

DENNIS ROSS HONORED BY DEAF COMMUNITY

Dennis Ross, outgoing DSSO President, receives his plaque at DSSO Annual Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner.

DSSO had its annual Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner on November 20th. According to event chairpersons and DSSO officers, at least 80 persons attended and brought dishes to share with others.

The event chairpersons, Bob Coleman, Bob Schultz and Janice VanDomelen, would like to thank all of the attendees, volunteers, Edie Ross (for running the bake/craft auction) and clean up crew for making this one of more successful events.

The bake/craft auction earned about \$400 to be used for next month's Christmas party. That was very good amount for the auction.

During a break after the potluck dinner, Dennis Ross got a big surprise of his life - an appreciation of his service to the deaf community.

Janice VanDomelen was the master of ceremonies for this special event. She started with some

comments about a mystery person before introducing Dennis Ross. Ms. VanDomelen gave the floor to Sheila Schatz, former DSSO Secretary, who explained a bit about Dennis' humor and leadership.

Then John Babbitt, DSSO founder and center director, took the floor to explain about DSSO history and how DSSO is currently set up. Then he talked about Dennis' involvement and commitment to the deaf community and to DSSO.

Bill Drobkiewicz, former DSSO Vice President, discussed how he and Dennis worked together over 10 years that Bill was Vice President.

He then wrapped the speech up by giving Dennis Ross the plaque. Mr. Ross then said thank you and made some comments about importance of the community.

After this, Ms. VanDomelen gave the floor to some persons like Frank Carreon who wanted to share their appreciation and sense of community.

Dennis Ross' term ends this year as he had to resign from his position due to personal reasons.



Dennis Ross honored

The plaque says "In appreciation of Service to the Rogue Valley Deaf Community for over 13 years

Dennis L. Ross

1997 - 2010"

Gwen Aguilar, Dennis Ross' daughter, sent this to DSSO Newsletter:

Hello all my dear friends and family,
I want to thank you all so much for honoring my dad on November 20. I want to apologize for not standing up and give speech, but I was emotional watching my dad step down as president. It was hard for me. So now I want to tell you all how I feel.
I agree with Frank (Carreon). Oregon deaf are so amazing for accepting everyone. I came from California and when I first arrived here, my heart was hard against deaf because my family was not accepted in California due to my dad marrying my mom who was hearing (we did not find out that my mom was hard of hearing until much later) so my brother and I were outsiders in the deaf world.
Then we all move here, and I remember Roquel (Wilson) coming over to my mom's house and inviting us all go to the deaf club. My brother and I were shocked. We went and all of you were so nice to us. For the first time, I felt accepted. You all welcomed and love us so much that you make my family be a part of your family.
For many years in California, my dad tried and tried to be involved with deaf community and, yes, he has few good friends there. But here my dad finds more; he finally

finds "deaf family" he was looking for so long.
Everyone know I want to move back home someday, but you all need to know how much you are my family. God blessed us for moving to Oregon and meeting all of you. No matter where God send me or keep me here, I will love you all forever.
Love you all and God Bless everyone
Gwen Aguilar

At the November 13th DSSO meeting, Dennis Ross announced his resignation and opened the position to nominations.
Missy VanDomelen did not want to run for Treasurer again.
This year, we will elect persons to these offices: President (special - 1 year), Vice President (regular term - 2 years) and Treasurer (regular term - 2 years).
The current nominees are:
President:
Bob Coleman
Dean Darling
Bill Drobkiewicz

Vice President:
Bob Coleman
Dean Darling

Treasurer:
Sheila Schatz

The nominations are still open. If you are interested in running for these offices, please let us know. You can contact us at info@dssso.org or any current officer or trustee in person.
The current officers are:
President: vacant/empty
Vice President: Dean Darling
Treasurer: Missy VanDomelen
Secretary: Jacque Wattles
Trustees are:
Dennis Kane
Tami Carreon
Bill Drobkiewicz

The officer elections are on December 11 after the Christmas party (1 p.m. to 4 p.m.).
The place for both elections and Christmas party is Southern Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Center at 228 North Holly in Medford. Please park on Grape behind the Center. Please come to the elections as we need your votes as DSSO members. And be sure to check the flyer for details on the Christmas party.

