

# South Carolina News

January 2003

## Is your New Year's Resolution to pass the GED? New classes available at SCSDB!

By Bob Day, Director, Career and Technology/  
Postsecondary Education at SCSDB

I recently had the opportunity to discuss the plans and improvements in the SCSDB Career Technology and Postsecondary Programs (formally Vocational School) with a group of the SCSDB Deaf Alumni.



One area that we discussed in training to help deaf adults in SC obtain their GED. In the 21st

century, most employers and all colleges require a minimum of a high school diploma or a GED leading to a meaningful career.

Beginning in mid-January, 2003, we will be offering classes to help deaf adults prepare to take the GED exam. Susan Brown, an interpreter for the Cooperative Program in Spartanburg Technical College, will be spending four (4) afternoons a week to tutor deaf students in preparation for the GED exam. Ms. Brown has interpreted many of the remedial classes taken by deaf students at STC, and will be using GED test preparation materials used throughout the state.

We will give first priority to individuals who have taken the GED exam previously and came close to passing it. Second priority will be given to individuals with a high school certificate who score high on the pre-GED test and show very high motivation to attend classes, study, and pass the exam.

**For more information about costs, housing, additional classes, etc. contact Dr. Bob Day, Director, Career and Technology/Postsecondary Education at SCSDB at (864) 577-7746.**



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The GED exam is much more difficult now, since there are five (5) parts which must all be passed. SCSDB adult students seeking GED tutoring will be required to pass a screening test (a pre-GED test) to determine their potential to pass the exam.

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## President's Report Anita Steichen

Steve Fitzmaurice has resigned the position of Interim Executive Director as of December 31st, 2002. I want to greatly thank Steve for his hard work for SCAD. We really appreciate all the hard work he has done for the Association. Please give him a round of applause!!

The SCAD Search Committee has received several resumes for the Executive Director position. At this point in time, two individuals from out-of-state are being considered, and the Committee is in the process of initial interviews with these candidates. However, the Committee is still searching for further resumes. We appreciate your understanding about the pace of this process. SCAD does not want to rush the hiring of a new Executive Director. The new Executive Director will benefit the entire Association and we want to find the best person. I will keep each chapter representative up to date with new developments in the Search Committee, so please contact your chapter reps for further in-

formation.

On the positive side of things, Steve Fitzmaurice will still be an employee for SCAD, as I have appointed him the Director for the South Carolina Interpreter Recruitment & Training Project. Steve will also continue to serve as the contact person for the National Interpreter Certification project. Finally, I have appointed Jim Mangels as Transition Program Coordinator for TEDP and SCAD because of his in-depth awareness of how the TEDP program runs at SCAD. Jim is very culturally-sensitive person, an excellent employee, and I hope that you have all already met him. If not, please go to the SCAD Home Office and greet him. Steve Fooshe will still serve as TEDP Administrator and will continue to spend most of his time at the Legislature.



## Deaf Magician...Did you catch his act before he disappeared?

From the newsroom of the Spartanburg Herald-Journal, Spartanburg, South Carolina, Tuesday, November 19, 2002 .....

Deaf magician hopes act can inspire others By Joel D. Sawyer Staff Writer Though he's able to wow audiences with sleight-of-hand, magician Matthew Morgan says the real magic is in showing the hearing impaired they can do whatever they set their minds to. Morgan, one of the world's top deaf magicians, performed before a crowd of about 200 students and adults Monday night at the S.C. School for the Deaf and the Blind, amazing the audience with tricks from turning a balloon duck into a real one to pulling seemingly dozens of glowing red balls from audience members' faces. "I like to be a role model for deaf kids. I like to encourage them, that

they can really do anything. They can do everything except hear," Morgan said through an interpreter. Touring South Carolina to promote a new telephone relay service for the hearing impaired that lets them



communicate more easily with hearing people, Morgan did use some sign language to talk the audience. But his fast-paced act also relied on pantomiming and physical comedy, minimizing the need for words. Morgan's tricks making doves and ducks appear seemingly out of thin air seemed to be the favorite illusions for the crowd. "I

mostly enjoy it when the kids see the animal tricks," Morgan said. The children in attendance said they enjoyed the show, from the animals to the tricks Morgan pretended to flub for comedic effect. "In the beginning of the show, the birds came from nowhere. That was a really neat trick," Jillian Price, 15, said through an interpreter. "I had never expected to meet a deaf magician, and I was very impressed with the show." Damian Burt, 14, said he was impressed most when Morgan arranged four adults in a square on stools, had each of them lay back and then removed the stools, leaving each supporting the others' weight on their laps. "It was cool," Burt said. "I'm thinking about doing that at home."

Not a member of SCAD?  
Haven't paid your dues in over a  
year?

Join or renew today!  
Contact the Home Office!

# ASL not Accepted as a Foreign Language?

(This article originally appeared in the Orlando Sentinel on December 5, 2002)

Our position: Sign language in schools is fine but not as a foreign-language substitute. As more and more high-school students sign up for sign-language classes, Florida lawmakers need to reconsider their 1990 decision to let students use American Sign Language to meet public universities' foreign-language requirement. At the time, few students were taking sign-language courses. That's not the case today. As a recent Orlando Sentinel article detailed, almost 9,200 Florida students took sign-language

courses last spring -- a 478 percent increase over eight years. The mushrooming popularity of sign language should give lawmakers pause. Those students aren't taking the course because many more employers are begging for sign-language skills, or because the deaf population in this nation has burgeoned. Many students just think that ASL is easier than a foreign language. Proponents of ASL argue that it isn't easy at all, that it is a complex visual language with its own grammatical structure. That may be so, but American Sign Language is not a foreign language. It reflects only the American culture, albeit a subset of that

culture. Despite the benefits of learning what it is like to communicate as a deaf person, students don't come away from the class with an appreciation of another country and its literature, or of this nation's ethnic diversity. Moreover, the demand for their signing skills isn't as great in the marketplace as the demand for bilingual workers. American Sign Language belongs as an elective course, not as a way out of learning a foreign language.

