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CAN YOU FIND PRESIDENT DOUG AND ROBYN EVANS IN A GROUP PICTURE?? The photo was taken in Clearwater, Florida on February 17, 2008 for the ClearBlue Conference and Outreach Specialist Training weekend. This photo is credited to CSDVRS Lisassle. For more story, see on page 3 under "CLEARBLUE".



Dear Members and Friends

First of all, I want to apologize for not sending out this WVAD Newsletter publication out in middle of March, 2008 as I planned, however, unfortunately, I was very sick with the "FLU" for 10 days. It was so horrible to experience and especially it happened during my spring break. I even went down to Lewisburg for the West Virginia Deaf Bowling Association event with my wife, Robyn, but I was lying on bed in room at Brier Inn and slept the whole weekend. Can you imagine how sick I was? But, guess what? I feel so much better now and you have this newsletter today and I hope you enjoy it. Smile!

Some of you may or may not have heard the news, but I want to share with you anyway. Ms. Deanna Stone, the West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Executive Director had resigned on Friday, March 14, 2008. The WVCDHH had their executive board meeting last week on Thursday, March 27 at the John XXIII Pastoral Center in Charleston, WV and of course, they had a closed session according to Vice President John Burdette. I was not able to attend the meeting, but I asked John to attend the board meeting in my place. John will inform me what was going on in their meeting, but had to leave when they called for a closed session, so the WVAD Board have no clue what the WVCDHH Executive Board Members plan. I am positively sure that they will announce their plan in the near future. The WVAD wants to ensure you that we are keeping our eyes open and make sure that they know that the WVAD do want to continue the partnership with the WVCDHH and whoever the new Executive Director would be.

Also, again some of you may or may not receive shocking e-mail from one deaf woman who stopped by and visited the West Virginia School for the Deaf few months ago. She toured the WVSD campus and spread the negative news. I did read her e-mail and found it very upsetting. One of the WVSD Alumni members emailed to Mrs. Ruby Losh, President of the West Virginia School for the Deaf Alumni Association (WVSDAA) and asked her if it is true. Mrs. Losh then replied to the Alumni member includes me simply saying "Not True." In matter of fact, I agreed with Mrs. Losh. At this time and as a WVAD President, I am not taking any action but support Mrs. Losh, WVSD and WVSDAA, unless, the WVAD Board of Directors and members tell different in the next WVAD Board meeting which will occur on Sunday, June 8. In addition, I plan to visit the WVSD for the 2008 seniors graduate on Friday, June 13 and meet WVSD Superintendent Dr. Pat Shank.

In closing, last February 9, the WVAD had our board meeting at the Comfort Suites in Mineral Wells, WV where the WVAD hosts 2009 Biennial Conference at. We, the Board Members toured the Comfort Suites conference room, sleeping rooms, and all others. I am very happy to tell you that the Comfort Suites is very neat, impressive place and very reasonable prices. There will be more details and updating information in the coming WVAD newsletter from now on.

Spring is here! We, the WVAD wish you all a very happy and warm spring season. I hope to see you at the Deaf Tech Fair this coming Saturday in Charleston.

Sincerely Yours,
Douglas A. Evans, President.

WEST VIRGINIA DEAF CLUBS

For those deaf friends who have no access to personal computer or Internet service. We have WV Deaf Clubs information for you.

Beckley Assoc. of the Deaf
usually meets the 1st Saturday
of the month

Contact: Nancy Nichols
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Contact: Jimmy Harrison
JHarrison5@aol.com

Fairmont Assoc. of the Deaf
usually meets 2nd Saturday
Of the month

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Greenbrier Valley Assoc.
of the Deaf

usually meets 2nd Saturday
of the month

Contact: John Burdette
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Huntington Assoc. of the Deaf

usually meets 1st Saturday
of the month

Contact: Sej-Christina Bentley

Parkersburg Assoc. of the Deaf

meets three times a year

Contact: Liz Leisure
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Romney Assoc. of the Deaf

usually meets 1st Saturday
of the month

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Wheeling Assoc. of the Deaf

usually meets 1st Saturday
of the month

Contact: Ray Matos



The CBS channel will air "Sweet Nothing In My Ear" movie on Sunday, April 20, 2008 at 9:00 P.M. with Deaf Actress Marlee Matlin. In *Sweet Nothing in My Ear*, Laura, who is deaf, and Dan, who is hearing, are an attractive young couple happily married for nine years. Their son Adam was born hearing, but by age six has also become deaf. When Dan decides to pursue the possibility of a cochlear implant for his boy - a tiny computer chip inserted in the brain that would allow him to regain his hearing - a divisive wedge is driven between husband and wife that threatens to shatter their marriage.

