



New Horizons



Sherri Collins
First Executive Director, DSA

Happy New Year from the Board of Directors!



As we enter the new year, we celebrate the strength and unity of our Deaf senior community. This past year has brought us new opportunities for learning, stronger connections, and increased resources for Deaf seniors.

We're proud of what we've accomplished together, and we're grateful for your continued involvement. Looking ahead to 2025, we remain focused on providing more

educational opportunities, fostering meaningful relationships, and strengthening support systems for Deaf seniors everywhere.

On behalf of the Board, we wish you a joyful, healthy, and fulfilling New Year. Here's to another year of growth and progress for our community!

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Presidential Perspectives

by Phil Aiello

A New Era Begins

Today, a new era begins for Deaf Seniors of America (DSA). I am filled with immense pride and excitement to share this momentous milestone in our organization's history: the appointment of Sherri Collins as our first-ever Executive Director.

This historic moment is a dream come true for DSA. Sherri's appointment marks a significant step forward as we grow our capacity to advocate for and support older deaf adults across the country. Her role as a part-time Executive Director is a bold move toward strengthening DSA's mission.

Sherri brings a remarkable combination of experience and passion to this role. With a proven track record in nonprofit leadership, policy advocacy, and senior services, she understands the unique challenges faced by older deaf adults. Please see her first official column on page 9 and update on the Older Americans Act on page 12.

Sherri Collins's vision, drive, and commitment inspire us, and I am confident that her leadership will take DSA to new heights. This milestone is made possible because of your continued support of DSA's mission.

As we take this exciting step, I invite you to stay engaged and connected with us. Together, we can make a meaningful difference and build a brighter future for deaf seniors across the nation.

Embracing Our Digital Future

As we look to the future, I am thrilled to share an exciting update about our beloved DSA quarterly magazine. Beginning with this issue, New Horizons is transitioning to a fully digital format. This change reflects our commitment to embracing modern communication methods that allow us to reach more members nationwide.

Going digital enables us to provide timely updates, visuals, and interactive content—all while reducing costs and minimizing our environmental impact. For members without regular access to digital devices, please rest assured. We are dedicated to

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View Phil's vlog (<https://www.deafseniors.us/post/presidential-perspectives-1>), also available in *Latest News* on the DSA website.

keeping everyone informed and will provide alternative options. If you require assistance accessing the digital version, email DSA at info@deafseniors.us, and we will work with you to ensure you remain connected.

Thank you for your continued support as we take this step together. This transition reflects our commitment to building stronger connections with our members and supporters.

Expanding Our Network

I am excited to announce that DSA currently has over 40 organizational affiliates across the United States. These partnerships are vital in strengthening our community and ensuring that deaf seniors receive the support and resources they deserve.

We invite all deaf organizations nationwide to join us as affiliates. Becoming an affiliate keeps your organization informed about latest developments and offers opportunities to collaborate on initiatives that promote the well-being of deaf seniors.

To join, visit www.deafseniors.us/join and complete the organizational affiliate membership form. Together, we can create a more connected and empowered network of deaf organizations across the nation. We look forward to welcoming your organization to the DSA family!

Sharing Local and State Resources

The need for deaf-centered services for seniors is urgent. Across the nation, our community requires increased access to critical resources, which are essential to ensure that our seniors can live with dignity, comfort, and independence. These include:

- Deaf-friendly housing
- Specialized medical care

- Caregiving support
- Local deaf centers, clubs, and senior centers

We need your help! Share information about available local resources for deaf seniors in your area — send an email to Lance Fischer, DSA Resource Coordinator, at lance.fischer@deafseniors.us. Together, we can create a stronger, more supportive community.

Onward to DSA 2025 Kansas City!

This issue is packed with exciting updates and essential details about the DSA 2025 Conference! From important deadlines for registration to the latest on workshops, pre-conference tours, and hotel accommodations, we've gathered everything you need to know to make your conference experience seamless and memorable.

If you're looking for the best value, Combo registration is available until June 30, 2025, giving you full access to the conference experience. Prefer to attend only select events? No problem — Non-Combo registration options are also available.

You'll also find information on how you can nominate outstanding individuals or organizations for awards, learn how to submit proposed bylaw amendments, and get guidance on finding a roommate. There's truly something for everyone, so don't miss out on any of the opportunities and resources outlined here!

Read on for more, and make sure you're ready to join us in Kansas City for what promises to be an unforgettable event.

Get Ready for Pre-Conference Tours

Start your DSA 2025 adventure with exciting pre-conference tours on August 1-2, 2025. If it's been a while since you've visited Kansas City, you're in for a big surprise.

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Pick from six full-day tour options to explore the best of the city. Check out all the details on page **35** and sign up!

Got questions? Email us at dsa2025tours@deafseniors.us. Don't miss out on these amazing adventures!

Hotel Booking & Roommate Matching

Arriving early? A guest room block is available at Hotel Phillips Kansas City, just a short distance from the Kansas City Marriott Downtown, the official venue for DSA 2025. See page **36** for details on both hotels.

Need a roommate? See page **62** for information.

Exciting Workshop Lineup — Plus an Extended Deadline!

We're thrilled with the impressive variety of topics in the workshop proposals we've received so far, all submitted by the required deadline. Topics include advocacy and public policy, health and wellness, history and culture, travel and lifelong exploration, and technology smarts.

Check out our preliminary listing on page **46** to see what's in store and get a preview of the exciting sessions that will be featured. As we gain the support of more sponsoring organizations, more workshops will be added.

Those Who Make a Difference

Every DSA conference is an opportunity to recognize individuals and organizations that have made a lasting impact on the deaf senior community. At DSA 2025, we will present three special awards to celebrate these outstanding contributions. See page **56** for award details.

Do you know someone who deserves to be recognized? Submit your recommendations

to Elaine Navratil, Awards Committee Chair, at elaine.navratil@deafseniors.us.

Let's come together to celebrate and honor those who inspire, lead, and make a difference!

Bylaws Amendment Proposals Needed

As required by DSA bylaws, any proposed changes must be announced 90 days before the conference to give members time to review them before the General Meeting vote. The current bylaws are available online at <https://www.deafseniors.us/about> (scroll to the bottom for PDF and Word versions).

Have suggestions for amendments? Send your recommendations to Harvey Corson, Bylaws Chair, at hjcorson@gmail.com. Your input helps keep DSA strong and forward-thinking!

Connect With Us

Your feedback is valuable to us. If you have ideas, concerns, or questions, please reach out to the DSA Board. Contact us at info@deafseniors.us.

As we move forward together, stay warm this winter and take care of yourselves.

**DSA Announces Appointment
of Executive Director**
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Special Announcement
Deaf Seniors of America

A New Chapter for Deaf Seniors of America

by Sherri Collins

Dear Members, Supporters, and Friends,

It is an incredible honor to introduce myself as the new Executive Director of Deaf Seniors of America (DSA). I am humbled to join an organization with such a rich history of advocacy, community building, and support for Deaf seniors across the country.

As we embark on this new chapter together, my vision for DSA is rooted in fostering inclusivity, empowerment, and connection. The challenges faced by Deaf seniors today — access to resources, healthcare equity, and opportunities for social engagement — are significant. However, I am confident that through our collective efforts, we can address these challenges and create meaningful solutions that uplift our community.

Over the next six months, I will focus on listening, learning, and laying the foundation for DSA's next phase of growth. My immediate priorities include:

- Engaging with the Board to align on our mission and goals.
- Conducting listening sessions to better understand the needs and aspirations of our members.
- Strengthening DSA's programs and services to ensure they remain impactful and accessible.

I believe collaboration is key to achieving our shared goals. Whether you are a long-time member, a community partner, or a new supporter, I invite you to join me in shaping DSA's future. Your insights, experiences, and dedication will be vital as we work to enhance the quality of life for Deaf seniors nationwide.

Together, we can ensure that DSA continues to be a beacon of support and advocacy, championing the rights and well-being of Deaf seniors everywhere. I look forward to meeting many of you in the coming months and sharing our progress as we move forward.

Thank you for welcoming me to the DSA family. Let's create a future filled with opportunity and strength for Deaf seniors!

With gratitude and excitement,

Sherri



Sherri Collins is the Executive Director of Deaf Seniors of America. She previously led the Arizona Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing (1998–2025) and held leadership roles at the North Carolina Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and Gallaudet University Regional Center. She holds a B.S. from Gallaudet University and an M.Ed. from North Carolina State University.

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From the Editor's Desk

by Nancy Bloch



Our New Executive Director

I've had the pleasure of knowing Sherri Collins for decades, and with her wealth of experience, leadership skills, and boundless enthusiasm, she is the perfect choice for the executive director role. Her excitement is already evident in this issue — she shares her first official column, provides an update on the Older Americans Act, and highlights the funds raised for DSA through her recent retirement party (you can donate, too). And this is just the beginning — there's much more to come as Sherri settles into her new role.

Articles in This Issue

This magazine issue features three insightful articles that I hope you'll enjoy. Mark Apodaca of Finlion, a business and financial consulting firm, shares practical tips on tax-free gifts and how they benefit both donors and recipients. Rajarajeshwari of Deafhood Yoga explores how yoga supports overall well-being, from

improving physical health to enhancing mental clarity and emotional balance. And Kelly Lange, of the Camp Mark 7 Foundation, shares heartwarming stories about the lasting friendships formed at summer senior camps — connections that continue to enrich lives year after year.

