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53rd Biennial Conference
August 11~13, 2011
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Greetings to our precious Michiganders!

Hope you all had a blast time during the holidays. I spent my holidays with my family and friends in Texas for ten days. What a nice break from the cold weather for a while.

There are two issues that you would like to know if we shall write a legislative bill that all ASL instructors, teachers and faculty should have their ASLTA (American Sign Language Teacher Association) certification. If they do not have it, they should not teach ASL classes in Michigan. What do you think?

Secondly, all teachers who teach deaf/hard of hearing pupils should acquire SLPI certification because the communication between teachers and deaf/hard of hearing pupils is very important as well as it should be smooth, clear and understandable. Don't leave deaf child behind! So, shall we write those two legislative bills this year?

Day at State Capitol (DASC) will be held on May 25

th but the committee wants the DASC's title should be neutral because for the last four years, it called Hearing Loss Awareness Month of Michigan's Day at State Capitol. I felt that HLA is an organization and be recognized more than other organizations. Therefore, I asked them to change the title to Deaf, Hard of Hearing & DeafBlind's Day at State Capitol. Of course, there was a dispute at the recent committee planning meeting.

The Executive Board decided that if they do not want to change the title then, MDA will not participate DASC '11 and we will probably form a new DASC group on our own. However, the issue will be brought up at the next DASC '11 committee meeting next month.

The board meeting decided that future MDA's newsletters will be sent via email, instead of sending them into your mailbox at your house due to copy and postage costs. And, some of them were lost in the mail and some of them were returned without the notice.

MDA Board of Directors was disappointed to find out that the property of Michigan School for the Deaf has been sold to a private developer and the revocation will be occurred sometime this year.

MDA has been on MSDAA 's (Michigan School for the Deaf Alumni Association) side and will continue to do whatever what MSDAA wants from us.

Our next Board of Director's meeting will be held on Saturday, March 12 at the Flint Association of the Deaf's (FAD) clubhouse in Flint, Michigan. We'd love to see you, especially hearing your comments at our meeting.

MDA has its own Facebook page. If you want to be our MDA's Facebook fan, please feel free to be a part of it!

Keep yourself warm and sitting in front of the fireplace.

**Your MDAly,
Scot A Pott**

We welcome hearing, Deaf, deaf, hard of hearing, and deaf-blind persons to join the Michigan Deaf Association, Inc. if they wish to support MDA's objectives.

The benefits of membership are:

- Newsletter: **THE MDA RECORD**
- Activities at member rates
- Chapter activities .
- Website: www.mideaf.org
- Opportunity to represent Michigan's Deaf and hard of hearing people

Annual Dues:

- Regular individual member: \$15.00
- Senior Citizens (60 and up): \$13.00
- Organization or Agency Affiliation: \$50

Thank you,
Freida Morrison



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Greetings to our fellow MDA'ers!

Happy New year!

I would like to share our newest way of method to send out our newsletter (The MDA Record). After we had nice discussion during one of our Executive Board Meetings, We, the Executive Board have decided to reduce our spending cost and to improve our Environment. Starting today, MDA will send out all newsletter to every members via electronic (e mail). Some of those members who still prefer old way of sending copy of newsletter to your postal mailbox, please contact either our Membership Coordinator (Freida Morrison) or our Editor (Alan McCall). We still continue sending out copies of our MDA Record to all of our Affiliated Organizations and other community supporters. I am looking forward to our EXCITNG 2011 MDA Conference this coming August at Lansing. There will be 2 different great performers on separate nights! For more information about MDA Conference or anything about MDA, please visit our web site at www.mideaf.org .

Warmest regards,

Alan McCall

MDA 2nd Vice President

Web Master & Newsletter Editor

Check our Web Site for SAVE the Date Events and important Events

Feb 21, 2011– Michigan Alumni Association hosting President's Day Luncheon at FAD

Feb 25, 2011– Deaf Options hosting closed captioned Movie Night "The karate Kid"

March 4,5,6, 2011– CAAD Basketball Tournament at Diamondale, MI.

