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## **Deaf Yes Series Workshop**

*By Andrea Vigil*

The overall experience was awesome! I felt very confident speaking in front of these people since they were very friendly. I shared my life story and discussed some of our goals for the deaf community. It was worthwhile making the trip down to St. George for this event. Also, I learned so much about Sego Lily Abused Center for the Deaf and the services they provide. I would love to educate others about this wonderful organization since it will benefit so many people. I loved visiting St. George and I got to see my friend Natisha and make new friends.

Many thanks to SLCAD and Stephanie Mathis for giving me this opportunity!



*In picture: Andrea Anderson, Sari Williams, Andrea Vigil, Natisha Luke, and Stephanie Mathis*

Miss Deaf Utah Ambassador, Andrea Vigil appears at St. George, Utah for Sego Lily Abused Center for the Deaf Yes Series Workshop, October 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **Gallaudet announces T. Alan Hurwitz as 10th President**

**Dr. T. Alan Hurwitz** has been appointed by the Board of Trustees as Gallaudet University's tenth president. The announcement was made by Dr. Benjamin Soukup, chair of the Board of Trustees, on October 18 before an overflow crowd in the University's Swindells Auditorium.

Hurwitz currently serves as president of the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID), one of eight colleges

within the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), and vice president and dean of RIT. He has worked at NTID/RIT since 1970, first as an instructor in RIT's College of Engineering and, subsequently, as an NTID professor, department chair, dean, and the college's president. Throughout his career he has been active in a variety of professional organizations, including serving as president of both the National Association of the Deaf and the World Organization of Jewish Deaf.

"In Dr. Alan Hurwitz the Board of Trustees has chosen a leader for Gallaudet who possesses an extensive and distinguished track record in the field of higher education for deaf and hard of hearing persons," said Soukup. "This expertise, along with his commitment to Gallaudet's unique mission and strategic plan, ensures that he is the right person to lead the University as it seeks to attract and educate students from a variety of educational and communication backgrounds."

Dr. Soukup introduced Dr. Hurwitz and Gallaudet's new first lady, Vicki Hurwitz, to the exuberant crowd that had assembled for the announcement. Hurwitz called the occasion "a very emotional time, as well as an exciting time for me and my wife, Vicki." He thanked the Board of Trustees and the Gallaudet community "for their support and confidence in my selection," he said. "I enthusiastically accept the appointment."

Hurwitz, who will take office in January, succeeds Dr. Robert Davila, the University's president since 2007. Hurwitz



*Photo by Brittany Castle*

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## Quilting Class

Quilting Class using leftover fabrics to be held on Saturday, November 14, 2009 10:00am to 5:00pm, at the Sanderson Community Center of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing located at 5709 South 1500 West, Taylorsville, UT. This class is open to all beginners for both men and women and will be taught in ASL. If any ADA accommodations are needed, please let us know when you sign up.

**Items to bring with you (required):** We will have three mini classes which are Tote Bag (made with 2-4 leftover fabrics), 3-D Autumn Fall Leaf Table Runner (made with leaf garland and scraps), and Crochet Rug (made with stripped old bed sheets). Please see the display located in the Lobby Area of Sanderson Center (Deaf Center) before you decide on what to make. You will get a Supply List of what to bring.

Also, bring your sewing machine, scissors, rotary cutter, thread, rotary (grid) ruler, pins, & Brown Bag lunch with bottled pop/water. No cups, please. At the time of registration, please reserve sewing machine if you don't have one.

**Deadline for registration is November 6, 2009. To sign up for class, please email [dsdhhregistration@utah.gov](mailto:dsdhhregistration@utah.gov) or call 801-263-4860.**

## Deaf Voice in Education

*Eleanor McCowan*

**What:** The Deaf 'Voice' in Education

**When:** Thursday, November 5, 2009

**Time:** 7 PM to 9 PM

**Speakers:** Jeff Pollock & Flavia Fleischer

**Where:** Sanderson Community Center of the Deaf & Hard of Hearing

**Admission:** Free

### Highlights:

- Who has a voice in the education of deaf children in Utah?
- What recurring themes are evident in the education of deaf and hard of hearing children?
- Current educational outcomes and recent data will be presented
- Actual education experiences by a Deaf student will be shared

**Target:** Deaf and Hard of Hearing children (pre-K through 12) and their parents, teachers and administrators, college students, interpreting students, interpreters, Deaf community, our hearing allies and everyone are welcome!

