

# South Carolina News

August 2003

## 2003 SCAD Conference Resolutions

I. Whereas, the forty-second Biennial South Carolina Association of the Deaf, Inc. Conference is being held at Embassy Suites Hotel Golf Resort and Conference Center, Greenville, South Carolina, June 12-14, 2003;

Be it resolved that the South Carolina Association of the Deaf express its appreciation to Lisa Yarbrough, Jacqui Rose and the Staff of the Embassy Suites Hotel Golf Resort and Conference Center;

Be it resolved that the Western Piedmont Association of the Deaf and its members: Debbie West, Chair; Pam Jordan, Assistant Chair & Registration Chair; Susan Fitzpatrick, Secretary & Entertainment Chair; JK Lathem, Treasurer; Sherry Williams, Public Relations Chair & Program Book Designer; Lyndell Bates, Door

Prizes Chair; Billy Sizemore, Gatekeeper Chair; Joe Price, Banquet Chair; Ellen Trieper, Fundraising Chair; Cheryl Rhodes, Conference Consultant; Steven Rhodes, Gopher; and Ann Riddle, Miss Deaf South Carolina Pageant Director, are to be commended for their hard work toward the success of this Conference.

Be it resolved that the South Carolina Association of the Deaf give thanks to Kathy Stoehr & David Conti on presenting a workshop on "How to Obtain Interpreting Services Effectively"; Steve Larew on presenting a workshop on "Gallaudet University Regional Center and YOU!"; and Kelby Brick, Jr. on presenting a workshop on "Effective Grassroots Lobbying".

Be it Resolved that the South Carolina Association of the Deaf give thanks to the following committees for their outstanding performances of their duties:

Law Committee: Cathi Holst, Chair; Teresa Rogers and Steven Rhodes

Necrology: Anita Steichen, SCAD President; Cheryl Rhodes, SCADB;

South Carolina News: Cara

Senterfeit, Editor

Order of Diamonds Awards: Donna Jones

State Pageant: Ann Riddle, Director; Linda Brock, Assistant Director; Angela Cooper, committee/photographer; Lois Carter, Chaperone for Sara Wedgeworth; Camilla Ramborger, Chaperone for Ashley Willis; Sonja Conyers, Chaperone for Sophia McFadden; Jackie McDonald and Anna Maree White, Chaperones for Latasha Walker.

Be it resolved that the South Carolina Association of the Deaf give thanks Calvin Holst for being emcee at the Miss Deaf South Carolina Pageant,

Be it further resolved that South Carolina give thanks to Kelby Brick, Jr. of National Association of the Deaf for being our keynote speaker during Order of Diamond Awards Banquet in a such short notice.

2. Whereas, South Carolina Association of the Deaf recognizes the excellent and dedicate services that Eddie Hanna, Jim Mangels, Lee Anne Glover and Steve Fooshe have rendered the South Carolina Association of the Deaf and its

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# Camp Wonder Hands Experience

I am glad that I survived though my most busiest month of June. I would like to share with you my SCAD experiences during that month; doing duties at SCAD's Home Office, SCAD's Conference, and Camp Wonder Hands.

As all of you knew, I was at SCAD Conference doing what needed to be done for this organization; meeting members, setting up SCAD's History booth, and providing everything the Board of Directors and members needed. Glad the Conference and Miss Deaf SC Pageant went well.

Palmetto Health Richland (Richland Medical Center), of Columbia, contacted me and asked me to again volunteer my time at Camp Wonder Hands. I agreed on behalf of SCAD in order to spend some time with Deaf and HOH youth and the Deaf, HOH and hearing adults that also volunteer at the camp. This was my fifth year of volunteering with them.

Camp Wonder Hands, a camp for Deaf and Hard of Hearing children ages 7 – 15, was held from June 23-26, 2003 at The Kinard Conference Center near Batesburg-Leesville, SC. The purpose of camp is to allow Deaf and Hard of Hearing children a chance to enjoy a variety of activities, to learn through different experiences, to learn to deal with everyday situations and to make friends. I also was a role model to the campers; Deaf people can do anything, except hear.

