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ACDHH Weekly Update - Tuesday, May 30, 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

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This week marks the end of Better Hearing and Speech Month, and with Memorial Day yesterday we could not think of a better person to highlight than Mr. Ron Tallman. Ron served in the US Navy for 22 years and is a leader in the hard of hearing community in AZ, serving on the Board of the HLAA Sun Lakes chapter and as a member of ACDHH's Hard of Hearing Task Force. Ron is a co-leader of the HLAA AZ Walk4Hearing, which will be held on Veteran's Day this year (Saturday 11-11-17). Click [here](#) to watch the video.

And in case you missed it last week, the ASU Hearing Clinic offers a free Living Well with Hearing Loss Program. In this [video](#) audiology graduate students Colton, Lauren, and Holly discuss what topics are covered in the audiological rehabilitation class. The LWHL Program is available for new and experienced hearing aid users as well as individuals who are considering a cochlear implant and current cochlear implant recipients. Significant others and spouses are encouraged to attend. These seven-week classes provide valuable information about hearing loss, hearing aids, cochlear implants, assistive devices, communication strategies, coping strategies, speech reading, auditory training, and more. Click [here](#) for more information.

ACDHH Happenings

ACDHH's 40th Anniversary

Arizona Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing (ACDHH) and Arizona Relay Service (AZRS) invites you to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Day at Wet'n'Wild. Learn about the Arizona Deaf and Hard of Hearing communities. Be inspired by notable presenters and enjoy a sponsored dinner and park amenities. Click [here](#) for more information.

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

Veterans Benefits for Seniors and Their Spouses

Veterans benefits provide those who have served their country, as well as their spouses, financial assistance during their retirement years. Veterans who are at least 65 years-old* and who served during war time (though not necessarily in actual combat) may be eligible for financial assistance through the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) that can be used to help pay for care. Click [here](#) for more information.

First Impressions of Amazon's Echo Show

Amazon has unveiled the Echo Show, which features a seven-inch touch screen that can pull up calendar appointments, display music lyrics, and play video and a lot more, including videoconferencing. The Echo Show will cost \$229 when it goes on sale in late June, \$50 more than the current high-end model. Click [here](#) to see video. For captioning, make sure to click the CC button.

National Tidbits of the Week

Professional Athletes Foundation Scholarship Program

This scholarship opportunity is designed for student athletes with hearing loss who are enrolled or intend to enroll in a university, college, or two-year institution (that does not provide athletic scholarships.) The scholarship rewards student athletes for their non-athletic achievements and assists them in reaching their career goals. Click [here](#) for more information.

2017 Silent Weekend at Western Oregon University

Ohioans with disabilities can now 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.

News You Can Use

Effective Communication through ASL Interpretation in the Attorney-Client Relationship presented by Bill Richards, Attorney

On June 24, 2017, this seminar will familiarize participants with the various common roles of ASL Interpreters in facilitating communication between lawyers and their clients in depositions and court proceedings. Tips will be provided on overcoming challenges in use of "legaleze", and in providing practical guidance to attorneys and court staff. Discussion will also cover special confidentiality issues involved in lawyer-client communications, including unique privilege issues that dictate who may participate in lawyer-client communications and how clients must be advised to maintain confidentiality. .4 PS Legal CEUs available. Click [here](#) for more information.

Mentoring Boot Camp: ASL to English Interpretation

For several years now, ACDHH and Arizona RID have offered a mentoring program, experimenting with different delivery methods along the way. We are, once again, changing things up! July 14th-16th we will approach mentoring in a "boot camp" style that will focus on one skill during an intensive 3-day session. Following the in-person component, apprentices will have the option of doing additional online practice with feedback from certified interpreters for 6-weeks. Our first Boot Camp session will focus on ASL to English Interpretation. 1.8 PS CEUs available. Click [here](#) for more information.

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.

Western Regional Early Intervention Conference

The Western Regional Early Intervention Conference (WREIC) is designed to support professionals working with, and families of, children birth to five years old who are deaf/hard of hearing, blind/visually impaired, or deafblind. WREIC will be held in Scottsdale June 14th – 16th. 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.

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