

Happy Holidays from DSSO!

PROVIDENCE HOSPITAL NOW HAS VRI

Providence now joins Rogue Valley Medical Center (RVMC) as one of two major medical providers of Video Remote Interpreting, with advocacy provided by Rogue Valley VRI Committee and the Rogue Valley Deaf Community

Providence Medford Medical Center just started providing VRI just this past November 21st, in time for the busy holiday season.

Susan Hall sent the following email to announce the newly added service:

I am pleased to announce that Providence Medford Medical Center now has video remote interpreting by Language Line. This will be stored in the Emergency Department. I am very happy that we will be better able to meet the communication needs of our deaf patients. Please inform the Deaf Community and thank them for their patience. We will continue to contract with live certified interpreters.

I hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday.

Sincerely,
Susan L. Hall, RN, BSN, HEM,
CPHRM
Risk Manager/Safety Officer

This took a long while due to several factors because Providence Medford is a part of Providence Healthcare that covers most of the

West Coast. So, there was no immediate flexibility, not like RVMC which is entirely local and not part of any larger medical system.

During that time, Providence tried very hard to provide interpreters. But that did not work out very well in the Emergency Room. That was always the problem area for communication access.

Americans with Disabilities Act already mandated that hospitals and the like provide full communication access like interpreters, but it was always hard to get interpreters for the Emergency Room. And there are always financial concerns like costs and budgets.

Susan Hall and Pat Fields worked very hard in convincing the financial persons at Providence to release funds for this important service, with help and input from the Rogue Valley VRI Committee and the Rogue Valley Deaf Community.

The members of the Rogue Valley VRI Committee are Bill Drobkiewicz (lead facilitator), Bobby

Coleman, Sheila Schatz, Bobo Nelson (Schultz), Wendy Cunningham, Dennis Ross and Missy VanDomehlen with support and guidance from Rosemary DiSiervi of Disability Rights Oregon. And, of course, your input from the Deaf Community also helped this process along.

Congratulations to Providence, to the Rogue Valley Deaf Community and to the Rogue Valley VRI Committee.

Medford Deaf Pizza is cancelled for December and has a new location at Jackson Creek Pizza in January. You can park in the downtown Medford parking garage on 6th Street, across from Red Lion. There should be 3 hour free parking until 6 p.m. then all free after 6 p.m. You can enter Jackson Creek Pizza through its back door, just across from the garage.

Do not forget that DSSO membership renews in January 2012.

DSSO OFFICER NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION

This December 10th, DSSO members will vote on President and Secretary at 5 p.m.

Yes, this is after the DSSO Christmas Party (1 to 4 p.m., check the flyer) on the same day.

The nominations are still open until the election. If you are a member and would like to nominate a person for President or Secretary, you can contact any DSSO officer or trustee in person or by email: info@dssso.org.

The current nominees are Bobby Coleman (incumbent) - President and Sheila Schatz - Secretary.

Jacque Wattles announced that she is moving out of town at the end of December. That is why she is not running to be Secretary again.

Again, if you are a DSSO member and want to nominate somebody for President or Secretary, you can contact any DSSO officer or trustee or by email: info@dssso.org.

AROUND THE ROGUE VALLEY...

Check the flyer for Christmas party on December 10th. If you still want to volunteer for this event, you can reach Missy VanDomelen, event chair, through info@dssso.org.

This past November 19th, DSSO had its annual Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner. We had a great turnout - around 90 persons, including children. We would like to thank Bobby Coleman, Bobo Nelson (Schultz) and Janice VanDomelen for doing a good job of running this really big event. And we would like to thank Sprint for its sponsorship and for sending Guy Pratt to discuss what Oregon Telecommunications Relay Services has to offer - like CapTel, amplifiers and the like.

Also, we would like to announce that the Thanksgiving Crafts and Baked Goods auction raised over \$535 toward gifts for the Christmas party on December 10th.

The next regular DSSO meeting will be on January 14th at the Lions Sight and Hearing Center.

Gwen Aguilar, daughter of Dennis Ross, who works at Central Point Elementary (CPE) School would like to let you know that CPE will have its 8th annual Christmas bazaar on December 10th, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The address is 450 South 4th Street in Central Point. There will be over 85 vendors with handcrafted items and baked goods. You can take a picture

with Santa and Mrs. Claus for \$1, can bid in the Silent Auction (35 items up for bid) and participate in the Hourly Raffle. Of course, there will be the Cupcake Walk on the stage.

