



Veditz Chapter of American Sign Language Teachers Association (VASLTA)

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February 2011 Issue

ASL Teachers Mixer



When:
Saturday
March 26, 2011
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.



Location:
Northern Virginia Resource Center
for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons

- Meet other teachers**
- Play ASL games**
- Eat delicious food**

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Annual General Meeting & Election of Officers for 2011-2013

When:
Monday May 16, 2011
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Location:
Northern Virginia Resource Center for Deaf and
Hard of Hearing Persons



Summer Camp 2010

Mary Bagby taught a one-week “summer camp” that involved three hours a day with the kids. Mary said that was a great experience for her.

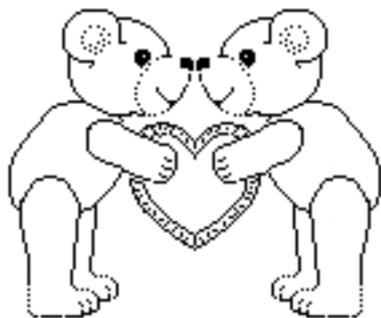
VASLTA Board for 2009-2011

The 2009-2011 officers of VASLTA are:

President	Lenny Granda
Vice-President	Cheri Martinez
Secretary	Lynn Rafferty
Treasurer	Paula Debes
PDC	Brian Leffler
Members-at-large	Mary Bagby
	Julie Bagshaw
	Emily Dobbs
Ex-Officio	Adele Polk
Newsletter	Patricia Beech
Web	Patricia Beech

Congrats to Emily Dobbs

Emily Dobbs married Chris Knauer on 07-31-2010.



The newsletter was created using a Macintosh PowerBook. The desktop publishing software used is "Ready,Set,Go!"

Advertisement Rates

Currently VASLTA sends out newsletters 3-4 times a year. To find out when the next issue is scheduled, please contact Patricia Beech at pgbeech@aol.com.

To place an advertisement in future issues, please send your advertisement in electronic format to pgbeech@aol.com. JPEG format is preferred, but we will consider other formats.

1/4 page	\$25.00
1/2 page	\$60.00
Full page	\$100.00



6th National
Professional Development Conference
Renaissance Seattle Hotel
Seattle, WA
June 28 - July 3, 2011

For more information, see:

<http://www.aslta.org/>

<http://www.aslta.org/2011/mail-in-conference-registration.html>

http://www.aslta.org/images/profdev/conference/2011/aslta2011_reg2.pdf



Annual General Meeting on 06-07-2010

- by Patricia Beech -



On June 7, 2010, the annual General Meeting started with a presentation by Jason Zinza on “The Numbers Have It: ASL Acceptance Policies in United States Colleges”.

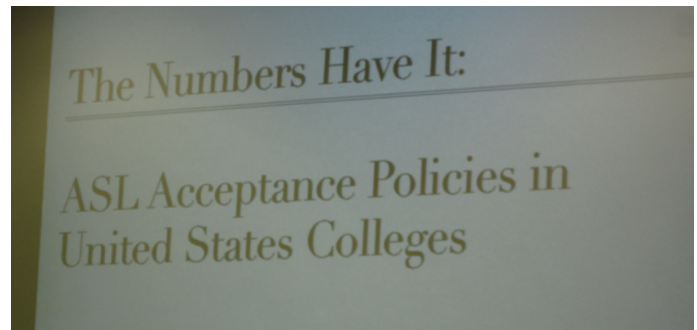
ASLTA established a task force in 2008 to investigate the status of ASL acceptance policies around the USA. This task force is called “Research in Higher Education”.

Phase 1 of the investigation had responses from 39% of 1,961 schools (approximately 700). Of those 700 responses, 58% accepted ASL (entrance & exit), while 14% didn’t accept ASL.

The task force found no pattern to acceptance / rejection of ASL policies. For instance, Ivy League and State universities (generally) accepted ASL. Reasons for not accepting ASL were: lack of literature, lack of culture, poor quality instruction, and not used around the world.

For Virginia, 8 out of 94 colleges responded to the Phase 1 survey. All of these 8 accepted ASL but College of William and Mary evaluated on a case-by-case basis. For Phase 2, the task force will contact admissions offices and get names of people who will reply to the survey.

In conclusion, the task force still has a lot of work to do, and need help from the ASLTA local chapters.



ASL Honor Society Induction in May 2010

ASL Honor Society at Woodbridge Senior High School had its 2nd annual induction ceremony on May 11, 2010. Adele Polk, ASL instructor at WSHS, led the program with welcome, introductions, history & background, conferral of certificates and pins, and oath. Families joined the inductees at this special event.



