Greetings Everyone!

Hope everyone is enjoying the months of May & June along with graduation, weddings, gardening, and other things that you will may be busy!

I flew to Washington DC on April 30, May 1, and 2. This is my first time in Washington DC, I went to several sight seeing locations in a short time and it was an interesting experience! I went there for Early Hearing Detection & Intervention Community of Learners; Leadership to Advance and Sustain Cultural & Linguistic Competence in Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Programs. There is five states along with Guam; California, Iowa, New Jersey, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. This is the purpose of learning different cultures and languages and we are learning from each other. We will have webinar each month and write journal daily and share the experience and concerns to understand the culture differences.

I wrote a formal letter to Mr. Clancy, Iowa School for the Deaf and Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School to set up an ISD Advisory Board with IAD Board, Nebraska Association of the Deaf Board, parents of deaf children, one of Iowa Board of Regents Representatives, and Deaf community on how to establish a better mode of communication between the school and the Deaf community. I am starting this Wednesday, May 9th and will continue possibility quarterly or twice a year.

I went to Deaf Services Commission of Iowa (DSCI) meeting last Saturday, May 5th and it was a good meeting then I asked the DSCI Commissioner and the Deaf community to come to discuss the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Educational Bill of Rights. There were many concerns and discussion. For now, we will work on a draft bill and I will be a facilitator to receive comments and stories that anyone can send to me. We will have another meeting on August 4th after the DSCI meeting to discuss more. I plan to ask Iowa Hands & Voices to be involve as well to involve the parents of deaf and hard of hearing child. The parents of deaf and hard of hearing child are extremely important to get involved with the bill.

The 6th Annual Poker Tournament was success! I went and play and to my surprise that I made to 5th place. Several people came from Minnesota, Kansas, and Illinois. I want to applaud Ricky Miksell and the committee for their hard work to make this tournament a success!

Don't forget that we will have IAD Board of Director's meeting on May 19 at Iowa City with doors open at 8 am and meeting starts at 9 am. Please see the flyer and check the iowadeaf.com website.

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IAD Board of Directors’ Regular Meeting

Saturday May 19, 2012

Door opens at 8 a.m.

Meeting starts at 9 a.m.

The meeting is hosted by Cedar Rapids Association of the Deaf.

The meeting is to be held at:
Johnson County Fairground
3109 Old Highway 218 South

Texas Hold’em Poker Tournament News

By Ricky Miksell, Chairperson

Last May 5th, 2012, Ricky Miksell of Des Moines hosted 6th Annual Texas Hold’em Poker Tournament. It was held at Smokey Saloon in Des Moines, IA. Tim Teff from Des Moines won the tournament and the runner up was Rick Miksell from Des Moines. There were 8 ladies play poker! The event was successful because of a larger crowd. They had a wonderful time! We had a record high of 41 poker players: 24 from Iowa, 2 from Illinois, 6 from Missouri, 8 from Kansas and 1 from Nebraska.

There were lots of fans too WOW!

Thanks to some players who set up the place. They are good team workers!

We all had great times. I believe that we will host again next year. Next Texas Hold’em Poker Tournament’s date and site will be announced later.

Here are the results:

1st Tim Teff (Des Moines, IA) $560
2nd Ricky Miksell (Des Moines, IA) $280
3rd Paul Crump (Grayslake, Ill) $110
4th Kevin Clift (Johnson, IA) $85
5th Kathy Miller (Honey Creek, IA) $70
6th Richard Edwards (Olathe, KS) $60
7th Philip Schnackel (Ankeny, IA) $50
8th Kevin Meyer (Fulton, MO) $40

The top 3 winner of Best High Hand were:

1st Paul Crump QQQQ ($175)
2nd Michael Brady AAA77 ($100)
3rd Tim Teff AAA33 ($50)

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL POKER PLAYERS!
News from the NAD

The National Association of the Deaf (NAD) has planned a wonderful conference schedule for the 51st Biennial NAD Conference in Louisville, Kentucky on July 3-7, 2012 with special emphasis on protecting education for deaf and hard of hearing children and enhancing our political skills.

“This year’s theme, ‘Nothing About Us, Without Us,’ is so important in today’s political world. Many decisions are made about the future of the deaf community without our input. This must change. We must be involved in the political process and with decisions affecting the education and welfare of our deaf and hard of hearing children,” said NAD President Bobbie Beth Scoggins.

