



The Deaf Reader

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President's Message

Written by: Dawn Watts *Translated by:* Juanita Hall

Hello to you all! Wait a min.....I just learned something new. Just this past week, Helen Keller Awareness week took place from June 26th- July 2nd. I learned it's best to have dark contrasting clothing to help close vision individuals see better. So I'll take off this scarf. Anyways, I want to let you guys know that Ohio will be having a special service dog awareness event on Saturday, July 23rd. Chris Cooley, an OCDC Rep. 5, is being recognized for his fifth year of participation. There is more information on Chris further along in the newsletter. This event gives special recognition to all individuals who use service dogs for various reasons: the deaf-blind, hearing service dogs, emotional support dogs, and more. It's very exciting.

Previously, the American Library Association- you know Alice Hagemeyer and Laurent Clerc's 4th great-grandson, Laurent Clerc Holt gave a presentation on building bridges with the deaf community. I want to commend their action and applaud such important work. We never stop learning.

I would like to add that I recently joined a zoom meeting hosted by the White House where they discussed disabilities. The Office for public disabled stakeholders has proposed for us to have a Disability Pride Month, to recognize those with disabilities. I would also like to add that the Americans with Disabilities Act will celebrate its 32nd anniversary on July 26th. This is exceptionally important, honoring disabled people's freedom of speech and other rights.

Lastly, OCDC and its board are great at voicing their thoughts. As the OCDC president, I am only here to listen. Our next goal is to come together for a retreat to share ideas and discuss more in-depth how we can improve our organization and training. A couple of months ago we attended a workshop with a deaf presenter from Massachusetts, explaining the importance of strategy and planning. We will be meeting in Cleveland on August 7th. We have chosen Cleveland to honor Chuck Williams for his faith in OCDC over the years. My very last comment is....

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY! Celebrate your freedom of speech!

YouTube Link of President's Message: <https://youtu.be/eMJGEvS7NX8>

Working together,

Dawn K Watts



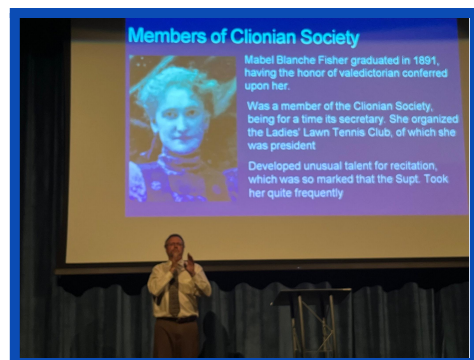
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The Ohio School for the Deaf Alumni Association's Celebration

Written by: Darrell Doudt

At our community center, we all gathered for the 150 + 2 years of celebration for our founded organization. It was founded in 1870. It is the oldest alumni association in the nation. We had delayed our event for two years due to the pandemic Covid-19.

Us Ohio School for the Deaf (OSD)) alumni joined to celebrate our event. There was a luncheon served where we displayed many old photographs showing our wonderful memories at OSD. There was also a powerslide demonstration that showed the history of our past time of OSDAA at our theatre. We also celebrated our nursing care center for its 127th year. The Ohio Home for the Aged and Infirm Deaf (OHAD) opened on December 12, 1896.



Our President Darrell Doudt gave the one-hour and half lecture about the early history of Ohio School for the Deaf; the establishment of a deaf school from 1820 to 1830. It also covered the long history of our organization, Ohio School for the Deaf Alumni Association.

At the end of the ceremony, we enjoyed the drinks and cake. We are looking forward to having another celebration in the next 23 years.



Photos Credit: Dawn Watts

The Film, *I'm So Amazing*

Written by: Leah Subak, Ph.D., Co-Producer



Photo caption - a poster stating, NEOACCESS, LLC presents, followed by the movie title, *I'm So Amazing* on the left under a photo of Angie C. Orlando. Another photo of Orlando appears on the right, with a superimposed picture of Orlando communicating via tactile Sign Language with Jason Judy at Summit Mall, Akron, Ohio. The subtitle - A documentary film exploring disability. Directed by David Smeltzer, Produced by Kenneth and Leah Subak, works by Angie C. Orlando.

The description reads: Meet Angie C. Orlando, a writer who happens to be DeafBlind. Orlando and others describe life experiences pertaining to individuals with various types of bodies. Issues such as Inspiration Porn (IP) and the state of services offered to individuals with disabilities are explored. amazingfilm2020@gmail.com copyright NEOACCESS, LLC all rights reserved.

(this film is Open Captioned; Audio Description available on request)

(Sign language interpreters and tactile interpreters will be available at the viewings. Please email for additional accommodation requests.)

Hello! The film, *I'm So Amazing*, is ready for public viewing. You are invited to attend one or all of the events below before these opportunities are opened up to the general public. There will be three opportunities in the Northeastern Ohio area for viewing - one in late summer, one in early fall and a viewing at the University of Akron in October.

Below are the confirmed dates:

- Friday August 26th - Sneak Peek (the whole film will be shown; it is a rehearsal for the premiere)
- Thursday, September 29th - Film Premiere
- The University of Akron - TBA

Do save the dates on your calendars if you are interested in attending the Sneak Peek and/or the Premiere. You may pick one or both. (The University of Akron viewing is a separate event being hosted by the University of Akron). Please see the information below.

Tickets will be available soon for the Sneak Peek so we can get an idea of the number of people who plan to attend. Free tickets will be available online starting July 15, 2022. Premiere tickets will be available in early Fall. I will be sending additional emails out when the tickets are available and provide the website information. In the meantime, feel free to send me an email with any questions.

The venue will be large enough that you may bring family and friends. Also, the venue will be large enough that we could pick one section to seat guests with 'covid' seating - every other seat. Masks are not required at this time but feel free to wear one if you would like.

We are tentatively targeting the time 6 - 9 pm on Friday August 26 for the Sneak Peek at Tallmadge High School Theatre. (Thank you Tallmadge City Schools for providing access to this film!)

