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## **LDS Symposium a Success**

*Submitted by Jenefer Reudter*

Wow! We had a great LDS Deaf Symposium 2009 hosted by the Salt Lake Valley 1st Deaf Ward! We had over 150 combo ticket holders plus an additional 100 people for a variety of activities. Many people from Utah were in attendance along with 4 people from Australia and 4 people from England. The rest of the numbers were filled by participants from all over the United States! Many people were able to learn from each other and even learn some British Sign Language as well as Australian Sign Language!

Some of the activities that were enjoyed included the Opening Social with free ice-cream, workshops, firesides, attending the Oquirrh Mountain Temple Open House (over 300 Deaf attended the Open House!) and a Hawaiian luau. We were also fortunate to have church services held in the Little Theater of the Conference Center.

Many who attended expressed their gratitude to all those who put in many hours to make the Symposium a success! So a big heartfelt THANK YOU to all of you for coming and enjoying a few days with us!

Look forward to another LDS Deaf Symposium in 2 years! More information will appear at the website [www.deaflds.org](http://www.deaflds.org) soon! Check back often to keep up on news!

## **Protect Yourself From Lightning When Outdoors**

*Contributed by Lance Peterson, Weber County  
Emergency Manager*

### **Keep in Mind:**

Lightning can strike as far as 10 miles away from any rainfall.

You are in danger from lightning if you can hear thunder. Lightning injuries can lead to permanent disabilities or death. On average, at least 10% of strike victims die; 70% of survivors suffer serious long term effects.

### **Do the Following:**

**Monitor NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards**, your favorite news source, and/or NWS web sites for vital weather information.

**Postpone activities promptly, don't wait for rain.** Many people take shelter from the rain, but most people struck by lightning are not in the rain! Go quickly inside a completely enclosed building. If no enclosed building is convenient, get inside a hard-topped all-metal vehicle.

**Keep an eye on the sky.** Look for darkening skies, flashes of lightning, or increasing wind, which may be signs of an approaching thunderstorm.

**Listen for the sound of thunder.** If you can hear thunder, go to a safe shelter immediately.

**If you see lightning or hear thunder, immediately suspend the game or practice and instruct everyone to go inside a sturdy building.** If no building is nearby, a hard-top vehicle with windows closed will offer protection. Coaches and other leaders must be aware of weather conditions for practice sessions and games.

**Be the lowest point.** Lightning usually strikes the tallest object. In the mountains if you are above the timberline, you ARE the highest object around. Quickly get below the timberline.

**If you can't get to a shelter, stay away from trees.** Keep twice as far away from a tree as it is tall.

**Avoid leaning against vehicles.** Get off bicycles and motorcycles.

**Get out of the water.** It's a great conductor of electricity. Stay off the beach and out of small boats or canoes. If caught in a boat, keep away from metal objects not grounded to the vessel's protection system. Swimming, wading, snorkeling, and scuba diving are NOT safe. Lightning can strike the water and travel some distance beneath and away from its point of contact.

**Avoid metal!** Drop metal backpacks and stay away from clothes lines, fences, exposed sheds, and electrically conductive elevated objects. Don't hold on to metal items such as golf clubs, fishing rods, tennis rackets, or tools. Large metal objects can conduct lightning.

**Move away from a group of people.** Don't share a bleacher bench or huddle in a group.

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## Meet Board Members at Large

### Stephen Ehrlich

Stephen was born deaf with low vision in Brooklyn, New York. He was raised by the first deaf couple in U.S. to become foster parents. He graduated from Gallaudet in 1972. He then got his Master's at California State University in 1975. Due to Usher's Syndrome, Stephen became totally deaf-blind in 1988, having a strong preference towards the deaf world. He was the first Deaf-blind rehabilitation teacher at Seattle Lighthouse for the Blind and was instrumental in having this agency sponsor an annual summer camp retreat for deaf-blind adults, since 1978. Stephen has served both deaf and deaf-blind organizations, community-based, statewide and nationwide. He moved to the Salt Lake area in 1998, when he met his wife, Jana, and they will celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary this year. Stephen is an active member of UAD and Beehive Chapter of GUAA. He is employed part-time at Sears Grand, specializing in ratchet repair. His favorite hobbies are reading, knitting, weightlifting and swimming, unaided, at Gene Fullmer Recreation Center.