March 12, 2011– Board of Director Meeting at FAD

May 14, 2011– Board of Director Meeting at Lansing

Sept 24, 2011- Deaf Celebration Day at Northland Center Mall Southfield, MI



National Association of the Deaf

Happy holidays from all of us at the National Association of the Deaf (NAD)!

As you gear up to support the causes you love this holiday season, please consider making a gift to the NAD. Hundreds of thousands of people will turn to the NAD for assistance or depend on the NAD to defend their rights and this year, through our advocacy. Lots of hard work and resources will go into making this possible. We cannot do it without your support. Please donate to the NAD today to make a powerful impact on deaf and hard of hearing civil, human and linguistic rights.

We've had a phenomenal year, thanks to your membership and donations. In addition to dramatically improving our financial management and operations at Headquarters this year, we worked very hard to protect the rights of deaf people throughout their lives.

Let's take a walk with me through an imaginary deaf person's life span...

Visualize a deaf baby signing with his or her parents - NAD fought for a law that led to early hearing testing nationwide through a law called "EHDI". NAD is now fighting to ensure that deaf babies have access to and use American Sign Language (ASL), and for parents and family members to receive the support they need to ensure a language-rich home environment. Your donation will help NAD protect the linguistic rights of deaf infants and children.

As that deaf baby grows, kindergarten is next - NAD spoke out against budget cuts to and closures of state schools for the deaf; NAD is working with other groups on reauthorizing a law that ensures that the visual language needs of deaf children are given priority, this law is called "IDEA". As we go into 2011, please help NAD strengthen IDEA by pushing for language-driven educational placements as well as linguistically and culturally appropriate educational and support services. Your donation will help the NAD protect our children.

This deaf child becomes a high school graduate, ready to enter college - NAD has fought for access to interpreters, CART, note-takers at colleges across the nation. NAD continues to file court complaints to ensure the right of deaf people to prepare themselves as well as advance within their chosen careers. Your donation will ensure unlimited opportunities for deaf college graduates.

Now this deaf young adult is ready to enter the work force - NAD played a key role in passage of federal laws to protect the rights of deaf people under the ADA and the ADA Amendments Act. NAD must continue to monitor and protect these important civil rights laws. Recently NAD won legal cases involving a deaf pharmacist and a deaf lawyer, protecting their rights under the ADA in 2010. Your donation will help NAD protect communication access and advancement in the workplace.

As this deaf person may experience the miracle of life, a new child. Communication access at hospitals and doctor's offices is critical. - NAD has long fought for interpreting service access, including via video. Your donation will protect the health and welfare of our community members.

Let's not forget the Internet age for this deaf person, who by now is a parent with small children - NAD was a key player in obtaining 100% television captioning, and recently won an important battle - captioning of television programs shown on the Internet, thanks to passage of the 21st Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act. Your donation will work to bring captioning to every video, everywhere including the Internet.

Now a doting grandparent, this deaf elderly person watches her grandchild perform in ASL at a school play. ASL is the language of our community and we must uphold its preservation and precious place in our world. Your donation will ensure that our community continues to defend the right to self-expression and our birthright -- ASL.

All of these situations are challenging, uphill battles that can be won - only with your support. Please donate to the NAD today.

Thank you.

Bobbie Beth Scoggins
President

National Association of the Deaf

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

We did it! Together, we had a wildly successful year with advocacy accomplishments too numerous to list here. Our 50th Biennial NAD Conference in Philadelphia, PA exceeded expectations and plans are underway for 2012 in Louisville, KY. Thanks to your support, we now have stable operations at headquarters and we're working towards a better, brighter future for the benefit of all!

Key 2010 accomplishments:

* NAD advocated for passage of the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act, also through Coalition of Organizations for Accessible Technology (COAT) efforts. This new federal law will make it possible for us participate in the Internet age through captioned television programs on the Internet. The result of three years of advocacy by NAD and other groups, this new law also provides for closed caption buttons on television remote controls, hearing aid-compatible Internet telephones, communications equipment for individuals who are deaf-blind, and more.

