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## ASL IMMERSION 2005 IN EDMONTON



By Angela Stratiy

The first ASL Immersion 2005 was hosted by the Alberta Cultural Society of the Deaf (ACSD) and the Western Canadian Centre of Studies in Deafness (WCCSD) at the University of Alberta August 15th-19th, 2005. Ninety participants attended with our farthest participant hailing from England! We also had participants from across the Prairie provinces – Saskatchewan: Regina, Estevan, Saskatoon, and Moose Jaw; B.C. - Vernon, Kamloops, and Vancouver; Alberta: Calgary, Fort Sask., Red Deer, Sherwood Park, Rocky Mountain House, Whitecourt, St. Albert, Camrose, Leduc, Blackfalds, Jenner, Wetaskiwin, Consort, Sylvan Lake, Wrentham, Lacombe, Three Hills, and Edmonton.

This Immersion program consists of seven levels of ASL classes from Beginners to Advanced, where students learn more of the language and culture of Deaf people in a relaxed and fun way. People involved in this program were the co-coordinators: Angela Stratiy, Randy Dziwenka and Debra Russell; instructors

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## Red Cross Thanked the Calgary Association of the Deaf for Tsunami's Aid

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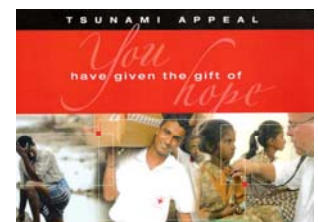
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Jonathan Guinta, the past president of Calgary Association of the Deaf (CAD), announced during CAD's general meeting on September 7th, 2005 that CAD received a plaque recognition and thank you card from the Red Cross Asia Earthquake and Tsunami Appeal. It was an honor for CAD to obtain such wonderful recognition from the national organization. The motion to donate \$999 dollars was made by CAD's members in January 2005 in response to Red Cross' calls for donations throughout Canada through the media.



*Thank you* for your generosity, the Red Cross has been able to assist hundreds of thousands of people in tsunami-affected countries on the relief and recovery process. Your donations has helped bring food, clean water, shelter, medicine and other necessities to those in need, offering care for the present and hope for the future.



In recognition of:  
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**Our Mission:** The primary purpose of the Alberta Association of the Deaf is to promote equal rights for Deaf Albertans while endeavoring to improve the quality of life for Deaf people in general.

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and instructional assistants: Robert Chorniak, Caroline Anne Fritz, Laurie Hughes, Shell Jamieson, Bruce Mayer, Wanda Mithaug, Sonya Moyer, Sandra Reid, Christie Sharp, Heather Shores and Diane Unterschultz, and assistants: Robin Demko, Adele Melnyk and Cheryl Sherriff. Deaf instructors/instructional assistants rotated amongst the classes every half-day. The participants learned from different Deaf people. They got a sense of the Deaf community and Deaf culture in a full immersion fashion. The atmosphere was relaxing and fun. Thursday night was Pizza and Performance Night. It turned out to be a huge success and everyone had a blast. Participants said that they would definitely come again next year! Look for the announcement for the next ASL Immersion program soon.



## Deaf Summer Camp August 7-14, 2005

*By Bruce Mayer*

There were 29 children registered for camp – 21 boys and 8 girls with ages ranging from 6 to 16. During the week, the campers were kept busy with a variety of different activities and games. They participated in swimming, canoeing, hiking, portable wall climbing, many races/relays and team building activities. The 12 to 16 year olds were learning responsibilities such as basic cooking, food preparation, serving food, and cleaning up, which they enjoyed. The weather was not always cooperative during the week. Rain or shine, they were there to enjoy themselves and they did! Friday night, the campers were so excited to spend time watching and cheering at the beautiful fireworks. The reason this year's fun included fireworks was to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the Deaf Summer Camp.



A special thank-you to my wonderful DSC Camp Staff for excellent work! Thanks to all involved for an enjoyable, superlative week at camp. Next year, the camp will be held August 13-19, 2006.

Thank you to our great sponsors for the DSC program from the Alberta Cultural Society of the Deaf, the Edmonton Association of the Deaf, and the Calgary Association of the Deaf. Thank you to Alberta Association of the Deaf for being our host and sponsor.



Two campers missed the group picture



## Government of Canada provided funding to the Deaf Anglo Literacy Centre in order to promote literacy among Deaf people

*Obtained with permission from USA-L News*

From the newsroom of the CNW, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, Monday, September 12, 2005....