### Rob Kerr

Rob originally was from Utah, and for over 25 years lived in other states; he returned home from Wisconsin in 1995. He graduated from Seattle Community College in 1979 with a certificate in Computer Information System, and went on to Gallaudet University, graduating in 1984 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics. He has had various jobs as computer clerks at Naval base departments and private companies. He has been involved in sport and deaf organizations. He is happy to be an UAD board member at large for a new two year term after two terms as UAD President. He is always interested in participating in the deaf community as he is able. He retired from his part-time work at MediaOne (formerly Newspaper Agency Corporation) 2008. He loves the outdoors - camping and biking. He has been working on his family genealogy as time permits and yet he is looking for a new hobby that will keep him busy.

### Abel Martinez

His name is Juan, but everyone calls him Abel. He was born in New Mexico, and his family moved to Ogden so he could attend Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind. He graduated in 1968. He graduated from West Valley Occupational Center in Los Angeles with a certificate, and worked for Dynamic Science Inc. as electronic technician for 13 years. He and Ana lived and worked in Los Angeles for 24 years. He and Ana have been married for 36 years. They have been in Salt Lake City valley since 2003. He is active with Bonneville Senior Club for the Deaf, and was vice president for a term. He bowls in the weekly bowling league. He has worked for Newspaper Agency Corporation for more than one year. His hobby is quilting.

### Donna Melander

Donna is a native Utahn, a graduate of Jordan High School. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Utah, in Recreational and Leisure Studies. She served as a missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter

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# Society Page

## Obituaries



**June 22, 2009** - Jeannette Farris, 83, passed away peacefully from natural causes, surrounded by her family. Jeannette was a very talented artist. Her paintings were as colorful as she was. Jeannette was a retired Administrative Assistant for the Veterans Administration Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah.

She was also honored to be a certified "Rosie the Riveter" during World War II. Jeannette's wishes were to be cremated and have her ashes buried at the Scott Family plot during a private family ceremony in Pea Ridge, Arkansas. A daughter, Joene Nicolaisen of Salt Lake City, survives her.

**June 29, 2009** - Frank Perkins, 88, passed away at his home with his loving family by his side. Ronald, as he was called, loved music and animals, especially horses, and hunting, fishing and building things. Ronald played the guitar and mandolin and had a small Western band of five players, "Rhythm Rascals". He was a member of the Salt Lake County Sheriff Posse for eight years. Among his survivors is a son, Ronald Perkins of West Valley City.



**July 5, 2009** - Betty Anderson, 84, died peacefully among many loving family members. She was the glue that kept the family together, always wanting to know how everyone was doing and she loved everyone especially her dog Precious. Funeral services were held in Salt Lake City. Dennis (Barbara) Anderson, a son, survives her.

**July 5, 2009** - Kay Curtis, 76, passed away with both girls by her side. She was a talented artist and seamstress. In her early 20's, she had a great interest in fashion design and found joy in modeling clothing for local retailers. She was a devoted mother and passed on her love for sewing and cooking to her two daughters. She is survived by her daughters, Sonia Hovey and Becky Larson; twin brother, Kenneth and his wife, Ilene Kinner of Riverdale; niece Deanne Montgomery of Jerome, ID; nephew Duane Kinner of West Jordan. Memorial services will take place August 1 at the Ogden Branch for the Deaf.



**July 16, 2009** - Raymond Russell, 84, passed away at McKay-Dee Hospital. Ray served during World War II in the United States Marines as Sea 1st Class where he received the Purple Heart. He had a love of horses and riding, and was a member of the Weber County Sheriff's Posse. He enjoyed

playing cards and he could cheat well. He was happiest when his kids and grandkids were with him. He also loved to build. A graveside service was held in Ogden. Among his survivors are Scott Russell and Steve Morlock.

**July 22, 2009** - Gary Adams, 70, passed away peacefully. Gary's life was one of giving service to others. He could be likened to a giant oak whose roots were strong and deep, and whose branches offered refreshing protection to his family and others. Gary was the recipient of a kidney transplant few years ago which gave him years of quality life that could not be experienced any other way. Funeral services were held in Payson with burial in Salem.

Among his children, Shelley (Marie) Farnworth survives him.

## 20 Years Ago

### TRAVELS HERE 'N' THERE...

Dave Mortensen, Beth Ann and Jay Campbell and Gene Stewart flew together to Washington D.C. Dave as board member of the PSC (Public Service Commission - editor) Advisory Committee on the URS (Utah Relay Service - editor) attended the TDI (Telecommunications for the Deaf, Inc.) Convention. Beth Ann, Director of the Utah Community Center for the Deaf and Gene Stewart, Interim Director of Deaf and Hearing Impaired Services attended Deaf Way. Both the TDI Convention and Deaf Way were held at the OMNI Shoreham Hotel...Janet and Jay Barker also attended Deaf Way, Jay in the capacity of guest artist. He amazed many with his flamboyant piano playing...Madeline Perkins attended two days of the TDI convention.

