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AZ HANDWIND



Official Newsletter of the Arizona Association of the Deaf

Well-known Arizonans Papalia and Neumann Passed Away



Tony Papalia

A very talented human being who lived simply and just simply became your friend.

It is with sadness we announce that Anthony "Tony" Papalia passed on last August of this year after a short spell with heart disease. This extremely talented gentleman was especially known for his humor and fatherly role as our Dormitory Counselor at Arizona School for the Deaf (ASDB) from 1955 through 1963. Besides being a superb writer, he was also a very adept athlete who never talked about his athletic achievements and would be hard pressed to do so. His name sign was "Papa" and appropriately so, as he tried to get us to believe in ourselves during our impressive years.

His early years entering the field of education of the Deaf began here at ADSB. He carried it on to Washington State and cultivated it into paralegal services in Northern California. Although his time at ASDB was far too short, he left a major impression on many deaf Arizonans. He will be sorely missed but fondly remembered: Anthony "Tony" "Papa" Papalia.



Don Neumann

Donald A. Neumann, age 89 of Tucson, AZ, beloved husband, father, grandfather and great grand-father, passed away on October 4, 2007. He was preceded by his cherished first wife of 52 years, Hertha. He is survived by his loving wife, Barbara; daughters, Sheila (Jim) Brager of Cool, CA, and Sharon (Larry) Neumann Solow of Pebble Beach, CA; step sons, Randy (Sharon) Vertz and Rick Vertz; 8 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren. He graduated from Gallaudet University and received his Masters from North Arizona University. He taught at Arizona State School for the Deaf and Blind for 36 years until his retirement in 1979. There were no services scheduled at this time but he sends a fond farewell.

(Prepared by Adair Dodge Chapel)

AZAD BYLAWS AND AFFILIATION TOP PRIORITIES IN THE COMING NEW YEAR

During the September 2007 conference, members of the AZAD were in general agreement with the currently proposed amendments to present AZAD ByLaws.

The membership made a motion of recommendation in the best interests of AZAD that the ByLaws revision proposal be further revised and again proposed in writing subject to final approval made by the membership at next special meeting in January or February 2008.

Newly elected and reelected AZAD Officers and Board Members will be sworn in there.

Necessary action on membership dues and organizational affiliation will be taken.



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**“Committed citizens can change the world.”
—Margaret Mead**

**“No special consideration need be given to the deaf; they do their work one hundred percent.”
—Henry Ford, 1940s**

****Amendment I**
Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

EDITORIAL



Mystique of VRS Providers

Many of deaf people have found themselves baffled by today's fierce competition among various VRS providers such as FantasticVRS (FVRS), CardinalVRS (CVRS), BlueSkyVRS (BVRS), and DeafPower (DVRS) and LollipopVRS (LVRS).

VRS providers are competing for available funds provided by the Federal Communications Commission and the same deaf individuals or organizations of the deaf who currently appreciate the VP and VRS privileges.

A newly-elected Zenith Association of the Deaf (ZAD) president, Buddy Soughtery was uncertain about which VRS provider would benefit the ZAD financially. He called a well-known Xavier Association of the Deaf (XAD) president, Johnny Secayo.

Buddy asked Johnny which VRS provider the XAD had used. Honestly, Johnny loved FVRS but unfortunately, the XAD Board of Directors chose to use the DVRS provider. Buddy told Johnny that he was not happy with that kind of nonsense and he inquired where the American Federation of the Deaf (AFD) stood.

Last week AFD President Margie Porsche visited the great state of Xavier where she explained the American principles of free enterprise to diverse groups of local deaf citizens at a town hall meeting. Johnny was worried because one XAD Board member served on the national LVRS Advisory Board. Buddy also realized that the ZAD had similar problems at home.

Choosing the right VRS provider is not an easy task. Unquestionably, It requires careful consideration and long-range planning.

President Oster's Message

Happy Holidays, Everyone! I can't believe it is December already! Time is passing by so quickly, I'm starting to feel there's not enough time in the day, months in the year or years in the decade. Who wants to grow old? As I look back this year, there's a lot to be thankful for. Good health, good winter weather, good dry hot summer weather (better than 80 degrees with tropical humidity, no?) and good friends.

