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With the times changing, the UAD Bulletin will go digital as of January 1, 2009. What that means to you, our faithful subscribers, is that with Internet access, you will no longer pay for your subscription. On New Year's Day, the January 2009 issue of the UAD Bulletin will be available for reading pleasure on the UAD website, www.uad.org. You can also print the Bulletin from the website if you wish to do so.

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If you would like to go paperless as of January 1 even though your subscription does not expire until later, let Valerie Kinney know. She can be contacted at 801-985-7080 VP or vkkinney@comcast.net. She also can answer questions about this change.

Stephen Ehrlich Presented with the ACE Award

Stephen Ehrlich was honored on October 3 by the Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities with the ACE award. Stephen gave a moving motivational acceptance speech at the luncheon.

According to the website, the ACE Award is given to business partners or citizens who actively promote public and private efforts to achieve equal employment opportunities for all qualified Utahns with disabilities; or a successful employee with a disability who has overcome tremendous obstacles.

Stephen is believed to be the first Deaf/Blind person to receive the ACE award.

His employer, Sears Grand, was presented with the Employer of the Year award.

Congratulations, Stephen!

Seeking Golden Hand Award Nominations

The Golden Hand Award committee is seeking nominations for the prestigious award. The next time the award is given will be at the UAD Conference, on May 9, 2009.

Go to UAD.org web page, click on "About UAD" at the top just under the banner, and scroll down to find Golden Hand Award. Click on this link to find the rules and a form to fill out.

The form needs to be turned in to Linda Berness at the address included on the form by February 7, 2009 to be considered.



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2009 Utah Association for the Deaf Conference

May 8-9, 2009

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Society Page

Wedding Bells



October 4, 2008 – Ashley Forsyth to David Nichols, in wedding rites performed at the Murray Park. A reception to honor the young couple was held at the Sanderson Community Center for the Deaf in Taylorsville. Ashley is a daughter of Thomas and Tammy Forsyth of Renton, WA.



October 24, 2008 – Melissa Sharp and Jared Haslam, united for time and all eternity at the Salt Lake Temple. They were honored at a reception in Midvale. Jared is a son of Reed and Sherry Haslam, and a grandson of Donna Lee Westberg.

Obituaries

October 6, 2008 – Mary Sanderson died at her home in Roy after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Mary became active in several organizations of and for deaf and hard of hearing people. In her dealings with people she worked with she was always modest and seldom ever criticized friends or colleagues. A memorial service was held at the Sanderson Community Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in Taylorsville. She is survived by her husband, Robert G. Sanderson, Roy and sons Gary Sanderson, Pasadena CA and Barry Sanderson, Layton.



Changes in Relief Society Presidency

On September 21, Mary Leishman was called to be the Relief Society Presidency in the Salt Lake Valley Deaf 1st Ward, replacing Kristi Mortensen. Shirley Leavitt is now the first counselor, replacing Charity Harding. The second counselor is Karen Hutcherson, replacing Mary Leishman. The secretary is Sarena Snedegar.

Email Change for UAD Bulletin

Please note that the email has changed for the UAD Bulletin. The new address for questions, comments, and articles is uadeditor@comcast.net.

SCCDHH November Calendar

Date	Description	Time
Nov 1	UAD Board Meeting	9am
	UAD General Meeting	1pm
	UACD 4 on 4 Men/Women Volleyball	4pm
Nov 2	<i>Daylight Savings Time (BACK an hour)</i>	
Nov 4	<i>Election Day: Don't Forget to VOTE</i>	
Nov 6	Gentle Yoga	10am
	Popcorn Coalition	5:30pm
	Conceptually Accurate Signed English	6:30pm
	Volleyball—St. George	7pm
Nov 7	SYHO @ the Bazaar	5pm
	25th Anniversary Bazaar	6pm
Nov 8	AGBell—Utah Annual Fall Conference	
	25th Anniversary Bazaar	9am
	UACD/ADC Fundraiser w/John Maucere	7pm
Nov 9	25th Anniversary Bazaar	6pm
Nov 11	<i>Veteran's Day</i>	
Nov 13	Gentle Yoga	10am
	Volleyball—St. George	7pm
Nov 14	Scrapbooking Club—St. George	1pm
Nov 15	Kid's Club—St. George	9am
	SL Masonic Temple Quilt Show	9am
	Quilt Club	10am
	Ogden Senior Citizens Luncheon	1pm
Nov 18	U of U College of Humanities Happy Hour	5pm
Nov 19	Legal Clinic	3pm
	DSDHH Advisory Council	5:30pm
	HLAA	7pm
Nov 20	Gentle Yoga	10am
	Volleyball—St. George	7pm
Nov 21	SYHO	6:30pm
Nov 27	<i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	

****All events are subject to change. Please make sure you register for any classes or workshops you want to attend. More info can be found at www.uad.org, Event Calendar**

A Message from the President

By Rob Kerr

There is no message this month from our President as he is out of town.

