

# DSSO Newsletter

*OAD Conference's registration deadline changed from June 30 to July 17. For further details on this conference, read the third page.*

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**TDAPAC Meeting**

*The next Telecommunication Device Access Program Advisory Committee meeting will be on October 5<sup>th</sup>, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in the Small Hearing Room. The*

*location is the Public Utility Commission Building in Salem. For further info, please contact TDAP: [puc.tdap@state.or.us](mailto:puc.tdap@state.or.us) TTY: 800-648-3458 Voice: 800-848-4442 VP: 503-378-6211*

**Rafting on the Rogue River on July 25**

*The annual rafting trip and BBQ potluck is still on for July 25. Check the flyer with map in the newsletter.*

**Drag racing on July 4**

*Check the back page for further info. Dean Darling is getting a group together for this event. There will be fireworks and special cars in the evening.*

**Hellgate Jet Boat trip**

*The Hellgate Jet Boat trip changed from afternoon to morning. The trip is still on for July 5. Check the back page for update.*

**Next DSSO meeting**

*The next DSSO meeting is September 12 at Lions Sight and Hearing Center. The time will be 5 p.m.*

## A special article; plus community news and notes

Special to DSSO Newsletter by Roquel Wilson

Roquel Wilson would like to announce that she has been appointed as DSAC (Disability Services Advisory Council) vice chairperson. Her term will start in July. Roquel says her goals are to focus on issues related to senior citizens and disabilities as well as Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance. She is studying all the health care proposals in the current Congress and from the Obama administration as well as current law.

Roquel knows that a lot of people, including members of the deaf community, are on Medicare/Medicaid and

Oregon Health Plan (OHP). She is aware that people are struggling with their medical bills and that insurance companies do not cover some medicines and procedures. Roquel knows that there are big cuts in medical care and financing.

Roquel Wilson is hoping that as she learns more about health care and disability issues, she could be more able to educate the Rogue Valley community on these issues so that we all can better understand what is going on. Roquel hopes to help persons (with chronic conditions and diseases) in long term care be able to stay at home with caregivers, rather than nursing homes or assisted living centers where a lot of cuts have occurred.

Roquel is more than happy to answer your questions about your income levels, OHP and Medicare/Medicaid - she will look into answers for you. She thinks it may be a good year to be

working on these issues affecting the deaf community, blind people, disabled people and senior citizens. Roquel says she may have to do traveling to conferences, workshops and meetings to get more information; she will do her best to keep you up to date on these issues and legislation.

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DSSO will have Halloween party on October 24<sup>th</sup>. There will be further details as we get near the event.

On June 13<sup>th</sup>, DSSO hosted the Bill Smith Memorial Trout Derby at Diamond Lake. There was plenty of fishing, fun and socialization. The results are on the next page.

1<sup>st</sup>: Tom Spears - 15" (inches), 1.05#  
(pounds)  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Travis (from FLA) - 14¼"; 1.04#  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Dasia Wattles - 14 1/16"; 5 oz  
4<sup>th</sup>: Vlad Rydl - 14"; 1.04#  
5<sup>th</sup>: Toby (from FLA) - 12 15/16"; 4  
oz  
6<sup>th</sup>: Dennis Ross - 12½"; 4 oz

Dennis Ross and DSSO would like to thank all volunteers, participants and fans for making this a great event.

DSSO Secretary Sheila Schatz wants to let our renewing members that DSSO will not accept checks; that DSSO will accept money orders and cash only.

She also wants you to renew your membership as soon as possible as well.

The membership form is enclosed to help you renew your membership.

DSSO and Bill Drobkiewicz would like to apologize for leaving the rest of this page blank.

## DSSO Membership New/Renewal Form

**All membership fees are due every June 20<sup>th</sup>**

## Membership:

Under 55 - \$10.00/year      Senior/Over 55 - \$7.00/year

**A** = Please fill out the form on the back. Please write your name and address – we confirm your identity with our last year’s records. When you pay for your membership, please confirm your membership. If we do not have your address, your membership will not be processed.