MONTREAL - The Honorable Pierre Pettigrew, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Member of Parliament for Papineau, on behalf of the Honorable Claudette Bradshaw, Minister of State (Human Resources Development), today announced funding of \$19,000 for a literacy project of the Deaf Anglo Literacy Center. The Government of Canada is funding this initiative through the National Literacy Secretariat.

"The Government of Canada recognizes that reading and writing are essential skills. They are key determinants of productivity and social inclusion and, ultimately, of Canada's prosperity and quality of life," said Minister Pettigrew. "That is why I am proud to announce this project, which will help deaf people to integrate into society and will raise public awareness of their circumstances."

Through its Web site project, the Deaf Anglo Literacy Center will promote its literacy services and raise public awareness of the importance of literacy to Anglophones who are deaf. This will help them achieve a level of autonomy enabling them to function in society. The proposed activities include the creation of a Web site and the development of promotional material to support an information and public awareness campaign targeting Anglophones. In addition, a discussion forum on deafness and literacy will be held with various Anglophones literacy centres and other organizations involved in literacy for deaf people.

Reading and writing are linked to work skills, health and self-esteem. Strong literacy skills enable Canadians to participate fully in our economy and society. For instance, literacy skills help determine the kind of job we find, and help us understand technical explanations so that we can use tools and equipment safely.

The National Literacy Secretariat works in partnership with other federal players, provincial and territorial governments, business, labor and the volunteer community. The goal of these partnerships is to increase public awareness of literacy, help people share information, improve access to literacy programs, develop learning materials and advance research on literacy.

Funding for this project was provided for in the February 2005 federal Budget.

This project has been reviewed to ensure compliance with the Department's administration of its grant and contribution programs, and is subject to review under the Financial Administration Act.

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## Automatic Reinstatement Now Available For CPP Disability Benefits

*Forwarded by Grant Underschultz via e-mail*

The Canadian government has announced changes to the Canada Pension Plan (CPP) disability benefits that will allow people with disabilities who had received benefits to be automatically reinstated if, after a period of work, they need to return for benefits. Automatic reinstatement applies to people receiving CPP disability benefits who return to work but who need to stop working as a result of disability. People can apply for automatic reinstatement if their disability recurs within two years of the date when their benefits stopped, as of January 31st, 2005, or later. People who are covered under this policy do not have to go through the usual re-application process. People who stay at work for more than two years and have a recurrence of their disability may be eligible for fast-track reapplication, which is available for up to five years after their benefits have been stopped.

Specific information on automatic reinstatement is available through a toll-free number, 1-800-277-9914, or through TTY at 1-800-255-4786, or online; see "Automatic Reinstatement of CPP Disability Benefits," March 2005, at <http://www.sdc.gc.ca>.

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## Support your Deaf community

by purchasing a membership; you can pay either to the local Deaf associations, the Calgary Association of the Deaf, the Edmonton Association of the Deaf, or the Alberta Association of the Deaf to get Deaf News!



**Editor’s Den**



**Community Spirit in Deaf Alberta Expo**

It is autumn already here in Alberta. The Deaf Alberta Expo is scheduled to come very soon! Please come to Executive Royal Inn Hotel and Conference Centre in Northeast Calgary to meet old and new faces of other Deaf people. The purpose of the Deaf Expo is to give an opportunity for the Deaf and hearing communities to come and see what Deaf people can do. Deaf people will show their various skills and talents. It is also a medium for exchanging information that people are looking for, like workshops and booths. It provides a community spirit for Deaf and hearing people who want to explore opportunities.

For example, the Calgary Association of the Deaf (CAD) started a huge project, “Experiencing through the Eyes of Deaf Calgarians” last year. This project will be done possibly next year. Their goal is to make a book and a DVD after the completion of the project. The Deaf History Exhibition will display this DVD and pictures of Deaf people from the CAD’s 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration during the Deaf Alberta Expo. John Kelly, 90 years old, the first president of CAD, along with two original members of the very first executive board, Elena Talbot, 97 years old, and Dorothy Helton, 89 years old, and a distinguish member of CAD, Frank Lilley, who preserved films for more than 50 years, will present themselves on Friday and Saturday evenings for the Wine and Cheese social and for the banquet. It will be momentous to see them and their works in the Deaf History Exhibition. Their work impacted Deaf clubs and Deaf associations ranging from local to national. They established the CAD, hosted provincial and national conventions, and empowered Deaf Calgarians through their actions. They encouraged other Calgarian Deaf people who wished to host a convention in 1935 after attending the Saskatoon convention for the Western Canada Association of the Deaf. They succeeded in hosting a convention in Calgary after the CAD was established in the same year.