Local & National News

Website Offers Health Education in ASL

Westminster, MD-September 26, 2008. The Deaf & Hard of Hearing (D/HoH) community now has a place to learn more about various health topics in their native "tongue" of American Sign Language (ASL).

www.DeafMD.org was launched today for the sole purpose of providing health education in American Sign Language to promote the overall wellness of this vastly underserved population.

Recognizing the need of a trustworthy, unbiased, online health resource that the D/HoH could turn to when they had medical questions, the creators of DeafMD worked in partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and National Institutes for Health to provide this vital information. The information was evaluated by a team of linguists, medical professionals, and educators and translated into ASL.

Visitors to DeafMD can search a list of diseases, illnesses, medical tests, and current news events, with each webpage providing a clear video translation explaining the selected topic.

DeafMD has begun to compile a list of "Deaf-Friendly Doctors" to help the D/HoH community get plugged in to medical professionals in their local area. To be included on this list, the provider listed must be deaf or sign ASL fluently, someone on the provider's office staff must be deaf or sign ASL fluently, or the provider's office must have a video relay service and hire a qualified interpreter for the office visit as required by the American's with Disabilities Act. Specialties added thus far include mental health providers, physical therapists, and primary care physicians, along with many others. More medical professionals will be added and the D/HoH are encouraged to contact DeafMD if they know of a provider who meets the criteria listed of being a "Deaf-Friendly Doctor." DeafMD also has e-news, which allows individuals who register for this free service to be notified by email when new topics are published on the site.

There is no charge to use DeafMD, but DeafMD is dependent upon donations from website visitors to keep it running. "Our mission is to provide clear and concise health information in ASL to promote the overall wellness of the D/HoH community," said Casey Davis, DeafMD Founder. "We would not want to hinder access to this vital information because someone could not afford to pay for it. We hope to benefit the entire Deaf population, regardless of socioeconomic status."

Residents of Chicago, San Francisco, and New York areas can see DeafMD live at upcoming events as part of the DeafNation tour in the fall of 2008. DeafMD also has tentative

plans to participate in the 2009 DeafNation tour, which will be visiting 14 cities across the United States.

If you would like more information, or to schedule an interview, please contact us via email at ContactUs@DeafMD.org.

NAD Announces Release of Two Mental Health Position Statements

Posted October 3, 2008 The Board of Directors of the National Association of the Deaf (NAD), at its April 2008 meeting, approved a new position statement on Mental Health Services for Deaf Children and a supplementary position statement entitled Culturally Affirmative and Linguistically Accessible Mental Health Services. Both statements, recently posted on the NAD website, were prepared by the Mental Health Subcommittee of the Public Policy Committee. The supplementary statement is intended to be an update to the 2003 NAD Position Statement on Mental Health Services for People who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

These documents will provide guidance to state and federal agencies, consumers, state associations, and affiliates on appropriate mental health service delivery for deaf children and adults. In addition, the two documents reflect the belief of the NAD that access to language, namely American Sign Language (ASL), is a basic human right.

"I am proud of the work that this subcommittee did. This subcommittee had top experts in the mental health and deafness field from all over the country," said NAD President Bobbie Beth Scoggins. "Together, they produced two documents that reflect current trends in the field and are a model for all states and service providers. Service delivery for deaf children poses particular challenges that are unique and different from those for deaf adults," she continued. "It is vital that optimal mental health care for deaf children be available in this country."

The Public Policy Committee is chaired by Howard A. Rosenblum, Esq., who has years of experience in mental health law. Liz Hill, LCSW, served as chair of the Mental Health subcommittee, and was recently elected to the NAD Board of Directors. Members of the subcommittee were: Robert Baldwin, Sara Bianco, Barry Critchfield, Suzanne Dennis, John Gournaris, Michelle Niehaus, Linda Russell, and Brad Trotter, Melissa Watson, Roger Williams, and Darlene Zangara.

