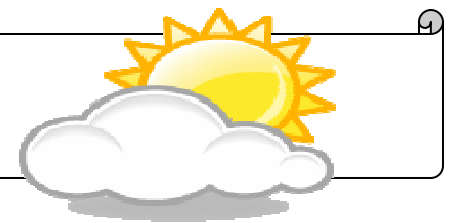


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New TAD Executive Board takes oath of office

**TAD 44th Biennial
Conference a Proven
Success!!**

The Texas Association of the Deaf Conference, held at the Arlington Hilton, and spearheaded by Kathy Walters, co-chairperson with Byron Bridges, and her hardworking committee, plus many volunteers, was a huge success with 190 people in attendance.

All of the presentations were greatly enjoyed by all. Many thanks to the following, Helene Cohen Gilbert, Faye Kuo, Heather Bise, John Cage, Gertie Galloway, Glenn Anderson, Bobbie Beth Scoggins, Tim Rarus, and Libby Pollard for their fantastic presentations!

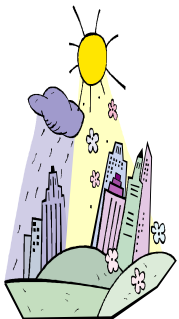
Friday night's President's Reception, which was sponsored by SPRINT and TX RELAY, was enjoyed by everyone along with a live auction of some of Chuck Baird's prints, bottles of wine, and a Sante Fe blanket made by Gertie Galloway. Nearly \$400 was raised for the TAD History video/book project.

During Saturday's general meeting with Libby Pollard as our parliamentarian, the following were elected to serve on the 2007 - 2009 TAD Board: Steve Baldwin, president; Cathy Edler Ashley, vice-President; Marianne Sasseen, secretary; John Mills, treasurer; and Christopher Kearney, board member. Both Gertie Galloway and Larry Evans will remain as the board directors, one and two years, respectively.

During Saturday night's banquet, Texan style, everyone watched a performance by the new Miss Deaf Texas Katie Murch of Corpus Christi, and a performance about global warming by Mr. and Miss Deaf Teen America, Bejo Goodridge and Toj Mora of TSD. Giving the keynote address was Dr. Bobbie Beth Scoggins, the 32nd president of the National Association of the Deaf.

TAD award winners were as follows: Rakia Musa and Laura Kowalik, Education Award; Fred Newberry, Volunteer Services Award; David Pierce, Outstanding Member Award; Grant Laird, Jr., Golden Hand Award; and Distinguished Service Award, Kathy Walters.

In addition to SPRINT and Relay Texas, other primary sponsors were Texas School for the Deaf, Texas Woman's University, Lamar University, Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services of DARS, CSD of Texas, CSDVRS, LLC, Goodrich Center for the Deaf, Dallas Association of the Deaf, and IP Relay of Verizon.





President's Report

Dear Members, friends and supporters of TAD:

It has been nearly two months since we had our productive 44th TAD Biennial Conference in Arlington from June 21 to 23. People are still talking about our conference activities, especially Libby Pollard's educational workshop on parliamentary procedure and other worthy presentations. We will definitely think of inviting her again next year for a special statewide leadership and parliamentary procedure workshop for both young deaf people and a separate one

for adults. The TAD Executive Board will make plans on September 23, Sunday, at TSD Ford Building in the MPR from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Members and the public are invited to comment and observe our board meeting. As usual, TAD will have a booth during TSD Homecoming the day before, so visit our booth and meet Miss Deaf Texas.

Of course, our conference has rooms for improvement and the Board will develop a special guideline booklet for the next conference in 2009. A motion in 2005 mandated that we have a concurrent conference with TSID in South Texas, but the Board will study everything in order to make the best decision under the circumstances. We have collected our survey forms and feedback data from different sources so we can improve our logistical performance. Rest assured that our business meeting will last longer and be strategically planned in June 2009. Unfortunately, we ran out of time last June and I promise that it will not happen again.

During the business meeting we passed three important motions. One motion stipulates that our membership will last from conference to conference instead of a two-year length from time of joining TAD. Such a motion will make it easier for the membership committee to keep track of members, albeit more accuracy and consistency. One motion passed easily was the request to work with Texas Association of Parents, Educators of the Deaf (TAPED). Third motion relates to the fact that the members want to rescind an agreement with CSDVRS. Rest assured that there was never anything bad, suspicious or evil behind the doors. The intent of the agreement was basically to allow TAD to develop several Deaf Community projects. Frankly, we ran out of time during the business session and could not to explain the nature of that agreement, which confused some members at the end. Keep in mind that our board meetings are always open to the public, so please check the calendar on our website at www.deaftexas.org.