Ken Bell, deaf pastor, wants to announce that Rogue Valley Deaf Christian Fellowship (in Grants Pass) will host Lovefeast Potluck on Dec. 18th at 3 p.m.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Hanukkah begins at sundown	2 Hanukkah	3	4 SOBAD - Albany
5	6	7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	8	9	10	11 Christmas Party/DSSO elections
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 DCC
19	20 Newsletter sent out today	21 Winter begins	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day
26 Kwanzaa begins	27	28	29	30	31 New Year 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 Janice VanDomelen, Event Coordinator, at jicvand@charter.net.

Events and Upcoming Events

December

No deaf pizza night for December

December 4th - Southern Oregon Bowling Association for the Deaf - flyer/map

December 11th - Christmas Party; 1 to 4 p.m., Lions Center

December 11th - DSSO officer elections, after Christmas Party; Lions Center

December 18th - Lovefeast Potluck; 3 p.m., Rogue Valley Deaf Christian Fellowship (Grants Pass)

December 18th - DCC - Rogue Valley Mall from 5 p.m. to close

January

January 8th - Southern Oregon Bowling Association for the Deaf - flyer/map

January 8th - Deaf Women's Prayer Walk - Rogue Valley Mall Starbucks; 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

January 8th - DSSO meeting; 5 p.m. Lions Center - **may move to another date**

January 15th - DCC - Rogue Valley Mall from 5 p.m. to close

January 22nd - Pizza Night - Abby's Pizza on Riverside (Highway 99 at Barnett Road); 5 p.m. to close

February

Valentines Day party in planning stages

February 5th - Southern Oregon Bowling Association for the Deaf - flyer/map

February 19th - DCC - Rogue Valley Mall from 5 p.m. to close

February 26th - Pizza Night - Abby's Pizza on Riverside (Highway 99 at Barnett Road); 5 p.m. to close

Children's Halloween Party

On October 23rd, DSSO hosted a Halloween party just for kids. The party was small, but the kids had a lot of fun with friends, food and games.

The winners are:

Costume contest:

Age infant to 3 years

1st: Angela Summers - Batrilla
(a combination of bat and Cinderella)

2nd: Audrey Duskey - Butterfly

3rd: Zythen Schatz - Giraffe

Age 4 to 7 years

1st: Caleb Duskey - Ninja

2nd: Summer Carreon - Candy
Corn Witch

3rd: Evan Duskey - Transformers

Age 8 to teen

1st: Jayda Ross - Spiderwoman

2nd: Jessica Ross - Boxer

3rd: Priscilla Schatz - Scarlet

Games and Contests:

Poster Witch Tack

Summer Carreon

Word game

Jessica Ross

Coloring Contest

Summer Carreon

Adults' Halloween Party

DSSO also hosted a Halloween party just for adults. The party was great with a lot of fun, food and friends.

The winners are:

Costume Contest:

1st: John Knight

2nd: Dennis Kane

Game Winners:

Candy Guessing

Dean Darling

Spoon Frog

Joey Snodgrass

Can Chandelier

(Can Stacking Game)

Jenny Knight

DSSO Membership

Please do not forget that we changed our membership due date from June to January.

For those who paid after June 2010, the dues paid will be good for 2011 membership year.

We are enclosing the membership form to encourage new members. We would love to have you participate in running DSSO.

Special Advocacy Workshop

The Rogue Valley Council of Governments will have a special advocacy workshop.

The workshop will help you learn how to communicate more effectively with city council members and state legislators.

This workshop will have materials and handouts as well.

A lot of organizations, including RVCOG, are concerned about possible cuts to budgets related to seniors, disabled and community.

RVCOG will provide an interpreter for the workshop. The location is Rogue Valley Council of Governments, Conference Room at 155 North 1st Street in Central Point.

You can RSVP to Connie at 541-423-2383 or

csaldana@rvcog.org.

We hope to see you there if you are interested.

We at DSSO would like to wish you Happy Holidays! Stay safe and warm!