Below is the tentative schedule for the Sneak Peek

- 6:00 - 6:30 - gather
- 6:30 - 8:00 - film viewing
- 8:00 - 8:15 - break (light refreshments)
- 8:15 - 9:00 - Q and A (would love to have your feedback. There will be an online survey as well)

Below is the tentative schedule for the Premiere

- 6:00 - 6:30 - gather/Red Carpet/sponsor tables/photos
- 6:30 - 8:00 - film viewing
- 8:00 - 8:15 - audience reactions and brief Q and A
- 8:15 - 9:00 - refreshments and a chance to share your feedback on video (an online survey will be sent out as well)

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Save the Date! ASLTA 2023 National Professional Development Conference

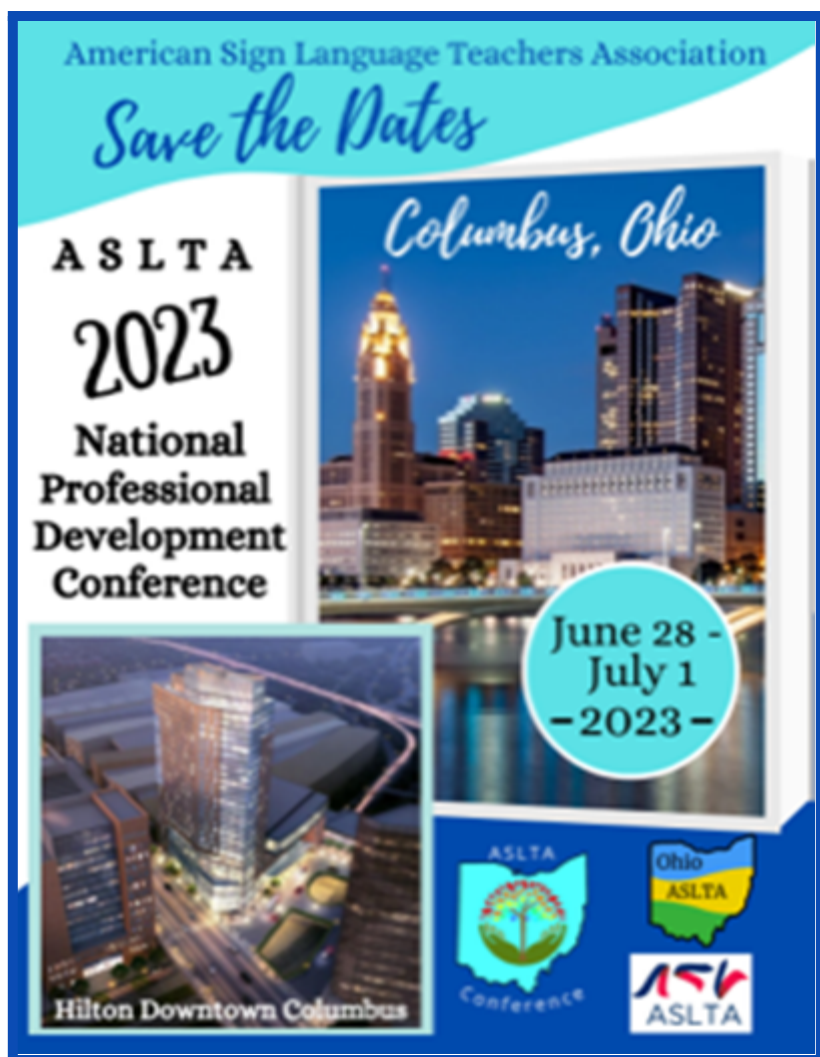


Image Description:

Wording on the top of the poster in bold black: **THE DEAFBLIND COMMUNITY HAS LEARNED TO SHIFT THEIR PERSPECTIVE. HAVE YOU?**

A black and white photo with a light blue background with a diversified group of about 25 people of all different ethnicities, ages, genders, and styles of clothing. A few people are in color including a young woman in the front of the group with her guide dog, a man holding a white cane, and a man wearing headphones. A blue circle with "DeafBlind Awareness" is to the right of the group of people.

Wording on the bottom of the poster: Creativity and innovation are built upon a diverse group of perspectives. Who better to help initiate that innovation than the DeafBlind community, a group of people whose lives are driven by the pursuit of change and innovation? In the lower right-hand corner of the poster are the logos for the Helen Keller National Center for DeafBlind Youths and Adults and Wunderman Thompson Health

Date: June 28th - July 1st
 Location: Columbus, Ohio
 Conference: Hilton Downtown

Exciting New Communication Device, UbiDuo 3

Written by: [Marsha Moore](#)

Hello friends!

I now work for sComm and I wanted to take the opportunity to introduce you to what we do for the deaf, hard of hearing, deafblind, and people with speech issues.

sComm is proud to present UbiDuo 3 for all deaf, hard of hearing, and deafblind people to have barrier-free communication in their daily lives. The world is evolving where we are always in constant communication with both deaf and hearing people. Sometimes interpreters are not available when we need them. We must be able to create our own communication access. Thus, that is where the UbiDuo 3 comes in! Please check it out at www.scomm.com.

The best part is that the UbiDuo 3 is covered by Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance. The device is yours to keep and use when you need it. I will be happy to walk you through the process so that you can own this device for your own personal and business uses. If you know of anyone else who may be interested in this device, please have them contact me. This includes both businesses, schools, and individuals.

Please contact me at marsha.moore@scomm.com or VP me at 614-569-4116 or text me at 614-596-2739 anytime! I am here to help you to communicate directly without communication barriers.

If you prefer to start the process you may go to this link and fill out the form. This form will go directly to me and our support team who follow the Medicare/HIPAA process for due diligence verification. https://cif.scomm.com/?ls=Web%20Site&rep_id=3a811652-4673-596f-5306-629637099490

Thank you. Again, if you know of anyone else who may be interested in getting one, please let me know! Thanks!

