2002 NAD Conference in Washington, DC
Submitted by John Burdette

West Virginia Association of the Deaf sent Donna M. Williams and I as the delegates to 45th Biennial NAD Conference held on July 3-8, 2002 in Washington, DC at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel. It attracted over 2,000 people from across the nation and around the world. The conference theme, "Hand in Hand - We Make A Difference!" showing working together, we all truly made a difference for deaf and hard of hearing Americans.

The conference schedule was packed with workshops, forums, exhibits, evening activities and much more!

This year's conference was an unique location in the capital of our country, the attendees brought home something, which had never happened before. It is a strong patriotic feeling created by the impact of terrorist's attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon. We were reminded that America is at war and we must remember and never forget the terrorist's attack.

Also, for the time, the spotlight was on deaf visual and performing artist displayed of comedians, mimes, dancers, performers, singers, band, and artwork. The entertainment was a feast for the eyes and it filled everyone with pride.

The Opening and Closing ceremonies were filled with an excitement with many performances and speakers. The same went for 4th of July Celebration and Cultural Arts Extravaganza. On Thursday evening, the Fourth of July performers portray important historical American and deaf American figures, they renewed and energized our deaf and American pride. The new NAD Board was introduced during the cultural arts extravaganza on Sunday evening July 7th, and main program showcased a variety beautiful cultural arts performances.

The Conference's favorite event in the conference was College Bowl. Gallaudet, NTID, and CSUN sent their teams to capture this year's bowl. NTID with 53 points won the victory defeating Gallaudet (34 points) and CSUN (30 points) in a heated battle between intelligent deaf and hard of hearing students. It was a very close contest decided by the final two answers.

Another event was very popular in the conference, Miss Deaf America Pageant had 27 contestants who competed for a new 2 years crown. Miss Deaf Maryland is new Miss Deaf America 2003-2004. We're very excited and proud to have Monica Spangler, Miss Deaf West Virginia compete in NAD's Miss Deaf America Pageant.

Delegates were sent by the State Associations and Affiliations to vote on bills and chart next 2 years of work for NAD. We spent first 2 days attending symposium forums. The 6 different Forum Categories were:

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My Experience at NAD Conference
Written by Monica Spangler

Hello, everyone! I would like to share my experiences at NAD Conference and Miss Deaf America Pageant in Washington, DC in July, 2002. Veronda Harrison, my chaperone and I both went to Maryland School for the Deaf for a retreat. The retreat was a lot of fun because we got to do many activities and we got the chance to meet all of the contestants and their chaperones.

We left on Tuesday to go to Washington, DC for the Miss Deaf America Pageant and NAD Conference. All of the contestants were separated into three groups, Delta, Mu, and Alpha. I was in the group, Delta. On Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday the three groups took turns doing three events: Platform speech, talent, and evening gown. Then, on Saturday night, they announced six finalists to compete for Miss Deaf America.

Even though I was not one of the six finalists or Miss Deaf America, I was not disappointed or sad. I was very happy that these six girls won the six finalists. They all deserved it for all of their hard effort and service in the deaf community. I was very happy that Miss Deaf Maryland won Miss Deaf America title because I really do believed that God chose her to win. Everything happens for a reason because God is in control of everything! I believed that everyone is a winner in
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NAD Conference

Experience
whatever they do for their future to become successful. I know that all of the contestants did a wonderful job and none is a loser. All of us tried our very best and we are still winners!

During the week of the NAD Conference and Miss Deaf America Pageant I had a wonderful time! I learned new and interesting experiences that I have never experienced in my whole life! I had so much fun meeting many different kinds of people from all over America. We got to watch the shows on stage at NAD and it was so much fun to watch! The dance shows that they performed at NAD by some people from different countries were very awesome!

I am very happy that I am still Miss Deaf WV, and I still have my Miss Deaf WV title until the year of 2003; then I will give my crown to the next Miss Deaf WV of 2003! I am looking forward to do that. I am very proud to represent the state of WV! God Bless You!!

Board Meeting started at 12:35 p.m. April 13, 2002 at the Holiday Inn in Bluefield, WV.