It was done the same way that George Veditz did it. He was one of the previous presidents of the National Association of the Deaf. He encouraged deaf people to preserve American Sign Language by filming Deaf people signing in 1920’s.

Furthermore, there is a message from the Alberta Association of the Deaf (AAD) to you and to other potential participants. AAD would greatly like you all to enjoy the Deaf Alberta Expo! It is your turn to display your skills and talents. It is a huge step for Deaf Calgarians to host the second Deaf Alberta Expo. It is also a good resource for specialists, educators, and politicians in Calgary and throughout the Alberta province. The Calgarian Deaf people are looking forward to seeing you all. Of course, the parents of Deaf children always are welcome to see the Deaf Alberta Expo. Many Deaf people are excited about the Deaf Alberta Expo! Carpe diem, let us seize the day!

Talk to you next month,  
 Abbas Ali Behmanesh  
 Editor-In-Chief

**Letters to the Editor:**

Questions and comments are always welcome.  
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 We reserve the right to edit letters, which typically run 50-300 words.

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**Attention**

The deadline for article submissions is on October 18<sup>th</sup> for the November issue.



## Faces of Deaf people in Mississippi, Alabama, Florida and Louisiana

(Resources from Deaf USA-L News)

It was the worst moment for Deaf and hearing communities when they witnessed the most hazardous storm in US history, Katrina Hurricane. Everything changed when the Katrina Hurricane hit. It affected their lives and their homes. Crops were destroyed and farms ruined. When wireless devices stopped working, all Deaf people affected were helpless, powerless, and lost, unlike hearing people who were guided by technical devices such as radios and news reports. It has been confirmed that some Deaf people died due to storms and hot weather. Many Deaf people, especially in the northern US, were shocked to hear that the Deaf people in the southern US couldn't evacuate due to low income and limited resources. As a result of heartbreak and sympathy, Wisconsin Deaf people began to rally together and raised funds for Katrina victims.

The New Orleans Marriot Hotel will host the 2006 NAD Conferences as a planned. It was reported that the Louisiana School for the Deaf provided temporary housing for the evacuees. The National Technology Institute for the Deaf offered assistance to the deaf and hard of hearing students by letting them study on the RIT campus. <http://www.rit.edu/~930www/Proj/News/open.shtml>

Katrina disaster Relief Information for Persons with Disabilities and People Who Want to Help Them can be found at <http://www.katrinadisability.info>

A Deaf male evacuee was interviewed by the reporter, please check this out:

<http://www.cnn.com/video/us/2005/09/06/walsh.tx.deaf.evacuee.woai/content.exclude.html>

### Make a Donation to a Deaf School

*Forwarded by Norma Jean Taylor via e-mail*

**From:** Bill Prickett [mailto:[bprickett@mail.lsd.state.la.us](mailto:bprickett@mail.lsd.state.la.us)]

**Sent:** Tue 9/6/2005 12:48 PM

**Subject:** Louisiana

Hello friends,

Your emails are finally getting through to us. Our heartfelt thanks to all of you for your concern and support in this tragedy. It is sinking in to us that this is not something that will go away next week. Our lives here in Louisiana have changed and will never be the same.

LSD's campus and facilities came through unscathed, allowing us to devote our attention to assisting the homeless. Our priority has been to locate our New Orleans area students and get them back in school. We have contacted students and their families in Florida, Tennessee, Arkansas and Texas, as well as all over Louisiana. They are beginning to make their way to Baton Rouge to bring their child back to school. In most cases, this means providing shelter for their families. This morning we have 11 families (49 people) living in one of our dormitories. This is a number that fluctuates daily. Families find apartments to rent or they connect with relatives outside Baton Rouge and move in with them. Example: one little girl's extended family (17 members) found an apartment to rent and moved there last Friday. We expect several more families to arrive today. These folks are in need of clothing and basic supplies..

We are also housing LSD staff members and their families who lost their homes or have been without electricity for an extended period. The daytime temperature here continues to be in the mid-90s. Re: the deaf community for whom we've provided shelter, this number has also fluctuated. We've had as many as 12 or more and that number is down to two this morning. They come here, catch their breath, eat a hot meal, wash their clothes, get a hot shower, and an air-conditioned night's sleep.

