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KAD 2007 Conference Highlights

During the weekend of June 7th to 10th, 2007, Kansas Association of the Deaf (KAD) hosted its 39th Biennial state conference in Hutchinson, Kansas. Over 150 deaf people attended the conference.



Ann Cooper reviewing the Resolutions in KAD General Meet-

The theme of the conference is "Future of Deaf in Space - 100 Years Later."

KAD Conference - Thursday. On Thursday, KAD began the conference at Hutchinson Association of the Deaf (HAD) clubhouse with the board

meeting and two workshops. HAD provided a great lunch and dinner for everyone. The evening concluded with the Icebreaker social.

KAD Conference - Friday. On Friday, KAD held its opening ceremony and meeting at the world famous Cosmosphere and Space Center and members received a guided tour of the space museum.

Friday night, Miss Deaf Kansas Pageant was held. Miss Tanna Jo Kolb from Wichita was crowned Miss Deaf Kansas from 2007 to 2009. First runner up was Sara Elizabeth Goodwin from Wichita.

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Big Changes in the Board Structure

This year's KAD Conference at Hutchinson, Kansas, the KAD Members approved the change of the structure of the KAD Board of Directors in the By-Laws.

The positions of 1st Vice President and 2nd Vice President were merged into one: Vice Presi-

dent.

The new position of Youth Liaison Officer that oversees the Jr.KAD and Miss Deaf Kansas Pageant Directors. In the past, the MDKP Director had difficult time keeping up with the KAD Board Meetings

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The Mission of the Kansas Association of the Deaf, a state-wide, non profit organization is to assure that a far-reaching, organized systems of services is accessible to all deaf and hard of hearing people of Kansas. It is to enable them to achieve their maximum potential through increased independence, productivity and integration into the community through unrestricted education.

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FROM THE KAD NEWSLETTER STAFF:

We are always looking for stories and headlines. If you want to share any news or stories, please contact one of the co-editors below:

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Editor's Announcement



The co-editors hope you are having a great summer.

I apologize for the delay of this KAD's July & August edition. The hard drive of the laptop was unexpectedly damaged due to faulty hard-drive. It was then sent to the manufacture for assessment and for repairs. The manufacture said that it had a bad hard drive and that no one caused it to be damaged.

The Publicity Committee that handles both KAD's newsletters and website relies on this laptop to maintain KAD's newsletters and

website.

Every single files were destroyed, including all the newsletter and website. So it has taken a while to get it started. However, the GOOD news is that the website files was retrieved from the hosting site, so there was no need to rebuild the website from scratch. So watch for updates on the website in the next few weeks. www.kskad.org.

If you have any stories or announcements you want to make, please contact the co-editors Shane Dundas or Mike Flickinger.

Many THANKS to Mike Flickinger for helping Shane Dundas to work on the newsletters and its distributions.

Thank you for your patience. 😊

Public VP in Hays, KS

News from Western KS via KCDHH! Have you ever wondered what would happened if you or your Deaf friend was traveling through Kansas and needed to call someone from Western KS? It is easy now from Hays off of I-70! The Hays Public Library now has a Video Phone installed and you can use it to make Video Relay Calls or simply contact someone with a Video Phone! It is similar to what the City of Olathe accomplished by installing a video phone replacing the tra-

ditional TTYs in their public offices! This group, the Western Deaf and Hard of Hearing Resource and Referral agency rolled up their sleeves and advocated for and successfully got this video phone installed at the Hays Public Library! It opens up access to communication for those who cannot afford high speed internet to the video phones! They can now access the VRS or a remote interpreter! Kudos to the people of Hays!

"It opens up access to communication for those who cannot afford high speed internet to the video phones! "



KAD 2009 Conference Planning is Underway since 2005

The KAD 2009 Committee in Wichita, Kansas is currently working very hard preparing for an unforgettable KAD Conference. Shane Dundas is the chairperson of the KAD 2009 Committee and is also the Vice President of KAD Board.

The committee has been hard at work since early Spring of 2005.

In the summer of 2005, during the KAD Conference in Olathe, the

Wichita Association of the Deaf won the bid to host the Conference to be held in Wichita. The Conference will be held at Hotel At Old Town in Old Town Wichita on

June 4-6 of 2009.

Currently we have four officers and 14 sub-committee chairs.

Look for more details which will come soon on KAD website: www.kskad.org.

If you have any ideas or suggestions for the Conference, please contact Shane Dundas at kad1909@gmail.com. We are looking forward hearing from you all soon.



The Establishment of Kansas Association of the Deaf and first KAD Conference in July 5-6, 1909 at the Riverside Park in Wichita, Kansas.