This year, some of the activities at camp were motorcycle rides (riding motorcycles on paved road around at Kinard Conference Center's property-not on the street!), swimming, arts & crafts, creating skits, campfire, going through the rope's course (supervised by qualified adult staff),

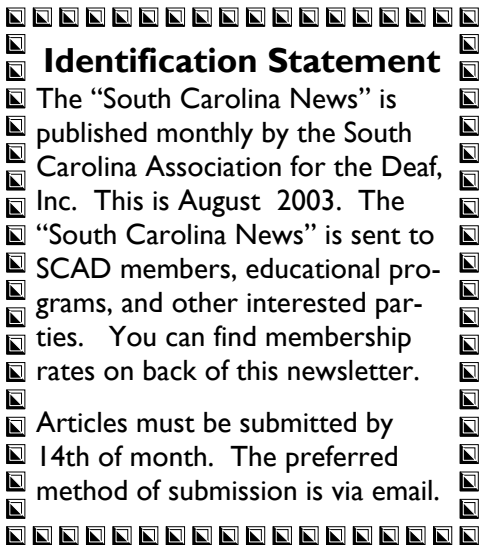
canoeing, a softball game between campers and staff, a first of overnight camping outside for the older boys, and a water blast by Gilbert Fire Department. The camp had a special guest presentation from a Boy Scout's group who performed the "Order of Arrow." The most thrilling activity for campers and staff was the motorcycle rides. The campers also enjoyed the daily activity of swimming.

WLTX TV 19 of Columbia was there to shoot and interview the campers and staff. I was lucky enough to be interviewed by WLTX TV 19. I explained the purpose of Camp Wonder Hands and what it provides to campers. I stated that our organization, SCAD, supports this camp for providing role models for Deaf and HOH youth.

During the week of camp, I stayed with the young boys in their cabin overnight. Every morning, I got up and had breakfast before I made the 45-minute drive to the Home Office to work. At the Home Office, I made sure everything was in order, then I left around lunch time, and drove back to camp. I did that for the first three days. On the fourth day, I was there all morning to help campers get prepared to leave and to enjoy the camp closing event of awards. Then I drove back to work.

I really enjoyed having this experience during my camp week, even if I was so busy. I am willing to volunteer my time for Camp Wonder Hands again, if our organization permits.

Thanks,  
Eddie Hanna,  
SCAD Administrator


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## 2003 Conference Resolutions (Continued from page 1)

Home Office;

3. Whereas, the South Carolina Public Service Commission of Columbia, South Carolina have shown its sensitivity to the needs of the deaf/hard of hearing people in the statewide South Carolina;

Whereas, they have seen that they have complied to meet the needs of the deaf by providing the funds to continue real-time captioning on local news in four stations (Greenville, Columbia, Charleston & Florence), Thus allowing the Deaf people full access to first run news;

Whereas, since Public Service Commission has implemented this kind service, thus opening the accessibility for the deaf to enjoy viewing, there is a room for improvement, especially with the frequency of the shows and quality of the services;

Whereas, since SC Department of Education, Developmental Disabilities Council and SC Department of Vocational Rehabilitation has provided the funding SC Interpreter Recruit

and Training project head by Steve Fitzmaurice.

Resolved: That an expression of our appreciation be hereby given to Jillian Price in giving her time to her first-experience deaf-blind interpreting at the board meeting.

4. Resolved: That an expression of our appreciation be hereby given to the interpreters listed below for providing their time and their interpreting service to the 2003 SCAD conference at Greenville, South Carolina:

Alton Brant  
Kathy Stoehr  
Scott Falcone  
Katy Mahoney-Schneider  
Alberta Robinson  
Roger Williams  
Steve Fitzmaurice  
Steven Rhodes  
Robin Dykhuizen

5. Resolved: That an expression of our appreciation be hereby given to Donna Jones in organizing, tallying the nomination and presenting the awards at the Order of Diamonds Awards Banquet.

•**Community Service Award**—Joe Bath

•**Legislator of the Year**—Sen. W. Greg Ryberg

•**Most Distinguished Service Award**—George Adams, III

•**Outstanding Affiliated Organization Award**—Low Country Chapter

•**Walter Glover Award**—Andrea Martinez-Johnson

•**Sophia Perritt Brant Award**—George A. Heinen, III

•**Unsung Hero Award**—Andrea Martinez-Johnson

•**The Golden Hand Award**—Alton Brant, George Adams, III and Andrea Martinez-Johnson

•**J. Charlie McKinney Award**—Anita Steichen

9. Finally, our special thanks to David Conti for his outstanding performance with intermission of Western Piedmont Association of the Deaf giving outstanding skits: Jorge H. Aristizabal, Lyndell Bates, Peggy Black, Calvin Brock, Megan Covert, Susan Fitzpatrick, Justin Gilreath, Pam Jordan, Joe Price, Billy Sizemore, Jeff West, and Sherry Williams; Debbie West

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# News from Around

## LCC CHANGES THEIR NAME AND ELECTS A NEW PRESIDENT!

Low Country Chapter of the Deaf has changed its name as Low Country Association of the Deaf in June 21, 2003.



