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These names were overlooked in the Christmas Greetings on the front page of the December issue of the UAD Bulletin.

Our apologies to the individuals named below:



Leon and Connie Curtis
John and Arlene Lowell
Art Valdez



Happy New Year!

NAD Region IV Conference

By Jenefer Reudter, Region IV Conference Chair

The UAD recently hosted the NAD Region IV Conference in November where 20 delegates from the western states were in attendance along with some of the NAD officers, and representatives. This was a huge success and many **POSITIVE** comments were made by the attendees regarding the Sanderson Deaf Center and about the Deaf Community here in Utah. All of the delegates were thrilled to attend the Holiday Bazaar and to meet so many of the Deaf Community. The Deaf Community should be aware of the jealousy of many of the delegates that attended because of the great Deaf Center that we have! Many commented on the feelings of being welcomed to Utah and feeling a part of the Deaf Community!

During the Conference the delegates received training on various items such as how to begin and handle legislative actions in their own states, received ideas for ways to assist the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community, shared success stories from their state, received diversity training and to be more successful in their purpose. By hosting the NAD Region IV Conference in November, Utah became the first location to kick off a year long NAD Across America (NAA) campaign in which the NAD is seeking to increase NAD membership and promote awareness of the rights of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. If any of you are interested in finding out more information about the NAD or to become a member, please check out

mittee members that helped make this Conference a HUGE success!!

Youth Winter Wonderland Dance

whatQGA, SYHO, USDB Booster Club & Sanderson Community Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing are excited to welcome the YOUTH ages 13-19 years old to the "Winter Wonderland" Dance on Friday, January 4, 2008!

Please check <http://www.whatqga.com/Calendar2007.html> and then click DETAILS for more information and to view a flyer.

Hope to see you there!

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President's Message

By Rob Kerr

Looking back on 2007, we appreciate the results. It was incredible that the year went well. People were enthusiastic to gain experience from events during the year. I am sure of that. Let me refresh your memory what we did during the year: Winter Deaflympics in February 2007 with nearly 300 volunteers who gave their time and met the challenge to show the world that we were great hosts. The 16th Winter Deaflympics committee was grateful for our help. In the fall, 2007 UAD conference had 250 deaf and hearing people who attended UAD business meetings, Tribute to ASL, awards and entertainment by Keith Wann. The conference was successful. The last one, UAD hosted the NAD Region IV conference in November; 10 state association delegates attended the conference, which was held at the Sanderson Community Center Deaf and Hard of Hearing (SCCDHH). Trenton Marsh and Matt Snarr represented Utah Association for the Deaf and enjoyed meeting NAD officers and other representatives. The Region IV conference allowed for preparations for the next NAD Conference. During breaks, out of state representatives had the opportunity to browse the Bazaar.

What we can expect to see in 2008? It is election year, to vote for a new President of United States of America. Who you think will win the election? That's something we think about a lot these days, and we expect our future President of USA to build a better economy and encourage peace on earth. Once more, do not forget our Deaf kids need our help to get better schools and better education. Last, get together to keep our precious American Sign Language, Deaf Culture and closed captioning.

We do miss Rollin Solon Jones very much; he passed away on Monday, December 17, 2007. He was a UAD Bookstore volunteer under Valerie Kinney, past manager and Adele Sigoda, current manager for more than four years. The managers appreciated his great persona, which included a wonderful sense of humor. The bookstore was not the only place where he volunteered; he was active as a registration volunteer at the 2007 UAD conference, under Nancy O'Brien, registration chairman. He served the Sanderson Community Deaf Hard of Hearing Advisory Council and at one time served as its chairman. He taught ASL and worked in the Interpreter Lab. Thus the Sanderson Community Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing was his second home. He showed a positive attitude and kept busy. You have read the message from Betty Jones through the UAD Announce about him, a memorial service will be held at a later date.

The UAD Bulletin has continued under a new editor, Jennifer Oleson, who started September 2006; she designed the newsletter a little differently. She would be happy to have ideas from you to please our readers. You will see how much it has change since it started in the 1950's. I hope that you will look up the UAD Bulletin history on UAD website soon. We thank you for your donation to the UAD Bulletin for the Christmas Greetings last month; it was good to see your name. Thank you for supporting the UAD Bulletin.