CPE will sell breakfast, lunch and snacks. For info, you can contact Gwen Aguilar through info@dssso.org

Sheila Schatz is now collecting recipes for fundraising. She wants to collect each kid's favorite recipe and family favorite recipe. The recipe can be any meal or snack (breakfast, lunch, dinner, appetizers, desserts). Please include the name of person who wrote/donated recipe. Send to Sheila Schatz at cinderellashine@gmail.com. Deadline is December 31st, 2011. She will begin to make the book to sell sometime in 2012.

Rogue Valley Deaf Christian Fellowship will have its Love Feast Christmas potluck dinner on December 24th at 4 p.m. It is at 922 West Harbeck Road, Grants Pass OR.

Bring a main dish, side dish, desserts and your own drinks. Bring families and friends and let us socialize! If you have questions, please contact Ken and/or Barbie Bell at RVD CF. The numbers are VP 541-787-4687 and Voice 541-226-2391. Hope to see you there!

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4	5	6	7	8	9	10 DSSO Christmas
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Newsletter out	20	21 Winter Starts	22	23	24
25 Christmas!	26	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve

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

December

December 10th - DSSO Christmas Party; 1 to 4, Lions Center

December 10th - DSSO officer elections; 5 p.m. Lions Center

December 17th - DCC - Rogue Valley Mall from 5 p.m. to close

December 24th - Pizza Night cancelled

December 24th: Love Feast Christmas Dinner; 4 p.m., RVDCF 922 West Harbeck Road, Grants Pass OR

December 31st - Happy New Year! Enjoy your party!

January

January 1st - New Years Day

January 14th - DSSO Meeting; 4 p.m. Lions Center

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

January 28th - Pizza Night - Jackson Creek Pizza, 317 East Main St. (downtown Medford); 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

February

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

February 25th - Pizza Night - Jackson Creek Pizza, 317 East Main St. (downtown Medford); 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

HO! HO! HO! HO!

Santa's Comin' to town!

Santa's Comin' to DSSO Christmas Party!

Santa Claus has surprise gifts for good kids!

Santa Claus will share stories from his storybook!

All kids and teens are welcome!



Where: Lions Sight and Hearing Center
228 Holly Street, Medford OR
(Park behind the Center on Grape)
Date: Saturday, December 10
Time: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.



Fun and Games for kids of all ages
Fun crafts for all kids
Cake and fruit punch provided

For pictures with your kid(s) on Santa's lap, please bring your own camera

*** DSSO will provide cake, desserts and fruit punch.

Event chairperson: Missy VanDomelen.

Email and RSVP: Santa@dssso.org.***



**THANK YOU!! JOY AND HUGS
FROM SANTA CLAUS**

DSSO Membership New/Renewal Form

All membership fees are due every January 20th

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 January 18th. We are giving you two (2) days to renew by mail so that your completed form can arrive in our mailbox on January 20th. It is a flat rate per year. If you pay now before January 20th then you are good until next January 20th.

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 Treasurer's address. You can make copies of this form for your family and friends.

Thank you,

Missy VanDomelen, DSSO Treasurer

% Deaf Services of Southern Oregon

PO Box 4535

Medford, OR 97501

DATE: _____

YEAR: 2012 - 2013

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 JANUARY 20TH**

OVER 55 (\$7.00 PER PERSON): _____ **DUE JANUARY 20TH**

NO CHECKS ACCEPTED

CASH: _____

MONEY ORDER: _____

TOTAL: _____

DO NOT WRITE BELOW- DSSO OFFICERS ONLY

Secretary - Receive Date:

Treasurer - Receive Date:

B = 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____

C = \$10.00 _____ \$7.00 _____ CASH MONEY ORDER

Notes/Comments:

