

# DSSO NEWSLETTER

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Telecommunications Devices Access Program Advisory Committee will hold its meeting on March 3rd from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The location is the Small Hearing Room in the Public Utility Commission Building in Salem. For more info, call 1.800.648.3458 TTY or 1.800.848.4442 voice or email them at [puc.tdap@state.or.us](mailto:puc.tdap@state.or.us)

## Upcoming Events and Activities New DSSO Officers

At the January 12th meeting, we finally had more than enough members to hold an officers' election for Vice President and Secretary. The members voted for Dean Darling (Vice President) and Sheila Schatz (Secretary). Bill Drobkiewicz, former Vice President, will help Dean Darling learn how to work in the position. Sally Dieter, former Secretary, will do the same for Sheila Schatz.

We at Deaf Services of Southern Oregon would like to congratulate our new officers and to thank the outgoing officers for their time and service.

At the same January 12th meeting, we voted for event chairpersons for the upcoming events. They are:

February: Valentines Day Party - Janice Van Domelen and Dennis Ross (Feb. 16)

March: DSSO Potluck - St. Patrick's Day/Irish Pub theme - Tami Carreon and Dennis Ross (Mar. 8)

April: Indoor Easter Egg Hunt - Sheila Schatz and David Rimmer (Apr. 19)

May: DSSO Potluck - Cinco de Mayo/Mexican theme - Tami Carreon and Dennis Ross (May 10)

May: DSSO Annual Horseshoes Tournament - Ron Van Domelen and David Rimmer (May 17)

June: Bill Smith Memorial Trout Derby at Diamond Lake - Dennis Ross, Dean Darling and Ron Van Domelen (Jun. 27 & 28)

We will vote on further events for the rest of the year during the May and/or June meeting.

The next meeting is on February 9th at 4 p.m. The dinner potluck will follow the meeting. After that, Game Night will feature Bunco. Sheila Schatz won Bingo blackout prize at the January 12 Game Night.

Check the enclosed flyer for details.

Be sure to check the flyer for our Valentines Day Party on February 16. Entry time is 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. and games & fun at 7 p.m. Again, check the enclosed flyer for info on entry fees, food and what to wear.

We at DSSO would like to wish you a romantic Valentines Day. Or a fun-filled Valentines Day. Take your pick.

Also note that 2008 is a Leap Year. February has an extra day - Feb. 29.

### Deaf School Basketball Tournament in Salem, Oregon

January 31, February 1 and 2, 2008.

Oregon School for the Deaf will proudly host the 32nd Annual WSBC/WSCC Tournament.

Started in 1977, the Western States Basketball Classic (WSBC) is an invitational tournament for schools and programs for the Deaf. The tournament participants added the WSCC (Western States Cheerleading Classic) in 1980. Hosted annually by different schools it is usually held on the first weekend in February.

2008 participating schools are :

California School for the Deaf, Fremont

California School for the Deaf, Riverside

Marlton Charter School, Los Angeles California

Washington School for the Deaf

Utah School for the Deaf and Blind

503-378-5997 (voice/tty/vp)

Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind

WSBC 2008 Coordinator

Phoenix Day School for the Deaf

[Editor's Note: January 31 is on Thursday.]

Oregon School for the Deaf

### **Special pre-game commercial for the deaf community**

As anyone can imagine, this is an amazing event. Basketball is the reason to get together but meeting and socializing with people from all over the West, traveling, and seeing new places are also a highlight. Students who attend have a life long memory. Spectators have a great time too.

There will be an interesting commercial before the Super Bowl game begins. PepsiCo (Pepsi) will air (show) a commercial featuring two deaf men looking for a friend's house. You may know this very old joke - only now it is a commercial for Pepsi.

Everyone can be involved! We will have 16 basketball teams, 5 cheer squads and all their coaches and chaperones for 5 days. We need nutrition services, health services, dorm and maintenance. We need volunteers for security, ticket sales, canteen, scorekeeping and stats, web updates, transportation, programs, awards, advertising, fundraising, socials, interpreters, opening ceremonies, and t-shirts. You can see, it will take many to make this event a success!

We do not know the exact time, other than that this commercial will run during the pre-game show; before the Super Bowl game.

QUESTIONS? Ask me!

For those with computers and full Internet access, check these links:

Want to volunteer? Let me know!

[http://www.usatoday.com/money/advertising/2008-01-24-pepsi-ad-silence\\_N.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/money/advertising/2008-01-24-pepsi-ad-silence_N.htm)

Already signed up? The committee chairperson will contact you soon.

<http://www.pepsi.com/bobshouse/>

Thank you very much and I look forward to seeing you.

Or you can go to the library and check the January 24th edition of USA Today; look for 'Pepsi hopes silence is golden with Super Bowl ad' in the Money section (Media subsection).