Conference Updates to Note

In this issue, we're excited to share a variety of updates, including a sneak peek at what's coming up for the DSA 2025 conference:

- Explore six all-day pre-conference tours, with a sign-up form included.
- Review the planned lineup of workshop offerings, organized around several key themes; full workshop details will appear in the next issue.
- Discover highlights of downtown Kansas City, which has grown and changed significantly since the 2004 NAD Conference.

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From the Editor's Desk, continued from page 10

To help you make the most of your visit, we are including a listing of nearby dining options and other local amenities in this issue of NEW HORIZONS.

Attendees can now reserve tables for the farewell luncheon, which includes entertainment as part of the combo registration. Optional sign-ups for the comedy and sports luncheons are also available. Many who haven't yet registered have told us they plan to do so in the coming months — both combo and non-combo options remain open. If you haven't booked your hotel yet, now's the time!

Conference sponsorships, advertising, and exhibit opportunities are available until the May 15 deadline. The Whova mobile app will return in full force, making it easy to stay updated, share photos, and connect with attendees. For all information about the conference, see the table of contents on page [27](#).

Why come?

Biennial conferences are always a great opportunity to reconnect with old friends, meet new ones, and take in everything from workshops and exhibits to social events. Come and meet Sherri — she'll be there, ready to connect with you!

At the end of the day, DSA is all about creating a space where we, as older deaf individuals, can come together, learn from each other, and find the support we need. It's not just another conference — it's a community of people who truly understand each other's experiences.

Whether you're attending for advocacy, education, or a sense of community, DSA 2025 is sure to be an unforgettable experience. We'll catch up with each other in Kansas City!

Navigating this issue

This issue includes more conference-related content than previous editions, so designer Nancy Creighton created a new layout for the Contents. There are now two separate Contents sections: the Contents on page [4](#) cover non-conference information, the Contents on page [27](#) focus on conference-related details. To navigate, click the footer to return to the correct Contents section. Advertisements are not listed in the Contents, but flyers are included. Look for the "Back to Contents" button on those for easy navigation.

Older Americans Act – Update

by Sherri Collins, Executive Director

The reauthorization of the Older Americans Act (OAA), currently pending approval in the House of Representatives, includes provisions that could have a significant impact on deaf seniors. Here's how:

Enhanced Access to Services

The reauthorization proposes increased funding for programs such as caregiver support, nutrition assistance, and preventive health services. For deaf seniors, these services can be better tailored to address communication barriers and accessibility challenges, ensuring equitable participation.

Potential Impacts:

- **Accessible Nutrition Programs:** Meal programs could include staff trained in sign language or offer communication access via video remote interpreting (VRI).
- **Transportation Services:** Improved funding may lead to greater availability of accessible transportation options, particularly those that incorporate visual or text-based notifications for deaf individuals.

Inclusion of Communication Accessibility

The OAA emphasizes equity and inclusion, which may lead to expanded requirements for accommodations under federally funded programs. This could include:

- **Increased Use of ASL Interpreters:** Programs for deaf seniors could offer interpreting services during activities or health consultations.

- **Accessible Technologies:** Expanded access to captioning services, hearing assistive technologies, and communication devices for group settings.

Support for Caregivers of Deaf Seniors

The reauthorization act prioritizes caregiver support. For families or caregivers of deaf seniors, this could mean:

- **Training and Resources:** Programs tailored to caregivers supporting individuals with hearing loss, helping them navigate communication challenges and advocate effectively.
- **Respite Care:** Deaf-friendly respite care options where staff are trained to communicate with deaf individuals, ensuring continuity of care and cultural sensitivity.

Equity in Health and Wellness Programs

The act encourages programs to target underserved populations, including those with disabilities. For deaf seniors, this could mean:

- **Community Outreach:** Programs designed to educate deaf seniors about their rights, health resources, and available services.
- **Accessible Preventive Care:** Health screenings, mental health services, and chronic disease management programs made available with full communication access.

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Advocacy and Representation

The increased focus on older adults with diverse needs creates opportunities for advocacy groups to push for better inclusion of deaf seniors. This could result in:

- Policy Development: Input from deaf advocacy groups in shaping program implementation.
- Data Collection: Improved demographic tracking of deaf seniors to ensure services meet their specific needs.

Challenges to Consider

While the proposed reauthorization offers promise, challenges remain, including:

- Implementation Gaps: Ensuring that increased funding translates into real accessibility improvements.
- Workforce Training: Scaling the availability of ASL interpreters and accessible service providers.

- Awareness: Educating service providers about the unique needs of deaf seniors.

Next Steps for Advocacy

Organizations and advocates for deaf seniors can help ensure that these opportunities are realized by:

- Engaging with policymakers to emphasize the importance of accessibility within OAA programs.
- Partnering with local aging organizations to develop culturally and linguistically appropriate resources for deaf seniors.
- Monitoring the reauthorization process to ensure that deaf seniors' needs are prioritized.

With the reauthorization, deaf seniors stand to benefit from expanded and improved services, but continued advocacy will be essential to ensure these changes are implemented effectively.

Get Your Free COVID Tests Today

The U.S. government is making it easier than ever to test for COVID-19. Every household in the country is eligible to order free at-home test kits.

How to Order

- Visit the Website: Go to <https://covidtests.gov/>.
- Place Your Order: Follow the simple instructions to order your tests.
- Free Shipping: Your tests will be shipped directly to your home *at no cost*.

Why Test?

- Early Detection: Catch COVID-19 early to start treatment sooner.
- Prevent Spread: Reduce the risk of spreading the virus to others.
- Protect Yourself and Loved Ones: Keep your family and community safe.

By taking advantage of this free testing program, you're playing a crucial role in protecting public health. Order your tests today and stay informed about your health.



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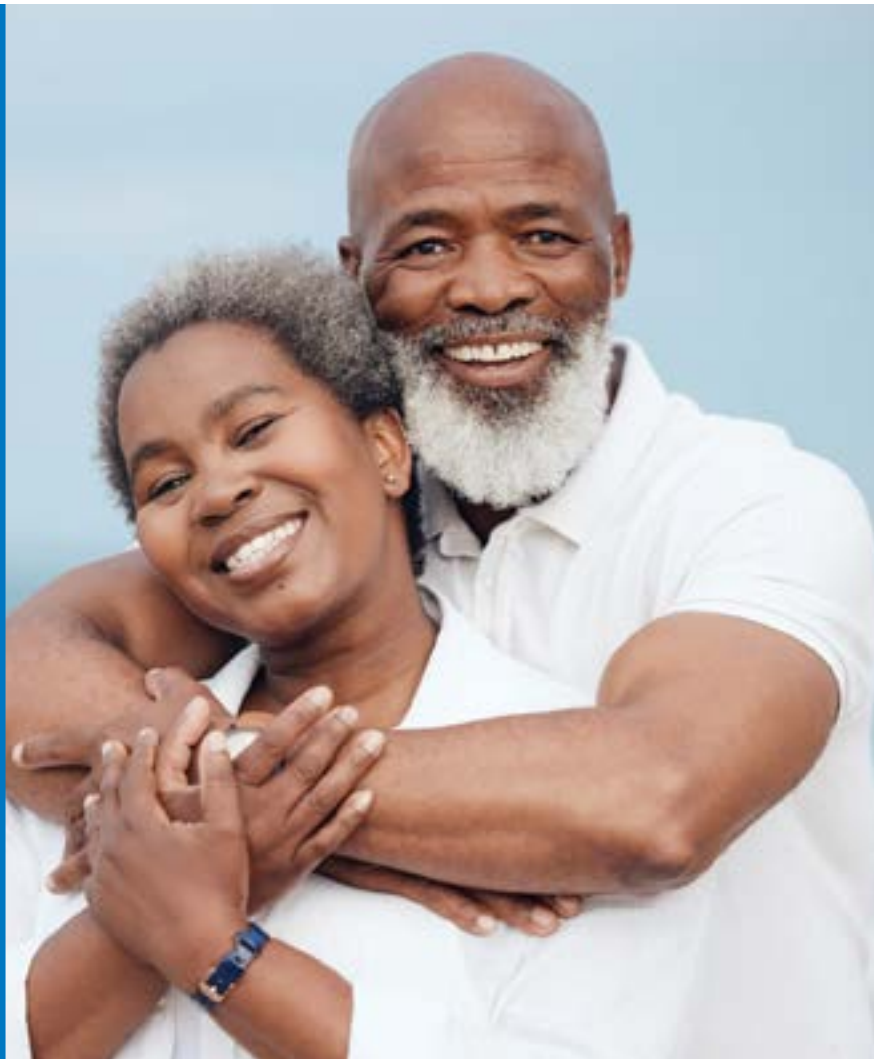
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A Celebration with Purpose: How One Retirement Party Raised \$2,000 for Deaf Seniors

by Sherri Collins

When I planned my retirement celebration, I knew I didn't need more gifts — but I did want to give back to a community that has shaped my journey. So instead of presents, I asked my guests to contribute to Deaf Seniors of America (DSA) in my honor.

The response was incredible. Friends, family, and colleagues came together, sharing stories, laughter, and memories, all while supporting a meaningful cause. By the end of the day, we had raised nearly \$2,000 to help fund accessible resources, ASL content, and advocacy efforts for Deaf seniors.

This experience reminded me that small, heartfelt gestures can create lasting change. Whether it's a birthday, anniversary, or retirement, turning a celebration into a fundraiser is a simple yet powerful way to give back.

