

# DSSO NEWSLETTER

## Quick note about Howie Seago

*Direct from Oregon Shakespeare Festival*



by Amy Richard

Award-winning stage, film and television actor Howie Seago, one of the country's pre-eminent Deaf artists, is a member of the OSF company and now appearing in the American musical classic, *The Music Man*. He plays Marcellus Washburn and has received numerous positive notices in regional reviews of the production. Theatre writer Suzi Steffen at the Eugene Weekly wrote: "...the large, joyful cast, and standouts Michael Elich as Harold Hill and Howie Seago as Marcellus Washburn...make this G-rated musical

the ticket this spring."

Mr. Seago will also appear in *Henry VIII* and *Don Quixote* on the Elizabethan Stage later this season.

Six sign-interpreted performances and six open-captioned performances are scheduled for this season. For more information contact, Jim Amberg at [jima@osfashland.org](mailto:jima@osfashland.org). For OTRS, dial 711. Or use VP relay. OSF Box Office is (541) 482-4331 or (800) 219-8161.

[Editor's Note - The current sign interpreted shows for this season are *Macbeth* (May 1<sup>st</sup>), *The Music Man* (May 2<sup>nd</sup> and September 24<sup>th</sup>), *Much Ado About Nothing* (July 17<sup>th</sup>), *All's Well That Ends Well* (July 18<sup>th</sup>), *Henry VIII* (September 25<sup>th</sup>) and *Don Quixote* (September 26<sup>th</sup>).]

### TDAPAC Meeting

Telecommunications Device Access Program Advisory Committee will meet on June 1<sup>st</sup> from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in the Public Utility Commission Building's Small Hearing Room.

The Committee needs two more members as they lost two members for several reasons. If you want to apply for Deaf or Hard of Hearing seat on the committee, contact TDAP at:

[puc.tdap@state.or.us](mailto:puc.tdap@state.or.us)

1-503-378-6211 VP

1-800-648-3458 TTY

1-800-848-4442 voice

TDAPAC would love to have you as a member. There are many new things beginning to happen in the next few years - join and help the State of Oregon make better decisions on telecommunications access.

### OAD CONVENTION COMING TO THE ROGUE VALLEY

John Babbitt and Bill Drobkiewicz are co-chairs for hosting Oregon Association of the Deaf Convention. The OAD Convention will be on July 17 and 18. Details and sponsorships are being worked on.

We hope to have a great Convention, but we need your help to make this a success - please contact John or Bill on how you can help.

Oregon Shakespeare Festival will make more seats available for sign interpreted shows on July 17 and 18. These shows are an entertainment option outside of the Convention. OSF will announce details as they become available, especially on group discounts.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4 SOBAD at Eugene 12 noon
5	6	7	8	9	10 Deaf Pizza - Grants Pass	11
12 Easter Sunday	13	14	15	16	17	18 DSSO Easter Party
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Deaf Pizza - Medford
26	27 Newsletter sent out today	28	29	30		DCC on April 18 - read below

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.

For April:

DCC (Deaf Coffee and Chat) - April 18, 5:30 p.m. at Rogue Valley Mall - Janice VanDomelen

SOBAD - April 4 at Strike City Lanes in Eugene at 12 noon. Map enclosed.

Grants Pass Deaf Pizza - April 10, 5 p.m. at Abby’s Legendary Pizza (Exit 55 on I-5 - 205 N.E. Beacon Drive; near Fred Meyer’s on left) - Janice VanDomelen, Jennifer Knight and Rosie Fiorentino

Medford Deaf Pizza - April 25, 5 p.m. at Bruno’s Pizza and Pasta (2105 Roberts Road; corner of Crater Lake Avenue and Roberts Road) - Janice VanDomelen, Jennifer Knight and Rosie Fiorentino

April 12 - Easter Sunday

\*\*\*\*\* UPCOMING EVENTS \*\*\*\*\*

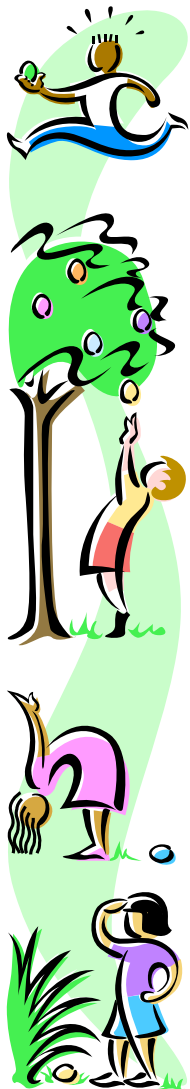
May - Horseshoes Tournament; Mexican Potluck Dinner

June - Bill Smith Memorial Trout Derby

July - raft trip on Rogue River

Upcoming DSSO meetings: May 9; September 12; November 14

# DSSO Easter Party



April 18 – 12 noon to 4 p.m.