Any ADA accommodations need to be requested upon making appointment before the deadline. Deadline to register is **Monday, November 2, 2009** by emailing your confirmation to [dsdhhregistration@utah.gov](mailto:dsdhhregistration@utah.gov).

# Society Page

## OBITUARIES



**September 15, 2009** - Lavar Smith, 79, died peacefully at home. He managed a Western Auto Store in Roy, later becoming the owner of Smith's Sinclair Service Station. He retired as a parts salesman for NAPA. He was elected to the Roy City Council and served as a volunteer and board member for the Roy Historical Museum. He volunteered in the Cardiac Rehab unit at Ogden Regional Hospital. Funeral services and interment took place in Roy. Laird Smith of Altamont, a son, survives him.

**October 4, 2009** - David Woodhouse, 58, passed away unexpectedly, due to a heart attack from diabetes complications. He loved to work on model trains, watch John Wayne movies, and vacations with his family... especially to Disneyland. He was a patriot and had a great love for his country and its freedoms. He worked several different jobs as a CAD draftsman. His last job was at Evans and Southerland in Salt Lake City, from 1989 to 2003, as a facilities planner. However, due to being laid off, he returned to school at Brigham Young University and graduated in 2008 with a BS degree in Marriage, Family, and Human Development. His funeral service was held in Provo with a graveside service in Orem. He is survived by his wife, Dulane, his companion of 36 years.



**October 10, 2009** - Kelly Morrill, 44, passed away after a long and valiant battle with Arnold Chiari Malformation. She served as an ASL missionary in Virginia Roanoke mission, and was a sign language interpreter and advocate for the deaf in many locations throughout the United States. Most recently, Kelly started a website to provide help, support and information for others who are affected by the Chiari Malformation ([www.utahchiariconnection.blogspot.com](http://www.utahchiariconnection.blogspot.com)). Kelly was a very talented writer having recently completed a touching and inspiring Christmas novel that she was hoping to have published. Funeral services took place in Roy with interment in Clinton.

**October 13, 2009** - Teddy Lopez, 68, passed away peacefully. He was a hard worker and loved landscaping and fixing things up. He loved being outdoors: fishing and hunting. He was always very neat and



clean. He enjoyed his grandchildren dearly and loved spending every minute with them. Funeral services took place in Ogden with interment in West Weber. His wife, Florence, passed away in 2006.



## RATTLES 'N' POWDER

**September 28, 2009** - Brian and Jennilee Kishpaugh of West Jordan welcomed new baby girl, Kathryn Deana. Her siblings are Emma Marie, Andrew Howell and Hanna Lee.

**October 9, 2009** - Emma Rose, daughter of Ed and Darlene Santiago. Big sister Lily Ann is delighted to have her home.

## 20 Years Ago

### Vicki Lynn Russell Receives Golden Key Award

Vicki Lynn Russell, of Roy, is among four recipients of the Golden Key Award for Outstanding Handicapped Citizen of the Year from the Utah Governor's Committee for Employment of People with Disabilities.

The purpose of the Golden Key Award is to recognize the outstanding or unusual achievements in the world of work, volunteerism and advocacy by a person with a disability.

## Crafty Cooking Class

**What:** Crafty Cooking Class for YOU with Jody Lynn Tolley (this class will be taught in American Sign Language)

**When:** Thursday, November 19, 2009

**Time:** 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

**Where:** Sanderson Community Center of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

**Highlights:** Making cornucopias with bread and eat it after Thanksgiving!

**How:** Sign up and you will experience in making it so much fun!

**Cost:** \$3.00 to purchase bread making ingredients (pay at the door)

**Deadline to register:** [dsdhhregistration@utah.gov](mailto:dsdhhregistration@utah.gov) Friday, November 13, 2009 (no later due to purchase plan)



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## Local News

### Gallaudet announces T. Alan Hurwitz as 10th President

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said, "I'm humbled to follow in Dr. Robert Davila's footsteps," and he praised the other finalists for the position, Dr. Roslyn Rosen, Dr. Ronald Stern, and Dr. Stephen Weiner, as "outstanding individuals. ... I love all three of them." Hurwitz said he looked forward to working closely with all the University's constituents in pursuing Gallaudet's mission and strategic goals.