WVAD BOARD MEETING

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Sunday, June 8, 2008

Charleston, WV

The location and time will
post on WVAD website:

www.wvad.org

CLEARBLUE

The CSDVRS in Clearwater, Florida invited most State Associations' Presidents and some who represents for their State Associations or an organizations to the ClearBlue Conference to celebrate the ClearBlue and to expose us how to promote our State's ClearBlue, which is WVAVRS.

Robyn Evans attended Outreach Specialists training, since she is CSDVRS/WVAVRS Outreach Specialist the same weekend I attend the ClearBlue conference to help our WVAVRS to promote our products and services to the people in West Virginia who use the West Virginia Video Relay Service (WVAVRS).

The 2-days conference was the most wonderful experiences for us by learning in the workshops and also meeting the people from all over the United States including staff at the CSDVRS Headquarter. In addition, we did visited the CSDVRS Headquarter and met their mascot: actual dog named "Relay."

CONNECT WITH WVAVRS

We have been experiencing great success with WVAVRS. Thank you for your support to WVAD! If you have any comments or experiences you want to share, even concerns you can send email via wvavrs@wvad.org. You can even leave them on our WVAD website: www.wvad.org under WVAVRS tab.

Robyn Evans

West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing



sponsors the

DEAF TECH FAIR

Saturday, April 5, 2008

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Charleston Civic Center in Charleston, WV

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ASL STORYTELLING
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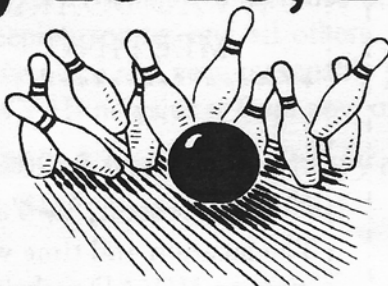
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2008 WVAD PICNIC



AUGUST 2, 2008
SUTTON LAKE
SHELTER #4
11:00 a.m. til Dark



\$10.00 per ADULT
includes
MEAL & DOOR PRIZES

\$5.00 per CHILD
(ages: 12-18)
includes MEAL

CHILDREN (under 12)
FREE

The WVAD will provide hamburgers and hot dogs for lunch and hamburgers, hot dogs & Kentucky Fried Chicken for supper.

PICNIC GUESTS: Please bring covered dishes (for those who bring will get an additional door prize ticket) and desserts.

GAMES

Horseshoe Tournament
\$5.00 to play
Corn Holes
\$5.00 to play
And More.....

COME OUT AND JOIN US TO HAVE FUN

CASH PRIZES

based on
**NUMBER OF
ATTENDEES**



ATTENTION CAMPERS: The camping will be at GERALD FREEMAN Campground which is approximately 10 miles (15-20 minutes drive) from the Sutton Lake Shelter #4. There are 77 electric outlets available at the campground. Small tent is allowed, however, only limited to eight people for each camping site with camper. Dogs are permitted at both campground and shelter for your convenience. The campground office reserves 20 campground sites for the WVAD for two nights, Friday and Saturday nights. If you are interested in making camping reservation or get more information, please call Robyn Evans on videophone at 304-623-4863 or e-mail her at trustee1@wvad.org by May 17th. **DO NOT CALL THE CAMPGROUND OFFICE!**

TO PARENTS: If you plan to bring your child or children, there is nice playground which is close to the Shelter for your kids to enjoy. And also, there is a very nice beach for your kids to swim. Make sure your kids to bring swimming suit and towel. Be aware that you are responsible for your kids and their behavior at both shelter and campground.

