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## UAD Conference a Rich Experience

By Valerie G. Kinney

The 41st conference of the Utah Association for the Deaf held recently was reminiscent of conferences held in the 70's and 80's, with a welcome party and morning brunches to welcome attendees, choices of workshops to attend, two entertaining evenings with the Miss Deaf Utah Pageant on Friday and a wrap-up dinner and variety show on Saturday.

Eli McCowan chaired the 2005 UAD Conference committee, which had met for more than a year to plan every aspect of the conference. She was supported by Ron Nelson, facilitator; Val Kinney, recorder; Dennis Platt, treasurer; Karen Kendall, conference coordinator; April Trocki, welcome party; Andrea Anderson, dinner; Nancy O'Brien, registration; Trenton Marsh, workshops; Mitch Moyers, program book.

The business sessions were unique in the use of PowerPoint presentations for reports, as well as the use of a multi-media projector to show what was typed on a laptop. This enabled everyone to read and follow the course of business on the two days the sessions were held.

The new Miss Deaf Utah for 2005-2007 is Shawnelle Hardman of Orem, with Jenna Thorup of Bountiful as first runner up and Joyce Hout of Orem as second runner up. The pageant was presented with Chinese theme and decorations.

Those attending the dinner were greeted by Chinese decorations to accompany the Chinese food served for dinner.

During the Saturday evening program, Ron Nelson, outgoing president, gave lifetime awards to the following:

Jerry and Nancy Taylor  
Dave and Shanna Mortensen  
Dennis and Shirley Platt  
Kenneth and Ilene Kinner  
Valerie Kinney

Each was presented with a Danbury book clock engraved with their name and the UAD logo, along with a lifetime member certificate.

Ron Burdett, coordinator of Southern Utah Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program, gave a keynote address about past, present and future leadership in Utah. His PowerPoint presentation featured pictures from a 1970's

special issue of the UAD Bulletin, of deaf individuals in various occupations.

Rodney Walker, president emeritus, gave the oath of office to the new directors who will lead the Utah Association for the Deaf for 2005-2007:



Nancy O'Brien  
Chairperson



Rob Kerr  
President



April Trocki  
Vice-President



Ron Nelson  
Secretary



Dennis Platt  
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Board members at large:



Linda Berness



Jay Christensen



Eli McCowan



Dave Mortensen



Robert Sanderson



George Wilding

The evening wrapped up with Ellen O'Hara, outgoing Miss Deaf Utah, hosting the variety show.

## Miss Deaf Utah's Report

by Shawnelle Hardman

Greetings!

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Shawnelle Hardman, I am 25 years old. I was born in Moab, Utah, Grand County.

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## President's Message

by Rob Kerr



I will begin my President's Message for the August issue of the UAD Bulletin.

Come join us on July 23 at Lagoon for UAD Friendship Day.

Have a great summer!

## Working and Receiving SSI/SSDI

By Annette Stewart, LCSW

Are you receiving benefits such as SSI, SSDI, Medicaid, Medicare, Unemployment or food stamps and want to go back to work? Are you afraid to go back to work because you may lose your benefits? Are you afraid you may have an overpayment because you are working?

If you answered "YES," let's talk.

I am becoming a Benefits Specialist. I can explain SSA's work incentives, inform you of the effects of work on your benefits, and provide information on other supports available in the community. The rules and regulations of SSA are complicated. I can help you understand your benefit options so you won't lose your benefits or get an overpayment.

**What are work incentives?** Work incentives are programs and options to help you be successful at work. SSA has many wonderful work incentives. There are many options for you to go back to work and still receive benefits. There are programs such as the Ticket to Work and the Plan for Achieving Self-Support (PASS). If you don't know about these programs, I can explain them. I can provide a benefits summary. For more information, the SSA website is [www.ssa.gov/work](http://www.ssa.gov/work).

**If I go back to work, will I lose my benefits?** If you plan right and set employment goals, you can continue to receive benefits. The SSA has provided some great safety plans. SSA wants to make sure that you can successfully return to work before any of your benefits are lost.

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**I'm still in high school, can I work?** Yes, you can earn up to \$5,520 per year and still receive your benefits. Summer work or a part-time job after school will not affect your benefits. You can also make long range goals for working or college after you graduate.