CapTel is now available...

The Kansas Relay Center (KRC), powered by Hamilton Relay, is now offering CapTel (Captioned Telephone) service to Kansans. CapTel is designed for individuals who can talk well but have difficulty hearing on the phone. The Telecommunications Access Program (TAP) provides the CapTel Phone for FREE to Kansans who qualify. For the office or business environment, the CapTel phone can be purchased for a limited amount of time, for just \$99. For further de-



tails on this special offer, please visit the Kansas Relay website at: www.hamiltonrelay.com/states/ks.htm.

In addition to the CapTel phone, you may also receive a PDA (i.e., Blackberry, Sidekick, Treo, etc.) through TAP. Information about the PDA, and other equipment offered through TAP is available on their website at: www.kansastap.org.

More information about CapTel Phone: www.captionedtelephone.com

Big Changes in the Board Structure [con't from page 1]

while working on the MDKP Committee. In addition, Jr.KAD Director faced similar challenges in Board Meeting commitments while focusing on Jr.KAD activities. So now the Youth Liaison Officer make reports to the Board for MDKP and Jr.KAD Directors.

Also another changes, the NAD Delegate

and KAD Distributor positions were eliminated.

"It will help the KAD Board and the organization run more smoothly."

The Members of KAD unanimously approved of new changes of positions in the By-Laws. The purpose of the change is to help save a lot of time and money by downsizing the board. It will help the KAD Board and the organization run more smoothly. To review the By-Laws

go to www.kskad.org.



A Word From the President...

by Ann Cooper

Hello Kansans,

It has been four months since I was elected as your KAD President. I want to thank you all for your support to KAD. Of course, I am still a "rookie", keep on communications with KAD Board. As you know, we have Jack helping me! We have such wonderful people in KAD Board for 2007-09 term to serve the entire Kansans.

First of all, I want to congratulate Mike Flickinger, conference chair for the successful 2007 KAD Conference in

Hutchinson last June, 2007.

Let's have wavy hands to Mike! Secondly, I also want to congratulate Tanna Jo Kolb for being crowned as Miss Deaf Kansas 2007-09. We are sure she will represent Kansas very well at 2008 Miss Deaf America Pageant in New Orleans, Louisiana on July 5-11, 2008. Let's give our support to Tanna Jo.

Thirdly, there is KAD's 100th Anniversary 1909 Club Pledge Program, and I encour-

age you as KAD members to make your effort to contribute any dollar amounts in support for KAD's 100th Anniversary. There is the Pledge Program form in this newsletter for any interested people to fill in. It is a tax deductible, and good through December 31, 2009. **[Please look for the Club 1909 Pledge insert in this newsletter]**

I am planning the President Tours this year, starting with Garden City on Friday, October 12, and Liberal on Saturday, October 13 along with Kansas Commission for Deaf and Hard of Hearing (KCDHH), Ham-

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There are several different areas within KAD in needing more people to be on the committee.

Miss Deaf Kansas 2007 - 2009

by Kristy Mnich

The Miss Deaf Kansas Pageant this year was a success. Two intelligent and beautiful young women: Tanna Jo Kolb and Sarah Goodwin participated this year. Both are of Wichita, KS.

They both entertained the audience of approximately sixty (60) people with their very impressive speeches, wonderful talents and gorgeous evening gowns.

Pamela Siebert was there to give her farewell speech as well as her resigning her crown to her next successor.

Both Tanna Jo and Sarah represented themselves very well and the winner was Tanna Jo Kolb, Sarah was the first runner up.

Tanna will go to NAD next summer in New Orleans, Louisiana to compete with many other



Tanna Jo Kolb of Wichita
Miss Deaf Kansas 2007-2009

young women from different states.

If you are interested in having Tanna Jo come and visit to your local schools, Deaf events, presentations, etc., please contact the Miss Deaf Kansas Pageant State Director Kristy Mnich. Or if you are interested in financially supporting the Miss Deaf Kansas Pageant, please feel free to send donations to the Miss Deaf Kansas Pageant Director, Kristy Mnich, at 2343 W. Trail Dr. Olathe, Ks 66061. Tanna Jo Kolb and the Miss Deaf Kansas Pageant committee could use your support and contributions for the Kansas

state-wide ambassadorship efforts and representing Kansas in the next Miss Deaf America Pageant in 2008. Thank you for your support. Please go to www.kskad.org to learn more about Miss Deaf Kansas and the MDKP.



Sarah Goodwin of Wichita
First Runner-Up



KAD Conference Highlights con't from page 1...