We then help them contact friends or relatives who can take them in. We had two elderly brothers, both deaf-blind, who miraculously made their way out of New Orleans to a shelter near Baton Rouge. One of the volunteers in that shelter was the daughter of an interpreter. She told her mother who then contacted LSD and drove the two gentlemen there.

*Please see Donation on page six*



*Make a Donation to a Deaf School from page five*

They were with us several days until they could contact friends who came to get them.

The local service providers (Louisiana Commission for the Deaf, Louisiana Association of the Deaf, Louisiana Career Development Center, Catholic Deaf Center, First Baptist Deaf Church, Assembly of God Deaf Church, and Louisiana School for the Deaf) are coordinating services for deaf refugees. The Baton Rouge Deaf Action Center will do initial screening and connect the deaf refugees with agencies for food stamps, unemployment, social security, FEMA, counseling, etc. and provide interpreters. LSD will provide temporary housing, food, and clothing until the refugees can be relocated with friends or relatives. Once this is publicized, we expect a large number of homeless deaf people to be processed through LSD.

Our most pressing need is and will be monetary donations. As most of you know, I am limited by laws and regulations as to how I can spend our state appropriation. Monetary donations earmarked for a specific purpose (hurricane relief) I can spend as needed. We have established a special account through which these donations will flow. This money would go for clothing, toiletries, and food for the families of LSD students and the homeless deaf people who will be housed at LSD. Donations in lieu of material goods give us the flexibility to purchase the exact items and sizes needed and we should be able to save by purchasing some things in bulk. In addition, donations would pay for gas, bus tickets, train tickets to reunite these people with their friends or relatives, if possible.

Please make checks payable to the Louisiana School for the Deaf, with a notation "for hurricane relief," and send to my attention at the address below.

Please remember us in your prayers.

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## **Gallaudet University's First Deaf President, I. King Jordan, To Retire**

*Reprinted with permission from Darrick Nicholas in the Office of Public Relations / Visitors Centre at Gallaudet University*

Dr. Glenn B. Anderson, Chair of the Gallaudet University Board of Trustees, announced at an afternoon press conference today that President I. King Jordan has decided to retire effective December 31, 2006. Dr. Anderson noted that "King Jordan is an extraordinary man who was the 'right person at the right time' to lead Gallaudet University" and that his tenure will be remembered for "his outstanding accomplishments both as a Chief Executive and as a role model." Dr. Anderson announced that a national search to select Dr. Jordan's successor will begin immediately after the October meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Jordan said that he is "very proud of what has been accomplished since 1988," when he became president and that he has had "the good fortune to be president during a period of growth and prosperity at Gallaudet, as well as during a new era of recognition of the rights and abilities of people who are deaf or hard of hearing."

In his remarks at today's press conference, Dr. Jordan thanked his wife of 36 years, Linda Kephart Jordan, for serving as First Lady of the University and for the countless hours she has contributed to his and the University's success. "Gallaudet is well positioned to become even stronger in the future," Jordan said, "and I intend to continue supporting the University in every way I can for many years to come."

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## Movie Card

*Forwarded by Grant Unterschultz from the Alberta Disability Forum (ADF)*

The **Access 2 Entertainment™** card provides persons with a disability to receive either free admission or a significant discount for their support person at member movie theatres across Canada. This program was developed by an advisory group of nine national disability organizations, in conjunction with Famous Players and Cineplex Galaxy. Persons with a permanent disability who require a support person when attending a movie theatre are eligible for the card.

### Who is a support person?

A support person is an individual who accompanies a person with a disability to provide services that are not provided by theatre employees, such as assisting the person with eating, administering medication, communication, and use of the facilities.

### How does it work?

Present the Access 2 Entertainment™ Card when purchasing tickets with your support person at participating movie theatres. It's that simple!

Note: The person with a disability pays regular admission.

### Who can apply?

Persons with a permanent disability who require a support person when attending a movie theatre are eligible for the card. There are no age restrictions. The applicant (or guardian) must agree to follow the terms and conditions for use of the card.

### How can I get an application form?

The application form can be found at <http://www.access2.ca/docs/app-en/MotionPictureForms-English-Text.htm>

Application forms are also available from all members of the Access 2 Entertainment™ card Partnership.

