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## Joene Nicolaisen Honored by State of Utah

*By Joene Nicolaisen*

Joene Nicolaisen received the Utah State Governor's Award for Excellence in Public Service on June 3 in a ceremony at the State Capitol.

Joene was nominated by co-worker, Jennifer Storrer, both of whom are employed by the



Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DSDHH) in Taylorsville, Utah. Governor Jon H. Huntsman Jr. gave the opening remarks and signed a Proclamation making June 4 Utah Public Employees Appreciation Day. Jeff Herring, Executive Director, DHRM, introduced the winners. A Department of Rehabilitation (USOR) Program Director Bill Gibson presented Joene with the award, substituting for Marilyn Call (DSDHH Director) who was out of town at the time.

Joene Nicolaisen has worked for the State of Utah for several years. She has been a mental health counselor and case manager with DSDHH for six years. For the last eight years, Joene has donated much for her free time as a volunteer Executive Director for the Segó Lily Center for the Abused Deaf (SLCAD). SLCAD is a unique agency in Utah that supports Deaf, Deaf-Blind and Hard of Hearing victims and survivors of abuse. During the last year, Joene was able to secure a large federal grant from the Department of Justice, Violence Against Women. This grant will serve Deaf and Hard of Hearing victims and survivors of abuse in rural areas of Utah and has allowed SLCAD to hire paid staff for the first time.

## Sorenson Open House

*contributed by Valerie Kinney*

Sorenson hosted an open house on June 17 under sunny skies, where close to 200 attended. Announcement was

made of three new developments to benefit Sorenson customers. Pat Nola, president and CEO, made the announcement; his comments are below.

DirectVP allows hearing customers to call their deaf clients directly, without having to dial one number and give another one. This simplified the process between hearing and deaf people. "This new feature will greatly simplify and streamline the process for hearing callers to contact deaf individuals who use SVRS, further helping to break down communication barriers, which is Sorenson's mission."

- SIP Relay Mobile for Blackberry allows deaf people with that pager to call hearing people. "We are pleased to be able to offer this powerful and flexible mobile communication tool to deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals, "SIPRelay Mobile for BlackBerry smartphones makes it easier for users to connect to the SIPRelay service. It is our goal to continue to create innovative solutions that provide communication options for the deaf and hard-of-hearing community."
- 911 service – those with VP can dial 911 for emergency service. "911 service is as important to a deaf person as it is to a hearing person, "Sorenson has offered prioritized 911 services to its VRS users for more than a year, which has resulted in our leading the industry in offering emergency VRS services. Sorenson invested in interpreter training, VRS education for 911 operators, and back-end integration with Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs). Sorenson Communications made the decision to invest in 911 technology years ago because it is a vital service that should be available for all callers."

Attendees were given a tour of the Sorenson VRS area, demonstrations of features, free shirts and treated to refreshments.

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## President's Message

By Rob Kerr

*Editor's Reminder:* Due to Rob being out of town for several weeks this summer, there will be no President's Message until September.

## Utah Interpreters Recognize SCLAD Board and Staff

by Joene Nicolaisen

Sego Lily Center for the Abused Deaf Board staff was presented an award by the Utah Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (UTRID) during the UTRID Unite Conference Awards Banquet held on Friday, June 13 at the Sanderson Community Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. The award was given to the SCLAD Board to recognize their outstanding community service in providing support to Deaf, Deaf-Blind and Hard of Hearing victims and survivors of abuse.

The SCLAD Board and Staff are Kim Thornsberry, Jennifer Kelly, Karen Kelley, Eli McCowan, Linda Berness, Cherie Hodson, Mark Jones, Sari Williams, Stephanie Mathis and Joene Nicolaisen.

Congratulations!

## Miss Deaf Utah Pageant Family Picnic Charity Celebration

Art, Entertainment, and Activities for ALL!

All happening at the Sanderson Community Center of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008 \* 4 pm to 8 pm

### Scales and Tails Utah

A 45 minutes presentation and 15 minutes Activity of handling reptiles and one finale animal, either a giant tortoise or a giant snake.

BBQ Picnic Sales

Bouncing Zone for Children

Family Games

Movie "The Blue Box" by David Pickett

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# Society Page



## Rattles n' Powder

**March 29, 2008** - Tova Batsheva, daughter of Zachary and Hadassah White of Sandy. Her sisters are Elisheva, Rivka, and Zahava "Sugie."