The past Miss Deaf Kansas, Pamela Seibert, finished her successful two year reign that includes finishing among the top 6 contestants at the Miss Deaf America Pageant last year.

HAD held a poker tournament during the day on Friday and the winner from Wichita won a 32" digital television!

KAD Conference - Saturday.

On Saturday, a dozen interpreters attended an education interpreter workshop was held at

the KAD conference. The interpreter workshops provided training for education interpreters in the rural area, particularly western and central Kansas.



Wave hands to the KAD 2007 Committee for their hard work!

KAD held its general meeting during the day on Sat-

urday. Many issues were raised and discussed. Salina Club of the Deaf won the bid to host the 2008 KAD Picnic and Political Rally.

KAD finished the conference Saturday night with a banquet program about NAD and the Gallaudet President Protest and another program on "Past and Future Space Exploration of Space, Moon, and Mars."

NAD Board Member, Linsay Darnall, Jr. provided a great program about the history of NAD and Gallaudet University. His presentation was very inspiring.

Profiling Hamilton Relay

by Kristy Mnich

Many of you have been familiar with Kansas Relay Center (KRC) since its interception 16 years ago. On May 1, 2007, Hamilton Relay became the provider for KRC. Here are a few ways to learn more about how KRC and Hamilton Relay partner to provide excellent services to Kansans who are deaf, hard of hearing or speech disabled.

"On May 1, 2007, Hamilton Relay became the provider for Kansas Relay Center."

KRC's home page is www.hamiltonrelay.com/ks, where you can find more about relay in general, view Kansas Relay Center services and contact information, and submit or update your Customer Profile. This website is a one-stop shop!

Once you have your Customer Profile entered in our

database, call processing will be faster on every call and make the whole process more enjoyable.

We enter your confidential information in the KRC database, which automatically prompts KRC Communication Assistants to facilitate your calls according to your preferences.

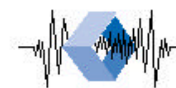
Some people prefer to set up a KRC Customer Profile via telephone. Call 1.888.735.2957 (TTY), or send a fax with your information to 1.215.293.3583.

Don't forget we can assist you in person, too! Kristy Mnich, Kansas Relay Center Outreach Coordinator, is glad to

meet with you to learn more about your personal calling style and needs, and then recommend solutions for home, work, and on the go! She also can describe the numerous benefits to establishing a Customer Profile. Kristy provides free presentations on the variety of ways relay benefits people who are deaf, hard of hearing or speech disabled.

Contact Kristy Mnich at kristy.mnich@hamiltonrelay.com.

Hamilton Relay. That's what I'm talking about.



Kansas Relay Center



Awards

by Leonard Hall

KAD gave out several awards honoring individuals and organizations for their work serving deaf and hard of hearing people in Kansas.

The KAD Distinguished Service Award is given to Western Kansas Deaf and Hard of Hearing Referral Service in Hays, Kansas for making the most significant contribution to deaf people in Kansas since 2005. The organization hosted the Deaf Day at the State Capitol in 2006 and 2007 that attracted many deaf people and allowed them to meet their area legislators.

The KAD Meritorious Award is given to Mary Hughes for her special service to the KAD and its members. Mary has served



Roberta Mog and Joella Green from Hays, KS receives KAD Distinguished Service Award in behalf of Western Kansas Deaf and Hard of Hearing Referral Service from KAD President, Leonard Hall.

as chairperson of Kansas Commission, first vice-president of KAD, and members of other statewide organizations over the past several years. Mary is an outstanding leader in the deaf community.

The National Association of the Deaf (NAD) and KAD Golden Hand Awards are given to Ann Cooper, Shane Dundas, Mary Hughes, Michael Flickinger, and Tammy Waddell. The award was given to

them for their outstanding service to the deaf community, KAD and NAD.

The KAD President's Award is given to Sandi Kelly and D.E.A.F. Sunday at KSD for volunteer services to serve the deaf community and KSD. D.E.A.F. Sunday has raised over \$50,000 for KSD education programs over the past several years.

The KAD Special Recognition Awards are given to Pamela Siebert and I.B.M. Corporation for exceptional service to the deaf and hard of hearing people over the past several years. Pamela and I.B.M. are recognized for their contribution of equipment, fund and services to the deaf community, KAD and NAD.

A Word from the President... [con't from page 4]

ilton Relay Services and others. It is my hope that any other organizations are interested to have us to go to your events and give any presentation about KAD, what KAD does for you. If you are interested, please contact me at COOJA@aol.com.

There are several different areas within KAD in needing

more people to be on the committee. If you are interested to be involved in any committee, please feel free to contact me at COOJA@aol.com.

