

## Easter Family Potluck Picnic announced

DSSO will host the Easter Family Potluck Picnic on April 14th at the Central Point City Park (located in Central Point, of course) from 12 noon to 5 p.m. The enclosed flyer will have details as well as a cut out section to let the event chairperson, Dean Darling, know if you and your family is coming. DSSO will provide burgers, hot dogs and Subway sandwiches (which may be 10 feet long). These Subway sandwiches require advance notice, so Dean Darling must know as soon as possible. The flyer will have a deadline for the notice.

You can bring cold side dish like salads, vegetable (raw or cooked), potato salad or anything else cold and ready to serve. Of course, children are welcome - there may be an egg hunt. There will be further details and discussions as we get close to April. For further info, please contact Dean Darling at our other events or via email [Harleydude04@hotmail.com](mailto:Harleydude04@hotmail.com).

## Game Night notes

DSSO had its game night on January 13th. Bill Drobkiewicz won the Blackout prize. He last won the Blackout prize at last year's very first game night. Entry fee is \$1 per adult and 50¢ per child. Each bingo card is 50¢ per game. DSSO may sell soda and water for 50¢ and there may be a dessert potluck. The place is Lions Center on Holly Street (parking on Grape). The next official game night is on March 10 at 6:30 p.m. February 10th is Valentines Day Party - check the enclosed flyer.

## DSSO meeting schedule - 2nd Sunday

DSSO members voted to hold the monthly meeting on second Sunday every month from now on. The next meeting is on February 11th at 4 p.m. The place is Lions Center on Holly Street (parking on Grape). Again, the meeting will be on second Sunday every month from now on.

## Happy Valentines Day from officers and staff of DSSO

### DSSO events notes and community news

Southern Oregon Bowling Association of the Deaf will hold its league on February 3rd at 12:30 p.m. The place is Linn Lanes Bowling Center in Lebanon, Oregon. Check flyer for map.

Valentines Day Party is on February 10th. DSSO will provide desserts, garlic bread and garlic bread with cheese. The doors open at 5:30 p.m. for set up. Dinner may start around 6 p.m. with games and party to follow. The enclosed flyer will have potluck, event and contact info.

There is an event in Ashland, Oregon. Check the next page for information. And there is a big deaf expo being held in different cities at different times - check the free advertising.

There will be no events during March as a lot of our community members are gone out of town. NorthWest Bowling Association of the Deaf will hold its annual tournament in Washington during St. Patrick's Day weekend. But the deaf coffee and pizza will continue as well as the monthly DSSO meeting and game night.

We are in the process of reserving Phoenix City Park for our annual horseshoes tournament on May 12th (if rained out, May 19th). The full event information will be pub-

lished within the next two months. Of course, you should attend our monthly meetings for updates and discussions.

Dennis Ross, DSSO President, says that he will reserve the gathering spot for the Bill Smith Annual Trout Derby at Howard Prairie Lake in June. Dennis Ross is also the main chairperson with appointed deputies (assistants) responsible for specific jobs and activities. He will announce his deputies when time gets near.

February 9th - Grants Pass Deaf Pizza  
February 17th - Medford Deaf Coffee  
February 24th - Medford Deaf Pizza

February 4th - Super Bowl  
February 14th - Valentines Day

Next meeting - March 5th

# TDAPAC

Telecommunications Devices Access Program Advisory Committee will hold its next meeting on March 5th from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The place is Public Utilities Commission's Small Hearing Room (upstairs). PUC is on Capitol Street NE in Salem, Oregon. TDAPAC is looking to fill its two vacancies - one for deaf representative and one for hard of hearing representative. If you are interested in filling one of these vacancies, please check the enclosed flyers or contact Bill Drobkiewicz if you are interested in representing the Rogue Valley on TDAPAC. Contact Julie Thompson at [Julie.Thompson@state.or.us](mailto:Julie.Thompson@state.or.us) or Kelli Chrisman at [Kelli.chrisman@state.or.us](mailto:Kelli.chrisman@state.or.us) or 800.648.3458 TTY or 800.848.4442 voice.

