



LRID BOARD MEETING NEWS

April 16, 2020

LRID Spring Conference

The Spring Conference is being rescheduled and once we have a confirmed date, we will inform you. LRID does plan on this conference being a virtual conference at this time.

LRID PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members,

We hope that this newsletter finds our members and their families doing well. This is trying times since we are experiencing the COVID-19 pandemic and the closure of all businesses but the essential ones. I want you to know that your LRID Officers are still meeting through "Zoom" and are working on important issues for our organization.

Our Regional IV representative and the state affiliated chapter presidents have been meeting monthly. Region IV has come together and set up a virtual workshop for June 4th. I encourage all our members and your friends, especially the deaf, to participate. I believe

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SPOTLIGHT

This month's "Spotlight" is shimmering on an LRID member who is always willing to help and go above and beyond, Kenny David. Kenny's "Spotlight" was written by his daughter, Meggan Hoover and below is what she had to say:

"With deaf grandparents who loved family and friends, we were immersed in Deaf culture and ASL our entire lives. Little did I know that my early exposure to ASL would lead me into the interpreting profession and expose me to so many role models. Kenny David is one interpreter who has always stood out to me because of his expertise, his dedication and his caring heart. And, maybe he's even a bit more special to me, because he's my Daddy.

Interpreting was just a natural progression for Daddy. He can remember interpreting for his parents when he was barely old enough to be in school. In the 1960s and 70s, social interaction was so important to the Baton Rouge deaf community, so regular weekend gatherings at the Deaf Club were common. Daddy's earliest friends were other CODAs. As a result of that early connection with the community, Daddy became a trusted source for so many of MawMaw and PawPaw's friends. Even today, these people, who have known Daddy since he was a little boy, request his services and know that he will be generous, accurate and confidential.

Daddy started working at LSD as an interpreter as soon as he graduated from high school. There were a few students who were even older than he was! He recalls that Ed Wood and Connie Tullos taught him so much about language instruction, and interpreter Ann Reed was another early mentor. I was just a baby when Daddy decided to pursue his post-secondary education, while always working full-time at LSD. Soon, Daddy moved into other roles at LSD: special assistant to the superintendent, coordinator and, finally, interim school director. We all have wonderful childhood memories from the years spent living on the campus, spending time with staff families, and having many LSD students as part of our family.

Daddy has continuously strived to learn, expand and perfect his skills. I have seen him mentor many more young interpreters than just his daughter. He has been an LRID member since 1980 and says, although he did serve as LRID treasurer, his true passion is working

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that the topic is a subject that we all need to learn. Once LRID gets the workshop flyer, we will share it.

Dawn

FUNDRAISING NEWS

ASL Interpreter Night Out will be held May 28, 2020 at Newks Eatery, 7211 Corporate Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA. In order for this event to take place, we must have a certain amount of people register (just because you register does not mean you're obligated). If you are interested in going, click on the link and register.

<https://www.groupraise.com/events/138800>

LRID's Rock N Bowl event has been postponed. As soon as things settle down and we can reschedule it, we will share the details.

CALL FOR INTERPRETERS

LRID is seeking one certified interpreter to interpret the virtual spring conference once the date is confirmed. If you are interested please contact LRID'S Vice President, Jazmyne Lemar, for the details at lrid.vicepresident@gmail.com

behind the scenes with a team or committee to research, plan, develop and organize programs, conventions, or other events.

I am honored and proud to put MY role model, Kenny David, in the Spotlight for LRID. Thank you, Daddy!"

