

The DWOW Newsletter

Issue 1

Above header SOON to have "The Winner's Logo"
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how YOU may be the lucky winner!

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DWOW's MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Deaf Women of Oregon and Washington (DWOW) is to increase the number of resources and the networking, socialization, education, leadership, and empowerment opportunities of deaf, deaf-blind, hard of hearing and late-deafened women in Oregon and Washington.

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A NIGHT WITH MIRIAM - A SUCCESS!!

Deaf Women of Oregon and Washington (DWOW) was formally introduced to the deaf community of Oregon and Washington with its first fundraising event on March 25 in Keizer, Oregon. 100% of the proceeds from the fundraiser went to benefit Miriam Richards, our very own local deaf woman who has accomplished much during her time in the Pacific Northwest. More importantly, she will be accomplishing her goal of climbing the highest peaks in all 50 states in the US. Only one last highpoint remains: Mt. McKinley in Alaska. She will use the funds raised to purchase climbing equipment, climbing guide, and travel expenses. Miriam, who also has Multiple Sclerosis, has inspired us all to do our best and never give up.

Our fundraiser committee gathered many generous donations from local restaurants and stores to serve to our guests such as pie, wine, cheese, and other desserts. We also had a Silent Auction with donated items. One popular item was quickly snatched away - the guided tour of the Chateau Bianca Winery for a party of up to 16 people. DWOW was proud to raise nearly \$345 for Miriam!

Miriam gave a presentation about her climbing experiences and shared many memorable stories with an audience of nearly 30 people. Some of the stories were touching, such as climbing with her father, and others were hilarious, particularly the one about the challenges of climbing on the scree-covered hills of Nevada.

DWOW would like to thank the restaurants and stores that provided us with donations to make this event successful for Miriam. Many thanks to: Terrace Green Clubhouse, Willamette Valley Vineyards, Chalet, Safeway, Cappuccino Café, Eola Hills Wine Cellars, Marie Callendar's, Roth's, and Sharis. We'd also like to thank Christina Healy for voice-interpreting.

OUR FIRST DWOW EVENT



Miriam's faithful audience



Miriam Richards and Damara Paris



Miriam's enthralling tales of her adventure

"Before my daughter was born, I sought to impress others.
Now I only want to impress her. After all, I am her first role model."

DWOW'S QUOTE OF THE ISSUE

Damara Paris, page 2, Know That: Quotes from Deaf Women for a Positive Life (Would you like to purchase this book? DawnSignPress sells the book for \$5.95, with a percentage of the profits going to Deaf Women United. Check it out at www.dawnsign.com!)

Who's Who of DWOW

(In alphabetical order - the Opposite way)

OUR DWOW LADIES



Rita Wallberg



Lisa Peters



Damara Paris



Shelley Oishi



Margi Morgan



Tammy Keen



Janet Johanson



Meg Cassinelli-Vice



Kim Clemenhagen



Alethea Boyer



Maureen Behrens



KatyBeth Anthony

RITA WALLBERG

Currently employed as an IT Specialist. Received a BS degree in Computer Science and two AA degrees in Computer Programming, & Computer Support.

Hobbies are: Gourmet cooking, woodcarving, photography, and Star Trek collections.

Expertise areas: Computer programming/development and web design (on training)

Favorite quotes: "Live long and Prosper"- Mr. Spock of Vulcan, "The Truth Is Out There, Scully" - Fox Mulder, and "Jag kasta vatten"- My father.

LISA PETERS

Currently employed as a Mental Health Therapist for deaf families and adults in a community mental health clinic. Received a BS in Humanities and a MS in Counseling at Western Oregon University. Obtained a school counseling licensure through state of Oregon after receiving second MS in School Counseling at Lewis & Clark College.

Hobbies: Enjoys windsurfing, biking, playing with cats, an avid reader, and collects cooking recipes (all vegan). Lisa went to DWU conferences in NJ in 1993 and in Seattle WA in 1995. Very excited to host DWU conference in her hometown, Portland, Oregon !!

