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Mission: To serve the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community.

Purpose: To meet individuals' needs for education, guidance, support, and socialization.

Vision: To promote effective open communication within our communities.

Jacksonville Community Center for the Deaf



Deloris Summers, President / Editor

Hello Members ...

JCCD Board members and I have been keeping in the loop with the building's needs and planning for this year's fundraising. We are asking for your feedback so please let us know via VP calls, emails, and message texts. Also, please remember to use JCCD's new email address: jccd@jccd.org and the old email (jccd@mchsi.com) will soon expire and cannot be used anymore.

With my deepest sorrow I want to share with you that Bob Crane had passed away last month. Bob Crane was my contract manager for DASA/SUPR and he had a very long relationship with JCCD using the center for DASA/SUPR program for many years. Bob was on the DHS staff and had a strong empathy for the Deaf community. He will be greatly missed. Prayers go out to families and friends that knew him. I will have a new manager replacing Bob and it is with my hopes that the new person will have the same understanding and empathy for the Deaf community.

Prayers are needed for those who need them so please let JCCD know and we will keep you in our thoughts. We also can help in any way you want us to. I want to let you know that in this newsletter, it will mention what happens, but no names will be mentioned unless you want me to. There are some people within our community who have moved to nursing homes, staying in hospitals, etc., but won't mention names at this time.

JCCD and SUPR are working together to "merge" the QuickBooks so that it will be much easier to do the annual the 990 tax returns/reports. QuickBooks is complicated and we are all learning to make good use of this accounting program

July is our new Fiscal Year under contract and if JCCD/SUPR is approved for FY22, we will be hiring a part-time certified accountant that we will be able to rely on with the QuickBooks focusing on finances and reports.

I have been working more from home and less from the office due to COVID-19 as well as the severely cold weather the past month. I am looking forward to going back to the center and working part time. Hopefully the COVID-19 pandemic will start to slow down.

JCCD had purchased a camcorder so that we could record interviews, panels, and events to be virtually sent via through media such as Facebook, emails, etc.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

MARCH POOL COMING!

The **St. Patrick's Day Pool** drawing will be held LIVE on Facebook on March 17, 2021 at (time?).

Thanks to everyone who participated in the pool. Winners will be announced in this space in April as well as on social media and through JCCD's email immediately after the drawing. See pool on Page 6.

LEO'S PIZZA "PACK THE HOUSE"

The fundraiser held on February 23 at Leo's Pizza hopefully was a success with \$ (to be announced in next issue) earned from the 15% of all orders made through dine-ins and take-outs.

Many heartfelt thanks to the management of Leo's Pizza for making this happen for this worthy cause in helping JCCD to raise funds earmarked for the new roof.



JCCD HALL RENTALS

EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2020

Members:

\$100.00 rent per day
\$ 25.00 kitchen use
\$ 50.00 deposit (refunded when key is returned)

Non Members:

\$200.00 rent per day
\$ 25.00 kitchen use
\$ 50.00 deposit (refunded when key is returned)

Contact John Brennan for reservations

BINGO

Saturday, April 3 at JCCD

1-5 p.m.

Limited to **35** People

First Come, First Served

Door Opens at 1 p.m.

Bring your own
beverage/snacks



FRIENDS OF JCCD

- *Alvin-Eades Foundation
- *United Way
- *Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce
- Jacksonville City Mayor's office
- *Illinois Association of the Deaf
- *National Association of the Deaf
- Illinois School for the Deaf
- Jacksonville Area Center for Independent Living (JACIL)
- Morgan County Courthouse

* Indicates paid member of JCCD

OPEN COMMUNICATION MOVEMENT (OCM)

COMMITTEE:

Paula Chance

Ray Higuert

Jeannie Jones

Deloris Summers

Ted Huber (member emeritus)

OATH OF JCCD OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 2021 WAS TAKEN ON FEBRUARY 24



MARCH DATES TO REMEMBER

- 6—National Deaf Youth Day
- 7—Deaf President Now (DPN)
Remembrance Day
- 14—Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 17—St. Patrick's Day
- 20—First Day of Spring
- 28—First Day of Passover



Above picture shows Greg Lowry and John Brennan with the new sign showing directions to the two centers on the property. This will help to avoid confusion for the delivery people and other visitors unfamiliar with the two buildings sitting on the same property. That sure will help GREATLY for those people looking for whichever building they need to go to!



