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### 3rd Annual WVAD Christmas Party Success! by Tamera Deem

WVAD held its third Christmas party at the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) in Clarksburg, WV, on December 13, 2014. The party was a success and everyone enjoyed their time there.

Ninety-six (96) people came from far and near; they brought covered dishes and delicious desserts to complete our meal. A tasty dinner, provided by WVAD, consisted of turkey, ham (donated by Charles and Debbie Facemyre), mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, green beans, yams, rolls, etc., plus desserts that people brought to complete our dinner.

Thanks to Dallas Pack for giving our food a blessing. Veronda Harrison, being the chef, and several volunteers were a big help in the kitchen and they cooked a wonderful meal for us. Thanks to them! We also appreciate the efforts of others who pitched in, in the kitchen and helped with the clean up after dinner.

There were prizes that included \$1,000 in cash giveaways from admission, \$450 cash giveaways from the 50/50 raffle tickets, a 32-inch and 48-inch TVs, 2 free conference combos, Craftsman tool

chest, drill driver kit, alarm clock, WVU autographed basketball and posters, iPad mini, and baskets from the silent auction (donated by board members) to raise money for our conference next year.

Everyone enjoyed meeting old friends and new friends, catching up on news and reminiscing old memories that brought out laughter. I know everyone had a wonderful time!

We want to thank Robert Stewart for making reservations at the VFW for us earlier in the year. We also want to thank everyone who helped with the little chores and made the party a success! It was very much appreciated!

Thanks to everyone who came and made this 3rd annual Christmas party a success! We look forward to our next Christmas party! 🍷



John Burdette, WVAD President, watching Dallas Pack give his blessing for our Christmas Party dinner.

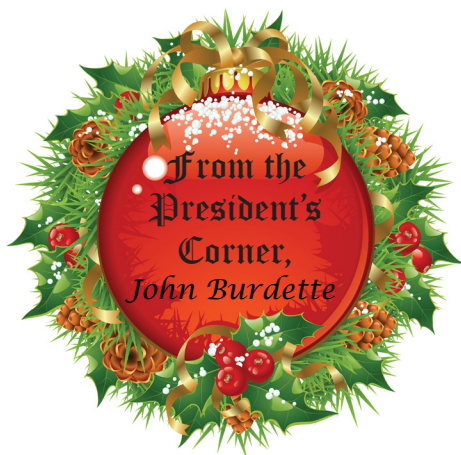
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Seasons Greetings to Everyone,

I hope you had a fantastic holiday with your family and friends this Thanksgiving. The countdown begins for Christmas Day! Are you all ready for the holidays? This year will be different for me with my mom's passing away.

The WVAD Board had their Board meeting on October 1 at Snowshoe Mountain Resort. We are pleased to announce the theme for the upcoming WVAD's 40th Biennial Conference and 100th Anniversary to be held at the Snowshoe Mountain Resort – Snowshoe, WV, on August 6-9, 2015. The theme is "Celebrating a Century of Bridging the Gap between WVAD and You." Please see the conference flyer on page 6 and registration combo form on page 8, along with lodging information on page 10. We hope you will come to our conference!

WVAD sent Donna Williams, Secretary, and April Hottle, Education Advocate, to attend Legislative Training Workshop held on November 15, 2014, sponsored by Virginia Association of the Deaf (VAD) in Richmond, VA. See the story on page 21.

I want to update everyone on projects or things that have been happening in West Virginia.

- On December 13, 2014, WVAD hosted their third annual Christmas party at the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) in Clarksburg, WV.
- West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing hired a new person for Executive Director position. His name is Earnest Covington III. He will be in the WVCDHH office on January 5, 2015. The Project Director position is on hold until the Executive Director starts.

A quick reminder for those who have not paid for expired membership (see page 19 for membership form), please send the form and payment to our Membership Coordinator, Larry Hubbard. Good news! WVAD is now accepting debit and credit cards for membership fees, etc. We are currently accepting Visa, Mastercard, and Discover. If you are not a member of

WVAD, please join. If you have any questions about membership, please contact Larry Hubbard, Membership Coordinator. Your support and dues help keep WVAD going. It is a good way to give someone membership as a Christmas gift.

In closing, WVAD will be reaching a milestone in 2015—the organization will turn 100 years old. Please check the WVAD website ([www.wvad.net](http://www.wvad.net)) or WV Association of the Deaf page on Facebook for any information about WVAD.

Are you all ready for the holidays? Happy Holidays from all of us at WVAD!

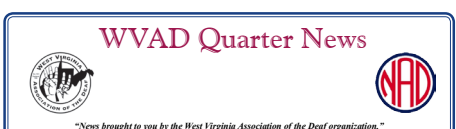
*John Burdette*

WVAD President



**This is a West Virginia Association of the Deaf (WVAD) non-profit organization newsletter for our WVAD family and friends.**

It is the purpose of *WVAD Quarter News* to be an informative communications newsletter by all WVAD members and non-members, addressing WVAD programs, activities, issues, and member interests. *WVAD Quarter News* strives to maintain a balance between program and general interest news. Contact the *WVAD Quarter News* editor at **WVAD Editor** concerning material appearing in *WVAD Quarter News*. *WVAD Quarter News* will publish materials submitted by anyone, subject to editorial review and approval. Please remember to send references of any outside sources you may use. Authors' names will be withheld from publication at their request. The views and opinions expressed by contributors to *WVAD Quarter News* are the authors' own and do not necessarily reflect those of the staff of *WVAD Quarter News*.



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# WVAD Board Minutes

## WVAD Board Meeting Held at Snowshoe Resort, Snowshoe, WV, October 1, 2014

### West Virginia Association of the Deaf's Mission Statement:

*The West Virginia Association of the Deaf, Inc., (WVAD) operated by, of, for the Deaf Community, advocates, and promotes to improve the quality of life for deaf and hard of hearing individuals including but not limited to deaf-blind individuals, parents of deaf children, interpreters, late-deafened adults, and children of deaf adults.*

**Members Present:** John Burdette, Jimmy Harrison, Veronda Harrison, Donna Williams, Worthy Devericks, Larry Hubbard, and Tami Deem.