### Where do I send the completed application?

Please mail your completed application form to:  
Access to Entertainment  
90 Eglinton Avenue East, Suite 208  
Toronto, ON  
M4P 2Y3

### Can I fax or email my application?

Original signatures are required on application forms. Please mail your application form.

### When will I get my card?

Please allow 4 to 6 weeks for processing of your application and delivery of your Access 2 Entertainment™ card.

## FAQ's

### The person with a disability is unable to sign Section B. Who can sign it?

A legal guardian can sign for the person with a disability if s/he is unable to sign.

### I am the primary caregiver for my mother who has a disability. Can I sign off Section C?

Family members are not eligible to sign off on Section C. The list of health care providers who can sign includes: Physician, Nurse (RN or RNA), Social Worker, Occupational Therapist, Physiotherapist, Pharmacist, Rehabilitation Counselor, Audiologist, Recreational Therapist, Kinesiologist, or Psychologist.

### I work for an organization where staff take groups of people with disabilities to the movies. Can my organization get a card for staff use?

Cards are issued only to individuals who have a permanent disability, and who require a support person when attending a movie. We do not provide cards for organizations or staff.

### I work for an organization providing services for people with disabilities. We have many clients. Do we need to send in an application form for each individual?

An organization which provides services to people with disabilities can apply on behalf of several of their clients at one time. Each client (i.e. the person with a disability) will receive an individual card. All cards will be mailed to the organization.

1. Complete Section C with your organization's details.
2. List all the names of your clients applying for the card, and attach this as part of the application.
3. Include a letter from the Executive Director on the organization's letterhead vouching for the membership and verifying that each of the clients listed has a disability.
4. Include the Executive Director's business card.

*Please see Movie on page 16*



## Greetings from the Calgary Association of the Deaf's New Elected President to Albertans

Hello,

I, Laurie Hughes-Lerner, would like to introduce myself as the new President of the Calgary Association of the Deaf (CgyAD). We, CgyAD, were elected for a new two-year term last June. My new executive board members are Jonathan Guinta – Ex-officio President, Marilyn Beal - Vice President, Robyn MacKie-Stuber - Secretary, David Murison - Treasurer, Frank Lilley and Debi Rolfe - Members at Large, Ryan Bercier - Sport Director, and many more as representatives. I wish good luck to my new board in keeping our deaf community strong. We hope to keep growing in the future. We, CalgAD, are proud and thank our old board for working hard. They had a successful past two years. Good Job!

We, CgyAD, would like to inform you that CgyAD will hold the 70th Anniversary Banquet on Nov. 5, 2005 at Executive Royal Inn North Calgary during the weekend when the Deaf Alberta Expo will host the Deaf History Exhibits, Deaf Children's Festival, Wine and Cheese party, Workshops/Sessions, and booths. By the way, we, CgyAD, would like to share with you our Alberta 100th birthday celebration. We will have a blast! We are proud of our Alberta, part of our beautiful healthy country. Happy 100th birthday to Alberta!! Come on and join in our special celebration!!! Grab the chance of a lifetime!

See you at the Deaf Alberta Expo and the CgyAD Banquet in Calgary.

Sincerely,

Laurie Hughes-Lerner,

President of CgyAD

### THE CALGARY ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF PRESERVES ITS HISTORY ON FILM

Alberta's centennial marks the 70th anniversary of the Calgary Association of the Deaf. This is quite a milestone in any association's history and we felt there was no better way to celebrate our 70 years than to capture our community members on film. For the past 3 months, we have filmed over 50 members of the Calgary Deaf community: past presidents, current board members, and members who have been actively making CAD what it is today. We have collected all of this footage and with the old 16mm reels of film from way back when, we are putting together a film on DVD for everyone to enjoy. This film will be shown during the upcoming Deaf Alberta Expo. We invite you all to come a watch the film and ask any questions you may have about it. It will be closed captioned as well as voice interpreted so that it is accessible to all audiences. It is our goal that this film is available for you to buy if you are interested in having it in your home DVD collections. Stay tuned for more information at Deaf Alberta Expo on November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Expo!

Marilyn Beal, Director of the Calgary Association of the Deaf' Deaf History Project



### DEAF CONFERENCE CANADA 2006 IN QUEBEC CITY

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# Deaf Children Festival



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*Calgary Association of the Deaf  
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*November 5, 2005  
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## Three Deaf Albertans Excel at the 2005 Masters Games!