MODERNA

Second dose =
4-6 weeks after
first dose

PFIZER

Second dose =
3-6 weeks after
first dose

**HAVE YOU
RECEIVED
YOUR
COVID-19
SHOT???**

NOTES FROM JCCD PRESIDENT

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JCCD Building is in need of a new roof and the fundraising that we had since late last fall is now earmarked as the "Roof Fund." Some members have already donated to this fund. Any amount donated will be greatly appreciated.

Check out the thermometer in this issue, to see where JCCD stands in reaching the goal of estimated \$17,000 for the roof replacement job.

I believe the idea of JCCD and JACIL partner together to have the JCCD parking lot be used for the COVID-19 Vaccine Day. The JACIL director contacted me to see if the Morgan County Health Dept. would be willing use the site at JCCD. This is not confirmed yet. This event will be open to the general public and also to get more Deaf, Hard of Hearing and DeafBlind to come to the JCCD site. That will be a good public relations for the Jacksonville Deaf community.

JCCD is thrilled to hear that ISD students will be back in school later in April if things are good. So excited to see students back, however the school will be closed for the summer in May. Let's give the returning students a huge welcome! Congratulations to those who will start working as intern Resident Care Workers this month.

JCCD OCM: Paula Chance, Paul Pyers and I had met with JACIL staff (Peggy Davidsmeyer and Sarah Wilson) to continue with ASL CARES. JCCD and JACIL are in partnership with the ASL CARES. Everyone is looking forward to big success with our dreams.

Paul and I had a Sorenson panel call with Schaumburg Township's Sarita Phadke and some visitors on Feb. 15; and Paula Chance met with them on Feb. 17. This viral video panel was a discussion on basic ASL CARES.

If interested in more information, JCCD can do this for our local area and involve JCCD/JACIL with Paula, Paul, Sarah, and myself.

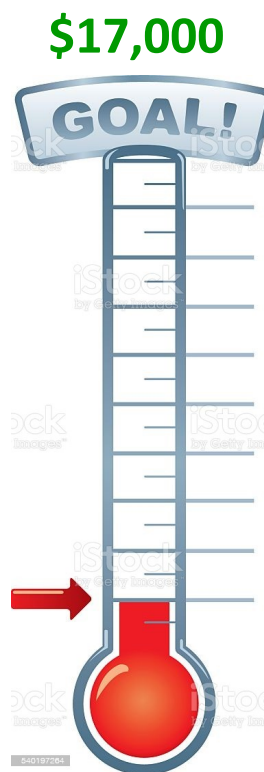
St. Patrick's Day is coming soon and it is special to me. Why? It's my birthday yet sad that I am not green!!



JCCD ROOF REPLACEMENT FUND

Your generous help is needed to raise money for the much needed and long overdue replacement of the roof on JCCD building.

Your SUPPORT will be greatly appreciated and any donors will be listed in the coming issues of this newsletter (dollar amount will not be disclosed to ensure your privacy).



A FUNDRAISER FOR JCCD

JCCD has a supply of 90 decals for sale at \$10 each. You can iron or sew the patch on to anything such as hats, caps, jackets, shirts, purses or anything. If interested, please contact Lori Brennan, Tara Cook, or Janet Pyers. Please help JCCD with this fundraiser!

JCCD Members, please sign up for all exclusive access to 12 months of JCCD's Newsletters, minutes, and many others!

Just go to this link to sign up! That way you will be able to log in to JCCD's private site and receive all newsletters, minutes, announcements and many others at your convenience. **Use this link**
<https://jccd.org/m/login?r=%2Fmember-resource-center> to sign up!



Saturday, March 20, 2021

11 a.m. till 2 p.m.

