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President Speaking

Are our Video Relay Services in Danger?

This late spring, there has been much debate about frightening warnings that VRS (Video Relay Services) will not survive with the new rates proposed by the FCC (Federal Communications Commission). I wish to share statements from nationally recognized and respected consumer groups, including the NAD (National Association of the Deaf) and TDI (Telecommunications for the Deaf, Inc.), and from FCC's Karen Strauss. And then you need to decide which organizations are most likely to defend your rights: the consumer organizations like NAD, TDI, HLAA (Hearing Loss Association of America) or the VRS (Video Relay Service) Industry. I intentionally left out Video Relay Services Consumer Association (VRSCA), which is an "Astroturf" or "Artificial Turf" consumer organization sponsored by Sorenson. Artificial or astro means, "fake" and it is a common practice for many large corporations to set up fake consumer organizations as fronts to support their objectives.



Below is a statement made by NAD President Bobbie Beth Scoggins. TDI's Executive Director Claude Stout presented a Vlog sharing views similar to NAD. Unfortunately, the printed form for Claude Stout's Vlog is not available. Both were saying that we do not have information on the VRS provider's operating costs. Therefore we cannot judge whether the FCC's proposed rates are fair or not fair. But we do know that the Video Relay Services are very important for all of us and we need to remind the FCC to protect them. President Scoggins said that we should "urge the FCC to consider the quality of relay services, achieving functionally equivalent telecommunications, and other principles...when setting the rates." See her statement below.

Submitted by Bobbie Beth.Scoggins on Monday,
05/10/2010

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) recently received video relay service (VRS) rates for July 2010 to June 2011 from the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA). The FCC is asking for comments about the proposed VRS rates. The National Association of the Deaf (NAD) learned that some people are saying that the proposed rates will tear down VRS. These claims have not been supported. The FCC has said many times that it supports VRS and recognizes the value, importance, and functional equivalency that VRS provides to people who use American Sign Language (ASL). We encourage consumers to turn to consumer organizations, such as the NAD, to learn about the issues and how to protect their civil, human, and linguistic rights through public comments and action.

The NAD, along with other consumer groups, will file comments for the first round of comments due May 14, 2010. The NAD will urge the FCC to consider the quality of relay services, achieving functionally equivalent telecommunications, and other principles and objectives such as transparency, interoperability, innovation, and competitive markets when setting the rates. The NAD will then inform the community early next week about its position and provide consumers with a sample comment to file with the FCC for the second, and final, round of comments due May 21, 2010. At this time, the NAD wants to share some background on the VRS rates so consumers can be better informed."

Then we have a statement from FCC's Karen Strauss. As attorney, she worked for many years on behalf of the deaf and hard of hearing community. While employed with FCC, she worked with Alfred Sonnenstrahl, former Executive Director of TDI, to establish the Disability Rights Office within FCC and to draft regulations for the TRS Relay Services back in the TTY days long before VRS was developed. After leaving FCC, Karen was the attorney for CSDVRS. This spring she was reappointed to FCC as Deputy Bureau Chief. Below is her statement that the claims about VRS being in danger are NOT true.

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What Is PSAD?

Pennsylvania Society for the Advancement of the Deaf is a charitable and non-profit organization, continuing since 1881, of deaf and other interested persons. Individual dues are \$25.00 Annually, or \$125.00 Life (payable \$25.00 per year for 5 years). The PSAD Newsletter is mailed to all subscription paid PSAD members at least five times a year. The Annual Report which includes conference minutes, resolutions, bylaws, and financial reports is sent to all PSAD members upon written request once a year.

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PSAD Mission Statement

The mission of the Pennsylvania Society for the Advancement of the Deaf is to maximize the participation and productivity of its Deaf and Hard of Hearing Citizens within the larger society of Pennsylvania through education, advocacy, and service.

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September 1, 2010
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All news items going to the Editor must be sent via EMAIL or DISKETTE only. The Editor's email address is "ncboyer@ptd.net"

Change of Address

Please let PSAD Membership Secretary Lynn Stroud know via PSADWEB.org.

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From: Karen Peltz Strauss Sent: Monday, May 10, 2010

“Subject: A Message from the FCC’s Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau to the VRS Community”

You may have seen claims that the video relay service (VRS) program is threatened. This is not true. The FCC is committed to ensuring the provision of high quality VRS to all individuals who need this service. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires telecommunications access that is functionally equivalent to voice telephone services for people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have speech disabilities. The FCC continues to believe that VRS is the most functionally equivalent form of relay for people who communicate using American Sign Language (ASL). We stand ready to meet our obligation to preserve and protect the VRS program so that ASL users and hearing people can communicate with each other over distances. This was the goal of Congress in passing the ADA and it continues to be our goal.

