

# DSSO NEWSLETTER

## Dennis Ross, female impersonator

*Happy Holidays and Happy New Year from DSSO!*



This is our DSSO President, scaring women and children!

DSSO President, Dennis Ross, is getting into trouble with our female members of the Rogue Valley deaf community for illegal use of make up and clothes.

Dennis Ross would like to point out that this year's New Years Eve Party has been cancelled and that you may want to find

some party or event if you still want to celebrate the New Year.

Both he and Bill Drobkiewicz are actively planning the 2008 New Years Eve Party at the Rogue Regency. Please start saving \$5 or \$10 per month - that will pay for everything at the Regency.

### TDAPAC info

The Telecommunications Devices Access Program Advisory Committee will have its meeting in the Small Hearing Room at the PUC Building. For more info, please contact RSPF at 1-800-648-3458 TTY, 1-800-848-4442 voice or [puc.tdap@state.or.us](mailto:puc.tdap@state.or.us). The date is December 3rd, 9 a.m. to 12 Noon.

TDAPAC selected Bill Drobkiewicz to serve a third term (4 years), effective with the December meeting.

No other member, past or current, did not serve that long, except for John Babbitt (10 years).

This means that the Rogue Valley deaf community can now ask Bill Drobkiewicz for updates in relay service and equipment information and for service requests.

### DECEMBER NOTES; SURVEY FORM AND UNOFFICIAL REPLY TO SURVEY ANSWERS

There will be Bunco on December 8th at 6:30 p.m. Bunco entry fee is \$6 (fives and ones, please - entry fees go into prize fund). The location is Lions Sight and Hearing Center on Holly Street [parking is behind the Center on Grape]. November 10th had Bingo with Dennis Ross winning the Blackout final game. We had fun and a pretty good attendance.

The survey form is still enclosed in the Newsletter, but we at DSSO got some responses. Currently, we are evaluating several promising possibilities. Right now, we do not have a specific statement, a firm commitment or schedule, other than changes may occur during the next year. Please fill the survey if you did not do this. Deadline for the survey is January 20, 2008.

## HALLOWEEN PARTY NOTES

DSSO hosted Halloween Party on October 26. There were 40 attendees with plenty of children.

There was costume contests and games with fun and socialization for everybody.

[Winning children's last names are withheld.]

Baby costume contest:

1st Place: Summer

2nd Place: Kealanei

3rd Place: Evan

4th Place: Kathy

Children costume contest:

1st Place: Justin

2nd Place: Jason

3rd Place: Michael

4th Place: Jasmine

Adult Costume Contest:

1st Place: John Knight

2nd Place: Ron and Missy VanDomelen (co-winners)

Pumpkin face drawing contest:

1st Place: Jasmine

2nd Place: Michael

Musical Chairs:

Jenny Frabasilio

DSSO may host Halloween Party in 2008, but you will have to vote on it.

## THANKSGIVING POTLUCK DINNER A SUCCESS

DSSO had its annual Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner on November 17th. This year, we had at least 90 attendees, breaking last year's record of 84 people.

DSSO would like to thank Sprint for its sponsorship of this event and Cindy Campbell for her presentation on Sprint's offerings.

We would like to thank Honeybaked Ham for cooking turkey and ham this year for us.

Bill Drobkiewicz, the event chairperson, said he will increase the turkey order from three to four and the ham order from two to three to be able to feed the projected 100 persons at the 2008 Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner (to be held on November 15th).

People had plenty to eat, had a great time socializing and playing the 50/50 Raffle.

## DECEMBER MEETING AND NOMINATIONS

DSSO will hold its monthly meeting on December 9th at 4 p.m.

If you are still a member of DSSO, please attend this meeting as there will be a nomination and election of officers - Vice President and Secretary. Currently, Bill Drobkiewicz is Vice President and Sally Dieter is Secretary.

If you wish to nominate someone for either position, you can email your nomination to DSSO at [info@dssso.org](mailto:info@dssso.org) or write a note to us at our mailing address (DSSO, PO Box 4535, Medford OR, 97501).

Again, please attend our meeting - we need to have more than enough members present to ensure full nomination and voting.

Also, there may be a discussion on the survey responses. The survey is enclosed in the DSSO Newsletter - please fill it out if you can. We at DSSO really do appreciate the feedback.

The survey deadline is January 20th.

# DSSO Meeting Schedule Survey

Dennis Ross, President of DSSO, is getting concerned with declining attendance at DSSO meetings and wants to know why more people are not coming. He ordered this survey to find out.

You will not give your name or address at all. This is a blind survey.

Instructions for sending the completed survey:

Both return address (usually your home address) and send-to address will be the same:

DSSO

PO Box 4535

Medford OR

97501

**We do not want to see your return address at all!** If we see your return address, we will send it back, not opened.

Members and non-members can fill the survey.

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1] Do you want DSSO to change its meeting day and/or time? YES NO

1] a) If yes, what day? \_\_\_\_\_ What time? \_\_\_\_\_

Example: what day? Third Saturday What time? 9 p.m. (That is for example only)

2] Why are you not coming to the DSSO meetings more often?

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3] How can DSSO improve? Shorter meetings? Meetings every other month? Anything at all?

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**DEADLINE FOR SURVEY IS JANUARY 20TH.**

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.

