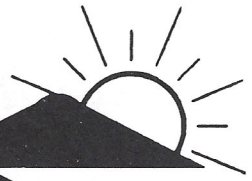




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Board Meeting at the Cross Lanes Community Center on February 27, 1999

A regular board meeting of the West Virginia Association of the Deaf was held on February 27, 1999, at 1:40 p.m. at Cross Lanes Community Center in Cross Lanes, WV.

Present were President, Jimmy Harrison, Vice-president, John Burdette, Secretary-Treasurer, Liz Purvis, and Trustee, Clyde Swartz.

The minutes from the December 5, 1998 WVAD board meeting were read and approved.

President's Report

1. Jimmy reported that he received a letter from Fairmont Association of the Deaf stating that they wanted to cancel their bid for the 2001 WVAD Conference.

2. Jimmy showed a new booster booklet designed by John Burdette. It will be used to write in names of people and businesses giving donation to the WVAD to help cover some expenses that will incur during the 32nd Biennial Conference.

3. Jimmy made an announcement about a special feature on Deaf Culture to be shown on the CBS Evening News Sunday, February 28.

4. Jimmy will contact Kara Russell about reserving a conference room at the WV Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing office for the March 27, 1999 WVAD workshop.

Vice-president's Report

John reported that he sent several checks totaling \$375.00 to Liz Purvis for membership dues.

Secretary's Report

1. Liz reported that she received some information on Deafwood Production Company from Donna Williams of Parkersburg to share

with the board members and other interested individuals.

2. Liz reported that she also received a copy of the letter sent to Donna Williams from National Captioning Institute (NCI) about the problem with missing captions on video tapes. The letter stated that if a video tape is purchased with a caption problem, the video company that makes copies should send a replacement copy.

3. Liz reported that Donna has also sent a copy of the article, that was printed in the University Affiliated Center for Developmental Disabilities newsletter, regarding the annual award named after the late Hubert Anderson. An annual award will be presented to an individual who has provided exemplary service to or advocacy on behalf of West Virginians with disabilities. The first 1998 Hubert Anderson Award was presented to Dr. Michael Valentine at the February WVATS Advisory Board Meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Liz reported that as of February 27, 1999, we have \$1,214.70 in the checking account and \$10,281.58 in the savings account.

1999 WVAD Conference

Committee's Report

1. Letters are being sent out asking for donations for the conference.

2. Registration forms have been sent out.

3. The committee is putting together a program book. They received letters from the governor and mayor to be inserted in the program book.

4. Marty Blakely has agreed to be one of the guest speakers at the conference.

5. Souvenirs will be ordered for the conference after choices are

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Celebration of Deaf Culture

By John Burdette

I went to Marshall University to give a presentation about deaf culture. I had been asked by Cheryl Cooper, Senior who is doing a project on "Celebration of Deaf Culture" lecture series. It was my first time visiting the campus of Marshall University.

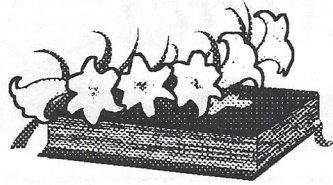
Within my presentation of deaf culture I shared that it consists of history, values, language, education, technology, and heritage/folklore in the deaf community.

For the language of the deaf, the major sign language used in the deaf community is American Sign Language (ASL). It's a visual language that relies heavily on facial expression and mouth movement, and body language. There are many different sign languages, but we mostly feel that ASL is our only natural language in form of communication. I also emphasized that eye contact is very important to the deaf people who are communicating with sign language. That is the reason "Eyes are our Ears" to deaf people.

Identity is an important issue with the deaf community and individuals who are deaf due to setting of education, language, and whether their parents were deaf or hearing. It is important for anyone who is learning ASL to have a full understanding of ASL and deaf culture.

About assistive devices and technology, again I explained to them that most of the assistive devices are flashing devices and vibrations. Deaf people depend on their eyes and the feeling of

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Obituaries

Timothy Robert DeWalick

Timothy Robert DeWalick, 40, of Fairmont, died Friday, March 5, 1999 at Ruby Memorial Hospital, after short illness.