* NAD called for swift action by International Congress on the Education of the Deaf (ICED) to formally reject resolutions passed at its 2nd Congress (also known as the 1880 Milan Congress). Last summer, ICED at its 21st Congress in Vancouver made a formal announcement to this effect, with its New Era Accord which expressed deep regret for the detrimental effects of the Milan resolutions, and promoted the acceptance of and respect for all languages and forms of communication in educational programs.

* NAD pushed for U.S.A ratification of the United Nations Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CPRD), an important human rights treaty which states that sign language is a human right and that education includes full acquisition of language, academic, practical and social knowledge. NAD will also represent U.S.A. at the XVI World Congress of the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) in South Africa next summer. The WFD is a global human rights organization with 130 country affiliates.

* NAD celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) with U.S. President Obama at the White House, with national disability advocacy organizations, and at several federal agency events held throughout the greater Washington, DC area. NAD had a pivotal role in passage of this landmark civil rights law, including the ADA Amendments Act that was reauthorized last year.

* NAD vigorously defended the rights of deaf and hard of hearing professionals and consumers in several court cases, such as: pharmacists can now conduct work-related relay calls in Alabama (patient orders by phone), spectators can now access information during university sporting events in Ohio (captioned public address systems), and attorneys can now access the Kentucky court system (interpreting services and other forms of effective communication).

We're proud of what we've been able to do and we could not have done it without you. Your support – both as a member and as a donor - helps NAD continue as your watchdog, keeping an ever-vigilant eye on upcoming laws, regulations, litigation, and policy work - to preserve, protect and advance the lives of the American deaf and hard of hearing community.

This is the time of the year when people celebrate Thanksgiving. Our hope is that you will continue to support NAD through your tax-deductible gift at <http://www.nad.org/sites/all/modules/civicrm/extern/url.php?u=448&qid=1096101> so that we can keep on making the world a better place for deaf and hard of hearing people.

On behalf of the board and staff, my warmest wishes to you for the holiday season,

Bobbie Beth Scoggins
President

H&R Block agrees to improve access for Deaf

The nation's largest tax preparation company, H&R Block, agreed Monday to improve its services for deaf and hard of hearing people. The Justice Department announced that H&R Block had agreed to a nationwide settlement to resolve a complaint filed by a deaf person in San Antonio, Texas, under the Americans with Disabilities Act. The agreement will ensure that individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing have equal access to tax preparation services at more than 11,000 offices nationwide," said Thomas E. Perez, assistant attorney general in charge of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division. The company agreed to provide auxiliary aids and services such as sign language interpreters, to train its employees and to enforce policies for communicating with deaf and hard of hearing customers. It will post notices advising customers of their right to request a sign language interpreter or other aid.

H&R Block, headquartered in Kansas City, has more than 11,000 owned or franchised offices in the U.S.

Last summer, the Department of Justice (DOJ) issued four Advance Notices of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) to revise their Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations. In an ANPRM, the DOJ seeks feedback to update its regulations from various communities, including the public at large, consumer-based organizations, legal groups, the industry, and appropriate governmental entities if applicable. On January 24, 2010, the NAD filed comments for the ANPRMs, advocating for proposed regulations and application of regulations that would best benefit the deaf and hard of hearing community. The following is a summary of each NAD comment to the DOJ ANPRMs:

Web Accessibility

The NAD advocated for the DOJ to adopt heightened standards that would require access to websites of state and local government and businesses open to the public. In particular, the standards would ensure visual access to aural context – including captions and/or transcripts for videos, streaming movies, webinars, online tutorials, online courses, and webisodes. The NAD demanded that such standards be effective immediately, without allowing covered entities to discriminate against deaf and hard of hearing users any longer.

Movie Captioning

The NAD rejected the DOJ's proposal that would require movie theaters to show closed captioning at 50% of movie showings within a 5-year time period. This, we believed, would not provide deaf and hard of hearing moviegoers with full access and equal enjoyment as promised by the ADA. Instead, we maintained that movie theaters must provide captions for all of its movies, at all time, immediately. The law, we explained, already provided for an undue burden defense – a strict, case-by-case determination of whether an entity is able to provide a particular aid or service. We also pushed for on-screen captioning.