## Obituaries



**June 8, 2008** - Katherine Seegmiller passed away in a Salt Lake City nursing home, just 96 years and 357 days of age, 8 days short of 97 years old. She taught for some years at the Utah School for the Deaf in Ogden. She was the mother of Patricia Walker of Salt Lake City and grandmother of Nathan Vandergraff of Tucson, Arizona. Her husband, Carlos Seegmiller, and son in law, Rodney Walker, predeceased her. Cremains are to be taken to Pine-  
dale, Wyoming, according to her wishes.

**June 8, 2008** - John Hall passed away from complications of bone marrow cancer. He joined the U.S. Air Force out of high school and retired as a MSgt from the 419th at Hill Air Force Base, Utah in 1999. His military life took him to many areas of the world. He was awarded the highest medal of heroism in peacetime, the Airman's Medal for helping to rescue a pilot from a burning airplane at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada on August 11, 1979. John also worked at Hertz Auto Rental at the Salt Lake International Airport for ten years. Funeral services took place in Roy with interment at the Hooper Cemetery. John was the husband of Betty Hall, administrative assistant at the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind in Ogden.

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## 20 Years Ago

**Friday-Saturday 1st – 2nd** – Bonneville Bowlers Club of the Deaf will host its annual campout at Mantua. Drawings for such prizes as a compact microwave and a portable black and white television will highlight the weekend. There will be games and fun for all ages – horseshoes, volleyball.

## UAD Bookstore News

FYI... the UAD Bookstore will undergo painting, so the bookstore will be closed to the public on Friday, July 11, to prepare for the painting day the next day. The bookstore will reopen on Monday, July 14 at 1 pm as usual. Thanks for your understanding.

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## MDUP Pageant to Host Picnic

*Contributed by Andrea Anderson*

Come to our Miss Deaf Utah Pageant Charity Picnic Celebration on September 6<sup>th</sup>, Saturday! It's from 4 pm to 8 pm! Circle this date!

We welcome all ages! The goal of our picnic is to make the celebration fun for everyone. We will have many activities happening; a show by Scales and Tails where children are able to touch reptiles and see a giant tortoise or a giant snake. After this show, we will have fun games such as bouncing zone and a family game show! Also during this time we will have a picnic sale with lots of yummy foods and sweets.

The finale will be a movie presented by David Pickett, called "Blue Box." Come and show your support of the MDUP Pageant. We welcome all young ladies to come as well to interact with the deaf community and meet the new Miss Deaf Utah pageant staff. There will be a cool MDUP presentation on the goals and activities of Miss Deaf Utah Pageant for the year of 2008 and 2009.

We give thanks to Peterson's Food Store in Riverton for their donation towards this event. Look for our new exciting and awesome website soon! So many thanks to Cathy Holt for her hard work with the website. Have a great summer and see you all at the picnic in the fall!

For more information, contact Andrea Anderson, [andrea@audioenhancement.com](mailto:andrea@audioenhancement.com).



# Sports & Articles

## UACD Softball News

by Shari Bailey

Take me out to the ball game! Take me out to the crowd! Buy me some peanuts and Cracker Jacks. I don't know if I'll ever get back cause it's root root root for the home team, and if they don't win, its a shame, for its one, two, three strike,s you're out of the old ball game!

Hey, everybody, softball is back in style, there ain't no denial! So come on out and cheer for awhile!

First off the Utah Rapids Deaf Softball team has been hard at work getting ready for the upcoming softball tournaments in Pleasanton CA and Aurora, CO. The team has games every Wednesday night through the end of July in South Jordan and through the next two weeks on Fridays in Layton.

Utah Rapids has a combined record from the softball leagues of 3-10. However, most games have been very close and competitive. Come support the Utah Rapids Deaf Softball team! The NWSAD tournament is on July 3rd-5th in Pleasanton, CA. Cost of attending this tournament is still being determined.

The NSAD Tournament is on July 31st-Aug 2nd in Aurora, CO. Ticket information can be found here - <http://www.nsad.org/tournament.html> It's only \$25 dollars for a combo pass before June 15th. Hurry and get your tickets!

Let's introduce the Utah Rapid Deaf Softball Team and it looks like they have a pretty solid group of players!

### Staff:

Rod Jex- Coach  
Ben Smith- Assistant Coach  
Brian Munroe- Assistant Coach  
Richard Oscarson- Scorekeeper.

