2002 NAD Conference in Washington, DC

Submitted by John Burdette

West Virginia Association of the Deaf sent Donna M. Williams and I as the delegates to 45th Biennial NAD Conference held on July 3-8, 2002 in Washington, DC at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel. It attracted over 2,000 people from across the nation and around the world. The conference theme, "Hand in Hand - We Make A Difference!" showing working together, we all truly made a difference for deaf and hard of hearing Americans.

The conference schedule was packed with workshops, forums, exhibits, evening activities and much more!

This year's conference was an unique location in the capital of our country, the attendees brought home something, which had never happened before. It is a strong patriotic feeling created by the impact of terrorist's attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon. We were reminded that America is at war and we must remember and never forget the terrorist's attack.

Also, for the time, the spotlight was on deaf visual and performing artist displayed of comedians, mimes, dancers, performers, singers, band, and artwork. The entertainment was a feast for the eyes and it filled everyone with pride.

The Opening and Closing ceremonies were filled with an

excitement with many performances and speakers. The same went for 4th of July Celebration and Cultural Arts Extravaganza. On Thursday evening, the Fourth of July performers portray important historical American and deaf American figures, they renewed and energized our deaf and American pride. The new NAD Board was introduced during the cultural arts extravaganza on Sunday evening July 7th, and main program showcased a variety beautiful cultural arts performances

The Conference's favorite event in the conference was College Bowl. Gallaudet, NTID, and CSUN sent their teams to capture this year's bowl. NTID with 53 points won the victory defeating Gallaudet (34 points) and CSUN (30 points) in a heated battle between intelligent deaf and hard of hearing students. It was a very close contest decided by the final two answers.

Another event was very popular in the conference, Miss Deaf American Pageant had 27 contestants who competed for a new 2 years crown. Miss Deaf Maryland is new Miss Deaf America 2002-2004. We're very excited and proud to have Monica Spangler, Miss Deaf West Virginia compete in NAD's Miss Deaf America Pageant.

Delegates were sent by the State Associations and Affiliations to vote on bills and chart next 2 years of work for NAD. We spent first 2 days attending symposium forums. The 6 different Forum Categories were:

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My Experience at NAD Conference

Written by Monica Spangler

Hello, everyone! I would like to share my experiences at NAD Conference and Miss Deaf America Pageant in Washington, DC in July, 2002. Veronda Harrison, my chaperone and I both went to Maryland School for the Deaf for a retreat. The retreat was a lot of fun because we got to do many activities and we got the chance to meet all of the contestants and their chaperones.

We left on Tuesday to go to Washington, DC for the Miss Deaf American Pageant and NAD Conference. All of the contestants were separated into three groups, Delta, Mu, and Alpha. I was in the group, Delta. On Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday the three groups took turns doing three events: Platform speech, talent, and evening gown. Then, on Saturday night, they announced six finalists to compete for Miss Deaf America.

Even though I was not one of the six finalists or Miss Deaf America, I was not disappointed or sad. I was very happy that these six girls won the six finalists. They all deserved it for all of their hard effort and service in the deaf community. I was very happy that Miss Deaf Maryland won Miss Deaf America title because I really do believed that God chose her to Everything happens for a reason because God is in control I believed that of everything! everyone is a winner in

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NAD Conference

Education/Human Services, Interpretation/Language,

Youth/Leadership, Civil/Human

Rights,

Technology/Telecommunikcations, and Multicultural/Cultural. Then next 2 days were focused on Council of Representatives' meetings and caucuses. The delegates reviewed, discussed, revised, and voted on over 100 bills sent from the 4 regional conferences. They narrowed down to final 20 bills from 6 Forum categories for NAD to work on for the next 2 years.

Newly elected NAD Board of Directors for 2002-2004 are: President, Kent Kennedy of Texas; Vice President, Marilyn Smith of Secretary, Dan Washington; of Maryland; and Brubaker Treasurer, Thomas Dillion of New Mexico. Also, Charlie Reisinger of Connecticut is our new Region One representative alongside with Yvonne Dunkle of Mass. H. Dee Clanton of New Hampshire is our new State Association Committee (SAC) to State Association President Conference (SAPC). We wish them well with their new roles.

When you look at NAD, it represents Deaf America. We, as Deaf Americans, went home from the conference with a strong patriotic feeling for America as a whole!