Want to make an impact too? Host your own event and invite guests to donate to DSA in lieu of gifts! Use the link below to learn how you can support Deaf seniors.

<https://www.deafseniors.us/donate>



Soar Through Your Travels with Confidence

Embrace the Sunflower Program

by Myrna Aiello

Calling all Deaf travelers! Are you excited about our upcoming trip to Kansas City in 2025? Get ready to take flight with confidence! As we prepare for the Deaf Seniors of America



Conference in Kansas City, Missouri in 2025, we want to introduce you to a wonderful program designed to make your travel experience even smoother.

Many of us experience hidden disabilities, like deafness, that can sometimes create challenges when navigating airports. To make your travel experience smoother and more enjoyable, we encourage you to participate in the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Program.

What is the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Program?

The Sunflower Program is a discreet way to let airport staff know that you may have a hidden disability, such as deafness and/or other disabilities, that might require additional assistance. By wearing a Sunflower badge and lanyard, this simple Sunflower symbol lets the airport staff understand you're signaling to staff that you may need extra time, patience, or a helping hand during your journey.

Why Should You Participate?

- **Enhanced Communication:** Staff may be more aware of the need for visual cues or written communication.
- **Reduced Stress:** Knowing you have a way to discreetly signal your needs can alleviate travel anxiety.
- **Smoother Experience:** Staff may be able to offer assistance with directions, check-in, or boarding or whatever other need you may have.



Myrna "Mo" Aiello handles all DSA queries and information requests received via email, including those submitted through the DSA website. As Administrative Assistant she is responsible for DSA 2025 Pre-Conference Tours and is working closely with Robert Cooper who is Chair of DSA 2025 Accessibility. Her emails are:

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Good News!

Through my help with Visit Kansas City and the USA Sunflower Program Director, the Kansas City International Airport has recently joined the Sunflower Program! This means that airport staff will be trained to recognize the Sunflower symbol and offer assistance to travelers with hidden disabilities.

How to Get Involved

- Order Your Sunflower: Visit the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower website to order your personalized lanyard or badge: <https://hdsunflower.com/us/personalized-deaf-card.html>
- Wear Your Sunflower Proudly: When you arrive at your hometown airport and when you arrive at the Kansas City Airport, the staff will be able to identify you and offer support as needed. Show the agent at the gate and show the stewardess when you get on the plane your Badge/Lanyard. It helps to make them aware of your needs.

By participating in the Sunflower Program, you are letting the airport staff know you might need some extra assistance and you're taking

a proactive step to ensure a more comfortable and enjoyable travel experience. So, let's soar through the skies together!

SUNFLOWER ICONS

Some Sunflower cards use icons to indicate the specific type of assistance needed.



I have accessibility needs
Please ask me what they are



I may need more time
Please be patient and keep calm - I may need more time to complete an action or to communicate with you



I cannot stand for long periods of time
I may need a place to rest, especially if I am in a queue



I may need a place to sit down and rest



Stairs/ramps are a barrier to me
Is there an accessible route?



I may need urgent access to the closest toilet facility
Please assist me without questioning



I have a carer/personal assistant
They provide support and will need to accompany me



Please give me space
I need your help to keep social distance



I need a quiet/safe place
Is there a safe/quiet space I can use?



I am sensitive to sound
Is there a quiet time or a quiet space?



I am sensitive to light
Is there a time or space where the lights are dimmed?



I am sensitive to smell



I have an assistance dog



Do not touch me
Physical touch can cause distress and pain



I have sight loss
I have limited vision and may find access to visual information or judging distance a barrier



I require large print



I use Braille



I have a hearing impairment
Face me, speak clearly but don't shout and if necessary, write your message down



I sign



I use assistive listening



I require audio description



I have a food allergy



I have a hidden disability

To find out about the Sunflower cards visit hiddendisabilitiesstore.com/make-it-your-own



Making a Gift to Your Grandchildren – Will It Be Taxable?

by Mark Apodaca



Before you plan to make a gift to your grandchildren, you may want to consult with a tax lawyer or a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) specializing in gift taxes. You should

ask whether you will need to pay taxes on the gift and how it will impact your financial picture.

Some questions you may want to ask yourself are whether you have the budget to make such a gift or whether it has been a part of your overall personal financial plan. There are two important factors you may want to keep in mind:

- (1) will it cause financial stress, and
- (2) will your financial security be affected.

Let's say you have a granddaughter and wish to give her \$10,000 as a gift. If you give her the gift, you do not need to report it to the Internal Revenue Service. For 2025, you can give a gift of up to \$19,000. And, if you are married,

Amount gifted	\$	50,000
Annual Gift Tax Exemption		19,000
Amount to report to the IRS	\$	31,000
Lifetime Gift Tax Exemption	\$	13,990,000
Amount reported to IRS		31,000
Lifetime Gift Tax Exemption Remaining	\$	13,959,000

you and your spouse can each give the same amount for a combined gift of up to \$38,000 without reporting it to the IRS. In addition, your granddaughter will not need to report the gift to the IRS. This is known as an Annual Gift Tax Exemption; you can gift up to the amounts annually.

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Making a Gift to Your Grandchildren, continued from page 18

There is also a Lifetime Gift Tax Exemption, which is \$13.99 million for 2025. How does this work? Suppose you gifted your granddaughter \$50,000.

If you use up the \$13.99 million, you will start to pay gift taxes.

There are other ways you can avoid paying gift taxes:

- Paying medical expenses
- Paying college tuition
- Superfunding a 529 plan
- Donating to 501(c)(3) charities

When it comes to medical expenses or college tuition, you don't need to be concerned about the exclusion as long as you pay directly to the health care provider or the college or university. So, if you gift \$75,000 to your granddaughter's university to cover her tuition, you will not be subject to the Annual Gift Tax Exclusion. This only applies to tuition, not books, supplies, or room and board.

As for medical expenses, the same principle applies as long as you transfer the funds to the hospital or medical center directly.

What happens if you pay indirectly, meaning you have the funds deposited into your granddaughter's checking account instead of sending the check to the college? Or,

for helping with the medical expenses, you deposit the funds into the individual's checking account instead of sending the check to the medical center? You will have to pay gift taxes.

In the example, granddaughter was used. It can be someone other than a family member. The important key here is that the transfer of funds as a gift must be made directly to the university or college, and the



medical center as mentioned above.

Superfunding a 529 plan is another way to help your grandchild with her college education. It is called Superfunding because the IRS code allows you to fund five years' worth of annual gifts once. How does this work? For example, let's say you decided to gift annually \$19,000 for 5 years (you have up to 5 years and up to \$19,000) to your granddaughter's 529 plan. This will total \$95,000. You

will not be taxed on the gift, but you will have to report it on your tax return and on Form 709, which is the United States Gift (and Generation-Skipping Transfer) Tax Return, you will need to check the box showing that you want the amount spread evenly over five years.

For those unaware of what a 529 plan is, it is a flexible, tax-advantaged investment

account that helps you pay for your child's education. 529 Plans offer tax-free growth and withdrawal potential estate tax benefits.

Lastly, you can gift to a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization. Deaf Seniors of America is one such organization.

You can gift cash, securities, bonds, and real estate. However, as mentioned at the beginning of this article, you should seek the advice of a tax attorney or CPA and evaluate your budget and long-term financial plan. If you have a Certified Financial Planner (CFP), the CFP can help you with the plan.

Yoga for Everyone: Embracing Wellness Through Deafhood Yoga

by Rajarajeshwari

Deaf seniors can greatly benefit from incorporating yoga into their lives, especially when taught by a Deaf instructor fluent in American Sign Language (ASL) who understands the specific needs of the Deaf community. *Deafhood Yoga* offers a unique approach that merges the tools of Yoga with Deafhood principles, making it accessible and meaningful to Deaf Senior Citizens of America.

For over 15 years, *Deafhood Yoga* has provided classes online and in person, covering the Full Circle of Life—from pregnant mothers to children, young adults, adults, and our valued senior citizens. Every life stage holds unique importance, and yoga, when taught with a Deaf-centered perspective, supports us to embrace our humanity and live with greater awareness.

Understanding Deafhood and Yoga

Deafhood is a Deaf individual's personal and cultural journey, much like other life phases such as "childhood" or "motherhood." It celebrates the abundance of Deaf culture, sign language, and human experience, while canceling the negative, medicalized concept of "deafness." *Deafhood Yoga* embraces this sense of identity and community, recognizing that every Deaf individual has inherent value.

Yoga, from the Sanskrit word for "union," is an ancient practice of inner technology and science aimed at harmonizing the body, mind, and energy. While often seen in the West as merely physical exercise, yoga is more than that — it's a system for achieving one's highest potential. Yoga is a powerful tool and mechanism for self-evolution that integrates both physical and spiritual aspects to facilitate personal growth and expanded perception, aligning us with our inner vitality.

Deafhood and Yoga embody the profound connection between language and breath, which are essential to life. When we create space for ourselves, we can truly relax. Our rich, multidimensional language brings alignment to our bodies. By embracing our authentic selves, we naturally align with



Yoga was always within Kristen Marie Weiner's soul. Later, she was inspired when she took a Deafhood workshop. In 2009, Kristen met Dr. Paddy Ladd, of the UK, who coined the term 'Deafhood', and asked for permission to name her small business, "Deafhood Yoga." Paddy was delighted and expressed that Deafhood belongs to every Deaf person. Yoga is a universal gift from India to humanity. In 2009, Kristen was initiated into the Sivananda Hatha Yoga Lineage where she was blessed with the spiritual name, Rajarajeshwari.

