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# TAD MINI E-NEWSLETTER

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(Photo courtesy: Marshitah Garbacz)

About 70 **Redhatters** from across Texas met on Riverwalk in San Antonio on December 3. At least seven groups from different cities socialized and competed for various awards. Winning the bid to host the 2012 **Christmas** Redhatter gathering is the city of Salado.



(TSD photo by Fernando Munoz)

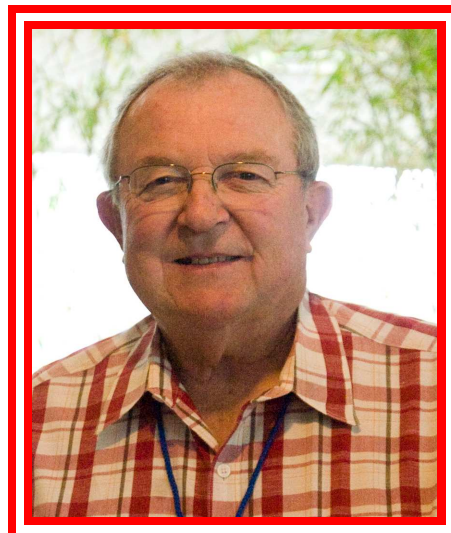
What was **Texas School for the Deaf** cheering about on December 7? Global Green USA awarded TSD first-place project worth \$130,000! The partnership means a greener campus via waste reduction, energy conservation, and other makeover plans for 2012. Congrats!

**Bobbie Beth Scoggins** has permanently joined her husband Jim and her mother in Jonestown, Texas. Her third term as the NAD president ends next July in Louisville, Kentucky. She is now exploring options for another illustrious career. Incidentally, Austin has two former NAD presidents, Dr. Gertie Galloway (1980-1982) and Kent Kennedy (2002-2003).



(Photo credit: NAD website)

**David Myers** is retiring after 18 years at the helm of the Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing at DARS. He has attended ten consecutive TAD conferences since his arrival in Austin in 1993. Best of luck to David M!



(David Myers at the 2009 TAD conference in San Antonio)

Austin chapter of GUAA had its gathering at GU Regional Center-SW at Austin Community College at Riverside on December 3. GURC-SW Director **Arlene Garcia-Gunderson** welcomed the members and officers.



(TAD member Arlene Garcia-Gunderson and TAD board director **Paul Rutowski** attended the December 3 event at ACC. 2010 photo.)



(New signage in **Buda** and Deaf-owned! Plus newly renovated!)

***Wanted: Photos and news from across Deaf Texas!  
Send to Larry Evans for the January issue of the mini e-  
newsletter: [larrydevans39@gmail.com](mailto:larrydevans39@gmail.com).***

**Ambassadors for TAD.** The enormously successful Miss Deaf Texas pageant in Cypress, Texas last July is actually is about seven ambassadors who still represent different parts of Texas. Each contestant is a proud member of TAD. We all wish Miss Deaf Texas Sericia Jackerson the best of luck when she competes in Louisville, Kentucky for the Miss Deaf America Ambassador finals during the 13<sup>th</sup> Biennial NAD conference.



(L-R: **Robin Gonzales**-Miss Deaf Seabrook, **Kirsten Coahran**-Miss Deaf Georgetown, **Sericia Jackerson**-Miss Deaf Austin, **Michelle Benjamin**-Miss Deaf Arlington, **Natasha Colbert** -Miss Deaf Cypress, and **Sonia Khurana**-Miss Deaf Houston. Not in the photo is Lakenya Harris, Miss Deaf Round Rock. )

Have you renewed your TAD membership for 2012-2014?

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(Photo credit: DBA website)

Did you know that **Cathy Ware** of Dallas won the 2011 Hendrick Arnold award from TAD for being a proactive Deaf Black American in Texas? She is currently the southwestern liaison for National Deaf Black Advocates.



(TAD board met at VH last year)

**What:** TAD board meeting

**When:** January 14, 2012 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

**Where:** Vaughn House, 1701 Evergreen Ave., Austin, TX 78704

**Purpose:** Winter board meeting, which is open to members and public

Have questions or wish to comment? Contact President Evans at

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*TAD wishes everyone...*



*A safe, happy, joyous holiday and  
meaningful togetherness with  
family and friends!*