## Utah Shakespearean Festival

The Tony Award winning Utah Shakespearean Festival will offer six performances interpreted for the Deaf. Interpretation will be provided by Utah Valley University's Advanced Certification Preparation Program under the direction of Dale H Boam.

The performances will run August 17-22, 2009:

- August 17, 8pm, *Henry V* (Interpreted)**
- August 18, 8pm, *As You Like It* (Interpreted)**
- August 19, 8pm, *Comedy of Errors* (Interpreted)**
- August 20, 2pm, *Secret Garden* (Interpreted)**
- August 21, 2pm, *Foxfire* (Interpreted)**
- August 22, 2pm, *Private Lives* (Interpreted)**

Contact Dale H. Boam at [dboam@comcast.net](mailto:dboam@comcast.net), (801-590-4907 VP) or look on the internet at [www.bard.org/tickets](http://www.bard.org/tickets).

# Calendar & Local News

## SCCDHH Calendar

Date	Description	Time
Aug 1	ASL Interpreting Fast Track Program	
Aug 3	ASL Adventure Camp ASL Interpreting Fast Track Program ASL 1 Class @ DATC ASL 1 Class @ DATC	11:30am 5pm
Aug 4	ASL Adventure Camp ASL Interpreting Fast Track Program	
Aug 5	ASL Adventure Camp ASL Interpreting Fast Track Program Deaf Senior Citizens of Utah ASL 1 Class @ DATC ASL 1 Class @ DATC	9am 11:30am 5pm
Aug 6	ASL Adventure Camp ASL Lab @ St. George	5pm
Aug 7	ASL Adventure Camp	
Aug 10	ASL 1 Class @ DATC ASL 1 Class @ DATC	11:30am 5pm
Aug 11	Blackberry Training	7pm
Aug 12	Deaf Senior Citizens of Utah ASL 1 Class @ DATC ASL 1 Class @ DATC	9am 11:30am 5pm
Aug 13	USD Alumni Reunion ASL Lab @ St. George	5pm
Aug 14	USD Alumni Reunion	
Aug 15	USD Alumni Reunion Sunset Picnic-Family Summer Fun	5pm
Aug 16	USD Alumni Reunion	
Aug 17	ASL 1 Class @ DATC ASL 1 Class @ DATC Utah Shakespearean Festival	11:30am 5pm 8pm
Aug 18	Utah Shakespearean Festival	8pm
Aug 19	Deaf Senior Citizens of Utah ASL 1 Class @ DATC Legal Clinic ASL 1 Class @ DATC Utah Shakespearean Festival	9am 11:30am 3pm 5pm
Aug 20	Utah Shakespearean Festival ASL Lab @ St. George	2pm 5pm
Aug 21	Utah Shakespearean Festival	2pm
Aug 22	Downtown Farmers Market Utah Shakespearean Festival	9:30am 2pm
Aug 24	ASL 1 Class @ DATC ASL 1 Class @ DATC	11:30am 5pm

Date	Description	Time
Aug 26	Deaf Senior Citizens of Utah ASL 1 Class @ DATC ASL 1 Class @ DATC	9am 11:30am 5pm
Aug 27	ASL Lab @ St. George	5pm
Aug 29	UAD Friendship Day at Lagoon	
Aug 31	ASL 1 Class @ DATC ASL 1 Class @ DATC	11:30am 5pm

**\*\*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](http://www.uad.org), Event Calendar**

## Meet Board Members at Large

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day Saints, where she learned ASL, prosolyted in the deaf community, and met her future husband, Lorin. After completing her mission, she worked at the Ogden School for the Deaf as a dormitory counselor. Lorin and Donna were married August 21, 1976 and moved to Provo, Utah. Donna became an interpreter while her husband went to BYU, and during their five years there, they had three children. After graduation, they moved to Fremont, California, and lived there for 25 years. They are now back in Utah where she is a VRS interpreter for Sorenson Communications. Donna is also a member of the Riverton Metropolitan Orchestra where she plays the bassoon. They have four beautiful granddaughters.

### Mistie Owens

Mistie came to Utah from the beach cities of Southern California in the fall of 2006 along with her children Brekah, 15 and Nate, 10 and precious dog Minnie, while her eldest son AJ stayed behind in California to pursue ASL interpreting studies in college. She is married to Layne Owens (and adopted his dog Mollie) and together they enjoy traveling, gardening, the outdoors, renovating and motorcycling. Family and God comes first in her life and the Deaf community is a close second, with her fierce belief that Deaf people should have a variety of interactions that build a sense of community, self and identity. Being on the UAD Board is a chance to contribute to that mindset and to use her favorite phrase of the day: "Make it happen!"



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