**B** = You can pay between January 1st and June 18<sup>th</sup>. We are giving you two (2) days to renew by mail so that your completed form can arrive in our mailbox on June 20<sup>th</sup>. It is a flat rate per year. If you pay now before June 20<sup>th</sup> then you are good until next June 20<sup>th</sup>. ☺ If you pay late after June 20<sup>th</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> you are good until next June 20<sup>th</sup>. ☺ Here are three categories of renewal (this applies every year).

**1** = Early (January 1<sup>st</sup> through June 20<sup>th</sup>)

**2** = On Time (June 20<sup>th</sup> through July 5<sup>th</sup>)

**3** = Late (July 6<sup>th</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>)

**C** = We accept cash and money orders. Money orders must be made out to Deaf Services of Southern Oregon.

**D** = Other Information

Have your address complete with zip code so that we can confirm your membership status. Your name and address will be used for the DSSO Newsletter mailings as well. Same for your e-mail address. Please mail the completed form and payment to Secretary’s address. You can make copies of this form for your family and friends.

Thank you,

Sheila Schatz, DSSO Secretary

41 Devonwood Ct

Eagle Point, OR 97524

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR: 20 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS IF DIFFERENT: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE INCLUDE ZIP CODE!!!**

VP PHONE NUMBER OR ANY PHONE NUMBER (please label which phone VP, TTY, text, voice, etc)

(OPTIONAL): \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS (CAN BE USED FOR DSSO NEWSLETTER EMAIL, TOO):

\_\_\_\_\_

UNDER 55 (\$10.00 PER PERSON): \_\_\_\_\_ **DUE JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup>**

OVER 55 (\$7.00 PER PERSON): \_\_\_\_\_ **DUE JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup>**

**NO CHECKS ACCEPTED**

CASH: \_\_\_\_\_

MONEY ORDER: \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DO NOT WRITE BELOW- DSSO OFFICERS ONLY**

Secretary/Treasurer- Receive Date:

**B** = 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_

**C** = \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_ \$7.00 \_\_\_\_\_ CASH MONEY ORDER

Notes/Comments:

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
OAD Conference mail-in registration deadline - July 17	Menu choice deadline - July 9		1	2	3	4 Independence Day - Champion Drag Racing
5 Hellgate Jet Boat Trip	6	7	8	9 OAD menu selection deadline	10 Grants Pass Ice Cream Social	11
12	13	14	15	16 OAD officers & members arrive; registration starts	17 OAD Conference - OAD board meeting	18 OAD Conference - Workshops & Banquet
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Rafting on the Rogue River
26 Final Deadline for Newsletter	27 Newsletter printed and sent out today	28	29	30	31	

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 July:

DCC (Deaf Coffee and Chat) - cancelled due to OAD Conference; August 15 at 5:30 - Janice VanDomelen

Grants Pass Ice Cream Social - July 10, 5:30 p.m. at Dairy Queen, 610 Redwood Highway; near Three Rivers Community Hospital - I-5 Exit 55 to Grants Pass Parkway (Highway 199) - Janice VanDomelen, Jennifer Knight and Rosie Fiorentino

Medford Ice Cream Social - cancelled due to Raft Trip on the Rogue River; August 22 or 29 at 5:30 at Dairy Queen, 951 East Barnett Road (generally across from Black Bear) - Janice VanDomelen, Jennifer Knight and Rosie Fiorentino

July 4 - Independence Day

July 4 - Champion Drag Racing

July 5 - Hellgate Jet Boat Trip

July 17 & 18 - Oregon Association of the Deaf 43<sup>rd</sup> BiAnnual Conference; July 16 - OAD officers and members arrive

July 25 - Rafting on the Rogue River

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

No events in August

September 12 - DSSO Meeting

October 24 - Halloween

November 12 - DSSO Meeting/Officers Election

November 26 - Thanksgiving

Registration deadline for Oregon Association of the Deaf's 43<sup>rd</sup> BiAnnual Conference is extended to July 17 for two reasons - to ensure that we can get more conference attendees and to let the Rogue Valley deaf community members pay at the door.

The menu choices (beef, chicken or vegetarian) has its own deadline - July 9. This will give the Red Lion chef a week to plan and cook the meals for the conference.