Present: John Burdette; Liz Leisure; Donna M. Williams; Joey Major; Charles Tuell; Clyde Swartz. Absent: Jimmy Harrison.

The minutes were read, revised and approved.

President's Report:
1. Follow-up letters regarding TDD signs and TDD’s at rest areas on Interstate.
2. Legislation passed bill for driver’s licenses to have identification that deaf. More information will come later.
3. Letter from United Deaf Services
5. Need to discuss delegates to go to NAD this summer.
6. Need to discuss WVAD Conference plans here at Holiday Inn.
7. Need to discuss WVAD webpage.
8. Need to discuss WVAD letters.

Secretary's Report

WVCDHH asked WVAD to write a letter supporting a 4-year interpreter training program and saying that West Virginia needs more qualified interpreters. Charity is working on a grant for Marshall University to set up a four-year program. Donna wrote this letter.

Try to follow-up on open captioned movie. Earl Hollinshead got this at one theater in Morgantown. John would like for us to send a follow-up letter to all the local movie theaters regarding open captioned movies.

Have current list of presidents and contact persons for all the Deaf Clubs in WV. Need names of contact persons to obtain information regarding upcoming events. Sandy Bagg is a new contact person for Wheeling Association of the Deaf. Veronda Harrison is the contact person for Charleston Association of the Deaf. John Burdette is the contact person for Greenbrier Valley Association of the Deaf.

Plans to add schedule of events on the WVAD website. Trying to reach all the contact persons to get all the details about the upcoming events to avoid conflicts. Donna will contact the person responsible for WVAD website. She distributed a list. She will send this list, as well as the list of contacts, to all deaf clubs presidents/contact person and to WVCDHH.

Donna announced the upcoming play at the Actor’s Guild in
New Business

Clyde (Joey) moved to discuss foods for WVAD picnic. Passed.

Joey (Liz) moved to discuss drinks. Passed.

Joey (Clyde) moved to have a fishing tournament and horseshoe tournament. Passed.

John and Donna will develop a flyer with "RSVP" to send money to Liz.

Fund Raiser

Donna (Liz) moved to sell T-shirts "Top Ten Reasons for Learning Sign Language." Passed.

WVAD 2003 Conference

Room rates--$80 all room types. Pageant--Hotel, Bluefield HS, or Bluefield State College

Next meeting August 10th in Parkersburg. Liz will make arrangements.

Joey (Clyde) moved to adjourn at 4:50 p.m.

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Heading For California

By Delores Pyles

Delores and Roy Pyles in Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming

My oldest daughter Carla Campbell, her husband, Roy, and I left West Virginia with much excitement on June 12, 2002 for California for the first time and for the National Campvention of the Deaf in CA. We tried to stop and visit many important places as possible since we could be gone from WV for only three weeks.

We visited our hearing friends, Gail and Delbert Stewart in Albuquerque, New Mexico; the Grand Canyon and Las Vegas in Nevada; our hearing former Cross Lanes neighbor, Jeff Billings, who I used to babysit since he was nine months old, who is now a lawyer, married a female lawyer, and lives in Long Beach, CA; and Venice Beach, CA, where the TV Show, "Baywatch" was filmed. We drove through Los Angeles, CA and did not see any famous person.

When we arrived at Buellton, CA, we met Mary Dallas Herrold (Please see her article and picture elsewhere in this issue); Paul and Jean Gum of PA; June Hillard and Robert Watson of Tulsa, OK; Robert and Caroline Downing of IN, who had gone to the Indiana School for the Deaf with the late Herbert Anderson, who was the second executive director for the WV Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing; and many new and old deaf friends.

Carla's husband, Larry, flew to See Heading on page 4
Ms. Herrold

By Delores Pyles

You may remember or wonder what Mary Dallas Herrold has been doing lately.

We saw Ms. Herrold at the Six Flags Campground in Buellton, CA, where the National Campvention of the Deaf was held during the week of June 17-22, 2002.

Ms. Herrold graduated West Virginia School for the Deaf in 1944 and Gallaudet University in 1949. She taught at WVSD from 1951 to 1975. Then she moved to California in 1975 to teach at the California School for the Deaf in Berkeley, CA and then in Fremont. CA after the school moved to Fremont until she retired in 1991.