The next NAD Conference in 2004 will be held in Kansas City, Missouri on July 5-11, 2004.

Hollywood Squares

Nanette Fabray, the star used to give a funny little wave when she was introduced on the air. "She would hold up her thumb, her first finger, and her pinky. That was the first time sign language was used on television and many hearing impaired people would tune in just to see Naette signing "I Love You."

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Experience

whatever they do for their future to become successful. I know that all of the contestants did a wonderful job and none is a loser. All of us tried our very best and we are still winners!

During the week of the NAD Miss Conference and America Pageant I had a wonder-I learned new and ful time! interesting experiences that I have never experienced in my whole life! I had so much fun meeting many different kinds of people from all over America. We got to watch the shows on stage at NAD and it was so much fun to watch! The dance shows that they performed at NAD by some people from different countries were very awesome!

I am very happy that I am still Miss Deaf WV, and I still have my Miss Deaf WV title until the year of 2003; then I will give my crown to the next Miss Deaf WV of 2003! I am looking forward to do that. I am very proud to represent the state of WV! God Bless You!!

West Virginia Association of the Deaf Board Meeting April 13, 2002

Board Meeting started at 12:35 p.m. April 13, 2002 at the Holiday Inn in Bluefield, WV.

Present: John Burdette; Liz Leisure; Donna M. Williams; Joey Major; Charles Tuell; Clyde Swartz. Absent: Jimmy Harrison.

The minutes were read, revised and approved.

President's Report:

1. Follow-up letters regarding TDD signs and TDD's at rest areas on Interstate.

2. Legislation passed bill for driver's licenses to have identification that deaf. More information will come later.

3. Letter from United Deaf

Services

4. Letter from National Recreation Services confirming reservation at Summersville for July 27th.

5. Need to discuss delegates to go

to NAD this summer.

6. Need to discuss WVAD Conference plans here at Holiday Inn.

7. Need to discuss WVAD web-

page.

8. Need to discuss WVAD letters.

Secretary's Report

WVCDHH asked WVAD to write a letter supporting a 4-year interpreter training program and saying that West Virginia needs more qualified interpreters. Charity is working on a grant for Marshall University to set up a four-year program. Donna wrote this letter.

Try to follow-up on open captioned movie. Earl Hollinshead got this at one theater in Morgantown. John would like for us to send a follow-up letter to all the local movie theaters regarding open captioned movies.

Have current list of presidents and contact persons for all the Deaf Clubs in WV. Need names of contact persons to obtain inforupcoming regarding mation Sandy Bagg is a new events. contact person for Wheeling Association of the Deaf. Veronda Harrison is the contact person for Charleston Association of the Deaf. John Burdette is the contact person for Greenbrier Valley Association of the Deaf.

Plans to add schedule of events on the WVAD website. Trying to reach all the contact persons to get all the details about the upcoming events to avoid conflicts. Donna will contact the person responsible for WVAD website. She distributed a list. She will send this list, as well as the list of contacts, to all deaf clubs presidents/contact person and to WVCDHH.

Donna announced the upcoming play at the Actor's Guild in

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Meeting

Parkersburg. Liz Leisure will be in the play as "Sarah Norman." Three performances will be interpreted for the deaf and hard of hearing people.

Treasurer's Report
For March 1-31, 2002

1. April 8th received a check from Wheeling Association of the Deaf for \$200 for Pageant.

2. Have check from Jimmy for membership and donations for pageant that have not been deposited.

Report approved.

Trustees' Report - None

Donna Williams proposed a 10 minute restroom/water break.

Committee's Report

Pageant: NAD did not send requested information until January. Donna sent e-mail to NAD asking them to send the same package to Monica. NAD never sent it to her. They also never sent a package to Monica's parents and to a chaperone. Many things are late. Donna met with John Burdette and Veronda Harrison (who is a chaperone for Monica) last March at the Fairmont Bowling Tournament. At that time, Monica still had not received her package. So, Donna had copies made for her and for Veronda. Pictures were made and sent to NAD with applications, etc. Monica is doing a good job representing WVAD and Veronda is also doing a good job as the chaperone.

Old Business

Benefits Planning Assistance, and Outreach (BPAO)--Woman in Martinsburg did not respond to Donna's e-mail regarding a BPAO workshop. We need to decide where and when we would like to have a workshop. Probably won't able to set it up until next fall.

