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Happy Spring

The Board wishes each of you a wonderful Easter on April 4 with your families. And it is time to put away the snow shovels and sleds, and break out the lawn movers and hedge clippers! The snow and the cold have disappeared, making a way for the warmth and blooms of a new spring.

Salina Arrangements

On March 6th, President Ann Cooper and State Pageant Director Anne Heller travel with Jack Cooper to Salina to see Chairperson Richard Kerby, and visited Ramada Inn for inspection for 2011 KAD Conference. We discussed about the room functions that involve workshops, general meeting, pageant and banquet. After touring at the hotel, we went to the club for the delicious meatloaf dinner prepared by the Salina members. Ann, Anne and Jack had opportunity to explain about KAD Conference, and a few Salina members are eager to work with the chairperson. A few more volunteers may be needed to add.

The flyer and information will be announced after the next KAD Board meeting on May 22th from 10 am to 4 pm at Ramada Inn in Salina.

ASL Film "Gerald"

Please come and watch the ASL Film "Gerald" at Kansas School for the Deaf's Murphy Auditorium in Olathe on Friday, April 16th and Saturday, April 17th, both at 7 pm. Refreshments will be provided! Net proceeds go to Miss Deaf Kansas Ambassadorship Pageant Fund. For more information, please contact Anne Heller at ANHeller@kc.rr.com.

Miss Deaf Teen Pageant

Miss Deaf Teen Kansas Pageant is planned to be held at Kansas School for the Deaf in

Olathe on Thursday, April 29th from 7 pm to 9 pm. This year's theme is "Dream of Successful". The contestants will be these students at this school and possibly any other mainstreamed schools, and in the grades 9 to 11. The rehearsal will be held on Wednesday, April 28th from 6 pm to 9 pm. Tickets are on sale for \$5 per person age 6 and up, and free for children under age 5. For more information, please contact Ivanito Maldondo at ivanito@sprint.blackberry.net.

KAD Rally Picnic in Emporia

Member Coordinator Glenda Haefner has been working with Wilma Phillips to prepare for KAD Rally Picnic, which will be held at Peter Pan Park Arbor (glass building) in Emporia on Saturday, July 17th from 11 am to 6:30 pm. The exact address is West Randolph Avenue, Emporia, KS 66801. As soon as Glenda finalizes the plan with Wilma, the flyer and information will be distributed. Please come and join the fun!

Youth Leadership Camp 2010

We have some exciting news for you! The National Association of the Deaf (NAD) Youth Leadership Camp (YLC) is now accepting applications for this summer. If you are interested please go to the website at www.nad.org, then go to the link on top of the page "Youth Leadership". You will find loads of information there about the camp!

Participants who have attended the camp all agree it is a rewarding experience, one that lasts a lifetime! Please do not miss this opportunity!! If a student is interested to attend but need some fund help, KAD has a "Youth Fund" to support some. That means a student needs to write a letter to KAD President or KAD Youth Coordinator.



Kauffman Stadium

As your president, I have written a formal letter dated March 23, 2010, to Kauffman Stadium, Medial Relation Department about needing a live captioning on the Royals scoreboard that Kauffman is currently lacking. According to Title III of the American with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) requires that place of public accommodations which include sports stadiums, provide auxiliary aids and services to ensure effective communication with deaf and hard of hearing people, subject to the deafness of undue burden and fundamental alteration. It is KAD's hope that the letter makes them understand the Deaf fans' needs to see a live captioning on the scoreboard.

As I see it...

Hello Kansans from President Ann Cooper:

I want to congratulate with my wavy hands to Vice President Tammy Waddell for her working hard on KAD's beautiful display board. The display board has a plexiglass with 3-dividers filled with lot of information. Everyone who saw the display board at the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Day in Topeka told us they are beautiful! Those who missed seeing the display board can come to KAI-RID conference, see below.

The Deaf and Hard of Hearing Day at the Capitol was held on Thursday, March 4th, and it was successful with about 80 people in attendance. Dr. T. Alan Hurwitz, President of Gallaudet University, gave his wonderful presentation about our jobs: promote, preserve and protect. Everyone had good time.

KAD plans to have an exhibition booth at Kansas Association of Interpreter-Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (KAI-RID) Conference on the weekend of April 23th-25th at Crown Plaza Hotel, 12601 West 95th Street, Lenexa, KS 66215. Please come and visit our booth there.

News from NAD about HR 3101

On March 9th and 10th, the National Association of the Deaf (NAD) participated in two Federal Communications Commission (FCC) events related to the National Broadband Plan. At each of these events, the availability, affordability, and accessibility of broadband and the Internet were highlighted and promoted. With these factors in place, the ultimate goal of broadband adoption and use across America can be achieved. Each of these events also highlighted and promoted H.R. 3101.

This event, sponsored by the FCC and the Knight Foundation, was held at the Newseum and made available for viewing on the Internet through a live webcast. The captioned event video can now be watched at <http://www.fcc.gov/live>.

Commissioner Michael Copps then introduced Congressman Ed Markey (D-MA), who has introduced the "21st Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act" (HR 3101) to help ensure that as technology changes, our nation's commitment to ensuring access for all keeps pace. Mr. Markey said the National Broadband Plan is not just a report. It takes a broad view of broadband and is a pragmatic and aspirational plan to afford high speed Internet access to all Americans. NAD wants to thank both for their continued supports.

The remarks by FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski highlighted the need for broadband access:

Few populations stand to benefit more from broadband than persons with disabilities. Broadband has the potential to bridge gaps and provide opportunities that were inconceivable in the past. Unfortunately, the promise of broadband for the 54 million Americans with disabilities is falling short of the reality. The costs of this digital exclusion are great and getting greater. In the 21st century,

high-speed Internet is essential to an individual's ability to participate in our economy and our democracy. Rather than closing the opportunity gap for people with disabilities, the Internet has the potential to exacerbate inequality, if we do nothing. This is not acceptable. And we have a Congressional mandate to take action to ensure that people with disabilities are not left behind.

I believe that legislation introduced by Congressman Ed Markey (D-MA), the "21st Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act" (H.R. 3101) should be a starting point for legislative discussions to achieve many of these updates.

Submitted by NAD, March 18, 2010

UPDATE: Please check out this website, which takes about 4 minutes: http://www.nad.org/blogs/lkatz-hernandez/support-hr-3101-april-15#disqus_thread.

2010 NAD Conference

Ann Cooper, Tammy Waddell, Pamela Siebert, Glenda Haefner and Anne Heller will attend 2010 NAD Conference on July 5th-11th in Philadelphia, PA. A room reservation has already been confirmed at Philadelphia Marriott Downtown Hotel. Also these airline reservations were made, and combo tickets were already bought. We are ready to work, representing Kansas well!!!

Future KAD Board Meetings on Saturdays

May 22, 2010 in Salina
November 13, 2010 in Wichita
February 5, 2011 in Salina
April 16, 2011 in Olathe
June 3-5, 2011 - KAD Conference

Subject to change at any time