Here are the facts: On April 30th, the FCC released a Public Notice (DA-10-761A1.doc) asking the general public for feedback on what VRS providers should be paid to handle VRS calls for the next year. The Public Notice seeks comment on reimbursing providers based on the *actual* costs that VRS providers *themselves* claim to have incurred over the past few years to provide VRS. The only way to safeguard the VRS program is to adopt reasonable rates for all forms of relay services. Thus, it is our goal to adopt rates that are rationally based on the reasonable costs of actually providing VRS. We welcome all comments on our Public Notice, and will take all feedback into account to determine the next VRS rates. The VRS program will continue to provide the excellent communication service that you need.”

And now, I close with this question:
Which organization truly represents people like us that value the relay services?

True Consumer Organizations like NAD, TDI, HLAA, etc. whose eternal mission is to improve and preserve the quality of life for all Deaf and Hard of Hearing Americans?

Or

Corporations and Industry, whose survival as a business depends on the dollar and whose goal is to make money?

Lest I leave the impression that this is an indictment of the entire VRS industry, this message is a result of only the scare tactics and the aggressive actions of Sorenson in pressuring many members of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community into signing petitions against the FCC’s

proposed rates. None of the other VRS providers sent out such threatening messages or pressured the community to disagree with the rates. Instead they, on the whole, were supportive of FCC’s efforts with various levels of appropriate concern with suggestions at what needs to be considered with the emphasis on FCC’s responsibility “to meet our obligation to preserve and protect the VRS program so that ASL users and hearing people can communicate with each other over distances (FCC’s Karen Strauss)”. Their tone was collaborative and cooperative rather than antagonistic. The filings of the various VRS providers, including Sorenson and RID can be found on this web page: <http://www.purple.us/blog/2010/05/511/>

The Deaf and Hard of Hearing Citizens of Delaware Valley in their filing with FCC, stated:

“Many of us in retrospect regretfully signed a petition presented to us by a Sorenson representative when told that Sorenson VRS will “go bankrupt.” on account of the “low” proposed rates. We were fortunate to have knowledgeable people within our ranks to help us understand the whole situation. We appreciate this opportunity to share our reactions after having studied the matter.”

And, my final words as your President: Questions have been raised about my role in this issue. I’ve stated that we are not qualified to determine whether the FCC proposed rates are fair and that I will follow and support NAD’s and TDI’s position. The PSAD organization has the same mission as NAD and TDI. I’ve been told that my role is to be neutral. I disagree with that perception. All Presidents of the United States have pushed their agendas and their platform. Some people agree and some people do not. If the President of the United States can share and push their views, then certainly the President of PSAD can do the same. I would not be your President if I were required to be neutral in all matters. The President and the PSAD Board of Managers work hard to serve the Deaf and Hard of Hearing citizens of PA. You can demonstrate your feelings by voting for or against our election or reelection to the board.

This is my final letter to you all, as I do not plan to run for reelection to the board. It’s been a valuable 3-year experience to serve and I feel that I’ve been made richer from this experience and have acquired a better understanding and appreciation of our community, our history, our culture, and our struggles for equality. At my age (73) with my years being numbered, it is now my desire to spend more time with my wife of almost 49 years, my children, grandchildren, my surviving sister, brothers and sisters in law, cousins, nephews, and nieces, and my many friends who are precious to me with whom I’ve have had little time to spend lately. I will still be around to enjoy the company of so many of you at PSAD meetings, affairs, and conferences and I thank all of you for having given me this opportunity to serve. Warmly, Larry

**YOUR SUPPORT FOR RESOLUTION
PROPOSING BYLAWS CHANGE
REGARDING ELIGIBILITY TO RUN
FOR PSAD BOARD OF MANAGERS
REQUESTED**

By Gary Bootay, PSAD Member

In this issue I am going to focus on one topic of importance: "Qualifications of PSAD Board of Manager Candidates".



Most of us are familiar with PSAD bylaws relating to Section 2 (D) of Article II as follows: "Have attended at least two meetings of any chapter of the society since the last annual meeting and before the next annual meeting **or** have attended the PSAD Conference for the last two consecutive years preceding the current annual meeting".

I am proposing a bylaws change to Section 2 (D) to add a third qualification to continue the last sentence as follows:

"or, as a current board member in good standing, have attended the majority of board meetings during his or her term".

Reason for this proposal: There may be rare occasions in which a current board member, whose term is expiring, may have been unable to satisfy the chapter and/or conference attendance requirements, such as chapter closings and nearest chapter not convenient for board member to attend; events beyond the board member's control such as hospitalization or illness, family emergency, work, etc. at time of conference. I feel it would be shortsighted to not allow a board member who has already served at least one term and attended almost all the board meetings to run again because of unexpected events.

The members attending the October Annual Meeting will have the choice to vote for the proposed change if they agree or vote against it if they disagree.

**BULLETIN BULLETIN BULLETIN
MISS DEAF PENNSYLVANIA TO
ATTEND PSAD CONFERENCE**

Victoria Flis, our current Miss Deaf Pennsylvania queen, will attend the PSAD Conference on Saturday October 2, 2010 at the Holiday Inn in Grantville. She will sign the Pledge to the Flag when we open the Annual Meeting in the morning and will sign the National Anthem at the banquet that evening. Victoria will also speak of her experiences at the Miss Deaf Pennsylvania Pageant as well as at the Miss Deaf America Pageant. She is currently a student at Gallaudet University. Come and meet her!