DSSO Membership New/Renewal Form

All membership fees are due every January 20th

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 between January 1st and January 18th. We are giving you two (2) days to renew by mail so that your completed form can arrive in our mailbox on January 20th. It is a flat rate per year. If you pay now before January 20th then you are good until next January 20th.

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,

Missy VanDomelen, DSSO Treasurer

% Deaf Services of Southern Oregon

PO Box 4535

Medford, OR 97501

DATE: _____

YEAR: 2011 - 2012

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 JANUARY 20TH**

OVER 55 (\$7.00 PER PERSON): _____ **DUE JANUARY 20TH**

NO CHECKS ACCEPTED

CASH: _____

MONEY ORDER: _____

TOTAL: _____

DO NOT WRITE BELOW- DSSO OFFICERS ONLY

Treasurer/Secretary - Receive Date:

B = 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____

C = \$10.00 _____ \$7.00 _____ CASH MONEY ORDER

Notes/Comments:

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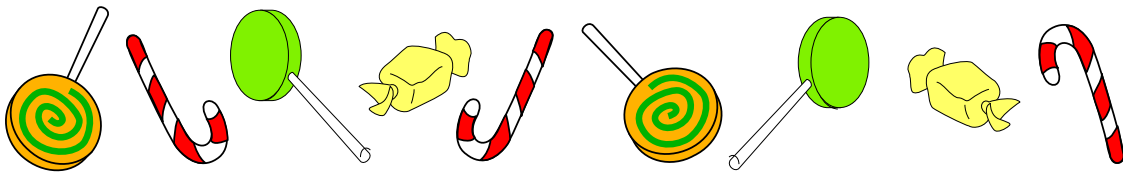
Santa's Comin' to town!

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 Holly Street, Medford OR
(Park behind the Center on Grape)
Date: Saturday, December 11
Time: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Fun and Games for kids of all ages
Fun crafts for all kids
Cake, dessert and fruit punch provided

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

***DSSO will provide cake, dessert and fruit punch.

Event chairpersons: Missy VanDomelen, Joelle Morgan, Sheila Schatz, Stephanie Blunkall and Jacque Wattles. Email: Santa@dssso.org.***



**THANK YOU!! JOY AND HUGS
FROM SANTA CLAUS**

Free Training
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Legislative Advocacy 101
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As we prepare for a session of the Oregon Legislature that may result in cuts of 20% or more to direct services to the people we serve, consider sending staff and advisory board members to this informative basic training and/or attending, yourself. Advocacy will be more critical than ever this year.

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

1:30-3:30 p.m.

Rogue Valley Council of Governments

Conference Room

155 N. 1st St., Central Point

- ☒ Learn the basics of how to communicate effectively with your legislators—at home and in Salem—and other helpful tips.
- ☒ Discuss a brief overview of the main issues impacting services to seniors and people with disabilities as we go into the 2011 session.
- ☒ Receive a free advocacy manual that covers the range of advocacy strategies in depth.