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Bob Rose, Co-Founder of HASL Independent Ability Center, was born with Spina Bifida. After spine surgery left him paralyzed from the waist down, he walked with crutches and braces until High School when his wheelchair became his mobility. Bob has been with HASL Independent Ability Center since 1994 and has used his expertise to support and influence many different projects including, the Americans with Disabilities Act, Fair Housing, Special Transportation Funding, Oregon Conference on Disabilities, Disabled Services Advisory Council, the Area Agency on Aging, and others. In addition, Bob is very much involved in Sports and Recreation including baseball, fishing, camping, tennis, road racing, water skiing, car racing, stunt kite flying, and many indoor sports as well!

Geri Jewell, best known for years as "Cousin Geri" from the ground-breaking NBC sitcom "The Facts of Life". Geri currently has the role as "Jewel" on the new, and Emmy Award winning HBO series, "Deadwood" and portrays the character of Rosey on the daytime series, "The Young and the Restless". Geri not only is an exceptional actress and comedienne, but is a powerful motivational speaker and trainer. She is famous for her uncanny ability to captivate the hearts of audiences by using humor to facilitate attitude changes, bringing to her presentations personal experience of having her behavior misunderstood because of her Cerebral Palsy.

(Editor's Note: Registration has ended at time of publication - Deadline was January 19th)

For questions or more information, contact

Janet Steveley at 541-488-6495 or Kristi Hyman V-(541) 776-6035,

TDD - (866) 812-8265 .

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The ASL EXPO 2007 will be held at ten locations:

April 7, 2007 - Indianapolis, IN

May 5, 2007 - San Jose, CA (Editor's Note - this is the nearest to Oregon)

June 2, 2007 - Hartford, CT

June 16, 2007 - Chicago, IL

September 8, 2007 - Louisville, KY

September 15, 2007 - Long Beach, CA (Editor's Note - this is near Los Angeles and second nearest to OR)

October 13, 2007 - Kissimmee, FL

October 20, 2007 - Atlanta, GA

November 10, 2007 - Pittsburgh, PA

December 8, 2007 - Washington, DC

There can be no excuse not to join in with the fun and atmosphere of the Expo's huge crowd- along with an unbelievable array of door prizes! We'll see you there!

For more information on ASL EXPO 2007, please visit [www.aslexpo.com](http://www.aslexpo.com). To reserve your booth, or if you have questions about exhibiting, go to <http://www.aslexpo.com/html/exhibitors.html>.

See you at the Expo, folks!

Everybody is welcome. These ongoing activities are open to all members of the deaf/hard-of-hearing/hearing impaired community including interpreters, students, teachers, family and friends.

<p><u><a href="#">DEAF COFFEE and CHAT</a></u></p> <p>Rogue Valley Mall Starbucks Coffee Company 1600 North Riverside Suite 2072 Medford OR 97501 Hosted by Janice <a href="mailto:jicvand@charter.net">jicvand@charter.net</a> AND Linda Guerrero <a href="mailto:LindaRedHair@hotmail.com">LindaRedHair@hotmail.com</a></p> <p>Every 3rd Saturday 5:30 p.m. 'til close February 17, 2007</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Deaf Pizza - Medford</a></u></p> <p>Abby's Legendary Pizza 1080 South Riverside (Highway 99 South and Barnett Road) Hosted by Jennifer Frabasilio <a href="mailto:prettylady1971@hotmail.com">prettylady1971@hotmail.com</a> (mention deaf pizza on subject line),</p> <p>Rosie Fiorentino <a href="mailto:snugglebabe02@msn.com">snugglebabe02@msn.com</a> and Linda Guerrero</p> <p>Every 4th Saturday 5 p.m. to close February 24, 2007</p>
<p><u><a href="#">DEAF COFFEE and CHAT</a></u></p> <p>Lisa Hanson's Home/Business 6371 Rogue River Highway Grants Pass OR 97527 Hosted by Lisa Hanson <a href="mailto:interpretoregon@hotmail.com">interpretoregon@hotmail.com</a></p> <p>Every last Saturday 12 noon until sunset NO DEAF COFFEE UNTIL APRIL 28</p> <p>Quick Directions: Exit 48 to City of Rogue River/Savage Rapids Dam Turn left onto Depot Street Turn right onto Highway 99/Rogue River Highway Stay on 99 all the way to the above ad- dress</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Deaf Pizza - Grants Pass</a></u></p> <p>Abby's Legendary Pizza 205 N.E. Beacon Drive, Grants Pass OR 97526 Hosted by Linda Guerrero, Jennifer Frabasilio and Rosie Fiorentino</p> <p>Every 2nd Friday 5 p.m. to close February 9, 2007</p> <p>Quick Directions: On I-5, Exit 55 to Grants Pass Parkway (Highway 199) From North - turn right onto the Park- way From South - turn left onto the Parkway Abby's is on left near Fred Meyers</p>