Davila, who joined Hurwitz on the stage, remarked, "I'm confident he'll do well," and added that Gallaudet will be fortunate to benefit from "his wealth of skill and knowledge." Noting that Hurwitz was wearing a Gallaudet jacket, Davila commented "one thing is missing," and went over to the new president to attach a "Team Gallaudet" pin to his jacket.

In closing, Gallaudet University Alumni Association (GUAA) Board President Alyce Slater Reynolds congratulated Hurwitz on behalf of GUAA's 17,000 members, and said, "We look forward to joining you on the journey we're taking."

### New boss, New Language Skills Focus for Utah Deaf School

*By Kirsten Stewart, The Salt Lake Tribune*

*Updated: 10/10/2009 08:41:15 AM MDT*

**Herriman** The stackable, wooden rings are clearly Zeke's favorite.

But the 20-month-old has spotted something new, a black and orange bucket. He grabs it, taps on the lid -- signaling to his therapist Melody Mower to open it -- and peeks inside to find a hand puppet in the shape of a ghost.

"What is it?" said Mower, encouraging Zeke to say, "Boo, ooo, ooo."

This is no simple Halloween activity. It's a therapeutic strategy to help Zeke, who is profoundly deaf, master "Ling Sounds," the building blocks of speech: Ah, Ooo, Eee, Mmm, Ssss, Shhhh.

And it's with such early interventions that new schools for the deaf and blind superintendent Steven Noyce plans to improve deaf education in Utah.

A longtime advocate of oral deaf education, Noyce is no stranger to Utah Schools for the Deaf and Blind (USDB),



having overseen its Salt Lake programs years ago.

It's "a true gem," said Noyce who says elsewhere deaf and blind education is provided by large school districts or a consortium of districts, which don't always have the right resources or know-how.

Noyce has reforms in mind for USDB's blind programs, too. But he's starting first with what he knows best. Most of USDB's hearing intervention specialists have a master's degree and some level of certification. Noyce wants them all certified in sign language and auditory verbal therapy. He's not vowing a shake-up. And he believes most of the training can be done in-house using already trained staff.

But he has made it clear to employees that, "We need the best trained, most capable people in our early intervention programs."

"Some of our specialists have a long road ahead of them," he said.

Noyce's emphasis on oral education risks alienating adherents of American Sign Language, some of whom believe teaching deaf children to speak threatens the continued existence of deaf culture.

But that sentiment is changing with technological advances in hearing aids and cochlear implants. Today, deaf children are learning to listen and talk. And they're being mainstreamed in school as early as age 3.

Noyce is quick to stress he's not abandoning sign language. "Parents need to make that choice," he says. "And they need to understand those choices before making them."

That's Mower's job. The hearing intervention specialist has visited Zeke weekly since he was three months old. She'll continue her therapy sessions until he's 3 years old, at which point he'll either transition to a USDB program or mainstream preschool.

Mower started by teaching signs to Zeke and his parents Brandon and Alex Butterfield, neither of whom are deaf. Parent education is central to USDB's parent-infant program. When Zeke was fitted with a hearing aid, Mower helped the Butterfields determine it wasn't working.

Since July, when his cochlear implant was activated, the focus has been on training Zeke to listen. She bathes the toddler in language, using tricks of the hearing interventionist trade to help Zeke make connections between sound and meaning. Through practice and reinforcement by his parents, Zeke will build on simple sound and begin to learn to say whole words and sentences.

"His ears are just three months old, which means he has the hearing of a three-month-old baby," said Mower. But he's making quick progress. "He knows 80 signs, but has dropped some in favor of sound," said his mom Alex.