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Signs Are Everywhere

Written by: Marsha Moore

Dr. Leah Subak, Dr. Stefanie Amiruzzaman, Pattie Bettis-Eddie, and Marsha Moore, CDM, collaborated on a book that will be used by many universities across the country in their Interpreting Education and ASL Programs. Many students take Introductory classes with no opportunities for real-life applications. Thus, a book project was born, describing success and access in the Deaf World.

Here is the synopsis of the book: Roz Taylor, a fictional, famous Hollywood personality, gives birth to Ella, a deaf baby, whom she gives up for adoption. A Deaf-World family adopts the baby, providing an ideal environment for the child. Roz interferes in the family dynamic and cochlear implants become part of their reality. Characters in the story navigate complex waters and fine lines related to identity, caring for one another, and communication justice.

At RID Ohio chapter's (OCRID) conference, we hosted a workshop and discussed the four big ideas that were an important part of the book. Topics included Ethics of Care, Cultural Identity Development Theory, Binary Thinking – the CI Debate, and Communication Access – Plausible Deniability. The book is based on years of research to support each concept and real-life experiences.

Students taking ASL or Interpreting classes, hearing parents of deaf children, and teachers of the deaf will find this book enlightening. The team presented the book at several conferences including the OCRID Conference last Friday. The feedback has been fabulous. Here are a few readers' comments:

“The book *Signs Are Everywhere* presents a modern insight into Deaf Culture and into the lives of deaf/Deaf individuals. With a multitude of points-of-views, *Signs Are Everywhere* provides invaluable information to aid ASL Interpreting students and parents of deaf children on their journey in the Deaf-World.”

– Kate Giet, Kent State University graduate, 2021

“From beginning to end this book was absolutely incredible! Coming from a hearing family this was a unique and intimate view into some of the many struggles non-hearing families face. Hearing, or not, I definitely recommend this spectacularly eye-opening book!”

– Josiah Hull, Cuyahoga Community College student

“An endearing story giving insight into Deaf culture from the perspective of both hearing, and deaf people. Through a dynamic plot line, and diverse group of characters, the book touches on the challenges of adoption, fame, and immersing yourself in a new community. A must-read for ASL students, new parents to a deaf child, or anyone learning about Deaf culture.”

– Micayla O’Keefe, Cuyahoga Community College student

We are also exploring the idea of utilizing the book for interpreter mentoring or professional development. More to come! If you are interested in ordering a book, you can go to <https://www.neoaccess.org/product-page/signs-are-everywhere> and order your book today.

Proceeds from this book will go to benefit NEOAccess in helping to establish a Deaf Mentor Program for parents and children alike in Ohio. To learn more about NEOAccess, click here: www.neoaccess.org.

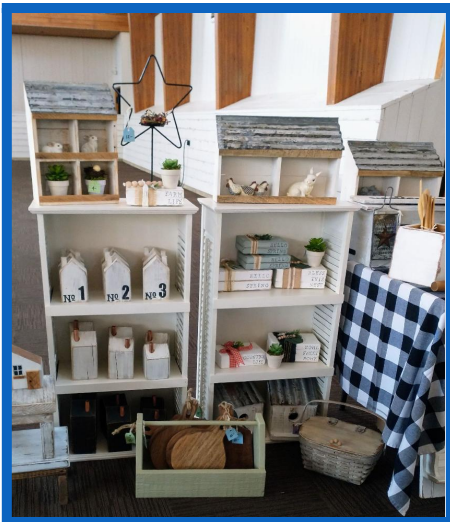
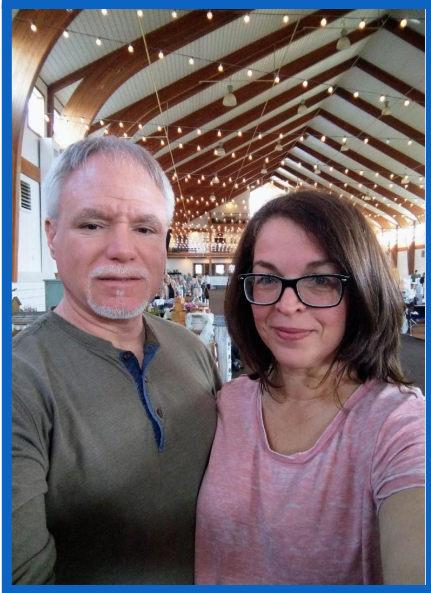
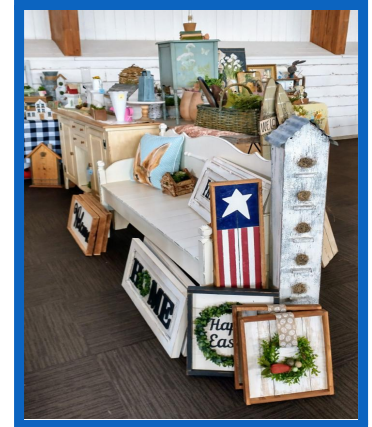


Designs by Marina

Written by: Marina DiMario

My small business is called “Designs by Marina.” Customers can follow me on Facebook. I do craft show events in the Spring & Fall in several locations. The next show is on October 8th in Johnstown, Ohio, and again on

December 3rd in Croton, Ohio. Everything is handmade & repurposed from wood. Some are made from barn wood, old windows, furniture, etc. Handmade farmhouses and vintage decors are seasonal & neutral. I started doing craft shows last year. I do this because I am passionate about handmade crafts. I hope you will attend my upcoming fall event to support small businesses. Everything is unique and different.