If you are working or want to work, receiving benefits, and want to learn more about your options, please come in. We can make a benefits plan. The more you know, the more options you have. Contact me when you are ready at 801-263-4891 (tty), 801-263-4892 (v), or [ajstewart@utah.gov](mailto:ajstewart@utah.gov).

# Society Page

## Rattles 'n' Powder



**April 18, 2005** – Britteny Marie Dye, born to Krista and Blaine Dye. She is their first child.



**June 4, 2005** – Jose, son of Christine and Jose Garcia-Mauritz of Salt Lake City. His sibling, Angel, was stillborn. Jose is a grandson of Nancy O'Brien of Taylorsville.



**June 8, 2005** – Keona Christine, daughter of Lisa and Adam Schafer of Bountiful. Eva, who is three, is their first daughter.



**June 14, 2005** – Eleanor Isabel, daughter of Tammis and Dale Boam of Holladay. Harrison, 10, and Max, 8, are her brothers.

## Wedding Bells



**June 1, 2005** – Emily Broadbent and Kris Tanner, united in matrimony at the Salt Lake LDS Temple. A reception followed. Their family includes Kris' two children, Lillian and Kane.

Kane.



**June 11, 2005** – Bethany Kindrick and John Stratton, united in matrimony in Phoenix, Arizona. An open house will be held in SLC on August 6. A reception followed. Their family includes Bethany's daughter, Karin, and John's 3 children, Nathan, Lindsey, and Chantel.



**June 17, 2005** – Delight Sarah Pearson and John Michael Lydiate, united in matrimony in the Boise Idaho Temple. A reception followed the next day. Delight was Miss Deaf Utah 2000-2001.



**June 18, 2005** –



Melainie Wilding and William Garcia, united in a garden ceremony at the Wilding home in Roy. They are

making their home in Roy. Melainie is the youngest daughter of George Wilding and the late Eula Wilding.

## A Greater Glory



**June 2, 2005** - Colleene



Clark, 74, passed away in Salt Lake City of natural causes. After the death of her first husband, Ronald Bess, Colleene married Rex F.

Clark Sr., her husband of 28 years. Her husband survives her. Funeral services were held in Salt Lake City.



**June 3, 2005** - Grant



Woodhouse, 73, passed away at home in West Jordan, Utah on June 3, 2005. He was a master machinist until his medical retirement

in 1991. He served diligently in the LDS Church. A son, David (Dulane) Woodhouse, survives him. Funeral services were held in Salt Lake City with internment in the Midvale City Cemetery.



**June 4, 2005** - Marlo



Honey, 81, of South Jordan, died after a battle with cancer. He is reunited with his wife, Elaine, who passed away December of 1982.

Marlo had a great love for family, friends, and his horses. You could always find him out back with his four legged pals. Funeral services were held in South Jordan.

## Jottings

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## 20 Years Ago

**July 1985** - Kayleen Pugh

Captures Miss Deaf Utah Crown

Kayleen Pugh was crowned as Miss Deaf Utah, taking over from Nanette Hix who had reigned from 1983 to 1985. Kayleen will now represent Utah at the Miss Deaf America pageant during the National Association for the Deaf Convention to be held in Salt Lake city, July 22-26, 1986.

Kayleen won the Best Sportswear and Best Talent votes and the Miss Congeniality award.

First runnerup is Carey Redmond of Bountiful...who won the Best Evening Gown vote.

Second runnerup is Renata Millet of Salt Lake City.

*Co-editor's note: Kayleen is a teacher at the Alabama School for the Deaf in Talladega. Carey is married to Roger Krebs and the mother of three children, living in Colorado Springs, CO. Renata, a licensed massage therapist and acupressurist, lives in Pasadena, CA.*





## Local News/Articles

### Miss Deaf Utah's Report

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I moved to Utah County when I was 2 1/2 years old so I could attend school at the Utah School for the Deaf and Blind Orem Extension. I graduated from Mountain View High School in 1999.

I enjoy the outdoors like camping, jeeping, hiking, and boating. I like to scrapbook and love taking pictures to share with my friends and keep the memories forever. I like volleyball, football, and baseball. I also love to cook and make special treats for my family. I also love going to Camp Liahona. I have attended Camp Liahona for several years and enjoy the leadership roles that I have had there. I also like being around children and helping people.