I am also grateful to know that we have an organization affiliated with a national organization to look after our interests as a deaf society, locally and nationally. In our recent NAD Regional IV conference last November in Salt Lake City, Utah, President Bobbi Beth Scoggins reiterated what our mission is: to promote, protect and preserve our rights as Deaf American citizens. Thus AZAD has a similar mission: its membership involvement. Lest we forget, let us be constantly reminded that all the rights we have fought for have never come easily. Yet, it is easier still to lose it all through indifference.

Nothing should be taken for granted.

The coming national presidential election is coming up next November. We have witnessed numerous close elections in the past where a few votes could have made a difference in presidential elections, for example, Ohio and Florida.

Is there a lesson to be learned here? ***An astounding yes! Your registered vote counts!*** Today's modern technology has made our leaders more and more personal and much more accountable. Even our news reporters today are feeling the pressure of providing accurate and honest reporting. We, the people, have access to pretty much the same information through the internet. Oftentimes, news we get in our morning and evening newspapers are old and outdated. More importantly, though, we must realize that our 1st Amendment of our United States Constitution** is being constantly attacked and circumvented under the banner of national security and ideology. It is our responsibility to elect our leaders to defend our Constitution which protects all of us including the Deaf community.

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presented by Deaf
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Deadline is March 31, 2008.
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\$160.00 from April 1 to
June 1, 2008.

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***“As far as deaf people
are concerned, our civil
rights are violated
daily.”***

**—Frederick C. Schreiber,
NAD Executive Director
(1966-1979)**

***“Higher education of the
deaf is useless and of
little value.”***

**—Congressman Elihu
Washburne of Illinois,
1868**

HISTORY OF NAD REGIONAL CONFERENCES

Larry Forestal

At Salt Lake City the NAD Region IV Conference delegates wanted to learn some history as to why they were having this regional conference. Region IV Board Member Astrid Goodstein asked Larry Forestal, former NAD President, to share the information. Prior to 1975, there were no regional conferences.

From 1880 to 1957, the NAD was made up of individual members. At the Missouri School for the Deaf in Fulton, Missouri on June 12-14, 1956, the NAD was reorganized with the concept of a bicameral legislative system: the Council of Representatives (CR) and the General Assembly (GA). As a result, the NAD became the federation of cooperating member State Associations of the Deaf. This reorganization of the NAD has been known as the Fulton Tontine (F1).

When Gary Olson became a NAD Region II Board member in 1974, NAD President Jess Smith appointed him to chair the Committee on Services to the State Associations of the Deaf (CSSA). Olsen asked NAD President-Elect Mervin Garretson, NAD CEO Frederick C. Schreiber, Nancy Rarus, Harvey Corson, Larry Forestal and Alan Hurwitz to serve on the committee.

The CSSA attempted to improve the business proceedings of the NAD by initiating four regional conferences in 1975. The Illinois Association of the Deaf hosted the first NAD Region II Conference in Chicago. CSSA wanted each NAD regional conference to build a strategy for delivering what bills each region determined with collective deliberation or wished to the NAD conference.

Often times those who went to the regional conferences did not attend the NAD conference. This area of concern needs to be addressed by the NAD and the State Associations of the Deaf.

For the past 15 years NAD forums have came up with too many unnecessary and repetitive motions during the NAD conference. Fortunately, this knotty problem has been resolved by NAD President Scoggins and CEO Bloch.

We owe it to ourselves to be as much informed as we can be so that we can ex-ecute our votes to the best possible qualified candidate. In the meantime, enjoy your holiday festivities with your loved ones and keep your eyes on 2008.

It has taken at least 30 years for the NAD to finally streamline the business proceedings of the national conference. Based on the updated conference motion process, we can foresee the smooth operation of the CR with confidence at New Orleans on July 7-11, 2008.

NEW MOTION PROCESS ANTICIPATED DURING BIENNIAL NAD CONFERENCE AT NEW ORLEANS

NAD Conference Motion Process

***Motions will be posted on May 6,
2008 and finalized on June 6, 2008.
All motions approved by the CR shall
become official. Those motions not
passed by the CR shall die.***

Motions require three C's: clarity, conciseness and completion. Most of the NAD business is con-ducted during meetings of the CR at the NAD conference.