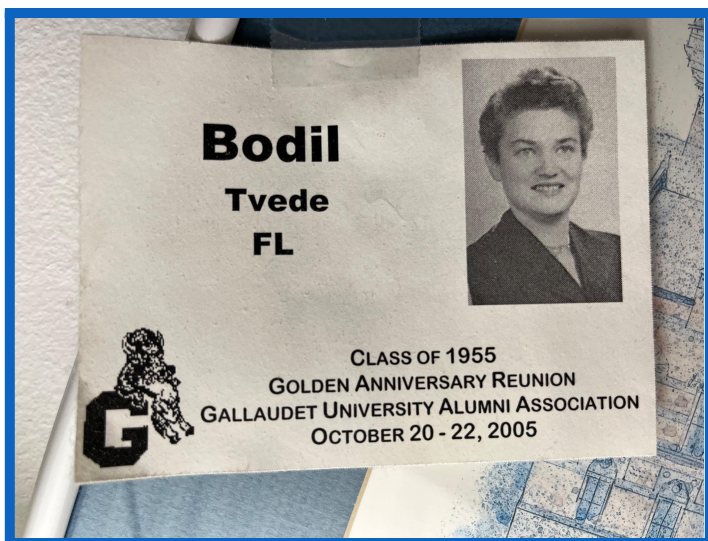


Photos Credit: Marina DiMario

Bodil's Grandfather was the First Inventor of the Hurdles for Racing

Written by: Dawn Watts

Bodil's grandfather, Alvin Christian Kraenzlein, from Milwaukee who lived from 1876 to 1928, was in the 1900 Olympics in Paris. He enrolled at Penn University and was the first inventor of the hurdles. Bodil Tvede remembered that she and her sister went to New York for her grandfather's U.S. Hall of Fame Olympic. The Olympic committee selected Bodil Tvede to join the Olympic Torch Relay in the summer of 1996 in Alabama. Bodil decided to donate a special Olympic Torch Relay to the Gallaudet Archives Library last spring.



Photos Credit: Dawn Watts

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Deaf History Month 50th Anniversary Planning

Written by: Debbie Brown

We look forward to next year's fifth anniversary of Ohio's Deaf History Month. There will be a big celebration from March 13th to April 15th, 2023. We have five Regional Representatives in Ohio; which include the Northwest, Northeast, Southwest, Central, and Southeast regions. Each region can contact their local area library to educate them about Deaf Culture, Deaf History, and American Sign Language. Our mission is to educate hearing people, to break the barrier between the hearing and the deaf world. It is very interesting to learn more about the Deaf world. It will benefit you and help you grow. I encourage you to contact your local area regional representatives if you want to celebrate Deaf History Month in your local library. They can contact your library and they would be happy to set it up for you. Please mark it on your calendar and do not miss this big event.

Here are the five Regional Representatives' email addresses:

Northwest area in Ohio:

Lori Luk — lklori1@gmail.com

Ann Bodette — Eug25marie@icloud.com

Northeast area in Ohio:

Angie Potosky — potosky2rep@gmail.com

Charles Williams — cwilliams788@gmail.com

Regis Gilchrist — regisgilchrist@gmail.com

Southwest area in Ohio:

Paul Wernsing — bpwernsing@twc.com

Central area in Ohio:

Tim McNutt — tmcnutt64@outlook.com

Southeast area in Ohio:

Christopher Cooley — Chriscooley40@gmail.com

If you have any questions about it, please contact me on my email address: Debbie Brown — dbohio1960@yahoo.com

Thank you,

Debbie Brown
ODHM Chairperson



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RID Region 3 Conference

Written by: Megan Anderson-Christian

July 16th-July 19th, the RID Region III conference took place in Columbus, Ohio. The theme of the conference was “Healing and On Ward.” The current RID president Ritchie Bryant, placed a call to action. He recognized several past wrongs and the trauma that has impacted RID stakeholders as a result. He described the results of these wrongs as creating a toxic environment for those affected by RID. He emphasized the importance of recognizing those wrongs and starting the healing process.

As a participant in this conference, I had the privilege of partaking in multiple workshops, several of which sparked fantastic discussions. Our region III representative Shawn Vriezen, CDI, and QMHI took the time to engage and listen to the members during two of the discussion groups I took part in. He may not have agreed with everything that was said. However, he clearly leads with an open mind and a willingness to listen, as an equal to the members he serves. It was a privilege to be able to engage with one of our leaders in such meaningful discussions. I feel this is the type of leadership that will help unite and pull the profession in the right direction.

Throughout the conference, I sensed an underlying theme of “relationships and trust.” During the workshop “The Signs are Everywhere: exploration and application of big ideas in a deaf-centric world,” Topics such as the deaf communities’ ability to vet the interpreters they work with, interpreters’ identities within the deaf community, and so much more were addressed. As I look back over the conversations I experienced, much of the discussions came down to the relationship and trust that is established between the people involved and the need to eliminate binary, “black and white” perspectives.

During the workshop “Assess. Listen. Learn. Include. Educate. Support,” I noticed a similar theme of establishing relationships and trust, as well as eliminating a binary way of thinking; a right way or a wrong way. We took part in an exercise that highlighted the complicated nuances of addressing racism and how to be an ally to our POC (People of Color) colleagues. Actions as simple as making note of when our POC colleagues are not being included or even dismissed and taking a simple step to be sure they are included and recognized as equals. As well as being sure we are establishing genuine relationships and not simply taking advantage of the color of their skin when needing a “token” Person of Color. Without POC representation in our field, our POC consumers will continue to be underrepresented and underserved. It is essential that we take the time and make a targeted effort to expand the number of qualified POC interpreters to create an equitable world for all of us. In order to see this through we need to begin establishing genuine relationships and lines of trust. The presenters of this workshop; Anicia Jinks, Christina Chang, and Shawnese Allie are all POC and founding members of Secure Interpreting Solutions (S.I.S.)- “Our goal is to promote a more equitable, and inclusive space for Interpreters of color while providing exceptional representation to the Person(s) of Color (POC), Deaf Community.” (Secure interpreting solutions. 2022)