**Committee:** None.

**Visitors Present:** Lois Devericks, Sally Hubbard, and Erin Fulton.

The regular board meeting of WVAD was held at Snowshoe Resort in Snowshoe, WV, on Wednesday, October 1, 2014. President John Burdette called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. with Secretary Donna Williams present. Before the meeting began, the board and visitors took a tour of the resort with Maureen McGee, Conference Sales Manager.

The minutes of the meeting held June 8, 2014, was sent via e-mail. It was corrected and approved via video phone and e-mail. The minutes of the meeting was published in the fall 2014 newsletter.

### Treasurer Veronda Harrison's Financial Report:

As of September 30, total expenses June 8 to September 30, 2014 – \$5,385.88; checking account – \$1,015.49; savings account – \$5,263.22; Mingo County Fund – \$14,542.42; conference fund – \$1,390.76; 100th Anniversary Fund – \$3,474.37; Deaf Youth Program – \$1,328.00; 2 Certificates of Deposits – \$12,003.63. Total balance in all accounts – \$39,017.89.

### President John Burdette's Report:

- WVAD still has not received the \$683.48 from Ramada Downtown Charleston. Will need to file a complaint with the Small Claims Court. John and Secretary Donna Williams have been working on the timeline of all the events since July 21, 2014.
- On July 22, 2014, received an e-mail from Amanda Bennett. She has a brother who is deaf living in Parkersburg, WV. He would like to get a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) so that he can drive trash truck/UPS vehicle, etc. She asked if I knew anyone who has his/her CDLs and would be able to help him study for the test.
- On August 11, 2014, sent an e-mail to the WVAD board about WV Statewide Living Center (WVSILC) and Fair Shake Network (FSN) regarding a training on "Advocacy through Social Media" that will be held September 15, 2014, at the WV Division of Rehabilitation Services (WVDRS) in Nitro, WV.
- On August 11, 2014, forwarded an e-mail to the board regarding an exhibit booth (free) at the Disability Awareness Forum on October 23, 2014, at Tamarack at the Beckley service area in Beckley, WV.
- On August 11, 2014, sent an e-mail to Rudy Colombo, Conference Sales Manager, at Snowshoe. Received an automatic reply saying Rudy is no longer working at Snowshoe and to please contact Maureen McGee.

- On August 11, 2014, sent an e-mail to Maureen McGee at Snowshoe. Received an automatic reply saying she is out of the office and will return on August 14, 2014. On August 13, 2014, received a response from Ms. McGee saying she is replacing Rudy's accounts and she will be happy to discuss contracts and meeting details. A video phone meeting was scheduled for Friday, August 15, 2014.
- On August 11, 2014, sent an e-mail to Kim Bianco-Majeri, Legislative Affairs at NAD, about legislative training for WVAD asking how much it would cost, etc. Received a response August 12 saying that an all day workshop/training about legislative training, how a bill become a law, lobbying, develop messages and community action plans, etc., would cost \$500 plus travel expenses. On August 19, 2014, received another similar e-mail including Donna Williams and April Hottle.
- On August 21, 2014, received an e-mail from Kim Bianco-Majeri that she sent to all state associations doing a Communication Electronic Survey to help understand how each state association communicates with its members, community, and within the board. It will also help her to see how she can communicate during legislative sessions with bill tracking and possible bills.

(See Board Minutes on page 5)



#### **(Board Minutes from page 4)**

- On September 9, 2014, received a text message from Ruby Losh asking to meet on video phone. She informed me that Fairmont State University/Pierpont Technical and Community College was having a Deaf Awareness Week from October 13 through 16, 2014. She asked for a WVAD board member to give a presentation about WVAD on Monday, October 13, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. I suggested Tami Deem.
- On September 25, 2014, sent letters to Mr. Jonathan Chambers and Mr. Gregory Hilbok with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regarding Universal Access to Video Mail (Interoperability). Received an e-mail response from Mr. Chambers on September 17, 2014, and an e-mail response from Mr. Hilbok on September 25, 2014.
- Received an e-mail from Dr. Lynn Boyer, Superintendent, about WVSDB job posting for high school principal and will share it on WVAD website under Job Announcement.
- Contacted membership coordinator of the Potomac Chapter Registry of the Deaf (PCRID) to check the status of organization membership and fees to renew.

#### **Vice-President Jimmy Harrison's Report:**

None.

#### **Secretary Donna Williams' Report:**

- As John said, I have been working on the Small Claims Timeline with John. I am finished but would like to get some advice whether or not to send entire timeline or only the part after receiving the first check. Will send letter to small claims court asking them.
- Have received several calls from the Deaf community complaining about VRI at the hospitals and doctors' office. There seems to be too many problems with technology and they prefer a live interpreter. I asked for permission to call the hospitals to inquire why they will not use live interpreters.
- Been working with April Hottle and Toni (Hall) Vaughan regarding the Deaf Child Bill of Rights, researching other states and NAD's, etc., and

what they want to see changed in some of the laws effecting deaf and hard of hearing children.

- April Hottle contacted John and me to push for a Jr. NAD chapter in WV. I told her I think best to go through WVSD. I contacted the Youth Director at NAD for suggestions and Tami Deem agreed to make a flier. E-mail was sent to Dr. Patsy Shank, principal of WVSD High School asking if there was a Jr. NAD there.

#### **Trustee Worthy Devericks' Report:**

Suggested sending WVAD newsletter to the public libraries for awareness.

#### **Membership Coordinator Larry Hubbard's Report:**

There are 149 members. Would like to send conference flier to everyone on list, including non-members and previous members.

#### **Newsletter Editor Tami Deem's Report:**

None.

#### **Legislative Advocate Toni Vaughan's Report:**

- Could not attend but sent a report to Secretary Donna Williams.
- Deaf Child Bill of Rights—would like to revise the resolution so to be same or similar as NAD's. Also checking into other states. Need to make it a law and not just a resolution.
- The House Bill 2470 regarding Sign Support Specialists needs to be amended to enforce these people to be ASL fluent and take a proficiency test. These sign support specialists also should not interpret.
- Amend the Policy 5202 regarding licensing to emphasize that teachers of deaf and hard of hearing children must be certified in Deaf Education and fluent in American Sign Language.

