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Deadline for Proposals Nears

The UAD General Meeting will be held on September 18, 2004 at 1 pm. Miss Deaf Teen Utah, Lindsey Bailey, will be present to talk about her appearance in the Draper Parade. Miss Deaf Utah, Ellen O'Hara, will report on her experiences at the Miss Deaf America Pageant. Refreshments will be provided during the meeting.

The deadline for proposals on the UAD Bylaws and Constitution is August 19, 2004. Mail the proposals to Eli McCowan, UAD Vice-President at the UAD Bookstore, 5709 South 1500 West, Taylorsville, Utah 84123-5217.

UAD Honors Night

UAD will host its 2nd Annual Honors Night on August 21, 2004 with a delicious dinner and entertainment followed by the President's Awards and the prestigious Golden Hand Award. The dinner is free for UAD members. See the enclosed flyer in this Bulletin for details!

UACD Men Win NWAAD Championship

The Utah Athletic Club of the Deaf's men team won their 1st ever NWAAD Softball Championship in Sacramento by defeating California Navy 18-9 in 7 innings in a night game with bright night lights on July 10, 2004.

They dedicated the Championship Game to David Brown, who recently passed away on June 10, 2004 at his home in Gooding, Idaho. His great love was playing softball.

They had a record of 2 wins and 2 losses during the Round Robin round, changed the batting line-up and ended up with 5 straight wins and no losses in the Tournament to win the Championship.

The UACD Team members are: Matt Spurgeon (Coach), Justin Anderson, Nemo Szpakowski, Travis Zaremba, Mitch Moyers, Craig Radford, John Trocki, Steve Birkby, Cory Fletcher, Miguel Vasquez, Matt Snarr, and Richard Oscarson (Scorekeeper).

You can see the team pictures and awards at www.uacdsports.org/sb.



Support Our Local Deaf Olympians!

UACD Members, Shari Kelsch (left) and



Nicole Banks-Gough (right) were named to the USA Team to compete in the 2005 Deaflympics at Melbourne, Australia in January 2005. Shari will represent USA in basketball and Nicole will represent USA in soccer.

They need our help to support and help their fundraising efforts so they can go to Australia. Please visit their websites at www.uacdsports/org/nicole and www.uacdsports.org/shari. Full details are available on these websites on how to make tax-deductible donations.



UAD Board Member Resigns, Moves

Larry Forestal, who has been on the UAD Board of Directors for a year, has resigned to move to the Phoenix area. He assumes the position of senior lecturer in American Sign

Language and Deaf Culture at the Arizona State University of Tempe on August 16. He joins his wife, Gerry, who has been a faculty lecturer at ASU since February of this year.

He had been assistant professor of Teaching ASL Emphasis program for the last two years, a program that provides a bachelor's degree in teaching ASL for state licensure in Utah public schools.

Larry and Gerry reside in Surprise, Arizona.

PSC Telecommunications Relay Specialist Hired

We have completed the interview process for the Telecommunications Relay Specialist to replace Kristylynne Brady who got married and moved to Yakima, Washington. The new employee that we welcome to the Commission is Mary Beth Green who presently lives in West Jordan, Utah.

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President's Message

by Ron Nelson

My sweetheart, Kristi Mortensen, gave my written speech for me when she received the Knights of the Flying Fingers award at the recent NAD Conference on my behalf.

August 2004

"Thank you for this great honor. When I look at the names of other people who have received or are receiving today the Knights of the Flying Fingers Award, I am humbled and honored to stand with these people who have accomplished so much and made a difference in the quality of our lives.

I have learned much and appreciate the members and board members of the Northwest Athletic Association of the Deaf and the Utah Association for the Deaf. I have been very fortunate to work with motivated and caring people who taught me to be unselfish and work for the benefit of everyone.

The 3 people who have shaped and molded me into what I am today is my sweetheart, Kristi Mortensen, and her parents, Dave and Shanna Mortensen. Without them, I would not be here today.

Thank you for this great honor. My work is not finished and I will not disappoint you."

Deja vu! Kristi also received the same award on behalf of Dave Mortensen at the NAD Conference in 1998. It's rare to have two of these awards in the same family.

See you on August 21 at the UAD Honors Night!