He was born September 22, 1958 in Fairmont, a son of Lois Jean DeWalick Lephew of Riversville and the late Paul R. DeWalick.

He was employed for 20 years at Fairmont State College in the maintenance department. He also worked part-time for Mr. Tune's in Quiet Dale. He attended the Church of Christ in White Hall.

He graduated from West Virginia School for the Deaf in 1979.

He has a daughter, Laura K. DeWalick.

His body was donated for science at West Virginia University. A memorial service on March 14, 1999. Memorial contributions may be made to his daughter, Laura K. DeWalick at Fairmont Federal Credit Union.

Mildred J. Greenlee

Mildred J. (Huff) Greenlee, 93, of Point Pleasant, died Wednesday, March 10, 1999 at Pleasant Valley Nursing and Rehab Center.

Born March 28, 1905, in Wayne County, WV to the late Wilbur and Emma Huff.

She attended the Romney School for the Deaf and Blind in Romney, WV.

She was an employee of the old Quality Manufacturing Co., and was a member of the Henderson and Sand Hill Churches of Christ.

She was married to the late Bryan J. Greenlee, a member of one of Mason County's oldest families. He was a painter contractor and well-known in the area. Although

deaf all of her life, she was a loving mother, grandmother, and sister, and always had a smile for everyone she met.

In addition to her parents and husband, she is preceded in death by a sister and brother.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Frank E. and Ada Greenlee of Leon; a daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Dick Warden of Point Pleasant; a brother, Leland Huff of Marion, Ohio; a sister Louise Huff of Leon; four grandchildren, Tammy (John) Baker of Point Pleasant, Robbie (Kellie) Poore of Ashton, Bryan Poore of Point Pleasant, and Richard (Alisha) Warden of Southside; seven great-grandchildren, Dustin, Brittany and Amanda Baker, Cole Poore Tyler and Sierra Poore, and Baby Warden.

Services were held at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at the Deal Funeral Home, Point Pleasant, with Eugene Zopp and Vernon Henton officiating.

Burial followed at Kirkland Memorial Gardens, Point Pleasant.

Editor's Note: Her deaf sister is Louise Huff. Louise is staying in the Pleasant Valley Nursing and Rehab Center. Mildred and Louise were roommate at the nursing home.

Our deepest sympathy go to her family.

-Point Pleasant Register

Gerald Randall Deering

Gerald Randall Deering, 64, of Huntington, WV died Monday, May 10, 1999, in St. Mary's Hospital.

He was born December 12, 1934, in Hubball, WV, a son of Opal Adkins Deering of Huntington and the late Horace Deering.

He was an employee of NABCO Supply of Huntington. He attended the Grace Gospel Church and was President of the Greater Huntington Association of the Deaf. He attended the West Virginia School for the Deaf in Romney, WV.

He was preceded in death by a

sister Doris Jean Strickland. Additional survivors include his wife, Opal Burks Deering; one son, Rodney D. Deering of Huntington, WV; two daughters and sons-in-law, Gloria L. and Chris Linville of Hurricane, WV, Sandy L. and Richard James of Hickory, NC; six grandchildren, Richard "JJ", Kristin, Jessie, Lynn, Alicia and Tyler; one brother and sister-in-law, Joyce and Ralph Adkins, all of Huntington.

Friends called from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday at Reger Funeral Home. Funeral services was conducted at 1 p.m. Thursday at Reger Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Timothy Dixon, pastor of the Winfield, WV, Church of the Nazarene officiating. Interpreter was Kara Russell. Burial was in Spring Valley Memory Gardens.

Graduation 1999

Graduation ceremonies for the West Virginia School for the Deaf will be held at 10 a.m. June 11 in the Multipurpose Room of the Secondary School for the Deaf. Valedictorian for the School for the Deaf is Melora Lee Brock and salutatorian is Damron Keith Walton. Candidates for graduation are:

Melora Lee Brock, Justin Matthew Catlett, Sylvia Ann Eller, Latasha Charmaine Hackett, Samuel Lee McGraw, Jeffrey Allen Quimby, Damron Keith Walton and Jeffrey Lynn Wright, Jr.

Nursing Home

Howard Fritz has been confined to Heartland Nursing Home in Beckley, WV.