Ms. Herrold's parents were Catherine Gollner and William Norris Herrold, Sr. He passed away many years ago. Her mother later became blind and died in 1994.

Ms. Herrold's parents, brother, Bill, Jr., and sister in law, Dot, all went to WVSD, too. Bill and Dot live in Falling Waters, WV.

When we noticed how good and happy Ms. Herrold looked, and we asked her how her life had been, she said she had volunteered much of her time to work for the deaf, community to stay busy and happy.

The best news from her was that she had been invited to her deaf friend's daughter's wedding, which was held in Hawaii in August, and she talked with much excitement about going to Hawaii for the first time in her life for the wedding and also to stay there for a whole week.

If you have seen her glowing face with a mile-wide smile lately, you would know that she had been back home from the beautiful state of Hawaii.

40th Wedding Anniversary

Merritt and Sue Snyder of Buckhannon, celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary on April 21, 2002. Family and friends joined the celebration at the home of their daughter and son in law.

The couple was married on April 21, 1962 in Philippi, at the bride's parents' home. The groom's father, Rev. Dorsey R. (Jack) Snyder officiated the ceremony.

Mrs. Sue Snyder is the former
Deaf Visitors in WV

John and Norma Favre in Seebert, WV with dog
Norma (Devericks) and John Favre of Mississippi along with their little, cute dachshund (dog), were in West Virginia last summer visiting Norma's son, Dennis Browning of Fairmont; deaf brother, Worthy Devericks and his wife, Lois, and deaf sister, Florence Johnson and her husband, Edward, at their summer camps in Romney; the Favre's deaf friends, Delores and Roy Pyles of Seebert, Janis and Ronald Williams of St. Albans, and others. Hope they had a wonderful time in West Virginia.

Patricia and Charles Wolford in Seebert, WV
Patricia and Charles Wolford of Springfield, IL visited her family in Delbarton, and their deaf friends in West Virginia during the week of July 4th last summer.
A few days after they returned home in Illinois, they in their pickup truck were hit by a 16 year old male driver, who speed at a high speed through a red light in Springfield, IL. The driver escaped any injury, but Patricia and Charles suffered lots of injuries, which did not threaten their lives. They have been slowly recovering from the injuries.
We wish them a speedy recovery.

Obituary

Robert E. Braun
Robert E. Braun, 65, of Westerville, Ohio, Monday, June 10, 2002 at St. Ann's Hospital.
Robert was born April 27, 1937 in Wheeling, WV.
He was a graduate of WV School for the Deaf.
He was a member of Wheeling Association of the Deaf, Columbus Anglers Club, Akron Canton Deaf Anglers Club and National Bass Association of the Deaf.

Shirley L. Carpenter
Shirley Long Carpenter, 66, of Englewood, formerly of Romney, WV, died Wednesday, June 5, 2002, at Englewood Community Hospital, Englewood, Fla.
Surviving are her husband, Max Carpenter, Harpers Ferry, WV.
Interment was held in Indian Mound Cemetery, Romney, WV.
Editor's Note: Max Carpenter was formerly for the WV School for the Deaf and Blind, superintendent.

Anna M. Walkup
Anna M. Walkup, 80, of Brimfield, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, Sept. 30, 2001.
Anna is survived by her husband of 54 years, James Walkup.
She was enrolled at the West Virginia School for the Deaf in 1929.

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Anniversary
Cecelia Sue Trahern daughter of the late Fredrick V. and Genevieve L. Tahern of Philippi, WV.
Mr. Snyder is the son of the late Rev. Dorsey R. (Jack) and Vecie M. Snyder of Buckhannon.
Mr. & Mrs. Snyder are the parents of two children Johnny B. Snyder and Lois S. White of Buckhannon. They also have four grandsons, Johnny Snyder II (Jocy) and Robert Merritt Snyder (Kobby) and Bryan A Cox and Trahern M. White all of Buckhannon.