DIRECTION: [From northbound I-79, get off Exit 67 (Flatwoods), make a left turn] / [from southbound I-79, get off Exit 67 (Flatwoods) make right turn] and go toward to red traffic light, make a right turn and go on for approx. 1 miles until you see small GO-MART) store on your left side, make a left onto Rt. 15 and keep going for approx. 1 miles until you see Bee Run Picnic sign, make a right and continue for two more miles until you see two yields, go on left yield (picnic sign) and go up until you see the first shelter which is No. 4.

OBITUARIES

ARNOLD

KEYSER, W. Va. — Geraldine Estella "Gerri" Arnold, 81, of 500 Carskadon Lane, Keyser, died on Sunday, December 16, 2007, at WMHS Braddock Campus, Cumberland, MD.

Born May 11, 1926, in Keyser, she was a daughter of the late Justin E. and Georgia R. (Weese) Arnold. She was also preceded in death by a brother, Ray Arnold and three sisters, Ruth Bolyard, Martha Wiley and Mary Custer.

Ms. Arnold was a graduate of Keyser High School, West Virginia Beauty School of Martinsburg and attended Potomac State College, Shephard College and WV University. She was retired teacher from West Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind in Romney where she taught for 34 years. Gerri was a 68 year member of Grace United Methodist Church where she served in the Shepherd's Club and was a volunteer for the church telephone ministry and a member of Hampshire County Retired Teachers Association.

Gerri enjoyed painting and had many beautiful pictures in her home. She loved to crochet and made many beautiful pieces which she enjoyed giving to family and friends.

Surviving are her brothers, Edgar Arnold and wife, Della of Wildwood, Fla, Wayne Arnold and wife, Judy of Keyser and Frank Arnold and wife, Sheila of Alexandria, VA. Also surviving are many special nieces and nephews who lovingly called her "Aunt Dean Dean." She also leaves many special friends.

Funeral Services will be held at the Funeral Home, Keyser on Thursday, December 20, 2007, at 2 p.m. with the Reverend James A. McCune officiating. Interment will follow in Potomac Memorial Gardens, Keyser.

If desired, memorial donations may be made to Grace United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 40, Keyser, WV 26726 or Shriner's Philadelphia Children's Hospital, C/O Ali Ghan Shrine Club, P.O. Box 1416, Cumberland, MD 21502.



ADKINS JR.

ERNEST LEE ADKINS JR., 60, of Milton, W. Va., passed away Monday, December 31, 2007, at his residence. A memorial service will be conducted 3 p.m. Friday, January 4, 2008 at Heck Funeral Home, Milton, with Rev. Doug Bragg officiating.

Ernest was born September 6, 1947, in Wayne County, West Virginia, a son of the late Ernest Adkins. He is also preceded in death by his son-in-law, Karl E. Sindy.

He was the former Vice President of the West Virginia Association of the Deaf. He is survived by his mother, Rosella Adkins; his wife, Violet "Schoolcraft" Adkins; three daughters, Cindy "CJ" Pinterich, Robin LeAnn Sindy and Catherine Adkins-Begley; one son, Mark Adkins; one brother, Larry Adkins; one sister, Patricia Zimmerman; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be sent to the Huntington Postal Credit Union.



JACKSON

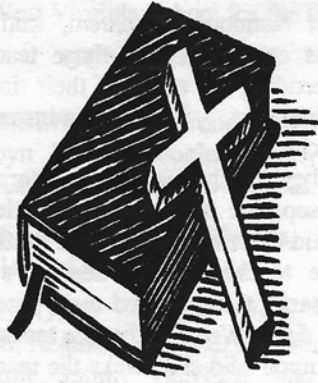
Gary Don Jackson, 61, of Harmar Place, Marietta, died Tuesday (Jan. 1, 2008) at Harmar Place.

He was born in Torch, Ohio, a son of the late Waitman and Oma Prunty Jackson. He graduated from Romney School for the Deaf and worked for WASCO Workshop. He was a Baptist by faith.