Twin Creek Crossing Park  
Central Point – Map on back

The Easter Bunny will be at the party!  
The Easter Bunny will give Easter baskets to kids!

If you want to have a picture of your child with the Easter Bunny, please  
bring your own camera

Kids – \$4 per child; \$1 for face painting

Fun and Games with Prizes for kids

50/50 Raffle for adults – please bring extra cash!

DSSO will provide lunch; soda pop/water 50¢ each

Please let Sheila Schatz and Tami Carreon know that you are coming; how  
many kids in your group – we need to know how many children are  
coming so that we can have enough baskets.

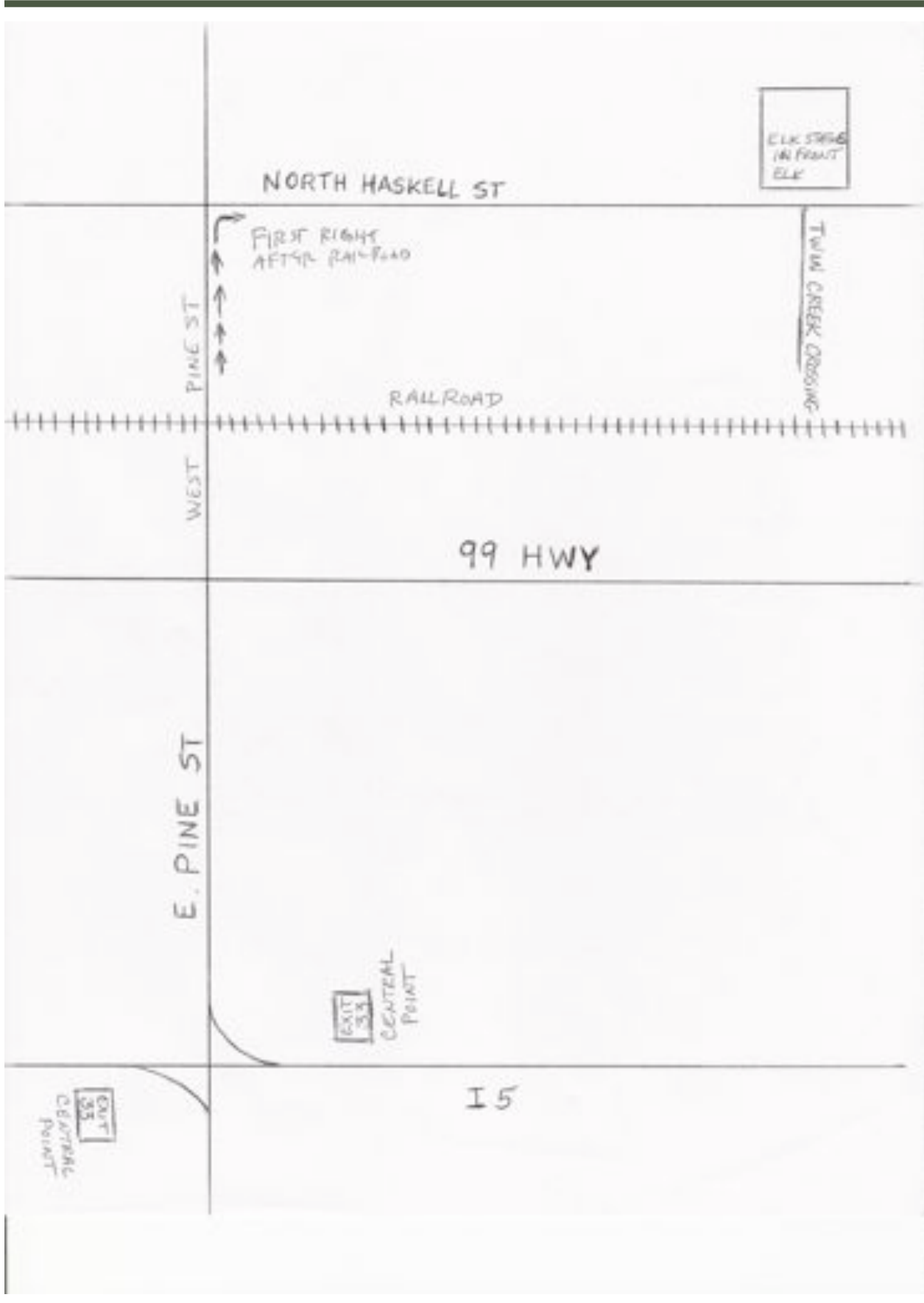
Sheila Schatz – [schatzdeaf@charter.net](mailto:schatzdeaf@charter.net)