The reason I decided to join the MDU Pageant was that when I was in Junior High School, we had to write 100 goals and that was one of my goals to be in the pageant. My friend convinced me that now was as good a time as any to meet that goal. I also thought that being part of the pageant would help improve my confidence and help me be not shy around people. Participating in the workshops and rehearsals, I have learned a lot and had challenges that have helped me learn how to appreciate the people I will be meeting during my reign as Miss Deaf Utah.

It had been a great experience participating in the Miss Deaf Utah Pageant and working closely with the girls and the committees and getting to know them. When the emcees named Jenna Thorup as the 1st runner up, I was so shocked that I am the new Miss Deaf Utah 2005-2007.

I am honored to serve and represent the Deaf Community. My goal as Miss Deaf Utah 2005-2007 is to meet new people and be a good example for all young ladies who look up to me as a role model and Miss Deaf Utah. I hope to learn to be a good leader so I can be a leader for future generations.

I want to say THANKS to all my WONDERFUL family, friends, sponsors, and everyone who showed their support for me and my beautiful court by coming out to the Pageant.

Thank you for your time to read this and accept me as your new Miss Deaf Utah 2005-2007.

### JMS/USDB Merger

*By Laurel Stimpson*

Many new changes!

1. The merge is successful and terms of agreement were signed by Craig Radford, UDEAL Chair, and Linda Rutledge, USDB Superintendent, on June 3, 2005. The terms of agreement were accepted by the Utah State Office of Education on July 1, 2005.

2. Mike Holland will be our new administrator for the Jean Massieu School and is USDB's Bi-Bi Program Director. He worked as a teacher for over 30 years and is well qualified to provide guidance to our teachers and maintain the Bilingual/Bicultural Philosophy.



3. The new location/building is found! It will be in South Jordan. The school will be in an old elementary school with the entire package; 10 classrooms, office space, and a gym! It will be leased for three years to the thrill of many of us. We will be sharing the building with another charter school and hope to get our own new building by the end of the three-year lease.

4. This fall, we will have Krysta Tews, Emilie J. Butler (soon to be Wilding), Jill Radford, Amber Peterson, and Leanna Turman. We will be announcing our two new teachers by the end of July.

Everyone, thank you for your support this year. It has been such a challenging time for us to keep our school running. Even though UDEAL handed over the day-to-day operation of JMS to USDB, UDEAL's role is still much the same and we are dedicating all of our interest to the behalf of our deaf children in Utah.

### Pictures of UAD Conference and Miss Deaf Utah Pageant

Pictures of the 2005 UAD Conference and Miss Deaf Utah Pageant are online at UAD's website for your viewing pleasure and memories!

There is a very good chance that you are in one of the pictures if you attended the UAD Conference or the Miss Deaf Utah Pageant. Click on the small pictures on the left to get an enlarged picture.

- [www.uad.org/mdup/mduppix](http://www.uad.org/mdup/mduppix)

- [www.uad.org/2005/uadconfpix](http://www.uad.org/2005/uadconfpix)

### UAD Bylaws Amended

The four proposals that passed during the business session at the recent UAD Conference are summarized:

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## Local News/Articles

### UAD Bylaws Amended

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**\* defined the age limit of a youth representative.**

At least one member on the board shall be a youth representative up to 30 years of age, if available, and have at least one year's membership in the UAD.

**\* changed the quorum requirement from 1/5 to 15%.**

A quorum equal to 15% of any resident Active and Life members of current record shall be necessary to transact any business at any conference, general meeting or special meeting of this Association.

**\* added a new section outlining duties of board members at large**

Each board member at large may be responsible for at least one project, excluding service on other committees, to complete during their term. The president or the board of directors may assign the projects.

**\* defined who may become president emeritus**

The past president who is living, whose term is the first of all living past presidents, and who has maintained membership in Utah Association for the Deaf since then, shall be named president emeritus.



### Happy Tidbits from Southwest Utah

by Joyanne Burdett

May was busy as well as exciting and educational! Three Thursdays in May were workshops to learn how to understand an audiogram, why there is ringing in ears, and there are various kinds of hearing aids and how they function. Those kinds of workshop were held to help celebrate the Better Hearing Month. Thanks to the Santa Clara Library for the use of its nice, roomy conference room for those workshops!