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# Look!

# LCC RALLY

*30 Year Anniversary "Celebrating the Past, Embracing the Future!"*

*The Low Country Chapter of South Carolina Association of the Deaf  
invites you to our*

*30th Annual LCC Rally and Awards Presentation on*

*Saturday, March 22nd, 2003*

*from 5 PM until Midnight*

**Embassy Suites Hotel (N. Charleston)** 843-747-1882 (voice)  
5055 International Boulevard, N. Charleston, SC

**Cost: \$40.00 per person (Age 14 and older) before January 15th**

**\$45.00 per person (Age 14 and older) after January 15th, 2003**

No children under 14, please.

*Come and enjoy an evening of Dinner, Cash Bar, Live Entertainment,  
Silent Auction, Free Door Prizes, and many more!!!*

**Semi-formal dress**

**Remember the deadline for dinner reservation is on January 15th, 2003.**

**For more information about LCC Rally, different hotels nearby, and anything else... please contact  
Jennifer White (843) 852-4160 (V) or 852-4162 (TTY) during daytime hours Mon thru Fri.**

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address, City, State and Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ plates for me at \$40.00 per person for the 2003 LCC Rally dinner and event at 5 PM.

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ plates for me at \$45.00 per person (after January 15th, 2003).

I am enclosing a check or money order payable to LCC in amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ NON-REFUNDABLE

Write your check to LCC and mail it to LCC Rally c/o SCSDB DOS, 1920 C Dunbar St, Charleston, SC 29407.

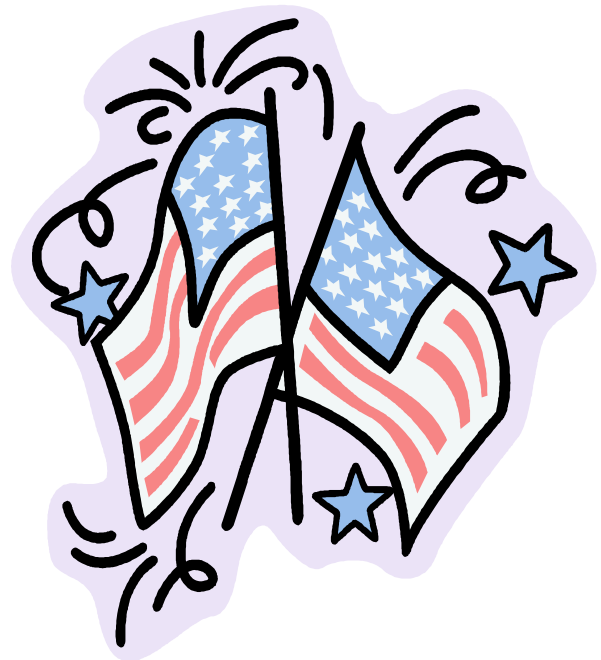
Deadline: \$40 before January 15th, 2003, \$45 after January 15th, 2003

On behalf of the Association and the entire membership we thank all of the individuals who have made memorial donations to SCAD in memory of Mr. John H. Shirah. These donations will be well used to continue to provide quality services in supporting and advocating for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing residents of South Carolina. We are sorry for your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

## *SC Deaf – United We Stand!*

2003 SCAD Conference  
June 12-14, 2003  
Embassy Suites  
Greenville, SC

Mark your calendar and  
make plans to attend the  
2003 SCAD  
Conference!



## SCAD Schedule of Events

### January

**Jan. 22-26** Basketball—Mason-Dixon Girls Tournament

Jackson, MS TBA

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**Jan. 28** Tue Basketball—Lockhart Home 6/7:30

### February

**Feb. 4** Tue Basketball—Spartanburg Day Away 6/7:30

**Feb. 7** Fri Basketball—Kentucky School for

the Deaf Danville, KY 6/7:30

**Feb. 8** Sat Basketball—NC School for the Deaf Danville, KY 1/2:30

**Feb. 12** Wed Basketball—Lockhart Away 6/6:30

**Feb. 12** Thu Basketball—New Hope Christian Home 4/5:30

### March

**March 22**—LCC Rally in Charleston, 5pm—Midnight

### June

**June 12-14**—SCAD Conference—Greenville

YOUR EVENT NOT LISTED HERE? SEND EVENTS TO SCAD ASAP!

Next Newsletter Scheduled to arrive in  
March!

Deadline for submissions is February 14!

This issue is past schedule due to a crashed computer, the holidays, lack of articles, and the vacancy of the Executive Director position.

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### Membership Information

#### Annual Dues

Individual	\$15.00
Married Couple	\$ 20.00
Senior Citizen Single	\$10.00
Senior Citizen Couple	\$12.00
Student	\$10.00
Corporate	\$ 50.00

Membership includes  
all publications for  
**ONE FULL YEAR**  
Contact SCAD for a  
Membership form!

### Advertising Rates:

#### (Suggested Contribution)

**Full Page -- \$50**

**1/2 Page -- \$35**

**1/4 Page -- \$20**

**1/8 Page -- \$15**

**Business Card -- \$10**

**Flyer Inserts- \$25 each copy**

**Deadline for submission is the  
14<sup>th</sup> of even numbered months.**

**Please include payment with ad.**

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