There will be a registration sheet enclosed in the Newsletter - the full registration sheet will be available on-line at [www.deaforegon.com](http://www.deaforegon.com). The sheet will be at a link on the front page.

The registration fees (\$50 for non OAD members and \$40 for OAD members) will help pay for room rentals, meals provided, banquet, entertainment and workshops.

July 16 and 17 - all day registration; Rogue Valley deaf community members can pay at door

July 17 - OAD Board meeting - 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. with breaks, lunch and dinner

On July 18, we will start with a keynote speech by Carl Schroeder at 8 a.m. There will be 15 minute breaks through the day along with lunch. The times may change on that day, so the times listed here will not be exact.

8 - 9 a.m. Keynote speech by Carl Schroeder

9:15 - 10:45 a.m. - Disability Rights Oregon workshop - Rosemary DiServi - this will explain what DRO is and what DRO can do for deaf Oregonians

11 - 12 noon (12:30 p.m.) - Video Relay Services Consumers Association - Rusty Wales - VRSCA is a consumer advocacy group dealing with video relay service and VRS related laws and rules

12 noon (12:30) - 1:30 p.m. - lunch

1:30 - 3 p.m. - American Sign Language as Deaf People's Precious Gift - Carl Schroeder, professor at Western Oregon University (WOU)

3:15 - 4:15 (4:45 p.m.) - NAD Leadership workshop - Shelley Oishii and Ashley Begtell

(5 - 6 p.m. / 6:30 p.m.) - Oregon Telecommunications Relay Services - Georgia Ortiz

(6/6:30 p.m.) - Banquet with entertainment and 50/50 raffle

The next two pages will have a short registration sheet and OAD membership form.

Deadlines:

Menu selection - July 9

Registration - July 17

# Oregon Association of the Deaf

43<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Conference

July 17-18, 2009

Registration

Registration is for workshops, lunch, banquet and entertainment.

NAME (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

VP number \_\_\_\_\_

Registration rates:

OAD Member: \$40

Non OAD Member: \$50

Total:

NO CHECKS, PLEASE. Money orders or cashier's check must be made out to Deaf Services of Southern Oregon. OAD membership application is separate but payment can be combined.

**Send completed registration form and payment to:**

**OAD Registration**

**c/o Bill Drobkiewicz**

**2432 Fox Run**

**Medford, OR 97504**

**DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: ~~JUNE 30~~. NEW DEADLINE: JULY 17**

Lunch/Banquet meal choice: BEEF      CHICKEN      VEGETARIAN      **DEADLINE: JULY 9**

Dietary requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Sign Language Interpreters will not be provided

Oregon Association of the Deaf, Inc  
 Founded 1921

**Let's Get Involved With O.A.D. By Becoming A Member!**

By joining the Oregon Association of the Deaf, Inc., you will become a valued member of the rich cultural heritage and diversity of the deaf and hard-of-hearing communities. The central goal of this organization is to promote the awareness of many issues by educating the general public about the lives and cultural richness of the deaf and hard-of-hearing communities. By increasing awareness of the deaf and hard-of-hearing communities and its people, these individuals will be empowered with community pride and self-advocacy.

**INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP**

Please check applicable boxes:

- Membership (\$25.00 / 2 years): (includes: *OAD Newsletter* issues & Deaf and Hard of Hearing Directory Book in January, April, July, and October.)
- Subscriptions (\$15.00 / 1 year): (includes: *OAD Newsletter* issues in January, April, July, and October.)
- Donations: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- New membership
- Renewal membership
- Change of Address Notice

**Donations**

My Contribution to: (6 choices):

- OAD Endowment \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- OAD Scholarship \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Deaf Oregon Pageant \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- General Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- JrNAD \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- TTY Directory \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Total Membership, Subscriptions, and Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Please write in total amount)

Payable to: **Oregon Assn. of the Deaf** and  
 Mail to: O.A.D. Membership Dept, 999 Locust Street N.E., Salem, Oregon 97303-5299

(The OAD is a 501 (c) (3) organization: all contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.)

