

The ALRID News...

ALRID...The Interpreter's Source for Success!



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President's Message

Here it is the first week of November and before you know it the Holidays will be here! The weather is changing and for me I'm happy to feel that cold air in the morning. There hasn't been much going on with ALRID over the past few months. For the most part it's been because of me. I had three bulging discs in my neck around the middle of September. I had to have surgery to replace two of the discs and had a plate and six screws in-

stalled. I didn't realize how long it would take me to actually recover from the surgery and ended up taking it really easy for a little over a month.

The ALRID Board will be working to establish some meeting dates for the next year and will publish those on the website soon. Also, we would love to hear from you as to what kind of workshops or activities you would like to see ALRID sponsor for 2011. Our conference year



President Melvin Walker

is always great, as many of us are able to come together and enjoy one another's company. I would love to see us do something (on a smaller scale) during our off years. Feel free to email any Board member with your suggestions and if you would like to volunteer to work on something please let us know that as well.

I wish you and all of your loved ones a wonderful and safe holiday season!

Congratulations to Melvin Walker

It's official! Cayla Lackey announced last week that Melvin Walker has joined the Talladega ADRS Office as their Counselor for the Deaf started on November 1st. The ADRS DHHS update asked Melvin to tell us about his work history and about his new position; here's what he had to share with us: "I've been with ADRS since March of 2003. I began as the Deaf Support Specialist in the Huntsville office. After only a few months I realized that I wanted to become a Counselor for the Deaf. I had a high school diploma and one national certification as an Interpreter for the Deaf. My wife and I decided that I would register for some classes at the local community college starting in January of 2004 to work towards my degree. I took two classes that first semester as I wasn't sure what I was getting myself into. In the meantime I

earned two additional certifications as an Interpreter for the Deaf. In April of 2004 our staff interpreter, Judi Labath, left and I applied for and became the Staff Interpreter for our unit. I am certified through the RID with the Certificate of Interpretation and Certificate of Transliteration and through the NAD with a Master Interpreter certification.

"My goal was to finish school and take Mary Ann Hickman's caseload in Huntsville. Well, it came time for Mary Ann to retire and I was nowhere near being done with school; that opportunity came and went.

The funny thing is looking back, that position would not have been the best choice for me. I grew up in the Huntsville Deaf community and it would have been difficult to establish healthy boundaries for a Coun-

selor/Consumer relationship. "Fast forwarding to today, I have a Bachelors degree in Psychology and I completed my Masters Degree in Rehabilitation Counseling at Auburn University (Roll Tide) in May of 2010. Once I graduated I received my results from the CRCC that I had passed so I'm also a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor. I'll begin on November 1st as the Counselor in Talladega. I look forward to the challenges and opportunities that this new position will provide me with. For now, my wife and kids will remain in Madison allowing the girls the opportunity to finish out the school year at their respective schools. I'll be commuting a lot until next summer but once I have my family moved and we're all settled in these next few months will have been well worth it."



Alice Moss, Talladega Interpreter



Congratulations to Alice Moss

Also on October 1st, Alice Moss moved from her position at Lakeshore to being the Interpreter II for the ADRS Talladega office. Although Alice was a staff interpreter at the Lakeshore office, she also did all the intake interviews for the deaf and hard of hearing consumers and was responsible for scheduling/coordinating feedback meetings and vocational evaluation dates for the two evaluators she worked with as well. When Alice was awarded National Interpreter Certification (NIC), the opportunity to move into the Interpreter II position opened up. When asked about the reason she decided to take on the new job duties after

being at Lakeshore for four and a half

years, Alice says that it was a tough decision. "ADRS Lakeshore was my first real job and I learned and grew a lot professionally while there. I guess the timing was right for me to transfer to Talladega because everything fell into place. Interpreting and the Deaf Community is where my passion lies and I knew that transferring to Talladega would allow me to grow professionally in the interpreting field and get more involved in the Deaf community." As an Interpreter II, Alice is still learning about her new roles and responsibilities, but knows primarily these

will involve interpreting for ADRS' clients and staff in a variety of settings; teaching sign language classes to staff and employers are also on the horizon.