Learn more at:
deafhoodyoga.com

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a nourishing lifestyle. As we become more aware, our hearts open, allowing us to engage more deeply in meditation.

We honor our diverse cultural heritage and sign languages, and this respect also extends to the yoga lineage and practices. Achieving inner harmony enables our communities to come together and fosters a deeper connection with nature. Through *Deafhood Yoga*, we cultivate well-being for ourselves and for our communities.

For Deaf seniors, this integration of Deafhood and Yoga offers a powerful pathway to maintaining wellness. These practices can be adapted to individual abilities—whether sitting on the floor, standing, or using a chair. The key lies in *Deafhood Yoga's* focus on the natural rhythm of the body, breathing, and the graceful movement of ASL, which deepens the yoga experience and enhances relaxation.

The Benefits of Yoga for Deaf Seniors

Incorporating yoga into daily life can offer a host of physical, mental, and emotional benefits, especially for seniors. These include:

- **Awareness:** Yoga encourages mindfulness, supporting individuals to become more attuned to their bodies, minds, and surroundings.
- **Balance and Stability:** Yoga strengthens the body's core and stabilizes lower back muscles, reducing the risk of falls.
- **Bone Strength:** Regular practice promotes healthy bones, joints, and muscles.
- **Eating Habits:** Yoga encourages mindful eating, increasing awareness of how food affects the body and mind.



- **Energy Levels:** Yoga boosts vitality, supporting seniors to feel more energetic and active.
- **Overcoming Inactivity:** For those who may have been less active, yoga revitalizes the body and mind.
- **Mental Health:** Yoga is known to reduce stress, anxiety, and depression, while promoting emotional well-being.
- **Mood:** By improving mood and alleviating mental distress, yoga enhances overall happiness.
- **Physical Health:** Yoga improves overall physical health, including weight management and balance across all systems of the body.
- **Sleep Quality:** For seniors, better sleep is critical, and yoga improves both the quality and duration of sleep.

How to Begin Your Deafhood Yoga Journey

Getting started with *Deafhood Yoga* is easy and convenient. For those ready to begin, simply download the Mighty Networks app from the App Store. Once downloaded, search for “*Deafhood Yoga*” and join the community.

Here, you will find information on upcoming classes, both online and in person, specifically tailored to Deaf seniors. These classes are offered fluently in ASL and dedicated to making the practice accessible to the Deaf community. Whether you prefer to attend virtually or participate in person, you will find support and guidance every step of the way.

When you join any online classes, recorded videos and content are available afterwards on the *Deafhood Yoga App* to support your ongoing practice.

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Stay tuned

Follow *Deafhood Yoga* on the current social media channels: Instagram, Facebook, and YouTube, as well as the *Deafhood Yoga App* to know of upcoming classes and events.

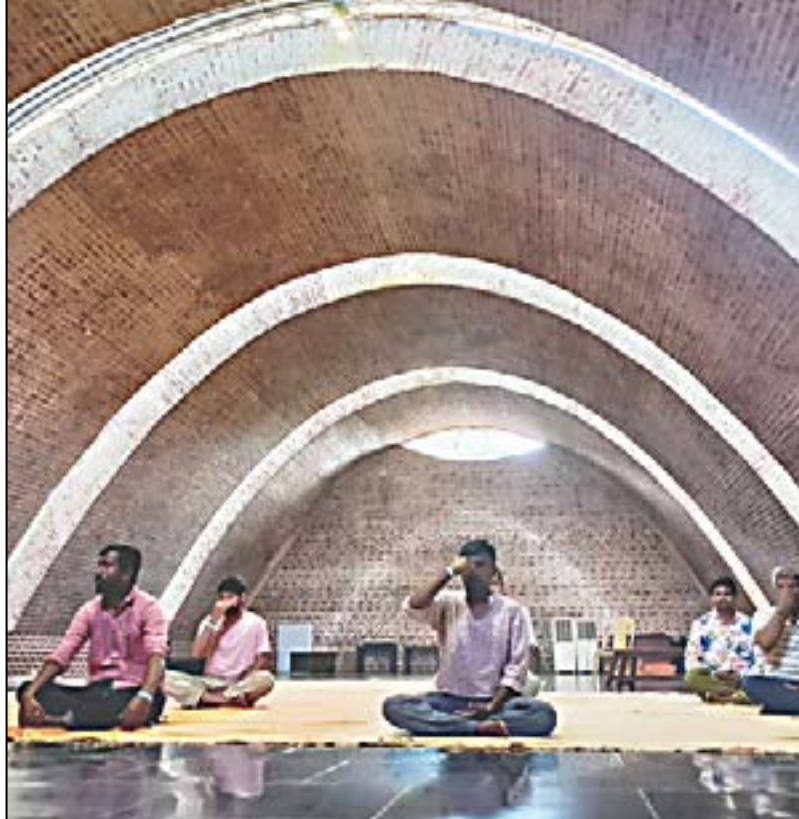
Embracing the Journey

As Deaf seniors navigate the complexities of aging, it is essential to have wellness tools that resonate with mind, body and energy. *Deafhood Yoga* provides a holistic approach that not only improves physical health yet also nurtures mental and emotional well-being. By merging the principles of Deafhood with the ancient practice of yoga, seniors can enhance their quality of life while fostering a deeper connection to themselves, their culture, and their community.

Take the first step toward a healthier, more vibrant life today. With Deafhood Yoga, the journey is just as important as the destination. Be Yogaself.

Notes on the photos

These photos were taken at the Isha Yoga Center Ashram in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, India. One group was with the local Deaf community of Coimbatore. The other group was with Deaf communities from different parts of India. These yoga sessions were conducted in Indian Sign Language (ISL).





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Discover the Perfect Blend of Adventure and Relaxation in the Heart of the Adirondacks

by Kelly Lange

Looking for the ultimate getaway that combines outdoor adventure, fun activities, and the opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals? Set against the breathtaking backdrop of the Adirondack Mountains, overlooking the stunning Fourth Lake, the *Active Deaf Adults 50 Plus Week* offers a unique opportunity for active adults aged 50 and up to escape the hustle and bustle of everyday life.

This historic, century-old hotel, the Mohawk Lodge, has been transformed into a vibrant, rustic retreat tailored to Deaf adults who crave a

balance of relaxation, outdoor exploration, and enriching experiences. Whether you're an avid adventurer or someone seeking a peaceful retreat in nature, this camp has something for everyone.



Day trip to the ADK Museum

Located in the beautiful Adirondack Mountains

of New York, Camp Mark Seven (CM7) is a peaceful, welcoming retreat offering a variety of life-affirming educational, recreational, and spiritual programs for Deaf, hard-of-hearing, and KODA/CODA individuals. Established in 1982, CM7 has become a place for campers to experience the beauty of nature through outdoor activities like mountain hiking, kayaking, canoeing, and swimming. Whether you're looking for adventure or just some time to relax and enjoy nature, CM7 offers something for everyone.

Why Choose the Adirondack Retreat?

- **Reconnect with Nature:** Picture yourself enjoying morning hikes through lush forests, kayaking on serene lakes, or simply unwinding in an Adirondack chair by the water as the



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[Click this link](#) to see last year's CM7 senior camp bonfire

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Fr. Tom's famous lemon bars

sun sets. There's no better way to experience nature's beauty in all its glory.

- **A Place for Active Souls:** From lawn games and swimming to kayaking and hiking, this camp isn't just about lounging – it's about staying active and engaged. Whether

you're interested in a challenge or a light walk by the lake, there are options to suit all levels of physical activity.

- **A Sense of Community:** Imagine a week where you're surrounded by a community of like-minded individuals who share similar interests and experiences. This camp offers the perfect environment for forging new friendships and connecting with others in a welcoming, inclusive setting. Through group activities like card games, bingo, and bonfire chats, you'll find opportunities to bond and create memories that last long after you leave.
- **Refresh Your Spirit with Quiet Time:** While adventure and socializing are key parts of the camp, there's also plenty of time to unwind. The peaceful ambiance of the Adirondacks offers



Wonderful volunteer cooks serving delicious breakfast

moments of solitude, whether it's sitting by the water, enjoying the sunrise or sunset, or just taking a quiet stroll through the woods.

Activities & Workshops That Energize Your Mind and Body

Each day, you'll have the chance to engage in a variety of activities that keep both the body and mind active. The camp offers a range of morning workshops designed to expand your skills, whether you're learning something new or diving deeper into a passion. After that, the fun continues with a full slate of outdoor activities, including:

- **Lawn Games & Swimming:** From classic games like corn hole, Bocce and Pickleball to swimming in the refreshing waters of the lake, there's no shortage of ways to stay active.
- **Kayaking & Hiking:** Take to the water on a kayak or explore the scenic hiking trails around the camp. The Adirondacks are known for their beauty, and there's no better way to experience it than up close.
- **Day Trip to Scenic Upstate New York:** One of the highlights of the week is a scenic day trip through upstate New York, where you'll have the chance to explore charming villages, shop for local treasures, or simply enjoy the local culture and cuisine.
- **Relax & Reconnect:** In addition to the action-packed days, you'll have ample time to sit back, relax, and reconnect with yourself. Spend time at the waterfront, take in the views, or enjoy some quiet reflection in a cozy corner of the camp.

