

Three Special Announcements: FCC; OSF; "Wrong Game"

Federal Communications Commission (FCC) mandated that all television broadcasting must convert to digital television (DTV) on February 17, 2009 (next year!) - that will cover High Definition TV (HDTV) and others. Deaf Newspaper (www.deafnewspaper.com) has a video (in American Sign Language, of course) that helps explain a bit about DTV -

http://www.deafnewspaper.com/2008/february/dtv_roger.html. The direct link for free or reduced price on DTV converters for older television sets is <http://www.dtv.gov/> and if you want to get a coupon, go here: <https://www.dtv2009.gov/>.

Steve Wasserman would like to let you know that he is selling tickets to three Oregon Shakespeare Festival (OSF) interpreted (for the deaf) shows and one open captioned show (check enclosed flyer for show names and times). The ticket price is \$12 each person per show. (Be aware that the actual price is \$68 per person.) Email him at sawass@wildblue.net. You will buy tickets from him for \$12 each.

Bill Drobkiewicz, DSSO Newsletter Editor, helped DSSO apply to Sprint for a chance to show "Wrong Game" for fundraising. "Wrong Game" is rated PG-13 and features all deaf actors, deaf crew and deaf director. This film is in American Sign Language. Bill Drobkiewicz just got the news that "Wrong Game" will come to Medford in Fall '08. The link for the film is www.asffilms.com.

Happy St. Patrick's Day - Event Updates and Notes

DSSO Dinner Potluck info; Upcoming events

The March 8th DSSO meeting will have potluck dinner with a theme - St. Patrick's Day Irish Pub dinner. The flyer will have the details.

The February 9th Game Night did not happen because members wanted to socialize instead of playing, so no winners.

So far, we have been able to have at least 10 to 15 members

at our new Saturday meetings. Please come to our meetings, potluck dinners and game nights!

The annual horseshoes tournament is set for May 17 - the horseshoes pits are now reserved.

The Bill Smith Memorial Trout Derby at Diamond Lake is confirmed. Please call Diamond Lake at 1-877-444-6777 (voice only - use relay) - currently the "M" section is being reserved by

other deaf people for this derby.

DSSO was able to reserve the Lions Center for April 19 (Easter Egg Hunt), October 18 (Halloween) and November (annual Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner). We have not confirmed the times yet - we are waiting for updates from the event chairpersons.

TDAPAC Meeting

March 3rd, 9 a.m. to 12 noon
Small Hearing Room

Public Utility Commission
Salem, Oregon

For info on Telecommunications Device Access Program and its Advisory Committee, call 1-800-648-3458 TTY, 1-800-848-4442 voice or email puc.tdap@state.or.us.

DSSO St. Patrick's Day Irish Potluck Dinner and Game Night

March 8, 2008

Lions Sight and Hearing Center
Holly Street, Medford

DSSO Meeting - 4 p.m.

Potluck Dinner - 6 p.m.

Game Night - 7 p.m.

Potluck Details:

50/50 Raffle - bring a lot of money!

Wear Green Clothes or get pinched!

You can bring Irish stew, corned beef/corned hash, cabbage soup, potatoes or
any other Irish dishes - enough for 5 - 10 people

No black beer or Irish coffee allowed (no liquor license)

DSSO will provide water, soda pop and dessert as well as green drinks

Come for meeting, socialization, conversations and fun.

(Please watch your children. Thanks.)

Bingo and other games.