They also have a new President, named Cheezelle White who is the first African American lady in LCAD history in some years. Some of you may not know who she is or have never met her before. She is a LCAD member since approximate 2 years. She graduated from South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind in Spartanburg, SC and was awarded a scholarship to Galaudet University Washington, DC. She was the first student council president in her junior year at HS. She presented the TTY to Governor Carroll Campbell for our Deaf Awareness month. She was the first student to receive the principal award in HS for all A's and B's on her report card for first and second semester. She also was the first student to attend South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Computer Training Center in West Columbia, SC. She completed her office technologies classes for six months. She received the certification from Governor Jim Hodge in her graduation. She is married to James White, Jr. and has a son name James Raymond White, (JR). Cheezelle wants to thank to



Charleston people for voting her as LCAD President and doing her BEST to keep LCAD as strong as it can be. Please meet and greet her. GOOD LUCK, Cheez!!!!

## GED PREPARATION PROGRAM FOR DEAF ADULTS OFFERED AT SCADB

The South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind has received a \$39,000 grant from the Developmental Disabilities Council (DD Council) of the Governor's Office to offer a "Deaf Prep" program to enable deaf adults to prepare for taking the GED exam. This program will be offered through the Postsecondary Program in Career and Technology Education (CTE) on the SCADB campus.

Ms. Sherry Williams, a former SCAD officer and a School for the Deaf instructor, has been selected as the instructor for this GED preparation program beginning in August, 2003.

Over the past five years, the GED exam has become much more difficult. All five parts must now be passed at the same time and the test questions are more difficult. The GED is now the entry requirement to higher education and to employment for many individuals who do

not have a high school diploma.

SCADB is planning to serve 15 GED students in the 2003-04 school year. This program will only be offered on the Spartanburg campus. If you know of deaf individuals who show promise of passing the GED exam and who would like to apply for Postsecondary admissions to attend this program, please have them contact Dr. Bob Day at (864) 577-7746 (TTY) or e-mail: rday@scadb.k12.sc.us

A pre-GED assessment will be administered to assess students' ability to successfully pass the GED, and we will only be able to serve individuals with higher skills and who may be able to pass the exam within two years. The GED exam will be administered at SCADB.

Students living outside of the Spartanburg area can apply to live in

Smith Hall apartments on our campus and receive their meals and transportation services, or they can live in the community. Local residents can attend as day students. Vocational Rehabilitation funds partially support most of our adult students.

SCADB looks forward to working with SCAD members to identify prospective students for this GED preparation program and improving the quality of life for more deaf persons.



# South Carolina

## Passing of Louise Kirby James

Louise Kirby James, 101, died Saturday, June 28, 2003, at Greenville Care Assisted Living.

A native of Gaffney, Mrs. James was the oldest surviving alumnus of South Carolina

School for the Deaf.

Daughter of the late Judge William D. Kirby and Viola Bridges Kirby, Mrs. James was predeceased by her husband, John B. James; and a daughter, Mary James Harkey.

Surviving are a son, Dick James, of

Greenville; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.



**Check out Conference photos and up-to-date information on SCAD's website [www.scadservices.org](http://www.scadservices.org) or [www.scadeaf.org](http://www.scadeaf.org)!**

## In Memory of William S. "Bill" Daron

The South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind (SCSDB) and the state's deaf and blind communities are mourning the loss of a dedicated leader, William S. "Bill" Daron. Mr. Daron passed away on the evening of Saturday, July 12 at the age of 52.

Upon his death, Mr. Daron was serving as director of the state's Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (TEDP). Managed by SCSDB, this Public Service Commission program provides telecommunications equipment free of charge to South Carolina residents with qualifying disabilities.

"Bill was an outstanding professional and always represented the School for the Deaf and the Blind well," said Sheila Breitweiser, SCSDB president. "He was excited by the opportunity to enhance the Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program and to increase service to South Carolini-

ans." Dr. Breitweiser added that Bill would want services to be continued even during this very difficult time. His fellow staff members are committed to ensuring that his legacy of responsive service continues as future leadership for the program is determined.

