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Women With Wings Concert Will Be Interpreted for the Deaf

by Gail Summerville

You are cordially invited to the Annual Women With Wings concert on Saturday, April 30, at the First Presbyterian Church on the corner of Siskiyou and Walker St. in Ashland. Doors open at 6:30 for the 7 p.m. concert. Suggested donation (not required) is \$10-\$15 (no one will miss this opportunity because of being on a tight budget.)

Women With Wings was started in 1995 by women drawn together by their love of singing, and their desire to share songs of peace and justice with the broader community. At that time the choir decided to follow Holly Near's model of having her concerts ASL interpreted.

The name of the choir comes from the lyrics of two songs, "There's a river of birds in migration, a nation of women with wings" and "I keep wanting to spread my arms, wide like wings, breathe deep and sing for my life, sing for the earth, sing, sing, sing."

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Concert info and ADA Compliant Process

Special from Roquel Wilson - How to File Your ADA Compliant with the Federal Government

I would like to share some information with you on how you can file your claim with the federal government.

As I am having problems getting full communication access to the Jackson County court system over a police matter, I filed my claim (compliant) with the Department of Justice.

There is a website with phone numbers you can call - through relay, of course. The Department of Justice ADA website has sub-links with compliant forms. They can help you with information and they have an address for certified mail with your completed compliant form.

Be aware that there are three types of complaints - Title I (employment accessibility issues; must be filed with Equal Employment Opportunity Commission), Title II (government accessibility; must be filed

with the Department of Justice) and Title III (accommodations and access in private business and non-profit organizations; must be filed with the Department of Justice). I filed a Title II complaint.

The compliant will be stronger if you tried to get ADA access by asking for it and explaining why several times you need access, and they still refuse anyway.

Here is the link: <http://www.ada.gov/enforce.htm>

The next DSSO meeting is on March 12 at 4 p.m. The location is Southern Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Center at 224 Holly Street. Parking is behind the Center on Grape.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5 - SOBAD at Cottage Grove
6	7	8	9 - Ash Wednesday	10	11	12 - DSSO mtg. & Prayer Walk
13 - Daylight Savings Time begin	14	15	16	17 - St. Patrick's Day	18 - NWBAD tourney; 17 to 19	19 - DCC
20 - Spring begins	21	22	23	24	25	26 - Pizza Night
27 - Newsletter deadline	28 - Newsletter sent out today	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 further info, please contact Janice VanDomelen, Event Coordinator, at jicvand@charter.net.

Events and Upcoming Events • OSF = Oregon Shakespeare Festival • DCC = Deaf Coffee Chat

March

March 5th - Southern Oregon Bowling Association for the Deaf

March 12th - Deaf Women's Prayer Walk - Rogue Valley Mall Starbucks; 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

March 12th - **DSSO Meeting; 4 p.m. Lions Center**

March 13th - Daylight Savings Time begins; one hour forward - "Spring Forward"

March 17th to 19th - 68th NWBAD Bowling Tournament at 20th Century Lanes, 3550 SE 92nd Ave., Portland,
OR. Nwbad1@comcast.net or randall52@wildblue.net

March 19th - DCC - Rogue Valley Mall from 5 p.m. to close

March 26th - Pizza Night - Abby's Pizza on Riverside (Highway 99 at Barnett Road); 5 p.m. to close

April

April 2nd - Southern Oregon Bowling Association for the Deaf

April 9th - Pear Blossom Parade

April 16th - Game Night with bunco and Polish poker - **DCC canceled**

April 23rd - Pizza Night - Abby's Pizza on Riverside (Highway 99 at Barnett Road); 5 p.m. to close

May

May 7th - Southern Oregon Bowling Association for the Deaf - awards dinner

May 14th - DSSO Meeting; 4 p.m. Lions Center - last meeting for the summer

May 21st - DCC - Rogue Valley Mall from 5 p.m. to close

May 21st - Horseshoes Tournament

May 27th - *Measure for Measure*, OSF: 8 p.m.

May 28th - *August: Osage County*, OSF: 8 p.m.

