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The Bowness Park Picnic Hosted by the Calgary Association of the Deaf in Calgary, AB



By Laurie Hughes-Lerner, the president of the Calgary Association of the Deaf

That day on June 24, the Calgary weather were nice warm sunshine with no windy. The temperature average was 26c. The CgyAD hosts the Annual Bowness Park Picnic from 11 am till 9 pm. The deaf and hearing families, any ages of friends, and outgoing from Alberta and provinces came and meet among with old and new faces deaf. Lots of kids were enjoyed their small playground and skip the rock into the river near our site. The games were fun like throwing the balloons to catch them and spoons with golf balls instead of eggs. We don't want the eggs fried on the ground when they breaks. Many of them plays football and Frisbee. They were fun. We knew that some of them got sunburn. Ouch!! We sold and feed the BBQ beef hamburgers, chicken burgers, and hotdogs over 115 people. The foods were delicious good but we knew that they really need big thirsty to drink lots. We glad that we had good times because last year, we cancelled the picnic due bad weather like lots of pouring the raining. Now, we owe one, smiles. We had many prizes for children and adults. We, CgyAD would thank to you all who volunteers to help us. They were wonderful teamwork. Also families and friends, Many thank you to come and support the CgyAD. We will see you all next year!!!

Quest Speaker in Edmonton Association of the Deaf Meeting: Mayor Stephen Mandel

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Mayor Stephen Mandel

Announcement: *55th Annual Banquet*

Saturday, October 7, 2006

Balwin Community Hall

12904 - 74 Street, Edmonton Guest Speaker: Mayor Stephen Mandel

Cocktail - 5:30 PM Dinner - 6:00 PM
Awards/Presentation - 7:30 PM Dance - 9:00 PM

For Tickets: Cori Carberry - 418-0845 * Amber Howie - 471-2006

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.

Message from the President of the Edmonton Association of the Deaf



Greetings to you all, EADers and Deaf community in Edmonton/ Alberta & anywhere

I sincerely would like to update you all that EAD has done so far as follows;

1) EAD is already using AAD's website for its internal network - public relations for you all to keep up with EAD's very active and progressive status. Please feel free to access to EAD's website: www.deafalberta.org Then, look for AAD column - click "Please select one" and you would find EAD's name so easily. You would access to EAD's website - full info on the list and then, you would decide which tab to click for your reading info so forth. OK?

Our very special note of **Thanks** to AAD President, **Grant Underschultz** for his incredible efforts and support toward this important project of EAD. Wave our hands for him

2) Did you find something unique from EAD website - see above, very surprising and unbelievable sight of Stephen Mandel, Mayor of Edmonton? He has agreed to become our Guest Speaker at EAD's upcoming 55th Annual Banquet on October 7th and also, his wife, Lynn will be there. Cori Carberry, Banquet Chairperson and Linda Cundy, Master of Ceremony are trying their best for our attendants to enjoy their special evening with those 2 special guests. Have you bought your banquet tickets before Sept. 29th or dance tickets at the door before 9 pm. Come and Join us there for a good time.

3) For your friendly reminder, EAD has been busily planning on its upcoming events at EADCC as follows;

- a) HandTalk Bar & Social Nite every Friday at 8 pm EXCEPT Nov. 10th at 10 pm
- b) Annual Halloween Party on Saturday, Oct. 28th 8 pm - 2 am
- c) SCC's Bake Sale/Crafts on Saturday, November 25th 10 am - 4 pm
- d) For more info - details, Check through EAD's website

4) Jennifer Waterfield, Casino Chairperson still needs more volunteers for EAD's 2-day casino at the Yellowhead Casino on Monday, January 15th - Tuesday, January 16th, 2007. For more info, please contact her in person or email "ASAP"

5) EAD Treasurer has worked on draft budget plan and also has identified some points/ideas to do some special fundraising campaign - drives to help EAD raise **non-casino** funding for a eligible matching fund (50% - 50%) with EAD's next CFEP application request next year. All donations and special fundraising events will be collected into EAD's non-casino funding account before EAD's eligibility to submit its application request.

For your important news/awareness, the Chair of the **United Way** Alberta Captial Region (Edmonton) just made the formal announcement of launching their fundraising campaign goal to raise 18.4 Million dollars this year comparing with its successful goal to raise 17.2 Million dollars last year. Anyway, I would like many of you, ADN subscribers and readers for a special time to pause and consider for being a very supportive and generous donor of making a designated donation to EAD through the **United Way Pledge Form**. You can put the name of EAD on your preferred name of organization with an amount for a one-time payment or other opiton of your regular period of weekly/biweekly/monthly instalment plan from your paycheque to be deducted with some dollars for up-to a limited total amount to be donated toward EAD through the treasury works of the United Way - Edmonton. Then, EAD will receive a one-time cheque or some periodical cheques from the United Way based on a total amount from all donors' designated donations toward EAD this year. Of course, your donation will be automatically issued through the UnitedWay for donors' personal income tax purpose/claim next year. **Special Note** for Calgarians: The United Way in Calgary has impressed me so great that their fundraising campagin last year was unbeleivably reached over \$40.8 Million dollars. This year, they are now aiming for the incredible challenge/campaign goal of \$50 Million dollars. Congrats to Calgarians for their real generosity with the definite key of its many corporate businesses and head offices in Calgary helping it to succeed.

