



## SENIORS' CHAT

# Don's Column



Hello, Happy Hands Members and Friends,

Happy Hands will meet on September 3. See page 2 for information.

All of our recent events are reported with pictures in this newsletter for your reading pleasure.

As usual, Stay Happy Safely with Our Awesome Hands!

~ Don



Northern Virginia Resource Center  
for Deaf & Hard of Hearing Persons  
*Improving Communication, Changing Lives*

SAVE THE DATE!


NVRC's Annual Meeting and Breakfast

10 AM

12	06	25
Day	Month	Year

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



# September

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

...to the folks with birthdays  
in **September**

Sharon Svenningsen [3rd]  
Pam Gannon [4th]  
Geneva Riffe [7th]  
Thelma Schroeder [9th]  
Kerry Mike [28th]

# Happy Hands In-Person Meeting

## September 3 at 10:00 AM

We will have our monthly meeting on September 3, 2025 at 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. For lunch, we will have Salad Bar and Italian Ice. See below for the menu. **If you do not bring food, please pay \$5.00.** For more information, contact Pat Beech at [pgbeech@aol.com](mailto:pgbeech@aol.com).

### BRING YOUR OWN BEVERAGES.

#### SALAD BAR

##### Mixed Greens / Spring Mix:

- \* Romaine: Lois Herberger, Cheryl & Rocky Rockburn, Mary Ann & Tim Beatty, Don Ames
- \* Spinach: Tom & Laurie Dowlings
- \* Spring Mix: Jean Buffardi
- \* Iceberg Lettuce: Steve Williams

##### Dressings:

- \* Ranch: Melanie Williams
- \* Caesar: Richard Cohen
- \* Balsamic Vinegar: Eddie Drawdy
- \* Italian: Melanie Williams
- \* Oil & Vinegar by Newman's: Melanie Williams

##### Sides:

- \* Grape tomatoes: Pat Beech, Bill Morris
- \* Cucumber, sliced: Denise Drake, Richard Cohen
- \* Zucchini, sliced: Tom Drake
- \* Mushrooms: Bob Hickey, Bill Morris

##### \* Peppers: Red, Yellow, and Green:

- Cathleen & Cyril Potosky
- \* Carrots, shredded: Peggy Daniels
- \* Sweet Onions, chopped: Bob Hickey
- \* Red Onions, chopped: Bob Hickey
- \* Raisins: Jonathan Kiell
- \* Cranberries: Pat Beech
- \* Eggs, chopped: Serry Fahmy
- \* Bacon Bits: Jeanne & Tim Lavelle
- \* Black olives: Eddie Drawdy, Jeanne & Tim Lavelle
- \* Chickpeas: Eddie Drawdy, Paul Daniels
- \* Croutons: Jeanne & Tim Lavelle
- \* Feta Cheese: Eileen Goran
- \* Grated Parmesan: Cathleen & Cyril Potosky
- \* Crackers: Alfred Traurig

##### Desserts:

- \* Italian Ice: Jill Moebus
- \* Red & Green Grapes: Stan Smith, Deanna Dunham
- \* Strawberries: Lila Renchard



What animal evaporates in the sun?



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#### BRAIN BOOSTERS

New Word & Thinking Games to Try



Before lunch, Lois Herberger will give a brief talk about an animal that evaporates in the sun. After lunch, Barbara Eger-Klatt will present "Brain Boosters: New Word & Thinking Games to Try."

# Happy Hands Social Chat

## September 24 at 10:00 AM



We will have our social chat on September 24, 2025 at 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

**BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH BAGS AND BEVERAGES.**

After lunch, we will play Chair Volleyball.



## Upcoming Events



### October 1

**Menu:** Subs

**Presentation:** "National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown" by Bill Morris



### December 3

**Menu:** Holiday Appetizers

**Presentation before lunch:** "Fugio Coin" by Lois Herberger

**Activity after lunch:** Building Legos



### October 22

**Menu:** Brown Bag

**Activity:** Crafts by Lynn Keefe



### January 7

**Menu:** Brown Bag

**Activity:** "Scams and Fraud" by Cyril Potosky



### November 19

(not 11-05-2025)

**Menu:** Brown Bag and Japanese Desserts

**Presentation:** "Trip to Japan" by Eileen McCartin



### January 28

**Menu:** Brown Bag

**Activity:** Guess the Place: A to Z Photo Game! by Lois Herberger







## News of Interest



Howard Rosenblum joined a race for Illinois' 9th Congressional District. With more than 30 years of legal experience, he is aiming to advocate for disability justice, preserve Medicaid, and combat a "misuse of power" in Washington.

Source:

\* <https://www.howardrosenblum.com/>

\* <https://evanstonroundtable.com/2025/06/24/illinois-congressional-candidate-howard-rosenblum/>



Kelby Brick, Esq. is NAD's new Chief Operating Officer.