He is survived by his daughter, Polly Ellis of Cleveland; two brothers, Howard Jackson of Wadsworth, Ohio, and James Jackson of Orangeville, Ill.; four sisters, Betty Dawson of Marietta, Barbara Black of Kent, Ohio, Elizabeth Pepper of Petroleum, W. Va., and Mary Sue Parson of Crown City, Ohio; his stepmother, Jesse Jackson of Petroleum, W. Va.; and four grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Friday at McClure-Schafer-Lankford Funeral Home with the Rev. Delbert Bennett officiating. Burial will be in McPeck Cemetery in Murphytown, W. Va. Friends may call from 2 p.m. today until the hour of the service at the funeral home. The family will be present from 2 to 8 p.m. today to greet friends.



MCCORMICK

Judy McCormick, 64, of St. Albans, passed away Friday, February 22, 2008, at her home.

She was born January 26, 1944, in Charleston. Judy was a daughter of the late Billy Keith and Pauline Elizabeth Tackett McCormick. She was also preceded in death by her sister, Diane McCormick.

She was a graduate of the Romney School for the Deaf and Blind and attended Teays Valley Missionary Baptist Church, Hurriance.

She is survived by her sister, Debbie Robinson Harris and her husband Alpensie of St. Albans; her brother, Keith McCormick and his wife Debbie of St. Albans; her nieces and nephews, Mischelle Robinson-Stevens of Dunbar, Connie Dlugos of St. Albans, Chad Robinson of St. Albans, Danny McCormick of Kensington, MD.; several great-nieces; and great-nephews.

The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, February 25, 2008, at Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home, 409 Sixth Avenue, St. Albans, with Dr. John D. Smith officiating. Burial will be in Hazlett Cemetery, Garretts Bend.

LONG

Robert "Bob" J. Long, age 81, of Canton, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, March 1, 2008.

He was born September 25, 1926, in Camden, WV, to the late Forest and Bess Long. He attended West Virginia School for the Deaf. Bob worked as a professional barber for many years in Weston, WV. He retired from Timken Co. at age 62, after 18 years of service as a publisher. He graduated from Sunset School of Preaching in Lubbock, TX in 1999, where he earned an Associates Degree and preached for 10 years as preacher to the deaf. Bob enjoyed the computer, baseball and volleyball.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his three brothers, Thomas, Wade and Ray Long; and his sister, Lois Woffter.

Bob is survived by his loving wife of 19 years, Ruth Ann (Pargeon) Long; his son, John (Lois) Gorby of Moundsville, WV; his daughter, Patricia (Dave) Via of Glouchter, VA; 5 grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; two sisters, June Richmond of Circleville, OH and Katie Ellefon of Camden, WV; several brothers and sisters-in-law and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted on Monday, March 3, 2008, at 12:00 pm in the North Canton Church of Christ (1301 E. Maple St., North Canton, OH 44720) with Preacher Ted Blackwood officiating.

Calling hours will be held one from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the North Canton Church of Christ Deaf Fund in memory of Bob Long. The Reed Funeral Home is handling arrangements.



SPECIAL NOTICE

The WVAD Newsletter Editor wants to thank to some WVAD members for sending obituaries clipping to the Editor to publish in this newsletter. Editor Doug Evans would like you to continue if you know any West Virginia School for the Deaf friends and faculty/staff who passed away, please e-mail the hard copy obituary from newspapers or online to the editor@wvad.org or mail to the following address:

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Parents seek help for teachers of hearing impaired

Only four of county's 12 interpreters have passed state test

By KELLY HOLLERMAN
DAILY MAIL STAFF

Parents of some hearing-impaired children in Kanawha County say they think the school system needs to provide interpreters with more training and better prepare them to pass a state-required test.

School officials disagree, maintaining they are taking adequate steps to prepare interpreters.

A new state policy requires that all interpreters who work in elementary or secondary schools pass a test — the Education Interpreter Performance Assessment — with a score of at least 3.0 out of a possible 5.0.

Anyone now working in the schools who hasn't already achieved that score must sign up for the test by July 1. In 2010, the minimum to pass will be 3.5.

Interpreters who don't meet the testing requirements will have their job title downgraded to sign language specialist.

Right now, only four of the 12 interpreters in Kanawha County have passed the test with a 3.0.

Some of them have had to take the test twice to get that score, said Sandy Boggs, Kanawha County's director of special education.