# Valentines Day Party

February 10th - Saturday

Entry & set up time: 5:30 p.m.

Dinner: around 6 p.m.

Main event: 7:30 p.m.

Lions Sight and Hearing Center

Holly Street (parking on Grape)

Potluck Dinner - we will provide dessert

Please Bring

Spaghetti, Lasagna, Chicken Alfredo or Salad

We will make garlic bread and garlic bread with cheese

We will sell soda and water for 50¢

**ENTRY FEE - SINGLE PERSON/SENIOR CITIZENS \$3**

**FAMILY OR COUPLE \$5**

Games are Newlywed Game, Dating Game and Leg Identification

Newlywed Game will have a prize; two other games will have gifts

**For more information**

Contact Dean Darling [[Harleydude04@hotmail.com](mailto:Harleydude04@hotmail.com)] or Dennis Ross [[dennisnedie@charter.net](mailto:dennisnedie@charter.net)], event chairpersons

or DSSO at [info@dssso.org](mailto:info@dssso.org)

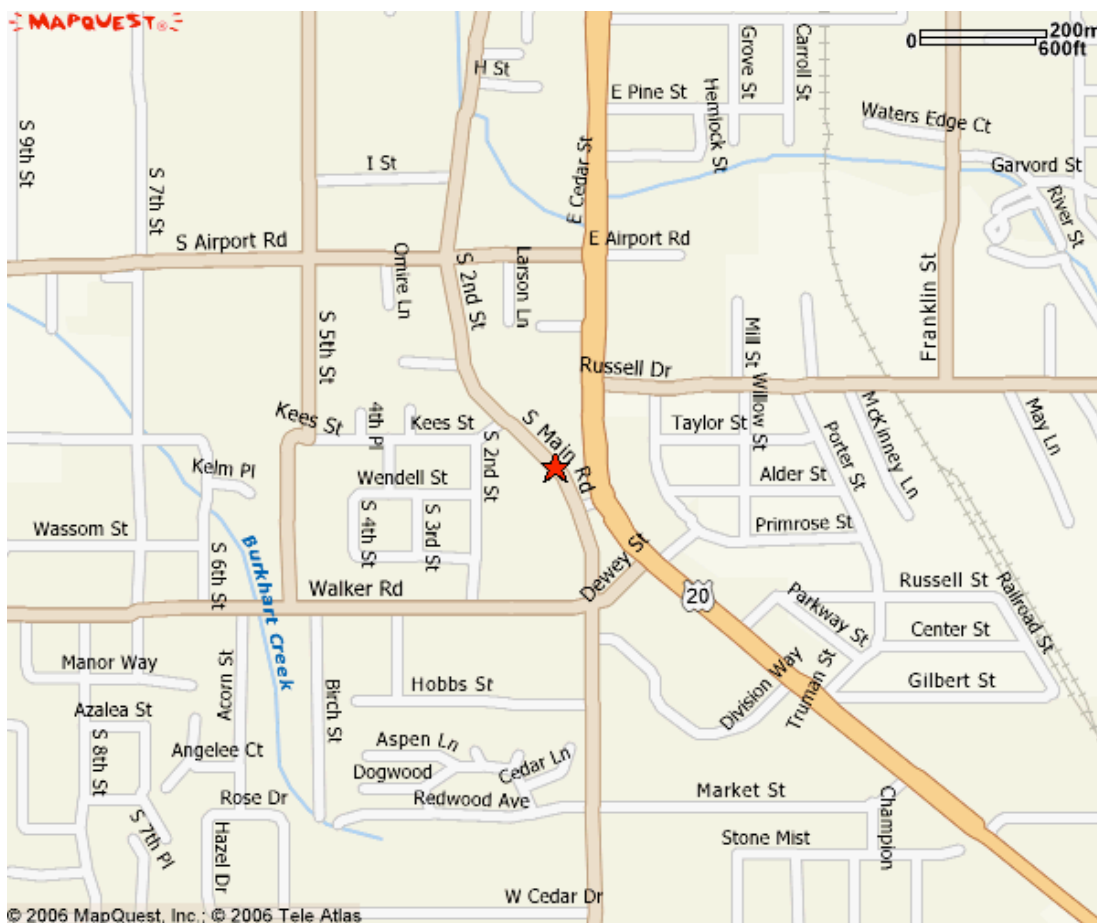


**Linn Lanes Bowling Ctr**

2250 S Main Rd  
Lebanon OR  
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**Notes:**

SOBAD  
February 3rd - 12:30 p.m.  
I-5 to Exit 228; east on Hwy 34  
Hwy 34 East to Hayden Rd/Airport  
Road; Stay on Airport to S 2nd/S Main



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# EASTER FAMILY POTLUCK PICNIC

April 14th 12 - Noon to 5 p.m.  
Central Point City Park

DSSO will provide burgers, hot dogs and Subway sandwiches

Please bring cold side dish like potato salad, vegetables (cooked or raw), salad, desserts, etc. etc. etc.

We will have activities for your kids, including Easter Egg Hunt (you can help by bringing eggs for your kids and other kids to find)

Of course, we will visit and socialize!

For details, please contact Dean Darling in person or at [Harleydude04@hotmail.com](mailto:Harleydude04@hotmail.com)

*As DSSO will order 10 foot long Subway sandwiches, please cut the bottom part and send it to Dean Darling*

**Deadline for RSVP is March 31st**

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