Source: <https://www.nad.org/communique/new-nad-chief-operating-officer-announcement-kelby-brick-esq/>

At the ASLTA Conference in July, the members elected Board Members for the next four years:

- \* President — Matt Anderson
- \* Secretary — Dr. Rhonda Jennings-Arey
- \* Professional Development Director — Dr. Katie Moore



Board of Directors: <https://aslta.org/directors/>

At the Deaf Seniors of America (DSA) Conference in August, the members elected Board Members for the next two years:

- \* President — Phil Aiello
- \* Vice President — Char Parsley
- \* Secretary — Elaine Navratil
- \* Treasurer — TBA
- \* Member At Large — Adam Novsam
- \* Member At Large — Robyn Miller
- \* Member At Large — Kitty Fischer
- \* Member At Large — Jerry Nelson





# In Loving Memory



Gloria Wojick White, 90, died on March 21, 2025 in Kill Devil Hills, NC. She was one of the four women who founded Delta Epsilon Sorority at Gallaudet. She was a dedicated educator and beloved family matriarch. She found joy in painting, playing card games, reading books, and creating art. Her greatest joy came from spending time with her family. Gloria was preceded in death by husband, George R. White, Jr..

Source: <https://www.twifordfh.com/obituaries/Gloria-White?obId=39804620>

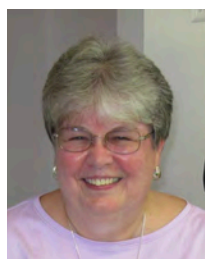


Priscilla Jan "PJ" Flanagan, 86, died in Maryland on June 5, 2025. She was a resident of The Villages from 2015 to 2024. She was preceded in death by husband, Talmadge, in 2022. She worked for the Prince George's County Government in Maryland as an accounting technician.

Dr. C. Lorance "Rance" Henderson died in Raleigh, NC on July 21, 2025. He was the fourth superintendent at North Carolina School for the Deaf in Morganton for about 20 years, starting in 1970.

Sources:

- \* <https://www.cityofoakscremation.com/obituaries/2025-07-21-Charlie-Henderson/>
- \* <https://gardner-webb.edu/news/gardner-webb-remembers-trustee-emeritus-dr-c-lorance-rance-henderson/>
- \* [https://www.thepaper.media/obituaries/rance-henderson/article\\_9cbf78e9-4832-48d9-8770-88d65c36a897.html](https://www.thepaper.media/obituaries/rance-henderson/article_9cbf78e9-4832-48d9-8770-88d65c36a897.html)



Rita Spencer died in Walkersville, MD on July 5, 2025. She was born in Youngstown, Ohio on May 2, 1949. She received a B.A. degree in Biology from Gallaudet in 1971, and M.Ed degree in 1975 at Western Maryland College (now McDaniel College). Rita taught at Maryland School for the Deaf in Frederick, MD, and retired in 2005 after 33 years of service. She was elected to be in Who's Who Among America's Teachers in 1996, 2002, and 2004-2005. She loved scrapbooking, reading, and traveling.



Alice Crow Frick of Staunton died on August 21, 2025, just 5 days before 58th wedding anniversary on the 26th. She is survived by Wayne Frick. Alice was a retired VSDB teacher, a pillar of the Deaf Staunton Community, a former member of the VSDB Board of Visitors. Both Alice and Wayne were active in the VAD Skyline Chapter, as well as VAD. Alice came from a Deaf family, graduated from Arkansas School for the Deaf, and Gallaudet University.





# Rock The Block

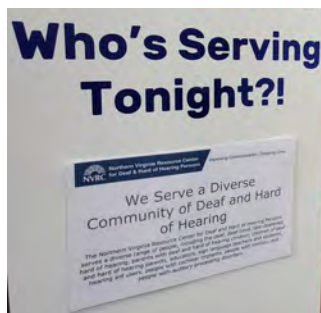
## 07-25-2025



In the Spring of each year, the City of Fairfax invites local non-profits to apply to provide volunteer staff to support several events at their monthly Rock the Block summer concert series. Over a dozen NVRC members and volunteers (including some of the Happy Hands members) worked as “bartenders” at the beer garden.

The event management checked IDs and sold tickets, which could be exchanged for beer. The NVRC crew only had to operate the beer taps (pour) and exchange beer for tickets.

Photo Credit: Darren Marquardt, Jill Moebus, and Debbie Jones



NVRC's awesome ROCK THE BLOCK volunteers

# HH Social Event

## 07-30-2025



Cathleen Potosky, Stan Smith, Paul Daniels, Tom Dowling, Lois Herberger, and Peggy Daniels

[Not pictured: Don Ames and Jonathan Kiell]

Photo Credit: Jill Moebus



## Deaf Way

### October 16-19



Gallaudet University is bringing back Deaf Way but with a new twist! It is reformatted into a series of festivals with specific tracks on a bi-annual basis.

For the first of these events, the Deaf Way Film Festival will highlight a weekend of films that showcase the work of Deaf and Hard of Hearing creatives. Films will be screened at Elstad Auditorium on the Gallaudet University campus. Here is the schedule: <https://gallaudet.edu/deaf-way-film-festival/>.

For more information, see:

\* <https://gallaudet.edu/deaf-way/>

\* <https://www.facebook.com/people/DeafWay-Festival/61568697000084/>

\* <https://www.hearview.ai/blogs/news/the-vibrant-legacy-of-deaf-way-at-gallaudet-university-a-celebration-of-culture-community-and-cinema>




**RECAP**

# Recap of Monthly Meeting on August 6, 2025


**RECAP**

23 attendees came to the August 6 meeting. Highlights of the meeting were: August Birthday Song, New Math and Scavenger Hunt (see page 10). Here is YouTube link for the meeting: [https://youtu.be/fIC\\_gws08pA](https://youtu.be/fIC_gws08pA).