During the conference, time was taken to recognize interpreters for their efforts in the field. Here are the people nominated by the membership:

- Novice interpreter - Amanda Gallof
- Deaf interpreter - Marla Berkowitz
- Community interpreter - Crystal Stewart
- Student interpreter - Yalanda Allgood
- Veteran interpreter - Vicky Emerson
- Educational interpreter - Colleen Ticherich

The discussions that took place during this conference were often old topics being impacted by changing times and culture. As interpreters, it is essential that we are diligent in keeping up with the forever evolving and changing Deaf world, Hearing world, and understanding how we impact both. How we impact both is often how we impact the relationships between the two groups. Our ultimate goal is to provide access so relationships between, what seems to be, two worlds (Deaf and Hearing,) can take place. However, I think it's important to highlight that we do not live on two separate worlds or planets. We utilize the same resources and share many of the same needs in the same space. Interpreters are one attempt to create some equity between the two populations that live among each other. Conferences such as RID's region III conference provide opportunities for interpreters to come together and collaborate and address the needs of the field and further support the mission of equity and access.

Secure Interpreting Solutions, (2022) Homepage, <https://secureinterpretingsolutions.org/>

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**Facebook Live Coffee/Tea Chat:
“The Deaf Standard Time View”**

Come chat, debate and discuss
current events of all topics!

Click here for The Deaf Standard Time View on Facebook¹

ASL Twitch channel new on Xbox!

In April, Xbox partnered with Sorenson (a videophone communications company) to form an ASL Xbox twitch channel for sign language access of nearly 25 hours of livestreams every week.

Visit the new channel at <https://www.twitch.tv/xboxasl/>

Click here for the full article at the News Xbox website²

Great News! There is Now a Suicide Hotline for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing!

*Click here for the Suicide Hotline Text 9-8-8 Information*³



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American Library Magazine's article on "Deaf Culture: A Strategy for Inclusive Deaf Community Engagement"

This 2022's annual conference was presented in Washington, D.C. on June 26 session at American Library Association (ALA).

*Click here to view ALA's article*⁴

Websites:

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CODA Workshop

Written by: Ronald S. Opatich

During the day, there were about 30 CODA Ohioans who attended the workshop. CODA Alan Aberbanell is a Chicago native that is now living in Charleston, SC.

With years of experience in the field, Alan created a series of hands-on interpreter workshops in 2005 to take his colleagues back to the basics of the profession. These workshops focus on mitigating internal bias inventories with environmental and professional challenges; navigating the unexpected; incorporating storytelling techniques into ASL production; and developing best practices for effective communication among colleagues. In the evening, Alan provided his storytelling on stage in the OSDAA Community Center theater for two hours. Ababa takes his audiences on a roller-coaster ride of emotion; first pulling them through the hilarious rush and shocking twists of his youth, then plunging them into the tragedy and loss that followed, only to hurl them upwards towards uncontrollable laughter once again! With the simple wave of a hand, Ababa renders each audience exhausted from gales of laughter and torrents of tears by the show's end. He then announced that it would be his last show because he is retiring.



Photos Credit: Ronald S. Opatich



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Synopsis

Class 101 & Class 201

Both the Deafhood 101 and 201 classes follow an established curriculum that uses the work of Dr. Paddy Ladd's book, *Understanding Deaf Culture: In Search of Deafhood*, as a framework. Each class is composed of 10 modules each and covered within a 20-hour class, usually spread over 4 days.

Deafhood 101 is an introduction to consciousness-raising of the "Deaf Being" through the lens of phonocentric colonialism of the Deaf peoples. We explore the hidden discourses behind the medical/scientific hegemony controlling the education of our people, and how to better understand the unlimited potential of our Deaf people. We cover the following topics: phonocentric colonialism, Deafhood vs deafness, the Deaf community before colonization, Deaf culture status, minorities within the Deaf community, subalterns and what it means, identity, deficit thinking, eugenics, reframing and 1,001 victories. Deafhood 101 is a pre-requisite for Deafhood 201.

The agenda for the **Deafhood 101** class includes:

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| 1- In Search of Deafhood- Introduction | 6- Culture or sub-culture? |
| 2- What is Deafhood | 7- Deaf Minorities, Subalterns, & Elites |
| 3- Colonialism | 8- Identity and Deficit Thinking |
| 4- Pre-Colonialism | 9- Framing |
| 5- Colonialism of the Deaf World | 10- 1,001 Victories |

Deafhood 201 continues to explore topics that were covered in the introductory Deafhood 101 class, and these topics focuses on raising consciousness within our Deaf community. There will be a discussion on Oralism and its impacts, residential schools and Deaf education, a need for a "Deaf Identity Restoration" program to develop or restore healthy identities for all Deaf people, Deaf clubs and third places and their importance in our community, why it is critical to engage in discourses to unlock the doors to a positive and holistic future, and why there is a need for healing within our community. Deafhood 201 will be a pre-requisite for Deafhood 301 — an emphasis on advocacy and activism, working towards meaningful and positive systemic changes. (Deafhood 301 curriculum currently being developed).

Agenda of modules for the **Deafhood 201** class includes:

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| 1- A Recap on a Search of Deafhood | 6- Residential Schools |
| 2- Colonialism Review | 7- Identity |
| 3- Oralism | 8- Dimensions & Discourses |
| 4- Impact | 9- Healing & Relationships |
| 5- Deaf Clubs and Third Places | 10- Wrap-Up |

Deafhood Foundation is a national 501(c)(3) tax-exempt community foundation. Our federal tax number is 26-2603123

DeafBlind Awareness Week

Written by: Juanita Hall

Recently, DeafBlind Awareness Week was observed nationally from the week of June 26th to July 2nd to bring more awareness of DeafBlind, a marginalized group that is often forgotten by society in general. This annual advocacy awareness was first established when President Ronald Reagan made a proclamation in 1984 (DeafBlind Awareness, 2022). The DeafBlind has a vibrant community and has fought hard for their rights to have equal access just like anyone else. This year's theme, as stated in the Helen Keller National Center for DeafBlind Youths and Adults (NKNC), is "Diversity and Inclusion: Creativity and innovation are built upon a diverse group of perspectives. Who better to help initiate that innovation than the DeafBlind community, a group of people whose lives are driven by the pursuit of change and innovation?" (DeafBlind Awareness, 2022, para.1). More information about this may be found on the NKNC's website, <https://www.helenkeller.org/hknc/dbaw>.