#### **Education Advocate April Hottle's Report:**

No report at this time.

#### **Old Business:**

- As stated in President John Burdette's report, John and Donna continue to work on the Timeline for the Small Claims Court.

- As stated in President John Burdette's report, an e-mail was sent to the membership coordinator of PCRID to check status and fees for renewal. He has not heard from them yet.
- President John Burdette asked the board members what kind of workshops we want Virginia Moore from KY Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing to give. Secretary Donna Williams suggested something about fundraising.

#### **New Business:**

- Veronda moved to send newsletters to 55 county libraries. Tami seconded. Passed.
- 2015 Conference: Jimmy moved to have DINGO Friday night at conference. Passed.
- 2014 WVAD Christmas Party December 13, 2014: Donna moved that officers provide basket for silent auction. Passed. Worthy moved one of the prizes should be one free 2015 conference combo tickets. Tami amended to give two free conference combo tickets. Passed. Veronda already bought 32" TV and mini-iPad for the party. Jimmy moved to buy another TV sized 40" or 42". Veronda amended to buy 40" to 50" TV. Passed.

**Cookbook:** Veronda suggested cookbook in binder to save money. Jimmy suggested we call all our friends for recipes and have them send to Tami and Veronda.

Tami moved for WVAD to pay for mileage to come to this meeting. Passed

**Next Meeting:** Days Hotel in Flatwoods Saturday, January 17, or Sunday, January 18, 2015.

With no further business, by general consent, President John Burdette adjourned the board meeting at 6:00 p.m. 🍷







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**West Virginia Association of the Deaf**  
**40th Biennial Conference**  
**August 6-9, 2015**

**SNOWSHOE RESORT**  
**10 Snowshoe Drive, Snowshoe, WV 26209**







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**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE CONFERENCE:**

**Registration Rates:**

- Full combo includes registration, workshops, business meeting, Friday night social, and Saturday banquet and entertainment.
- WVAD membership is NOT included in the combo registration fee. Each WVAD member will be responsible for their own membership renewal when it's due. It may be renewed at the conference if desired.

**Accessibility Request:** Accessibility requests must be received no later than June 30, 2015. Please contact Jimmy Harrison at JHarrison5@aol.com or Veronda Harrison at verapple@aol.com.

**Cancellation Policy:** We will refund the combo except registration fee if there is death in the family or health reasons (written documentation is required from the doctor).

**Chairperson:** Jimmy Harrison, JHarrison5@aol.com

**Co-Chairperson:** Larry Hubbard, HubbardLarry18@yahoo.com

**Advertising Chairperson:** TBD

**Exhibition Chairperson:** Veronda Harrison, Verapple@aol.com

**Desktop Publishing Coordinator/Editor:** Tamera Deem, extraordinary45@comcast.net

- You may make arrangements with Veronda Harrison (VP # 304-964-6025 or e mail Verapple@aol.com) to make payments.

**HOTEL INFORMATION:**

Snowshoe Mountain Resort  
10 Snowshoe Drive  
Snowshoe, WV 26209

**For Reservations:**

Telephone No.: 877-441-4386

Group Code: 5124YH (Only Applies to Allegheny Springs Lodge)  
(Cut Off Date is 7/6/2015)

- Prices VARIES for different lodging unit types. All rooms are village lodges; some are townhouses where more people can room together and split costs.
- FOR MORE INFORMATION ON LODGING, see page 4 or see <http://www.snowshoemtn.com/plan-your-trip/lodging/lodging-landing.aspx>.

**NOTE:** Please be aware there is limited cell phone service in many areas surrounding the resort. Cellular service is AT&T. WiFi is available in all rooms, conference rooms, lobby, most restaurants, etc.



## INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION

(Please print clearly. One form per person. You can make a copy for second person. Make personal check or money order payable to WVAD and write **"CONFERENCE"** on check memo line. Mail to Veronda Harrison, WVAD Treasurer, 5 Cordoba Drive, Hurricane, WV 25526.)

First Name, Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Member (☐ New; ☐ Current) ☐ Non-Member

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Video Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (Text) No.: \_\_\_\_\_

E mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Or complete the credit card information below:

☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover Card

Name on Credit Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Account No.: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CVS (Security Code Number on Back): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### AT DOOR RATES

MEMBER, NON-MEMBER, OR STUDENT	REGISTRATION (WORKSHOP, EXHIBIT, AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY)	FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL	SATURDAY NIGHT AWARDS, BANQUET, AND ENTERTAINMENT	TOTAL
<input type="checkbox"/> Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$55.00	\$125.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Member (Senior Citizen Age 55+)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$45.00	\$105.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60.00	\$140.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member (Senior Citizen Age 55+)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00	\$115.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Student*	<input type="checkbox"/> FREE	—	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40.00	\$40.00

MEMBER, NON-MEMBER, OR STUDENT	REGISTRATION ONLY	SATURDAY NIGHT — ENTERTAINMENT ONLY (DOES NOT INCLUDE BANQUET)	TOTAL
<input type="checkbox"/> Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Member (Senior Citizen Age 55+)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member (Senior Citizen Age 55+)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Student*	<input type="checkbox"/> FREE	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00

### EARLY BIRD COMBO

MEMBER, NON-MEMBER, OR STUDENT	<input type="checkbox"/> 1ST COMBO (9/1/14 – 12/31/14)	<input type="checkbox"/> 2ND COMBO (1/1/15 – 4/30/15)	<input type="checkbox"/> 3RD COMBO (5/1/15 – 7/15/15)	<input type="checkbox"/> AT DOOR (7/16/15 – 8/6/15)
<input type="checkbox"/> Member	\$95.00	\$105.00	\$115.00	\$125.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Member (Senior Citizen Age 55+)	\$75.00	\$85.00	\$95.00	\$105.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member	\$110.00	\$120.00	\$130.00	\$140.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member (Senior Citizen Age 55+)	\$95.00	\$105.00	\$115.00	\$125.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Student*	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00

\* Students must show proof of student status (valid student ID from high school or college required).