ACLU files on behalf of deaf man
Victim's rights were allegedly abused during traffic stop

A deaf Vermont man who alleges his rights were violated during a routine traffic stop said he is suing state county officials "so this doesn't happen to other people with disabilities."
The American Civil Liberties Union's West Virginia chapter filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Martinsburg on Tuesday on behalf of Kent P. Richland, 44, of South Burlington, Vt.
The lawsuit alleges Richland was arrested and taken to the Eastern Regional Jail in Berkeley County last June without being given the proper resources to communicate with authorities. It accuses officials of false arrest and violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the West Virginia Human Rights Act.
The lawsuit names sheriff's Deputy R.L. Gardener, who was the arresting officer; Sheriff W. Randy Smith; the Berkeley County Commission; Steve Canterbury, director of the state Regional Jail and Correctional Facility.
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Sprint Internet Relay

Sprint has introduced new calling convenience for computer-savvy deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals with the launch of Sprint Relay Online (SM), an Internet relay service www.sprintrelayonline.com. Sprint Relay Online users can easily customize and complete phone calls via computer links as an alternative to traditional teletext (TTY) devices.

Relay services allow the deaf and hard of hearing to communicate readily with the hearing population through an operator intermediary. A relay call can now be made from a computer at home or work; anywhere an Internet connection exists. And compared with a TTY device, that conversation can be customized for a more personalized communications experience.

"With our Internet relay service, a TTY unit is not a necessity for making a relay call," explained Tony D'Agata, vice president, Sprint's Government System Division. "Another advantage is the absence of Internet call toll charges. Customers on the go can connect a laptop to payphones or hotel lines and call online, enjoying their mobility and freedom from additional devices."

Users simply dial their Internet service provider (ISP) to access http://www.sprintrelayonline.com. Once there, operator instruction can be given on a call set-up page to ask for a specific person, to type slowly, or select service announcement options, among others. The web application connects the user with a relay agent who dials and facilitates the intended call. The dialog can be seen as a split computer screen image; one side for the caller text and the other for the operator relay of the called party's response. Call transcripts can be saved or printed.

Internet relay calls are highly interactive. Screen text size and color can be specified for both the caller and operator screens. Macro buttons -- GA (go ahead), SK (stop keying) and PLS HOLD -- are part of the application. As a further innovation, American Sign Language (ASL) emotion icons -- or e-moticons -- are available to direct the operator's tone of voice and inflection.

Currently, seven symbols for a range of feelings help to make live conversation as expressive and realistic as possible. Spanish and French Creole language options are available. Other features include connection status (connecting, disconnected, busy, ready) and male or female operator specification.

The service also accommodates the hard of hearing (HOH) that wish to speak for themselves, thanks to a capability called Two-line Voice Carry Over. The user connects with Sprint Relay Online via computer to call his/her standard phone. With three-way calling conference capability, the Internet relay user will then conference in the relay operator and the hearing party. The HOH user speaks directly to the called party while reading the typed responses online generated by the Internet relay operator.

Sprint Relay Online service is available 24 hours a day. Users need a computer, phone line connection, web browser such as Microsoft Internet Explorer v4.0 or Netscape Communicator v4.78, and Internet service. Relay calls over the Internet do not incur toll charges.

Sprint network reliability leads the industry. In 2001, for the sixth consecutive year, Sprint's long distance network has been the highest quality network among major carriers according to fewest Federal Communications Commission-reported outages.

Sprint is the nation's leading provider of telecommunications relay services (TRS) with over a decade of experience. The U.S. government, 27 states and the commonwealth of Puerto Rico currently rely on Sprint to operate 10 relay centers and offer the power of communications many take for granted to a population that otherwise would be isolated. Relay services in each state were mandated by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and are paid for by all local phone customers through state fees included on monthly bills. Additional information is found at www.sprint.com/relay.

Birth Announcements

Catherine Washer and Shannon Smith of Little Rock, AR became the proud parents of a 7 lb. 11 oz. and 20 inches long baby girl, who was born on May 11, 2002. She is named Caitlyn Rose. She has a sister, Amelia Hensley.

Allen Earl Taylor was born to Marcus Taylor and Annie Hanson on June 7, 2002 at 11:47 p.m. (Central Time). He weighed at 8 lbs. 2 oz. and was 21 inches long.

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