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Date	Description	Time	Date	Description	Time
Nov 1	<i>Daylight Saving Time Ends</i>		Nov 15	Evening Children's Program	6pm
	Evening Children's Program	6pm	Nov 16	ASL 1 Class @ DATC	11:30am
Nov 2	ASL 1 Class @ DATC	11:30am		ASL 1 Class @ DATC	5pm
	ASL 1 Class @ DATC	5pm		Dog Service Training	5pm
	Dog Service Training	5pm	Nov 17	Where, How, Why of ASL @ St. George	6pm
	ASL Level 1 Class @ St. George	5:30pm	Nov 18	Deaf Sr. Citizens of Utah	9am
Nov 3	ASL Class	6pm		Living w/Hearing Loss @ Columbus	10am
	Beginning Speechreading	6pm		Scrapbooking Club @ St. George	10am
	CASE Class	6pm		ASL 1 Class @ DATC	11:30am
	Where, How, Why of ASL @ St. George	6pm		Legal Clinic	3pm
	Blackberry 101 Training	7pm		ASL 1 Class @ DATC	5pm
Nov 4	Maturity Conference for 50+ POSTPONED			ASL Lab @ St. George	5pm
	Deaf Sr. Citizens of Utah	9am		ASL Level 1 Class @ St. George	5:30pm
	Living w/Hearing Loss @ Columbus	10am		ASL Level 2 Class	7pm
	Scrapbooking Club	10am	Nov 19	Crafty Cooking Class for YOU	6:30pm
	Scrapbooking Club @ St. George	10am		Deaf Spiritual Group	6:30pm
	ASL 1 Class @ DATC	11:30am		Videophone Etiquette	7pm
	ASL 1 Class @ DATC	5pm	Nov 20	Holiday Open House	4pm
	ASL Lab @ St. George	5pm		4 on 4 Men/Women Volleyball	4:30pm
	ASL Level 1 Class @ St. George	5:30pm	Nov 21	UAD Board Meeting	10am
	ASL Level 2 Class	7pm	Nov 22	Evening Children's Program	6pm
Nov 5	ASL Class	6pm	Nov 23	ASL 1 Class @ DATC	11:30am
	CASE Class	6pm		ASL 1 Class @ DATC	5pm
	Deaf Spiritual Group	6:30pm		Dog Service Training	5pm
	The Deaf "Voice" in Education	7pm		ASL Level 1 Class @ St. George	5:30pm
Nov 6	4 on 4 Men/Women Volleyball	4:30pm	Nov 24	Where, How, Why of ASL @ St. George	6pm
	Sr. Citizens @ St. George	6:30pm	Nov 25	Deaf Sr. Citizens of Utah	9am
Nov 8	Evening Children's Program	6pm		ASL 1 Class @ DATC	11:30am
Nov 9	ASL 1 Class @ DATC	11:30am		ASL 1 Class @ DATC	5pm
	ASL 1 Class @ DATC	5pm		ASL Lab @ St. George	5pm
	Dog Service Training	5pm		ASL Level 1 Class @ St. George	5:30pm
	ASL Level 1 Class @ St. George	5:30pm		ASL Level 2 Class	7pm
Nov 10	Beginning Speechreading	6pm	Nov 26	<i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	
	Where, How, Why of ASL @ St. George	6pm		Deaf Spiritual Group	6:30pm
Nov 11	<i>Veteran's Day</i>		Nov 29	Evening Children's Program	6pm
	Deaf Sr. Citizens of Utah	9am	Nov 30	ASL 1 Class @ DATC	11:30am
	Living w/Hearing Loss @ Columbus	10am		ASL 1 Class @ DATC	5pm
	ASL 1 Class @ DATC	11:30am		Dog Service Training	5pm
	ASL 1 Class @ DATC	5pm		ASL Level 1 @ St. George	5:30pm
	ASL Lab @ St. George	5pm			
	ASL Level 1 Class @ St. George	5:30pm			
	ASL Level 2 Class	7pm			
Nov 12	Deaf Spiritual Group	6:30pm			
Nov 13	Parliamentary Law & Procedure				
	4 on 4 Men/Women Volleyball	4:30pm			
	Ice Cream Social @ St. George	6pm			
Nov 14	Parliamentary Law & Procedure				
	Quilting Class w/Leftover Fabrics	10am			



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## **New boss, New Language Skills Focus for Utah Deaf School**

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Catching children early when their brains are still developing is key, said Noyce who is considering upping visits to two times a week.

"If they choose the auditory path, one visit isn't enough," he said. Noyce also wants to launch a weekly parent-toddlers support group to build camaraderie among families. About 85 percent of parents of deaf children choose to an oral language path.

Some change their mind midstream. Cochlear implants aren't prescribed for everybody, said Mower.

And even with the implant, Zeke's hearing won't be perfect. There are times he can't use it; in the bath and at night while he's sleeping.

For this reason, the Butterfields are also visited weekly by a deaf mentor who hones the family's sign language skills and introduces them to deaf culture.

"It used to be you had to choose one or the other," said his dad Brandon. "We're lucky and thankful to have options."  
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