Jacki Wolf

### **Cave Junction - Introduction to ASL**

[jacki.wolf@osd.k12.or.us](mailto:jacki.wolf@osd.k12.or.us)

If you are interested, then come to this event

1. Setting up ASL (American Sign Language) class -

- when, where and time
2. Will discuss deaf culture and share interesting info
3. A discussion about the Code of Ethics for professional interpreters
4. There will be video movies and stories
5. Will tell stories and practice and we may have deaf persons tell their stories to the class

Where: Illinois Valley Family Resource Center

535 River Street

Cave Junction, Oregon

Room: Cedar

When: February 19, 2008

Time: 10 am to noon

James Hernandez will teach this class and share interesting info from his life and deaf culture.

Are you interested?

Email me or VP  
[wh2tecaps@aol.com](mailto:wh2tecaps@aol.com),  
[cj\\_cj@frontiernet.net](mailto:cj_cj@frontiernet.net)  
and VP 541-592-5312

# DSSO Meeting and Game Night Schedule

February 9, 4 p.m.

Southern Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Center

Holly Street

## 4 p.m. - DSSO Meeting starts

There will be discussions about current and future events.

## 6 p.m. - Dinner Potluck

Dinner Potluck Rules:

**NO JUNK FOODS (CHIPS, CRACKERS, BAG SNACKS)**

**DINNERS AND SIDE DISHES ENOUGH FOR 5 OR SO PEOPLE**

Dinners are casseroles, stews/soups, main dishes, oven baked dishes

Side dishes are vegetables and fruits (cooked or cold)

Desserts permitted only with dinner or side dish (cookies and cakes)

**We will enforce the above rule.**

We will provide the extension cords for your crockpots, slow cookers and/or warming trays.

We will sell sodas and water for 50¢ each.

**YOU CANNOT USE LIONS CENTER KITCHEN AT ALL**

## 7 p.m. - Game Night - Bunco

Entry fee: \$6 per person (\$1 and \$5 please - that goes into prize fund)

For information, please contact Bill Drobkiewicz at [drobkiewicz@gmail.com](mailto:drobkiewicz@gmail.com)

or Dennis Ross at VP 541-664-5765

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 March 15, 2008</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></p> <p>and Linda Guerrero</p> <p>Every 4th Saturday 5 p.m. to close February 23, 2008</p>
<p>Rogue Valley Deaf Coffee News</p> <p>The Rogue Valley Mall Deaf Coffee and Chat will not happen in February.</p> <p>February 16 is cancelled because DSSO will have its annual Valentines Day Party on that day.</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 February 8, 2008</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>

# DSSO Valentines Day Party

February 16

Entry time - 5 p.m.

Dinner - 6 p.m.

Party starts - 7 p.m.

Lions Sight and Hearing Center

Holly Street (parking on Grape; behind the Center)

Medford

## Admission fees:

### Members

Single: \$5

Couple: \$7

Note: if parents bring their 18 years or older child, that child will pay \$5 while parents pay \$7

Note: if parents bring a child under 18 years old, only parents will pay \$7; child will be free

### Non members

Single: \$7

Couple: \$9

Note: if parents bring their 18 years or older child, that child will pay \$7 while parents pay \$9

Note: if parents bring a child under 18 years old, only parents will pay \$9; child will be free

DSSO will provide cold cuts, soda pop and water

Be **SURE** to wear **red**, **pink** and/or **purple** shirts (your pants are up to you)

There will be games and 50/50 raffle

## Event Chairpersons:

Janice Van Domelen - [jicvand@charter.net](mailto:jicvand@charter.net)

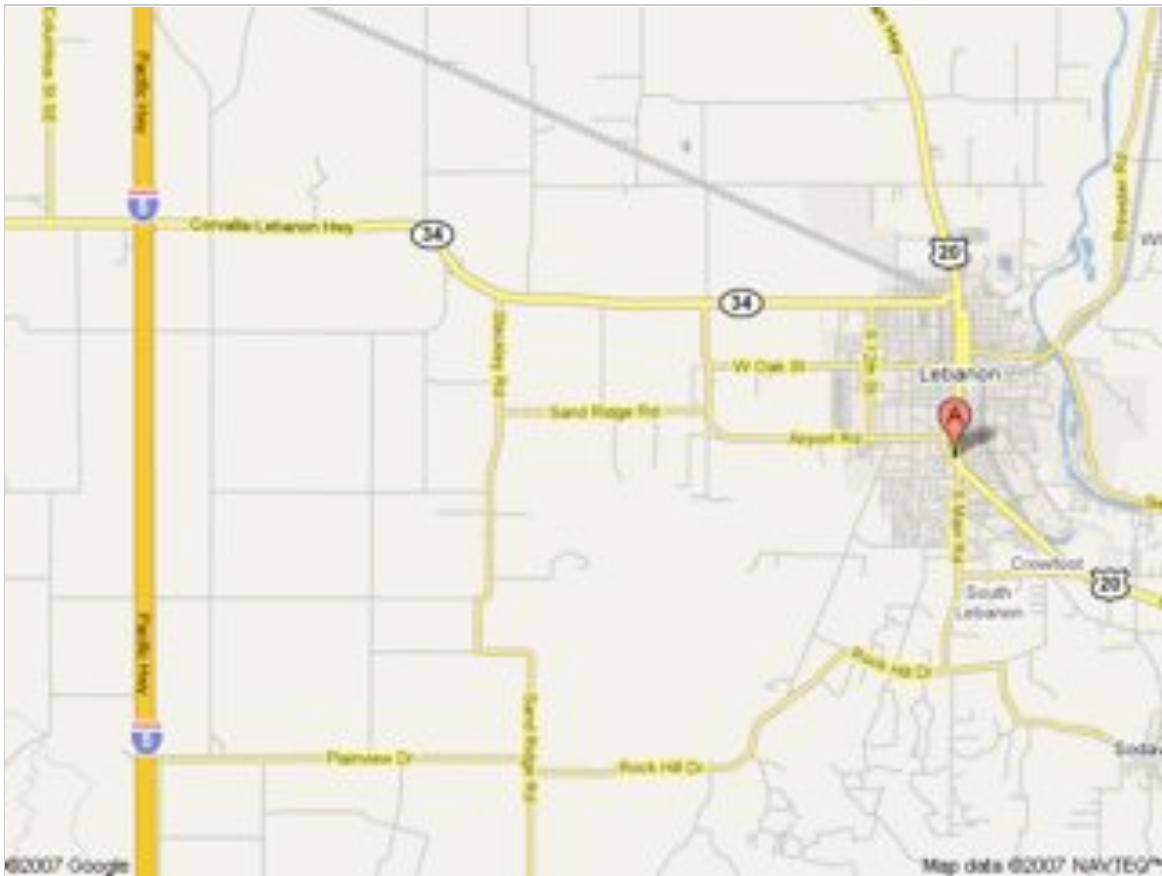
Dennis Ross - [dennisnedie@charter.net](mailto:dennisnedie@charter.net) or 541-664-5765 VP