Howard was founder of Beckley Association of the Deaf.

If you would like to send him a card or write a letter to him or visit him, his address is Heartland Nursing Home, 100 Heartland Drive, Beckley, WV 25801.

The 1998 Hubert Anderson Award Winner

An annual Hubert Anderson Award will be presented by the WVATS Advisory Board each December to an individual who has provided exemplary service to or advocacy on behalf of West Virginians with disabilities. Hubert Anderson was Executive Director of the WV Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and was serving in his second term as Chair of the WVATS Board at the time of his death in November 1997. The first annual award was presented to Michael Valentine, Ph.D., at the February WVATS Advisory Board Meeting.

Dr. Michael Valentine has worked in the field of education for nearly 30 years with a broad range of experience from public to higher education. He has been an instructor at Gallaudet University, where he received his Ph.D., Marshall University, Salem State College, the University of Charleston, and the West Virginia College of Graduate Studies. His administrative background includes experience at the Texas School for the Deaf, the West Virginia Division of Rehabilitation Services, the West Virginia Department of Health and the West Virginia Department of Education, he has served as coordinator of low-incidence programs, director of the Deaf-Blind Project, Director of Special Education and is now Assistant State Superintendent.

Dr. Valentine was one of the original authors of the Assistive Technology Systems Change Grant which resulted in WVATS. His enthusiastic support of assistive technology is clearly evidenced by his lobbying for continuing financial and technical assistance for the annual Paths Conference, Camp Gizmo, and various other training and educational opportunities for parents, teachers, and students in West Virginia.

As a certified interpreter in West Virginia, Dr. Valentine is

frequently engaged in interpreting for major events in the state. He has hosted a weekly television public service program "Listen to Me" sponsored by the West Virginia Library Commission, Community Service Program for the Deaf.

Dr. Valentine has demonstrated exceptional leadership skills and a strong personal commitment to the education of students with disabilities in West Virginia. He has modeled personally and professionally a sensitivity to and a passion for assisting individuals with disabilities and is a fitting recipient of the first annual Hubert Anderson Award.

Information on Dr. Valentine excerpted from WV Department of Education materials.

-University Affiliated Center for Developmental Disabilities (UACDD)

Febreze Is Dangerous to Pets!

There have been multiple instances of dogs and birds who have died or became very ill after being exposed to Febreze, a deodorizer/air freshener. Febreze contains zinc chloride, which is very dangerous for animals.

Please do not use Febreze anywhere near your pets! If you have used it near your pets or on their bedding, clean the bedding/area thoroughly to remove the Febreze, and move the animals away from the area.

Please pass this information on to other pet owners/caretakers, before more animals are injured or killed, and find a safer method of odor control.

Febreze: This product is marketed as something that removes odors without covering them up. However, there is a strong smell to it, but worse than that, Febreze contains zinc chloride. Many birds have already been killed after this product was used in any proximity to them whatsoever, and some dogs have also died. Other dogs have become ill without dying.

-From Internet

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made.

6. A chairperson needs to be chosen to select award winners.

7. Vice-president will take care of a necrology.

Old Business

John Burdette (Clyde Swartz) moved that we table the Sympo until further information is received. Motion was carried.

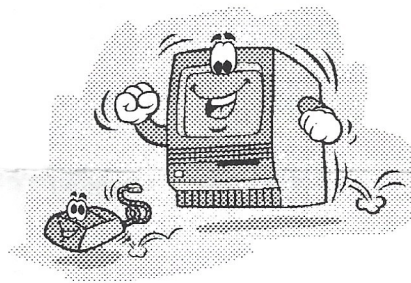
Clyde Swartz (John Burdette) moved that the we close old business. Motion was carried.

New Business

John Burdette (Clyde Swartz) moved that President Jimmy Harrison talk with Ruby Losh about the bid for 2001 WVAD Conference. Motion was carried.

John Burdette (Liz Purvis) moved that WVAD set up a workshop on March 27, 1999.

Recorded by Secretary Liz Purvis.