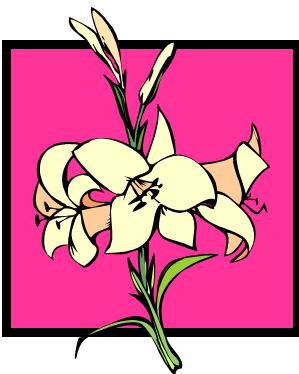
A 14-year employee of SCSDB, Mr. Daron served as manager of the school's third outreach center, which was established in Columbia in 1989, and was later promoted to the school's statewide director of outreach services. Under his leadership, the school established three additional outreach centers for a total of six throughout the state. The outreach centers provide multiple services including early intervention, sign language interpreting and vision services, among many other services.

"Bill was a joy to work with, and we will miss him greatly," said Carol Garrett, vice president of

outreach services for SCSDB. "His easy-going style and commitment to serving others was refreshing in today's rushed world. He was a friend to everyone he met." Prior to joining the SCSDB staff, Mr. Daron served as project coordinator of a deafness rehabilitation program and graduate level adjunct faculty member at San Diego State University. He served as a Marine Corps aviator for 13 years and was a graduate of the Naval Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN). He retired in 1986 with the rank of major.

Mr. Daron held a master's in Rehabilitation Counseling (Deaf) and a bachelor's in criminal justice from San Diego State University. He was actively involved as a volunteer with the American Lupus Society.

A memorial service is being planned and inquiries should be directed to Carol Garrett at (864) 577-7502, Voice or TTY. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Walker Foundation; 355 Cedar Springs Road; Spartanburg, SC 29302.



# 1st Annual 2003 Springmaid Deaf

**Fingerbuffet**  
**Friday night**  
**\$10.00**  
**6 p.m. til 10 p.m.**  
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## SCAD Schedule of Events

**August 3** - 2:30 pm until 5:00pm, Midland Association of the Deaf (MAD) meeting and new officers election at SCAD Home Office. Contact Eddie at info@scadservices.org

**Aug 9th** -SCDGA will have picnic, please check www.scdga.org for further information.

**August 30, 2003** - 7:00 pm until ??, SCBDA's Fashion/Talent Show at the Columbia Music

Festival Association

**September 5 & 6, 2003** - 1st Annual Springmaid Deaf Fishing Rodeo, Fishing at pier, Myrtle Beach, SC, Contact Greg Smith, Chairperson at owlso-da84@yahoo.com

**September 6, 2003** - SCBAD Fishing Tournament, Lake Wylie, Ebenezer Park, Rock Hill, SC (State Road 161), contact rhmorrow@charter.net

**September 20, 2003**

**(Saturday)** - SCBAD Fishing Tournament, Lake Greenwood, Greenwood State Park, Ninety Six, SC (State Road 702), Contact rhmorrow@charter.net

**October 4, 2003** - SCBAD Fishing Tournament, Lake Wateree, Wateree State Park, Winnsboro, SC (US 21 & 101), contact rhmorrow@charter.net

**October 18, 2003**- SC School for the Deaf and Blind Homecoming, SCSDB campus

**Next Newsletter** scheduled to arrive at the beginning of September.  
**All articles, events and announcements due before August 14, 2003.**

### **Blast from the Past! - SC News Sept/Oct 1973** **1973 SCAD Convention Resolutions**

We, the South Carolina Association of the Deaf assembled in the city of Anderson, SC, do hereby:

Resolve that we extend to the Holiday Inn management for their courtesies shown to the association.

Whereas, it inconvenienced the local chairlady and her helpers at times, be it resolved that we extend our appreciation for their hard times, be it resolved that we extend our appreciation for their hard work in making this convention an enjoyable one.

Whereas, the WFBC-TV station

of Greenville, SC, has shown their interest in this organization that they requested we allow them to publicize this convention in their news report, be it resolved that we extend our heartfelt thanks for this task that was done.

Be it resolved that the South Carolina Association of the Deaf extend its thanks to Attorney at Law, Mr. Richard James, for his help with the Constitution and By-Laws as he did this at no expenses to his service, also our thanks to the law committee for their hard work.

Be it resolved that the studies and

work on job discrimination, education, etc. be continued as it is seen fit or necessary.

Be it resolved that the South Carolina Association of the Deaf encourage its local chapters to work with the Law Enforcement by requesting then, the Law Enforcement, have similar bulletins to that of the Chicago Police Department Training Bulletin for their officers.

Alice Miller, Gerald Winstead, Harland Bryant

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