<p><u>DEAF COFFEE and CHAT</u></p> <p>Rogue Valley Mall Starbucks Coffee Company 1600 North Riverside Suite 2072 Medford OR 97501 Hosted by Janice <a href="mailto:jicvand@charter.net">jicvand@charter.net</a> AND Linda Guerrero <a href="mailto:LindaRedHair@hotmail.com">LindaRedHair@hotmail.com</a></p> <p>Every 3rd Saturday 5:30 p.m. 'til close December 15, 2007</p>	<p><u>Deaf Pizza - Medford</u></p> <p>Abby's Legendary Pizza 1080 South Riverside (Highway 99 South and Barnett Road) Hosted by Jennifer Frabasilio <a href="mailto:prettylady1971@hotmail.com">prettylady1971@hotmail.com</a> (mention deaf pizza on subject line),</p> <p>Rosie Fiorentino <a href="mailto:snugglebabe02@msn.com">snugglebabe02@msn.com</a> and Linda Guerrero</p> <p>Every 5th Saturday 5 p.m. to close December 29, 2007</p>
<p>THIS SPACE LEFT BLANK</p> <p>Will be used for special event announcements</p>	<p><u>Deaf Pizza - Grants Pass</u></p> <p>Abby's Legendary Pizza 205 N.E. Beacon Drive, Grants Pass OR 97526 Hosted by Linda Guerrero, Jennifer Frabasilio and Rosie Fiorentino</p> <p>Every 2nd Friday 5 p.m. to close December 14, 2007</p> <p>Quick Directions: On I-5, Exit 55 to Grants Pass Parkway (Highway 199) From North - turn right onto the Parkway From South - turn left onto the Parkway Abby's is on left near Fred Meyers</p>

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E-mail: [puc.otap@state.or.us](mailto:puc.otap@state.or.us)

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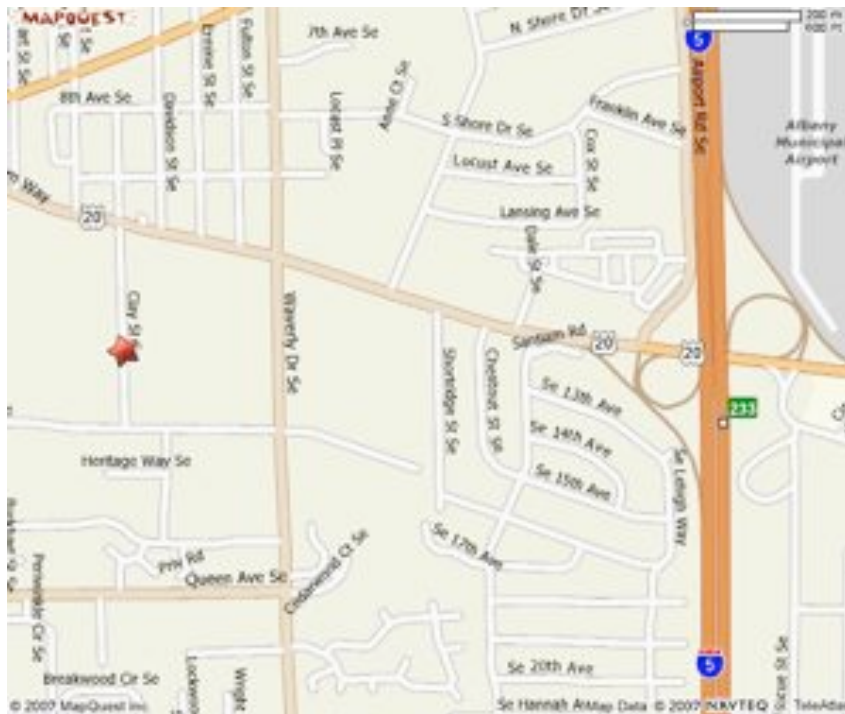
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Albany OR  
97322 US

**Notes:**

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December 1st, 12 Noon  
Exit 233 - Highway 20 to west  
Left on Clay Street  
Riverview Mongolian Grill Restaurant



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 541-791-4784  
 2125 Pacific Blvd SW, Albany,  
 OR 97321, US

**Notes:**

This is where you will go after you are done bowling.  
 This place has been recommended by your hosts, Wendell Brown and Debra Royse-Brown.

Directions	Distance
<b>Total Est. Time:</b> 6 minutes <b>Total Est. Distance:</b> 2.30 miles	
 <b>1:</b> Start out going NORTH on CLAY ST SE toward US-20 / SANTIAM HWY SE / SANTIAM WAY.	0.1 miles
 <b>2:</b> Turn LEFT onto US-20 W / SANTIAM HWY SE / SANTIAM WAY. Continue to follow US-20 W.	1.4 miles
 <b>3:</b> Stay STRAIGHT to go onto PACIFIC BLVD SW / OR-99E / ALBANY-JUNCTION CITY HWY.	0.6 miles
 <b>4:</b> End at <b>Riverview Mongolian Grill:</b> 2125 Pacific Blvd SW, Albany, OR 97321, US	
<b>Total Est. Time:</b> 6 minutes <b>Total Est. Distance:</b> 2.30 miles	



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9 DSSO MTG. 4 P.M.	10	11	12	13	14 DEAF PIZZA - G.P.	15 DEAF COFFEE - MED.
16	17	18	19	20 NEWSLETTER OUT TODAY	21	22
23	24	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26	27	28	29 DEAF PIZZA - MEDFORD
30	31	NEW YEARS DAY 01/01/08				

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