Edmonton, Alberta ~ July 22 to 31, 2005

By Arista Haas

### Golf

On July 22<sup>nd</sup>, after completing a great round of 74 at the Cougar Creek Golf Course, **Rob Cundy** was awarded a bronze medal for his stellar performance. On the 25<sup>th</sup>, Cundy played at the Blackhawk Golf Course. Cundy's quote on the game was "Shot an 82 but with several penalties – added up to 96. Oh well." Then on the last round at the RedTail Landing Golf Course, he scored a tremendous 76! With two great scores out of the three rounds, Cundy almost qualified for the Tournament of Champions in his age category, male, 45 – 54 years old, with his 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish – another point or so in Stableford points, he would have made it.

The Tournament of Champions was the last round of the event that the top two golfers played from each age category, each gender, each golfer category (Handicapped and Public) and score category (Stableford points, net scores, and gross scores). There were over 800 golfers playing at 6 different golf courses on each day: July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup> – can you imagine that!! Only handful of golfers (about 80) was able to play in the last round at the Mayfair Golf Course.

### Triathlon

Several friends and family members know this athlete, **Kevin Colp**, so well that they know he really enjoys outdoor sports in any season. This summer, Colp participated in the Triathlon's Sprint Distance in the category of "Male, ages 35 to 39". He placed an impressive 5<sup>th</sup> place with a time of 1:22:02 – 13:21 for swimming, 43:41 for biking, and 25:00 for running.

The Sprint Distance has three sports involved: 750-m to swim, 20-km to cycle, and 5-km to run. The "Olympic" Distance, used at World Cup and Olympic events, is two times longer than the Sprint Distance.

### Swimming

Someone sure loves the water these days – **Shannon Brophy** strikes back at the Masters Games! She posted impressive results in her age group as well as participated in women's and mixed team relays. The best result was her 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the 50 meter breaststroke with the time of 41.86 seconds, thus earning a bronze medal for her stellar finish! It's not too late to congratulate all our three athletes for their wonderful performances at the Masters Games.



## 7th Canadian Deaf Golf Championships

Ottawa, Ontario ~ August 8 to 11, 2005

By Arista Haas

Six Alberta golfers attended the 7<sup>th</sup> CDGC in the Capital City during the week of August 8<sup>th</sup>. The event was a resounding success and the 2005 CDGC committee did a great job with the organization. One of the main ingredients of the committee's success was volunteerism. Everyone – including Linda Cundy – jumped in at the last minute to help the committee with many duties... it was a quite amazing! In spite of the hot and humid weather, three of the six Alberta golfers were able to secure their places on Team Canada 2006 to attend the 6<sup>th</sup> World Deaf Golf Championships. They are Robert Cundy – 3<sup>rd</sup> place Men's Championship; Terry Dlugos – 7<sup>th</sup> place Men's Championship; and Arista Haas – 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Women's Championship. The rest of Alberta golfers did their best in their respective events. For more results, visit this link: <http://ca.geocities.com/cdgc2005/>

The next CDGC will be in Mont-Tremblant, Quebec during the month of July or August 2007. The event chairperson is Alain Turpin. Mont-Tremblant is located about 140 km north of Montreal (1.5 hour drive).



# 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Deaf Youth for Pan Am Games Training Camp

Montreal, Quebec ~ August 10 to 14, 2005

By Arista Haas

Team Alberta, led by Bill Rodgers of Edmonton and assisted by Elaine Schuh of Calgary, went to Montreal on August 10<sup>th</sup> to attend the 1<sup>st</sup> Training Camp. Rodgers was the Team Alberta Chef-de-Mission and Schuh was the chaperone. On our young team, four boys and 1 girl attended the training camp; all boys went to train in the Track and Field, and the girl attended the basketball camp. The other participating provinces were Ontario, Quebec, and Nova Scotia. In total, 47 young athletes and 13 adults participated in the successful training camp, jointly hosted by the Quebec Deaf Sports Association (ASSQ) and the Canadian Deaf Sports Association (CDSA).

CDSA will be working with Ontario and Alberta in hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> training camps in early 2006. The 2<sup>nd</sup> training camp will be during the March spring break week and 3<sup>rd</sup> training camp will be during a long weekend in May. Two more camps are necessary to assess the readiness of our young athletes and ensure that they have good attitudes before they are selected to attend the 4<sup>th</sup> Pan Am Games of the Deaf Youth in Washington, DC from August 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>.