We all sat tight watching the great open caption movie called "Phantom of the Opera" on May 14 and enjoyed another movie "The Pacifier" on June 11 in Hurricane. Come and enjoy!

May 18 found 12 of us at a meeting presented by the Humana Health Insurance.

Ronald C. Burdett, SUDHHP Coordinator, had the opportunity to meet the mayor of St. George on May 26. This event included the mayor's signing of the ADA Proclamation.

The first Ladies' Night was held at Sunset Bowling with five ladies. Since that day was the last day of school, many couldn't come but we are sure that our next one will show more faces!

May 27 was our fourth Friday gathering at the Ivins Park.

As usual, we had loads of fun chatting and playing games. We also braved some strong sandstorms for a brief time while there. We met again on June 24 at the park. Come and join the fun!

Steven Christensen has been busy making arrangements to set up a bowling league to start sometime in October 2005. So far 40 enthusiasts had signed up. More details will be announced shortly.

Anyone interested in attending any activity or workshop should contact Melissa Burbidge at mburbidge@utah.gov.

We have a good reason to hoot for our own Betty J. Jones. She was honored with the Heritage Award at the Utah Educational Interpreter Award Banquet last May. The award was presented to her by Jean Thomas, USDB Coordinator with this remark, "Born to Deaf parents, Betty was raised in Ogden, Utah. Betty Jones has been an interpreter for the Deaf since the 1960's. She became a certified interpreter in 1973. She received her "Professional" certificate in 1973 from the Utah Registry of Interpreters of the Deaf/Utah Association of the Deaf. She received a "Comprehensive Skill Certificate" from the National Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf. In 2004, she received an Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment, rating of 4.9 from Boys Town Medical Research Hospital. Betty served as an evaluator for the Utah Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf certification panel for eight years." Bravo, our Betty J. Jones! We feel fortunate to have her around here.

So long! Come and visit us!

### Board Meeting Highlights

March 2005

~ tentatively accepted the Miss Deaf Utah Pageant Handbook in essence, with modifications as given in a separate sheet and language/grammar problems cleared up, and brought to the board in September for final approval.

~ indicated that UAD board minutes be made available upon request, either by email attachment (PDF format) or as a hard copy, to UAD members. An amendment indicates that a monthly summary of what UAD is doing, similar to the NAD doings in NADmag, be made available.

~ approved payment up to \$500 to bring Libby Pollard to Utah for a parliamentary / secretary workshops on November 12, 2005, and provide refreshments and incentives. (Three other organizations are contributing \$700)

~ sponsor a Friday morning brunch at the UAD Conference on June 10, 2005, up to \$200.

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## Board Meeting Highlights

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- ~ provide scholarships to Miss Deaf Utah winners: Miss Deaf Utah 2005-2007, \$500 and first through third runners, \$100 each.
- ~ support Laurel Stimpson's grant proposal to set up a deaf Big Brother Big Sister program.
- ~ awarded UAD lifetime memberships to the following for their many years of service to UAD:  
Ilene Kinner, Kenneth Kinner, Valerie Kinney, Dave Mortensen, Shanna Mortensen, Dennis Platt, Shirley Platt, Jerry Taylor and Nancy Taylor.
- ~ agreed to sponsor a table tennis tournament for deaf and hard of hearing youth this summer, and purchase the needed equipment. The UAD president is to select a committee to implement this activity.

## Open-Captioned Movies

Provo (at the Carmike Wynnsong)

- July 5-6, "Monster in Law", PG-13
- July 19-20, "Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants", PG
- August 2-3, "War of the Worlds", PG-13
- August 9-10, "Herbie Fully Loaded", G

Salt Lake City (at the Carmike Ritz)

- July 5-6, "The Longest Yard", PG-13
- July 12-13, "Monster in Law", PG-13
- July 26-27, "Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants", PG
- August 9-10, "War of the Worlds", PG-13
- August 16-17, "Herbie Fully Loaded", G

See [www.uad.org/cmoviesutah](http://www.uad.org/cmoviesutah).

## Ask the Doctor!

By Wendy Osterling

### SUNSCREEN and SUN PROTECTION

Did you know that skin cancer is the MOST COMMON occurring cancer in the United States?