Let us get rolling on to an exciting year in 2008 and be seeing you at UAD meeting and other activities!

Society Page

To a Greater Glory

December 17, 2007 - Rollin

Jones was found peacefully asleep and in his Heavenly Father's arms. Rollin was born in Manti, Utah March 6, 1937. He is survived by his three children; Roland Williams, Ed Williams & Marie Olson, all from Salt Lake City areas; one brother, Von and Betty Jones of St. George Utah and a sister, Mae L. Farland of Woodhull, New York. A memorial, "A Celebration of his Life" will be held in the in the early spring of 2008.



December 20, 2008 - Fred Daw-

son, 86, passed away peacefully at his home. After service during World War II, he was employed at Hill Air Force Base, retiring after 31 years.. He served as an ordinance worker in the Ogden LDS Temple for 24 years. Funeral services and burial took place in Hooper. He was the father of Dixie Lauritzen of Sandy.



20 Years Ago

January 1988 - News of Note - President's Mes-

sage - The clock is ticking towards a countdown on the startup of the Utah Relay Service. Equipment has been ordered and as you read this, may well have been delivered. The desks and chairs are in their packing boxes, waiting to be assembled and installed in their places. Phone lines will be hooked up by the time you read this Bulletin. Personnel may be hired and on standby to start working. All this points to a possible startup date of January 1, 1988...we are entering into a new line of work...we don't yet know all the obstacles that may be in the way for a smooth operation. Yet the URS will become a reality.

Editor's note: URS was housed in the old Utah Center for the Deaf building in Bountiful.

Rattles 'n Powder

November 16, 2007 - Logan Walter, son of Kris and Emily Tanner of St. George. His siblings are Lillian, Kane and Kyndra. Emily is the Programs Director for Southern Utah Deaf and Hard of Hearing Programs.



Quilting Class: UFO (Un*Finished*Object)

This class is open to all beginners, for both men and women on Saturday, January 19, 2008, from 10am to 5pm.

Items to bring with you:

1. for UFO, bring any quilt or any unfinished projects that are not completely finished, quilted, and bound to this class. There will be 2 teachers available to help you finish. Please bring scissors, pins, rotary cutter, rotary mat, etc. - any sewing supplies needed to help yourself to finish.
2. We will have 2 mini classes going on for those who are interested:

Mini Class #1: Hand Warmers - learn how to make your very own hand warmers out of Socks! It is a great way to keep your hands warm while signing! What you need to bring for this project: a clear pair of crew socks, scissors, needle, thread to match the color of socks. Lesson will start promptly at 10:15am at one time only. Please be on time if you want to learn.

Mini Class #2: Valentine's Day blocks - learn how to make heart-shaped appliqued blocks. What you need to bring for this project: It is up to you of how many blocks to make. We will teach you 1 block and you can make the rest on your own time. Bring \$2.00 for each block to make, red thread, scissors, and sewing machine. We will provide the fabric for you (that's what the \$2.00 is for). Lesson will start promptly at 10:45am at one time only. Please be on time if you want to learn.

Do you need a sewing machine? If so, please reserve one at the time of registration.

If you are bringing your own sewing machine, you are responsible to know how to operate your own machine. We are not sewing machine teachers. We will guide you how to sew. We expect you to be familiar with your own sewing machine and know how to operate it.

There will be a display after January 8, 2008 of the Hand Warmer and Valentine's Day block.

Admission is free, but please bring your own lunch with bottled pop/water. No cups, please.

Registration deadline is Wednesday, January 16, 2008 (this is a MUST!). Email rtraveller@utah.gov (If you don't have email, you can come to the Sanderson Center front desk and leave your name and contact info)

Classes will be taught in ASL. If accommodations are needed, please let us know when you sign up.

Where: Sanderson Community Center of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, 5709 South 1500 West, Taylorsville UT 84123-5217.

Local News & Articles

Demand Increases For Face-to-Face Communicator for the Deaf

David Curry can hear, but his son, Jason, was born deaf. Two years ago, frustrating communication between father and son led them to invent UbiDuo.