## DIRECTIONS TO SNOWSHOE RESORT, WV

Martinsburg, WV (180 miles — 3 hours, 45 minutes)  
 Morgantown, WV (142 miles — 2 hours, 45 minutes)  
 Parkersburg, WV (185 miles — 3 hours, 30 minutes)  
 Huntington, WV (200 miles — 4 hours)  
 Baltimore, MD (260 miles — 5 hours)  
 Pittsburgh, PA (215 miles — 3 hours, 45 minutes)

Romney, WV (120 miles — 2 hours, 45 minutes)  
 Clarksburg, WV (110 miles — 2 hours, 30 minutes)  
 Charleston, WV (150 miles — 3 hours, 15 minutes)  
 Beckley, WV (120 miles — 2 hours, 30 minutes)  
 Youngstown, OH (275 miles — 4 hours, 45 minutes)  
 Altoona, PA (200 miles — 4 hours, 15 minutes)

From Morgantown/Clarksburg Area to Snowshoe: Take I-79 South to Exit 99 – Weston, WV. Take US-33 East (4-lane) to Elkins, WV. Take US-219 South for 48 miles to Snowshoe. Turn left off of US-219 South onto Route 66 East toward Big Springs/The Market/Exxon. Go less than 1 mile to Snowshoe Drive North on the left unless you are lodging at The Inn at Snowshoe or made your reservations through an independent realty company. All are located off of Route 66. Please use either Google map or Mapquest websites for more specific directions from your area.

Using GPS / Navigation Systems: Because of the rural location, GPS units are not always the most reliable source for turn-by-turn directions. Some of the roads in the area are not properly mapped. We suggest inputting longitude and latitude coordinates, rather than using a street address. Here are some of the coordinates for popular locations on the mountain:

Mountaintop Check-In: 38.4018 North - 79.9936 West

Village Center: 38.4119 North - 79.9963 West

Silver Creek: 38.4405 North - 79.9893 West

Inn at Snowshoe: 38.4159 North - 80.0366 West

Suggested Physical Address: 10 Snowshoe Dr. Snowshoe, WV 26209

Please always double check your directions with a reliable map.

Check out the location of Snowshoe, WV on <https://www.google.com/maps/@38.5305423,-80.288301,9z> (Google map).





# LODGING INFORMATION FOR SNOWSHOE RESORT, WV

## ALLEGHENY SPRINGS LODGING — CHECK IN: 5:00 P.M. / CHECK OUT: 11:00 A.M.

**Standard Room (\$95.00/night):** Sleeps 2-4. 2 queen beds, has coffee pot in unit.

**Junior Studio (\$100.00/night):** Sleeps 2-4. Standard room with a small sitting area, kitchenette, and gas fireplace. The bedding in these units will vary and includes at least 1 sleeper sofa. The kitchenette consists of a microwave, small sink, small refrigerator, and 2 burners on the countertop. Some units have a balcony, check with your reservation agent.

**Studio Deluxe (\$109.00/night):** Sleeps 2-4. Standard room with a full kitchen, gas fireplace, balcony, and a living area with a queen bed and sleeper sofa. Some units have balconies; you will need to check with your reservation agent.

**1 Bedroom (\$127.00/night):** Sleeps 2-4. Units have a full kitchen, living area with sleeper sofa, a separate bedroom, gas fireplace, and balcony.

**1 Bedroom Plus (\$172.00/night):** Sleeps 2-6. Units have a full kitchen, living area with a sleeper sofa, 1 separate bedroom with 2 queen beds or 1 queen bed and 1 sleeper sofa in it, dining area, gas fireplace, and balcony.

**1 Bedroom Den Plus (\$172.00/night):** Sleeps 2-8. Units have a full kitchen, living area with a sleeper sofa, 1 separate bedroom with 2 queen beds or 1 queen and 1 sleeper sofa in the bedroom, a den area with sleeper sofa, a dining area, gas fireplace, and balcony. (The den area may not be fully enclosed.)

**2 Bedrooms (\$190.00/night):** Sleeps 4-6. Units have a full kitchen, living area with a sleeper sofa, 2 separate bedrooms with a queen bed, dining area, 2 bathrooms, gas fireplace, and balcony.

**2 Bedrooms Den (\$199.00/night):** Sleeps 4-8. These units have a full kitchen, living area with a sleeper sofa, 2 separate bedrooms, a den area with sleeper sofa, dining area, 2 bathrooms, gas fireplace, and balcony.

**2 Bedrooms Plus (\$199.00/night):** Sleeps 4-8. These units have a full kitchen, living area with a sleeper sofa, 2 separate bedrooms with 2 queen beds in one of the bedrooms, dining area, 2 bathrooms, gas fireplace, balcony.

## TO RESERVE:

Reservation Telephone No.: 877-441-4386

Times to Call to Reserve: Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Saturday and Sunday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Group Code: 5124YH (Only Applies to Allegheny Springs Lodge; Cut Off Date is 7/6/2015)

## IMPORTANT NOTES:

1. The more people you share the room with, the cheaper it cost because you can all split the cost of the room.
2. DO NOT reserve on line. Reservations must be called in so that you can get the group rate. If you have any other questions regarding the rooms, please ask the reservation agent when reserving your room. If you want balcony or queen-sized bed, must request. Snowshoe cannot guarantee all requests but can honor them based on availability.
3. The conference and all WVAD events will be held in various rooms next door to the hotel (Mountain Lodge). There are very nice lobbies with a large TV in both Allegheny Springs Lodge and Mountain Lodge.
4. WiFi is available in all rooms, conference rooms, lobby, most restaurants, etc. However, it's not available outside. Must set the cell phone for the local WiFi. iPhone seems to work better than Android. Cellular service is AT&T.
5. There is a little store, Subway restaurant, and a hotel (Inn at Snowshoe) at the bottom of Snowshoe Resort (6 miles) where you can buy food for the kitchen, eat out, and/or get lodging there if you want. You can also bring food from home for the kitchen. There are restaurants at the resort if you want to eat out.
6. **FUN PASSES:** Individuals lodging through the Snowshoe Rental Program will receive fun passes during their stay at Snowshoe. Fun passes activities include the following: eurobungy and climbing wall, Split Rock pools (indoor and outdoor – handicapped accessible), lake activities (canoes, kayaks, paddleboats, and fishing poles), scenic lift ride, and free bag of range balls for the Raven golf club. A fun pass is awarded for each person staying in the room. The fun pass is good for your entire stay at Snowshoe Resort.