Skin cancer accounts for 1% of all cancer deaths and 90% of this skin cancer is caused by the SUN. Regardless of skin color, everyone is at risk in getting skin cancer and the most malignant melanomas occur in individuals between 25-29 years of age.

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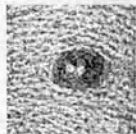
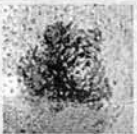

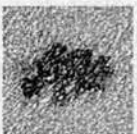



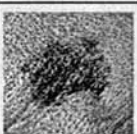
**Basal Cell Carcinoma and Squamous Cell Carcinoma** are the most common kinds of skin cancer making up 80% of new diagnoses. If detected and treated EARLY, the cure rate is 95%.

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producing cells that can spread fast. Melanomas can appear suddenly without warning or can also develop from or near a mole. They are most frequently found on the upper back and neck in men and on the back of legs in women.

If you are concerned that a mole or dark spot on your body might be cancerous, review the ABCDs of the spot online at <http://uuhs.utah.edu/healthinfo/pediatric/derm/scancer.htm>.

It can take less than 10 minutes for your skin to burn in the sun. Use sunscreens that protect against both UVA and UVB rays. Experts recommend using sunscreens rated at least 15 SPF and using lots of it. When outside, reapply sunscreen every two hours or every time you get out of the swimming pool or water. Wear long sleeved clothing, wide brimmed hats, and sunglasses. It is even better to avoid the sun during the hottest time of the day, between 10am and 4pm.

Normal Mole	Melanoma	Sign	Characteristic
		Asymmetry	when half of the mole does not match the other half
		Border	when the border (edges) of the mole are ragged or irregular
		Color	when the color of the mole varies throughout
		Diameter	if the mole's diameter is larger than a pencil's eraser

Photographs Used By Permission: National Cancer Institute

Don't let the sun burn your skin and give you cancer. Enjoy the nice weather with sun smarts! If there are other health topics you would like to learn more about, please let me know! I will resume with the health seminars in August. If you have any health questions, email the deaf doctor at [Wendy.Osterling@hsc.utah.edu](mailto:Wendy.Osterling@hsc.utah.edu).



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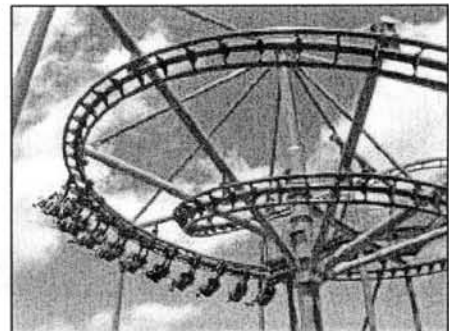
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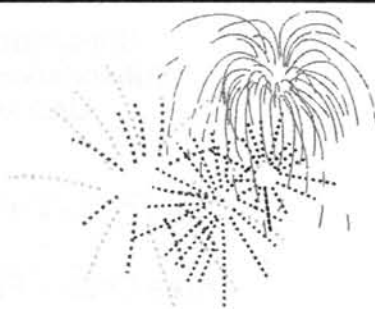
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**Calendar of Events for July 2005**

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Day	Date	Organization	Event	Location	Time
Tuesdays	Ongoing	Deaf Seniors of Utah	Card Games	SCCDHH	9:00 AM
<b>Monday</b>	<b>7/4/2005</b>	<b>Independence Day (Holiday)</b>			
Fri-Sat	7/8-9/2005	USD Alumni	Reunion	SCCDHH	TBA
Tuesday	7/12/2005	Deaf Seniors of Utah	Business Meeting	SCCDHH	9:00 AM
Thursday	7/14/2005	DSDHH	Deaf Town?	SCCDHH	6:30 PM
Thursday	7/14/2005	UDEAL	Board Meeting	Old Library	7:00 PM
Wednesday	7/20/2005	DSDHH	FREE Legal Clinic	SCCDHH	4:30 PM
Saturday	7/23/2005	UAD	Friendship Day at Lagoon	Lagoon	10:00 AM
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7/24/2005</b>	<b>Pioneer Day (Holiday)</b>			
Thursday - Sunday	7/28-31/2005	GSACD	Camp-Out	Crystal Hot Springs	TBA

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