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## A Message from the President

*By Rob Kerr*

In December the weather was nice with a lot of white snow; it was very cold but it looked lovely anyway. I assume that you had a fantastic time during holidays, as did I. My younger sister, her child and grandkids stayed at share time resort at Park City for a week from Nevada. We had a nice time although there was not much snow up there.

Since I have not as much to say for the message this month, I am wondering if you have noticed our current economical problems that the state is faced with and our more difficult financial crisis. What's more, the Deaf Center has already had to cut some programs as well as layoff some workers. It may close in the evenings earlier when there are no activities. You will need to understand that situation is temporary until our economy improves, hopefully soon.

For the moment, I just let you know that I have also written my article about my vacation from November in this month's Bulletin. I was planning to do that last month but didn't have my pictures at that time. I think it is fun to tell you how we had an exciting time on our Mexico Cruise. You can read my article and enjoy whatever you can.

Before I forget, have you bought the UAD Conference 2009 combo yet? Get it as soon as you can before rate goes up

February 1st. If you can't afford to pay for the tickets in full, another option for you is to get a layaway plan. Check with Adele, UAD Bookstore manager or the volunteer working will fill out for you with small down payment. We will be excited to see you there for our big special celebration on May 7-9, 2009!

## Help the UAD Bulletin Go Green

*By Jennifer Oleson*

We are very excited to be able to bring you the current issues of the UAD Bulletin online as noted in the above article. But we need your help! In order to help our environment and our financially-challenged nation, we'd love to be able to drop most of the paper copies that are currently going out except to those who do not have a computer.

Remember, as with many of your bills and catalogs, with the UAD Bulletin you can go paperless as of January 1st simply by contacting Valerie Kinney. Help do your part and go green in 2009!

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## To Communicate or Not to Communicate

by Emily Tanner

What is communication? What does that word mean? Found in The American Century Dictionary (1996), it defines communication as the conveying of a message to another person through various means. That includes conversing with someone in person, talking on the phone, sending an email or text message, letter writing, and more. It includes two or more people using a language to share information. Thoughts and emotions through tones are expressed.

Sign Language is a visual, not an auditory language that expands on the meanings of words expressed. People receiving the messages through sign language have a clear and better understanding of what is expressed. The senses of visualizing and feeling are heightened. The tones, instead of sounds are visual. It is portrayed through hands and body language.

As a child born Deaf, my parents who are both hearing explained their experiences with deciding the best method of communication with me. Feelings overcame them confirming that by learning ASL, I would communicate with them fully and not withdraw in isolation. As a result, both of my parents and I learned ASL together. As my sisters were born, they learned bilingually--spoken English and sign language. This allowed me and my family the freedom to communicate and express feelings without barriers.

Commonly, parents encounter fear when learning that their child or children acquire deafness through sickness, genetically, or from birth. The relationship among family members with Deaf children is very critical. Language development includes the ability to communicate with one another is so valuable for the child's success. Research, statistics, and actual stories seen indicate a low percentage of Deaf peers and their parents refusing to master sign language. The communication barrier between the Deaf person and their parents are incredibly high.

The National Association of the Deaf (NAD) emphasized their belief that language is a human right for all children, and that deaf infants and children should be given the opportunity to acquire and develop proficiency in American Sign Language (ASL), a fully accessible visual language, as early as possible. The doors of communication will be wide open and easily accessible if sign language is the base of the relationship between the Deaf child and their parents.

In conclusion, former president of Gallaudet University, a Deaf University located in Washington, D.C. I. King Jordan's famous quote says, "Deaf people can do anything, but hear." With emphasis, Deaf people are normal beings that must be treated equally like everyone else and the rest of the world. Thinking to fix and make Deaf individuals like hearing people is not the solution. The solution is to learn American Sign Language. Communicate and treat Deaf people just like you would like to be treated.

# Society Page

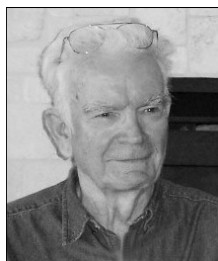
## Obituaries



**November 30, 2008** – Gerald "Jerry" Schwab passed away. Jerry loved the outdoors and loved to challenge himself with outdoor activities. He especially loved scuba diving and riding his ATV. But his all time favorite was hunting. He was an avid deer, antelope, elk, duck, goose and

pheasant hunter. He also enjoyed fishing, ice fishing, snow skiing, snowmobiling, water skiing, camping and many for outdoor adventures. Jerry took the time to teach his children about the outdoors, the beauty and history of the wilderness and how to survive. Funeral services for were held in Afton, Wyoming. Jerry is survived by his wife, Ottrie R. Schwab; his children, Ruby Wronkowski; Dalene "Dolly" Ikegwuonu; Paul (Ruth) Palmer; Grace (Lynn) Watterson; April Palmer.