UAD Board Meeting
September 18, 2004 at SCCDHH
10:00 a.m.: Board Meeting (open to public)
Chairman: Rob Kerr, rob@uad.org

UAD General Meeting September 18, 2004 at SCCDHH 1:00 p.m. : General Meeting (open to public)

UAD Honors Night
August 21, 2004 at SCCDHH
6:00 p.m. : Open to Public
Chairperson: Nancy O'Brien, nancy@uad.org

2005 UAD Conference June 9 - 11, 2005 at Sanderson Center Look at www.uad.org/2005 Chairperson: Eli McCowan, eli@uad.org

Society Page

Rattles 'n' Powder

July 10, 2004 - Jackson Wilding
Cardon, baby son of Jenny Wilding Cardon
and Brett Cardon of Kaysville. George
Wilding of Roy is a proud grandpa.

Wedding Bells

July 15, 2004 – Diane Barney to Diego Acosta, united for eternity and all time at the Mount Timpanogos LDS Temple. A reception followed at the Roy Central LDS Stake Center that evening. They honeymooned in Nevada before settling in Ogden.

Mission Callings

Rebecca Davenport and Kilee Bennett left on July 7, 2004 for their LDS mission calling. Rebecca was assigned to the Oregon Portland mission and Kilee to the Washington Everett mission.

Retirement

John O'Neill took an early retirement from Hill Air Force Base on July 2. The next day, he started working for a contractor at the same place. He had worked for the Defense Information System Agency for 23 years.

Moving Out of Utah

Travis and Kass Tinker with their three small children moved to Rochester, New York, where Travis will pursue a degree at NTID/RIT. We wish them good luck and hope they will return back to beautiful Sego Lily State.

20 Years Ago

August 1984 - NAD News: President of the National Association for the Deaf is now Larry Forestal of New Jersey. Vice president is Harvey Corson. President elect (to become president in 1986) is Larry Newman of California. Another Californian, Jack Levesque, won the job of secretary-treasurer. A former Utahn, Leon Curtis now represents Region IV (all western states, Alaska and Hawaii). He lives in Washington State.

Update to 20 years ago: July 1984

Josie Lutton wrote in, challenging what was printed in July 1984 issue of the UAD Bulletin, that she donated an electric wok cooking pan. Her recollection is that she donated a punch bowl with cups. Now the mystery is...who donated the electric wok cooking pan?

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When you pick up your copy, please read your listing. If it is not correct, fill out a blue card (found at the back of your TTY directory), and write "CORRECTION" at the top. Leave your blue card at the bookstore, or mail it to Val Kinney. The corrections will be listed in the UAD Bulletin Jottings column. If you have Internet access, the UAD website has a webpage where you can update your listing. Go to www.uad.org/tty and fill out the form.

Local News/Articles

all three.

Telecommunications Relay Specialist Hired

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She has many wonderful qualifications that will enhance our goal to provide outreach to the hearing population, the deaf, and the hard-of-hearing individuals in our state. One of her greatest assets is her deep concern for other people, no matter what their disability or personal challenges may be. Mary has the commitment to make the Utah equipment distribution program and outreach more accessible and user friendly for all citizens who qualify.

"I am so pleased that Mary has accepted the offer to work with the Public Service Commission," stated Julie Orchard, Administrator of the PSC. "She is a wonderful person and will add a whole new dimension to our program. She can easily relate to all individuals who use the services we provide. She has already demonstrated her enthusiasm about the program and has given us some wonderful ideas about possible methods of improving our efforts to reach our consumers."

Mary has been deaf in her left ear since she was 12 ½ years old because of a childhood illness. Her doctors predicted that her right ear hearing would remain intact without further complications and additional hearing loss. However, a few months after losing the hearing in her left ear, she also lost all hearing in her right ear. She didn't let that change slow her down in achieving her life goals. She continued to work hard in school and when she

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graduated from high school, she attended Gallaudet University and majored in English. While at Gallaudet, she improved her American Sign Language skills, and received excellent preparation for many challenging opportunities ahead. After Gallaudet, she married a deaf man who mostly only used sign language and her ASL became wonderfully proficient. In 1999 she received a cochlear implant because of her great desire to hear an Irish tenor, Ronan Tynan, sing. As a result, Mary Beth has had hearing experience, deaf experience, and also hard-of-hearing experience, and she can relate easily to

Mary has had many challenging job assignments thus far in her career. She trained extensively on computer Web Design and Database Management and has developed expertise in both which will help the Commission improve our Web Page. She has used and had experience with all different types of deaf and hard-of-hearing equipment, which will allow her to demonstrate and provide training, including use of the CapTel telephone. She has used the Utah Relay extensively and looks forward to evaluating the responses to the RFP that are due the end of July to determine the best provider for Utah's relay services. She is also excited about working with Penna Powers Brian Haynes, the Commission's advertising agency to spread the word about the services provided by the PSC to Utah citizens.