Favorite quote: Never let others take away your self worth without your consent. Eleanor Roosevelt

DAMARA PARIS

Currently employed as the Oregon Account Administrator for TRS through Sprint Relay and also the part time CEO of Intertribal Deaf Council (Damara is Cherokee/Blackfoot). Previously worked as the

Administrator of three telecommunications assistance programs for the State of Oregon for 8 years. Received a Masters in Rehabilitation Counseling from Western Oregon University and a Certificate of Public Management from Willamette University. Hobbies: Cross Stitching, collecting Native American art, researching genealogy, reading anything she can get her hands on and swimming. Relationship status: Very married, with one gorgeous blue eyed daughter. Damara's first DWU conference was in 1995 in Seattle. She has never missed a conference since and served on the national board from 1997-2001. She is THRILLED to be the 2009 DWU conference chair and hopes to make Portland the BEST DWU conference of them all!

Favorite Cherokee proverb: "Don't let yesterday use up too much of today."

SHELLEY OISHI

A proud Canadian RIT (Rochester Institute of Technology) alumni with BFA in Graphic Design along with Associates in Interior Design. Moved to Oregon 5 years ago and graduated with a MS in Rehabilitation Counseling for the Deaf from Western Oregon University. Currently working as a DART advocate with prior experience as a mental health counselor and job developer.

Hobbies: travelling, art, and participating in family activities.

Relationship Status: Married with three children, the ages are 5, 3 and 1.

Favorite quote: A karma one, "What goes around comes around".

MARGI MORGAN

Currently working as Adult Foster Home Provider and as the President of the Oregon Association of the Deaf organization (OAD). Actively involved in fundraising for Miss Deaf Oregon (MDOP), DWOW, and OAD. Received an AA degree from Seattle Community College.

Hobbies are collecting antiques, travel, hiking, reading, scrap booking (Creative Memories), and would like to learn to quilt someday.

Relationship Status: Margi and Robert Morgan are happily married for 32 years.

Favorite quotes: Proverbs and Psalm in the Holy Bible.

TAMMY KEEN

Currently employed as a Cartographer for the Department of Revenue. Actively serving as the DWOW Treasurer, OAD Secretary, and committee member for MDOP. Received a B.S. degree in Earth Science from Western Oregon University (WOU).

Hobbies are spending time with family and friends, reading, writing, and exploring new places.

Relationship Status: formerly Baker and now married.

JANET JOHANSON

Currently employed in Educational Administration. Received a B.S. in Communication Disorders and Elementary Education from Brigham Young University, Deaf Education Certificate Program and Special Education Studies at the University of Utah M.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies (Education Administration, Rehabilitation Counseling: Deafness, and Multi-handicapped Deaf Education) from Western Oregon State College Non Profit Leadership and Management from Cornell University Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Fellows Program from Hawaii Pacific University Leadership 2000+ Cohort Program (for Principal Licensure) from Portland State University

Expertise Areas: Public speaking, mentoring, public relations, networking, and administration

Hobbies; Traveling, reading, camping, photography, gardening, research, community volunteerism, youth

Relationship status: Parent of two Deaf children at OSD, and child of two GREAT parents now in their 80s!

Favorite Quote: Jeremiah 29:11.

MEG CASSINELLI-VICE

Currently employed as an Office Manager of Chestnut Lane Assisted Living for the Deaf & Deaf-Blind in Gresham, Oregon. Motherhood is my first job.

Hobbies: enjoys reading, traveling, culinary arts, hiking, wineries and deepening my spirituality.

I really look forward to making DWOW a successful organization where deaf and hard of hearing women living in SW Washington and Oregon can use as a resource or support system in their lives.

Relationship Status: I am a mom of two wonderful girls aged 10 1/2 and 9 1/2. I will have three wonderful stepsons aged 20, 19 and 13 after getting married to my wonderful fiance, Ralph in July! In addition, I have a dog named Cooper, a cat named Rosie and two dwarf hamsters named Piper and Charlotte.

Favorite quote: Books are like wine of life.