**December 3, 2008** – Everett Anderson, 97, passed away in Brigham City. He loved wood working, deer hunting, and enjoyed fishing with family and friends, and was active in the Corrine Pheasant Association. Everett was a dairy farmer by profession. Funeral services were held in Corrine with interment in the Bear River Cemetery. Barbara Aldridge of Corrine was a granddaughter of Mr. Anderson.



**December 17, 2008** – Spencer Hind passed away at the age of 87 after a long and productive life. He was a welder repairman for Westinghouse for 35 years. Spencer was the first deaf person in the church to serve as Branch President, and presided over the Salt Lake Valley Branch for the Deaf for eight years, and called to be high councilman in the Salt Lake City

Park Stake, the first deaf person to serve in that calling. Spencer and Gladys had recently celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary with family and friends. Survivors include his wife, Gladys, and several children, including Doug. Services and burial took place in West Jordan.

## CORRECTION

In the December 2008 issue of the UAD Bulletin, the name, Bert Chaston, should have been listed, not Bertrand Voss. We regret the error.

## Late Christmas Greetings

*Although late, these greetings are sent by*

Lila West and family  
Ron, Kristi and Longaberry  
Mauna Wilson

## New Officer

Diane Williams is now the Relief Society President for Salt Lake Valley LDS 2nd Ward.

## 20 Years Ago

### Travels Here 'n' There

Bill and Kleda Quigley went to Kent, Washington in September to help out with their new granddaughter, Tiffany. They visited with relatives in Idaho, Washington and Oregon on the way...Dorothy Young's mother, Rita Linden of Hillsboro, Oregon will come to visit for two weeks during the Christmas holidays...LaRue Ross, Berdean Christensen and Linea Blomgren were aboard the seven-day cruise to Ocho Rico, Jamaica, Georgetown, Grand Cayman, Playa del Carmen and Cozumel, Mexico in November.

## Extreme Makeover given to Williams Family

Sari Williams and her family express their appreciation and gratitude to the Utah Interpreter Program (UIP) volunteers who willingly gave up their time, came to their home and helped remodel the basement for their family.

The basement now looks nice and lifts their spirits up. The Williams children now can watch TV downstairs. They love it very much! A love sack was given to the family.

They also painted Sari's bedroom, and the colors are so nice.

The Williams family thanks the UIP volunteers and other people who donated their time.

Happy New Year and love to all,

Sari & Zachary, Glenn Jr, Zarren, Zenn, Zari



# Local & National News



## Southern Utah News: Quality of Who's Life?

*By Emily Tanner*

Millions of good memories were created in 2008 by each of you! Now, a new year has dawned on us! A new year of joy, happiness, and hope begins! It's you who will create another season and another lifetime of cherished memories this new year of 2009! The Southern Utah Deaf and Hard of Hearing Programs located in St. George, UT joins the rest of you in setting goals.

"Enhance the quality of life for people who are D/deaf or Hard of Hearing" states part of the mission of the Robert G. Sanderson Community Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Southern Utah Deaf and Hard of Hearing Programs. In other words, the mission is to "provide a better quality of life for people with hearing loss of any degree." The Deaf Center in Taylorsville and the office in St. George work together to provide the best services for all people with any degree of hearing loss. Both of the offices are free of communication barriers. If you are a person losing your hearing and do not sign, there is no need to worry. There are listening devices or other technology that are available to assist with communication. This includes Pocket Talkers and Ubi-Duo Machines like keyboards to type back and forth. There also are staff members who are trained to work with you to assist you in receiving services you are looking for or need.

The Southern Utah Deaf and Hard of Hearing Programs office goal is to "bridge the gap of communication" and "bring everyone together as a community." All people with any kind of hearing loss are welcome to the office and will not face barriers with communication. There are different services provided and events everyone is welcome to participate.

Each of you live your lives the way you feel comfortable with. The way you think it should be. Come together and create the Deaf community stronger and better! Our office is here to help provide services you need. We also have events for you to get together and share the same language and needs with communication. This office is for you! We wish you the very best in 2009!



## Desert & Buggy Adventure

*By Rob Kerr*

I would love to talk all about our experience from our Royal Caribbean Cruise "Vision on the Sea" last November. However, space is limited on UAD Bulletin, so I will just write of our Desert and Buggy Adventure.