“Walk-in, Self Serve, & Go”

Buffet (NO dine-in)

**Spaghetti/Meatballs/Salad/Garlic
Bread/Fruits/Desserts**



Proceeds to JCCD's Roof Fund

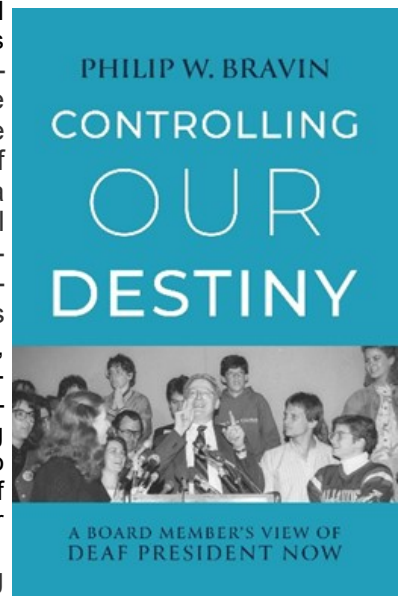
Controlling Our Destiny: A Board Member's View of DPN



Controlling Our Destiny is Phil W. Bravin's personal perspective of the momentous events leading to the famous 1988 Deaf President Now (DPN) movement. He was a member of the Gallaudet University Board of Trustees and the chair of the presidential search committee. Although the deaf community had been strongly advocating for a Deaf president to lead the university, the board (which had a hearing majority) selected the lone hearing candidate. Phil recounts the discussions and decision-making that happened behind the scenes leading up to and following the ill-fated announcement. As result, there were consequences that forever changed the Board's discriminatory procedures,

representations & transparencies. The DPN "revolution" was also one of the most important events in American Deaf history. It achieved self-governance for the Deaf community and placed Gallaudet in the center of a national media spotlight. Even the retiring Gallaudet President Edward Merrill (1969-1982) said that it was "time" for Gallaudet to have a Deaf President. There were doubts by the many, including some of the Deaf community members. True enough, the Board did not pick a Deaf President until four presidents later! Why?

It is noted that Phil is the son of Deaf parents, a parent of Deaf children, a lifelong member of the Deaf community and a proud Gallaudet alumnus. He was the right person, during the "perfect DPN storm" to handle and share with us the "inside scoop." Readers would get to see "never seen before" photographs and documents in the book. He reflects on the integrity of the process and the internal conflict he experienced as a Deaf person who supported a Deaf president yet felt compelled to abide by his duties as a board member. After the protests, his leadership was recognized when he was selected as the first Deaf chair of the board. I. King Jordan, the first Deaf president (1988-2006), provides a foreword in which he shares his own unique insight into these events. King admitted that much of what Phil "included in the book is new to him and will be new even to people who were deeply involved." If not for Phil, who could share the information with us?



Contributed by Bernie Brown

ST. PATRICK'S DAY POOL by JACKSONVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER FOR THE DEAF

1 Jodi Hamilton	2 Catie Sims	3 Bill Botz	4 Tara Cook	5 Susan Weiss	6 Ellen Thing	7 Ellen Godfrey	8 Patty Wolford	9 Marion Dramin	10 Janet Pyers	11 Janice Birchall
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34 Devin Rosentreter	35 Rick Thing	36 JoAnn Mehring	37 Melvin Long	38 Elaine Cady	39 Erica Lowry	40 Dave Fufts	41 Ellen Godfrey	42 Charles Wolford	43 Janet Pyers	44 Lori Brennan
45 Greg Lowry	46 Charles Wolford	47 Carol LeGrand	48 Kathleen Lewis	49 Phyllis Ax	50 Dayton Lowry	51 Paul Folster	52 Patty Wolford	53 Erica Lowry	54 Cindi Sims	55 Susan Weiss
56 Rozie Jacobs	57 Charles Wolford	58 Mala Magill	59 Marion Dramin	60 Tom Chance	61 Janice Birchall	62 Bob Higdon	63 Darryl Israel	64 Charles Wolford	65 Greg Lowry	66 Rozie Jacobs
67 Barb Davis	68 Angela Botz	69 Bob Dramin	70 Janet Pyers	71 Patty Wolford	72 Ellen Thing	73 Ellen Thing	74 Linda Kuhn	75 Bob Higdon	76 Phyllis Ax	77 Curt Braun
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100 Dede Summers	101 Marion Dramin	102 Desa Johnson	103 Melvin Long	104 JKU	105 Judy Mattingly	106 Charles Wolford	107 JKU	108 Lori Brennan	109 JCCD	110 Charles Wolford
111 Janice Birchall	112 Jodi Hamilton	113 Debra Roberts	114 Kevin Smith	115 Charles Wolford	116 Rozie Jacobs	117 DeDe Summers	118 Janet Pyers	119 Ellen Godfrey	120 JoAnn Mehring	121 Janice Birchall