ADSA will be considering resending the same athletes to both training camps because of their wonderful efforts at the 1<sup>st</sup> training camp as well as their good chances to make the Canadian Team. As per CDSA's request, ADSA is looking for more female basketball players to try out at the 2nd and 3rd training camps. Please contact ADSA at [adsa@shaw.ca](mailto:adsa@shaw.ca) as soon as possible.



Back row l to r: Bill Rodgers, Chef-de-Mission; Elaine Schuh, chaperone Front row, l to r: Justyna, Jonathan, Jeff, Kamil, and Nahshon

## Deaf Bowlers go to Quebec

Montreal, Quebec ~ October 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005

By Arista Haas

Another group of Albertans are going to be attending the 7<sup>th</sup> Canadian Deaf Ten Pin Bowling Championships (CDTPBC) in Montreal during a long weekend in October. On August 27<sup>th</sup>, Alberta Deaf Bowling Championships was held at the "Let's Bowl" bowling alley in Calgary to select the top 4 men and 4 women as well as delegates (for the general meetings). Before the bowlers were officially selected, an election was held for the Alberta Deaf Bowling Association (ADBA) Board: President, Secretary, and Treasurer. David Tillet is the new President, Ryan Bercier is the new Secretary, and David Murison is the new Treasurer.

Qualified bowlers were selected based on their top scores:

The delegates are Louise Murison and David Tillet. They will be responsible for attending the general meetings, learning the technical rules, and dealing with any bowling issues.

<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
Collin Fitzhenry	Elveria Huschi
David Tillet	Elaine Schuh
David Murison	Jean Hetherington
Roy Matsune	Ruby Bercier



## ADSA Election Results

By Arista Haas

On September 17<sup>th</sup>, the Alberta Deaf Sports Association had an Annual General Meeting and Election in Calgary. Here are the results of the election for the 2005 – 2007 Executive Board:

**President:** Arista Haas

**Vice President:** Mark Kusiak

**Treasurer:** Mitchell LaFrance

**Secretary:** Peggy McKinney

**Member-at-Large (Edm):** Lynnette Charest-Lapratte

**Member-at-Large (Cal):** Jonathan Guinta

**Delegates:** Arista Haas and Mark Kusiak will go to the 2005 CDSA Annual General Meeting in Regina, Saskatchewan, November 11-13.

## Deaf Hockey Championship in Calgary

By Arista Haas

Hey, everyone!! Did you know that Calgary will be hosting the 6<sup>th</sup> Canadian Deaf Ice Hockey Championships in the first weekend of May 2006?? Oh yeah – it's happening!! The Calgary committee is working very hard on making the event a success...

The committee members and their positions are:

Chairperson	Mark Kusiak
Treasurer	Jonathan Guinta
Secretary	Silva Notland
Fundraising Directors	Loretta Wall and Robyn Mackie
Social & Events Directors	Loretta Wall and Cindy Pilz
Volunteer Director	Robyn Mackie
Technical Director	Todd Dean
Promotions / Awards Director	Joel Kvarnberg
Public Relations Director	Kendra Kuhl



**CDIHC committee (l to r):**

Jonathan Guinta,  
Robyn Mackie,  
Loretta Wall (back),  
Cindy Pilz,  
Joel Kvarnberg,  
Silva Notland, and  
Mark Kusiak



## Purely Coincidental!

*Told by Dale Hergott and Written by Angela Stratiy*

Here is an infamous story about the Buddieees of 42 years – Dale Hergott, Tim Pearson and Wes Hawkins. You can refer them to their stories in the Alberta Deaf News – December 2003, pages 5 and 6 and April 2004, page 3.

The story began last August when Wes Hawkins was one of the camp counselors working with the Deaf campers at Pigeon Lake for a week. One day he was to meet the Deaf campers on the other side of the lake and he drove on a gravel road. There he saw something that he must tell Dale and Tim. He called them to meet him and to go to this place on Sunday in August. Dale and Tim were skeptical thinking that there might be something not so important, or tricky. They thought that Wes would just give them bars of candy if they came to this place and Wes affirmatively would do that. Then they believed that Wes really meant business so they agreed to meet on one Sunday. When they met at Ponoko, they noticed and wondered why Wes was bringing a briefcase on such Sunday. As



From left to right: Dale Hergott, Tim Pearson and Wes Hawkins



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they drove along, Wes told to turn to a gravel road, which was about 5km from the camp where the Deaf Summer Camp was held. Dale and Tim were puzzled thinking that it would be possible that Wes bought a cabin there. Upon arrival, they approached the campsite and Wes quickly handed the picture of themselves as the Cubs taken in 1968. BINGO!