Individual name (First/Last): \_\_\_\_\_

Postal address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

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

- Deaf
- Hard of Hearing
- Hearing
- (Note: for purpose of census for NAD.)

Please check as many as you wish, if you are interested in being on any of the following committees:

- Law
- Legislature
- Awards
- Fund Raising
- Publicity
- OAD Newsletter
- Resolution
- Necrology
- OAD TTY Directory
- Education

**Thank you,**  
 OAD Board of Directors



# SIGN INTERPRETED EVENTS



SIGN INTERPRETATION



SIGN INTERPETATION



**FRIDAY, JULY 17 AT 8:30**  
*Much Ado about Nothing*  
**Interpreted by:**  
 Anne Del Vecchio, Pam Parham  
 and Billy Seago



**SATURDAY, JULY 18 AT 2:00**  
*All's Well that Ends Well*  
**Interpreted by:**  
 JoAnna Ball and Jeff Wildenstein

ASL coaching for both performances by Billy Seago.

Complimentary interpreted prologues will be presented at 7:00 p.m. on July 17th for *Much Ado about Nothing* and at 1:00 p.m. on July 18th for *All's Well that Ends Well*. Interpreted backstage tours are available on request. Tickets must be purchased separately.

Tickets are subject to availability. For sign interpreted seating contact the Box Office via Oregon Telecommunication Relay Service (OTRS); dial 711, or email Access Coordinator Jim Amberg at [jima@osfashland.org](mailto:jima@osfashland.org).

RAFTING ON THE ROGUE RIVER

**JULY 25**  
**10 A.M. SHARP!**  
**Raft Rite – Shady Cove**  
**off Highway 62**

**\$8 per person at door**  
**BBQ potluck after**

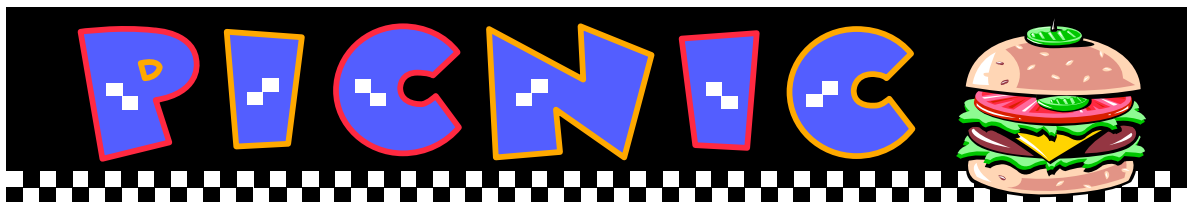
DSSO will provide meats  
 and buns



Bring your own drinks, side dishes, chairs, plates,  
 forks, knives, spoons, napkins, clothes (for rafting  
 and for the evening)

Potluck will be at Shady Cove Park  
 No beers or wines or alcoholic drinks allowed in  
 park