2nd Delegate to NAD--prefer man to room with John. Prefer young person. Will check the membership list. Clyde Swartz will be back-up delegate. **New Business**

Clyde (Joey) moved to discuss foods for WVAD picnic. Passed.

Joey (Liz) moved to discuss drinks. Passed.

Joey (Clyde) moved to have a fishing tournament and horseshoe tournament. Passed.

John and Donna will develop a flyer with "RSVP" to send money to Liz.

Fund Raiser

Donna (Liz) moved to sell

T-shirts "Top Ten Reasons for Learning Sign Language." Passed.

WVAD 2003 Conference

Room rates--\$80 all room types. Pageant--Hotel, Bluefield HS, or Bluefield State College

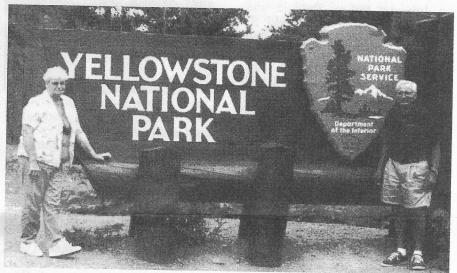
Next meeting August 10th in Parkersburg. Liz will make ar-

rangements.

Joey (Clyde) moved to adjourn at 4:50 p.m.

Heading For California

By Delores Pyles



Delores and Roy Pyles in Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming

My oldest daughter Carla Campbell, her husband, Roy, and I left West Virginia with much excitement on June 12, 2002 for California for the first time and for the National Campvention of the Deaf in CA. We tried to stop and visit many important places as possible since we could be gone from WV for only three weeks.

We visited our hearing friends, Gail and Delbert Stewart in Albuquequer, New Mexico; the Grand Canyon and Las Vegas in Nevada; our hearing former Cross Lanes neighbor, Jeff Billings, who I used to babysit since he was nine months old, who is now a lawyer, married a female lawyer, and lives in Long Beach, CA; and Venice

Beach, CA, where the TV Show, "Baywatch" was filmed. We drove through Los Angeles, CA and did not see any famous person.

When we arrived at Buellton, CA, we met Mary Dallas Herrold (Please see her article and picture elsewhere in this issue); Paul and Jean Gum of PA; June Hillard and Robert Watson of Tulsa, OK; Robert and Caroline Downing of IN, who had gone to the Indiana School for the Deaf with the late Hurbert Anderson, who was the second executive director for the WV Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing; and many new and old deaf friends.

Carla's husband, Larry, flew to See **Heading** on page 4

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Los Angeles on June 21 and joined us for the return trip to WV. After the campvention, we went to San Francisco, CA to see the cable cars, the Golden Bridge, and the Alcatraz Prison; the casino in Reno, CA, the Lake Tahoe in CA, the Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming; (where Roy and I had worked in 1953 for a summer and we were happy to return after 49 years); the Rushmore National Park in SD, and others.

We had to be back home in WV on July 1st before Patricia and Charles Wolford of Springfield, IL arrived at our house on July 2nd

for a week visit with us.

The California trip was so marvelous. Our thanks go to Carla and Larry, who had been our full time drivers so Roy and I could relax and enjoy the three week journey in the back seat of our vehicle.

AT&T Relay Services via the Internet

AT&T Relay Great news! Services is now available over the internet at relay att.com. Special features include full screen dialog window, adjustable font size and color, print out capacity, Spanish relay and more. No special software or equipment is required launch calls directly from your web browser on any browserbased product: laptop, cellular phone, desktop PC or PDA. And no long distance or toll fees for calls within the U.S. For a quality relay experience, check out relay att.com now.

Yours Truly, AT&T Relay Team

Ms. Herrold



By Delores Pyles

You may remember or wonder what Mary Dallas Herrold has

been doing lately.

We saw Ms. Herrold at the Six Flags Campground in Buellton, the National where Campvention of the Deaf was held during the week of June 17-22,

Ms. Herrold graduated West Virginia School for the Deaf in 1944 and Gallaudet University in 1949. She taught at WVSD from 1951 to 1975. Then she moved to California in 1975 to teach at the California School for the Deaf in Berkeley, CA and then in Fremont, CA after the school moved to Fremont until she retired in 1991.