**NEWS FROM CAMP STRATEGIC &
PLANNING COMMITTEE**

JUNE 2010

Submitted by Violet Petrick



I would like to begin by saying thank you to all of you who have supported the fundraising campaign by purchasing the 6-month calendars to help reach our goal.

The Board of Managers had their regular meeting at PSADLand (for the first time) last April 2010.

Some of the board members who have never seen the camp were very impressed with the beautiful land and buildings. The Camp Committee works very hard to maintain the camp year round. Wave our hands (applaud) to the committee!

A representative from a mining company gave a presentation on mining for coal on the property as well as discussing the camp layout and indicating where the coal mining would take place. The Camp Strategic Planning Committee and the PSAD Board studied the mine proposal lease very carefully and decided, for the good of the land at camp, not to permit coal mining on the camp property.

A representative from the oil/gas company also gave a presentation about their interest in having an oil and gas lease on the camp property for drilling of the Marcellus Shale. The oil and gas company already signed leases with the properties surrounding the camp. At this time, we are still working on studying the leases and will determine if PSAD will sign a lease with the oil and gas company.

**IMPORTANT ARTICLE FOR PSAD
MEMBERS**

The Board of Managers feels it is important to share an essential item with all PSAD members. At the last board meeting there was a controversial topic of discussion in regard to hunting at PSAD camp land. At this time, PSAD does not carry the costly liability insurance to cover hunting. This means that if someone is hunting on the property and gets hurt, the responsibility falls on the individual, not PSAD but PSAD could get sued. In order to allow hunting at the camp, the insurance liability rates will increase an additional \$3000 to \$5000 every year for less than a dozen hunters that want to hunt there. At this time, the PSAD budget does not allow for this large increase in premiums.

The Board of Managers has decided to give this issue to the PSAD members for a vote. This means that you will

have the opportunity to vote at the PSAD Conference in October 2010 whether PSAD should purchase the additional liability insurance to allow hunting at the camp. If you have concerns about this issue, please feel free to speak. Your voice will be heard. Think about your decision and cast your vote at the 2010 Conference.

Have an enjoyable and safe summer.

PSAD 2010 Conference Fund Raising Raffles

Please return sold and unsold raffle tickets no later than September 23, 2010 to:

**Nancy Nemshick
603 N. Blue Ribbon Ave
Harrisburg, PA 17112**

If you have any questions or have not received any raffle tickets please contact Nancy at 717-652-5009 TTY or 866-355-8235 VP or NemshickF2@aol.com e-mail.

If you wish to purchase raffle tickets make a check or money order payable to "PSAD 2010 Conference". If you want more raffle tickets please let her know and she will mail them to you.

Thank you and hope to see you at the conference in October and see the winner's smiles.

Hello to all members and friends of PSAD

My name is Victoria Flis and I am excited to represent the great state of Pennsylvania in the Miss Deaf America Pageant at the NAD Conference in our home state. The conference will be held July 6 to July 10, 2010 at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown.

I would like to tell you a little about myself. I am studying psychology at Gallaudet University and will graduate in 2011. I plan on pursuing my master's degree as a mental health counselor. My dream is to work with deaf and disabled children.

I have many interests but my favorite is traveling. I call myself a "travelholic." I have been to many places in the world: Egypt, Cuba, Costa Rica, several countries in Europe and several other destinations. I have an adventurous personality and love interacting with new people and experiencing new cultures. Through my travels I have learned many important skills, such as communication across boundaries, respect for other's heritage and traditions, and learning to take joy in the unexpected.

And also through my travels, I have encountered and even worked intimately with other deaf cultures. Sadly, many countries do not have the resources that are available here. While volunteering in Honduras, I was able to

encourage solidarity and help foster a stronger Deaf community, which we can often take for granted here in the United States. Likewise, in Cuba, I witnessed the poor support system available to the Deaf. Most troublingly, communication is extremely difficult, as there are no TTYs and sign language is strongly discouraged in schools. It is difficult to imagine what opportunities those in such conditions do not receive.

I learned how fortunate we are in America to have a strong Deaf community that has fought to create opportunities and facilitating understanding of Deaf Culture. In addition, the "Americans with Disabilities Act" has allowed many changes to better the lives of the Deaf. We are also fortunate to have our deaf schools, which allow students to learn to communicate and learn about their own culture. Technology and a commitment to fairness have greatly increased the methods and ease with which the Deaf are able to communicate. These realizations have opened my eyes to how important it is that the deaf community unites together to improve and maintain all the rights and privileges that allow us to have the opportunity to live our dreams. I encourage everyone, both hearing and Deaf, to educate ourselves and others about Deaf culture and its importance.

It is such a great honor to be chosen as Miss Deaf Pennsylvania and I hope to bring more awareness to the importance of involvement in the Deaf community in Pennsylvania, in America and around the world. I will do my best at the Miss Deaf America Pageant. Come and root for me!



