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Picnic in Topeka

The annual Topeka picnic that held on Saturday, August 21, 2010 was successful with 120 people in attendance. The catered lunch were very simple with cold meat deli on the buns, salad, baked beans, chips, water, tea and desserts. Also, Topeka Association of the Deaf had numerous of cakes for raffle drawing, and they looked so good.

There were 6 tables for sponsors: ZVRS, Sorensen, Deaf Culutal Center, Faith Lutheran Church, KAD and Hamilton Relay. Each representative gave short presentation. As KAD President, I had opportunity to explain about 2010 NAD Conference highlights, 2011 KAD Conference in Salina with registration forms that were distributed followed; appreciation to Wilma Phillips for her effort on KAD Rally Picnic on July 18th and to Jack Cooper for his service as NAD Region 2 board member for 8 years; an exciting news about 21st Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2009/2010 that were passed by the Senate.

Jr. KAD Sponsors

Submitted by Rebecca J. Roseenthal

During the month of June, we did a call for volunteer to help as the Jr. KAD sponsor at Kansas School for the Deaf (KSD) in Olathe. The KAD Board received two interested applicants, Mary Hughes and Tammy Waddell. Both are very qualified and highly motivated individuals!

KAD is pleased to announce that both Mary Hughes and Tammy Waddell will be the Jr. KAD sponsors. The work will soon begin and we will have a report at our November

KAD Board meeting. Look for our newsletter!

Disability Community

On Monday, August 30, 2010, Jack Cooper as a representative for KCDHH was invited along with 13 other people to attended the Kansas Disability Community meeting with Senator Sam Brownback that lasted 90 minutes. Senator Brownback hopes to gather inputs from the group on key issues or concerns on disability. The major concern is the funding. Jack Cooper had his opportunity to explain about both KAD and KCDHH.

Also other participants explained about any disability services that are urgently needed for an example the Mental Health Care. They also discussed about Senator Brownback's policies/views on the long term care services in Kansas. The meeting was productive. As we know, Senator Brownback is running for Kansas Governor in the coming November election.

Kansas State Department of Education

Submitted by Kim Symansky

Conferences Planned this Fall concerning the Deaf educations, below:

-The PEPnet (Postsecondary Education Program Network) in Wichita, September 2010 - Learn about the advocacy skills for the Deaf/Hard of Hearing students, Transition planning, Assessing Accommodation Needs, Remote Interpreting, Captioning Services and Promoting Classroom Access.

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-The 2010 KSDE Annual Conference with a theme, “ Embracing Our Future”, October 2010 - Learn more about US Department of Education’s blue print focusing on the standards, assessments, data systems, educating the whole child and few more.

-The Tri-State Law Conference in Omaha, Nebraska, November 2010 - In conjunction with the departments of education in Nebraska and Iowa, sponsored by the KSDE.

-KID (Kansas Instructors for the Deaf) will be hosting its annual conference at Derby High School Auditorium, 920 North Rock Road, Derby, KS on November 12-13, 2010. The opening topic will be AUDISM: Integrating Deaf experiences in Deaf Education, and Lance Forshay (who grows up in Wichita) gives his presentation about the hot topics with the Audism Unveiled, Understanding Deafhood, and Language & Cultural Attitudes in Deaf education. The conference is open to everyone, including you. With my hopes, there will be families who have Deaf child(ren), Teachers of Deaf, K-12 Interpreters, Staff working with Deaf students, Deaf professionals, Deaf people like you, the readers and professionals in the administer levels/ states level.

To register, go to www.kskid.org

-The TASK12 (Training and Assessment Systems for K-12 Educational Interpreters) Advisory Board meeting in Santa Fe, New Mexico, December 2010 - An updates on the states of the TASK12 programs and to learn of the states’ reports; what is going on with Deaf Education/ Interpreter Education in the TASK12 states.

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21st Century Communication and Video Accessibility Act

Submitted by NAD on Friday, August 6, 2010 at 7:03pm

The U.S. Senate passed the Twenty-first Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010 (S. 3304) on August 5, 2010, by unanimous consent! Thanks to the extraordinary efforts of advocates across the country and in Washington, DC, the Coalition of Organizations for Accessible Technology (COAT), of which the NAD is a leader and steering committee member along with other disability organizations, secured a monumental step forward in accessible technology. Earlier this week, Senator Pryor (D-AR) introduced an amendment to improve S. 3304. S. 3304, as amended, was passed by U.S. Senate by unanimous consent. Like H.R. 3101, which was passed on July 26, 2010, S. 3304 will also:

- * Require captioned television programs to be captioned when delivered over the Internet.
- * Authorize the FCC to require 7 hours per week of video description on the top 4 network channels and top 5 cable channels nationwide.
- * Allocate up to \$10 million per year for equipment used by individuals who are deaf-blind.
- * Require televised emergency information to be accessible to individuals who are blind or have low vision.
- * Require accessible advanced communications equipment and services, such as text messaging and e-mail.
- * Require access to Internet services that are built-in to mobile telephone devices, like smart phones, if achievable.
- * Require devices of any size to be capable of displaying closed

captioning, delivering available video description, and making emergency information accessible.

* Require accessible user controls for televisions and set-top boxes, and easy access to closed captioning and video description.

For more information, see the section-by-section summary of what S.3304 (as amended) will do for us at <http://www.coataccess.org/node/9776>.

Kauffman Stadium

A wonderful news on the live captions on their scoreboard as followed up from the April KAD newsletter. An open letter was sent to the Royal management to thank them for their support:

To the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community Members,

With hard work and determination, overcoming barriers is possible as long you are persistence. With collaboration of Kansas Association of the Deaf, Missouri Association of the Deaf, Olathe Club for the Deaf, Paraquad, Inc, SCOMM, and The Whole Person by sending letters to KC Royals requesting the ballpark to provide live captions during home games.

Mr. Robert Rice, Vice-President of Ballpark Operations and Development, recently notified us that they are in the process of purchasing software and reconfiguring the centerfield video board for the live captioning. KC Royals will kick off the live caption on Opening Day, 2011.

Future KAD Board Meetings on Saturdays

November 6, 2010 in Olathe
February 5, 2011 in Salina
April 16, 2011 in Wichita
June 3-5, 2011 - KAD Conference
Subject to change at any time.