



Veditz Chapter of
American Sign Language
Teachers Association
(VASLTA)

April 2009 Issue

2009 Events and Board Meetings

Saturday April 18, 2009 VASLTA Board Meeting
10:00am to 12:00pm at NVRC

May 2, 2009 Celebrate Communication
10:00am to 3:00pm at GMU

Monday May 18, 2009 Annual General Meeting
7:00pm to 9:00pm at NVRC
(Board elections)

Saturday, June 27 2009 VASLTA Board Meeting
10:00am to 12:00pm at NVRC

October 29 – November 1, 2009 – ASLTA National Conference

Stay tuned for workshops and other events in 2009

“2007 ASLTA National Conference”

Thanks to Pat Beech, we were able to collect some great pictures of some VASLTA members that were at the 2007 ASLTA National Conference in Tampa, FL. The conference was filled with educational workshops, new curriculums, fabulous exhibitors, and last but not least playful social events. Check out our pictures!



National Conference Continued...



Thanks!

From Pat and James

We want to thank VASLTA for the Hollerstown Hill Bed & Breakfast gift certificate. We used it during Memorial Day weekend in 2007. The inn [<http://www.hollerstownhill.com/>] is located across from Maryland School for the Deaf in downtown Frederick, MD. The current owners (Betty and Phillip LeBlanc) were gracious hosts. They kept us company during breakfast meals which were delicious. Those meals included home-baked breads, fruit, yogurt, granola, and casseroles. Betty displayed her large collection of dolls throughout the house. We stayed in the Dutrow Room which was named after the original owners (Sarah and Richard Dutrow). The king-size bed had a Mahogany frame with a half canopy.

While there, we visited:

1. The Community Bridge [<http://bridge.skyline.net/history/>] - One of the most unusual trompe l'oeil murals in the world.
2. Mount Olivet Cemetery [<http://www.mountolivetcemeteryinc.com/>] - Home to the gravesite of Francis Scott Key.

We also shopped and dined. Below are some of our favorites:

1. Candy Kitchen - Handmade chocolates, fudges, and truffles since 1902.
2. Dutch's Daughter [<http://www.dutchsdaughter.com/main3.html>] - We enjoyed grilled BBQ Shrimp wrapped in bacon (appetizer) and lump crab cakes. The atmosphere was comfortable. The rooms were furnished with wood-carved fireplaces, beautiful décor, and cushioned chairs. We enjoyed it so much that we went back there one more time. The 2nd time was on a prom night. We got to see young people dressed in prom outfits.
3. McCutcheon's Factory Store [<http://www.mccutcheons.com/index.php>] - We fell in love with their strawberry jams.

We really enjoyed this experience. Thanks again!

Patricia & James Beech

Our Board Transitions...

Board members 2005 to 2007



Left: Barbara Stansbury, Beth Klein, Mary Bagby, Adele Polk, Julie Bagshaw, Jill Moebus, Pat Beech, and Nancy Shugart

New Board members 2007 to 2009



Left: Mary Bagby, Barbara Stansbury, Emily Dobbs, Paula Debes, Brian Leffler, Lenny Granda, Adele Polk and Julie Bagshaw

2008 Annual General Meeting

In June 2008, we were honored with having Gary Viall present a memoir of the Virginia Deaf Community. Mr. Viall spoke on the changes and events that he has witnessed in the last 25 years or so as an active member and leader of Virginia's Deaf Community. He told of triumphs and struggles and challenged us to remember there is still a lot of change that needs to take place.

He also explained his role in the Federal Government. Mr. Viall served our government for over 30 years at the Small Business Administration. Although it was not always a piece of cake, fighting for Deaf rights, explaining numerous times why an interpreter is important, Mr. Viall retired with a lot of respect from hearing and Deaf people.

Thank you Mr. Viall!

Sincerely,

VASLTA Board and members

VASLTA Membership 2009

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Please check if you are: (for directory purposes)

- Sign Language Teacher
- Deaf Culture Specialist
- Interpreter or Interpreter Trainer
- Educator of the Deaf
- Other (please specify) _____

Are you certified by ASLTA? If so, what level?

What is the highest degree you have?

Specify level of class, if you teach ASL (currently or previously).

How many years of teaching ASL?

Are you currently teaching ASL? Where?

Do you want your name, address, and phone number printed in our directory? Yes No

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Paula Debes, c/o Membership, 8544 Rothbury Drive, Bristow VA 20136

Directions for NVRC

3951 Pender Drive Suite 130 Fairfax, VA 22030

FROM I-66: Take exit 57A (US 50-E) toward Fairfax. Merge onto Rt. 50 East, also known as Lee Jackson Memorial Highway. Turn LEFT onto Waples Mill Road. Turn RIGHT at the light onto Pender Drive. Look on right for Fairfax Executive Park. Turn RIGHT at third entrance (left corner of Building 3949, a 3-story building). Drive toward back of complex and turn RIGHT between the 3-story building and the 1-story building, which is 3951 Pender. Parking is in the courtyard. NVRC faces the courtyard, Suite 130. There are two entrances; one side door directly into the office (sign on door) and one facing the courtyard leading into the meeting rooms, (sign on building). Handicap accessible parking spaces with ramp are near the entrance to the meeting rooms.

FROM ANNANDALE/BURKE/SPRINGFIELD AREA: Take Braddock Road west to Shirley Gate Road (you will cross Rt. 123). Shirley Gate will cross Lee Highway and become Waples Mill Road. After crossing Route 50, turn RIGHT at the light onto Pender Drive. Look on right for Fairfax Executive park. Turn RIGHT at third entrance (left corner of Building 3949, a 3-story building). Drive toward back of complex and turn RIGHT between the 3-story building and the 1-story building, which is 3951 Pender. Parking is in the courtyard. NVRC faces the courtyard, Suite 130. There are two entrances; one side door directly into the office (sign on door) and one facing the courtyard leading into the meeting rooms, (sign on building). Handicap accessible parking spaces with ramp are near the entrance to the meeting rooms.

FROM I-495: Take I-66 west, Exit 49 toward Manassas/Front Royal. Take 66 west to US-50 East also known as Lee Jackson Memorial Highway. Turn LEFT onto Waples Mill Road. Turn RIGHT at light onto Pender Drive. Look on right for Fairfax Executive Park. Turn RIGHT at third entrance (left corner of Building 3949, a 3-story building). Drive toward back of complex and turn RIGHT between the 3-story building and the 1-story building, which is 3951 Pender. Parking is in the courtyard. NVRC faces the courtyard, Suite 130. There are two entrances; one side door directly into the office (sign on door) and one facing the courtyard leading into the meeting rooms, (sign on building). Handicap accessible parking spaces with ramp are near the entrance to the meeting rooms.