Victoria Flis

Congratulations

On June 8, 2010 Lynn Stroud was appointed to the Stakeholder Planning Team by the Secretary of the Department of Public Welfare, Harriet Dichter.



You may contact Lynn Stroud in regard to your problems or concerns via psadlynn@epix.net or 570-376-2177 tty/fax.

www.dpw.state.pa.us

Watch Video of City of Brotherly Love Site of NAD Conference July 7-10

See video film produced by Sam Hawk for the upcoming NAD Conference in Philadelphia on July 7-10, 2010. To see various sights presented by members of the PA Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community, go to this web page:

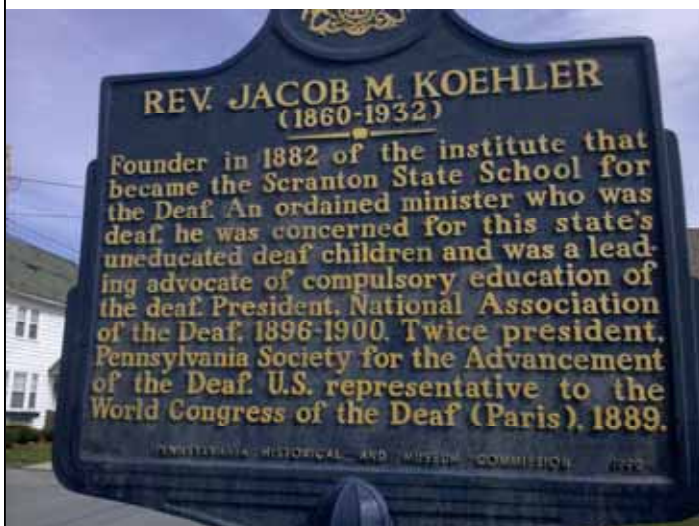
www.you tube.com

In the search box, type: "Explore Philly: In ASL" and hit "enter" or "return"

Then click on the "Explore Philly: In ASL" and enjoy the ASL tour in ASL.

See you all at the NAD Conference at the Marriott-Downtown.

An Update on the Scranton School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children



At this point in time we expect 22 high school students to be transitioning from the Scranton school to Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf for the next year. The Scranton school will continue to serve preschool through 8th grade at the Scranton campus. The school is in the process of purchasing a campus in Clark Summit, where

they would have a small residential program for elementary, middle school and one Applied Studies high school class to continue there. That new campus will be renovated during the 2010-11 coming school year and the Scranton school will move there at the start of the 2011-12 school year.

Superintendent Don Rhoten indicated he is willing to come to an ACDHH (Advisory Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing) meeting to explain the transition in detail.

Of special note is if the school does not provide certain interscholastic sports such as soccer, football, baseball, volleyball, etc the interested students should be able to go to the neighboring school districts to play, if it is determined by their IEP (Individualized Education Plan).

Marywood College may buy the SSSD campus. The buildings at Scranton school, because they are old, need a lot of updating. Clark Summit is located north of Scranton.

Computers 101

Question:

I did a spyware scan the other day and it turns out that I had some "Trojans" and "tracking cookies" on my computer (my program got rid of them). I have no idea what a Trojan is; as a matter of fact, I don't understand what a lot of things mean in regards of spyware. Is spyware the same as adware? I am totally confused.

Answer:

And for good reason. There are so many nasty "bugs" running around the internet that keeping track of them is almost a full time job.

Below is a list of basic terms that I have compiled that will hopefully help ease your confusion a bit.

ADWARE: This is a software program that is installed without a users' knowledge that the program is being installed on the computer. Adware is typically used to track the computer user's browsing habits so that ads can be specifically geared towards them. A great example of adware is gator.com. Gator.com fills in web forms, but it is one of the most aggressive adware programs out there. Not only does it bog you down with advertisements, it also bogs down your computer by stealing disk space, memory, CPU time, etc.

Adware also includes tracking cookies (see cookies below).

BACKDOOR SANTA: Okay, so you download something off of the internet that you can really use. The problem with this particular program, however, is that while

you may be able to use it, the program is busy collecting statistics of your copurchase, etc. When it installs this program (without your knowledge), it also opens a door for other threats to get in. You will have no idea this is going on; no pop-ups, no extra advertising. A couple of examples of Backdoor Santa programs include Alexa and Hotbar. If you see one of these toolbars unexpectedly show up in your browser, go into Add/Remove Programs and remove it immediately; you have been hit by a Backdoor Santa.

BHO: A Browser Helper Object is a program that runs automatically when you open your browser. While some BHO's are useful (Adobe Acrobat is one; it has a plugin enabling you to read PDF files), there are many BHO's that take over your home page and then direct you to adult sites, or sites that are loaded with spyware. There are trojans that use BHO's to change, add or delete registry settings and download executable files, all unbeknownst to you. The result is a very slow computer, and it's slow because it has been hijacked through a Browser Help Object.