The NAD asked the DOJ to ensure that 9-1-1 call centers using NG 9-1-1 be able to accept text messages of any kind – directly without having the deaf or hard of hearing individual connect to a text relay service provider first. Similarly, the NAD explained that it was crucial that each call center be able to accept video calls directly, without having the deaf or hard of hearing caller connect to a video relay service provider first. If a call center uses an interpreter, we insisted that the interpreter have heightened, specialized training in dealing with emergency calls.

Equipment and Furniture

The NAD sought to ensure that all equipment and furniture provided by all state and local entities and by all public accommodations are fully accessible for the deaf and hard of hearing. This includes electronic equipment, kiosks, ATMs, point of service devices, drive-thrus and alarms. We specifically demanded that exercise equipment come with TVs with captions. We also asked that medical equipment that shares information aurally be able to present the same information visually.--

Michael K. Berger & Richard McCowin

Region II Representative

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Youth Leadership Camp

The National Association of the Deaf (NAD) is pleased to announce that the 2011 NAD Youth Leadership Camp (YLC) will take place from June 22 through July 20. The Camp will take place at Camp Ta-loali, which features 111 acres of forested land located in the foothills of Oregon's Cascade Mountains. Embark on this unforgettable journey this summer with NAD YLC. Campers and staff application forms are now online at <http://www.nad.org/2011ylc>. The camper application deadline is March 31, 2011 and the staff application deadline is April 6, 2011.

The NAD YLC offers intensive leadership development opportunities and focuses on advocacy, empowerment, deaf culture and heritage, language, current issues, group dynamics, outdoor activities, and much more. YLC encourages outstanding young deaf and hard of hearing student leaders, grades 10 – 11, from diverse educational programs to develop advocacy skills and understand the principles of leadership through programs of learning, leadership development, and social interaction. The camp program provides students with opportunities for 'learning through active involvement.' The program also aims to assist young students in developing their scholarship, leadership, and citizenship abilities and becoming self-starters in their respective schools and communities. The NAD is dedicated to providing essential leadership development strategies and tools for deaf and hard of hearing youth through this exciting summer program.

Recent NAD Action Highlights

- *Robertson v. Los Animas County Sheriff's Department* – A deaf man alleged that he could not make a phone call from jail or participate in a televised advisory hearing that had no captions. A federal trial court dismissed the case. The NAD joined the case on appeal and won reinstatement of the deaf man's disability discrimination claims. The case later settled.
- *Cuevas v. City of Hialeah, Florida* – A deaf couple alleged that the police failed to provide qualified interpreters and involuntarily committed the wife to a hospital on two separate occasions because she was deaf. This matter was resolved.

Mosier v. Commonwealth of Kentucky – A deaf attorney alleged that the Kentucky state courts have a policy of not providing interpreters to ensure effective communication with deaf attorneys when they appear in court. This case is pending.

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Annual President's Day Luncheon

@ FAD Clubhouse

4156 Holiday Drive, Flint

Monday Feb 21st

11am - 5pm

\$10

Homemade Soup Cold Sandwiches

Chips/Cookies Coffee/Tea

Games: Cards/Dominos

(\$5 to play - 100% give-away)

Come and join the fun!

Closed Captioned/ Rated- PG 13 (140 minutes)



When- Friday, February 25 2011

Where: Deaf Community Center

19145 Beech Daly

Redford, MI 48240

Door Open: 5:30 pm

Time: 6:00 pm-10pm

Cost: Adult \$7 (12 & up) Child \$4 (under 12)

Limited seats (40).

66th Annual Central Athletic Association of the Deaf Basketball Tournament March 4, 5, & 6th, 2011

Headquarter-Site - Aim High
7977 Centerline Drive
Dimondale, Mi 48821-9526

Program

Friday, March 4, 2011

9:00 AM—Registration at
Aim High
10:00 AM—Board of Directors Mtg at
Aim High
5:00 PM—Aim High

Saturday, March 5, 2011

8:00 AM—All day at Aim High
6:00 PM—Coyote Creek Grill Sports
Bar, 6951 Lansing Rd,
Dimondale, Mi 48821