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Telecommunications Relay Specialist Hired

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The Public Service Commission would like to thank all the individuals from UAD, members of SHHH and ALDA who participated in the interview process

Mary Beth began working on July 6th. She can be reached at (801) 530-6638 (V/TTY), or by email at mbgreen@utah.gov. She can also be reached at the deaf center at (801) 313-6805 (V/TTY) on a schedule that has not yet been finalized. When activated, her cell phone number is (801) 230-7085.



Miss Deaf TEEN Utah

Lindsey Bailey rode in a convertible in the Draper Parade in Draper City on July 17.
Lindsey Bailey's report will be shown here in September. She's off gallivanting in nature

and making many friends.

You are welcome to visit Miss Deaf TEEN

Utah and her court online at www.uad.org/mdupteen. by Kristi Mortensen, Appearance Scheduler

Open-Captioned Movies

Provo (at the Carmike Wynnsong)

August 17-18, "Bourne Supremacy", PG-13 Salt Lake City (at the Carmike Ritz)

August 24-25, "Bourne Supremacy", PG-13

See www.uad.org/cmoviesutah.



Miss Deaf Utah's Report

by Ellen O'Hara

Bonjour! I am happy to say that I did my best in Miss Deaf America Pageant. I made new acquaintances. I am grateful to UAD and MDUP for allowing me to attend. I will

always remember this experience for the rest of my life. The current Miss Deaf America used to be Miss Deaf South Dakota. Way to go, Midwest! I know that she will do a good job in being Miss Deaf America because she had experiences in public relations. She will make the Deaf community proud.

I also learned many things about NAD. It is a wonderful organization! It did many things for

the Deaf nation. I hope we will recognize that and support them whenever they need our help. They do ask us to keep our local organization running and alive. That means we should keep our beloved UAD going and we, the Deaf citizens of Utah, should share our needs with UAD so they can serve us! Surely, we can support and give comfort to each other. We can be there for each other. We can succeed in many things if we are together and united. (continued on page 6)





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As Frank Turk said, "TEAM is an acronym. T is for Together. E is for Everyone. A is for Achieve. M is for More. Together, Everyone Achieve More. I totally agree with Frank Turk. Keep that in your mind; you are not alone in this struggle. That is why the Deaf Center is for. It had every thing that the Deaf and Hard of Hearing people need: socializing, counseling, interpreter services, and etc.

I also want to say that I am looking forward to appear into schools or other places and support the children to be the best of themselves. I want to reach out to the Deaf/Hard of Hearing community. I can't do that if you don't ask for my appearances. I need you to ask and I will come.

Ron Burdett Heads Extension Program in St. George

by Marilyn Call, SCCDHH Administrator
I am pleased to announce that Ron Burdett
has been hired as the new coordinator of
services for deaf and hard of hearing
individuals in St. George. He is a native

Utahn, but spent most of his professional life at Ohlone College in Fremont California. He recently retired as Dean of Deaf Studies there and has now moved to Ivins in the St. George area. We feel very fortunate to have him and his wealth of experience to help expand services to the Southern Utah area. Welcome Ron!

CODA in Mrs. Utah America Pageant

The daughter of Max and Donna May Hardy, Jeanette Goins, a skilled ASL teacher and interpreter, was crowned as Mrs. Utah America on July 17. She represented Sandy City. She will now represent Utah at the Mrs. America pageant in Palm Springs, California this September.

Jeanette said she would represent deaf awareness during her reign as Mrs. Utah America. She is fluent in American Sign Language and has been signing all of her life, because her mother and father are both deaf. She is a daughter of Max and Donna May Hardy of West Jordan.