A Legacy of Fun, Adventure, and Camaraderie

For over 40 years, Camp Mark Seven has been a place where adventure meets camaraderie in a fully accessible environment. The camp

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prides itself on its unique programs that have left a lasting impression on campers and adults alike. CM7 campers come from all over the world, from all 50 states and different countries, creating an enriching, diverse environment where everyone shares a common language: American Sign Language (ASL).

The camp's passion for providing fun, adventure, and socializing in ASL is palpable. Whether it's playing cards, enjoying a bonfire, or participating in group games, you'll be part of a community that truly values full communication access.

Comfort Meets Adventure: The Lodge Experience

The camp offers rustic charm with modern touches. With 72 beds, mostly bunk beds, there's a cozy yet social atmosphere. For your comfort, each room is shared with one or two others, creating an intimate environment where you can easily connect with fellow campers. And, since the camp limits the number of adult participants to around 36-40 individuals, you'll enjoy a comfortable, personalized experience with fewer crowds.

While the camp's century-old setting offers beautiful rustic charm, it does require campers to be able to navigate stairs and uneven paths. But with the stunning surroundings and exciting activities on offer, it's worth every step!

Your All-Inclusive Retreat Awaits

The camp tuition covers all meals — breakfast, lunch, and dinner — ensuring you're fueled and ready for a day full of activities, socializing, or relaxing. Whether you're in the mood for a leisurely meal or a social dinner with friends you've made throughout the week, the dining

experience complements the camp's warm, friendly atmosphere.

On arrival day, you'll settle in with dinner, and on departure day, enjoy a final breakfast with your new friends before you leave.

A Few Things to Know

While the camp is full of fun and adventure, there are a few important details to keep in mind. Due to the nature of the century-old

building, the camp is not equipped with elevators and has limited accessibility for those who use wheelchairs or walkers. Campers should be comfortable with stairs and uneven paths.

Be sure to bring your own sheets, pillows, blankets, and towels to make your stay more comfortable.

Parking is available on-site for those who drive.

Ready for the Adventure of a Lifetime?

If you're an active adult over 50 looking for a vacation that offers both relaxation and adventure, Camp Mark 7 is your ideal destination. Spend a week enjoying the wonders of nature, learning new things, participating in fun activities, and making memories with others in a beautiful, welcoming setting. The legacy of fun, adventure, and camaraderie that Camp Mark Seven has built for over four decades is waiting for you to experience.

Spaces are limited, so don't wait to sign up for an unforgettable Adirondack experience. We can't wait to welcome you to a summer of adventure, connection, and relaxation!

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by Lorrie Shank

Why Kansas City is a Great Destination

- **Easy to Get To** Centrally located in the U.S., Kansas City is a convenient travel hub. The all-new Kansas City International Airport which opened in 2023 offers a smooth, accessible travel experience with clear signage, visual announcements, and assistance services for deaf travelers. If you prefer driving, Kansas City is within a reasonable distance from several major Midwest cities.
- **Affordable & Budget-Friendly** Enjoy big-city experiences without the big-city price tag! Kansas City offers budget-friendly lodging, dining, and entertainment, with many attractions providing senior discounts.
- **Welcoming Community** Locals are friendly and inclusive. Many Kansas City businesses, museums, and attractions provide captioning and visual aids, making it an accessible and enjoyable place to visit.
- **Diverse Dining Scene** Kansas City is famous for barbecue, but there's so much more to enjoy! Many restaurants are deaf-friendly, featuring digital menus, order kiosks, and staff trained in basic ASL.
- **Easy and Accessible Transportation** Getting around is easy - the Kansas City Streetcar (always free to ride) features visual stop announcements and digital maps. Ride-share services and taxicabs are also available.



Lorrie Shank is the Local Liaison for the DSA 2025 Conference Committee. Lorrie can be reached via email at dsa2025liaison@deafseniors.us. View this article in vlog format at <https://www.deafseniors.us/post/dsa-2025-update> or in Latest News on the DSA website.

Six Pre-Conference Tours — Sign Up Now!

Great news! Six all-day pre-conference tours are now available. Thank you to everyone who shared their preferences in our survey. See page 35 for tour details.



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What's Near the Kansas City Marriott Hotel

- **The Kansas City Power & Light District (KCPL)** – A 10-minute walk from the hotel, this vibrant area features 15+ bars, restaurants, shops, and entertainment venues.
- **Cosentio's Downtown Market** – Just five minutes from the hotel, this full-service family-owned grocery store offers a variety of fresh and local products.
- **Downtown Dining Options** (from Visit KC) – See page **42** for a full list of walkable restaurants near the hotel.
- **Free Printable Map** – [Download Here](#).
- **Interactive Map** – See page **41** for Visit KC's online map.

Who to Contact for DSA 2025 Specifics

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See You in Kansas City in August

We look forward to welcoming you to the heartland of America!

Lorrie Shank
2025 DSA Local Committee Liaison



Schedule

Updated February 13, 2025, subject to change

**Not included in Combo registration*



Thursday, July 31, 2025

- Hotel Phillips Check-in: 4 PM onwards
- Conference Registration: 4 PM–8 PM

Friday, August 1, 2025

- *Pre-Conference Tours, all day**
- Conference Registration: 4 PM–8 PM

Saturday, August 2, 2025

- *Pre-Conference Tours, all day**
- Conference Registration: 8 AM–11 AM
- Hotel Phillips Check-out: Before 11 AM
- Exhibit Setup: 9 AM–6 PM

Sunday, August 3, 2025

- Conference Registration: 8 AM–6 PM
- Exhibits Open to All: 12 PM–5 PM
- Board Meeting Open to All: 1 PM–4 PM
- Marriott Hotel Check-in: 4 PM onwards
- Cocktail Hour: 6 PM–7 PM
- Opening/Welcome Reception: 7 PM–10 PM
(Emcee: Daniel Cook; Keynote Presenter: Dr. Robert Davila)

Monday, August 4, 2025

- Conference Registration: 8 AM–6 PM
- Plenary Session: 8 AM–9 AM
(Sherri Collins, Executive Director – “Together We Thrive: Shaping the Next Chapter for Deaf Seniors of America”)
- Workshops: 9:30 AM–11:30 AM
- Exhibits Open to All: 9 AM–5 PM
- Lunch on Your Own: 12 PM–1:30 PM
- Workshops: 1:30 PM–4:30 PM

- Alumni Reception: 5 PM–7 PM
(National Technical Institute for the Deaf/ Rochester Institute of Technology - NTID/ RIT)
- Dinner on Your Own: 5 PM onwards
- Social Activities: 7 PM–10 PM

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

- Conference Registration: 8 AM–6 PM
- Plenary Session: 8 AM–9 AM
(Dr. Alan Marcus – “Aging Powerfully Through Choice, Control and Collaboration”)
- Workshops: 9:30 AM–11:30 AM
- Exhibits Open to All: 9 AM–5 PM
- **Comedy Café Luncheon & Laughter: 11:30 AM–1:30 PM**
*(Performers: Daniel Cook and Angela Petrone Stratiy)**
- Workshops: 1:30 PM–4:30 PM
- Alumni Reception: 5 PM–7 PM
(Gallaudet University, TBA)
- Dinner on Your Own: 5 PM onwards
- Social Activities: 7 PM–10 PM

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

- Conference Registration: 8 AM–6 PM
- Plenary Session: 8–9 AM
(Dr. Jaime Wilson – “Bridge of Time: Caregivers and Care Receivers with Hearing Loss in Alzheimer’s and Dementia”)
- Workshops: 8 AM–11:30 AM
- Exhibits Open to All: 9 AM–5 PM

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- Sports Luncheon: 11:30 AM–1:30 PM
(Presenter: Heather Suhr)*
- Lunch on Your Own: 12 PM–1:30 PM
- Workshops: 1:30 PM–3:30 PM
- Forum Open to All: 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM
- Dinner on Your Own: 5 PM onwards
- DINGO-DSAGO: 7 PM–10 PM*
- Social Activities: 7 PM–10 PM

Thursday, August 7, 2025

- Conference Registration: 8 AM–6 PM
- General Meeting: 8 AM–12 PM
- Farewell BBQ Luncheon: 1 PM–4 PM
- Cocktail Hour: 6 PM–7 PM
- Sign Tas Tic Game Show: 7 PM–9:30 PM
(Performer: Daniel Cook)
- LGBTQ+ Social Gathering: 10 PM onwards

Friday, August 8, 2025

- Board Meeting Open to All: 10 AM–12 PM
- Marriott Hotel Check-out: Before 11 AM



Side event by the National Association of State Agencies of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

- Meet & Greet Open to All: 8 PM–10 PM

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

- Policy Summit Session Open to All: 8 AM–12 PM

THINGS YOU SAY AFTER 50

1. Where the h*** is my phone?
2. How did I get this bruise?
3. That isn't my password either? WTH!?
4. How do they expect you to read this small print?
5. Where did I put my glasses?
6. I don't care if it doesn't look fashionable, it's comfortable!
7. Who the heck is calling at 9:30pm??
8. Does anyone say please and thank you anymore?
9. Geez, how do you throw your body out of whack just sleeping wrong?? WTH?
10. This scale can't be right!!
11. WTH is wrong with people nowadays??
12. Why did I come into this room?

Pre-Conference Tours — Kansas City **UPDATED!**



Tour 1 Harry S. Truman Presidential Library and Museum *-and-* Pioneers Trail Covered Wagon Adventure

Motorcoach tours with ASL guides from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Includes lunch: Pulled pork, BBQ brisket, baked beans, potato casserole, buns, cookies and bottled water. Per person: \$145.00.



