



Pensée de la Louisiane

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LRID BOARD MEETING NEWS

January 10, 2019

Hope everyone wrapped 2018 up with family and friends and looking forward to 2019!

LRID Spring Conference

Hot off the press, hot off the press!! Save the date, April 6, 2019 for LRID's Spring Conference in Slidell. Stay tuned for more updates in future newsletters!

Louisiana Association of the Deaf

LAD's 51st Conference is June 6-8, 2019 at the Homewood Suites in Bossier City. If you are interested in going, please sign up to attend. (see the flyer on page 4)

LRID Vice President News

Scott Huffman has been very motivated and a "go getter" as Vice President for the organization. He has decided to resign from LRID and Jazmyne Lemar has been appointed as the new Vice President to finish out the term. Scott has the following message to share:

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COMMITTEE UPDATES

Fundraiser Committee

The Fundraiser Committee is working on setting up some fundraising opportunities in various areas, such as dining at restaurants, family events and more. Stayed tuned for announcements with details on events and how you can participate in LRID's fundraisers.

Bylaws Committee

The bylaw revisions will be posted on the website (www.lrid.org) soon.

For more information, send an email to Kenny David, Chair of the Bylaws Committee at kennyterp@gmail.com.

Planning Committee

Next year's conference, LRID's 50th, will be held September 26-28, 2019 in Baton Rouge at the Holiday Inn South on Airline Hwy. Have you planned your golden attire for the occasion yet? The committee is seeking gold decorations for the conference, so if you have decorations you are willing to donate please contact Lynne Gomez at lgomez555@hotmail.com.

****If you are interested in joining a committee, email the the LRID Secretary at Irid.secretary@gmail.com and list what committee you would like to take part in. ****

"Dear Board & Members,

This is a bittersweet decision. Over the past 2+ years I have grown to love the organization that represents our Louisiana Interpreting Profession. Being VP has challenged, educated, and humbled me. I've volunteered and met some amazing people in our profession both locally and nationally.

Unfortunately, I've had to make some decisions that will benefit me and my family. I've decided to step down as VP and serve as a volunteer on the 50th Anniversary conference planning committee.

However, after a lot of thought and discussion, Jazmyne Lemar has accepted the role as VP and I'll be working with her over the next month or so to make a smooth transition. I'm confident she will be amazing and serve the membership well!

Thank you for allowing me to support and serve with you."

Respectfully,

Scott Huffman

LRID's next board meeting is scheduled to take place February 13, 2019.

Spotlight

This month's spotlight shines on LRID's Member-at-Large, Paul Winfree! Here's his story:

"I, Paul Winfree, was born in Sulphur, La with normal hearing. I became deaf when I had RH factor after the birth. My parents were unaware I was deaf until 2 years old. When my parents, Daisy Lou and Hugh Winfree, purchase an 8 mm movie projector, they were trying to film me outdoor chasing puppy. They kept hollering "Paul, Paul, do not to squeeze the puppy". I could not hear so I squeezed to feel the sound of the puppy barking. My parents realized I was deaf because I did not turn my face toward their voice or the filming of me.

My parents sent me to 1st grade at Perkin Elementary in Sulphur, La. Teachers tried to teach me reading, writing and math. Halfway through the 1967 school

year, my parents were heartbroken. The school principal had just notified them that I needed to be taught at Louisiana State School for the Deaf (LSSD).

At seven years old, I enter LSSD and my first language was ASL (American Sign Language). For three years, I learned ASL and finally enrolled in first grade at the age of 9. Before 1967, I could only understand everything visually and had not yet developed real language!

Fast forward: Public Law 94:142 (now known as IDEA) was enacted in 1974. My parents were thrilled and enrolled me in Sulphur High School, a mainstream public school. In a twist of fate, the principal from Perkin Elementary married late in life and had a hard of hearing daughter. He asked my mom to teach him how to help his daughter. She told him, "oh, you need to send her to the Deaf School."

At Sulphur High School, I developed my second language, spoken English, and had many thousand hours by attending speech therapy. English was a tough learning experience, but I got to where I am today with the help of many hours of speech therapy.

At Sulphur High School, I excelled in football and made 2nd team All-District in State of Louisiana as Defensive End during my junior year ('78). I received sportsmanship award for playing football during my Senior year ('79).

Today, Deaf Educators advocate the philosophy of Bi-Bi (Bi-lingual-Bi-language). Since graduation from Sulphur High School, I tell interested individuals, my education was Bi-Bi.

After graduation from high school, I study carpentry, a trade that led me to become a construction/mill-worker. After 17 years, I enrolled in National Technical institute for the Deaf (NTID), a college affiliated with Rochester Institution of Technology (RIT), earning credits in Information Technology (IT).

I have two handsome sons and two grandchildren I adore. Currently, I am in love with lovely lady named Alla. Employed at Lighthouse Louisiana Deaf Service as coordinator II, I enjoy interacting with the Deaf Community and the Lighthouse Louisiana organization and its employees. (continue page 3)

During my pleasant free time, I love officiating football as an umpire with Youth league, Junior Varsity, and Varsity (High School) football programs. I am a member of the National Football High School (NFHS), Louisiana High School Athletic Association (LHSAA), Louisiana High School Official Association (LHSOA), and the local Baton Rouge Football Official Association (BRFOA).

I am also a member of the Louisiana Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (LRID), the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID), the Louisiana Association of the Deaf (LAD), and the National Association of the Deaf (NAD).

I also serve on the Board of the LRID as a Member-at-Large. Over the weekends, Alla and I often travel to events hosted by local deaf organizations, such as crawfish boils, Deaf fests as well as to workshops on interpreting.

LAD's 51st Biennial Conference

"Facing the Future - Together"



Tentative Schedule

Thursday, June 6, 2019

12 PM to 4 PM Registration

6:00 to 9:00 PM LAD Board Meeting in Turner
Board Room

Friday, June 7, 2019

9 AM to 11:30 AM Officers' Report (Session 1)
in Begonia/Camellia Room

11:30 AM to 1 PM Lunch on your own

1:30 PM to 3:30 PM Ratification of By-Laws
(Session 2) in Begonia/Camellia Room

3:30 PM to 5 PM Old and New Business
Proposals (Session 3) in Begonia/Camellia
Room

6 PM to 6:30 PM CASH BAR at
Begonia/Camellia Room

6:30 PM Banquet and Guest Speaker, Laurene
Simms at Begonia/Camellia Room

Saturday, June 8, 2019

9 AM to 1 PM Continue with New Business
and Elections (Session 4) in Begonia/Camellia
Room

1:15 to 1:45 PM Group Picture

Combo \$100 per person
Deadline by May 27, 2019
Due to headcount for banquet
After June 1 to AT DOOR
\$125.00 per person
without banquet

Mail to LAD/Combo
3112 Valley Creek Dr. Suite E
Baton Rouge, La. 70808

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LAD Conference**
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(not include
free breakfast)
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