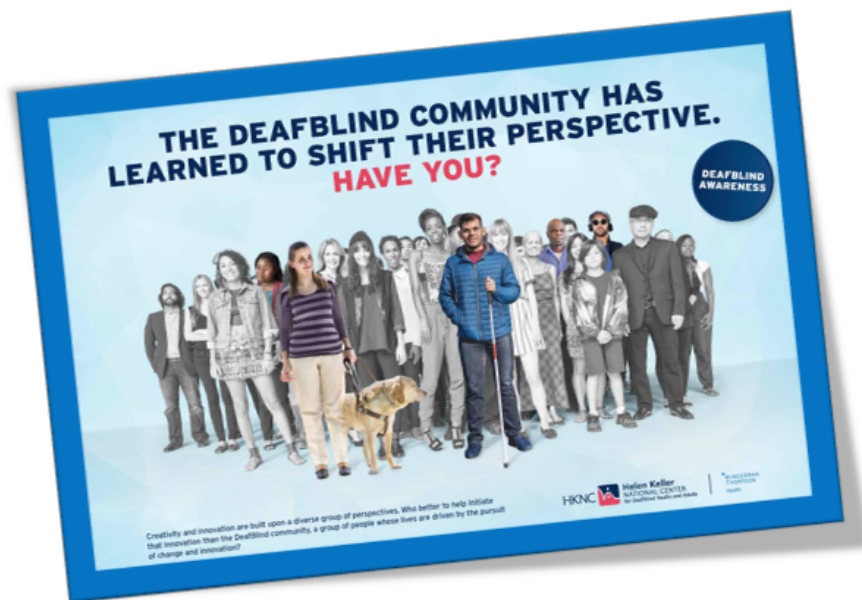


Figure 1. Poster of the DeafBlind Awareness Week. The DeafBlind Community Has Learned to Shift Their Perspective. Have you?, KHNC Helen Keller National Center for Youths and Adults, 2022, <https://www.helenkeller.org/hknc/dbaw>. 2022 by Helen Keller Services (HKS).

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Dr. Nancy Evans Kensicki

Shared from the Gallaudet Alumni Association Website via Facebook

We are sad to report the passing of Dr. Nancy Evans Kensicki, '65 & G-'67. Dr. Kensicki was a long-time professor of English at Gallaudet and was named professor emerita upon her retirement. She was also GCAA reunion chair in 1965, secretary of GUAA from 1985 to 1995, and a long-time member and chair of the GUAA Graduate Fellowship Fund Committee. More Information will follow. In the meantime, we send our condolences to Dr. Kensicki's family and friends.



OCDC's New Editor, Deborah Ozanich

Written by: Deborah Ozanich

Hello! My name is Deborah Ozanich and I am the new editor with *The Deaf Reader* newsletter team. I was born in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina and had severe sensorineural hearing loss in both ears. There was not much in the

area for deaf education, so I was mainstreamed and learned how to read lips and speak (speech therapy anyone?) while I used an FM system in the classroom. It was a hoot having access to what teachers were discussing in the hallways while my classmates could not hear them, but I could. My younger sister is hard of hearing also and my baby brother is hearing. I am divorced and have a brilliant seven-year-old son, Gabe, who enjoys being a CODA. When I turned 29, I had a traumatic accident that caused me to lose my right leg below the knee and the rest of my hearing, so I am profoundly deaf and only use one hearing aid. I use ASL and SEE along with lipreading in my daily communications. I was also mainstreamed in schools as I grew up in South Carolina, Colorado, and Ohio so I got a good feel for the different ways a deaf child's education is handled in different states. I graduated from Kent State University and taught 15 years as an itinerant teacher for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (D/HH) in Southwest Ohio. I worked with Hopewell Regional Resource Center based in Hillsboro, OH to serve D/HH children and their families at school and at home. I was sad to

retire, but am enjoying my busy life in Northeast Ohio with friends, family, my two cats (one of them is an amputee like me), and my hobbies. I am eagerly looking forward to this new chapter with *The Deaf Reader*. Thank you for allowing me the honor of helping with editing duties and the warm welcome aboard!



SAM JONES SHEREE J. WILSON BARRY LIVINGSTON MARSHALL TEAGUE RICHARD HERD VERNON WELLS



HE MADE THOUSANDS CHEER,
BUT NEVER HEARD ONE.



THE SILENT NATURAL

Based on a true story about the first Deaf Major League Baseball Star

DMY HOY, LLC PRESENTS A DAVID RISOTTO FILM "THE SILENT NATURAL" MILES BARBEE SAM JONES SHEREE J. WILSON MARSHALL TEAGUE BARRY LIVINGSTON RICHARD HERD VERNON WELLS CLARENCE FELDER BARRY PEARL ANNE LOCKHART KATHLEEN KINMONT JOEY STEVENSON JEREMY QUIROGA TYLER MANE COURTNEY GAINS CHELSEY FULLER COSTUME DESIGNER MATTHEW KENT EDITOR TERRY LUKEMIRE PRODUCER CHRISTIAN RAMIREZ BASEBALL HISTORY PHOTOGRAPHY BOB GILLES EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS SAM SULLIVANT PRODUCED BY DAVID RISOTTO STEVE SANDY BRANSCOMBE RICHMOND ANI KYO WOLF EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS DAVID RISOTTO DAVID KEINATH WRITER & DIRECTOR DAVID RISOTTO

The Silent Natural Film

Written by: Steve Sandy, producer

Readers,

Ever since the dreaded pandemic wrecked our country two years ago and everyone “barred themselves in place,” not going outside for any reason, except for doctor appointments and food shopping. They would go as quickly as they could and get right back home. Once they were home they would instantly splash a lot of Antibacterial Hand Sanitizers onto their hands. Every. Time... Do your hands glow now? 😊

Oh, and not to forget, masks galore! They made it look like you were gonna rob the place – nothing happened, eh? Knock on wood.