Eddie Drawdy, Cathleen & Cyril  
Potosky, and Barry Harlan



Randy Renchard, Bob Hickey,  
Lila Renchard, and Tom Dowling



Lois Herberger and  
Serry Fahmy (wife Cecile  
“Cel” Lim is on the  
iPhone via FaceTime)



Lois Herberger, Jean Buffardi,  
Vicki Shank, Tim Lavelle, and Pat Beech



Laurie Dowling, Cindy Pettie,  
and Deanna Dunham



Stan Smith with Lila  
Renchard (former student  
at California School for  
the Deaf in Berkeley)



Marshal  
Kesler



Bonnie Bochert



Denise & Tom  
Drake



Bill Morris



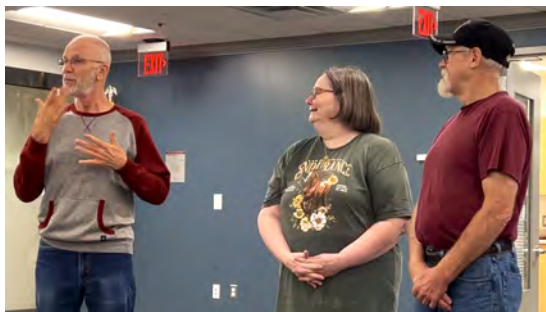
**The Ice Cream Man**  
Bob Hickey



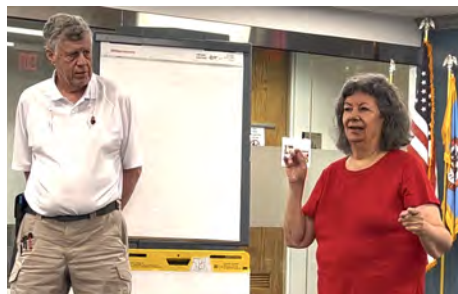

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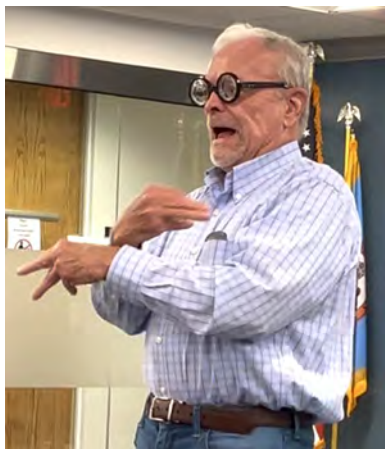
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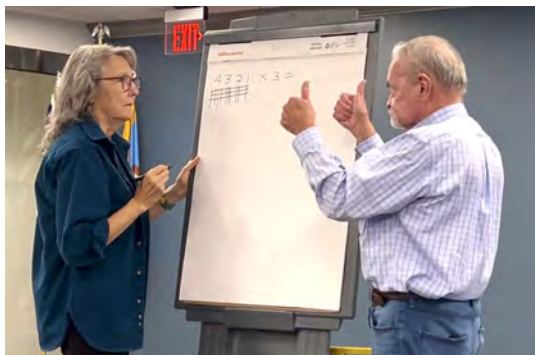
Eddie signs "Happy Birthday"  
to Melanie and Tim



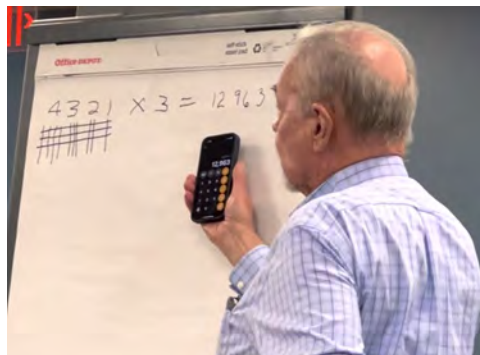
Visitors introduce themselves  
Randy & Lila Renchard, Cindy Pettie,  
and Bonnie Bochert