### Team Players:

Brian Munroe	Trenton Marsh
Kevin Bishop	James MacNicholl
Ben Smith	Dan Mathis
Tom Robertson	Craig Radford
Paul Ruth	David Nightingale
Brady Cluff	JR Goff
Jeremy Chamberlain	Jeff Pollock
Rod Jex	Steve Holland
Brandon Dopf	

Rod Jex, "Our goal this year for NWSAD is to improve on 4th place performances from the last 2 years and repeat a championship from 2004."

Go Utah Rapids!

The Women's team is looking for volunteers to coach their team. If anyone is interested, please contact Brian Munroe at [themunroe@gmail.com](mailto:themunroe@gmail.com).

## UACD Volleyball News

by Shari Bailey

Hello All!

The coed volleyball league had their tournament on May 10. It was a great success! A total of 9 teams competed in which they all played hard and had fun! For those fans that came to watch the games, it was well worth coming as there were many good and close games.

The championship team was Snickers, mmm doesn't that sound so good? 2nd place was clinched by Crunch and 3rd place was Reeses.

1st place received: Embroidered volleyball t-shirt, \$10 Subway gift card, \$10 Jaba Juice gift card.

2nd place received: \$10 Sports Authority gift card, \$10 Jamba Juice gift card.

3rd place received: \$10 Jamba Juice gift card.

Way to go teams!

In the fall, there will be a men/women's league. The first game will start on September 20th and continue on each of these dates:

September 27  
October 11  
October 18  
November 1  
November 15

The tournament will be on November 22. More information will be sent out through UACD and UAD email group in the near future. For more questions contact Chrystee Davenport at [vivacehrys@yahoo.com](mailto:vivacehrys@yahoo.com).

## Southern Utah UAD Bookstore

by Emily Tanner, Programs Director

Attention all Southern Utah folks! Looking for a place to purchase Deaf technology, equipment, books, videos, necklaces, and other items rather than ordering through the catalog? We are excited to announce that a Utah Association of the Deaf (UAD) Bookstore is in the process of being established at the Southern Utah Deaf and Hard of Hearing Programs office on 1067 East Tabernacle, Ste. 10 St. George, UT 84770-3292.

In the meanwhile, you can contact the Bookstore Manager of the Sanderson Community Center of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing to purchase items. They can have them shipped to your home. You must have a credit card ready to order your items. Contact Adele Sigoda at (801) 944-8871 Video Phone (VP) to order. For voice callers, call 1-866-907-8277. Or, send her an email at [uadbookstore@comcast.net](mailto:uadbookstore@comcast.net). If you have any questions, feel free to contact Emily Tanner, Programs Director at (435) 673-8983 VP, (866) 669-9507 Voice, or [emilytanner@utah.gov](mailto:emilytanner@utah.gov).

# Local News & Articles



## Come One, Come All to Southern Utah!

by *Emily Tanner, Programs Director*

It's time of the year when you take time off your busy schedules for vacation! Include in your vacation planning for this month of July to come to Southern Utah to see the Southern Utah Deaf and Hard of Hearing Programs office! We moved in a bigger office in March and have had a lot of renovations underway. We are very happy with the progress and would like you to come and join us here at the office on Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup> for an Open House at 6:30pm. We are honored to have the first director of this office, Ron Burdett, be our guest speaker. You will meet the Hard of Hearing Specialist that will begin in July. The assistive technology demonstration room, interpreter training room, and other rooms will be shown. A children's movie with subtitles/captions will be playing for children to watch. Snacks will be provided with time to socialize and meet one another. We invite each of you to come and see our office! Please spread the word to your family and friends! We hope to see you there! The contact information is: Southern Utah Deaf and Hard of Hearing Programs 1067 East Tabernacle, Ste. 10 St. George, UT 84770-3292, (435) 673-8974 Voice/TTY/Video Phone, and [dradford@utah.gov](mailto:dradford@utah.gov).

## Southern Utah V.R. Team Gains New Staff

By *Emily Tanner, Programs Director*

The St. George Vocational Rehabilitation office is very fortunate to have full-time certified American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter, Jacanita Harris, on board. She is well known by her nickname, Jackie. She began working on Monday, June 2nd.



Jackie was born and raised in California; mostly in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountain Range located east of Sacramento and west of Lake Tahoe. Jackie is a CODA (Child of Deaf Adults) with several Deaf family members. She is married to James Harris and they have 4 children. She graduated with an Associate of Arts (A.A.) degree in Early Childhood Education from the El Dorado Center in El Dorado, California. She has been an interpreter for 16 years.