Tami Carreon – [lakers14t@charter.net](mailto:lakers14t@charter.net)

or use VP if you have their numbers

If this event is rained out, please go to Lions Sight and Hearing Center (228  
Holly Street in Medford - parking in back on Grape)





China Sun Buffet to Strike City Lanes - Google Maps

3/30/09 6:35 AM



### Directions to Strike City Lanes

1170 Highway 99 N, Eugene, OR 97402 - (541) 688-8900

**8.8 mi** – about **12 mins**

SOBAD - April 4, 12 noon

Exit 195 to Belt Line HWY West



#### China Sun Buffet

3260 Gateway St, Springfield, OR 97477 - (541) 746-9888

1. Head <b>north</b> on <b>Gateway St</b> toward <b>Postal Way</b> About 1 min	go 0.5 mi total 0.5 mi
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2. Turn <b>left</b> at <b>Belt Line Hwy</b> About 8 mins	go 6.5 mi total 6.9 mi
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3. Take exit <b>6</b> toward <b>Junction City</b>	go 0.2 mi total 7.2 mi
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4. Turn <b>right</b> at <b>OR-99 N</b> About 3 mins	go 1.6 mi total 8.8 mi
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These directions are for planning purposes only. You may find that construction projects, traffic, weather, or other events may cause conditions to differ from the map results, and you should plan your route accordingly. You must obey all signs or notices regarding your route.

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*By Sheila Schatz*

At NWBAD Friday Night Texas Hold 'em Tournament, Dennis Kane and Bobby (Lopez) Coleman playing for championship (Ron VanDomelen in background) in the picture to the left



Dennis Kane, new champion



From left to right:

3<sup>rd</sup> place - David Rimmer (blue shirt)

2<sup>nd</sup> place - Bobby (Lopez) Coleman

1<sup>st</sup> place - Dennis Kane



From left to right:

5<sup>th</sup> - Steve (no last name provided)

4<sup>th</sup> - Cathy McNeese in place of Mark Kastner who had to leave for NWBAD officers meeting

3<sup>rd</sup> - David Rimmer

2<sup>nd</sup> - Bobby (Lopez) Coleman

1<sup>st</sup> - Dennis Kane

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The planned July 4<sup>th</sup>/Independence potluck picnic has been cancelled.

DSSO memberships will renew in June. Keep an eye on future issues of DSSO Newsletter as there will be a membership form enclosed.

Medford Deaf Pizza will be on May 30<sup>th</sup> due to the Memorial Day weekend (May 22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>).

We all had a great time at the 66<sup>th</sup> North West Bowling Association for the Deaf Tournament. The awards banquet had about 150 persons.

Edie Ross was inducted into NWBAD Hall of Fame for her 20 years membership and activities on behalf of NWBAD over the years. We at DSSO and Rogue Valley Bowling Association for the Deaf would like to congratulate Edie Ross on her induction into the Hall of Fame.

Oh yes, we should mention that the Friday Texas Hold 'em Poker Tournament had top three players from the Rogue Valley - they are Dennis Kane, Bobby (Lopez) Coleman and David Rimmer. Congrats to these guys as well. For pictures and other winners, check out page 6.

We at DSSO would like to wish you a great Spring and Happy Easter. Do not forget to enjoy the blooming flowers and trees.

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