I am currently working on the next KAD Board meeting in Hays scheduled for Saturday, November 10, tentative. Next possible KAD Board meeting will

be on February, May and November 2008; February and May 2009 before the next 2009 KAD Conference in Wichita.



New KAD Officers...

The new KAD officers are:

President - Ann Cooper
(Gardner)

Vice President - Shane Dundas
(Wichita)

Secretary - Pamela Siebert
(Overland Park)

Treasurer - Mike Muszynski
(Olathe)

Membership Board Member -
Elizabeth Radcliffe (Park
City)

**Youth Program Board
Member** - Melanie McKay-
Cody (Topeka)

Past President Emeritus -
Leonard Hall (Olathe)



KAD Board of Directors 2007-2009





KAD Membership Application



Individual Membership Information [one form per person; please print clearly]

First and Last Name: _____

Street Address / Mailing Address: _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ TTY Voice E-mail _____

Members will receive the e-newsletters. Newsletter by Mail ONLY to who don't have computer.

Individual membership - \$10.00 for a year. Individual membership - \$20.00 for 2 years.

Donate \$50.00 (Receive FREE 2-year individual membership) ~ Amounts of your choice ~

Jr. KAD Conference \$ _____

Miss Deaf Kansas Pageant \$ _____

Marra Museum \$ _____

Youth Program \$ _____

Choose one: New Member Renewal

Check or money order payable to: Kansas Association of the Deaf, Inc.

Mail the application form to:

KAD Membership Coordinator
PO Box 10085
Olathe, KS 66051-1385

www.kskad.org

The Kansas Association of the Deaf also welcome contribution and memorials. Donations are tax deductible as allowed by law.
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KAD Newsletter

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\$50—full page

\$30—1/2 page

\$15—1/4 page

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Non-profit organizations in Kansas—no charge.

DEADLINE for submission of news, stories, articles or advertisement are:

Sept-Oct: September 1st

Nov-Dec: November 1st

Jan-Feb: January 1st

Mar-Apr: March 1st

May-June: May 1st

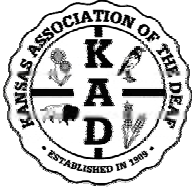
July-Aug: July 1st

The Newsletter takes 2-3 weeks to prepare.
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Editor's Note: "The Final Word..." section is for any KAD members to write an article. It can be either editorial, informational, educational or simply making an announcement. Limit up to 200-215 words.

I want to take the first opportunity to start the first of "The Final Word..." series of articles.

The last NAD Conference at Palm Springs, CA in July of 2006, there was a huge movement which sparked a rapid wild-fire in recognizing "Audism" and "Deafhood."

Audism means oppression against Deaf people. "Deafhood" is from Paddy Ladd's "Understanding Deaf Culture...In Search of Deafhood." It is a very complex scholastic book to read. Basically it outlines the better understanding of what it means to be Deaf. Deafhood is not a

The Final Word...

by Shane Dundas

measurement of "how deaf you are" (based on various backgrounds). Deafhood means "a journey" (process) of understanding oneself and how one can grasp his/her Deaf identity.

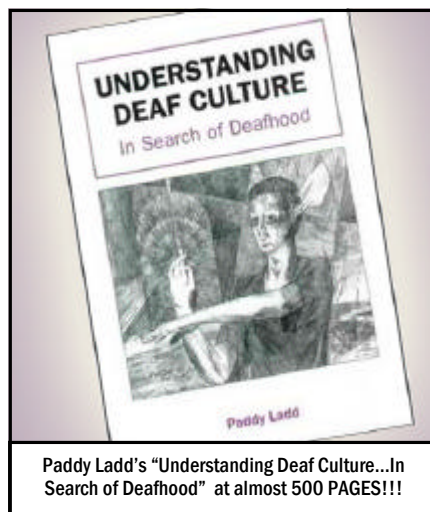
There are so many frustrated Deaf people living in the

world of audism. Deafhood is a journey that helps you identify the underlying causes of personal frustration as a Deaf person and how one can overcome them with dignity together with others.

Once you reach the end of the journey of Deafhood, one will truly recognize and embrace his/her own true Deaf identity and have deeper appreciation of being Deaf and of other deaf people of various backgrounds.

I am hoping there will be a workshop for the KAD 2009 Conference on Deafhood and audism. This is a powerful tool to help us become better Deaf people and enhance Deaf UNITY. Go to kskad.org for details.

You can order this book at a good price with free shipping on www.amazon.com



Paddy Ladd's "Understanding Deaf Culture...In Search of Deafhood" at almost 500 PAGES!!!