KIM CLEMENHAGEN

Currently employed as a Speech Language Pathologist, North Clackamas School District. Received a B.S. In Elementary Ed and a M.S. Education with an endorsement in Communication Disorders, both from Western Oregon State College and completed the national certification w/ASHA.

Expertise in designing cakes, and under tutorship of husband in fishing and hunting.

Hobbies: I love to read, run; fish, hunt, and camp with my 3 boys and dog, Hannah.

Relationship Status: happily married to Curt since 2000 and has 2 sons: Grant, 4 and Ryan, almost 3.

Favorite quote: "Faith is the strength by which a shattered world shall emerge into light" Helen Adams Keller

ALETHEA BOYER

A California Native. Currently employed as the Foster Home Certifier for State of Oregon's Department of Human Services. Received the Masters Degree in Health Systems Administration and Bachelor of Science in Information Technology, in which one of the concentration areas were Website Development/Implementation. Actively involved as a Deaf Professional Happy Hour Portland & Salem co-founder, currently on the Miss Deaf Oregon Pageant committee, OAD newsletter editor, and served as a member on Oregon Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services (ODHHS) advisory committee.

Hobbies include going to the beach, watching movies, surfing Internet, reading, fitness/health, and eating seafood!

Relationship status: Forever happily taken – long-term relationship for almost 6 years! (Together since August 2000)

Favorite quotes: "Life is a flower of which love is honey" and "Smile because it enhances your value."

MAUREEN BEHRENS

Currently employed as a School Counselor at Washington School for the Deaf and an ASL Instructor at Portland Community College. Actively involved as the President of Pacific NW GUAA and a Mentee for WSAD. Former student at NTID/RIT and received a BA in Psychology and a MA in School Counselor and Guidance at Gallaudet University

Hobbies: Outdoorsy activities; reading; traveling; gardening; computing and playing with my four adorable, precious cats!

Relationship: Blessing to be taken with someone special! And my four sweet, loving cats!

Favorite Quote: Life is a journey, not a destination!

KATYBETH ANTHONY

Previously employed in the design field and now exploring other possible paths while a teacher and student at Portland Community College (PCC) and Portland State University (PSU), respectively. Currently serving as the DWOW Secretary. Received an AA degree in Fashion Design and will receive a BA in English.

Hobbies: Diverse interests which includes theatre arts, health/fitness, outdoors, antiques, reading, research, travel and among many others.

Favorite quotes: "Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness" and "Well-behaved women rarely make history".



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KatyBeth Anthony

GREETINGS DEAF WOMEN IN OREGON AND WASHINGTON!

Casino Night Fundraiser

Oregon Association of the Deaf and Deaf Women of Oregon and Washington merged to make this event possible for the community to come and enjoy a family friendly event.

The event was held in Salem at the Oregon School for the Deaf on Saturday April 22, 2006 from 6pm to 11pm. Great prizes, refreshments, a good group of volunteers who assisted in setting the site up/clean up afterwards, friendly dealers, wonderful childcare ladies and the community donations.

During the event, poker was a very popular pick and the tables were full throughout the night. Silent auction and raffles for prizes was a success. We had several announcements and a very generous donation by Mid-Valley Interpreter Services in the amount of \$200 dollars for Miriam Richards.

We raised \$553.37 and this is our first annual and we plan to have our second annual next year! A portion was donated to Miriam Richards in achieving her goal, to climb the 50th highest peak: Mt. Denali in Alaska.

-Shelley Oishi

IF YOU WANT TO SUBMIT AN ARTICLE
OR HAVE A COMMENT FOR DWOW,
PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL TO
DEAFWOMENWOW@AOL.COM.

I am thrilled to share the potential of this new organization with you! Last fall, several women from Oregon and Washington got together to discuss the development of an organization that would focus on improving the lives of deaf, deaf-blind, hard of hearing and late-deafened women in Oregon and Washington. The goal of DWOW is to provide opportunities for networking, professional and personal growth, provide opportunities for leadership and, most important of all, to have a social outlet with other deaf women and simply have FUN!