Let's work together for a huge success helping EAD finance its needs of continuous upgrade -

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improvement on EADCC building/property so positive and beneficial. There will be a special presentation above and Q's - A's session held for EAD members and observers at EAD's upcoming regular meetings on October 2nd and November 6th. Go! E A D Go!

Before concluding this to you all, I hope you all are ready for your busy fall term/season and plan to visit EAD's activity(ies)/special events from time to time. Also, be sure to re-new your annual membership or join us as new members of EAD and offer your helping hands on some voluntary role(s) supporting with our EAD's special - social events and various activities.

Please feel free to share your new idea(s)/suggestion(s) helping us with EAD's needs of improvement - better services for members and friends of Deaf community in Edmonton. Enjoy your 2006-07 EAD Membership year and community support/spirit. Let's work together for EAD.

Your important reminder for 2 email addresses to: **EAD** at eaddeaf@interbaun.com to be handled by Corinne Carberry, EAD Secretary and EAD -

Senior Citizens Club's office at eadeafsc@interbaun.com to be handled by Margaret Pody, SCC President.

Many Thanks,
Donald Mc Carthy,
EAD President



A Message from the Newly Elected President of the Alberta Cultural Society of the Deaf

I, Laurie Hughes-Lerner as new elected president of the Alberta Culture Society of the Deaf, would like to inform you that they elected new board for Fall 2006 to Fall 2008. We, the board would like to thank you for your voting.

- Laurie Hughes-Lerner**, President
- Chrissy Steele**, Vice President
- Sonya Moyer**, Secretary
- Heather Shores**, Treasurer
- Shirley Handley**, Social Chairperson
- Dale Hergott**, Casino Chairperson



Laurie Hughes-Lerner

I wish good luck to my new board and want to keep our strong deaf community growing in the future. We, new board are very proud and give thanks to the old board for their work and successes in the past two years. Good Job!

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Editor's Den



Deaf Culture or American Sign language Culture

Dr William Stokoe's linguistic analysis of American Sign Language has already impacted and inspired Deaf people in the US and around the world. An amazing new chapter is being added to Dr William Stokoe's achievement on his work of recognizing American Sign Language as primary language of Deaf people in Canada and the USA. For example, Ontarian Deaf people and Quebecers (French) Deaf people use American Sign Language (ASL) and Langues De Signs Quebecois (LSQ). They recently began telling the world that they could barely use the phrase "Deaf Culture." They would feel more comfortable with the phrase "LSQ Culture" for themselves or "ASL Culture" for Deaf ASL users.

The reason for this change is that Deaf people realized that the word "deaf" can apply to anyone with a mild to profound hearing loss, but the phrase "Deaf Culture" excludes deaf people who are oral and don't use sign language. There are oral deaf people who used speech therapy to improve their lipreading and speaking skills. It is not adequate any more to simply use little "d" and capital "D" in the word "deaf" to distinguish between these two groups of deaf people. It is too confusing.

The deaf non-ASL people are not part of Deaf Culture. It makes more sense for Deaf ASL users to declare that they are part of ASL Culture. ASL Culture includes only those Deaf people that use ASL. ASL Culture may even include hearing people that are fluent in ASL and knowledgeable about Deaf Culture. These types of hearing people are closer to the core values of Deaf Culture than the deaf non-ASL people.

We have witnessed a surge of linguistic ideas since 1960. Dr William Stokoe never saw that Deaf people in Canada prefer to use LSQ Culture or ASL Culture rather than Deaf Culture to describe themselves. What would he say about it if he were still alive today?

Thumbs up
Abbas Ali Behmanesh
Editor

Attention! Attention!! Attention!!!

The deadline for article submissions is on October 22nd for the November issue.



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The 6th Deaf History International Conference – Berlin, Germany 2006

By Abbas Ali Behmanesh

There were more than 250 Deaf and hearing participants at the sixth conference of Deaf History International in Berlin, Germany. The theme was about the Holocaust and Deaf Jews. For example, it focused on how Deaf Jews were killed and how some managed to survive during the Nazi regime from 1938 to 1945.

