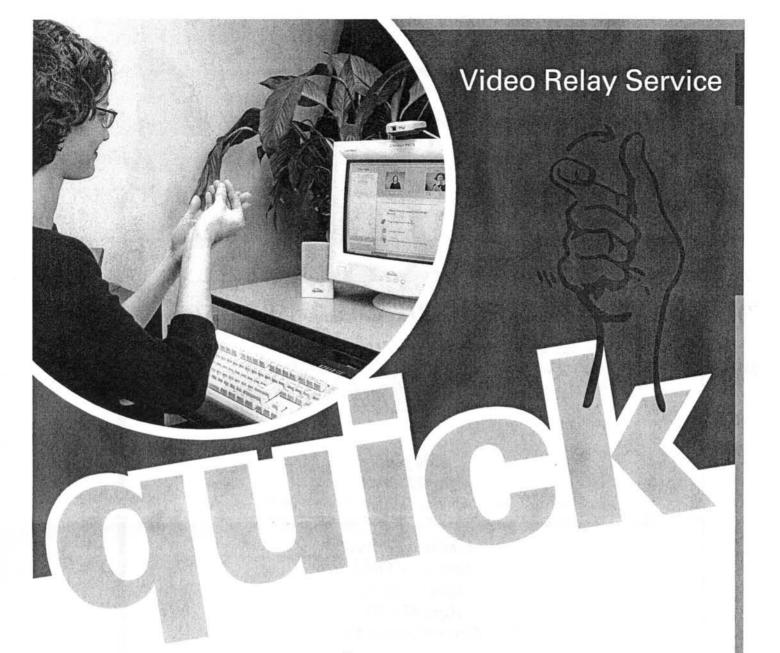
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United Organizations of the Deaf (UOD) Calendar of Events for May 2004

For further information, contact Valerie Kinney, UOD Calendar Keeper, at TTY 625-0161 or Email: vkinney@comcast.net

Saturday	5/1/2004	UOD	Semi Annual Meeting	USDB in Ogden	10:00 AM
Wednesday	5/5/2004	MDUP	Blood Drive	SCCDHH	3:00 PM
Friday	5/7/2004	SL Frats	Meeting	SCCDHH	9:30 AM
Friday	5/7/2004	Ogden Frats	Meeting	Chuck-a-rama	3:45 PM
Saturday	5/8/2004	MDUP	Dry Run with Dinner	SCCDHH	4:00 PM
Saturday	5/15/2004	SCCDHH	3rd Annual Spring Camp - PIP	SCCDHH	8:00 AM
Saturday	5/15/2004	UAD	Board Meeting	USDB in Ogden	10:00 AM
Thursday	5/20/2004	UACD	Board Meeting	SCCDHH	6:30 PM
Saturday	5/22/2004	MDUP	Miss Deaf Utah Teen Pageant	SCCDHH	6:00 PM

