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ACDHH Weekly Update - Tuesday, June 6, 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.

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.

Free Grant Writing Workshop

If you are interested in learning more about how to write a grant, the Arizona Commission on the Arts (ACA) offers a free 2-hour grant writing workshop on Saturday, July 29th in Chandler. Registration is required and should you need accommodations, request them from ACA. Although this workshop is geared towards artists, many of the grant writing fundamentals are transferable to other types of grants. Click [here](#) for more information.

National Tidbits of the Week

Facebook Live adds closed captioning for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Facebook says its bringing closed captioning to Facebook Live to make at least some of the videos streamed live on the social network accessible to people who are deaf and hard of hearing. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Food for Children in the Summer

School is out for summer for many children in Arizona. Millions of children rely on school meals and will go hungry during the summer. Fortunately, there is an organization that can help. Simply text the word 'food' (for English) or 'comida' (for Spanish) to 877-877 and they will ask you for your zip code. Enter your zip code and it will respond with any available food distribution sites in your neighborhood. We entered 85007 for ACDHH's area and it replied with 3 schools in our area. Click [here](#) for more information.

Summer Hearing Aid Care

How does summer hearing aid care differ from winter hearing aid care? Winter hearing aid maintenance should include keeping spare batteries on hand because cold temperatures can shorten battery life. Also, going from freezing temperatures into a warm building causes condensation to build up inside the hearing aids, and the resulting moisture can cause damage. Click [here](#) for more information.

News You Can Use

Father's Day Breakfast and Fellowship

On Saturday, June 10 Deaf Christian Women of Arizona-Tucson will be hosting a Father's Day Breakfast and Fellowship. It will be FREE breakfast but donations would be greatly appreciated. Click [here](#) for more information.

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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