The CR will focus on top-ranked motions, By-laws, finance and resolutions. All motions approved by the CR become official. All other motions that are not passed by the CR shall die.

Official motions shall not be made during regional conferences. Written or typed official motion forms should be submitted to NAD CEO in person during regional conferences or sent online to the NAD Home Office.

NAD Secretary is the Chair of the Steering Committee that shall determine where each motion should go, for example, referring it to standing committees, ad hoc committees, the CR or the NAD Board according to the Robert's Rule of Order (RRO).

On-line motions end April 6, 2008. Motions will be posted online May 6, 2008. Motions will be finalized by June 6, 2008.



Arizona Association of the Deaf (AZAD) Established in 1936

The mission of the Arizona Association of the Deaf is to promote, protect and preserve the rights and quality of life of deaf and hard of hearing individuals who are current citizens of the state of Arizona.

Since the National Association of the Deaf is a federation of approximately 50 State Associations of the Deaf through affiliation, the AZAD is affiliated with the NAD.

WHY NOT TO JOIN AZAD NOW? RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP AS SOON AS YOU CAN...

Regular \$24 biennial membership dues
Senior \$20 biennial membership dues

Please note that membership dues are prorated as time passes from one AZAD conference to next conference. Please mail your check or money order (payable to AZAD) to:
AZAD Treasurer
1545 W. Osborn Rd
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BIG THANKS!!!

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- www.azadinc.org
- www.nad.org
- www.acdhh.gov
- www.padinc.org

Perspectives of American Sign Language

"To know, once and for all, that our "primitive" and "ideographic gestures" are really a formal language on a par with all other languages of the world is a step towards pride and liberation."
—Mervin D. Garretson

"In order to communicate effectively and fluently, people must feel at home in their language, and the deaf are no exception."
—Robert F. Panara

"Once I learned that ASL is my native language, I developed a strong sense of identity as a deaf person and a more positive self-image."
—Barbara Kannapell

NAD Region IV Conference Report by Delegates Jim Oster and Larry Forestal

On November 2-4, 2007, the NAD Region IV Conference hosted by the Utah Association of the Deaf took place at the Sanderson Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing at Salt Lake City. Four sponsors were the SCDHH, CSDVRS, Sorenson Communications and the UAD.

NAD President Bobbie Beth Scoggins (BBS) emphasized that we need to focus more on how NAD could be structured with political leadership and strategic advocacy. NAD is the oldest disability advocacy organization in the United States.

BBS spoke of the WFD and similar issues: sign languages, access, education, communication, oral-ism and cochlear implants.

Three P's stand for promote, protect and preserve:

- (1) Promote the interests of the American Deaf Community,
- (2) Protect the human rights of Deaf individuals, and
- (3) Preserve sign language.

NAD Region IV Board Members Genie Gertz and Astrid Goodstein explained the intent of the conference. They also identified current NAD priorities for the upcoming 2008 NAD Conference at New Orleans.

The delegates recommended:

- (1) Access for deaf immigrants and homeless,
- (2) Interpreters based on 504 Regulations,
- (3) Tax credits,
- (4) FCC's future decisions impacting VRS service and SADs' role,
- (5) 4-year term instead of presently a 2-year term for NAD officers,
- (6) Federal legislation to recognize American Sign Language as the legitimate and natural language of Deaf Americans and
- (7) NAD position of statement on the sign language rights of Deaf babies and Deaf children.

The New Mexico Association of the Deaf will host the next Region IV conference at Albuquerque during the Deaf Awareness week in late September 2009.

Are you curious?

The Empire State Association of the Deaf (ESAD) in New York was the first state association of the deaf established in 1865.

In 1880, the NAD was organized and established during the first NAD convention at Cincinnati, Ohio to protect the sign language rights of Deaf Americans.

"Blindness cuts you off from things, while deafness cuts you off from people."

—Frederick C. Schreiber, NAD Executive Director (1966-1979)

"Let the Good Times Roll! Together, We Move Forward!"

NAD Conference at New Orleans

July 7-11, 2009

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