Adele starts the presentation



Taking Oath



Inductees

Tai Faust, Noel Chickering, Adele,
Sarah Thomas, Maya Brandon-Hooker



Seniors

Sarah Thomas, Samantha Ouellette, Alyssa Bilewski,
Adele, Rachel Gustavson, Roberta Bugg-Bey,
Maya Brandon-Hooker



Members

Rachel Gustavson, Tai Faust, Noel Chickering,
Sarah Thomas, Alyssa Bilewski, Adele,
Taurionah Wilkins, Cody Wykle, Roberta Bugg-Bey,
Maya Bugg-Bey, and Sam Ouellette

Various Board Meetings



09-25-2009 at Lenny's
Paula, Pat, Julie, Mary, Brian, Lenny



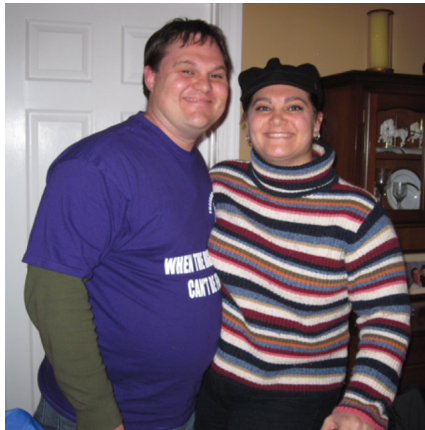
09-25-2009
Brian "drooling" over the creme brulee dishes



01-22-2010 at Julie's
Front: Lenny, Mary, Adele, Lynn
Rear: Julie, Paula, Brian, Pat



01-22-2010
Julie pregnant
with Brooke (born
in February)



01-22-2010
Lenny
with wife Kristin



11-28-2009 at Lenny's

Holiday Party at Lenny's on 12-05-2009



Annual JNCL-NCLIS Meeting in May 2010

By Patricia Beech

I attended the JNCL-NCLIS three-day meeting with Glenna Ashton. It was my first-time. The first day started with a welcome greeting from Dan Davidson, president of JNCL-NCLIS, and an overview from David Edwards, executive director of JNCL-NCLIS. Next was Rep. Rush Holt (D-NJ) who talked about H.R. 4065, which is to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to establish a partnership program in foreign languages. That afternoon we did congressional visits. My first two visits were with offices of Senator Mark Warner (Leah Ralph, Senior Legislative Correspondent) and Senator Jim Webb (Maribel E. Ramos, Legislative Assistant). The last visit was with office of Representative Gerald Connolly (Matthew Graham, Legislative Assistant). We were to stress three key points asking for support from those offices:



Pat with David Edwards & Glenna Ashton

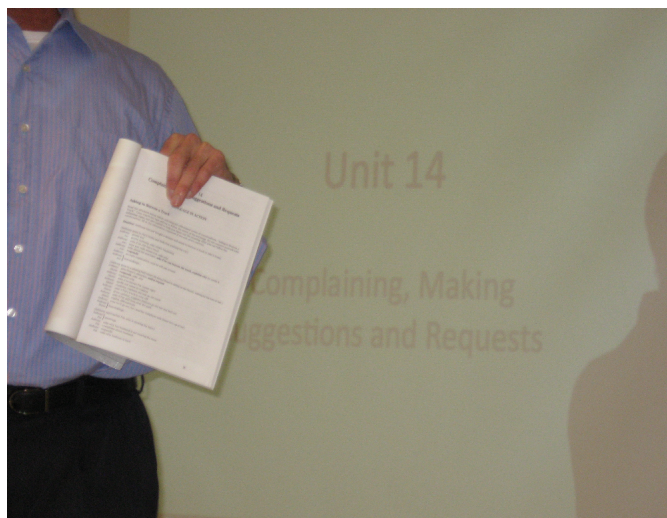
1. Foreign Language Education Partnership Program Act
2. Funding increases for foreign language education such as the FLAP (Foreign Language Assistance Program)
3. Maintain dedicated funding for Foreign Language Education

It was an interesting experience. I encourage you all, especially those with Professional certificates, attend future JNCL-NCLIS meetings. For more info about JNCL-NCLIS, see: <http://www.languagepolicy.org/>.

