

# DSSO NEWSLETTER

## Community Info

*Game Night Info; events, news and announcements*

DSSO will have Game Night on April 16 at 5 p.m. The place is Lions Sight and Hearing Center on Holly Street (parking behind the Center on Grape).

There will be dinner potluck (no junk food!) and we will sell soda and water for 50¢ each. There will be 50/50 fundraising raffle as well.

Entry fee is \$6 per person and the games are Bunco and Polish poker. If you do not know what these games are, we can show you how to play these.

Check the enclosed flyer for Game Night. Contact Dennis Ross if you have questions.

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Christian Men's Retreat

April 8 to 10; Tacoma, WA. \$115 per person; Deadline is March 31. Contact John Babbitt for further info.

Christian Family Retreat

May 20 to 22; Glendale, OR. \$85 per adult, \$55 per child under 15 years old and child under 5 years

old free. Deadline not provided. Contact John Babbitt for further info - [babbittje@gmail.com](mailto:babbittje@gmail.com).

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Sheila Schatz, chairperson for kids fair is looking for six (6) more volunteers to fill up positions. She would appreciate more than 6 volunteers as well. If interested, contact her at [cinderellashine@gmail.com](mailto:cinderellashine@gmail.com).

Penny drive is still filling until May 7<sup>th</sup>. Current list - all containers are one gallon:

Stephanie Blunkall - ¼ full

Cody Schatz - ¼ full

Jacque Wattles - ¼ full

John Babbitt - empty

Dennis Kane - ¼ full

Joelle Morgan - ½ full

unnamed person - less than ¼ full

If you want to join, contact Sheila Schatz at [cinderellashine@gmail.com](mailto:cinderellashine@gmail.com). The prize is now a gift certificate for the amount of 10% of all earnings.

### Special Announcement from DSSO President

Dean Darling resigned from the position of Vice President due to personal reasons.

Bobby Coleman, DSSO President, announced a special election to fill the open position. This special election will be on April 16, at 4 p.m. at the Lions Center.

There will be nominations and then election at that time. Please come to this special election at 4 p.m. on April 16. We need as many members as we can so that the election will be fair.

Special Election for Vice President, April 16 at 4 p.m. Lions Center.

### MEL IRVIN - SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER ON SOCIAL SECURITY AND WORK ISSUES

Mel Irvin will come to the Rogue Valley on May 15. He will give presentations on May 16 and 17 to different groups like Vocational Rehabilitation counselors, caregivers, disabled persons and non profit organizations.

There will be a deaf/hard of hearing special presentation on May 16 at 7 p.m. The location is not

determined yet, but the presentation dates are confirmed. We are enclosing Mr. Irvin's advertising flyer.

DSSO is the main sponsor of this event. For further info, contact either Roquel Wilson or Bill Drobkiewicz at [outreach@dssso.org](mailto:outreach@dssso.org).

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 April Fools' Day	2 SOBAD - Grants Pass
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Pear Blossom Parade
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Game Night/ V.P. election
17 Palm Sunday	18	19	20	21	22 Good Friday	23 Pizza Night
24 Easter	25 Newsletter out today	26	27	28	29	30 Women with Wings concert

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](mailto:jicvand@charter.net).

Events and Upcoming Events • OSF = Oregon Shakespeare Festival • DCC = Deaf Coffee Chat  
April

April 2<sup>nd</sup> - Southern Oregon Bowling Association for the Deaf

April 9<sup>th</sup> - Pear Blossom Parade

April 16<sup>th</sup> - Deaf Women's Prayer Walk - Rogue Valley Mall Starbucks; 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

April 16<sup>th</sup> - Game Night with bunco and Polish poker; 5 p.m. Lions - **DCC canceled & V.P. election**

April 23<sup>rd</sup> - Pizza Night - Abby's Pizza on Riverside (Highway 99 at Barnett Road); 5 p.m. to close

May

May 7<sup>th</sup> - Southern Oregon Bowling Association for the Deaf - awards dinner

May 14<sup>th</sup> - DSSO Meeting; 4 p.m. Lions Center - last meeting for the summer

May 21<sup>st</sup> - DCC - Rogue Valley Mall from 5 p.m. to close

May 21<sup>st</sup> - Horseshoes Tournament

May 27<sup>th</sup> - *Measure for Measure*, OSF: 8 p.m.

May 28<sup>th</sup> - *August: Osage County*, OSF: 8 p.m.

May 28<sup>th</sup> - Pizza Night - Abby's Pizza on Riverside (Highway 99 at Barnett Road); 5 p.m. to close

May 29<sup>th</sup> - *To Kill a Mockingbird*, OSF: 1:30 p.m.

June

June 11<sup>th</sup> - Bill Smith Memorial Trout Derby at Diamond Lake

June 18<sup>th</sup> - DCC - Rogue Valley Mall from 5 p.m. to close • June 25<sup>th</sup> - Pizza Night - Abby's Pizza on Riverside (Highway 99 at Barnett Road); 5 p.m. to close - LAST DAY

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## WOMEN WITH WINGS CONCERT WILL BE INTERPRETED FOR THE DEAF

by Gail Summerville

You are cordially invited to the Annual Women With Wings concert on Saturday, April 30, at the First Presbyterian Church on the corner of Siskiyou and Walker St. in Ashland. Doors open at 6:30 for the 7 p.m. concert. Suggested donation (not required) is \$10-\$15 (no one will miss this opportunity because of being on a tight budget.)