May 28th - Pizza Night - Abby's Pizza on Riverside (Highway 99 at Barnett Road); 5 p.m. to close

May 29th - *To Kill a Mockingbird*, OSF: 1:30 p.m.

June

June 11th - Bill Smith Memorial Trout Derby at Diamond Lake

June 18th - DCC - Rogue Valley Mall from 5 p.m. to close

June 25th - Pizza Night - Abby's Pizza on Riverside (Highway 99 at Barnett Road); 5 p.m. to close - **LAST DAY**

Women With Wings Concert Will Be Interpreted for the Deaf - *continued from front page*

The group performs at various community events, such as the Annual National Aids Awareness Day. Many in the choir and audience find that the beauty, harmony and fun they experience in the music enriches their daily lives.

To ensure proper reserved seating and arrange for your ticket, please email or call Gail Summerville at serenedars@gmail.com or 541-855-9930 (Please use relay service). We need to know if you need ASL interpreter as soon as possible.

DSSO Valentines Day Party event notes

The party, held on February 19th, had a lot of fun with a lot of spirit and entertainment. We would like to thank Sheila Schatz and Jacque Wattles for doing a fantastic job as event chairs. And the cooked appetizers were awesome and fantastic.

There was 29 persons at this event - 20 adults and 9 children. Of course, you may remember that this party had a special raffle with Callahan's getaway package as main prize. Jack Fender and Karen Dalbec won the big prize. There were games for adults and kids.

The kids got prizes for participating in the party and games. The winners of adult games are: Dennis and Edie Ross (Newlywed Game), Bobby Coleman and Janice VanDomelen (ribbon tying contest) and Dennis Kane and Jacque Wattles (dancing on folding paper).

We at DSSO hope to have this event again the next year, with more people.

Penny Drive update

Sheila Schatz, chair of the Penny Drive, would like to let you know that you can find pennies everywhere, not just your pockets, in the couch or other places in the house. You just go out and look for pennies. You do not need to go door to door. And be safe, of course. The deadline is May 7th.

VRI and Interpreting notes

The VRI committee is still working on the Providence interpreting issue. The committee is now taking steps to help with this situation. If you want to know more about the committee and its activities, please contact Bill Drobkiewicz, lead facilitator of the committee at outreach@dssso.org or info@dssso.org.

Also, if you are having problems with getting an interpreter or keeping communication access in the Rogue Valley, please contact Bill Drobkiewicz at the same addresses above.

Email is the first step in getting started - Bill will arrange a VP appointment through email. There are several steps in resolving the interpreter problem and these take time. Also, these steps are required as part of reporting and documentation. Be aware that Bill is working with Rosemary DiSiervi at Disability Rights Oregon on this issue.