For anyone who hasn't heard the news, Alice became Mrs. Michael Moss in May of this year.

She and her husband have their home in Moody.

Alice will celebrate her 5th year with ADRS in January. We who have watched this interpreter "grow professionally in the interpreting field" to this point look forward to seeing her blossom into an even stronger interpreter within the ADRS family.

The 2011 RID National Conference

Atlanta, GA

SAVE THE DATE
July 17 - 22, 2011
Atlanta Marriott Marquis

Find more vital information to assist you in
Growing Globally in 2011 at www.rid.org

- Registration information
- Hotel reservations
- View a tentative conference schedule
- A garden of opportunities for sponsorship, exhibiting and advertising in the official conference program book
- Support staff information

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE FEATURES

July 17 - Pre-conference
July 18 - Opening Ceremony and Reception
July 19 - Regional Caucus Night
July 22 - Closing Ceremony - featuring a keynote speaker who is an industry leader and dynamic speaker with unique insights into the Deaf community that you will NOT want to miss!

Watch for announcements on featured sessions and exciting and relevant keynote speakers throughout the week.

EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

RID is pleased to announce there will be a variety of tracks, geared toward specializations such as the educational and legal fields. In addition, we will have a few specialized, more informal educational sessions where you will have the opportunity to learn in a more intimate workshop setting with some of the most respected and recognized educators in the interpreter community. Watch for more details coming soon!

A list of educational session titles will be posted on the RID Web site in January 2011.

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- Link directly to the Marriott from the RID Conference page of the RID Web site.
- These rates are available July 13 - 27, 2011, based on availability
- Rates do not include applicable taxes

Check out the CALL FOR INTERPRETERS at www.rid.org

RID would like to extend a global **thank you** to our conference sponsors. We applaud you!

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Louisville, KY was a great host city for the SERID 2010! The Alabama gang was represented well by AIDB, DMH, ADRS, Troy University and Dee Johnston who was there as a freelance interpreter. Cindy Camp, Tonya Nelson, Sam Feibelman, and Kristine Carroll gave presentations there and did a wonderful job. Of course, everyone at SERID was looking forward to coming to Montgomery, AL in 2011. Kentucky had 253 people register for the conference.

SERID 2010 @ Louisville, KY



SERID 2011
October 15 - 19
Montgomery,
AL
Renaissance
Montgomery
Hotel & Spa
Convention
Center

