

DSSO Newsletter

The DSSO meeting has a new schedule - read more about that in this issue.

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TDAPAC Meeting

Telecommunications Devices Access Program Advisory Committee will have its next meeting on March 3rd, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in the Small Hearing Room at the

Public Utility

Commission Building in Salem, Oregon. For further information, please contact TDAP at 1-800-648-3458 TTY, 1-800-848-4442 voice or puc.tdap@state.or.us

Bingo in January

The December Bunco was cancelled due to low attendance. The January Game Night will feature Bingo. \$1 per person entry fee; 50¢ per card per game.

DSSO Meeting

New Schedule - check the flyer.
January 12, Saturday 4 p.m. with dinner potluck to follow
Game Night after dinner potluck

SOBAD in Roseburg

January 5th
12 noon
Lava Lanes of Roseburg/
Ten Down Bowling
Check the enclosed flyer for map and time/date

No New Years Eve Party

DSSO will not host the New Years Eve Party (December 31) this year. DSSO will host this event next year (2008).

DSSO Meeting Schedule Changes

DSSO made the following changes at the December meeting as a result of your responses to the survey.

The new schedule is on a three month trail to make sure that this will work. That was approved by the members at the December meeting.

First, we moved the meeting day to Saturday from Sunday.

Second, we are keeping the 4 p.m. start time.

Third, there will be a dinner potluck after the meeting.

Fourth, Game Night will be after the dinner potluck.

Date and schedule change

From your responses to the survey, we changed the date from Sunday to Saturday. Note that this is the second Saturday - January 12.

We are keeping the 4 p.m. start time because the members at the December meeting voted to fit the dinner

potluck and the Game Night in the schedule.

What this means is that we are planning to have the meeting run for maybe two hours. Then have the dinner potluck for maybe an hour. After that, the Game Night can start at 7 p.m. or earlier and end around 10 p.m.

Rules for dinner potluck

The dinner potluck should have real foods and real dishes, not junk foods like chips, crackers and candy. The flyer will explain more. We will enforce this rule.

Desserts (cookies and cakes) are allowed as long as you bring a real dish.

Each dish should be enough for 5 or so persons.

We will provide extension cords for your crockpots, slow cookers and warming trays.

Because this involves foods, the meeting will be in the Lions Center's Dining Room.

As always, the meeting and Game Night is at Lions Sight and Hearing Center on Holly Street.

The flyer will have further info and schedule.

Officer elections and event schedule

There was no officer election because we had only 9 members. President Dennis Ross said that was not enough, and had the election moved to the January meeting. Your attendance is required to nominate persons for and vote on these two positions - Vice President and Secretary.

The positions of Vice President and Secretary are up for election this time. Bill Drobkiewicz is the current Vice President. Sally Dieter is the current Secretary.

The members voted to have the annual Valentines Day Party in 2008. The date is February 16, 2008 - the February Deaf Coffee has been cancelled at request of Janice VanDome-len.

Deaf School Basketball Tournament in Salem, Oregon

January 31, February 1 and 2, 2008.

Oregon School for the Deaf will proudly host the 32nd Annual WSBC/WSCC Tournament.

Started in 1977, the Western States Basketball Classic (WSBC) is an invitational tournament for schools and programs for the Deaf. The tournament participants added the WSCC (Western States Cheerleading Classic) in 1980. Hosted annually by different schools it is usually held on the first weekend in February.

2008 participating schools are :

California School for the Deaf, Fremont

California School for the Deaf, Riverside

Marlton Charter School, Los Angeles California

Washington School for the Deaf

Utah School for the Deaf and Blind

Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind

Phoenix Day School for the Deaf

Oregon School for the Deaf

As anyone can imagine, this is an amazing event. Basketball is the reason to get together but meeting and socializing with people from all over the West, traveling, and seeing new places are also a highlight.

Students who attend have a life long memory. Spectators have a great time too.

Everyone can be involved! We will have 16 basketball teams, 5 cheer squads and all their coaches and chaperones for 5 days. We need nutrition services, health services, dorm and maintenance. We need volunteers for security, ticket sales, canteen, scorekeeping and stats, web updates, transportation, programs, awards, advertising, fundraising, socials, interpreters, opening ceremonies, and t-shirts. You can see, it will take many to make this event a success!

QUESTIONS? Ask me!

Want to volunteer? Let me know!

Already signed up? The committee chairperson will contact you soon.

Thank you very much and I look forward to seeing you.

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WSBC 2008 Coordinator

[Editor's Note: January 31 is on Thursday.]

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>DEAF COFFEE and CHAT</u></p> <p>Rogue Valley Mall Starbucks Coffee Company 1600 North Riverside Suite 2072 Medford OR 97501 Hosted by Janice jicvand@charter.net AND Linda Guerrero LindaRedHair@hotmail.com</p> <p>Every 3rd Saturday 5:30 p.m. 'til close January 19, 2008</p>	<p><u>Deaf Pizza - Medford</u></p> <p>Abby's Legendary Pizza 1080 South Riverside (Highway 99 South and Barnett Road) Hosted by Jennifer Frabasilio prettylady1971@hotmail.com (mention deaf pizza on subject line), Rosie Fiorentino snugglebabe02@msn.com and Linda Guerrero</p> <p>Every 5th Saturday 5 p.m. to close December 29, 2007/January 26, 2008</p>
<p>Rogue Valley Deaf Coffee News</p> <p>The Rogue Valley Mall Deaf Coffee and Chat will not be on in February.</p> <p>February 16 is cancelled because DSSO will have its annual Valentines Day Party on that day.</p>	<p><u>Deaf Pizza - Grants Pass</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 January 11, 2008</p> <p>Quick Directions: On I-5, Exit 55 to Grants Pass Parkway (Highway 199) From North - turn right onto the Parkway From South - turn left onto the Parkway Abby's is on left near Fred Meyers</p>

DSSO Meeting and Game Night Schedule

January 12, 4 p.m.

Southern Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Center

Holly Street

4 p.m. - DSSO Meeting starts

We will nominate people for and vote on Vice President and Secretary at this time.

6 p.m. - Dinner Potluck

Dinner Potluck Rules:

NO JUNK FOODS (CHIPS, CRACKERS, BAG SNACKS)

DINNERS AND SIDE DISHES ENOUGH FOR 5 OR SO PEOPLE

Dinners are casseroles, stews/soups, main dishes, oven baked dishes

Side dishes are vegetables and fruits (cooked or cold)

Desserts permitted only with dinner or side dish (cookies and cakes)

We will enforce the above rule.

We will provide the extension cords for your crockpots, slow cookers and/or warming trays.

Bring your own drinks. We may sell sodas and water if we have any.

YOU CANNOT USE LIONS CENTER KITCHEN AT ALL

7 p.m. - Game Night - Bingo

Entry fee: \$1 per person (50¢ per child under 18)

Game cost: 50¢ per Bingo card per game

(If no Bingo cards and equipment, then Bunco will be substituted. Bunco is \$6 that goes into the prize fund.)

For information, please contact Bill Drobkiewicz at drobkiewicz@gmail.com

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Notes:

SOBAD - January 5, 12 noon (Saturday)
 Highway 138/NE Diamond Lake Blvd.
 The name will change to Ten Down
 Bowling or 10 Down Bowling on Dec.
 31st



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