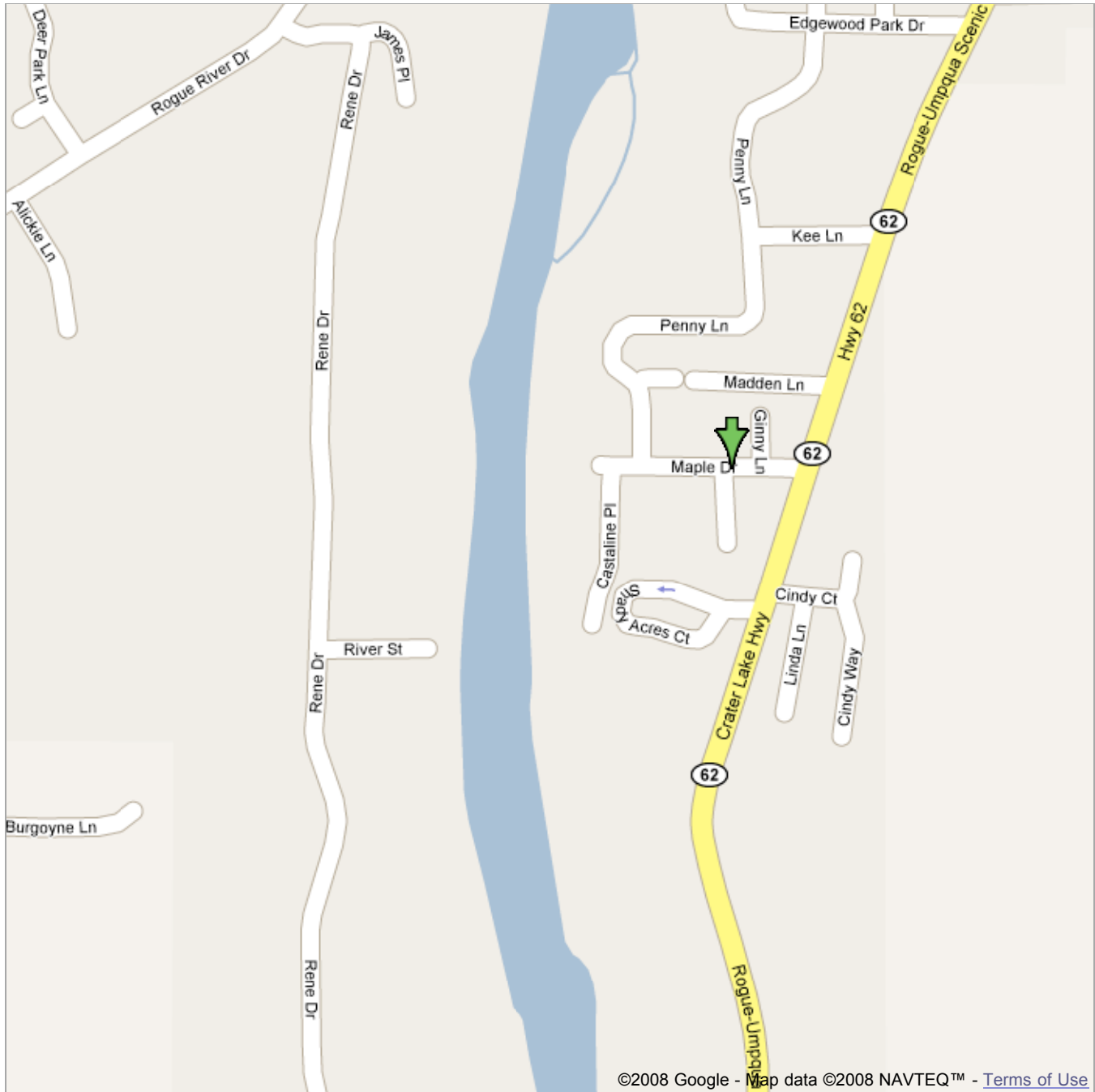
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Shady Cove,  
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Notes



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Neil Salveson is trying to get a deaf group for a Hellgate Jet Boat tour on July 5<sup>th</sup>. At press time, there may be at least 40 deaf persons signed up.

You should be at the box office at 8 a.m., the boat leaves at 9 a.m. The current prices are \$52 per adult and \$34 per child (4 to 11). Children under 3 are free. This is the breakfast cruise.

Neil is trying to get a group discount - if that happens, Bill Drobkiewicz will let you know. But that is not guaranteed. Check [www.hellgate.com](http://www.hellgate.com) if interested. Contact Neil Salveson at [Eagleman\\_84@yahoo.com](mailto:Eagleman_84@yahoo.com) if interested. Be warned that you will get wet from water splashes - so be careful with your hearing aids and cameras. Waterproof cameras are great.

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Dean Darling is getting a group together to go watch drag races at Champion Raceway at Jackson County Sports Park on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

The time will be 3 p.m. to 10 p.m.; the gates will open at 12 noon. There will be jet cars in the dark, too. There will be a fireworks show.

Admission is \$15; you can get \$5 off coupons at BiMart. Kids under 10 free. Contact Dean Darling at [coolzharleydude@hotmail.com](mailto:coolzharleydude@hotmail.com) or Janice VanDomelen at [jicvand@charter.net](mailto:jicvand@charter.net).

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