For the second half of the summer TAD designated representatives attended a fundraiser for our Miss Deaf Texas, Katherine Murch, in Corpus Christi on July 20. They raised over \$2000 at the CCDHHC, including \$500 for the new MDTP website. After that there was a statewide conference for TEA Stakeholders, which addressed educational issues related to Leave No Child Left Behind (NCLB). Board member Marianne Sasseen represented TAD in that meeting in Austin. Another board member, Chris Kearney, attended the Dallas Black Deaf Advocates cookout on August 11. Since I am still the interim editor of THE DEAF TEXAN, Kathryn Becker and I hope you enjoy this summer newsletter. Meanwhile, you will be seeing the website changing, updating and featuring new graphics and information.

Contrary to mistaken information or rumors, TAD has always been helping MDTP since 1976. The pageant has had problems in the past, but TAD was there to work with them. Sending them to TSID Conference was an experiment in terms of garnering more revenue and cultural exposure. More than 300 people attended and nearly \$3000 went into their coffers, so it was a calculated success. MDTP Director Laura Loeb-Hill will report to the board on September 23 about the future of MTDP. Again, public is welcome to attend the meeting at TAD.

Not the least, look at the list of committees under "Team TAD" at our website and see if you wish to volunteer for vacant positions. The more volunteers we have, the better TAD will look for the next two years. Remember, volunteers are the lifeblood of TAD. If you wish to present any idea, comment, or concern, E-mail me at Steve@deaftexas.org anytime. I will respond to you, pronto.

Sincerely yours for betterment of Texas Deaf Community,

Steve C. Baldwin
TAD President

New Miss Deaf Texas Crowned



Katherine Murch
Miss Deaf Texas 2007 - 2009

Congratulations to the new Miss Deaf Texas 2007 – 2009! Katherine Murch, Miss Deaf Corpus Christi, was crowned by Miss Deaf Texas 2006 – 2007, Johnanna Valenta. She will be representing Texas at the Miss Deaf America Pageant during the NAD Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana.

The results of the pageant are as follows:

- 1st Runner Up – Sericia Jackerson – Miss Deaf Austin.
- 2nd Runner Up – Jenni Yang – Miss Deaf Dallas
- 3rd Runner Up – Antonia Holcomb – Miss Deaf Mesquite

Congratulations to all the contestants which included Kelli Kircher, Miss Deaf Plano, Kacey Burch, Miss Deaf San Antonio, and Tracy Dimalanta, Miss Deaf SWCID.

Katherine made her first public appearance at the Texas Association of Deaf Conference in Arlington, Texas from June 22 to 24. A fundraiser took place on her behalf in July 2007 in at the Corpus Christi Deaf and Hard of Hearing Center.

If you are interested in having Miss Texas 2007 – 2009 at your function or event, please contact Laura Loeb Hill, State Pageant Director at: laura@deافتexas.org.

Complete List of TAD 2007 Award Winners

Education Award:

Rakia Musa (Laredo)

Education Award:

Laura Kowalik (San Antonio)

Volunteer Award:

Fred Newberry (Austin)

Outstanding Member:

David Pierce (Seguin)

Distinguished Service Award:

Kathy Walters (Rockwall)

TAD/NAD Golden Hand Award:

Grant Laird Jr. (Garland)

Hendricks Arnold Award:

Larry Smith

Senator Gonzales Barrientos Award:

Rogelio Fernandez

**Special Recognition Awards/Certificates
to the following:**

Bernard Bragg

Claire Bugen

Jon Wolf

Heather Goff

Senator Gonzales Barrientos

TAD Recognizes Two Achievers

Paula Bonillas received a special recognition award for his past work on the national deaf and hard of hearing magazine called Hearing Health, which she founded 20 years ago and worked as its publisher and editor. President Baldwin and his wife presented a wooden plaque at her restaurant called Blackbeard's, which is located near the famous WWII carrier called the Lexington. Immediately after the award presentation Paula and Steve Bonillas donated \$500 toward the new MDTP website for their friend, Katherine Murch.

2007 winner of the Henrick Arnold Award was given to Dr. Glenn Anderson by Board member Chris Kearney on August 11 at the Dallas Association of the Deaf Clubhouse during the Dallas Black Deaf Advocate cookout. Although he lives in Little Rock, Dr. Anderson has visited neighboring Texas so many times to advocate for the Texas Deaf blacks and to give presentations and speeches, most recent one being at the Texas Association of the Deaf Conference in Arlington.