The **Harry S. Truman Presidential Library and Museum** in Independence, Missouri, preserves and provides access to President Truman's historical archives. Through engaging exhibits and programs, the Library aspires to reach a broad audience in a continuous effort to keep President Truman's life and legacy alive, emphasizing his ideals of citizenship, learning, and service.



Hop on the **Pioneers Trail Covered Wagon Adventure** in Independence, MO. See the Bingham Waggoner estate, learn the history of Quantrill's Raiders, Independence Civil War battles, and Frank and Jesse James! Highlighted by the historic home of Bess Truman's birthplace as well as a retrace of the exact path of the Sante Fe trail! Click to watch: <https://youtu.be/oDyHQ4ddIZA>

Tour 2 Negro Leagues Baseball Museum *-and-* National World War I Museum and Memorial

Motorcoach tours with ASL guides from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Includes lunch; menu to be provided in advance to participants. Per person: \$115.00.



The **Negro Leagues Baseball Museum (NLBM)** is the world's only museum dedicated to preserving and celebrating the rich history of African-American baseball and its impact on the social advancement of America. Experience a timeline of American and Latin baseball history, see detailed baseball histories of several countries and learn about significant baseball players.



The **National World War I Museum and Memorial** is the only American museum solely dedicated to preserving the objects, history and personal experiences of a war whose impact still echoes in the world today. The Museum holds the most diverse collection of war objects and documents in the world and is the second-oldest public museum dedicated to preserving the objects, history and personal experiences of the war.

Six DSA 2025 Pre-Conference Tours are available on both Friday, August 1 and Saturday, August 2, 2025 with pickup at the Hotel Phillips Kansas City.

Be sure to sign up for your preferred tour on page 4 of this special tour packet.



Tour 3 Kansas School for the Deaf Museum -and- Museum of Deaf History, Arts and Culture

Motorcoach tours with ASL guides from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Includes lunch; menu to be provided in advance to participants. Per person: \$95.00.



The **Kansas School for the Deaf Museum** in Olathe, offers a fascinating glimpse into the rich legacy of the school. Housed in two former classrooms, the museum features an extensive collection of historical artifacts, including vintage photographs, furniture, class pictures, then and now exhibits, and more.



The **Museum of Deaf History, Arts and Culture (MDHAC)** is a museum dedicated to the unique culture of the Deaf community in the United States. The Museum opened in 2001 in Olathe, Kansas, across the street from the Kansas School for the Deaf. Learn more about the legacies of Paul Hubbard, Luther “Dummy” Taylor and Charles Baird, and more!

Tour 4 The Wizard of Oz Museum -and- Wamego Historical Society and Museum

Motorcoach tour with ASL guides from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Includes lunch; menu to be provided in advance to participants. Per person: \$110.00.



The **Wizard of Oz Museum** started with a dream to preserve the magic of Oz for future generations. A small group, inspired by L. Frank Baum’s 1900 book, came together to build a museum that now houses over 2,000 Oz artifacts, spanning from the book’s release to today. It’s more than just a museum—visitors can dive into an interactive Yellow Brick Road experience, bringing the world of Oz to life in an immersive way.



The **Wamego Historical Society and Museum** brings history to life with authentic 1800s buildings and stories that trace the evolution of Wamego and Pottawatomie County. Discover the area’s Native American roots, its role in the Underground Railroad, and artifacts from the 1893 Columbian Exposition. A standout is the Dutch Mill, built in 1879 by a Dutch immigrant who revolutionized local farming with a new milling process. It’s a unique and immersive journey through time.

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Tour 5 Arabia Steamboat Museum -and- Crown Center: Hallmark • Sea Life • Union Station

Motorcoach tours with ASL guides from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Includes lunch; menu to be provided in advance to participants. Per person: \$98.00.



The **Arabia Steamboat Museum** provides a time capsule of life on the American frontier in the mid-19th century. Visitors have a one-of-a-kind opportunity to experience everyday objects that made life possible for pioneers in the 1800s. Voted “Favorite Kansas City Hidden Gem” by Visit KC, the museum is one of Kansas City’s most popular attractions.



Explore the **Crown Center** area with a variety of must-see attractions! Visit **SEA LIFE Kansas City Aquarium** for an up-close look at thousands of marine creatures, then head to the **Hallmark Visitors Center** to discover the creative history behind the famous greeting cards and ornaments. Don’t miss **Union Station**, a stunning historic landmark with museums, shopping, dining, and more.

Tour 6 Kansas City Gangster Tour -and- Brewery, Winery, and Distillery Tour

Motorcoach tours with ASL guides from 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM. Includes lunch; menu to be provided in advance to participants. Per person: \$160.00.



In the 1920s and 30s Kansas City had it all and we tell you the full story on the **Kansas City Gangster Tour!** Johnny Holiday and his friends will guide you on an inter-active bus tour of Kansas City showing you sites of speakeasies, brothels, murders, and more! Kansas City was known as a wide-open town and we have all the dirty details.



No ordinary tasting tour! Dive into Kansas City’s vibrant craft scene with VIP access to hidden gems for a **Brewery, Winery and Distillery Tour** experience. Taste hand-crafted spirits, uncover local stories, and let our fun guide lead the way. Safe, delicious, and unforgettable? Cheers to that!

Pre-Conference Tours — Sign Up Form



Friday, August 1, 2025

- Tour 1: Harry S. Truman Presidential Museum -and- Pioneers Trail Covered Wagon Adventure**
Timeframe: 9:30 AM-4:30 PM; \$145 per person X _____ (number of persons) = Subtotal: \$ _____
- Tour 2: Negro Leagues Baseball Museum -and- National World War I Museum and Memorial**
Timeframe: 9:30 AM-4:30 PM; \$115 per person X _____ (number of persons) = Subtotal: \$ _____
- Tour 3: Kansas School for the Deaf Museum -and- Museum of Deaf History, Arts and Culture**
Timeframe: 10:00 AM-4:00 PM; \$95 per person X _____ (number of persons) = Subtotal: \$ _____
- Tour 4: Wizard of Oz Museum -and- Wamego Historical Society and Museum**
Timeframe: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM; \$110 per person X _____ (number of persons) = Subtotal: \$ _____
- Tour 5: Arabia Steamboat Museum -and- Crown Center: Hallmark • Sea Life • Union Station**
Timeframe: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM; \$98 per person X _____ (number of persons) = Subtotal: \$ _____
- Tour 6: Kansas City Gangster Tour -and- Brewery, Winery, and Distillery Tour**
Timeframe: 9:30 AM-5:00 PM; \$160 per person X _____ (number of persons) = Subtotal: \$ _____

Saturday, August 2, 2025

- Tour 1: Harry S. Truman Presidential Museum -and- Pioneers Trail Covered Wagon Adventure**
Timeframe: 9:30 AM-4:30 PM; \$145 per person X _____ (number of persons) = Subtotal: \$ _____
- Tour 2: Negro Leagues Baseball Museum -and- National World War I Museum and Memorial**
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TOTAL: \$ _____

Contact Information

Primary Participant Full Name: _____ ID Number: _____
VP Number: _____ Mobile Number: _____

Payment Information

- Check payable to: DSA2025 Kansas City; mail to: DSA, 9314 Forest Hill Blvd #506, Wellington, FL 33411.
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Questions

- About the above tours? Email dsa2025tours@deafseniors.us
- About accessibility? Email dsa2025access@deafseniors.us

Deadline: June 1, 2025

Conference Lodging



Hotel Phillips Kansas City

July 31–August 3, 2025

The DSA 2025 hotel guest room block at Hotel Phillips Kansas City (Curio Collection by Hilton), 106 West 12th St, Kansas City, MO 64105, is now open at the special rate of \$194/night plus tax.

July 31, 2025 – Check-in
August 3, 2025 – Check-out

DSA group reservation link:
(bit.ly/3NR7ofu).

Rooms at our discounted rate are filling up fast—book your stay early to secure your spot!

Group reservation links for both hotels are also available at the 2025 Conference tab on the DSA website.

BOOK EARLY!

Kansas City Marriott Downtown Hotel

August 2–8, 2025

The DSA 2025 hotel guest room block at Kansas City Marriott Downtown Hotel, 200 West 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 64105, is available at the special rate of \$194/night plus tax.

August 2, 2025 — Check-in
August 8, 2025 — Check-out

DSA group reservation link:
(<https://book.passkey.com/e/50756312>).



At-a-Glance

HOTEL DESCRIPTION

The [Kansas City Marriott Downtown](#) is the perfect blend of historic elegance and modern style – welcoming you to Missouri with excellent service and a fantastic downtown location. The two-tower complex features a striking lobby space designed for today’s business, convention or leisure traveler and are linked via a second-floor pedestrian walkway. As the city’s largest hotel, we are neighboring and conveniently located one block away from the Kansas City Convention Center. The hotel is also a short walk from the exciting Kansas City Power & Light Entertainment District, the new Kansas City Streetcar, Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts, and so much more!