Two of the primary goals for DWOW in the upcoming year are to:

***Host the Oregon Association of the Deaf (OAD) biennial conference.** We will be working closely with OAD to provide Oregon with a conference in Portland, Oregon. Meg Cassinelli is chairing this conference and soon she will be asking for your support, creative heads and talented hands!

***Continue to support deaf women in businesses, or with unique goals of achievement.** Recently, we have had the opportunity to support Erin Dunn, who owns her own herbalife business. She has had a booth at several of our fundraisers, and generously donates to DWOW a percentage of her profits. We have also held fundraisers for Miriam Richards, our NW deaf mountain climber, whose goal is to reach the high points of all 50 states.

***Host workshops that are fun, but educational (or healthy!)** Anyone up for a belly dancing workshop? DWOW seeks your ideas on activities that encourage personal growth, and at the same time are enjoyable. Please do send your comments to any of the DWOW board officers and let us know what you would like us to set up for you!

Recently we have become an affiliate of the National Deaf Women United (see). We are excited at the opportunity to host the 2009 DWU Conference in Portland, Oregon. We are looking for volunteers to participate and share their input on how to make Oregon and Washington deaf, deaf-blind, hard of hearing and late-deafened women shine!

I hope that you enjoy this first newsletter produced by Deaf Women of Oregon and Washington (DWOW). Thank you KatyBeth Anthony for your hard work in gathering articles and formatting this historical first issue!

-Damara Paris, DWOW Chairperson

AWARDS PRESENTED TO DEAF WOMEN

RANDALL McCLLELAND MEMORIAL AWARD



Damara Paris

Our very own Chairperson, Damara Paris, got selected by National Association of the Deaf (NAD) for the Randall McClelland Memorial Award. This award is presented to an individual NAD member who has provided exceptional leadership to deaf and hard of hearing people in a manner that also serves as an inspiration to others

-KatyBeth Anthony.

PROVOST'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

Debi Duren (Special Education Division, College of Education) has won the Provost's Award for Excellence in Teaching by an Adjunct Faculty member. Duren received a cash award from the Provost, and was honored at a luncheon Tuesday along with second place finalist Warren Allen (Health & Physical Education Division, College of Education) and third place finalist Gordon Lee (Creative Arts Division, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences).



Debi Duren

Debi has taught full time at WOU for past 18 years. She teaches courses in American Sign Language, Deaf History and Deaf Culture, and Interpreting. Students call her dynamic, helpful, enthusiastic, outgoing. In addition to teaching, she has performed with the Northwest Theatre of the Deaf and she interprets the News for Channel 8 (KGW).

Debi says her mission is to introduce students to the language of the Deaf Community so they may communicate effectively with others. She has a "No Voice Rule" in all her classes. Students must communicate in ASL, not in spoken English. Her teaching is characterized by passion, commitment, and dedication to continuous improvement.

Please join Western Oregon University and her colleagues and friends in the Regional Resource Center on Deafness in giving her a hearty congratulations for a job well done! We thank her for her continued commitment to Western and her students. We are truly lucky to have her!

LOGO CONTEST

We welcome Deaf/Deaf-Blind/Hard of Hearing/Late Deafened ladies over 18 years old to participate in an exciting opportunity to design a logo for Deaf Women of Oregon and Washington (DWOW)! Please follow the criteria listed below and if you have questions, please ask! You can email your questions to DWOWlogo@comcast.net

DWOW Logo contest Rules:

1. Contest is directed at Deaf/Deaf-Blind/Hard of Hearing/Late Deafened ladies, whether they are professional, amateur, or art major students.
2. Logo can have up to 2 colors. It must be able to reproduce clearly and attractively in black/white, grayscale and color.
3. Logo will be used in a variety of formats such as letterhead, apparel, website, and needs to be readable and simple in design.
4. Logo can be printed on 8.5x11 paper and saved in JPG format. It can be saved on disk, CD-ROM or e-mail attachment.
5. DWOW is not responsible for unreadable media, late, lost, stolen, or damaged work. Once entries are submitted, they will be not returned.
6. When the new logo is chosen, the artist will be given a hard copy of the release to sign for the new logo to become sole property of DWOW.
7. DWOW will reserve the right to modify the new logo.