Boggs said the remaining eight interpreters still have to retake the test to improve their scores.

Christine Kannon, the mother of a hearing-impaired sixth-grader at Stonewall Jackson Middle School, said she thinks interpreters need more support and more training to increase their efficiency in the classroom.

Hearing-impaired students are not getting the training they need in order to get a quality education, she said.

To communicate, deaf children do not use the same words as those who can hear. For example, they do not use words like "the."

Therefore, it is sometimes difficult to translate spoken words to sign language, Kannon said.

"Imagine, you cannot hear and you are solely concentrating on that person in front of you using vocabulary you have not been taught," she said.

"Because of the low skill of many of the interpreters at the higher levels, the kids are not getting the level of education. It's not the interpreters' fault. We would like to see support given to interpreters."

More training would fix that problem, Kannon said.

"We just don't feel the county has done enough," she said. "It's not that they have not provided some training, but it's not been enough to get them the support they need. What you need are classes provided to (interpreters) to provide skills and work on those specific areas where they are failing."

Boggs said the school system is doing everything it can to prepare the interpreters to pass the state-mandated test.

As soon as school officials found out about the changing requirements, they went into action. Boggs said.

A sign language interpreter who has already reached the required score has begun working with other interpreters in areas where they are weak, Boggs said.

She will do training and staff development seminars on days that students do not have to report to school, Boggs said.

The state has also assigned a mentor to communicate once a week with interpreters and answer any questions or concerns they might have, Boggs said.

So far the county has spend \$6,000 for training outside the county, \$1,150 in overtime pay for the interpreter who provides staff development and \$3,000 for one round of testing. The school system will also pay when interpreters test for a second time.

There are various levels of professionals who work with hearing-impaired students.

A sign language specialist works with children to summarize information in the classroom, but they mostly work with students who have less severe hearing problems, said Keith Ann Smith, the county's lead teacher for the hearing-impaired.

In addition to them, the county also has six teachers specifically trained to instruct the hearing-impaired. They work with regular teachers to actually re-teach material in a specialized way.

But Kannon, the parent, said she also is concerned that those teachers are spending too much of their time in the classroom interpreting instead of re-teaching.

"They (teachers and interpreters) are very separate and distinct positions," she said. "Students need the guidance of the teacher of the deaf. It's not necessarily that we need more teachers of the deaf. We need them to teach."

Kannon said she thinks the teachers of the hearing-impaired should be able to spend more of their time preparing alternative lessons for students, rather than being in a classroom trying to interpret traditional instructions that might not be appropriate for hearing-impaired learners.

"That way, the teacher of deaf has time to adjust lesson plans or get information for book reports," she said. "We don't want to say they're not doing their job. It would be more effective if they were re-teaching."

Smith, the lead teacher, said she and her colleagues need to spend at least some time in the classroom interpreting in order to most effectively help students.

"I would go into a class that a student has particular problems with," Smith said.

She said it often takes a teacher with very advanced skills to go into higher-level courses, such as Algebra II for example, and get that material across to a hearing-impaired student.

"Because I am a teacher who has had extensive language development, I would feel those kind of skills are more necessary in certain classes," she said. "If I feel like a student needed taught language development concepts, I would feel more comfortable teaching that."

School officials are proud of the county's hearing-impaired program, Boggs said. "I think we have excellent people that work with our students," she said.

"Our teachers of the hearing impaired are some of the top. We offer a quality education to our hearing impaired students."

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West Virginia Association of the Deaf
BOARD MEETING
Conference Room in
Administration Building
West Virginia School for the Deaf

OCTOBER 7, 2007

PRESENT: Veronda Harrison, Robyn Evans, Douglas Evans, John Burdette, and Worthy Devericks.

ABSENT: Linda Phillips, Caryn Keller and Liz Leisure.

VISITORS: James Ennis, Ruby Losh, Regina Ennis, Mary Kesler, Erin Fulton, Jimmy Harrison, and Don Bowles

The regular meeting of WVAD was held in the conference room of the Administration Building at the WV School for the Deaf in Romney, WV, on October 7, 2008 at 10:15 a.m. President Douglas Evans presided.