How many in your group? \_\_\_\_\_ How many children? \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number (optional/your choice): area code \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

**DEADLINE is March 31st.** Cut and send completed form to:

Easter Family Potluck Picnic

% Dean Darling

PO Box 8563

Medford OR

97504

# RSPF SEEKS TWO COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Telecommunication Devices Access Program Advisory Committee  
Announces the Availability of:

- ONE CONSUMER SEAT from the Hard of Hearing Community
- ONE CONSUMER SEAT from the Deaf Community

Committee Members advise the Public Utility Commission regarding the Telecommunication Devices Access Program (TDAP), Oregon Telephone Assistance Program (OTAP), and Oregon Telecommunications Relay Service (OTRS). Committee Members provide essential input regarding adaptive equipment and its distribution in addition to matters affecting the telecommunication assistance programs and the disabled and/or low income populations in which they serve.

Mileage is reimbursed when the TDAP Advisory Committee meets quarterly (first or second Monday in March, June, September, and December) from 9 AM to Noon at

Public Utility Commission of Oregon  
550 Capitol St., NE  
Salem, OR 97301-2551

If you are interested in serving a 4 year term as a volunteer advisory board representative, please submit the following:

1. One letter of interest stating why you would like to serve on the advisory committee.
2. Your resume and relevant background information
3. One or more letters of recommendation from the community you represent

Please mail all materials to:

Jon Cray, RSPF Manager  
Telecommunication Assistance Programs  
P.O. Box 2148  
Salem, OR 97308-2148

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For further information, please visit [www.rspf.org](http://www.rspf.org) or e-mail [jon.cray@state.or.us](mailto:jon.cray@state.or.us)



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# DSSO Newsletter

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