Results 1-1 of about  
**2,002** for **Linn Lanes,**  
near **Lebanon, OR**  
**97355**

Notes STARTS AT 1 P.M.!  
Feb. 2  
I-5 to Highway 34 to  
Highway 20/Main  
Street, near South  
2nd Street/South Main  
Street

A. **Linn Lanes** Bowling Center  
2250 S Main Rd, Lebanon, OR  
(541) 451-3900



**BRIDGES TO COMMUNICATION**  
**OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**  
*Residential Service Protection Fund*

**OTAP** \* OREGON TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
**TDAP** \* TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICES ACCESS PROGRAM

**NEED HELP PAYING YOUR MONTHLY PHONE BILL? CONTACT OTAP:**  
Oregonians who are on a qualifying assistance program may receive a reduction in their monthly bill for local residential telephone service.

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

**HAVING TROUBLE OR UNABLE TO COMMUNICATE BY TELEPHONE? CONTACT TDAP:**  
Loans specialized telecommunication equipment at no cost and with no income restrictions to eligible Oregonians who are deaf, hearing, vision, speech and mobility (upper extremities) impaired.

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



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Download or complete applications at [www.rspf.org](http://www.rspf.org)

**Southern Oregon ESD  
Job Description**

**TITLE:** Shared Reading Project Tutor – Deaf/Hard of Hearing

**POSITION GOAL:** Train and tutor families to read stories to their deaf/hard of hearing children in American Sign Language.

**ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:**

1. Schedule and maintain appointments with families.
2. Model and train parents to read children’s books in American Sign Language using the 15 principals of effective booksharing as provided in the Shared Reading Project.
3. Provide positive feedback and appropriate instructional assistance to families.
4. Expand families’ linguistic repertoire of American Sign Language.
5. Select, deliver and follow checkout procedures for Shared Reading project (SRP) family bookbags.
6. Complete required documentation within established timelines.
7. Assist families in learning about Deaf culture in an impartial manner.
8. Communicate clearly and regularly with SRP coordinator and DHH teachers regarding family progress and concerns.
9. Participate in SRP training and meetings.
10. Adhere to all rules and protocol regarding confidentiality of students and families.
11. Establish and maintain cooperative working relationships with families and team members.
12. Comply with Southern Oregon ESD rules and policies.
13. Perform physical requirements unaided or with the assistance of reasonable accommodation.
14. Perform job-related tasks as designated by supervisor.

**MINIMUM PREREQUISITES:**

1. High school diploma, GED or have prior successful experience as a tutor.
2. Fluent in ASL/Sign Language.
3. Current driver’s license and proof of vehicle insurance.
4. Reliable automobile for traveling to family homes.

**LENGTH OF POSITION:** Temporary

**SALARY:** Per Classified Salary Schedule

**IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR:** SRP Site Coordinator/Teacher of the deaf and hard of hearing

SHARED READING PROJECT TUTOR, Program for Deaf and Hard of Hearing - A part-time position with Southern Oregon ESD (1-3 hours/week) to train and tutor families to read stories to their deaf/hard of hearing children in American Sign Language. High school diploma, GED or have prior successful experience as a SRP tutor; fluent in ASL/Sign Language; reliable auto for traveling to family homes. \$12/hour DOE. For an application visit <http://www.soesd.k12.or.us/> or 101 N. Grape St., Medford, OR 97501 or call 776-8591.

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