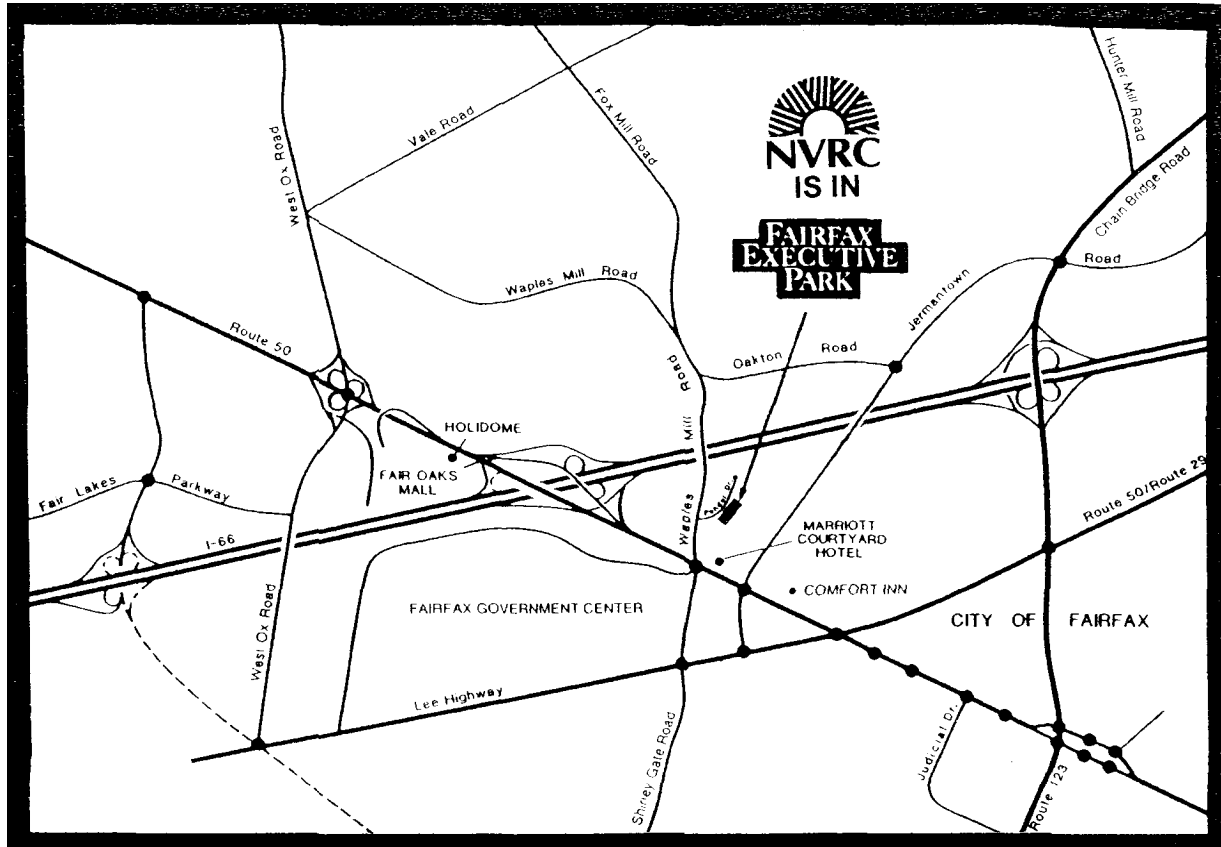
“Signing Naturally, Level II” Workshop on 04-24-2010



Presenter Ken Mikos with Adele & Brian



Directions for NVRC



DIRECTIONS

to 3951 Pender
Drive
Suite 130
Fairfax, VA
22030

From 1-66

Take Exit 57A (US 50-E)
towards FAIRFAX

Merge onto US 50 East
(Lee Jackson Memorial
Highway)

Turn LEFT onto Waples
Mill Road

Turn RIGHT at first light
onto PENDER DRIVE

Proceed as indicated **

From Annandale / Burke / Springfield Area

Take Braddock Road
WEST

Cross Rte 123
Turn RIGHT onto Shirley
Gate Road

Shirley Gate will cross
Lee Highway and be-
come Waples Mill Road

After Crossing Rte 50,
make a RIGHT at the first
light onto PENDER DR

Proceed as indicated **

From the Capital Beltway, Route 495

Take the I-66 WEST Exit
49, towards Manassas /
Front Royal

Take 66 WEST to US-50
East (Lee Jackson Memo-
rial Highway)

Proceed as from I-66

and **

** Make a RIGHT at the 3rd sign for the "Chef's Café" (5th driveway), drive straight ahead past the 3-story building on the right. Make a RIGHT at the one-story building ahead, which is 3951 Pender. NVRC occupies the right half of that building. There are two entrances: one directly into the office and one (handicap accessible with handicap parking and ramp) directly into the meeting rooms.