BLENDED THREAT: A blended threat is an attack that seeks to make the most damage and highest speed of toxicity by mixing up different threats. A blended threat will use the characteristics of both a virus and a worm, for example, and takes advantage of a computer's vulnerability. A blended threat might send a virus via an e-mail attachment, coupled with a Trojan Horse that will cause serious harm to a user's computer. Nimda (admin spelled backwards) was a huge blended threat (virus/worm) and spread itself through e-mail, jeopardized websites, among other things. It became the internet's most widespread blended threat.

BOTNETS: Botnets are a group of computers that are connected to the internet and have been taken over by hackers. The hacker is in charge of all of the computers and they behave like a "robot network" (hence the term "botnet"). The hacker who has taken over a network (small or large) can then use all of these computers to infect other computers with viruses, distribute any kind of malware, or use it to inflict any number of malicious activities.

BROWSER HIJACKER: A couple of months ago my daughter was doing some research for one of her classes and went to Google to type a search term in. She was automatically redirected to another site. And another. She couldn't even get back to Google; she had to close out her browser.

Her computer had been hijacked. A browser hijacker redirects a computer's usual browser settings to those of their customers' websites and can also add their favorites to your own. The hijacker writes external code that will

change your home page to one of their choosing, in addition to changing registry settings so that even if you manually change your home page back, it will automatically revert itself to the hijacker's hope page choice.

The hijacker sometimes plants a special file that redirects your computer to one of their choosing, such as an adult site or a sponsored search. When I went to get rid of this thing that my daughter had contacted, I found that the hijacker would not let me open any of her anti-spyware programs, and would not let me access any page to download anything to get rid of it. I ended up doing quite a few things to get rid of it; it had compromised her system pretty badly.

COMPUTER VIRUS: Computer viruses are programs that are written to intentionally infect and destroy your computer. Executable files are the easiest way for a virus to get into your system. A virus is inactive until it is activated, i.e. running an infected file or starting a computer with a disk that is already infected. A virus runs the gamut of making your computer behave oddly all the way to erasing your hard drive. Viruses do not infect zip files, unless the zipped file was infected before it was zipped (compressed). Viruses sometimes copy themselves to infect other computers, thus the virus grows. Every program that is infected is in effect acting as its own virus, causing the virus to spread.

COOKIES: No, don't think chocolate chip. Cookies (on computers) are small files that are downloaded to your computer to send information back to its website. They are normally a good thing. Let's say you are an eBay user. You would normally have to log in every time you go to your account if it weren't for the small cookie that has been placed on your system. By having that cookie, your computer is saying, "Okay, we've been here before, it's safe to go here again, we don't have to provide ID", thereby eliminating the annoying always-have-to-log-in situation.

Here's the however.

However, certain websites place their cookies (called Adware tracking cookies) on your system that send information to them regarding your online activities and then send that information over to their parent company, all without your knowledge. The information on the websites you visit allows them to display advertisements that attract your interest.

Tracking cookies are not necessarily dangerous, they just slow down your system a lot; you could even find yourself receiving pop-up ads even when you aren't on the internet.

DIALERS: Dialers are pieces of software that get

installed on your computer and have the ability to make phone calls from your modem without the user's knowledge or consent. They connect your computer to other computers (usually pornographic) through your telephone line and are usually pay-per-call, so you are charged the whole time you are connected.

GRAYWARE: I hadn't even heard of this one. If an application is classified as annoying or objectionable, yet it isn't considered to be dangerous or as serious as malware, it is called Grayware. Grayware can encompass Adware or dialers; they are pretty much programs that have been written solely to harm someone's computer. (What possible enjoyment do these people get from hurting my computer? Do they sit around and laugh about "all of these people who are probably not using their computer right now because of us"? Seriously, don't these virus/malware program writers have anything else to do? I digress.)

KEYLOGGERS: "The World's Best Keylogger! Capture every keystroke guaranteed! Secretly record everything on your computer!" Yeah, that's all fine and good if you think your kid is logging in hours in the internet on some sites he's not supposed to; some companies use them to monitor their employees' activities. Unfortunately that isn't the only thing keylogging is about.

A keylogger is software designed to record everything typed into a computer – passwords, user id's, e-mail addresses, credit card numbers, etc. It can be installed the same way any piece of spyware or malware can be done. You can get it by going to certain websites, or you may download a file that has a keylogger attached and you probably won't even notice it. Without your knowledge someone is watching every keystroke you make.

MALWARE: Malware (short for malicious software) is software designed to invade a computer without the owner's consent. Malware encompasses viruses, worms, trojan horses, and spyware. In short, it is the general term for all malicious software.

PHISHING: Phishing is email fraud, plain and simple. I don't know if you ever get that occasional e-mail from a poor misguided underprivileged soul needing "only \$10,000"; that's Phishing. Most Phishing e-mails look pretty legitimate. "Banks" will send e-mails reporting of fraudulent schemes and ask for private banking information that "will help them determine if you have been a victim" and redirect you to a fraudulent site where any information that is given to that site is sent to the attacker. I once got an eBay e-mail informing me that "suspicious account activity" and that I needed to log in and check my account. I am usually on top of things and knew this was bogus and reported the e-mail to eBay. Had I clicked on the link provided, I would have been redirected to the attacker's site of choice, not eBay. The lists of Phishing

scams are endless.