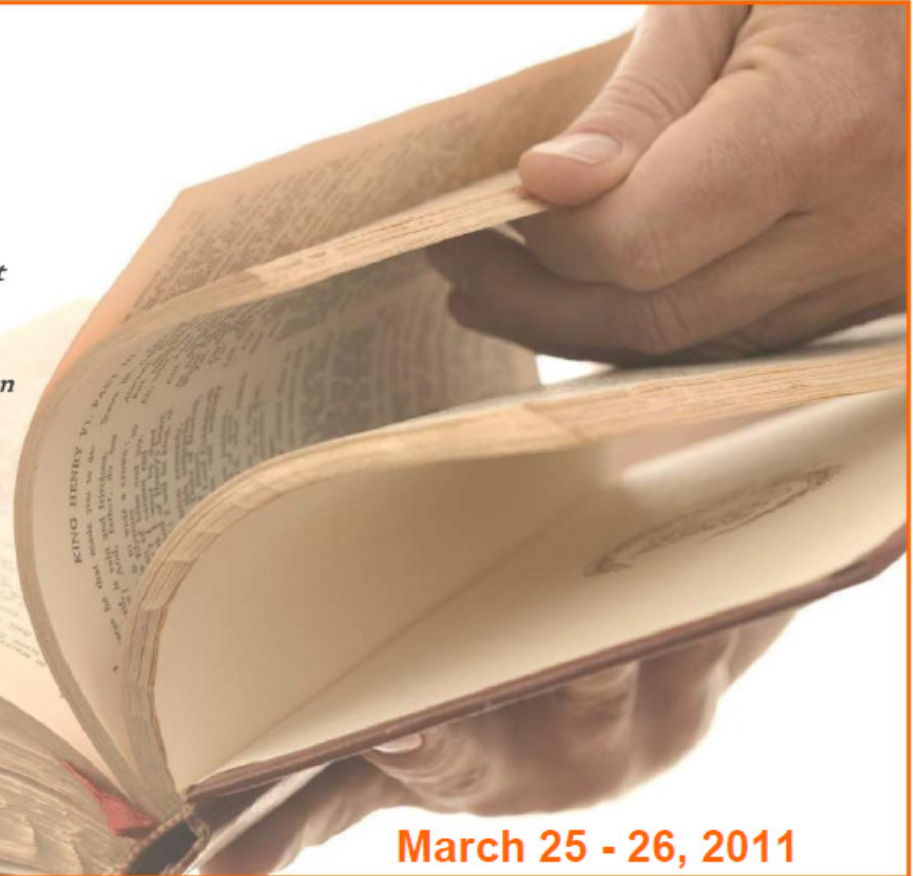


INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DEAF SERVICES, INC.
presents

Celebrate Deaf Literacy and Legacy

Purpose

To reach out to our diverse community, increasing their awareness of the rich history of the deaf and of the various library resources that will benefit the public — deaf and hearing. By observing National Deaf History Month, offer an occasion to celebrate the legacy and many contributions made by people who share the personal, familial or societal deaf experience, as well as instill in our young deaf/hard of hearing students their own legacy and their self worth.



March 25 - 26, 2011

All sessions will be presented in ASL and English.

Friday Session | FREE to the public

Saturday Session (lunch buffet included) | \$35 before 3/14/20 ~ \$45 after 3/14/11



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©National Literary Society of the Deaf

On March 13, 2008, the National Literary Society of the Deaf (NLSD), a reading promotion partner of the Center for the Book, unveiled a new national project at the Library of Congress. It is called "One Book" Reading Promotion Project: Deaf America Reads, 2008 - 2011. Ricardo Lopez, NLSD president said, "This project is a wonderful opportunity for the national deaf community to get together to discuss the same book during the two-year project." The book selected for "One Book" is *Moments of Truth: Robert R. Davila, the Story of a Deaf Leader*, by three co-authors, Harry G. Lang, Oscar P. Cohen, and Joseph E. Fischgrund. (2007 by RIT PRESS in Rochester, NY)

The project purpose is to broaden and deepen an appreciation of reading and to encourage the national deaf community to share experiences while reading the same book. Julie Bourne, National Association of the Deaf board member says, "We emphasize the importance of local and state level deaf-related organizations collaborating with local libraries across the nation to promote books and reading."

The NLSD mission is to promote deaf culture, books, and literacy through library programs and exhibits. International Institute of Deaf Services, Inc. is partnering with NLSD in this project: "I HELPED MAKE AMERICA GREAT – I HELPED MAKE ALABAMA GREAT." We will continue this program on March 25, 2011 at 10:00am during our National Deaf History Month celebration, Celebrate Deaf Literacy and Legacy, at:

Five Points West Branch of the Birmingham Public Library
 4812 Avenue W. Ensley
 Birmingham, Alabama 35208
 205-226-4013

There will be opportunities to celebrate Deaf/Hard of Hearing students who have achieved success during our Award Ceremony. Students as well as the community will have the opportunity to interact with National, State recognized Presenters, and to become aware of library resources that will benefit the public- hearing and deaf.

Saturday, March 26, 2011, at the **Celebrate Deaf and Literacy Symposium**, there will be opportunities to learn from recognized Presenters, to network with others in the field and to learn about the rich deaf history. This event will take place at:

Deaf Church at Brook Hills
 3145 Brook Highland Pkwy
 Birmingham, AL 35242



Both sessions are open to the public - Deaf and Hearing

Mark your calendar and plan to meet us there!