LIVE DRAWING VIA FACEBOOK
March 17, 2021 — Time TBA

 \$10 Per Box



WINNERS — \$85 \$125 \$175 \$225
Diamond: \$5 \$5 \$5 \$10

ASL CARES PRESENTATION VIA ZOOM

On February 15 **Deloris Summers** and **Paul Pyers** gave a presentation on ASL CARES through Zoom. The Schaumburg Township's Deaf Services through Sarita Phadke asked the Jacksonville Center to provide a seminar on this that turned out very good. **Paula Chance** gave a similar presentation to the second group on February 17.





907 W Superior Ave
Jacksonville IL 62650

President David Gurley says hello to you all. He doesn't have any news to add, but just hope that we will have meeting and social this year.



One of the JCSD members wants to know about the dues during the year 2021. Last year each of us pay \$10 dues for 2020 JCSD Membership but this year we feel we should suspended the payment dues during 2021 because of Covid-19. What do you think?

Secretary Paul Pyers wants to say few things.

- Janet Pyers had a stroke last week and is at the Rehabilitation Center at Memorial Medical Center and will be discharged on March 11. If you want to send a card, you can mail to her address:

611 W Beecher Ave
Jacksonville IL 62650

Or see her on third floor, Room 305

- Rob Firestone has a urinary problem and is taking chemo. He is staying at:

Jacksonville Skilled Nurse and Rehab
1517 W Walnut St, Room 128
Jacksonville IL 62650

Send him a card; or see him (you need to call 217 243 6451 within 24 hours to set up an appointment and wear a gown, cap, and mask before seeing him).

- Frances Lind has a cancer, and is now living with Larry Lind of Pittsfield.

Anything more you want to add, please let the secretary know. He can be reached by 217 408 0567 (VP), 217 719 9033. (text) or email: p.pyers45@me.com

Birthday: Mary Anderson 03/07
Lisa Lisenbee 03/07
Deloris Summers 03/17



No Meeting
or
Potluck

CDC: Myths and Facts about COVID-19 Vaccines

Now that there are authorized and recommended COVID-19 vaccines in the United States, accurate vaccine information is critical.

How do I know which sources of COVID-19 vaccine information are accurate?

It can be difficult to know which sources of information you can trust.

Before considering vaccine information on the Internet, check that the information comes from a credible source and is updated on a regular basis.

CDC's vaccines and immunization web content is researched, written and approved by subject matter experts, including physicians, researchers, epidemiologists, and analysts. Content is based on peer-reviewed science. CDC leadership makes the final decision on the words, images and links to best serve the information needs of the public as well as healthcare providers, public health professionals, partners, educators, and researchers. Science and public health data are frequently updated.

Here are some frequently asked questions:

Can a COVID-19 vaccine make me sick with COVID-19?

NO. None of the authorized and recommended COVID-19 vaccines or COVID-19 vaccines currently in development in the United States contain the live virus that causes COVID-19. This means that a COVID-19 vaccine cannot make you sick with COVID-19.

There are several different types of vaccines in development. All of them teach our immune systems how to recognize and fight the virus that causes COVID-19. Sometimes this process can cause symptoms, such as fever. These symptoms are normal and are a sign that the body is building protection against the virus that causes COVID-19.

It typically takes a few weeks for the body to build immunity (protection against the virus that causes COVID-19) after vaccination. That means it's possible a person could be infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 just before or just after vaccination and still get sick. This is because the vaccine has not had enough time to provide protection.

After getting a COVID-19 vaccine, will I test positive for COVID-19 on a viral test?

NO. Neither the recently authorized and recommended vaccines nor the other COVID-19 vaccines currently in clinical trials in the United States can cause you to test positive on viral tests, which are used to see if you have a **current infection**.

If your body develops an immune response--the goal of vaccination--there is a possibility you may test positive on some antibody tests. Antibody tests indicate you had a **previous infection** and that you may have some level of protection against the virus. Experts are currently looking at how COVID-19 vaccination may affect antibody testing results.