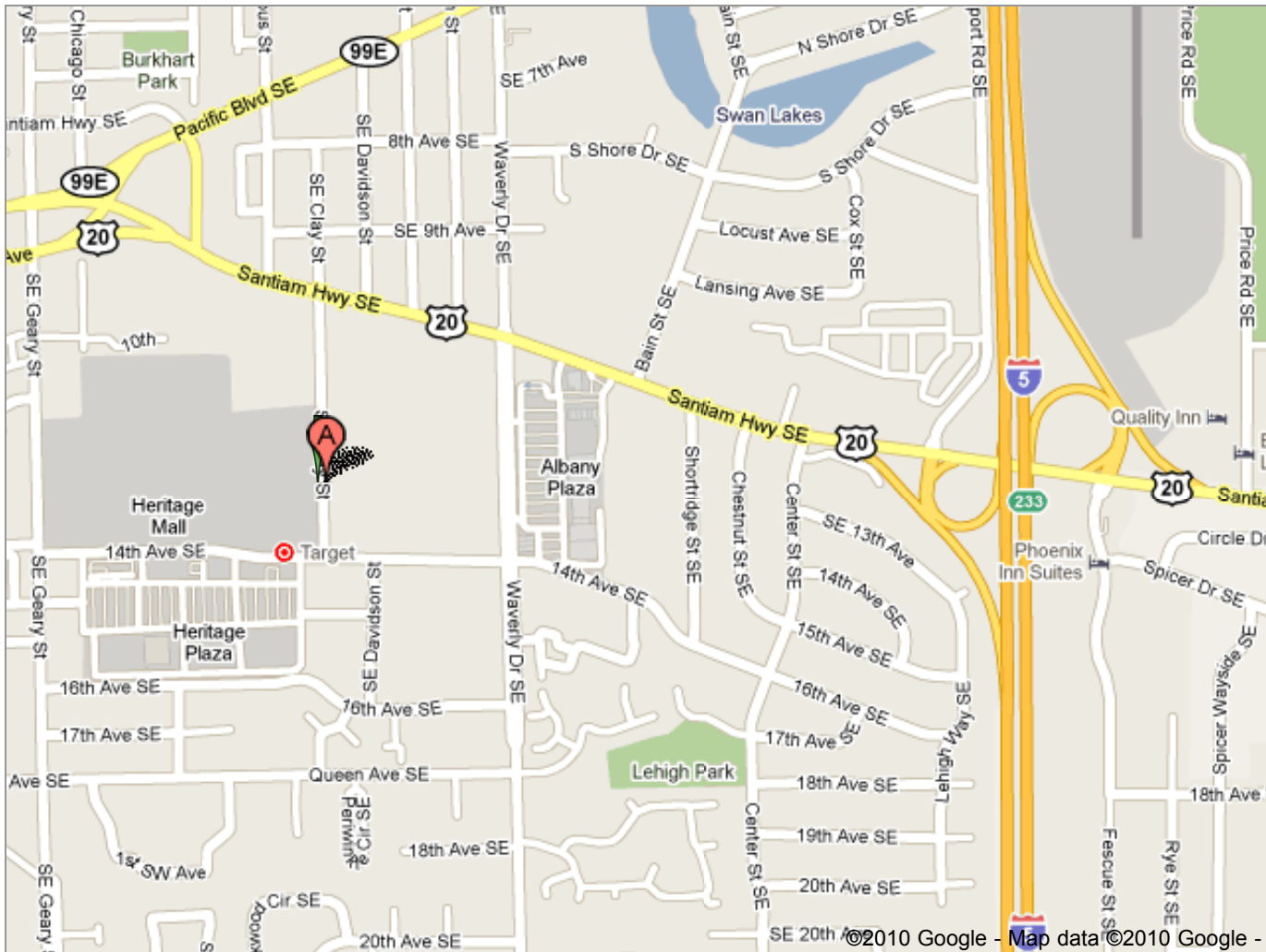


Albany Lanes, near **1245 SE Clay St, Albany, Notes**
Linn, Oregon 97322

SOBAD, December 3 at 1 p.m.
Highway 20/Santiam Hwy to East
Turn left onto Clay

A. AMF Albany Lanes

1245 Clay St SE, Albany, OR -
(541) 926-2185 - 0.1 ft N
3 reviews



D.S.S.O. Staff and Newsletter Information:

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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
VP: 541.787.4687
Voice: 541.226.2391

Every Saturday Deaf Service 4 p.m.
Every Saturday Bible study 3 p.m.

Medford:
Rogue Valley Fellowship Church
Pastor Ken Bell
2399 South Pacific Highway
Medford, OR
www.roguevalleyfellowship.com

Every Sunday Bible Study 9:45 a.m.
Be sure to show up at 9:30 a.m.
Childcare provided by RVF
Every Sunday Deaf Service 10:30 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

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