## *"In Memory of Loved Ones"*



### JOHN ROBERT DEUEL

John Robert Deuel, 82, Romney, WV, died Friday, Nov. 21, 2014 at Hampshire Memorial's Long Term Care Unit.

John was born on July 4, 1932, in Sedalia, Missouri, the son of the late John Edward Deuel and Elizabeth Daisy Cunningham. Besides his parents he was preceded in death by three brothers: Ernest, George, and Joseph Deuel.

John R. Deuel was born and raised in Sedalia, Missouri. He attended the Missouri School for the Deaf in Fulton, Missouri, and then married Virginia Faye in 1954. In that same year, he was selected through his school's ROTC Program as the Honor Guard Representative to serve at the Iron Curtain speech delivered by Winston Churchill at Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri.

For many years John worked as a tailor and dry cleaner in Missouri until 1972 when he and his family moved to Romney. He had accepted a position at the West Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind as a teacher and coach,

concurrently earning a degree in education. John was inducted into the West Virginia School for the Deaf Athletic Hall of Fame and in 1994 was selected as the Boys Basketball Coach of the Year of the Potomac Valley Athletic Conference. Many will recall John walking down Main Street at a brisk pace, always smiling and offering an enthusiastic wave.

He is survived by one son, Barry Wade Deuel and his wife Missi of Winchester, VA; three brothers, William and wife Frances of Columbia, MO, Harold and wife Patty of St. Augustine, FL, and Alfred and wife Sherry of Talladega, AL; and one granddaughter, Regan Faye Deuel of Richmond, VA.

Friends were received on Friday, December 12, 2014, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Shaffer Funeral Home in Romney, WV. Inurnment services at the graveside will be held next summer (2015) in Missouri. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the West Virginia School for the Deaf Hall of Fame Committee, P.O. Box 1764, Martinsburg, WV 25402-1764. 🍀

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## Crossword Puzzle

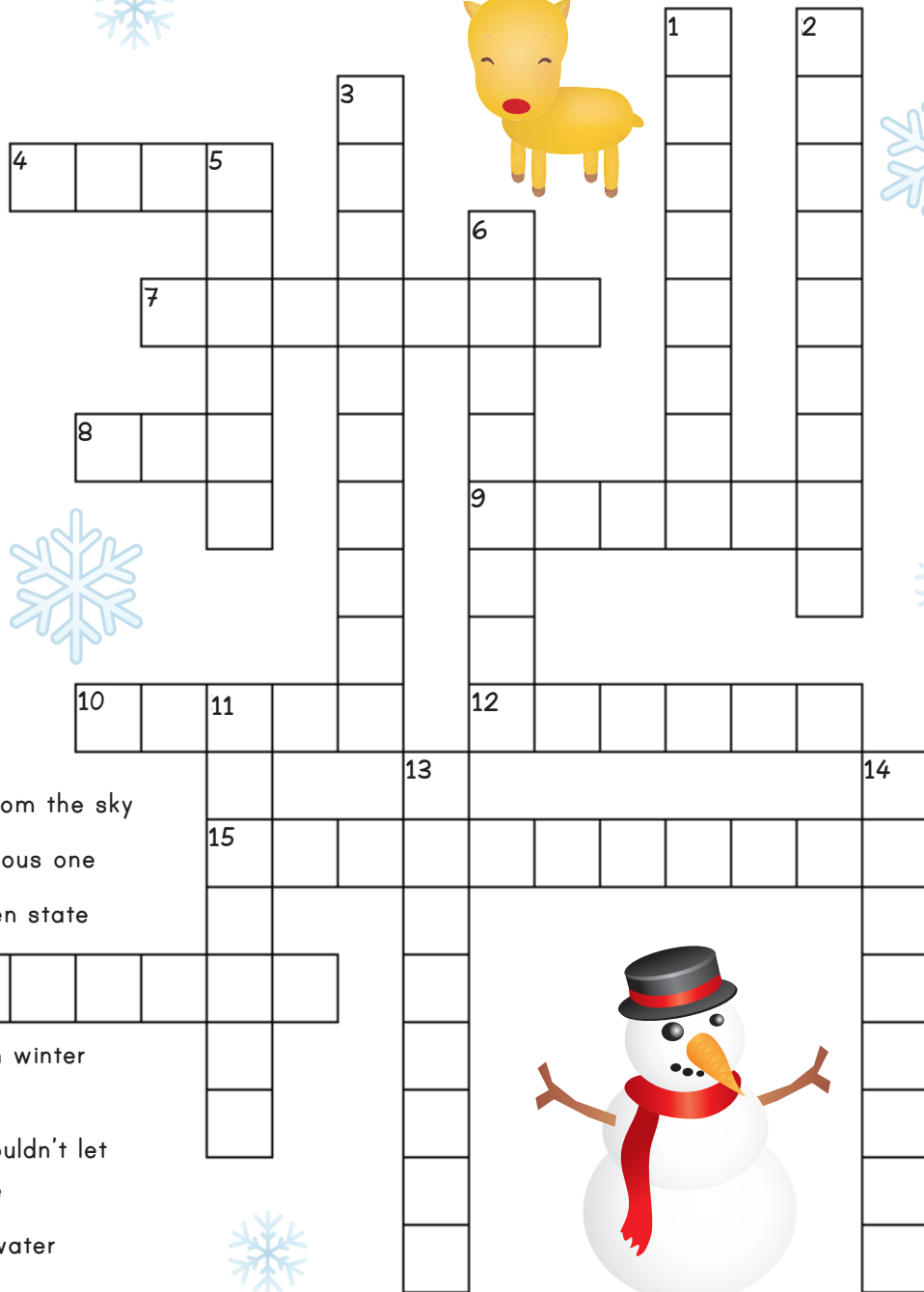


### DOWN

1. Time off from work or school
2. Largest arctic land mammal
3. No two are alike
5. The coldest season
6. Jewish winter holiday
11. They keep your hands warm
13. Used to decorate a Christmas tree
14. 32 degrees