SPYWARE: Spyware is tracking software that hides itself and gathers information without the computer user's knowledge or permission. Spyware collects personal information, redirects a user to websties that have viruses or forward browsing preferences on to a thrid party. Spyware is just what it says: It "spies".

STALKING HORSE: Stalking Horses are bundled into many popular programs and are often presented as additional software that you need. The Stalking Horse then sends ad networks send ads to your computer.

TROJAN HORSE: A trojan horse is a highly damaging program that can wreak havoc on your computer. The difference between trojan horses and viruses is that a trojan horse, unlike a virus, does not copy itself; rather, it disguises itself as a legitimate program and has destructive code built in so as to destroy a computer system without the user's knowledge.

WORM: A program that makes copies of itself over a network, using a computer's resources, shutting down systems, as well as damaging and compromising the computer's security.

I hope this guide gave you a better understanding of all of the lovely computer hazards we all face. It is quite daunting out there!

So be safe – it's a jungle out there!
mputer use, the sites you visit, what you

Websites for Alerting Device Information and Vendors:

Below is a compilation of trusted vendors that can supply alerting device technology such as flashing or vibrating alerts for door knockers, alarm clocks, smoke detectors and more.

- Beyond Hearing Aids www.beyondhearingaids.com information & articles about ALDs.
- Demystifying Assistive Listening Devices. www.wou.edu/~davis/Demystifying.pdf
- Cochlear Implant & Hearing Aid Interface Systems www.cihais.com
- DeVilbiss DeVelopment Co., LTD. Custom made neck-loops, CI patch cords <http://devilbissg.tripod.com/index-4.html>
- General Technologies www.devices4less.com
- HARC Mercantile www.harcmercantile.com
- Harris Communications, Inc. www.harriscomm.com
- Hear-More www.hearmore.com
- LS&S Group www.lssproducts.com. Specializing in visually & hearing impaired.
- HITEC Group www.hitec.com
- Weitbrecht Communications www.weitbrechtcom.com
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- www.Telex.com

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Vingo (Dingo)

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from 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

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Becky Fedio, Chairperson

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E-Mail : _____ **VP:** _____

How many: _____ **X \$15.00 per person =** _____

**Checks payable to Ed Jenkins and mail to:
Ed Jenkins, 72 Ashton Way, West Chester, PA 19380**

Any questions, VP Ed at 484.319.4260 or e-mail him at edjenkins7@aol.com

Deadline: Friday, October 15, 2010

Hotel to Feature New Sign and Brand Standards

Grantville, PA (May 10, 2010) - The new Holiday Inn sign is making its way around the world. And today, the Holiday Inn Harrisburg/Hershey announces this green beacon of hospitality will light the way for visitors to Grantville and will be ready for the PSAD Conference on September 30, 2010 thru October 3, 2010.

The new sign is the seal of approval that this hotel exemplifies the standards of the \$1 billion Holiday Inn brand relaunch program established to create a more contemporary brand image, increase quality and drive consistency. Holiday Inn Harrisburg/Hershey is the first in Grantville and among the first hotels in the world to receive the sign.



"We are thrilled to include the Holiday Inn Harrisburg/Hershey to the growing list of Holiday Inn hotels who now proudly display the brand new sign and everything it represents. Holiday Inn hotels are specifically designed for business and family oriented leisure travelers in need of a full-service lodging experience, and this property will continue to serve travelers well within that offering," said Gina LaBarre, vice president, Brand Delivery, the Americas, IHG. "The addition of Holiday Inn Harrisburg/Hershey will help us continue on our journey to make every Holiday Inn hotel as great as our best one."

Elements of the Holiday Inn brand relaunch include:

Redesigned Brand Signage

An evolution of the iconic script logo, energizing the signature color green and eliminating the current shield shape for a more refreshed and contemporary look.

Refreshed Guest Room

New bedding that redefines the look and feel of each guest room with fresh, white triple-sheeting and pillows that come in two comfort levels: "soft" and "firm." An enhanced bathroom that features plush towels, a showerhead offering superior pressure, a signature shower curtain with curved rod for added space, and new Bath and Body Works® amenities to deliver a refreshing and contemporary bath experience.

Warm Welcome

A new signature arrival - including new lighting, landscaping and design features - that creates an energized and branded sense of welcome that is universally recognizable. Customized music and scent selections also engage guests in a complete sensory experience, and a decluttered front desk to promote a more efficient and interactive check-in process.

New Service Promise

A best-in-class service culture with - "Stay Real" training - to further ensure that our team develops the behaviors and skills to best serve our guests. Genuine people delivering real service. Leading the charge, will be a newly created position at each hotel - the Guest Experience Champion.

"We look forward to offering our guests an enhanced stay experience with a refreshed room and exceptional levels of customer service," said Keith Moses, General Manager. "And we are especially pleased to be among the first wave of properties to showcase these new Holiday Inn brand hallmarks."