Please RSVP to 542-423-2383 or csaldana@rvcog.org

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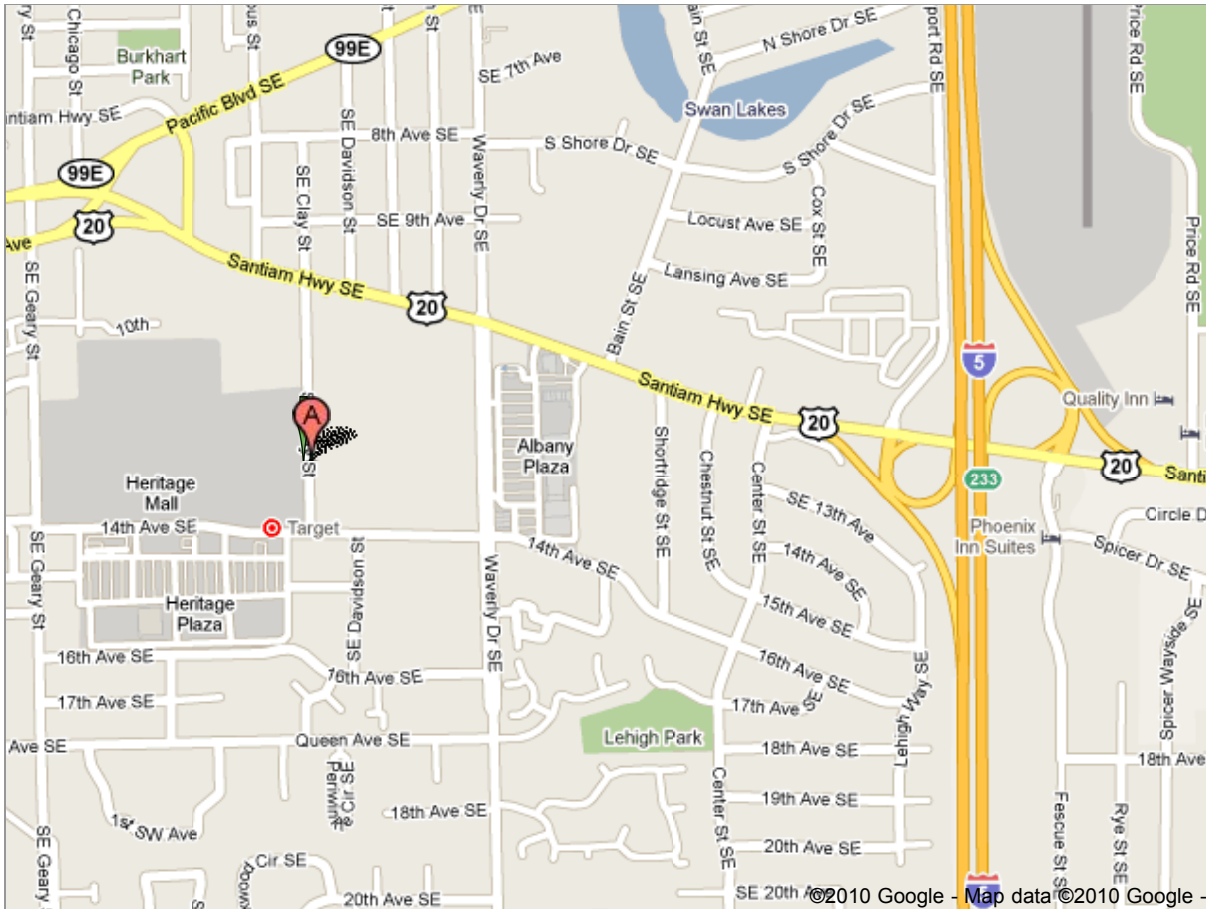


Albany Lanes, near 1245 SE Clay St, Albany, Notes
Linn, Oregon 97322

SOBAD, December 4 at noon
Highway 20/Santiam Hwy to east
Turn left onto Clay

A. AMF Albany Lanes

1245 Clay St SE, Albany, OR -
(541) 926-2185 - 0.1 ft N
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Erin Wasserman and her deaf/hard of hearing students would like to thank you for coming to the spaghetti fundraiser dinner on November 13!

This event was a lot of fun, with friends, food and conversation.

With your help, we were able to raise some money toward plane tickets and expenses for our Brain Bowl trip to Gallaudet University in Washington D.C.

If you wish to make further donations to help my students, please contact Erin at 541-494-6360, VP 866-326-9608 or

Erin.Wasserman@district6.org.

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

Rogue Valley Deaf Christian Fellowship
Pastor Ken Bell
922 West Harbeck Road
Grants Pass OR

Every Saturday Deaf Service 3 p.m.
Every Tuesday Bible study 6 p.m.

First Saturdays every month- Rouge Coffee Roasters (Coffee Fellowship) at 12 to 2 p.m. G Street and 4th in Grants Pass.

Medford:
Rogue Valley Fellowship church
Pastor Ken Bell
2399 South Pacific Highway
Medford, Or.

Every Thursday Bible Study 6 p.m.
They will provide children in daycare and/or class start at 10 a.m.
Every Sunday Deaf Service 10:30 a.m.

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

You are warmly invited to the following Bible education programs held 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: check with us

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

No collections

For questions or free home Bible Studies contact;
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