Ms. Herrold's parents were Catherine Gollner and William Norris Herrold, Sr. He passed away many years ago. Her mother later became blind and died in 1994.

Ms. Herrold's parents, brother, Bill, Jr., and sister in law, Dot, all went to WVSD, too. Bill and Dot live in Falling Waters, WV.

When we noticed how good and happy Ms. Herrold looked, and we asked her how her life had been,

she said she had volunteered much of her time to work for the deaf, community to stay busy and

The best news from her was that she had been invited to her deaf friend's daughter's wedding, which was held in Hawaii in August, and she talked with much excitement about going to Hawaii for the first time in her life for the wedding and also to stay there for a whole

If you have seen her glowing face with a mile-wide smile lately, you would know that she had been back home from the beautiful state of Hawaii.

40th Wedding Anniversary



Merritt and Sue Snyder of Buckhannon, celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary on April 21, 2002. Family and friends joined the celebration at the home of their daughter and son in law.

The couple was married on April 21, 1962 in Philippi, at the bride's parents' home. The groom's father, Rev. Dorsey R. (Jack) Snyder officiated the ceremony.

Mrs. Sue Snyder is the former See Anniversary on page 5

Deaf Visitors in WV



John and Norma Favre in Seebert, WV with dog

Norma (Devericks) and John Favre of Mississippi along with their little, cute dashmund (dog), were in West Virginia last summer visiting Norma's son, Dennis Browning of Fairmont; deaf brother, Worthy Devericks and his wife, Lois, and deaf sister, Florence Johnson and her husband, Edward, at their summer camps in Romney; the Favre's deaf friends, Delores and Roy Pyles of Seebert, Janis and Ronald Williams of St. Albans, and others. Hope they had a wonderful time in West Virginia.



Patricia and Charles Wolford in Seebert, WV

Patricia and Charles Wolford of Springfield, IL visited her family in Delbarton, and their deaf friends in West Virginia during the week of July 4th last summer.

A few days after they returned home in Illinois, they in their

pickup truck were hit by a 16 year old male driver, who speed at a high speed through a red light in Springfield, IL. The driver escaped any injury, but Patricia and Charles suffered lots of injuries, which did not threaten their lives. They have been slowly recovering from the injuries.

We wish them a speedy recovery.

Obituary

Robert E. Braun

Robert E. Braun, 65, of Westerville, Ohio, Monday, June 10, 2002 at St. Ann's Hospital.

Robert was born April 27, 1937 in Wheeling, WV.

He was a graduate of WV School for the Deaf

He was a member of Wheeling Association of the Deaf, Columbus Anglers Club, Akon-Canton Deaf Anglers Club and

National Bass Association of the

Deaf.

Shirley L. Carpenter

Shirley Long Carpneter, 66, of Englewood, formerly of Romney, WV, died Wednesday, June 5, 2002, at Englewood Community Hospital, Englewood, Fla.

Surviving are her husband, Max Carpenter, Harpers Ferry, WV.

Interment was held in Indian Mound Cemetery, Romney, WV. Editor's Note: Max Carpenter was formerly for the WV School for the Deaf and Blind, superintendant.

Anna M. Walkup

Anna M. Walkup, 80, of Brimfield, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, Sept. 30, 2001.

Anna is survived by her husband of 54 years, James Walkup.

She was enrolled at the West Virginia School for the Deaf in 1929.

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Anniversary

Cecelia Sue Trahern daughter of the late Fredrick V. and Genevieve L. Tahern of Philippi, WV.

Mr. Snyder is the son of the late Rev. Dorsey R. (Jack) and Vecie M. Snyder of Buckhannon.

Mr. & Mrs. Snyder are the parents of two children Johnny B. Snyder and Lois S. White of Buckhannon. They also have four grandsons, Johnny Snyder II (Joy) and Robert Merritt Snyder (Kobby) and Bryan A Cox and Trahern M. White all of Buckhannon.

ACLU files on behalf of deaf man Victim's rights were allegedly abused during

legedly abused during traffic stop

A deaf Vermont man who alleges his rights were violated during a routine traffic stop said he is suing state county officials "so this doesn't happen to other people with disabilities."

The American Civil Liberties Union's West Virginia chapter filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Martinsburg on Tuesday on behalf of Kent P. Richland, 44,

of South Burlington, Vt.

