

DSSO NEWSLETTER

Thanksgiving Potluck Record & Notes

This past November 23rd, DSSO hosted its annual Thanksgiving potluck dinner. We had a great time and there was a lot of people at our event. There were at least 167 persons - a new record for our event.

At the same event, we welcomed Chad Ludwig, Oregon Association of the Deaf President. He was impressed with the crowd, sense of community and the Thanksgiving committee's work.

Chad Ludwig shared some remarks with the crowd about OAD waking up, a deaf movie showing in Medford and Roseburg and happy thanks to everyone.

We at DSSO would like to say that we agree with Chad and thank Janice Van Domelen (chairperson), Bill Drobkiewicz,

Joelle Morgan, Bobby Coleman and Bobo Nelson. And DSSO also appreciates many volunteers like Missy Van Domelen, Ron Van Domelen, Velma Foust and many other persons.

We at DSSO would like to wish you and your family a **Happy Thanksgiving!**

We will have our Christmas Party on December 14th from 1 to 4 p.m. Check the enclosed flyer for details.

There will be an officers election on December 14th around 5 p.m.

We have two nominations for President:
Bobby Coleman

Bill Drobkiewicz

And we are looking for nominations for Secretary. We really do need a Secretary.

If you know of anybody who can be Secretary, please let us know at info@dssso.org, in person or on VP.

The next DSSO meeting is on January 11th at 4 p.m. at Southern Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Center.

Do not forget to renew your membership - you can renew early.

We at DSSO would like to wish you a **Merry Christmas!** And Happy New Years!

What services DSSO does provide

Deaf Services of Southern Oregon is a very small agency on a very limited budget. So we may not be able to do more - but we do provide a lot of services, assistance, advocacy and activities.

DSSO provides advocacy and advocacy assistance; certified interpreter referral (we have a list of certified interpreters); state and federal agency referral (like OR Voc Rehab or Federal Department of Justice Civil Rights branch); other organization referral (depends on what you will need) and state legislative advocacy (lobbying) through Oregon Association of the Deaf.

DSSO also has Video Remote Interpreting (VRI)/Interpreter Committee and provides socialization and activities through its events. DSSO also works with a deaf ministry to help provide other events and activities.

If you need help or advocacy, please contact us at info@dssso.org or in person.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 SOBAD Corvallis
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Christmas Party/Election
15	16	17	18	19	20 Newsletter sent out today	21 DCC
22	23	24	25 Christmas!	26	27	28 Deaf Pizza - Med./G.P.
29	30	31 New Years 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 Event Coordinator at info@dssso.org

Events and Upcoming Events • OSF = Oregon Shakespeare Festival • DCC = Deaf Coffee Chat
SOBAD = Southern Oregon Bowling Association of the Deaf • G.P. = Grants Pass

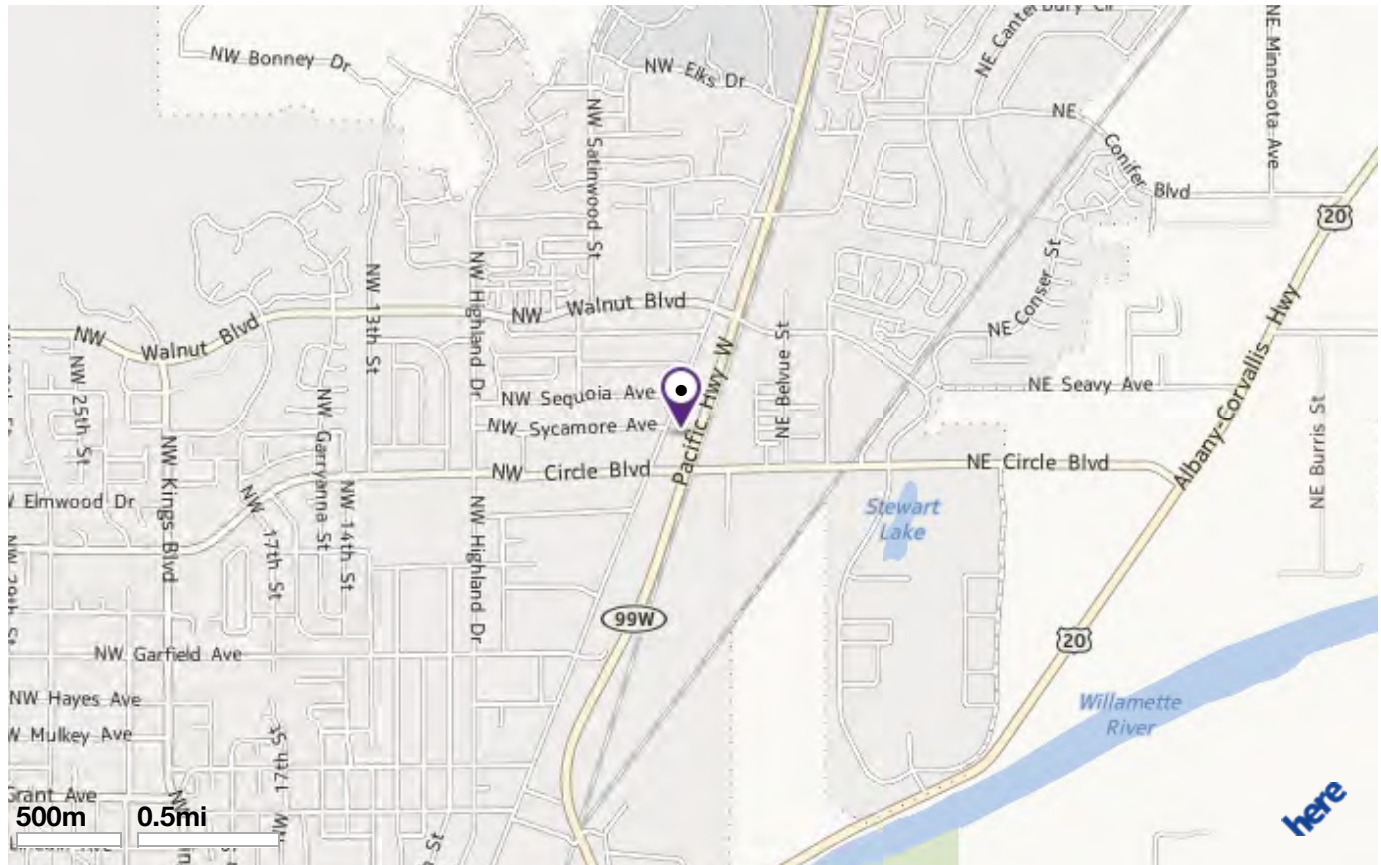
December
 December 7th - SOBAD; Highland Bowl at 1 p.m.; Corvallis OR
 December 14th - DSSO Officer Elections; 4 p.m. Lions Center
 December 21st - DCC - Rogue Valley Mall from 5 p.m. to close
 December 28th - Pizza Night - Jackson Creek Pizza (317 East Main St, Downtown Medford); 5 p.m. to close
 December 28th - Pizza Night - Abby's Legendary Pizza (205 Beacon Dr., Grants Pass; off Grants Pass Parkway/Redwood Highway); 6 to close
 December 31st - Happy New Year! Enjoy your party!