GUEST ROOMS

- 970 newly renovated guest rooms and suites designed with tasteful, elegant, modern look and amenities
 - All rooms are non-smoking, each with a 55-inch flat-screen TV and the latest in guest room entertainment television options (like Netflix), plus luxurious Revive™ bedding
- 39 suites: (5) Premier Suites, (31) Junior Suites, (3) Hospitality Suites
- 501 Queen/Queen (5 ADA), 430 King (20 ADA)



FUNCTION SPACE

- 93,374 total square feet of function space: 42 meeting rooms including 34 breakout rooms
- Neighboring and conveniently located one block from the [Kansas City Convention Center](#)
- In-House Audio-Visual Department (Encore)

BALLROOMS

- East Tower Imperial/Colonial Ballroom - 17,400 square feet - Maximum Banquet Seating 1,400
- West Tower Count Basie Ballroom - 15,080 square feet - Maximum Banquet Seating 1,140
- East Tower Historical Muehlebach Hotel Lobby, restored to its early 20th Century elegance - Maximum Banquet Seating 180

EXHIBIT SPACE

- Royal Hall - 12,000 square foot multi-function, carpeted exhibit hall - Maximum 75 Exhibits



AMENITIES

- Business Center, Sundry Shop, Valet Laundry Services, A la Carte (room service), Guest Services Desk for Special Requests and Additional Assistance
- MLounge (executive/concierge lounge) – Lobby Level, West Tower
- Valet Parking (currently \$42/day) and Self-Parking (currently \$32/day) available

HEALTH CLUB

- 22,000 sq ft Fitness Center
 - Locker rooms, Nautilus and Hammer Strength Equipment, Life Fitness, Bikes, Stair Masters, Treadmills, Ellipticals, Rowing Machine & Free Weights
 - Indoor Lap Swimming Pool featuring spectacular top-floor panoramic views!



RESTAURANTS & LOUNGES

- Coffee Central: Featuring a variety of specialty coffees and snacks (Open 6am-3pm, Daily)
- MetropolitanKC: Contemporary restaurant featuring delicious breakfast options (Open 6am-11am, Daily)
- Bar Central: Featuring 5-10-20 minute menus, cocktails and a variety of local and imported beers (Open 11am-12am, Sun-Thu & 11am-1am, Fri/Sat)
- A La Carte Dining: modern take on Room Service, Delivery or Pick-Up (6am-12am, Daily)
- Voo Lounge: Cocktail lounge featuring curated cocktails and light bites (4pm-10pm, Wed/Thu, 6pm-1am Fri/Sat)



LOCATION

Our Hotel is conveniently located in the heart of the convention business, government and theater districts. Just steps away from:

- Kauffman Center for Performing Arts (<https://www.kauffmancenter.org/>)
- Kansas City Live! Power & Light Entertainment District (<http://www.powerandlightdistrict.com>)
- T-Mobile Center (<https://www.t-mobilecenter.com/>)
- Kansas City Convention Center (<https://kcconvention.com/>)

Just a short drive from many area attractions such as:

- (1.6) miles from first multi-level sports complex Hy-Vee Arena (<http://www.hyveearena.com/>)
- (1.6) miles from National WWI Museum and Memorial (<https://www.theworldwar.org/>)
- (8) miles from Kauffman Stadium for Kansas City Royals (<https://www.mlb.com/royals>)
- (8) miles from Arrowhead Stadium for Kansas City Chiefs (<https://www.chiefs.com/>)
- (13.8) miles from Children's Mercy Park for Sporting KC (<https://www.sportingkc.com/>)
- (13.8) miles from NASCAR Kansas Speedway (<http://www.kansasspeedway.com/>)
- (19) miles/20 minutes from Kansas City International Airport (MCI) (<https://www.flykci.com/>)



TRANSPORTATION

- Kansas City Streetcar complimentary, modern and convenient, connecting 2 miles of downtown’s most sought-after attractions
- KCI Shuttle (thru SuperShuttle) provides service to and from the airport, \$18 one-way
- Taxi Service is available 24-hours daily from our front drive/valet
- Airport Taxi Service, approximately \$50 one-way, per car
- Uber & Lyft available throughout the city, airport Uber Service is approximately \$35 one-way, per car

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/MAPS

DOWNTOWN



KANSAS CITY STREETCAR ROUTE



Explore — Kansas City



Welcome to the Kansas City Interactive Map! This dynamic tool is designed to help you explore the vibrant attractions, neighborhoods, and hidden gems of Kansas City.

Whether you're a local or a visitor, the interactive map offers a user-friendly way to discover breweries,

restaurants, attractions, shopping, and entertainment options.

Click the map image below (<https://www.visitkc.com/interactive-map>) to go online and use the filters to tailor your experience based on your interests.

Dive in and start your adventure today!



In addition to the map, the VisitKC website – <https://visitkc.com> – is packed with information about the many exciting opportunities in the Heartland of America.

Whether you're planning your visit or looking for something new to explore, VisitKC has everything you need to make the most of your time in Kansas City!



Dining Options In Downtown KC



Kansas City's dining scene showcases a wide array of tastes and cultural influences. Find barbecue, tried-and-true favorites and notable newcomers, all within blocks of the Kansas City Convention Center and Downtown hotels.

NEAR THE CONVENTION CENTER

The Kansas City Marriott Downtown hotel is in a convenient location that puts guests within steps of the KC Streetcar and the Power & Light District. The hotel's all-day restaurant, **MetropolitankC**, offers service for every meal in a casual setting.



The blocks surrounding the KC Convention Center and Municipal Auditorium offer quick options as you get started in the morning, between meetings or when the day is done. Grab a coffee at **PT's Coffee Power & Light**, enjoy an all-day menu at the **Made in KC Cafe** or pair your meal with a little competition of your own at **Blade & Timber**.

Up the street, **Mildred's** and **Banksia** have your breakfast and brunch needs covered, while **Milwaukee Deli** offers pizza slices and

sandwiches for lunch and dinner. Head a few blocks west of the Convention Center for a visit to **Spokes**, a hybrid bike shop and café popular for its breakfast burritos, salads and sandwiches.

For an upscale experience to end your day, **The Town Company** at Hotel Kansas City delivers one of the city's best new menus in an undeniably cool, modern and mellow dining room. Head downstairs afterward for another round along with live DJs and performers at **Nighthawk**, or make your way up the street for another subterranean stakeout at **P.S.**

Speakeasy inside Hotel Phillips.

At all hours, the options you'll find for dining and drinks inside the Loews Kansas City Hotel offer to enhance your week. Enjoy upscale American dishes at **The Stilwell**, cocktails with some of the best views in the city at **Bar Stilwell**, and local coffee at **Red Wheat Baking Co.**

Distance from KC Convention Center:
Within a few blocks

POWER & LIGHT DISTRICT

In the heart of all the action, Kansas City's Power & Light District provides a popular nightlife destination — plus so much more. The centrally located Kansas City Live! Block boasts favorites for all, including Kansas City's beloved barbecue flavors on a laid-back patio at **County Road Ice House**, the chance to catch Major League Soccer matchups at

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the Sporting Kansas City-inspired **No Other Pub**, and a classic neighborhood bar menu at **Johnny's Tavern**. For a menu of intriguing and over-the-top takes on bar food, **Guy Fieri's Dive & Taco Joint** offers a delightfully irreverent approach to dining along with one of the block's premier outdoor seating areas. Discerning diners enjoy **Bristol Steak + Seafood + Social** or **801 Chophouse**, two Kansas City institutions celebrated for their seafood and steak. The district's latest arrival is **Blue Sushi Sake Grill**, a dazzling two-story space that offers stunning city views along with its extensive menu. Need a quick bite? Turn to **Meshuggah Bagels** for a New York-style breakfast or **PROTEINHOUSE** for a fresh and filling smoothie.

*Distance from KC Convention Center:
0.5 miles/10 minute walk*



RIVER MARKET

Foodies who head north to the River Market won't have to walk far to uncover a plethora of palate-pleasing dishes in the historic district. **The Farmhouse** sets the bar high with its farm-to-table, tip-to-tail comfort food done right. Make plans for happy hour at **Harry's Country Club** and enjoy classic fare plus a cocktail, try authentic Brazilian fare at **Taste of Brazil** or keep it fresh with a selection of bowls and wraps at the **Hungry Hatch**.

Fresh and creative burgers, sandwiches and more are always a hit at **Pigwich**. Right next door, enjoy one of KC's favorite pizzas at **Minsky's**. Looking for a flavorful outing to wrap up the day? Stop by **Betty Rae's** for a scoop of ice cream and take your pick of the shop's surprising and inventive flavors, or slip into **Thou Mayest**, where you'll find a rustic charm that'll keep you lingering a little longer.

*Distance from KC Convention Center:
0.8 miles/20 minute walk*

CROSSROADS ARTS DISTRICT

Restaurant choices in the Crossroads make up an eclectic gallery all their own. History is served at delightfully reimagined venues like **Fiorella's Jack Stack Barbecue** and **Lazia** at the Crossroads Hotel. Or take your taste buds on a world tour at **Lidia's Kansas City** (authentic Italian cuisine), **Affäre** (modern German plates) or **Grünauer** (Austrian-German cooking).

Sample inventive plates at the award-winning **Corvino**, hit up **Town Topic**, a classic American diner that's been open 24/7 since 1937, or grab a bite and a margarita at **Manny's Mexican Restaurant**. For a pick-me-up, **Messenger Coffee Co.**, **Mildred's** and **Café Corazón** are ready to keep you caffeinated.