The 200-room hotel is close to Hershey and Harrisburg and its many attractions, including Hersheypark and the Hollywood Casino, and offers such business conveniences as 15 meeting/banquet rooms that can accommodate up to 500 people, a business center, and complimentary high speed internet in all guest rooms. Other amenities include a fitness center, indoor and outdoor pool, Jacuzzi, two restaurants, and the regionally well-known Winner's Circle Saloon, featuring live entertainment and dancing.

The Holiday Inn guestroom accommodations feature comfortable double, queen or king-sized beds, a sitting area with a lounge chair, premium and cable television, hairdryer, coffee maker, iron and ironing board. For the business traveler, guestrooms provide a work desk and ergonomic chair, data ports, complimentary USA Today newspapers, and in-room check-out capabilities.

124th Annual PSAD Conference – 129th Year Anniversary

TENATIVE Conference Schedule

September 30 & October 1 - 3, 2010 at Holiday Inn, Grantville, PA

Thursday, September 30, 2010

- 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm - **Conference of Chapters** - Grande I Ballroom
7:30 pm – 10:00 pm - **Board of Managers Meeting** - Grande I Ballroom

Friday, October 1, 2010

- 9:00 am - 6:00 pm - **Registration** - Lobby
12:00 pm - 5:00 pm - **Chinese Auction** - Majestic III Ballroom
11:30 pm - 2:00 pm - **Deaf Senior Citizen Section Luncheon & Annual Meeting** -
Winner's Circle Saloon
12:00 Noon - 2:00 pm - **Lunch** - on Your Own
2:15 pm - 3:45 pm - **Workshop: PA Schools for the Deaf Now & in the Future**
by Don Rhoten, Superintendent, Western PA School for the Deaf,
Pittsburgh and Larry Taub, Headmaster, PA School for the Deaf,
Philadelphia - Majestic I Ballroom
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm - **CAPS* & PSADLand Annual Meeting – Everyone Welcome!** - Ma-
jestic I Ballroom *Campground & Administration Project Support-
ers
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm - **Free Time & Dinner** - on Your Own
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm - **Welcome Remarks/Ice Cream Social** - Majestic I Ballroom
8:30 pm - 12:00 am - **Dingo** - Majestic I Ballroom

Saturday, October 2, 2010

- 9:00 am - 5:00 pm - **Registration** - Lobby
9:00 am - 4:00 pm - **Chinese Auction** - Majestic III Ballroom
9:00 am - 11:45 am - **PSAD Annual Meeting/Board Election/Award Presentations** -
Majestic I Ballroom
12:00 Noon - 1:45 pm - **Lunch** - on Your Own.
Reorganization Luncheon - PSAD Board, CAPS & Invited Guests
Only Majestic II Ballroom
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm - **PSAD Annual Meeting/Award Presentations** - Majestic I Ballroom
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm - **Cocktail Hour (Cash Bar)** - Majestic II Ballroom
6:30 pm - 9:30 pm - **Banquet /Award Presentations and Surprise Entertainment** -
Majestic I & II Ballroom

Sunday, October 3, 2010

- 9:00 am - 12:00 Noon - **PSAD Board of Manager's Meeting** - Regency Suite

Of Special Interest: [Victoria Flis, Miss Deaf Pennsylvania](#), will attend and speak at the conference!

PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE DEAF

124th Annual Conference & 129th Anniversary



Hosted by Greater Harrisburg Chapter

at *Holiday Inn*

(at Exit 80 off Interstate 81)

604 Station Road, Grantville, PA

OCT. 1 TO 3, 2010



	Member			Non-Member		
	Combo	Friday only	Saturday only	Combo	Friday only	Saturday only
Registration (required)	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$40	\$40	\$40
Friday – Workshop & Entertainment	\$20	\$20	-	\$30	\$30	-
Saturday – Banquet	\$50	-	\$50	\$60	-	\$60
Total	\$100	\$50	\$80	\$130	\$70	\$100

COMBO:	Member	Non-Member
During 2009 Conference (Aug 13 to 16, 2009)	\$80	\$90
Early Bird Combo (Aug 17, 2009 to April 30, 2010)	\$85	\$95
Second Chance Combo (May 1 to July 31, 2010)	\$90	\$100
From August 1, 2010 to Conference	\$100	\$130
Senior Citizen (55+) (Aug 13, 2009 to April 30, 2010)	\$80	\$90

Mail this form along with check, money order or credit card information payable to "2010 PSAD Conference" to:
 Martin Caha, 2010 Treasurer, 4374 Beaumont Road, Dover, PA 17315

For any additional information:

Contact Sandy Duncan, Chairperson at ginsandun@aol.com or VP at 717-255-0135 or

Martin Caha, Treasurer at mjcaha65@verizon.net or VP at 717-308-5000 and check on web www.pсадweb.org.

Complete the form & cut along the line. Duplication of the form is permitted.