Jim and Kathy Allen asked Sally and me if we were interested to ride a desert buggy, and we agreed at once and then ordered our Desert & Buggy Adventure tour ticket through travel agency. The tour was in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. Afterwards, Jim and I learned that other five Utah Deaf couples already reserved it through the agent as well. I thought it was cool to go out with them to have fun together. For your information about buggy adventure policy, they are very strict regarding age, but I made it through and was still able to get on the tour. A Montana Deaf couple wanted to as well, but the policy is not to allow those over the age of 65 years old to drive the buggy. They had to take a different tour instead.

While we rode the buggy, Jim and I thought we could take turns driving the actual buggy. After I watched, I let him since he struggled to put right shift transmission frequently (which was in poor condition) so I passed to let him drive himself all the way. The front leader kept checking behind us to make sure that we stayed on the trail while the person behind all of us observed if any one of buggies had any problems and he would fix them up so we could keep on. We spent an hour and a half on the trail which included dirt roads and by the beach--it was well worth our time there.



*Jerry Roach took picture of group who rode Desert & Buggy Adventure: Robert Kerr, Sally Green, Greg and Rosa Rathbun, Norm and Suzanne Reese, Brad and Suzanne Oswald, Jerry and Betty Roach, Doyle and Annette Page from Utah; Jim and Kathy Allen, Montana; Tour guide.*



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# SCCDHH calendar

Date	Description	Time	Date	Description	Time
Jan 1	New Year's Day (Holiday)		Jan 20	ASL & Interpreting Class	5pm
Jan 2	SYHO/SLCAD	6:30pm		U of U College of Humanities Happy Hr	5pm
Jan 3	UAD Board Meeting	9am		CASE Class—Part 2	6pm
Jan 5	CASE Class in Price	1pm	Jan 21	Coping Skills	11am
Jan 6	ASL & Interpreting Class	5pm		ASL & Interpreting Class	11:30am
Jan 7	Coping Skills	11am		Legal Clinic	3pm
	USDB vs Wendover @ SCCDHH	4:30pm		USDB vs Mt. Vernon @ SCCDHH	4:30pm
Jan 8	Gentle Yoga	10am		DSDHH Advisory Council	5:30pm
	ASL & Interpreting Class	5pm		Speechreading Class	6pm
	Volleyball (St. George)	7pm		HLLA	7pm
Jan 9	Indoor Blind Volleyball Tournament		Jan 22	Gentle Yoga	10am
	Scrapbooking Club (St. George)	1pm		Institutional Council Mtg in SLC	4:30pm
	USDB vs Westridge @ Westridge	4:30pm		ASL & Interpreting Class	5pm
Jan 10	Indoor Blind Volleyball Tournament	9am		Speechreading Class (Logan)	5:30pm
Jan 12	ASL & Interpreting Class	11:30am		CASE Class—Part 2	6pm
	CASE Class in Price	1pm		Volleyball (St. George)	7pm
	USDB vs ICS Basketball @ ICS	4:30pm	Jan 24	"Peter Pan" in ASL	7:30pm
Jan 13	ASL & Interpreting Class	5pm	Jan 26	ASL & Interpreting Class	11:30am
	CASE Class—Part 2	6pm		CASE Class in Price	1pm
Jan 14	Coping Skills	11am		USDB vs Westridge Academy @ SCCDHH	4:30pm
	ASL & Interpreting Class	11:30am	Jan 27	ASL & Interpreting Class	5pm
	Speechreading Class	6pm		CASE Class—Part 2	6pm
Jan 15	Gentle Yoga	10am	Jan 28	USDB @ Western States Basketball Tourn.	
	USDB vs Wasatch Academy @ SCCDHH	4:30pm		Coping Skills	11am
	ASL & Interpreting Class	5pm		ASL & Interpreting Class	11:30am
	Silent Game Night @ DATC	5pm		Speechreading Class	6pm
	Speechreading Class in Logan	5:30pm	Jan 29	USDB @ Western States Basketball Tourn.	
	CASE Class—Part 2	6pm		Gentle Yoga	10am
	Volleyball (St. George)	7pm		ASL & Interpreting Class	5pm
Jan 16	SYHO	6:30pm		Speechreading Class in Logan	5:30pm
Jan 17	Kid's Club (St. George)	9am		CASE Class—Part 2	6pm
	Quilt Club	10am		Volleyball (St. George)	7pm
Jan 19	Martin Luther King Day (Holiday)		Jan 30	USDB @ Western States Basketball Tourn.	
			Jan 31	USDB @ Western States Basketball Tourn	
				Interpreting Class for Domestic Violence	8:30am

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