The lawsuit alleges Richland was arrested and taken to the Eastern Regional Jail in Berkeley County last June without being given the proper resources to communicate with authorities It accuses officials of false arrest and violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the West Virginia Human Rights Act.

The lawsuit names sheriff's Deputy R.L. Gardener, who was the arresting officer; Sheriff W. Randy Smith; the Berkeley County Commission; Steve Canterbury, director of the state Regional Jail and Correctional Facility

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ACLU

Authority; Berkeley County Magistrate Court and Magistrate Sandra L. Miller; and the state of

West Virginia.

The lawsuit seeks unspecified damages for emotional distress and monetary loss. It also seeks to require county police to provide and advertise sign language interpreters and other services for deaf people.

-From Cumberland Times-News June 19, 2002

Sprint Internet Relay

Sprint has introduced new calling convenience for computer savvy deaf and hard of hearing individuals with the launch of Sprint Relay Online (SM), an Internet relay service

www.sprintrelayonline.com.

Sprint Relay Online users can easily customize and complete phone calls via computer links as an alternative to traditional teletext

(TTY) devices.

Relay services allow the deaf and hard of hearing to communicate readily with the hearing population through an operator intermediary. A relay call can now be made from a computer at home or work; anywhere an Internet connection exists. And compared with a TTY device, that conversation can be customized for a more personalized communications experience.

"With our Internet relay service, a TTY unit is not a necessity for making a relay call," explained Tony D'Agata, vice president, Sprint's Government System Division. "Another advantage is the absence of Internet call toll charges. Customers on the go can connect a laptop to payphones or hotel lines and call online, enjoying their mobility and freedom from additional devices."

Users simply dial their Internet

service provider (ISP) to access http://www.sprintrelayonline.com. Once there, operator instruction can be given on a call set-up page to ask for a specific person, to type slowly, or select service announcement options, among others. The web application connects the user with a relay agent who dials and facilitates the intended call. The dialog can be seen as a split computer screen image; one side for the caller text and the other for the operator relay of the called party's response. Call transcripts can be saved or printed.

Internet relay calls are highly interactive. Screen text size and color can be specified for both the caller and operator screens. Macro buttons -- GA (go ahead), SK (stop keying) and PLS HOLD -- are part of the application. As a further innovation, American Sign Language (ASL) emotion icons -- or e-moticons -- are available to direct the operator's tone of voice

and inflection.

Currently, seven symbols for a range of feelings help to make live conversation as expressive and realistic as possible. Spanish and French Creole language options are available. Other features include connection status (connecting, disconnected, busy, ready) and male or female operator specification.

The service also accommodates the hard of hearing (HOH) that wish to speak for themselves, thanks to a capability called Twoline Voice Carry Over. The user connects with Sprint Relay Online via computer to call his/her standard phone. With three-way calling conference capability, the Internet relay user will then conference in the relay operator and the hearing party. The HOH user speaks directly to the called party while reading the typed responses online generated by the Internet relay operator.

Sprint Relay Online service is available 24 hours a day. Users need a computer, phone line con-

nection, web browser such as Microsoft Internet Explorer v4.0 or Netscape Communicator v4.78, and Internet service. Relay calls over the Internet do not incur toll charges.

Sprint network reliability leads the industry. In 2001, for the sixth consecutive year, Sprint's long distance network has been the highest quality network among major carriers according to fewest Federal Communications Commission-reported outages.

Sprint is the nation's leading provider of telecommunications relay services (TRS) with over a decade of experience. The U.S. government, 27 states and the commonwealth of Puerto Rico currently rely on Sprint to operate 10 relay centers and offer the power of communications many take for granted to a population that otherwise would be isolated Relay services in each state were mandated by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and are paid for by all local phone customers through state fees included on monthly bills. Additional informafound is www.sprint.com/relay.

Birth Announcements

Catherine Washer and Shannon Smith of Little Rock, AR became the proud parents of a 7 lb. 11 oz. and 20 inches long baby girl, who was born on May 11, 2002. She is named Caitlyn Rose. She has a sister, Amelia Hensley.

Allen Earl Taylor was born to Marcus Taylor and Annie Hanson on June 7, 2002 at 11:47 p.m. (Central Time). He weighted at 8 lb. 2 oz. and was 21 inches long.

Congratulations to the new parents!



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