If I have already had COVID-19 and recovered, do I still need to get vaccinated with a COVID-19 vaccine?

YES, you should be vaccinated regardless of whether you already had COVID-19. That's because experts do not yet know how long you are protected from getting sick again after recovering from COVID-19. Even if you have already recovered from COVID-19, it is possible--although rare--that you could be infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 again. Learn more about why getting vaccinated is a safer way to build protection than getting infected.

If you were treated for COVID-19 with monoclonal antibodies or convalescent plasma, you should wait 90 days before getting a COVID-19 vaccine. Talk to your doctor if you are unsure what treatments you received or if you have more questions about getting a COVID-19 vaccine.

Experts are still learning more about how long vaccines protect against COVID-19 in real-world conditions. CDC will keep the public informed as new evidence becomes available.

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CDC: Myths and Facts about COVID-19 Vaccines

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Will a COVID-19 vaccination protect me from getting sick with COVID-19?

YES. COVID-19 vaccination works by teaching your immune system how to recognize and fight the virus that causes COVID-19, and this protects you from getting sick with COVID-19.

Being protected from getting sick is important because even though many people with COVID-19 have only a mild illness, others may get a severe illness, have long-term health effects, or even die. There is no way to know how COVID-19 will affect you, even if you don't have an increased risk of developing severe complications.

Will a COVID-19 vaccine alter my DNA?

NO. COVID-19 mRNA vaccines do not change or interact with your DNA in any way.

Messenger RNA vaccines--also called mRNA vaccines--are the first COVID-19 vaccines authorized for use in the United States. mRNA vaccines teach our cells how to make a protein that triggers an immune response. The mRNA from a COVID-19 vaccine never enters the nucleus of the cell, which is where our DNA is kept. This means the mRNA cannot affect or interact with our DNA in any way. Instead, COVID-19 mRNA vaccines work with the body's natural defenses to safely develop immunity to disease.

At the end of the process, our bodies have learned how to protect against future infection. That immune response and making antibodies is what protects us from getting infected if the real virus enters our bodies.

Is it safe for me to get a COVID-19 vaccine if I would like to have a baby one day?

YES. People who want to get pregnant in the future may receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

Based on current knowledge, experts believe that COVID-19 vaccines are unlikely to pose a risk to a person trying to become pregnant in the short or long term. Scientists study every vaccine carefully for side effects immediately and for years afterward. The COVID-19 vaccines are being studied carefully now and will continue to be studied for many years, similar to other vaccines.

The COVID-19 vaccine, like other vaccines, works by training our bodies to develop antibodies to fight against the virus that causes COVID-19, to prevent future illness. There is currently no evidence that antibodies formed from COVID-19 vaccination cause any problems with pregnancy, including the development of the placenta. In addition, there is no evidence suggesting that fertility problems are a side effect of ANY vaccine. People who are trying to become pregnant now or who plan to try in the future may receive the COVID-19 vaccine when it becomes available to them.

Last Updated Feb. 3, 2021

(Content from: National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD), Division of Viral Diseases)



2021 JCCD MEMBERSHIP



NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____

VP: _____

TEXT: _____ TTY: _____

Membership Dues effective January 1, 2021

☐ Adult Individual=\$30 ☐ Senior 55+ Individual=\$25 ☐ Student Individual=\$15 ☐ Affiliated Organization \$150

Donations

General Fund \$ _____

Enrichment Fund \$ _____

Building & Grounds Fund \$ _____

Memorial Fund \$ _____

Paid by: Check # _____

Cash \$ _____



PLEDGE

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email _____

I commit to give \$ _____ over the next year.

I plan to give:

☐ 1x ☐ Weekly ☐ Twice a month ☐ Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☐ Other _____

This pledge is optional if you wish to donate to JCCD for a good cause. If you believe in supporting JCCD with whatever donation amount you decide on and will not hold back on this pledge. Any pledge donation made is tax deductible as JCCD is a not-for-profit organization. You should be able to comply with the pledge in the amount indicated above during the year that can be made in one payment or divided into several months during the calendar year. The JCCD board appreciates whatever amount you decide to pledge/donate. Thank you in advance!