Cottage Bowl, near 740 Row River Rd,
Cottage Grove, Lane, Oregon 97424

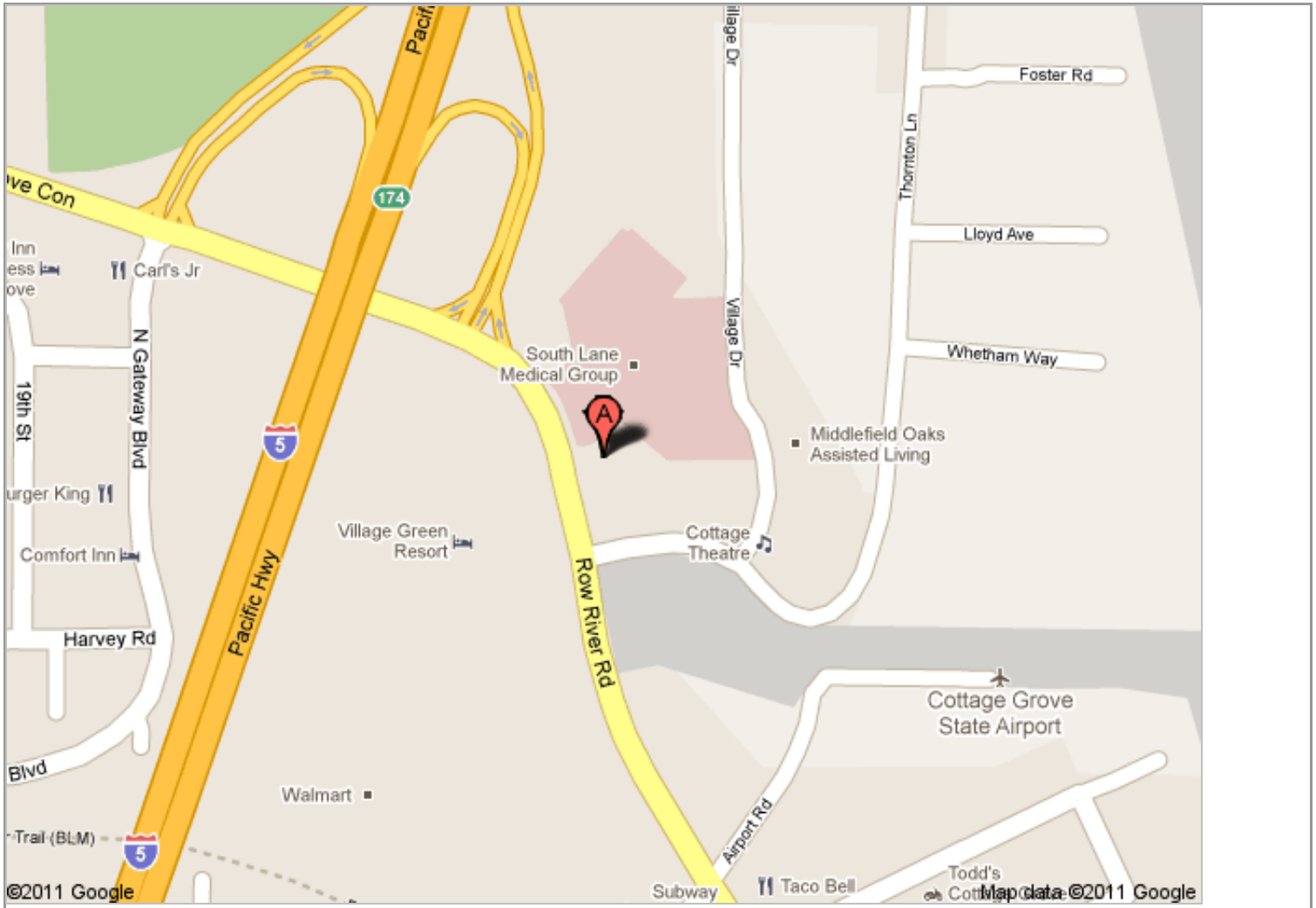
Notes SOBAD - March 5 - 1 p.m.
Exit 174; Row River Road East,
near South Lane Medical Group

A. Cottage Bowl

740 Row River Road, Cottage Grove, OR -
(541) 767-2695 - 0.1 ft N

B. Cardtronics ATM (inside the The Cottage Bowl)

740 Row River Road, Cottage Grove, OR -
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Pastor Ken Bell is the deaf pastor with services in Medford and Grants Pass.

Rogue Valley Deaf Christian Fellowship
Pastor Ken Bell
922 West Harbeck Road
Grants Pass OR

Every Saturday Deaf Service 3 p.m.
Every Tuesday Bible study 6 p.m.

Medford:
Rogue Valley Fellowship church
Pastor Ken Bell
2399 South Pacific Highway
Medford, Or.

Every Sunday Bible Study 9:45 a.m.
Be sure to show up at 9:30 a.m.
They will provide children in daycare and/or class start at 10 a.m.
Every Sunday Deaf Service 10:45 a.m.

This is from Rick Sutherland at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses.

You are warmly invited to the following Bible education programs held at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 489 Cheney Loop, Central Point, Oregon:

Saturdays
2:00 PM Bible Based Discourse in ASL
2:35 PM Bible Discussions, new topic each week

Upcoming discussions: check with us

Free Bible DVD's now available Matthew through Hebrews (ASL)

No collections

For questions or free home Bible Studies contact;
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