Name(s): _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Apt. _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

TTY/VP: _____ FAX: _____ Chapter: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Check one: I am Deaf Hard of Hearing Deaf - Blind Hearing

Select a plan (Member / Non-member)	Now to Apr 30, 2010	May 1 to July 31, 2010	Aug 1, 2010 to Conference	Price per person	Qty	Total
1) Combo		\$90 / \$100	\$100 / \$130		X	\$
2) Registration, Workshop & Entertainment (Friday)		\$50 / \$70	\$50 / \$70		X	\$
3) Registration & Banquet only (Sat.)		\$80 / \$100	\$80 / \$100		X	\$

Enclosed is a check or MO; I'm paying by credit card Total \$ _____

Credit Card: MasterCard Visa Account # _____ Exp. Date: _____

Special needs request. If yes, please explain: _____

Deadline for special needs request – August 31, 2010 (Ex. diet, interpreter, etc...)

PSAD 2010 CONFERENCE HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

Holiday Inn Hershey-Harrisburg
604 Station Road, Grantville, PA 17028
(717) 469-0661 V - Off exit 80 of I-81

Check in time – 4:00 PM Check out time – 11:00 AM

OF ROOMS:___ # OF ADULTS:___ # OF CHILDREN:___ # SMOKING RMS:___

#NON SMOKING RMS:___ # WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE RMS:___

SPECIAL REQUESTS _____

ARRIVAL DATE:_____ DEPARTURE DATE:_____

GROUP NAME: **PA SOCIETY FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE DEAF**

NAME(S):_____

ADDRESS:_____

CITY:_____ STATE:_____ ZIP:_____

PHONE: () _____ E-MAIL:_____

GROUP RATE: **\$109.00 + TAX SGL/DBL/TRL/QUAD**

CREDIT CARD NAME & #:_____

EXP DATE:_____

Call the hotel or mail this form to reserve your room(s). Make a copy of this form for yourself.

Note: *These special accommodations and rates will be available up to two weeks prior to the conference, after which time these rooms will return to the hotel for their normal rate.*

Note: *Cancellations occurring less than 24 hours prior to arrival will be charged one night's room rate plus tax.*

Simply put, we think there's no better place in the region to have a meeting, banquet, or conference, than the Holiday Inn Harrisburg-Hershey hotel. From annual conventions, trade shows, meetings and formal corporate events to casual meetings, reunions, banquets and retreats, the hotel offers all the services and support you need to make it a success.

Our indoor recreational facility is for the whole family with indoor pool, poolside food service, pool table, ping-pong, foosball, and air hockey. Along with our 110-foot long, hourglass shaped pool, you'll enjoy our jacuzzi, sauna and fitness center.

WE ARE "NEXT DOOR" TO THE PENN NATIONAL CASINO IN CASE ANYONE MAY BE INTERESTED.



*Plan now to attend
PSAD Senior Citizens Section's
19th Annual Luncheon
and Meeting
at the Holiday Inn Harrisburg/Hershey
Grantville, PA*

*Friday, October 1, 2010
11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.*



*Luncheon (Pennsylvania Dutch Buffet),
Annual Meeting & Election of Officers*

50-50 Chances Door Prizes

For more information, contact:

Violet Petrick, President, PSAD Senior Citizens Section at 814.846.4810 (VP) or 814.472.6548 (TTY)

Name: _____

Address: _____

VP, TTY or FAX: (____) _____ E-Mail: _____

How many? _____ X \$25.00 per person = _____

Checks payable to **PSAD Senior Citizens Section** and mail to:
Carl Frels, Treasurer, PSAD Senior Citizens Section,
322 West Main Street, Dalton, PA 18414
Deadline: Wednesday, September 15, 2010

(Regretfully, reservations are not accepted after September 15th)

NOTE: All must be registered with PSAD Conference to attend this event.

PSAD Membership Application Form

Please choose one membership type: Individual Membership Organization Membership
Fill out appropriate membership type below and print neatly

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

Please check one box. Are you
 Deaf/Hard of Hearing? Hearing?

Please choose one membership box below

- Life Member—\$125.00
- Life Plan Member—\$25.00 per year for five years
- Annual Member—\$25.00 per year

Please fill out member profile form below

Note: Newsletter subscription is NOT included. To subscribe to the newsletter, please fill out the newsletter application form below.

Mail whole page form and check to:

James Noschese, Treasurer
1327 Brinton Road - Pittsburgh, PA 15221-4633

ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP

- Organization Member—\$50.00 per year

Note: Newsletter Subscription is included.



PSAD Newsletter Subscription Application Form

Please choose one newsletter subscription type:

- One-year subscription—\$5.00
- Two-year subscription—\$10.00
- Three-year subscription—\$15.00

Fill out appropriate membership profile form below

PSAD Member Profile Form

Prefix (Please check one box) Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. _____

First Name _____ Middle Name _____

Last Name _____ Suffix _____

Organization Name (if any) _____

Birth Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (_____) _____ Fax (_____) _____

E-mail Address _____

Please make a check or money order payable to PSAD. Note: A \$25.00 service charge will be added to your total account if a check is returned. When you wish to use your credit card, a 5% bank-handling fee will be added to your Master or Visa. Thank you.

Please check one box Visa Master Charge

Account No. _____

Expiration Date _____

Signature _____



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