### ACROSS

4. Flakes that fall from the sky
7. Frosty was a famous one
8. Water in its frozen state
9. African-American winter holiday
10. Mean reindeer wouldn't let Rudolf play these
12. Sport on frozen water
15. Measures temperature
16. These hang from your roof when it's very cold



(See Fun Page Answers on page 21)



# In the News



## Legislators Plan Visit to WV Schools for the Deaf and Blind

By Marla Pisciotto, For *The State Journal* (<http://www.statejournal.com/story/27449890/legislators-plan-visit-to-wv-schools-for-the-deaf-and-the-blind>), Posted: November 21, 2014, 11:02 a.m.; Updated: November 22, 2014, 2:00 p.m.

The West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and Blind has not experienced significant capital projects in nearly 40 years, with the last buildings erected in the 1970s.

On top of that, the Romney schools have not experienced significant renovation in nearly 30 years with only one sizable renovation occurring to Seaton Hall in the 1980s.

That situation may change in the near future.

Due to an ongoing push from Delegate Ruth Rowan, R-Hampshire, the Legislative Oversight Commission for Education Accountability (LOCEA), is planning to visit the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and Blind December 9.

The bipartisan delegation will be touring the campus to see firsthand what improvements are needed.

A \$13 million line item is included in the state's annual budget to maintain the schools, but some locals have hopes of adding an additional line item that would fund the capital improvements and other needs at the schools.

"I'm very pleased that Delegate Rowan has continued to work so persistently with all stakeholders in this process to ensure this visit occurs," said Lynn Boyer, Superintendent of the WVSDB.

Rowan has kept the schools on the front-burner in Charleston by frequently bringing the students to the legislators — particularly the Tapestry and Mountain Melodies chorus that sings and signs.

"It's been a gradual process," Rowan said. "I've been trying to make it personal, trying to build a connection between the legislators and the kids."

"The only way we're going to help these kids is to have the legislators see the campus and just (tell them) all the facts."

Rowan said those sentiments were shared by House Speaker Tim Miley, D-Harrison.

Rowan said one of the plans school officials have is to make things more efficient by repairs such as fixing the downstairs of the secondary deaf building for elementary education and the upstairs for secondary deaf education.

"In doing that, advanced technology could be shared, utilities would be in one building instead of two," Rowan said. "Now that we know the school will remain in Romney, we have to decide how we can make it the best place for our children."

The proposed second line item in the budget would be a big-ticket item, she said.

In order to get the lawmakers' trip approved, the legislative oversight committee had to approve the trip. Then it had to go through the government and finance committees, due to expenses involved for mileage for delegates and senators, along with possible hotel costs.

"Different staff members in education and finance, lawyers, and those actually writing up legislation for the schools will be attending," Rowan said.

One of the items on the itinerary will include showing the delegation what the "short course" at the schools is all about.

The short course is when children from across the state with hearing and or vision loss that come to the schools sporadically for a week's stay to acclimate and see what and how the schools work.

During the visit, children experience the music program, recording studio, and the school's own radio station.

"These are generally kids from families who aren't sure whether they want their children to live away from home," Rowan said.

The week-long stay provides enough information and foresight that school officials hope to build up the long-term stay at the schools.

"Some of these kids will be at the schools during the December 9 visit," Rowan said.

In an earlier interview, West Virginia Board of Education President Gayle Manchin said Boyer has made dramatic improvements in terms of raising the bar and looking at the facility.

"We are fortunate to have this quality of schools," Manchin said. "It's a wonderful school."

The state BOE has worked with Boyer's plans to improve the curriculum and the buildings on campus.

"I'm looking forward to sharing with legislators the good work we're doing as well as our vision for the campus," Boyer said. 🍀



Delegate Ruth Rowan, R-Hampshire



(See In the News on page 14)



(In the News from page 13)

## W.Va. Lawmakers Pledge Support of Schools for Deaf, Blind

By Marla Pisciotto, for *Cumberland Times-News* ([http://www.times-news.com/news/w-va-lawmakers-pledge-support-of-schools-for-deaf-blind/article\\_b2aa0520-800d-11e4-a23d-97ee07d85c44.html](http://www.times-news.com/news/w-va-lawmakers-pledge-support-of-schools-for-deaf-blind/article_b2aa0520-800d-11e4-a23d-97ee07d85c44.html)), Posted: Tuesday, December 9, 2014, 8:41 p.m.

ROMNEY, WV — With a goal to address additional funding for the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind at the January legislative session, a delegation of lawmakers toured the campus Tuesday.

The bi-partisan delegation visited to see first-hand the condition of the campus, the improvements made in the educational programs and what could be done in the future.

William White, a member of the West Virginia Board of Education and member of the WVSDB advisory board said, "I'm the strongest advocate the schools have."

"This campus has been neglected for so long. The legal rendering is the School Building Authority by statute could not invest money into the schools. I was not going to let that be the end of that."

White said the talk was to fund the school or close it.

"The legislature already said they don't want the schools closed," White said.

Del. Ruth Rowan (R-57th District) spearheaded the visit since the decision of the state was to keep the schools in Romney. "It's been a gradual process," Rowan said. "We have had delegates brave the ice to get here. Some stayed overnight to support the schools. City of Romney Mayor Dan Hileman and city administrator Eileen Johnson have been on the tour to show their support

of the schools. Today (Tuesday) has been wonderful."

White said the position is going to be that the School Building Authority supports the WVSDB just like they do all the other counties.

"Ruth (Rowan) worked on getting this tour put together. She wanted everyone to come here to see the great things that are happening so the legislators know exactly what is going on," White said.