Dr. Glenn Anderson and Chris Kearney
Photo by Richard Walters



Rose Baldwin, Paula Bonillas & Steve Baldwin

Davideo Productions Team Produces TAD Docu

Davideo Productions and TAD teamed up to work on a new documentary film about the modern history of TAD presidency. Twelve living TAD presidents were interviewed and two more sent in their answers to the scriptwriter Steve Baldwin. Co-producer and director is David Pierce, a nationally known cable, broadcast and film producer and director. Funding this special project is the Travis County Council for the Deaf with a grant of \$10,000. The total project cost about \$25,000, which takes a lot of editing. A teaching guide and book will accompany the film. The TAD executive Board hopes to see a preview in the winter of 2007. *(From left to right: David Pierce, Paul Stropko, Baldwin, and Marcus Myers)*



2007 49th SWDGA Tourney Came and Went

The 49th Southwest Deaf Golf Association took place at Olympia Hills Golf Course June 11 to 13 near Selma, Texas (NE of SA), which was hosted by Central Texas Deaf Golf Association. More than 40 golfers took part of the event. Results may be obtained from John Mills at john@deaftexas.org. According to SWDGA President Walt Camenisch, the big 50th tournament will take place in Austin next June.



SWDGA at Olympia Hills Golf Course



Baldwin stands between two nationally ranked Texan golfers, Brandon Babineaux (left) of San Marcos and Mike Houston of San Antonio

What?
TAD Executive Board Meeting

Where?
TSD MPR

When?
Sept. 23 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Who?
Members, supporters, friends and a few whiners



Billy Stricklen, IP Relay of Verizon rep, met Baldwin at the 49th SWDGA Tourney after last seeing each other 30 years ago! Bill gladly agreed to sponsor all the TAD Conference awards in Arlington. The Deaf world only gets smaller in due time.

TAD Conference Photo

June 21 to 23, 2007



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Degrees Offered

- Bachelor's of Arts in American Sign Language (B.A.)
- Master's in Deaf Studies/Deaf Education (M.S.)
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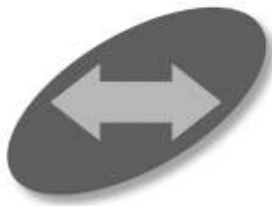
Grants and Scholarships:

Request information on available grants and scholarships.

The University and the Community

Location in Beaumont, Texas, Lamar University is approximately 80 miles from Houston, 40 miles from the Gulf Coast beaches, 30 miles from Louisiana, and 70 miles from the Texas lakes region. The area's subtropical climate produces mild winters that allow for year-round outdoor activity. Lamar University is unique in that it enjoys close ties with the greater community. Students experience direct involvement in the city's civic, business and cultural opportunities.

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TSDAA Meeting at 1PM

Reunion Picture by "Bobby Creed" - 1PM to 10PM

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Entertainment will be provided after BBQ dinner

Booths in the Wooded Backyard - 12PM to Midnight



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TSDAA meeting

TSD Tour

Mall Festivities / Booths

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Texas School for the Deaf



More information will be forthcoming - Any questions, contact Chris Hamilton, chris.hamilton@tsd.state.tx.us or Wilmonda McDevitt, wilmonda.mcdevitt@tsd.state.tx.us

Mark it down on your calendar!!!!!!

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Miss Deaf Texas 2007 – 2009
Katherine Murch

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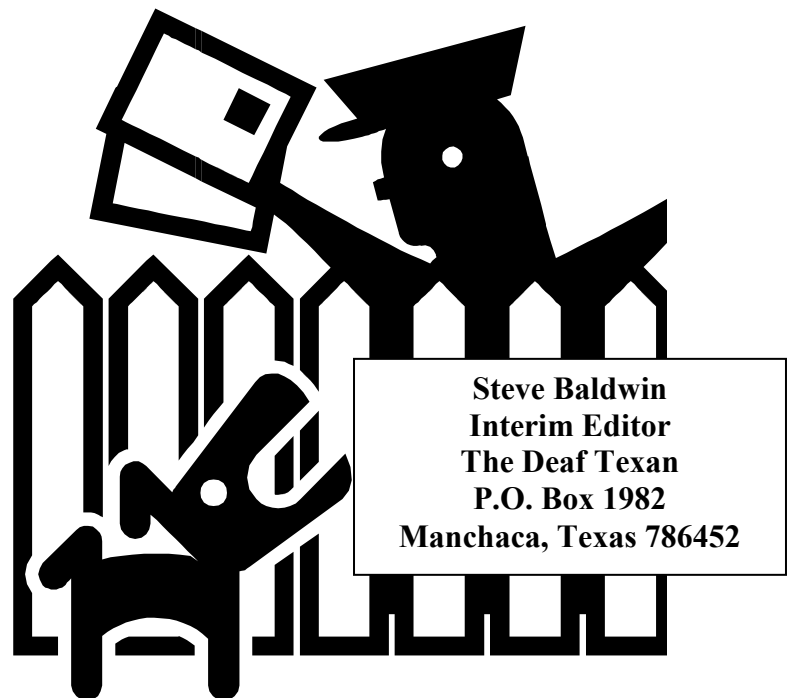
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