For years, Dale had been asking his parents where the camp in the photo of him with Wes and Tim was. When Dale was about 9 or 10 years old, he went to the summer camp with about 50 hearing Cubs. He was the only one Deaf camper there and found it difficult mingling with them. The next summer his mother wanted him to go there again but Dale did not want to go alone. The Cub leader agreed to let him to bring two Deaf friends, so Dale asked Tim and Wes to go with them. They had a blast

time even though they slept in different rooms. Dale asking where it was. He tried the Cub leader but he moved to Lethbridge. His mother thought the camp was demolished years ago.

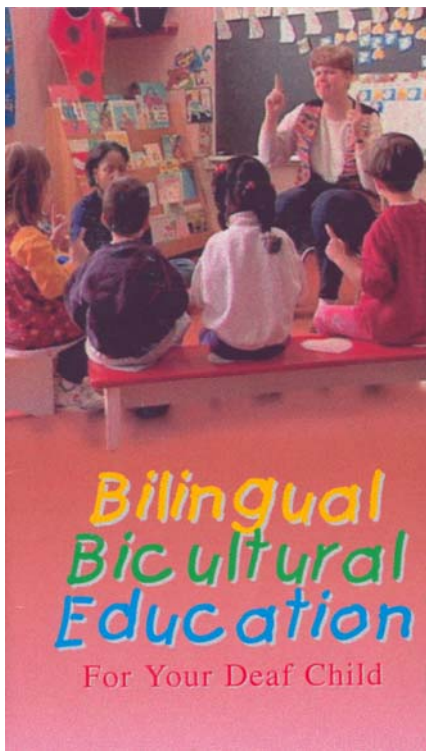
It seemed that his search was a lucky fate when Wes found this place. Wes, Dale and Tim spent the whole afternoon browsing around the camp so they wanted to double-check if it was a right camp. They checked the building seeing some holes where the ramp was used to be and a big crack on one of the sidings. They decided it was the right camp. One of their best memories was a train track where they rode in a train around the camp, but this train was no longer there. It was indeed a coincidence and Dale's quest was over. After all, it was one of their best moments happened in their lives.



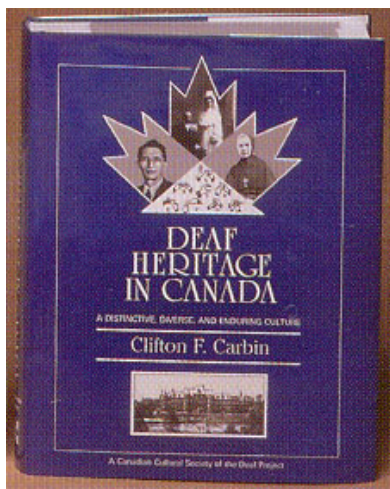
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ing will be narrowed down to the top 10!!! The competition is tough- among the contenders are the websites for Canadian Idol, Degraasi: the Next Generation, Instant Star, and This is Daniel Cook.

Cast your vote online at <http://www.geminiawards.ca/gemini20/mpw/pickvote.cfm> - But hurry! Voting will be narrowed down to the top 10 on October 6th.

Thanks, from everyone at deafplanet.com!



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## **Calendar of Events**

### **October**

**Alberta Cultural Society of the Deaf (ACSD)** will have Casino Two Days Events on Tuesday, October 4th, and on Wednesday, October 5th. Need volunteers, please see Bruce Mayer, Casino Chairperson.

ACSD will have a general meeting on October 15<sup>th</sup> at 10: 00 a.m. at EADCC in Edmonton.

ACSD will have a 30th anniversary celebration at the EDACC from 8 p.m. to 3 a.m. Saturday, October 15th, 2005.

**Alberta Association of the Deaf (AAD)** will have an annual general meeting on Saturday, October 22nd, 2005 at EADCC from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please contact David Mason, AAD president, for more information.

**Calgary Association of the Deaf** will have King's Bingo on Tuesday, October 25th. Need volunteers, please see David Murison or Cindy Pilz for more details.

### **November**

Deaf Alberta Expo will be held in Calgary on November 4th and 5th, for more information, please see DAE chairperson Norma Jean Taylor or email at dae2005@shaw.ca

## **Event Calendar on the Web!**

For more information about these events, please check <http://www.deafalberta.org>



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