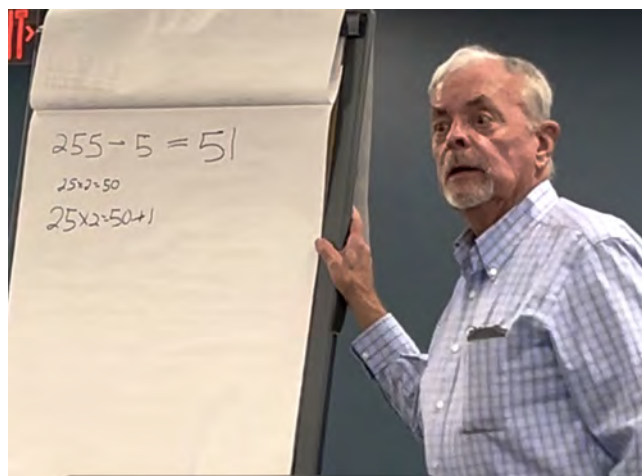
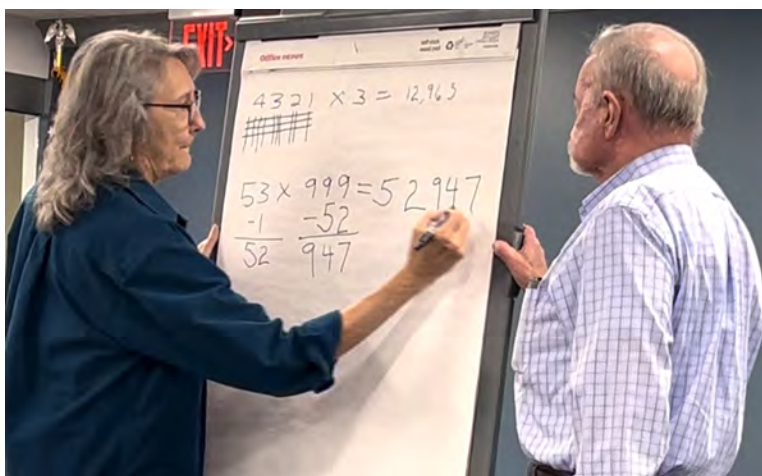
**New Math Teacher**  
Dr. Hickey



Dr. Hickey helps  
Denise Drake "pass"  
New Math Quiz



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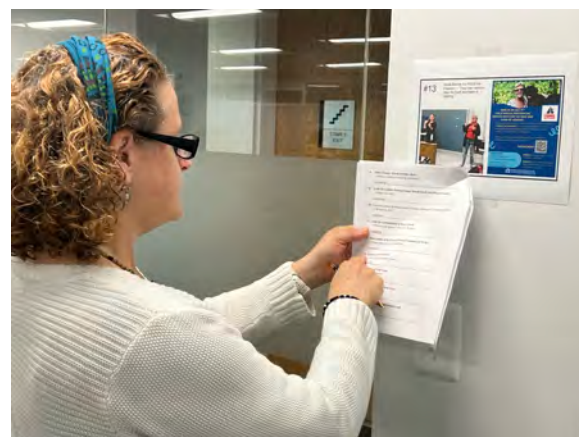
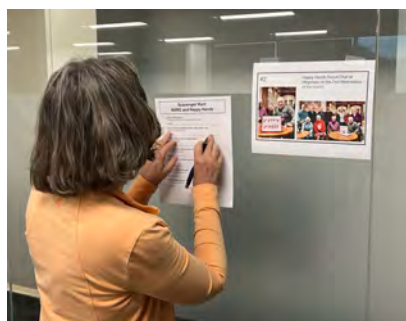

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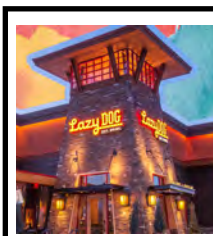

Pat Beech put together a Scavenger Hunt based on history about NVRC and Happy Hands Deaf Seniors. She had 20 pictures, and a question list (see pictures and answers at: [https://beechasl.net/happyhands/08-06-2025/Scavenger\\_Hunt\\_With\\_Pictures.pdf](https://beechasl.net/happyhands/08-06-2025/Scavenger_Hunt_With_Pictures.pdf)).



#19 Picture was hard to find  
(placed in this area by Eddie)

Laurie Dowling “scolded” at  
Eddie for placing #19  
Picture in a hard-to find area





# July-August Birthdays on 08-18-2025



Sitting: Jonathan Kiell, Vicki Shank, Jeanne & Tim Lavelle,  
Lynn Keefe, and Lydia Olugbodi

Standing: Rocky & Cheryl Rockburn, Lois Herberger, Barry Harlan, Laurie & Tom Dowling, Bill Morris,  
Eileen Goran, Melanie & Steve Williams, and Pat Beech



## The Birthday Group

Far Left: Vicki Shank and Jeanne Lavelle

Left: Eileen Goran, Cheryl Rockburn, and Tom Dowling

Right: Bill Center, Melanie Williams, and Lydia Olugbodi

Far right: Tim Lavelle and Lynn Keefe







# Training at HKNC



Lanny Quarles has been at Helen Keller National Center in NY since January 20 — for training on Independent Living, Orientation & Mobility, and Adaptive Technology.



On July 19, four of us with deafness and low vision went to Fire Island Light House (1 hour away from HKNC). Angel (in the back of the 2nd picture) works for Sorenson. As a volunteer driver, she drove us to the Light House. We went up the stairs (187 steps) and went back down the stairs (another 187 steps). That was a lot for me to do at my age. I was surprised.

For information about Fire Island Light House, see:  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fire\\_Island\\_Lighthouse](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fire_Island_Lighthouse)



I helped Marissa (deaf with low vision) learn Tactile. She came to HKNC six weeks ago. We practiced with our eyes closed.



We had farewell party for David (wearing blue color; partially hidden; standing next to tall guy).





# Training at HKNC

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Lanny got a new device -  
Focus 40 Braille Display iPhone  
on July 30 from ICC!

[It allows a user to read text displayed on screen.  
It includes an 8-key Perkins-style braille  
keyboard for input.]



My team won the Escape  
Room competition.



We played water fight on track.  
We enjoyed that and had fun!  
This activity got us all wet!  
Hahaha!!