As a producer for this film, “The Silent Natural” I had plans to show it in Cincinnati, at the Taft Theater and at Gallaudet (in DC), but the pandemic hit and we were told to cancel everything.

Now as the pandemic lightens, you can have the chance to view this film. Use the QR code or go to www.imdb.com and type in “The Silent Natural” and view a 3-minute clip of this film.

You can now even view this film on Amazon! Take some time to relax and watch this film. Your comments are greatly appreciated. You can comment online letting us know that you enjoyed the film. But you also can order the DVD on Amazon, Walmart, or Target. There are other links that sell this DVD. Go to Google and search through cyberspace.

Is that all? No! I am still working to get Dummy Hoy inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame. Click on the link below on how to send letters. We are gonna attempt to get Dummy Hoy on the ballot in December 2024. Let’s make it happen. Your support is greatly appreciated.

<https://www.nancychurnin.com/hoy-for-the-hall>

Have a pleasant and safe summer!!

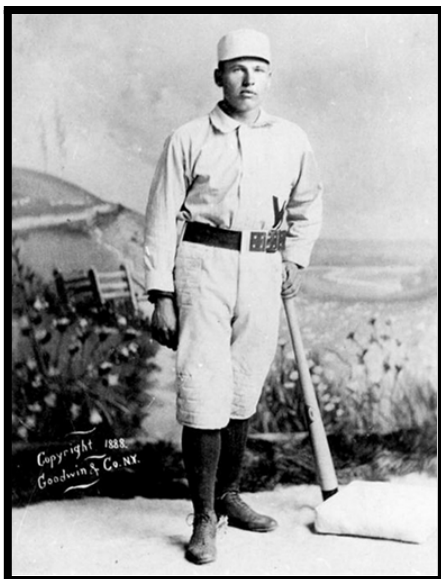
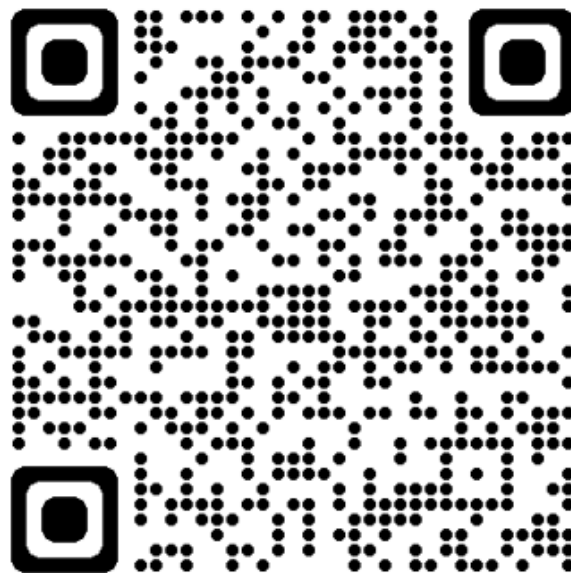


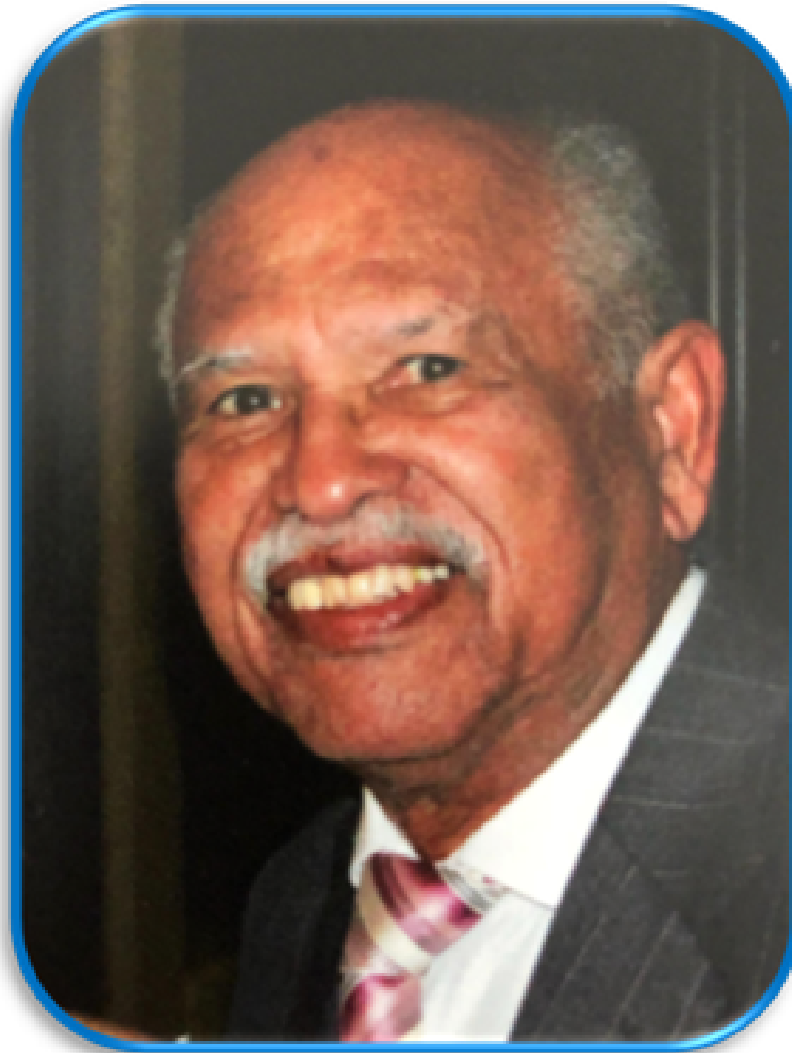
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Update: Charles “Chuck” Williams

Written by: Deborah Ozanich

May and June were a couple of rough months for Chuck because he got another infection and had to go to the hospital for treatment. Chuck is a brave survivor and has a left below-knee amputation due to infection earlier this year. He is back home recovering and learning how to walk again. Chuck got his new prosthetic leg and is walking daily as he completes physical therapy sessions. It has been a challenging adventure, but Chuck says he is up for it and recently celebrated his 91st birthday! Congratulations!!