Opening Remarks: President Evans complimented the Charleston Association of the Deaf committee for their hard work with the WVAD conference.

President Evans announced that the 2009 37th Biennial WVAD conference will be held at the Comfort Suites in Mineral Wells (near Parkersburg, WV), on August 7, 8, and 9, 2009. The WVAD will be hosting this conference.

President Evans has appointed the following WVAD members and board members for the assigned projects for the term of 2007-2009. All the board members will be named as project coordinators and WVAD members as standing committee chairpersons:

Josiah Kelly as Parliamentarian

President Douglas Evans as temporary WVAD Newsletter Editor until a replacement is found.

President Evans will co-coordinate Fundraiser/Telemarketer project with Vice-President John Burdette.

Vice President John Burdette as Coordinator for DDLEOS, he will also co-coordinate Fundraiser/Telemarketer project with President Evans.

He has been appointed Coordinator for TTY signs on the interstates project and for the 2008 State Fair.

Secretary Liz Leisure will be the Coordinator for the Liability Insurance Policy for Board Directors and Mingo County Fund. She will co-coordinate the Budget Plan for the 2008 WVAD Conference with President Evans.

Treasurer Veronda Harrison is Coordinator for the promotion program.

Senior Trustee Worthy Devericks — to be determined.

Trustee Robyn Evans is Coordinator for Workshops, West Virginia Video Relay Services (WVAVRS), and the 2008 WVAD Picnic.

Trustee Linda Phillips as Coordinator for the 2009 WVAD Conference, Website Master, and, By-Laws.

Standing Committees:

WVAD Member Ruby Losh is the Chairperson for the WV Telecommunications Relay Services Advisory Board (WVTRSAB) — under Vice-President John Burdette.

WVAD Member Monica Kelly is the Chairperson for the WVAD Advocacy (WVADA) — under Secretary Liz Leisure.

WVAD Member Jimmy Harrison is the Chairperson for the 100th WVAD Anniversary Conference and WVAD Membership — under Treasurer Veronda Harrison.

Award Chairperson — To be determined.

WVAD Member Mary Kesler is the Chairperson for the American Sign Language Task Force — under Trustee Robyn Evans.

WVAD Member Caryn Keller is the Chairperson for the Youth Program under Trustee Linda Phillips.

The minutes of the previous meeting, August 2, 2007, were corrected and approved as read.

Treasurer Veronda Harrison gave the financial report on September 2007 and the WVAD Conference. The questions were answered to everyone satisfaction about the treasurer's reports so they will be filed. Veronda reported that she and Jimmy Harrison went to the bank to check on the certificate of deposits accounts. There were some errors found on the accounts and they have been corrected.

President Douglas Evans received a letter from Helen Jones' granddaughter, Lynn Jeffords, of Davidson, North Carolina, on August 30, 2007. Ms. Jeffords explained in her letter that Helen Jones was a lifetime member of the WVAD and asked that in her memoriam, that contribution is made to WVAD in lieu of flowers. A check was received in the amount of \$44.00. Two weeks later, another check was received in the amount of \$20.00.

He received a copy of the letter from Barbara Harris of Washington, D.C., who wrote a letter to Ms. Martha Yeager Walker, Secretary of the State, asking everyone to join her in the effort to have hearing aids included in the regular and customary list of assistance devices covered by medical insurance plans and Medicare.

The WVAD received a letter from the Connecticut Association of the Deaf about the the Region 1 Conference to be held November 9, 10, and 11, 2008.

Vice President John Burdette has no report to give at this time.

Secretary Liz Leisure is absent.

Neither Senior Trustee Worthy Devericks nor Trustee Robyn Evans has any report to give at this time. Trustee Linda Phillips is absent.

Youth Program Director Caryn Keller is also absent.

John Burdette, DDLEOS Coordinator, reported that he gave out cards at the Charleston Association of the Deaf picnic, Beckley Deaf Club, Romney Fire Hall Social, Parkersburg Deaf Club, and Lewisburg Deaf Club. He has been following up with Caryn Keller about making and checking the cost of the wallet size cards. Caryn has not yet heard back from her friend. The role play on CD is still pending as well as the interpreter directory on the WVAD website. John received a letter from the Division of Motor Vehicle (DMV) in September regarding a special code to use on the license plates for the deaf and hard of hearing drivers for easy identification for police. This requires an introduction of a bill to the legislation. The DMV said they would be happy to work with the WVAD and the WVCDHH to draft a proposal to the legislation.