"Hampshire County is not responsible to support the schools. We want to make sure we take action in the next legislative session. Kids are here, the buildings are falling down. It's a safety issue," he said.

"I'm hoping this tour will pay dividends in the upcoming legislature," Sen. Charles Trump said.

A \$13 million line item is included annually in the legislature's budget to maintain the schools.

Hopes are that a big budget second line item will be put in the budget for capital improvements and other needs at the schools.

One of the items on the tour itinerary included showing the delegation what the "short course" at the schools is all about.

The short course is children from across the state with hearing and or vision loss that come to the schools sporadically for a week's stay to acclimate and see what and how the schools work.

During the visit they learn what's wrong and what is really good, such as the plans to bring the schools to a state-of-the-art campus with superior curriculum. Students also are shown the music program, recording studio, and the school's radio station.

Rowan said the short course kids are kids from families who aren't sure whether they want their children to live away from home.

Tuesday was the first time on campus for Mary Poling of Barbour County, the House of Delegates Education Committee chairwoman.

"I have certainly been aware of the history of the campus. This is the first time I've visited. They provide wonderful programs," Poling said.

"Buildings need repair and replacement. Technology has outgrown the buildings. I don't think there is any way an individual county, even the larger ones could provide the education to these children the way WVSDB does."

Poling said she is definitely in favor of upgrading the facilities.

"We need to do some work with this campus. It is absolutely an intricate part of the school system in West Virginia," said Sen. Craig Blair, who represents the 15th District.

"I'm up for freeing up more money to be able to help."

The schools have not experienced significant capital projects in nearly 40 years with the last buildings erected in the 1970s. 🖊️



## Legislators get First-Hand Look at WVSDB and Its Needs

Posted by the *Cumberland Times-News* ([http://www.times-news.com/opinion/editorials/help-needed/article\\_666b773e-84cc-11e4-87e8-f03a1c5cb06.html?mode=story](http://www.times-news.com/opinion/editorials/help-needed/article_666b773e-84cc-11e4-87e8-f03a1c5cb06.html?mode=story)), Monday, December 15, 2014, 9:36 p.m.

Last week's tour of the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and Blind in Romney appears to have been an eye-opener for West Virginia legislators.

Del. Ruth Rowan spearheaded the visit by the legislative delegation in the hopes that lawmakers will see the disrepair and technology shortcomings that need to be addressed by the legislature.

One of those on hand was Del. Mary Poling of Barbour County, the House of Delegates Education Committee chairwoman. "I have certainly been aware of the history of the campus. This is the first time I've visited. They provide wonderful programs," Poling said.

"Buildings need repair and replacement. Technology has outgrown the

buildings. I don't think there is any way an individual county, even the larger ones, could provide the education to these children the way WVSDB does," adding that she is in favor of upgrading the facilities.

"We need to do some work with this campus. It is absolutely an intricate part (See In the News on page 15)

(In the News from page 14)

of the school system in West Virginia," said Sen. Craig Blair, who represents the 15th District.

The campus has been largely underfunded for years. The schools have not experienced significant capital projects

in nearly 40 years with the last buildings erected in the 1970s. A \$13 million line item is annually included in the Legislature's budget to maintain the schools. School officials hope the state adds a line item that would fund capital improvements and other needs at the schools.

Having now visited the Romney campus, lawmakers have a better idea of the condition of the schools as well as the instruction that is available to deaf and blind students. Once the legislature convenes for its annual session, let's hope some long-needed improvements will be in the offing. 🐾



## Deaf Santa Inspires Young and Old Alike

By Shane Arrington, The *Herald-Dispatch*, Huntington, WV (<http://www.herald-dispatch.com/news/x1753194788/Deaf-Santa-inspires-young-and-old-alike>), Sunday, December 14, 2014, 12:01 a.m.

HUNTINGTON — Ernest Williams was born deaf, and remembers growing up never being able to experience being able to sit down on Santa's lap and tell him what he wanted for Christmas. So when he had the opportunity to don a red suit and become "Deaf Santa," he never hesitated.

"I really feel this in my heart, and it sometimes breaks when I think of deaf and hard of hearing children who never get to see Santa," Ernest Williams said.

"I really want them to know this feeling. It is heartwarming to be able to give it to them."

Ernest Williams has served as Deaf Santa for years, coming out annually for Brunch with Deaf Santa at Mountwest Community and Technical College

in Huntington. More than 100 deaf children and adults from all over West Virginia and the Tri-State came to share their Christmas wishes with Santa on Saturday.

9-year-old Aaralyn Mallory from Dunbar, West Virginia, was one of the first to see Deaf Santa seven years ago. She said she loves seeing the "real Santa."

"I'm excited he's deaf just like me," Mallory said.

"He signs to me and knows what I want."

This year, Mallory said she wants a My Little Pony.

Ernest Williams is joined by his wife Vickie, also known as Mrs. Clause. Vickie Williams is deaf and blind, but that makes her no less aware of the joy

her husband brings to the kids there to see him.

"To make the children happy is important," Vickie Williams said. "I did meet a 'deaf' Santa once, a hearing man who knew how to sign. But, a real deaf Santa, a man who knows what the children feel, it is so important for him to be here."

Ernest Williams said he knows how happy the children are to see him, but it also makes him very happy to be able to be Deaf Santa. He and Vickie Williams said they hope to continue participating in MCTC's event for many more years.

While most of the children who sat on Deaf Santa's lap were deaf themselves, some were hearing children with deaf parents. Jeremiah Cruz and



Aaralyn Mallory, 9, of Dunbar, is photographed with Santa during the annual "Brunch with Deaf Santa" hosted by staff and students of the American Sign Language Program on Saturday, December 13, 2014, at Mountwest Community and Technical College in Huntington, WV. (Photo Credit: Lori Wolfe, The Herald-Dispatch)

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**(Deaf Santa Inspires... from page 15)**

his wife Carla are deaf, but their son Laynce is not. Cruz said Deaf Santa teaches deaf children that they are not overlooked, that Santa is just like them, but he feels the lessons aren't just for those who can't hear.