At the opening ceremony, Dr. Carol Padden, a Deaf female professor from the Department of Communication at the University of California San Diego, gave a presentation on ethics and genetics. One participant in the audience expressed his concerns about the removal of deaf genes by genetic engineering. What would happen to the Deaf community if no more deaf children were born?

During the conference, there were a few panels. Panel topics were sterilization enforcement, bioethics, genetics, Deaf Jewish identity, Deafhood, European Deaf clubs, and Deaf schools in Europe. Details are listed below.

One panel was about how Deaf people obeyed the law from the courthouse and were led to be sterilized. They expressed how upset they were about the law and how unfortunate that they were sentenced to be childless forever.

Another panelist expressed that a few of his classmates were sterilized after they were spotted by their teacher and asked to be sterilized. The teacher also instructed white Deaf classmates not to socialize with Jewish Deaf classmates, even though they lived in the same city, Berlin.

Another panelist described his experience during WWII. He could not understand that what happened to his father, brother, and sister was because of their Jewish stature. The SS and the Gestapo (the secret police) swarmed into his house and put their family in the jail.

There was a witness who remembered Deaf Jewish people in sports and drama. All of them are already gone forever.

Deaf education declined drastically when most of the 66 Deaf institutions were destroyed during WWII. There was a film night provided in the evenings. The films were about Deaf culture during Hitler's era and how Deaf culture and Deaf society lived through this awful time.

On the last day of the DHI conference, there was an annual general meeting. The DHI members revised a few things and selected Douglas Bahl as the Deaf History International President (2006 to 2012). Muhs (2003 to 2009) is the Vice President. Lois Bragg (2006 to 2012) is the DHI newsletter editor. Four members at large are Gordon Hay from England, Helmut Vogl from Germany, Anne Mike Vancampen from Netherlands, and Abbas Ali Behmanesh from Canada (who was reelected for a second term as a board member). The new President, Douglas Bahl, closed the DHI conference with wishes to see all the participants again in the 2009 DHI conference in Stockholm, Sweden.

HIV/AIDS Victims Prefer Deaf Counsellors

By FARAJA JUBE

From the newsroom of the Daily News - TSN, United Republic of Tanzania, Sunday, September 24, 2006

A sign language interpreter, Gideon Singo (left) from Tanzania Association of the Deaf interprets closing remarks to deaf participants at a Voluntary Counselling and Testing Training in Dar es Salaam on Friday.

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(Photo by Faraja Jube) HIV/AIDS victims trust deaf Voluntary Testing (VCT) counsellors because they cannot reveal their secrets, it has been disclosed. A technical advisor in the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, Ms Peris Urassa, said yesterday that experience from neighbouring Kenya had shown that in 2005, a total of 7,000 people attended voluntary counselling due to the trust they had in deaf Counsellors. She made the comments in Dar es Salaam on Friday at the closing ceremony of a special African Medical Research Foundation's (AMREF) VCT training for the deaf. Ms Urassa urged the participants to utilise fully the training and the knowledge gained to enhance voluntary counselling to people with disabilities especially the deaf.

She said despite having a considerable number of VCT centres in the country, there was still a challenge ahead in providing voluntary counselling to people with disabilities. The United States Agency for International Development's (USAID) Team Leader of Programmes Thomas Crubaugh said he was optimistic that the trainees would play a critical role in the fight against HIV/AIDS. "You are the newest recruits in the fight against HIV/AIDS. You are the communicators and counsellors among the deaf to explain why and how we must win the battle against HIV/AIDS", he said.

AMREF Country Director, Dr Paul Waibale said the training, which is the first to be offered to deaf in the country, was aimed at enabling the deaf community to have an accurate knowledge on HIV/AIDS and access to VCT services. He further noted that among other things, the objective of the training was to equip people with disabilities with techniques and skills necessary for handling clients' problems during counselling as well as to facilitate linkages of deaf people living with HIV/AIDS to other support services in the community.

However, a representative from the Tanzania Association of the Deaf, Robert Charles, complained that the government and other organisations dealing with HIV/AIDS had done little to reach them hence most of them are not aware on HIV/AIDS infections and how it can be prevented. "The National Policy doesn't specify clearly on how they can engage their efforts to reach marginalized society like deaf people thus many suffered due to the disease," he said. A total of fourteen deaf people attended a four-week AMREF's training course on Voluntary Counselling and Testing conducted at Kibaha in Coast Region.

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There were three Deaf participants at the HIV/AIDS Conference.

From left to right:

Gary Malkowski, Kevin Caning, and Jennifer Jackson



**XVI International
AIDS
Conference: Time to
Deliver
Toronto Canada 13-18
August 2006**



Kevin Caning, the Ontarian Deaf activist

Halloween Party

Host by Edmonton Association of the Deaf
On Saturday, October 28, 2006

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