In the near future, John would like to collect some testimonies from the Deaf and Hard of Hearing people about the successful usage of the visor cards to put on the website. He would also to do Vlog on the website about the availability of the visor cards and the use of it.

Chairperson Robyn Evans, West Virginia Video Relay Service (WVAVRS), reported that she was appointed contact person for the WVAVRS. She will be working closely with Shannon Odneal, Manager for CSDVRS. She is also an Outreach Specialist for CSDVRS. The actual launch date for WVAVRS is November 30, 2007 but the announcement will be made publicly on December 1, 2007 at the Flatwoods Annual Christmas Party. On December 1, the WVAD board members will meet with Shannon for training.

There was a 22 minutes recess started at 11:30 a.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Robyn Evans has been collecting websites and booklets information on business promotion freebies. She will get some samples now. When money from WVAD is available, we will order some freebies.

NEW BUSINESS:

Douglas Evans made a motion for Linda Phillips in her absence. Linda moved that WVAD web banner rates be paid four times a year at \$110.00; six months twice a year at \$175.00 and one year once at \$275.00. The motion passed.

Robyn Evans moved that WVAD ask the WV Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (WVCDHH) to propose a bill to the legislation requiring that there be publication about the WV School for the Deaf. The motion passed.

Douglas Evans moved that WVAD work with WVCDHH on the Civil Service examination to make it more accessible and work on the language of it. The motion passed.

John Burdette moved that WVAD have a booth at the 2008 State Fair. The motion passed.

Robyn Evans moved that WVAD send two delegates to the Regional 1 Conference on November 9, 10, and 11, 2007. John moved that this motion be amended by adding "if money is available." The amendment carried. The motion as amended and carried.

Robyn Evans moved that WVAD decide as to where we will have the 2008 WVAD picnic. John moved that this motion be tabled until more information about locations is gathered.

Veronda Harrison moved that the deaf pageant be closed. Robyn moved that this motion be tabled.

The next board meeting will be held in Parkersburg, West Virginia. The date will be announced in the near future.

There being no further business, by general consent, the President adjourned the meeting at 1:04 p.m.

ATTENTION TO BUSINESS VENDORS ARE YOU INTERESTING TO PUT YOUR BUSINESS ON OUR WVAD WEBSITE BANNER???

The following website banner rates are:

3 months (pays 4 times a year)
\$440.00 (\$110.00)

6 months (pays 2 times a year)
\$350.00 (\$175.00)

1 year (pays once a year)
\$275.00 (BEST DEAL)

For more information, please contact Linda Phillips, Website Master by e-mailing her at wvad1930@wvad.org or 304-428-7761 by TDD or VP

ATTENTION: WV Deaf & Hard of Hearing DRIVERS

Those who already received or had a DDLEOS placard (yellow card) from the Vice-President and DDLEOS Coordinator John Burdette or the office of West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, John would like to hear from anyone who had already experience when pulling off by any Law Enforcement Officers (city police, county sheriff or state trooper) for any reasons and use the "Driver is Deaf" card to present to the officers.

If you did, John would like your either positive or negative feedback whether the "Driver is deaf" card helped you or not, so that John and the WVAD knows if the card is successfully helping you to remove the communication barrier between you and the officers. John is asking you to have a several minutes of your time to write a story and e-mail to John by sending to his e-mail address: vicepresident@wvad.org. Your story will helps the WVAD to determine on what areas that need to improve.

Those who have never receive the "Driver is Deaf" card, please contact John at vicepresident@wvad.org to receive one copy of placard. **IT IS FREE!!**

ATTENTION: WV Sign Language Interpreters

The WVAD is updating our WVAD Interpreter Directory records, if you are an Interpreter in State of West Virginia or interpret in West Virginia, the WVAD would like you to go on our website: <http://www.wvad.org/14301.html> to sign up. For more information, e-mail to Caryn Keller at carynkeller@suddenlink.net.

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