We competed in an Escape Room  
competition, where we had to  
solve the puzzles and escape  
before 30 minutes ran out.



HKNC hosted a Harvest  
Celebration. HKNC is  
home to one of the largest  
“Plant A Row for the  
Hungry” gardens. We had  
pizza that included  
vegetables from the garden.



Three of us (deaf-blind) were invited  
by the lady in white shirt to Worship  
In The Park. The woman in green  
shirt is an interpreter and Lanny's  
cook teacher. The guy drove us.







# DSA Photo Album

## Aug 1-8, 2025



### Virginians and Happy Hands Members

[provided by Cathy Thompson]

Front: Dot Brenner, Eileen Goran, Eleni Triantafell, Joan Corley,  
Mary Ann Beatty, Cheryl Gault, Peggy Daniels, and Thelma Schroeder

Back: Don Ames, Jill Moebus, Janet Ayres, Mike Yared, Cathy Thompson,  
Tim Beatty, Rick Thompson, Robert Gault, Paul Daniels, and Denise Proulx



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# DSA Photo Album

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Barry Harlan, Vicki Shank, and Thelma Schroeder were all smiles on the plane en route to Kansas City, MO from Washington, DC on Thursday, July 31st.

Unfortunately, due to bad weather, we had to deplane. Along with five other deaf travelers, we waited at the airport

for five long hours while the airline searched for an alternate flight route and two replacement pilots — but nothing worked out.

To our disappointment, our flight was rebooked for Saturday, August 2nd. Barry and Vicki ultimately decided to cancel their entire trip, while Thelma was able to reschedule her flight for Friday instead.

The next day, media reports mentioned a possible internet outage affecting Southwest Airlines, which may have contributed to the disruption.

It was an ordeal for all of us — definitely not the start we were hoping for!



Spotted by Thelma  
in Wamego, Kansas  
Miss Gulch's bike on the roof!!

For more information, see:  
<https://onceuponawheat.com/oz-museum-kansas/>



**Members of Maryland Deaf Senior Citizens at DSA Conference**  
(with permission from Thelma Schroeder)

From left to right: Sam Sonnenstrahl, Cathy Thompson, Ricky Thompson, Al Sonnenstrahl, Al Hlibok, Darlene Hubbard, Scott Recht, Lee Meadows, Mike Weinstock, Peggy Hlibok, Denise Proulx, Paul Singleton, Kitty Fischer, Lance Fischer, Steve Frank, Mo Aiello, Phil Aiello, Patty Alford, Steve DeMuth, Dot Brenner, Alex Richey, Ann Hirsch, David Hirsch, Richard Drake, Donna Ballmer, James Ballmer, Kim Craig, Thelma Schroeder, Janet Weinstock, Jeanette Webster, Lauren Lynch-Ryan, Carrie White, Eileen Goran, Suzanne Dahan, Roy White, Marjorie Sonnenstrahl, Jerry Webster, Eleni Triantafell, Liz Katz, Molly Mirchandani, Marcia Zisman, and Arlyce Watson





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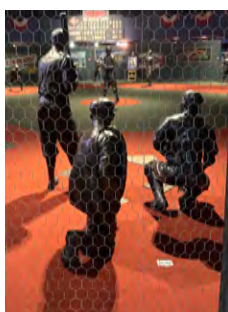
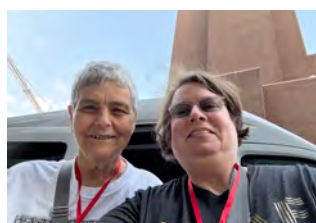
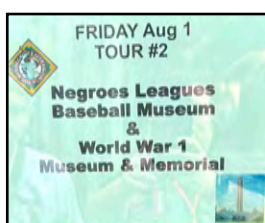
On August 1, Joan Corley and Jill Moebus went on a pre-conference tour to see two museums: Negro Leagues Baseball Museum, and World War 1 Museum & Memorial. Thanks to Joan for the pictures.

For more information, see:

\* <https://www.nlbm.com/> for NLBM

\* <https://www.theworldwar.org/> for WWI Museum

\* <https://www.theworldwar.org/learn/about-wwi/womens-suffrage> for Women's Suffrage



This map shows the geographical locations of the teams and leagues that comprised the Negro leagues. For more information, see <https://themmmjournal.org/2023/11/10/a-visit-the-negro-league-museum/>.



Picket Sign (on right) was part of the women's suffrage protests during WWI. The National Woman's Party criticized President Woodrow Wilson for promoting democracy abroad during WWI, while denying women the right to vote at home.