January 2014
 January 1st - Happy New Year to 2014!
 January 4th - SOBAD
 January 11th - DSSO meeting; 4 p.m. Lions Center
 January 18th - DCC - Rogue Valley Mall from 5 p.m. to close
 January 25th - Pizza Night - Wild River Brewing and Pizza (2684 N. Pacific Highway - HWY 99); 5 p.m. to close

February
 February 1st - SOBAD
 February 8th - DSSO meeting; 4 p.m.; location to be announced
 February 15th - DCC - Rogue Valley Mall from 5 p.m. to close
 February 22nd - Pizza Night - Wild River Brewing and Pizza (2684 N. Pacific Highway - HWY 99); 5 p.m. to close

SOBAD - December 7th at 1 p.m. Highland Bowl

2123 NW 9th St, Corvallis, OR 97330-1554



When using any driving directions or map, it is a good idea to double check and make sure the road still exists, watch out for construction, and follow all traffic safety precautions. This is only to be used as an aid in planning

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 N. Holly Street, Medford OR
(Park behind the Center on Grape)
Date: Saturday, December 14
Time: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.



Fun and Games for kids of all ages
Fun crafts for all kids
DSSO will provide dessert, snacks and drinks

DSSO is not serving lunch.

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



*** DSSO will provide dessert, snacks and drinks.

Event chairperson: Edie Ross

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 March 31st

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 from January 1st to March 28th. We are giving you two (2) days to renew by mail so that your completed form can arrive in our mailbox on March 31st. It is a flat rate per year. If you pay now before January 1st then you are good until next January 1st.

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,

Dean Darling, DSSO Treasurer

% Deaf Services of Southern Oregon

PO Box 4535

Medford, OR 97501

DATE: _____ YEAR: 2014 - 2015

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 MARCH 31st**

OVER 55 (\$7.00 PER PERSON): _____ **DUE MARCH 31st**

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:

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

President: Bobby Coleman info@dssso.org

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Newsletter Policy: Deadline: Last Sunday every month. Exactly 6 p.m. is the closing time for the newsletter. We will publish on last Monday every month.

Contact the newsletter at newsletter@dssso.org

Newsletter mailing address: D.S.S.O. Newsletter c/o Bill Drobkiewicz 1059 Spring St. Medford OR 97504

Subscription Information: If you wish to subscribe to the Newsletter, you will need to pay the \$20 subscription fee. Mail the \$20 fee to the above Newsletter address. For more information, contact either Bill Drobkiewicz or Bobby Coleman. All subscriptions renew every August. **Contact us if you move or have a new address. Please!**

Advertising Policy: Advertising in the newsletter is \$10 per month. A year's worth of advertising is \$100 (two months free). Advertisements can be text, flyer or a combination of both. Any pictures or photos must be camera-ready as we use a printer and a scanner. You can send the monies and advertising to the above Newsletter address.

Pastor Ken Bell is the deaf pastor with services in Medford and Grants Pass.

Rogue Valley Deaf Christian Fellowship
1205 Rogue River Hwy 99
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
2399 South Pacific Highway
Medford, OR
www.roguevalleyfellowship.com

Every Sunday Deaf Fellowship 10 a.m.
Every Sunday Deaf Service 10:30 a.m.
Childcare provided by RVF

Open Bible Discussion Group
Meets every Wednesday at 6:30 PM at different locations
(including Lions Center)
Bring finger food, your own drink and chair
Contact John Babbitt babbittje@gmail.com

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

You are warmly invited to the following Bible education programs 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 - all in Full ASL:

"Are You Walking with God?" - Special Speaker from New York

"What Happens When We Die?"

"True Religion Meets the Needs of Human Society."

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

No collections

For questions or free home Bible Studies contact: Rick Sutherland 541-227-4402 or medfordslc@gmail.com

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