"Deaf awareness is very important in our community," Goins said. "It doesn't matter what socio-economic status we come from, we will have either direct or indirect contact with a deaf person."

Contestants competed in swimsuit and evening gown competitions, each of which accounted for 25 percent of their total score. A judge's interview made up the remaining 50 percent.

Word Out: New Access for Deaf

For Sorenson Media, hiring the deaf isn't just the socially enlightened thing to do. It has proved to be a decisive competitive advantage.

The Salt Lake City video compression and services company credits its 150 deaf employees -- nearly one-third of Sorenson Media's work force -- with more than 80 percent of its revenue in the past year.

The catalyst? The Sorenson VP-100, a paperbacksized videophone device that, hooked to a television and fast Internet connection, provides deaf clientele access to the company's Video Relay Service (VRS).

"It's been a great thing for us and for the deaf community as well," he said Tuesday. "We've developed a solution for the deaf that is proving quite popular. And rather than trying to use hearing employees... we utilize the deaf to go into their own community to install and train the deaf in using the technology."

Sorenson donates the VP-100 and router equipment, worth about \$250 per customer; so far, about 10,000 of the units have been given out.

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2nd Annual

UAD Honors Night

August 21, 2004 at SCCDHH

President's Awards Golden Hand Award

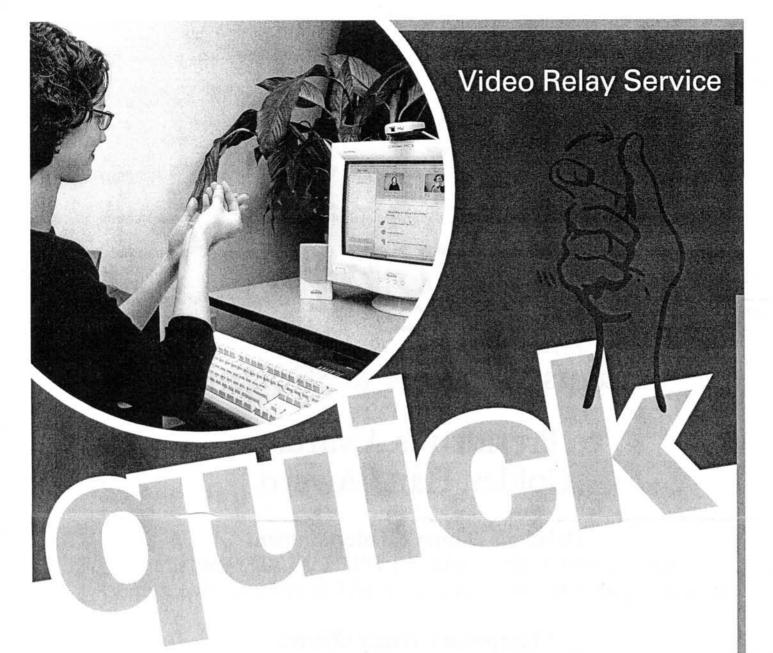
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Pat Nola, chief operating officer, says that is a formula that has made Sorenson Media the nation's No. 1 provider of VRS services -- ahead of such giant competitors as Sprint and AT&T -- since launching the service 16 months ago.

It is a point recognized by Gov. Olene Walker's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities. which honored Sorenson as its 2004 Golden Key Employer of the Year.

by Bob Mims, Salt Lake Tribune, July 14, 2004

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Friday	8/6/2004	SL Frats	Meeting	SCCDHH	9:00 AM
Friday	8/6/2004	Ogden Frats	Meeting	Chuck-A-Rama	3:45 PM
Saturday	8/7/2004	BBCD Seniors	General Meeting	SCCDHH	9:30 AM
Saturday	8/14/2004	GSACD	Picnic	West Roy Park	3:00 PM
Wednesday	8/18/2004	SCCDHH	Legal Clinic	SCCDHH	4:30 PM
Thursday	8/19/2004	UACD	Board Meeting	SCCDHH	6:30 PM
Saturday	8/21/2004	UAD	Honors Night	SCCDHH	6:00 PM
Saturday	8/28/2004	BCGUAA	Picnic	Smith Fields Park	4:00 PM

Add your organization's event to the Calendar anytime.

See entire 2004 Calendar at www.uad.org/calendar!