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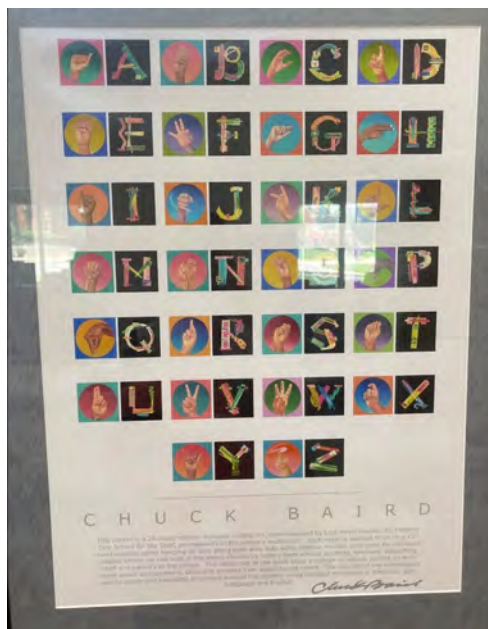
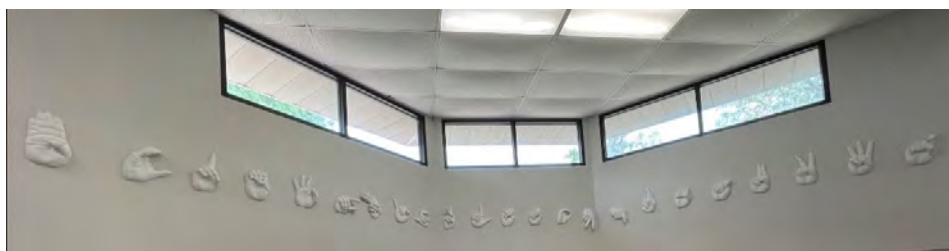
On August 2, Daphne Cox and her sister Angela Suchanic were on a pre-conference tour to see Kansas School for the Deaf Museum. That afternoon they went to the Museum of Deaf History, Arts & Culture. Thanks to Angela for the pictures.



Kansas School for the Deaf  
[<https://www.kansasdeaf.gov/>]



Museum of Deaf History,  
Arts & Culture  
[<https://www.museumofdeaf.org/>]







# DSA Photo Album

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Joan Corley saw Kansas School for the Deaf Museum, and Museum of Deaf History, Arts & Culture. Thanks for the pictures.



Eileen Goran visited National World War 1 Museum and Memorial, Arabia Steamboat Museum, and Crown Center: Hallmark. She found the museums interesting and educational. She said "Who knew KC has so much to offer?"





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Richard & Linda Potter,  
Eileen Goran, and Jay Winegard



DSA members at Marriott Hotel





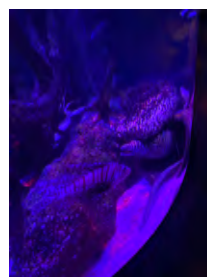
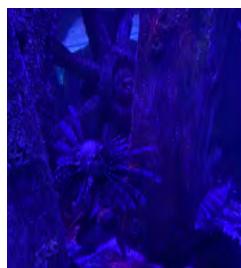
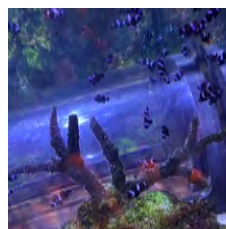
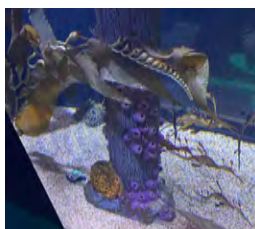
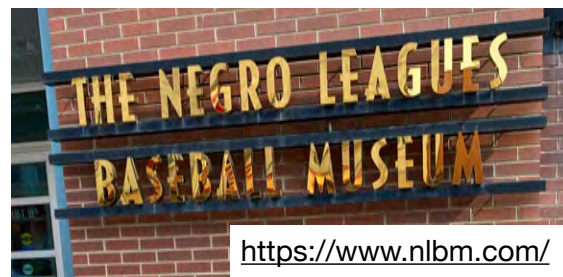
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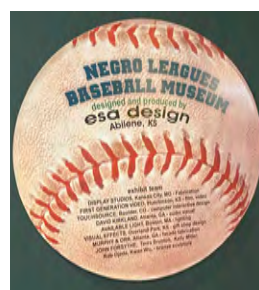
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Jill Moebus arrived on July 31, 2025. She went on two tours:  
 \* Negro Leagues Baseball Museum; and National World War 1 Museum and Memorial  
 \* Arabia Steamboat Museum, Crown Center: Hallmark; and Sea Life



Sea Life Aquarium  
<https://www.visitsealife.com/kansas-city/>





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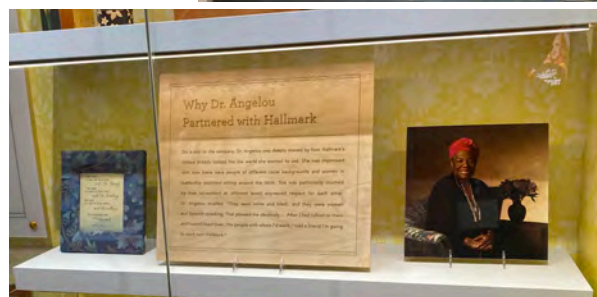


Arabia Steamboat Museum  
<https://www.1856.com/>



## Hallmark Visitors Center

<https://corporate.hallmark.com/about/hallmark-cards-company/hallmark-visitors-center/>





# 19th Biennial DSA Conference

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One Form Per Person – Please Print Clearly

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Read the information below carefully before you sign this registration form.

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Once payment is received, you will receive a confirmation letter via email (or postal mail). When you arrive for registration at the conference, be prepared to present your driver's license or personal identification card with photo (required).