Sunday, March 6, 2011

9:00 AM all day at Aim High—
Elimination & Championship Games
6:00 PM-Tony M's, 3420 S. Creyts Rd,
Lansing, Mi 48917

General Chairman

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TICKET PRICE

Registration (CAAD).....\$10.00
All Day Friday.....10.00
All Day Saturday.....10.00
All Day Sunday.....10.00
Total.....\$40.00

Combination Ticket Price

Save \$5.00.....\$35.00

Special Rate:

Players, Managers,
Delegates.....\$20.00
(Program Book Excluded)
Senior Citizens & Under 17 &
Student with ID.....\$20.00
(Program Book Excluded)
Special Combo Ticket
\$30.00 on or before February 1st

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Crom Saunders



Variety of skits

Crom Saunders is in constant motion between his teaching, presenting, performing and everything in between. Crom has worked for theatre in almost every position possible backstage and on stage, in addition to lecturing on a wide variety of topics. Please come to 53rd Biennial Conference and take a look at all the stuff here and learn a little more about Crom and what he does in the theatre, conference, training and presentation world

Anderson Twins



Anderson Twin Comedy Show
How often do you get to see deaf/hearing twins on stage talking about their experience as deaf/hearing individuals or.... perhaps as twins? Hence, the Anderson twins, with their tad heavy, bald deaf men coming in to provide the humor perspective to entertain the deaf communities, hearing or deaf alike, across the nation!

Tentative Schedule

Thursday August 11, 2011

12:00 PM ~ 5:00 PM - Executive Board Meeting
2:00PM ~ 9:00PM - Registration Desk Open
7:00PM- 10:00 PM—President's Reception

Friday August 12, 2011

8:00 AM~ 5:00PM -Registration Desk Open
8:00AM~9:30AM -Continental Breakfast
10:00AM~12:00PM -Opening Ceremonies
12:00PM~1:00PM -Lunch/Keynote Speaker
1:00PM~5:00PM -General Meeting
5:00PM~8:00PM-Free time/dinner on your own
8:00PM~11:00PM—Entertainment
(Anderson Twins)

Saturday August 13, 2011

8:00AM~5:00PM-Registraton Desk Open
9:00AM~1:00PM-Workshops
12:00PM~1:00PM-Lunch on your own
1:00PM~5:00PM -General Meeting
5:00PM~6:00PM-Free time/dinner on your own
6:00PM~7:30PM -Banquet/Awards Presentation
8:00PM~10:00PM -Entertainment
(Crom Saunders)

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2011 MDA Conference Registration Form

August 11 to 13, 2011

Name: _____

Name on Tag: _____

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Email Address: _____

City/State/Zip : _____

Please check all apply if you plan to attend a part of this conference: Membership Status: (Please attach a copy of proof)

Individual Ticket Prices Members Non-Member

Membership Fee \$15.00 ()

() Registration Fee \$32.00 \$35.00

Senior Citizen Fee \$13.00 () (AGE 60 & UP)

() President's Reception ... \$20.00 \$25.00 (Deadline: Aug 1, 2011)

Meal Selection: If you plan to attend, check one of:

() Keynote Luncheon \$30.00 \$33.00 (Deadline: Aug 1, 2011)

Keynote Luncheon

() Banquet & Entertainment \$40.00 \$50.00 (Deadline: Aug. 1, 2011)

() Roast Breast of Turkey

() Classic herbed Meatloaf

Individual Prices Total \$122.00 \$143.00

() Vegetarian Wrap

Please mark one check if you plan to attend this entire Conference

Saturday Banquet

Combo Tickets Prices Members Non-Members

If you plan to attend, check one of:

() Early Bird Combo \$95.00 \$125.00 (Deadline: June 3, 2011)

() Grilled Chicken Christie Sauce ala Fresca

() Senior Citizen Combo \$90.00 \$110.00

() Broiled Lake Superior Whitefish

(Deadline: June 3, 2011)

Hotel Information:

() Regular Combo \$105.00 \$130.00 (Deadline: July 29, 2011)

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Sudoku

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Word Search

Winter Fun Word Search Game

Find the hidden words associated with winter.

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JACKFROST
MITTENS
OVERCOATS
SCARVES
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