For info, please contact Dennis Ross or Tami Carreon

Also, check with other DSSO officers

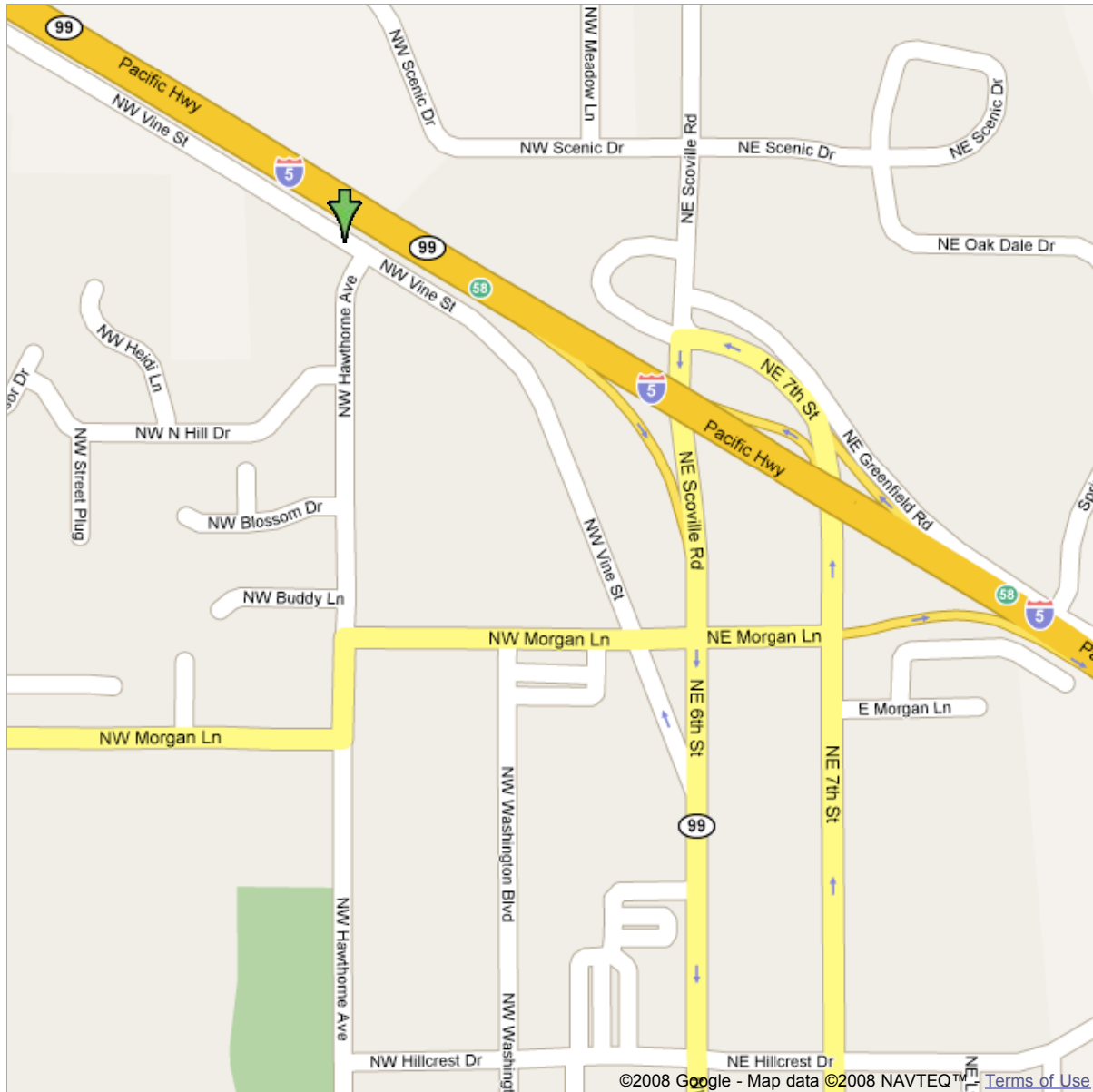
Everybody is welcome. These ongoing activities are open to all members of the deaf/hard-of-hearing/hearing impaired community including interpreters, students, teachers, family and friends.

<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 March 15, 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),</p> <p>Rosie Fiorentino snugglebabe02@msn.com and Linda Guerrero</p> <p>Every 4th Saturday 5 p.m. to close March 22, 2008</p>
<p>This space left blank</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 March 14, 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>



Address **2318 NW Vine St**
Grants Pass,
OR 97526

Notes Showtime Family
Lanes
SOBAD March 1st;
12:30 p.m.



SIGN INTERPRETED EVENTS



FRIDAY, MARCH 28TH AT 8:00

Fences

Interpreted by:

Jeff Bowden and Barbara Hunt

*Sign Coaching for all three performances provided by:
Billy Seago*



SATURDAY, MARCH 29TH AT 1:30

A Midsummer Night's Dream

Interpreted by:

Anne Del Vecchio, Pam Parham
and Molly Wilson



SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH AT 8:00

Welcome Home, Jenny Sutter

Interpreted by:

Joanna Ball and Jody Mayer



OPEN CAPTIONING

SATURDAY, MARCH 29TH AT 8:00

The Clay Cart

Open Captioning provided by:

David Chu, c2net.org

Prologues for any of the four performances are available with a minimum of six participants. Any requests for prologues should be made when purchasing tickets to the performance.

Sign interpreted backstage tours are available if requested in advance. Separate tickets must be purchased through the Box Office.

Tickets are subject to availability. For sign interpreted seating contact the Box Office via Oregon Telecommunications Relay Service (OTRS) dial 711 (in Oregon), 1-800-735-2900 (for users of TTY outside of Oregon), or 1-800-735-1235 (for voice outside of Oregon).

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9 Time change - 1 hour ahead	10	11	12	13	14 Deaf Pizza GP	15 Deaf coffee
16 Palm Sun- day	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20 Spring begins	21	22 Deaf Pizza MED
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