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Deaf Services Center Interim
Executive Director Resignation

Columbus Dispatch June 15, 2022

<https://www.dispatch.com/story/news/local/2022/06/15/head-deaf-services-agency-resigning-post-after-four-months/7634444001/?fbclid=IwAR0mOagYUEBRN084eaFEXYRRE5xbzNu7uByxcZSfp8HEXE7bLO7yt-MVcgM>

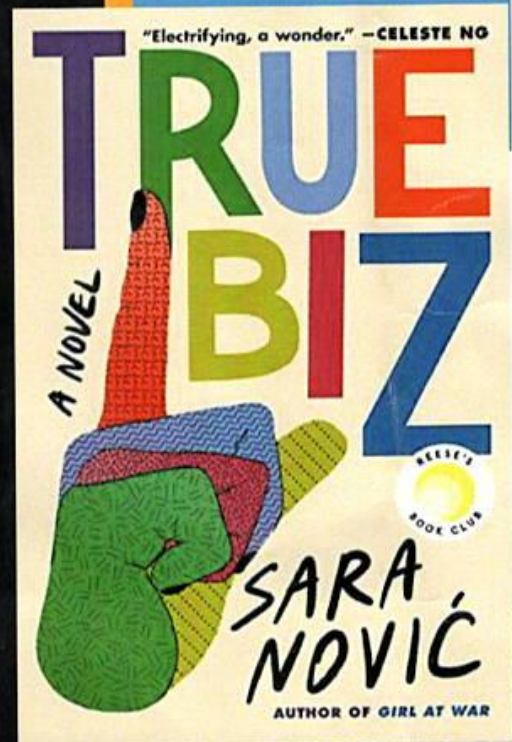
COME & JOIN US FOR
A HALLENROSS BOOK
DISCUSSION GROUP

TRUE BIZ

written by

● *Sara Nović* ●

facilitated by: *Meredith
Burke, MA*



Coming Fall 2022!

Please watch our Facebook page and
www.hallenross.com for info on
registration, CEUs, meeting details, etc!



45th Annual

Fall Festival

Ohio School for the Deaf Alumni Association
Community Center - Picnic Shelter & Exhibit Hall
1055 Colony Drive, Westerville, Ohio

Sunday, September 11, 2022 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

CornHole

Saturday, September 10, 2022
At Community Center parking a lot
10:00am to 4:00pm
Fee: \$20.00
Sell drinks and food

Special Evening Fun Night

WINGO SOCIAL

Saturday, September 10, 2022

At Columbus Colony Housing II

Wingo game starts at 7:00 pm

Fun Time Door Prizes

Snack

Admission: \$5:00

Proceeds to the Development

Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, September 10, 2022
At Columbus Colony Housing II's
Multi-Purpose Room
The doors open at 5:00 pm
Cost: \$10.00

*Drawing Raffles
At 1:00 and 3:00*

Refreshments

BOOTHS

Admission:
\$3.00 - 6-16 years old
\$5.00 - 17 and up

Meet Old & New Friends

Come one, Come All

For Information Contact:
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**Booth Space Reservation
CONTRACT**

Ohio School for the Deaf Alumni Association

45th ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

1055 Colony Drive, Westerville, Ohio 43081

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Exhibits, Arts and Crafts

Non-profit Organization	\$75.00
Corporation/Profit Organization	\$125.00
Electricity	add \$15.00
Additional Tables	add \$20.00

DEADLINE: September 1, 2022

*received after deadline, additional \$25

One table & two chairs provided for each exhibit. Two wristbands per registration.

of tables needed _____ Electricity required? _____

Set-up between 8:00AM and 10:00AM

Non-refundable after deadline

Exhibitors are not permitted to provide food/drink, or raffles for sale

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Name _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City, State _____

E-Mail Address _____ VP# _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____ Authorized Signature _____

Checks payable to OSDAA and send to:

45th Fall Festival

1055 Colony Drive

Westerville, OH 43081

E-mail: office@osdaa.org



**BUCKEYE CHAPTER GUAAs
SUMMER PICNIC**

SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2022

Prospect Park, Prospect, Ohio

12:00 noon to ???

**Bring your family! Swimming available for a
small fee, plenty of playgrounds for the kids!**

\$3.00 for hamburgers and hot dogs.

Please bring a dish to share!

RSVP before July 10th

Contact to: markbyrdthecoder@gmail.com

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Upcoming Events

- International Week of the Deaf (IWD)
 - Sunday, September 18 - Saturday, September 24, 2022
 - <https://www.nad.org/resources/american-sign-language/international-week-of-the-deaf/>
- International Day of Sign Languages - Friday, September 23, 2022
 - <https://nationaltoday.com/international-day-of-sign-languages/>
- World Day of the Deaf - Sunday, September 25, 2022
 - <https://nationaltoday.com/world-day-of-the-deaf/>
- September is Library Card Sign-Up Month
 - www.ala.org/librarycardsignup
- September Banned Week - September 18-24
 - #BannedBooksWeek 2022
 - <https://www.ala.org/advocacy/bbooks>



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