Mexican food is Jackie's favorite food! She is also seen eating Flan, Peanut Butter cookies and Oatmeal Raisin

cookies for dessert. Chocolate brown and teal are her favorite colors. Hobbies include being with her husband and children, spending time with them and others, exploring Southern Utah, riding ATV's, swimming, visiting National Parks, & relaxing at home working in the yard and doing sewing projects. Jackie loves to eat food that her husband cooks!

Jackie's goal as an interpreter for the V.R. office is to be a resource to those around her. She hopes to be able to inspire people, help them achieve their goals.

If schedule permits, Jackie also interprets for the Southern Utah Deaf and Hard of Hearing office. Again, we welcome her!

## Pop top tabs drive for Ronald McDonald House Successful!

By *Amber Patterson*

Amber Patterson's English class was able to collect 173,022 tabs this past semester. We went to the Ronald McDonald House yesterday [approx. June 8<sup>th</sup>] and donated them all. It was a neat experience. After discussion, the students have decided to continue this project until the end of the year next year. Containers will be set up at JMS and USDB offices at Connor St at the beginning of the school year in August. Please continue to save your tabs and send them in!

There is, however, one condition. The tabs must be counted before giving them to us. The students are done counting them. :) Thanks again for your support and help!!

Amber Patterson, [amberpusdb.org](mailto:amberpusdb.org)



## Sign up for UAD Announce

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# Local News & Articles

## SCCDHH Calendar

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>TIME</u>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>July 2</b>	Deaf Seniors Kids Klub Dutch Oven	9am 10am 6pm
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>July 3</b>	Ballroom Dancing	6pm
<b>Fri</b>	<b>July 4</b>	<b>INDEPENDENCE DAY</b>	
<b>Fri-Sat</b>	<b>July 4-5</b>	BSCD Camp & Picnic	9am (Mantua)
<b>Wed</b>	<b>July 9</b>	Deaf Seniors Kids Klub Dutch Oven	9am 10am 6pm
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>July 10</b>	Ballroom Dancing Silent Game Night	6pm 6pm

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>TIME</u>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>July 16</b>	Deaf Seniors Kids Klub Dutch Oven	9am 10am 6pm
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>July 17</b>	Ballroom Dancing Open House	6pm 6:30pm
<b>Wed</b>	<b>July 23</b>	Deaf Seniors Dutch Oven	9am 6pm
<b>Sat</b>	<b>July 26</b>	UAD Friendship Day	10am (Lagoon)
<b>Tues</b>	<b>July 29</b>	Wealth Building	6:30pm
<b>Wed</b>	<b>July 30</b>	Deaf Seniors Kids Klub	9am 10am
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>July 31</b>	Silent Game Night	6pm

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**The series is FREE! Materials and lunch are included at no cost to you!**  
*All classes are taught in American Sign Language. Let us know if need any other accommodations.*

**Registration deadline is one week before each workshop.**

**\*Children's activities are available for ages 5 to 10.\***

When registering, please include the number of children and which workshops you plan to attend (1 or all 4). RSVP by email: [info@slcad.org](mailto:info@slcad.org) or call 1-888-328-5486 (TTY, V, Fax). Hurry, space is limited!

**1) June 21, 2008 (10:00 to 1:00) Self-Esteem/Self-Care Learn simple ways to improve your self-esteem and how to fit taking care of yourself into your busy lives!**

**2) July 19, 2008(10:00 to 1:00) Budgeting - Learn to set up a budget that makes sense!**

**How to Save Money (when you don't have any)!**

**3) August 23, 2008(10:00 to 1:00) Dressing for Success- How to Impress for Less (\$)**

**Job Interviewing/Resume Writing/Job Searching**

**4) September 20, 2008(10:00 to 1:00) Smart Shopping  
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**What Happens in JULY ....**

"I Forgot" Day

Independence Day (July 4th)

Air Conditioning Appreciation Days

Cell Phone Courtesy Month

Be Nice to New Jersey Week

Don't Step on a Bee Day

Family Reunion Month

Embrace Your Geekness Day

Cow Appreciation Day

Gorgeous Grandma Day

Take Your Houseplant On a Walk Day

Utah's Observed Pioneer Day

Make Someone Smile Week

Single Working Mother's Week

**...Stays in JULY!**