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"Deaf America Reads" logo designed by Lois Hoover, Deaf artist

INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DEAF SERVICES, INC.
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Celebrate Deaf Literacy and Legacy

Schedule

Friday, March 25, 2011 | 10 am - 1 pm
Celebrate Deaf Literacy and Legacy at
Your Library Awards Ceremony
Five Point West Branch of Birmingham Public
Central Library
4812 Avenue W Ensley, Birmingham, AL

There will be opportunities to celebrate Deaf/Hard of Hearing students who have achieved success during our awards ceremony. Students and the community will have the opportunity to interact with national and state recognized presenters and to become aware of library resources that will benefit the public — hearing and deaf.

Saturday, March 26, 2010 | 9 am - 5 pm
Celebrate Deaf Literacy and Legacy Symposium
The Church at Brook Hills Campus
3145 Brook Highland Parkway
Birmingham, AL 35342
Student Center Small Worship Room/
Deaf Church

This facility is accessible to people with disabilities.



Registration Form

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City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

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Select One:

Deaf
Hearing

Interpreter
Educator

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Lunch

Lunch buffet included during Saturday session only.

Payment

Sat. \$35 before 3/14/11 | \$45 after 3/14/11

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Cancellation Policy

IIDS will give a refund minus \$10.00 administration cost if a participant cancels at least three days prior to the scheduled start of the Symposium.

By registering for this workshop, you are agreeing to the cancellation policy.

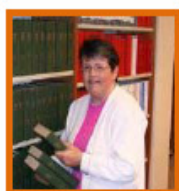
INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DEAF SERVICES, INC.
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Celebrate Deaf Literacy and Legacy

Confirmed Presenters

SUE GALLOWAY

(Great, great, great granddaughter of
Laurent Clerc – Oklahoma School for the Deaf)



The OSD librarian is Sue Galloway, who has been at OSD for 16 years. Before coming to OSD in 1991, she worked in South Carolina, Maryland, and Oklahoma City. Sue has a unique connection to the education of the deaf, as her great, great, great grandfather was Laurent Clerc, the first deaf teacher of the deaf in the United States. He, along with Thomas Gallaudet, founded the American School for the Deaf in Hartford, Connecticut.

PAUL WILLIAM ELLIS



In 1993, Paul founded IIDS, Inc. Paul is presently an interpreter with the Federal Government and travels preaching and teaching the Word of God. Paul's greatest desire and focus is to see God's people grow into their full potential and mature in Christian character. He has ministered throughout the United States, Japan, Korea and the Philippines. He released "Worship In Sign Language with Paul William Ellis," a video of praise and worship music.

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Terry & Angel Dahlgren's Kids Christmas Lists:



For Talon:

Bakugan Megatroid
Snuggie for kids
More time with his family

They had....



For Tori:

Lalaloopsy doll
New bike
To be DEAF



2010 Birmingham Silent Dinner List

At the 2009 silent dinner, those in attendance developed a list of restaurants as possible locations for the 2010 Silent Dinners. I used this list as a guide and tried to choose different locations and different types of menus. We will continue to meet on the second Thursday of every month. Try to arrive by 6:30 pm to make sure we can get tables. The Silent Dinner is a signing only experience. Please do not use your voice even on the outside of the restaurant. This is a wonderful way to get to know members of the Birmingham Deaf Community, local interpreters and other person's interests in signing. Please feel free to e-mail me back if you need more information regarding a location. We hope you will join us.

Thank you so much, Patty Sransky (patty.sransky@rehab.alabama.gov)

November 12 — ~~Habanero's (1477 Gadsden Hwy-Trussville)~~

December 10 Olive Garden (Hoover Galleria)

Alabama Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf

Membership

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Address			
City-ST-Zip Code			
Contact Preference:			
Phone			
Email			
RID Member: (Circle one)	Yes	No	RID member number:

Payment:	
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ITP Student Dues - \$15.00	
Donations: Scholarship Fund	
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TOTAL:	



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