You can submit either via email or mail:

It must be postmarked/sent by July 15, 2006 by snail mail/email:

Deaf Women of Oregon and Washington
c/o Logo Contest
P.O Box 7279
Salem, Oregon
97303

DWOWlogo@comcast.net

The winner will receive a framed artwork of their finished logo, paid membership to become a member of dwow for one year and one free admission to the 2009 conference in Portland, Oregon! They will also be recognized in the DWOW letter and the DWOW website for their contribution to DWOW. Please visit www.dwu.org to get an idea of what the admission price would be valued at for the 2007 conference in new orleans.

INTERESTED IN BEING A DWOW MEMBER?

Who can be a Member?

Deaf, deaf-blind, hard of hearing or late-deafened women aged 18 and over who reside in Oregon or Washington are eligible for Regular membership. Hearing women are, also, welcome to be an associate member.

What are the Membership Dues?

\$10 a year. Membership dues shall be annual.

What are the Membership Benefits?

DWOW voting privileges at the DWOW General Meetings, newsletters, reduced workshop rates and free admission to the DWOW General Meetings and many more.

Interested?

Either send an email to DeafWomenWOW@aol.com for questions or fill out form below and mail this along with your check of \$10 to DWOW C/O Tammy Keen, P.O. Box 7193, Salem, Oregon 97303.

DWOW MEMBERSHIP

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MEMBERSHIP FORM

Date _____
Name _____
Address _____
Email _____

**DWOW THANKS THE FOLLOWING
FOR THEIR AWESOME
CONTRIBUTION & SUPPORT**

MIRIAM NIGHT

Host - Tammy Keen
Contributors:
 Terrace Green Clubhouse
 Willamette Vinyards
 Chalet (West Salem)
 Safeway (West Salem)
 Cappuccino Cafe
 Eola Hills Wine Cellars
 Marie Callendars
 Battlecreek Safeway
 Roth's
 Keizer Shari's
Supporters:
 KatyBeth Anthony
 Alethea Boyer
 Christina Healy-Interpreter
 Margi Morgan
 Shelley Oishi
 Damara Paris
 Joe Paris

**GENERAL MEETING/
SMOOTHIE FUNDRAISER**

Host - Kim Clemenhausen
 Erin Dunn of Herbalife
 All the DWOW Ladies

ENEWSLETTER

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 All the DWOW Ladies

CASINO NIGHT

Host - Shelley Oishi
Contributors:
 Downtown Starbucks
 Kwan's Chinese Cruisine
 Great Harvest Bread
 GI Joe's
 Dark Star Tattoo
 MVIS
 The silver touch
 Lancaster Starbucks
 Lancaster Safeway
 MPG Tattoo
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 Miriam Richards
 Colleen Thayer
 Damon Thayer
 Damara Paris
 Lisa Peters

— A THOUSAND HEARTFELT GRATITUDE! —

WHERE WILL YOU FIND US?

DWOW UPCOMING HAPPENINGS

- WORLD DEAF TIMBERFEST** - August 2006,
We will have a booth set up, Come visit us!
- PLANT SALE** - 2006, more details forthcoming.
- BASKETS** - 2006, more details forthcoming.
- OAD CONFERENCE** - 2007, more details forthcoming.

IF YOU WANT TO BE NOTIFIED OF OUR
EVENTS, PLEASE SEND YOUR EMAIL
ADDRESS TO
DEAFWOMENWOW@AOL.COM.

www.dwow.org

A DWOW WEBSITE - KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR IT!

Alethea Boyer and Rita Wallberg are in the process of developing a new website for the Deaf Women of Oregon and Washington (DWOW) organization. Its domain name will be assigned as www.dwow.org . When DWOW website will be up and running in the coming weeks, DWOW website visitors will be able to navigate to different DWOW webpages which provide information about the organization, membership, listing of fundraising and meeting schedules especially the National DWU Conference to be held in Portland 2009, newsletters, and perhaps photographs of DWOW events.

www.dwow.org