Don't Forget to Vote on November 4th!

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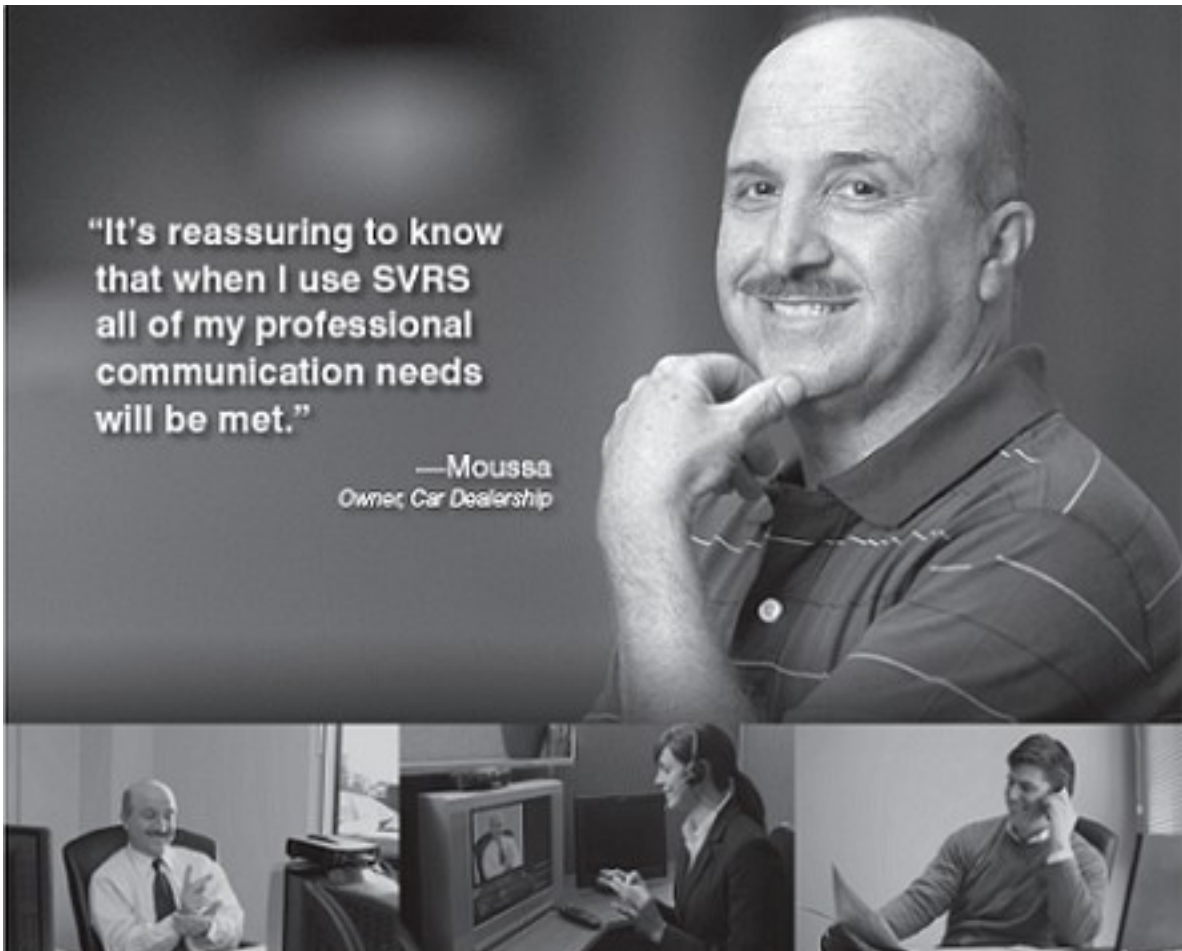
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**Fun Things About November....**

World Kindness Week
American Education Week
Family Week
Day of the Dead (November 1st)
Sandwich Day
Housewife Day



Election Day (November 4th, Don't forget to vote!!)



Dunce Day
Veteran's Day
World Peace Day
Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address in 1863
Thanksgiving
Black Friday (busiest shopping day of the year in the US)