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ACDHH Weekly Update - Tuesday, May 9, 2017

Good afternoon! Here are some of the most relevant news stories and up-to-date events concerning people who are Deaf, Deaf-Blind and Hard of Hearing in the state of Arizona.

Better Hearing and Speech Month

May is Better Speech and Hearing Month

This week we get to know Heidi Lovato. Heidi is the co-leader of the HLAA Arizona Working Adults chapter. In this video and column, Heidi shares her journey as a person with hearing loss and her poignant experience as a hard of hearing person in the workplace. Her story is one of acceptance, hope, and perseverance. We hope you enjoy meeting Heidi and learning how she has adjusted to her hearing loss. Click [here](#) for the video and click [here](#) for the column. For more on BHSM visit our [website](#).

ACDHH Happenings

ACDHH's 40th Anniversary

For 40 years, the Arizona Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing has led Arizona in assisting Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Deaf-Blind, and speech impaired individuals throughout the Grand Canyon State. It is our pleasure and passion to serve Arizonans and we look forward to a bright future where all citizens, regardless of disability can lead an independent life. Click [here](#) to see our wonderful timeline.

ACDHH Legislative Resources

Would you like to stay up to date with the latest legislative processes on both the state and federal level? On the other hand, maybe you want to request to speak. We have added a request to speak form to our legislative resource page. Now the community has the ability to do it online. There are two different versions on our legislative resource page. Check out these resources and learn all you need to know about U.S Federal and State legislation. Click [here](#) for more information and [here](#) for online request.

Commissioner Recruitment

The Governor is accepting applications for 2 Deaf Representatives to serve on the ACDHH Board. There are 4 board meetings per year; three (3) in Phoenix and one (1) in Tucson or an outlying area. Apply online at the Office of the Arizona Governor, Doug Ducey [website](#). Be sure to include your resume. Please send a copy of your application to the email address below and we will follow up to ensure the Governor's office has received

your electronic submission. If you have questions, please contact Danielle Wright at D.wright@acdhh.az.gov. Click [here](#) to see information in ASL.

Local Tidbits of the Week

ACDHH Community View

ACDHH Community View is a weekly video blog that talks about things that is going on in the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community. Click [here](#) to watch last week's video.

Hearing Dog Training

Diamond Dogz is starting a new training class on June 19th in Phoenix, AZ. Hard of hearing people train their own dogs themselves. Dogs of good temperament aged 10 months to 4 years of age are welcome. Classes meet once a week on Mondays from 10am-11:15am at Devonshire Senior Center and last 8 months to a year. There are small fees associated with the senior center and classes. For more info, see their [website](#), send an email to info@diamonddogzaz.org , or call 602-899-DOGZ (3649).

Text to 911 for Lake Havasu City

The Lake Havasu City Police Department began offering text to 911 services on April 4, 2017. This development means quick, direct access to emergency services for those who cannot call, whatever the reason may be. Vicki Thompson, AzTEDP Program Planner provided information on traditional TTY communication, captioned telephone service, as well as some tips about effective communication with members of the deaf and hard of hearing communities. Communications Supervisor, Priscilla Maloncon, Sergeant Tom Gray and Captain Troy Sterling of the Lake Havasu Police Department participated in the training as well as 911 dispatchers. For more information about this service, please contact the LHC Emergency Services at their non-emergency service number at (928) 855-1171.

National Tidbits of the Week

Two New Features from Microsoft: Disability Answer Desk and Accessibility Guide

Did you know you could call Microsoft for support? Did you know that you could call them directly by videophone? You do not need to call using Video Relay Service (VRS); sign directly with a Microsoft expert who uses and understands American Sign Language (ASL). Click [here](#) for more information.

Insurance Giant Offers Pro Bono Legal Aid to Those with Disabilities

Starting last week, Ohioans with disabilities can turn to a new legal services program for help navigating the Medicaid appeals process. Disability Rights Ohio and Nationwide are partners in the pilot effort, which will pair volunteer attorneys and paralegals from the insurance company with clients in need of an advocate. Click [here](#) for more information.

Employment Opportunity

The Ear Foundation of AZ

The Follow-up Coordinator will work as a part of a team responsible for communicating with parents, medical professionals, audiologists and early interventionists to ensure that all infants, born in Arizona, have the opportunity to receive a newborn hearing screen before one month of age. Click [here](#) for more information.

News You Can Use

HLAA Meetings

Hearing Loss Association of America would like you to come out and join them for informational discussions on hearing loss. Click [here](#) for more information.

SAVE THE DATE

ASDB Summer Transition Camp

ASDB Summer Transition Camp for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deaf-Blind teens will be held June 11th - 23rd. This camp supports teens in development of life skills, career readiness skills, leadership and self-advocacy. Click [here](#) for more information.

ASL Arizona Total Immersion

ASL AZTI offers the nation's leading American Sign Language programs. The ASL instructors come from variety of backgrounds and experiences and demonstrate awesome skill in the classroom. Click [here](#) for more information.

2017 Silent Weekend at Western Oregon University

Western Oregon University is holding their 9th annual Silent Weekend July 28-30, 2017. If you are looking for worthwhile workshops, great entertainment, and a chance to sharpen your skills, then this immersion experience is for you! Attendees can choose between professional development workshops centered around interpreters or aspiring interpreters, or workshops focused on ASL linguistics and ASL skill improvement. WOU is partnering with students from the Masters in Interpreting Studies program to present some workshops this year. Click [here](#) for more information.

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