It is a small wireless computer device with a flip-top screen and two keyboards that enables the hearing and the deaf to communicate by typing back and forth without a translator. It works as an instant messaging system, but the two people have a face-to-face interaction.

Less than a year after their invention hit the market, the product is catching on. The devices have been sold to governments and businesses in 40 states, including Missouri, Kansas, Arizona and Minnesota, according to Sandie Kelly, director of operations/education at sComm, the company producing the device.

Karin Sack, an independent living specialist and deaf advocate at the Independent Living Center in Joplin, Mo., has been using the device for about a year.

"I can't live without the UbiDuo," said Sack, who is deaf. "I can communicate without a barrier, unlike before when I had to wait for an interpreter to contact me or postpone the meeting at his convenience," Sack said.

Since January, about 500 UbiDuo devices have been sold. The staff has grown from two to 10, and co-inventor Jason Curry expects the staff to hit 30 in three years.

The demand for the device has been so high that sComm, which stands for Simultaneous Communications, is moving from its Independence office to larger headquarters at the Raytown Park Plaza, 6238 Hadley St. The company is scheduled to start operation Jan. 11 in Raytown.

Raytown officials see sComm's relocation to the city as a boost to its downtown revitalization. Mayor David Bower says the relocation "further confirms the community strategy to promote Raytown as a great community for entrepreneurial 'applied technology' companies ... a great place for growing companies to make their mark."

Curry, sComm's president and chief executive officer, says the device is changing lives by enabling users to communicate with co-workers, managers, customers and clients.

"The goal is freedom and independence in face-to-face communication for people who are deaf, hard of hearing, deaf and blind, and foreign-language speakers," Curry said. "The UbiDuo changes the landscape for face-to-face communication."

Sonny Wasilowski, an office and administrative specialist, is the only deaf person in his office at the Minnesota Department of Health Services. People are more eager to interact with him because of UbiDuo, he said.

"The best part is that it is wireless, so I can sit any-

where and use it," said Wasilowski, who has been using the device since May.

"It's amazing how it has changed people's attitude toward me," Wasilowski said.

Todd Lowe, a lead therapist in the home health department at Olathe Medical Center, says his staff has used the device about 40 times since it was bought six or seven months ago.

"We now get out to see people in a timely manner," Lowe said. "Before, we had to take an interpreter along."

The device is saving businesses and governments money on interpreters' fees, Curry said.

Stephanie Brady, director of programs at the Independent Living Center in Joplin, agrees.

"We usually spend about \$500 to \$600 a week on interpreters," she said. "With UbiDuo, we've only made a one-time payment of \$1,800. Imagine all the savings."

Robert Maile, superintendent at the Kansas School for the Deaf, says the school is interested in UbiDuo and has applied for a grant to buy two of the devices.

"We're going to try it and see how it works for our students," Maile said. "We're looking at it as something useful for persons who cannot use sign language to communicate with a deaf person."

Gallaudet University, the acclaimed college for the deaf in Washington, D.C., says the device is not useful for their students while on campus, although it might be useful off-campus.

"There actually isn't a need for it here at Gallaudet, because we are a bilingual, signing community here," said Erin Casler, spokeswoman for Gallaudet University.

Curry sees UbiDuo's effect beyond campus for deaf students.

"Users have talked to their families with whom they have been unable to communicate for years at family functions like birthday parties or family dinners," he said.

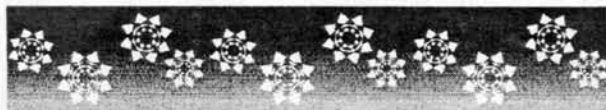
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DSU Elects New Officers

Deaf Seniors of Utah recently elected new officers for 2008.

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Day	Date	Organization	Event	Location	Time	Contact
Tuesday	01/01/08	New Year's Day (Holiday)				
Friday	01/04/08	whatQGA, SYHO, USDB, & SCCDH	Youth Winter Wonderland Dance	SCCDH	7pm to 9:30pm	www.whatQGA.com
Monday	01/21/08	Martin Luther King Day (Holiday)				

Add your organization's event to the Calendar anytime!

See entire 2007 Calendar at www.uad.org/calendar