### RETURNED (BOUNCED) CHECKS

A service fee of \$50 will be applied to all checks returned by the bank due to non-sufficient funds. Registrations will not be processed until after payment has been satisfied.

### CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

A fee of \$150 will be charged for each canceled registration prior to June 30, 2027. Registration fees are non-refundable on and after July 1, 2027. Phone cancellations are not accepted. Documentation is required after July 1, 2027 for refunds due to hospitalization (medical records) or death (obituary notice or death certificate). DSA membership dues are not refundable, except for death.

### NON-TRANSFERABLE

Completed registrations are not transferable to other persons. DSA will not honor those that are sold or exchanged by unauthorized parties before or during the conference.

### LOST BADGES

A processing fee of \$50 will be applied lost registration badges. This fee is not refundable if the lost badge is found later.

### MAILING & CONTACT INFO

Please notify the DSA Treasurer (email below) ASAP if there are changes to your mailing address or contact information.

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If you have accessibility needs, please contact [dsa2027access@deafseniors.us](mailto:dsa2027access@deafseniors.us).

### DIETARY

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### QUESTIONS

If you have questions, reach out to [conferenceinfo@deafseniors.us](mailto:conferenceinfo@deafseniors.us).

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*I give DSA permission to list my name on its website:* \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

*I have accessibility needs:* \_\_\_\_ Mobility \_\_\_\_ Vision

*I have dietary needs:* \_\_\_\_ Gluten Free \_\_\_\_ Vegan

### COMBO REGISTRATION

August 3, 2025 – December 31, 2025 .....	\$400
January 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026 .....	\$450
July 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026 .....	\$475
January 1, 2027 – June 30, 2027 .....	\$500
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# Summer Photo Album



Mary and Tim Beatty spent a week in a cabin on the Shenandoah River with Tim's sister and nephew with his fiancée. They tried tubing down the river for three hours which was fun. They also toured the Luray Caverns which was fantastic.

## Camp WaMaVa

Melanie & Steve Williams' grandkids:

Ashlyn, Jordyn, and Maverick

This camp is located in Apple Mountain Lake near Linden.

[<https://www.wamava.com/>]



Ice Cream at Amish Market in central Pennsylvania  
[provided by Pam Gannon]

## Jonathan Kiell's grandkids: Wes, Maddie, and Alden

Top Left: Grand Canyon River Raft trip (June)

Top Right: Pilot Mountain in NC (August)

Bottom Left: Hanging Rock in NC (August)

Bottom Right: Falling into the community pool (August)



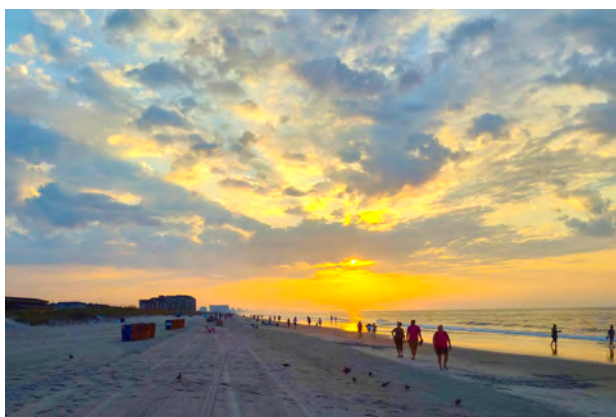


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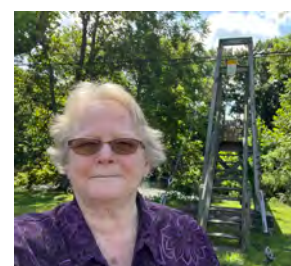
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**“Christmas in July” at Ashby Ponds**  
Eve Christian



**Sunset at the beach (Myrtle Beach, SC)**  
[provided by Jean Buffardi]



## Skyline Drive, Lantz Mills, and Shrine Mont

In July, Pat Beech drove 105 miles on the Skyline Drive [Day 1 was from Front Royal to Thornton Gap; Day 2 was from Thornton Gap to Waynesboro]. For info about the Skyline Drive, see: <https://www.nps.gov/shen/planyourvisit/driving-skyline-drive.htm>.

She visited the two sites in the Lantz Mills area (Union Forge Church and the Mill).

She made a quick stop at the Shrine Mont in Orkney Springs, VA [<https://www.shrinemont.com/about-shrine-mont/the-cathedral-shrine-of-the-transfiguration/>].



**Lincoln, Nebraska**  
Julie Greenfield with grandkids,  
Everett, Bobby, Julie, Elle, and Ross





# Summer Photo Album

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**Lois Herberger**

*"It isn't summer  
without ice cream!"*



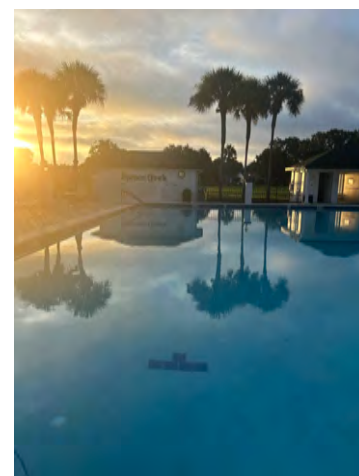
Gary Viall visited with his children: Bobby, Bambi, and Craig.  
His brother, Terry, flew in from California.