"I feel inspired when I see him talking to the children," Cruz said. "It's not

just that he's Deaf Santa, but he is helping all the children here have a better understanding, and break down the language barrier."

While there were many deaf parents at the brunch, there were also many hearing parents of deaf children. After his son left Deaf Santa's lap, one father quickly stepped in, gave him a hug and

thanked him for being there for his son.

But Ernest Williams said he thanks the parents from bringing the kids, because what's important is that they don't have to grow up thinking Santa will not hear their Christmas wishes.

Follow reporter Shane Arrington on Twitter @ArringtonHD. 🐦

Howard Hurd and his grandson, Landon Barie, both of Poca, attend the annual "Brunch with Deaf Santa" hosted by staff and students of the American Sign Language Program on Saturday, December 13, 2014, at Mountwest Community and Technical College in Huntington, WV. (Landon is also the grandson of Melinda Hurd and Larry Barie) (Photo Credit: Lori Wolfe, The Herald-Dispatch)



Staff and students of the American Sign Language Program at Mountwest Community and Technical College hosted the annual "Brunch with Deaf Santa" on Saturday, December 13, 2014, at MCTC in Huntington, WV. (Photo Credit: Lori Wolfe, The Herald-Dispatch)



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## GINGERBREAD MEN COOKIES

(Total Time: 2 hours, 23 minutes — Time: 2 hours, 15 minutes — Cook time: 8 minutes)

(<http://www.food.com/recipe/the-most-wonderful-gingerbread-cookies-80156>)



3 cups all-purpose flour  
3/4 teaspoon baking soda  
1 tablespoon ground ginger  
1/4 teaspoon ground cloves  
3/4 cup dark brown sugar  
1/2 cup molasses  
1 teaspoon finely grated lemon zest (optional)

1-1/2 teaspoons baking powder  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1-3/4 teaspoons ground cinnamon  
6 tablespoons unsalted butter  
1 large egg  
2 teaspoons vanilla

1. Preheat oven to 375 °F. Prepare baking sheets by lining with parchment paper.
2. In a small bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, ginger, cinnamon, and cloves until well blended.
3. In a large bowl, beat butter, brown sugar, and egg on medium speed until well blended.
4. Add molasses, vanilla, and lemon zest and continue to mix until well blended.
5. Gradually stir in dry ingredients until blended and smooth.
6. Divide dough in half and wrap each half in plastic and let stand at room temperature for at least 2 hours or up to 8 hours.
7. **NOTE:** Dough can be stored in the refrigerator for up to 4 days, but in this case it should be refrigerated. Return to room temperature before using. Preheat oven to 375 °F.
8. Grease or line cookie sheets with parchment paper.
9. Place 1 portion of the dough on a lightly floured surface.
10. Sprinkle flour over dough and rolling pin.
11. Roll dough to a scant 1/4-inch thick.
12. Use additional flour to avoid sticking.
13. Cut out cookies with desired cutter – the ginger bread man is our favorite of course.
14. Space cookies 1-1/2 inches apart.
15. Bake 1 sheet at a time for 7-10 minutes (the lower time will give you softer cookies – very good!).
16. Remove cookie sheet from oven and allow the cookies to stand until the cookies are firm enough to move to a wire rack.
17. After cookies are cool, you may decorate them any way you like.
18. I usually brush them with a powdered sugar glaze when I am in a hurry, but they look wonderful decorated with Royal icing.



## ROYAL ICING FOR GINGERBREAD MEN COOKIES

(Total Time: 10 minutes; makes 3 cups)

(<http://www.food.com/recipe/royal-icing-35106>)

3 egg whites  
1 teaspoon vanilla

1 (16 oz) package powdered sugar, sifted (about 4-3/4 cups)  
1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar

1. In a large mixing bowl, combine egg whites, powdered sugar, vanilla, and cream of tartar.
2. Beat with an electric mixer on high speed for 7 to 10 minutes or till very stiff.
3. Use at once, covering icing in bowl at all times with wet paper towel to prevent from drying.
4. Decorate your gingerbread cookies. Have fun!



## (Fun Page Answers from page 12)

### Answers Down:

1. Vacation
2. Polar Bear
3. Snowflake
5. Winter
6. Hanukkah
11. Mittens
13. Ornaments
14. Freezing

### Answers Across:

4. Snow
7. Snowman
8. Ice
9. Kwanzaa
10. Games
12. Hockey
15. Thermometer
16. Icicles



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## Legislative Workshop by Donna Williams

WVAD Education Advocate, April Hottle, and I traveled to Richmond, VA, to attend the Legislative Training on November 15, 2014. The presenter was Kim Bianco Majeri from National Association of the Deaf (NAD). It was a great workshop and I hope WVAD can provide this same, or similar, workshop in WV.

I learned that we must work for the legislators if we want them to support us, the deaf and hard of hearing community. For example, invite them to our events; go to their events and talk with them; meet with them in their office during non-legislative session; communicate with them in e-mail, letter, or phone calls; get to know them and let them get to know you. When meeting and talking with legislators, be prepared to give information such as how many deaf/hard of hearing children and adults would benefit from this law, how much would it cost, a 1-page paper with facts and links (focus on facts only—not complaints), etc.

Other information learned at this workshop include the legislative process, the steps and how laws are made, difference between Democratic Party

and Republican Party, lobbyist vs. advocate, how to influence lawmakers, how to talk with legislators, how to keep information short, how to decide what is most important we want changed, how to check the internet to research the legislators and what is happening, how to keep emotions out of the conversation, how to develop a community action plan, etc.

If you would like to attend this workshop in WV or if you checked on

the survey at the WVAD picnic that you want a workshop on legislative process, please contact me at [asllady@yahoo.com](mailto:asllady@yahoo.com). We need to make sure enough people will attend to pay for the presenter, her transportation, and hotel expenses. This is an all-day workshop. All the information cannot be shared in a 2-hour workshop at the conference.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Let's join together to improve services for WV deaf and hard of hearing children and adults. 🍀





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