Y2K Preparations

According to the latest U.S. Congressional Report, households and facilities should plan for the possibility of problems due to the Y2K situation as they might for a major winterstorm. It is suggested that individuals and families keep on hand a 4-5 day supply of nonperishable food, water, and temporary measures for heat and light. As for our school, we will be sure to have an ample supply of food and water. A generator is in place for cooking, etc. in Seaton Hall. Each department should ensure that the dormitories are equipped with extra blankets, batteries, etc.

*-Staff Newsletter,
WV School for the Deaf*

West Virginia Association of the Deaf, Inc.

32nd Biennial Conference

June 17-19, 1999
Lewisburg, WV

Tentative Conference Agenda

THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 1999

4:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.	Registration
7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.	Board Meeting
9:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.	Social

FRIDAY, JUNE 18, 1999

8:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.	Breakfast on your own
9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.	Registration
9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.	Exhibitions & Crafts
9:00 A.M. - 9:30 A.M.	Address of Welcome
9:30 A.M. - Noon	Tour or By-Laws Meeting
Noon - 1:00 P.M.	Lunch on your own
1:30 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.	First General Session
5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.	Dinner on your own
7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.	Registration
7:00 P.M. - Midnight	Social/Reception/Dingo/Cash Bar Hosted by Greenbrier Valley Association of the Deaf

SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 1999

8:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.	Breakfast on your own
9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.	Registration
9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.	Exhibitions & Crafts
9:00 A.M. - Noon	Workshop
Noon - 1:00 P.M.	Lunch on your own
1:30 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.	Second General Session with Election
4:30 P.M.	Wrap-up
6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.	Awards Banquet Guest Speaker: Marty Blakely, WVSD Director of Student Living
9:00 P.M. - 1:00 A.M.	Comedy Show Disc Jockey/Ballroom/Door Prizes/Cash Bar

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vibrations. I described the difference between TTY and Relay Service and how it works. I told them that nowadays, technology makes much easier for deaf people with a Pager, Fax or Internet/Online to communicate with other deaf or hearing people without any communication barriers.

I shared information with them on how the deaf people keep up with each other in the deaf community. Socialization usually takes place at deaf clubs, organizations, or special events. It is often that deaf people have a tendency to be late because they like to chat for long periods of time to share and catch up detailed information about their lives, family, friends, and the change in routine or expectation. It is a place where deaf communities are an extremely tight world that we all preserve friendship, interaction, also to create the political strength the deaf need to lobby for support from the larger community. If there is a sporting event for the deaf, it can draw a large number of attendance from all over, not just for the sport but for the socialization.

Along with my presentation, I also shared several examples from my personal experiences during my childhood years and my years at Gallaudet University. I learned lot more at Gallaudet interacting with students across the US including the International Students. They bring their own sign language and culture to Gallaudet. It enriched my knowledge in foreign sign languages and the deaf culture in their native countries.

Announcement

Elizabeth "Liz" Purvis and Mike Leisure were married on April 2, 1999. Liz has a daughter of Linda. We wish them a happy couple. Congratulations!

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\$1,000.00

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Sightseeing Places
Banquet

Workshop
Meetings
Ballroom

If you are an early bird and purchase a combo ticket before June 1, 1999, you will get two tickets per person for cash prizes. If you purchase a combo ticket after June 2, 1999, you will get one ticket per person for cash prizes.

Come one, Come all, and Have Fun!

Please Don't Miss A Chance to Win!

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 540 North Jefferson St.
 Lewisburg, WV 24901
 Phone (304) 645-7722 & Fax (304) 645-7865

June 17-19, 1999 Conference Registration and Event Fees

	Registration	Friday Night Social & Game Reception	Saturday Night Banquet & Ballroom	Total
WVAD Member	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$40.00	\$70.00
WVAD Senior Citizen (60+)	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$35.00	\$60.00
Non-Member, Regular	\$15.00	\$25.00	\$45.00	\$85.00
Non-Member, S.C. (60+)	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$40.00	\$75.00
Student (13 to 18)	\$5.00		\$15.00 (Banquet Only)	\$20.00



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WVAD Senior Citizen (60+)	\$40.00	\$45.00	\$50.00
Non-Member, Regular	\$65.00	\$70.00	\$75.00
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Motel Reservation Request Form

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TRIPLE	\$50.40

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