Women With Wings was started in 1995 by women drawn together by their love of singing, and their desire to share songs of peace and justice with the broader community. At that time the choir decided to follow Holly Near's model of having her concerts ASL interpreted.

The name of the choir comes from the lyrics of two songs, "There's a river of birds in migration, a nation of women with wings" and "I keep wanting to spread my arms, wide like wings, breathe deep and sing for my life, sing for the earth, sing, sing, sing."

The group performs at various community events, such as the Annual National Aids Awareness Day. Many in the choir and audience find that the beauty, harmony and fun they experience in the music enriches their daily lives.

To ensure proper reserved seating and arrange for your ticket, please email or call Gail Summerville at [serenecedars@gmail.com](mailto:serenecedars@gmail.com) or 541-855-9930 (Please use relay service). We need to know if you need ASL interpreter as soon as possible.

## VRI AND INTERPRETING NOTES

The VRI committee is still working on the Providence interpreting issue. The committee is now taking steps to help with this situation. The committee will work with Providence on making a budget case for VRI and interpreting. If you want to know more about the committee and its activities, please contact Bill Drobkiewicz, lead facilitator of the committee at [outreach@dssso.org](mailto:outreach@dssso.org) or [info@dssso.org](mailto:info@dssso.org).

Also, if you are having problems with getting an interpreter or keeping communication access in the Rogue Valley, please contact Bill Drobkiewicz at the same addresses above.

Email is the first step in getting started - Bill will arrange a VP appointment through email. There are several steps in resolving the interpreter problem and these take time. Also, these steps are required as part of reporting and documentation. Be aware that Bill is working with Rosemary DiSiervi at Disability Rights Oregon on this issue.

## SPECIAL SURVEY - ASL VIDEOS - HOW YOU USE 9-1-1 TO MAKE EMERGENCY CALLS

This is a good time to get your needs met whether you sign or lip read or both. Deadline to fill this survey is April 24. The survey with ASL videos is at <http://fcc.eaac.sgizmo.com/s3>. <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/dro/EAAC> is the main page explaining the survey and new committee working to improve how we use 9-1-1 system.

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**Caveman Bowl**, near 1230 Rogue River Hwy, Grants Pass, Josephine, Oregon 97527

Notes SOBAD; April 2, 1 p.m.  
Exit 55 to 199 West to 99  
Left on 99/Rogue River Hwy.

**A. Caveman Bowl**

1230 Rogue River Highway, Grants Pass, OR  
- (541) 479-2311 - 0.1 ft N  
9 reviews

**B. Cardtronics ATM (inside the Caveman Bowl)**

1230 Rogue River Highway, Grants Pass, OR  
- 0.1 ft N



# Game Night and Potluck

April 16 (Saturday) - 5 p.m.

Lions Sight and Hearing Center

Holly Street (parking behind Center on Grape)

Entry fee - \$6 per person

Bunco & Polish Poker



We can show you how to play these games.



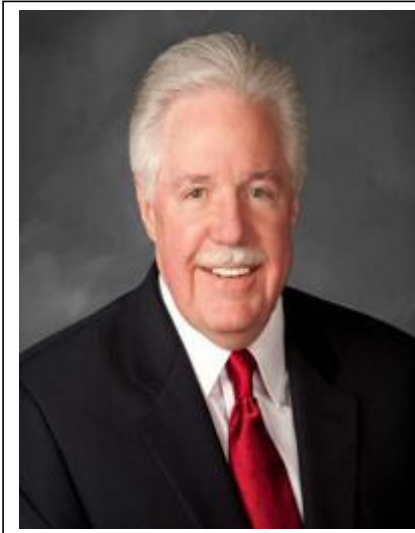
Dinner Potluck - no junk foods like potato or corn chips or candy - good food and enough for 5 or so persons

Soda and water - 50¢ each

50/50 fundraising raffle before 9 p.m.

For further info, contact Dennis Ross, event chairperson, on VP or email. Or contact DSSO at [info@dssso.org](mailto:info@dssso.org)

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## **SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY BENEFITS**

### **EXPERT REPRESENTATION**

**Mel Irvin, President  
Melvin E. Irvin Disability Representative Inc  
(408) 247-7538**

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**Newsletter Policy:** Deadline: Last Sunday every month. Exactly 6 p.m. is the closing time for the newsletter. We will publish on last Monday every month.

Contact the newsletter at (541) 245-2549 (voice/TTY) or [newsletter@dssso.org](mailto:newsletter@dssso.org)

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**Subscription Information:** If you wish to subscribe to the Newsletter, you will need to pay the \$20 subscription fee. Mail the \$20 fee to the above Newsletter address. For more information, contact either Bill Drobkiewicz or Bobby Coleman. All subscriptions renew every August. **Contact us if you move or have a new address. Please!**

**Advertising Policy:** Advertising in the newsletter is \$10 per month. A year's worth of advertising is \$100 (two months free). Advertisements can be text, flyer or a combination of both. Any pictures or photos must be camera-ready as we use a printer and a scanner. You can send the monies and advertising to the above Newsletter address.

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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.

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

Every Sunday Bible Study 9:45 a.m.  
Be sure to show up at 9:30 a.m.  
They will provide children in daycare and/or class start at 10 a.m.  
Every Sunday Deaf Service 11:00 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; Rick Sutherland 541-227-4402 or [medfordslc@gmail.com](mailto:medfordslc@gmail.com)

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