Pat Beech visited  
with Mary Silvestri  
and her family in  
Connecticut.



Eddie Drawdy visited his daughter Kayla  
in Virginia Beach. Picture on right has Eddie with  
daughter and her dog, Moto-Moto.



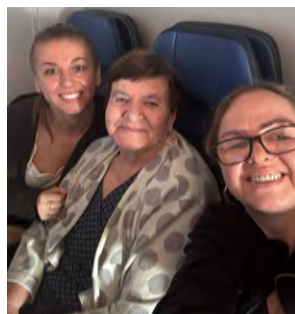
Julie Greenfield visits  
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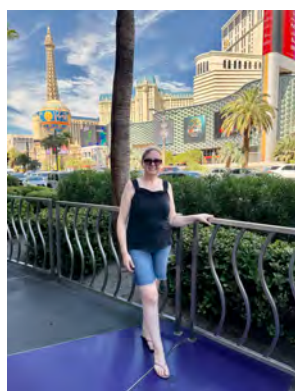




# Iryna's Journey to Las Vegas and Bryce Canyon



Iryna Ravliuk visited Las Vegas and Bryce Canyon National Park in Utah with her mother [Zina Zimina] and daughter [Kristina Ravlyuk].



Las Vegas Walk of Stars  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Las\\_Vegas\\_Walk\\_of\\_Stars](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Las_Vegas_Walk_of_Stars)

"Giant Shoes" at Cosmopolitan Hotel



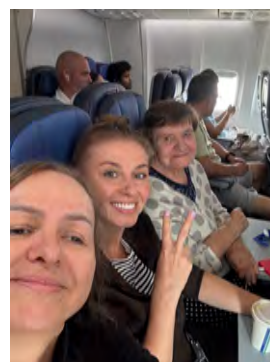


# Iryna's Journey

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<https://www.nps.gov/brca/index.htm>



Bellagio Conservatory & Botanical Gardens

<https://bellagio.mgmresorts.com/en/entertainment/conservatory-botanical-garden.html>

Leaving  
Las Vegas



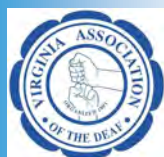


# Water Lantern Festival at National Harbor



Jill Moebus and Joan Corley went to National Harbor on 08-09-2025 for the Water Lantern Festival. This is when people can celebrate life together.

For information, see: <https://www.waterlanternfestival.com/>.



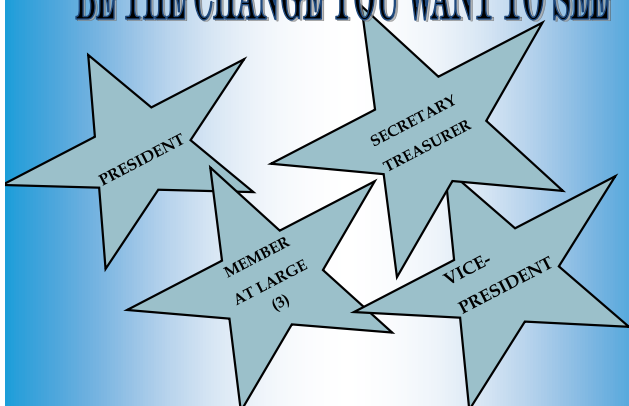
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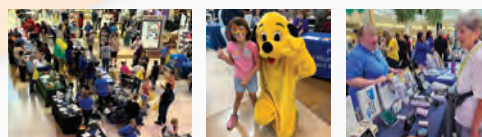
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- Everyone who helped with set-Up before the August 6th Monthly Meeting; and clean-Up afterwards
- Bob Hickey for presenting "New Math" at the August 6th meeting
- Pat Beech for the Scavenger Hunt on NVRC and Happy Hands history at the August 6th meeting
- Everyone who participated in the Scavenger Hunt at the August 6th meeting
- Bob Hickey for bringing ice cream to the August 6th meeting
- Everyone that provided pictures for the DSA Photo Album (pages 14-21)
- Everyone that provided pictures for the Summer Photo Album (pages 23-25)
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Sitting: Don Ames (Chair),  
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 and Tim Beatty (Treasurer)

Standing (Members-At-Large):  
 Jill Moebus, Cathleen Potosky,  
 Lois Herberger, and Bob Hickey

### Thanks for your donations

\* Stephanie Hightman  
 (in memory of Shelley  
 Simms)



## Silent Social at Wegmans

This occurs on the first and third Sundays of each month at 7:00PM in Fairfax Wegmans at the corner of Route 29 and Monument Drive (Upper Level, near the stairs). Registration is suggested. The dates for the Silent Social Chat are September 7 and 21. FYI, some people arrive early (6:00PM) and grab some of Wegmans prepared food for dinner.



Please come join the very informal chat; the group often includes students and interpreters looking to learn and practice ASL. You can also get your groceries while you are there!

Also, HH Lunchtime Social Chat at Wegmans will be on September 10.

For more info, contact Jonathan Kiell at [jona3ki@msn.com](mailto:jona3ki@msn.com).

For the Sunday Chats see: <https://www.meetup.com/aslbridge/events/304987317>.

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