Politics and deaf education are the central focus of 2012 NAD Conference. A dedicated track of workshops from Wednesday, July 4 through Friday, July 6 is devoted to educating and training individuals to become effective educational advocates for their respective states and schools for the deaf. This training will enable all educational advocates to return home and train other deaf and hard of hearing people and allies to become educational advocates as well.

More importantly, our keynote and plenary presenters will share critical information on the best way to carry out our organization’s mission and uphold the theme of this year’s Conference. On July 3 at 4 pm, World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) President Colin Allen will provide a keynote presentation covering the latest developments in deaf education throughout the world at the Opening Ceremonies. He will describe our community’s involvement in the political process on national and international levels and how we can collaborate with the WFD to promote quality education for all deaf children everywhere.

Dr. Ronald J. Stern, New Mexico School for the Deaf Superintendent and President of the Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf (CEASD) will provide a plenary presentation on Wednesday July 4 at 3:45 pm. He will discuss the status of deaf education in the United States and outline the steps we must take to protect the future of deaf children through the Child First campaign, a joint partnership between the CEASD and NAD to amend federal laws in order to ensure a more appropriate education for each deaf and hard of hearing child.

Then on July 6 at 3:45 pm, South Dakota Governor Dennis Daugaard will explain how our community can become more involved in the political process. Mr. Daugaard became the Governor in 2011, and was the Lieutenant Governor from 2003 to 2011. From 1997 to 2003, he was a South Dakota State Senator. Governor Daugaard is the son of deaf adults, and he worked as an interpreter many years ago. His experience in both the deaf community and the political process provides him with unique in-
sights into how we can position ourselves to be part of the decision-making and the political system.

All three 51st Biennial NAD Conference presenters will provide us with critical information and strategies necessary to become a stronger part of the political system. Some question the choices for plenary presenters of the NAD for this conference, and we acknowledge the merits of these disagreements. There are always many reasons for us to avoid new approaches to changing and improving our political position. We believe our community should face the opposition and push for change.

“While there may be some disagreements, the deaf community can agree on what needs to be done for deaf education and for our rights throughout everyday life. We can only achieve true equality if we are united and become politically savvy in advancing our civil, human and linguistic rights,” said NAD CEO Howard A. Rosenblum.

Come to the NAD Conference in Louisville, Kentucky on July 3-7, 2012 and join us achieving our ideal of “Nothing About Us, Without Us!” For more information about the 2012 NAD Conference, visit: www.nad.org/louisville

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Riverview Park
Community Building
402 Woodland Bldg (HWY 14 No.)
Marshalltown, Iowa
June 9, 2012

Open at 10 am to 5 pm

Hosted by IAD Board

We will grill outside:

Potluck:
Please to bring dishes so we can share with each other!

Admission:
Single - $6.00
Couple - $10.00
Family - $15.00

One Minute to Win Games
1 - 4 p.m.

Not Responsible for any injuries or accidents

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Conference
2012
Come Celebrate
In Style!
Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Many events will happen in one day into evening: Meeting, Workshops, Visiting with your friends, Playing games and a well-known Keynote Speaker!

Lunch and Dinner! All for $55 per person!
Deadline: Sept. 1, 2012

James Potter, President of the Deaf Seniors of America as our Featured Speaker!

Any questions or for more information, please contact William Zimmerman, Chairman by calling VP: 866-948-1550 or e-mailing: wz90957@gmail.com

Doors open at 9:00 AM

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Phone: 563/557-8000
Fax: 563/557-7692
Toll Free Reservations: 800-336-4392

Special Rate is $89.99 dollars plus tax per night ($10.00 per person for each additional in the room) The deadline to make the reservation for this discounted rate is August 12,

Send a money order or check to Iowa Deaf Senior Citizens Conference, Barbara Zimmerman, 22591–150th Ave., Monticello, IA 52310-8023

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

May 19th - IAD Board of Directors Meeting at Iowa City (location and flyer will be announced later)

May 25 - ISD Graduation

June 9th - Marshalltown Picnic

July 2-8 - NAD Conference at Louisville, KY

October 5 - Deaf Community Forum with Mr. Patrick Clancy, Superintendent of Iowa School for the Deaf (Place at ISD and time will be announced later)

October 6 - ISD Homecoming

October - IAD Board of Director's Meeting hosted by NCCD (date and location will be announced later)

Deaf Capitol Day on March 5, 2013.

2013 IAD Conference on July 25, 26, and 27 (location will be announced later)

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