If you're looking for a drink of a different kind, make your way to the East Crossroads — starting at 18th & Oak Sts. is an easy way to access the neighborhood — for blocks full of breweries like **Casual Animal Brewing Co.**, **Brewery Emperial**, **Double Shift Brewing Co.** and more. (Plus, keep tabs on your tastes and access savings along the way with the KC Tap Tour.) Prefer wine or distilled spirits over beer? Turn to **KC Wineworks**, **Mean Mule** or **Lifted Spirits** for a pour.

*Distance from KC Convention Center:
1 mile/20 minute walk*

Keynote Presentations



To kick off workshops on August 4th, 5th, and 6th, 2025, we're excited to offer three dynamic plenary keynote presentations. These sessions will set the tone for the event, providing insightful perspectives and energizing discussions that will enhance your workshop experience. Join us to gain fresh insights, connect with peers, and get inspired by our presenters!



Together We Thrive: Shaping the Next Chapter for Deaf Seniors of America

Monday, August 4, 2025 • 8–9 AM

Sherri Collins, Executive Director, DSA

Aging Powerfully through Choice, Control, and Collaboration

Tuesday, August 5, 2025 • 8–9 AM

Dr. Alan Marcus



Bridge of Time: Caregivers & Care Receivers with Hearing Loss in Alzheimer's and Dementia

Wednesday, August 6, 2025 • 8–9 AM

Dr. Jamie Wilson



*Announcing A Special Kansas City
DSA 2025 Keynote!*

BRIDGE ← → **OF TIME**

**Caregivers & Care Receivers With Hearing
Loss in Alzheimer's & Dementia**



Dr. Jaime A.B. Wilson
Prescribing Medical Psychologist &
Board Certified Neuropsychologist

Hope To See You In KC In August 2025!

Workshops

(Updated February 14, 2025 • subject to change)



Below is a preliminary list of workshops that have been accepted for inclusion in the DSA 2025 Conference. Please note that this list is subject to final confirmation and scheduling by the Workshop Committee. Any changes or updates to the workshop lineup will be communicated once the committee has completed its review and finalized the event schedule..

Advocacy & Public Policy

- Empowering Deaf Seniors: Advocacy Strategies for Building a Stronger National Community - Sherri Collins, Deaf Seniors of America
- Working Together Towards System Change With Your State Agency of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing - Darlene Zangara and Robert Cooper, National Association of State Agencies Serving Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Financial Freedom & Security

- Be Smarter Than the Scammers: How to Keep Yourself from Becoming a Victim - Bonnie S. Kaplan, Deaf Victims Of Crime Advocate
- Check the Health of Your Wealth: Are Your Finances In Top Shape? - TBA, Kramer Wealth Managers
- Estate Planning Basics: Seniors – Are You Prepared for the Next Chapter? - S. Kay Vincent
- Financial Trivia: See How Much You Know! - TBA, Kramer Wealth Managers
- Retirement: Making Your Money Last - Carah Berry, Edward Jones

- Selling Your House Through a Realtor or a Flip Flopper (Investing) - Leonard Hall, Hall Law Office, LLC
- What To Do and Not To Do in Estate Planning Documents - Leonard Hall, Hall Law Office, LLC

Health & Wellness

- Break the Bottle: Unlocking Resilience and Empowerment in Everyday Life - Michael Allison, The Adversity Academy
- Cancer Here, Cancer There, Cancer Everywhere! - Stephanie Wilcox, DEAF, Inc.
- Community Health Navigator: From Advocacy to Practice - Kathy Manlapas, Center for Deaf Health Equity
- Count Me In! Celebrating the Vital Role of Deaf Seniors In America - Marina Fanshteyn And Marsellette Davis, United Hands Organization, Inc.
- Deaf Elders In Long-Term Care: Where the ADA Does Not Reach - Barbara Earth, National Technical Institute of the Deaf/RIT
- Double The Challenge, Twice The Strength: Managing Vision Loss in the Deaf Community - Jenee Alleman, Helen Keller National Center
- From Bingo Halls to Happy Hours: Highlighting Evolving Substance Use Trends in Older Persons - Keven Poore and Susan Demers-McLetchie, National Technical Institute for the Deaf/RIT Substance And Addiction Intervention Services for the Deaf
- Is There Life After Death? - Fr. Tom Coughlin, International Catholic Deaf Association- United States Section

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- Loss And Grieving: Types, Processes, Procedures, Timelines and Support Strategies - Charlotte Parsley and Elaine Navratil, Deaf Seniors of America
- Moving at Any Age: Physical Activity and Your Health - Kelly Matthews and Earl Allen, National Center for Deaf Health Research
- Pre-Need Planning: What You Need To Know? - Lori and Thomas Kober, Kober Funeral Home
- Preparing Yourself for Transitioning Services - Devon Whitmore and Clark Corogenes, DEAF, Inc.
- Road Map to Consumer Directed Services - April Mason-Donovan, Delta Center for Independent Living
- Sex and the Aging Body - Alan Marcus, Psychologist.
- Sex Trivia: Fact or Fiction - Alan Marcus, Psychologist
- The Afterlife is Real: Evidence and Hope for Deaf Seniors - Avery Ganezer and Gilda Toby Ganezer, Everyday ASL University
- The Four Essential Pillars: Community, Communication, Courage and Commitment - Laura Dilling, LB Services
- The Role Of Shared Decision-Making in Cancer Screenings - DT Bruno, Center for Deaf Health Equity
- Wisconsin Dementia Work within the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community - Jennifer Anderson and Stacie Heckendorf, Wisconsin Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- Deafhood and Deaf Gain: Honoring Our Legacy, Building Our Future - Chriz Dally, Museum of Deaf History, Arts and Culture
- Incorporating Culture In Visual Arts - Fred Beam, Sunshine 2.0, National Technical Institute of the Deaf/RIT
- Legacy and Legends - Honor Your Past - Preserve Your Future - Mark Hoshi, Leadership Facilitator
- The Hidden Narratives of Lesbian, Gay, and Allied Deaf Individuals - Bob Rourke and Bridget Klein, Community Researchers
- Using Deaf Home Movies to Unlock Our Memories - Matt Malzkuhn, Georgetown University

History & Culture

- Deaf History: What Was It Like Before Technology and Transportation - Al Sonnenstrahl
- Introduction to Base Ball Hand Signals - Steve Sandy, DMY HOY, LLC

Technology Smarts

- Connecting With The Federal Communications Commission - Joshua Mendelsohn and Suzy Rosen Singleton, FCC
- Harnessing the Power of Your Wireless Devices - Kevin J. Nolan Jr. and Keith L. Clark, T-Mobile
- From Calls to Conversations: Navigating Everyday Communication - Matt Sherman, Nagish

Travel & Lifelong Exploration

- Digital Tools for Smart Travelers - Darren Frazier and Melinda Jones, Hands On Travel
- Hands and Flippers for Marine Conservation: Insight Into ASL Programming - Jen Reilly, Loggerhead Marinelife Center
- Sea Turtle Research - Jen Reilly, Loggerhead Marinelife Center
- T3: Trends, Tricks, and Tips - Marsellette Davis, Deaf Is Not Dirty Word

COMEDY CAFÉ LUNCH & LAUGHTER

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DEAF SENIORS OF AMERICA

Due by July 7, 2025

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

Doors open at 11:30 am

\$85 per person

(non-refundable)

Angela's comedy performance is truly inspiring, demonstrating excellence with great examples. Her ability to highlight the differences between Deaf and hearing cultures makes us laugh so hard.

Angela's performance was hilarious from start to finish!

I watched Angela's performance a couple of times and each time she had me in stitches. They were almost real and actually were real when describing our experience as Deaf people and with class. Everyone will enjoy it, without a doubt.



Angela Petrone Stratiy

If laughter is the universal language, then Angela Petrone Stratiy is a master linguist!

When Angela first threw a box of Kleenex to the aisle, many of us thought, "UGH?" True enough we emptied the box of Kleenex from laughing and crying. She's hilarious!

Angela Stratiy gave an amazing comedy show about Deaf culture. I laughed the entire time because I could relate to her.

Italian Luncheon Buffet

Caesar Salad-Crisp Romaine, Parmesan, House-Made Garlic Crouton, Chef Crafted Caesar Dressing (Pre dressed); Antipasto Salad - Marinated Olives, Red Onion, Salami, Mozzarella, Artichokes, Fresh Basil, Chicken Piccata with Lemon Caper Sauce, Cheese Tortellini with Vodka Sauce, Sundried Tomato, Fresh Basil and Shredded Parmesan, Medley of Italian Vegetables, Housemade Meatballs, Marinara Sauce, Freshly Grated Parmesan Focaccia and Soft Bread Sticks. Dessert: Cannoli Ricotta and Tiramisu Cake

COMEDY CAFÉ LUNCH & LAUGHTER * August 5, 2025

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SPORTS LUNCHEON

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Due by July 7, 2025

Heather Suhr



Heather Suhr is a Deaf athlete with multiple talents and strong work ethics. She was the first female golfer in the

state of Wisconsin to win three consecutive Division-1 state high golf championships from 1996 to 1998. She also played soccer and basketball in high school.

In college, Heather played golf on a scholarship, competing with the top-rank golfers in the nation. Currently, her passion has shifted to triathlon. She qualified for the World Championships in Kona, Hawaii, for October 2025. Her goal is to be the first Deaf female triathlete to win her Age Group. Heather currently resides in Surprise, Arizona, with her parents and three fur babies.

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

Doors open at 11:30 am

\$85 per person

(non-refundable)

Marriott Downtown KC Hotel

Menu includes: Mixed Green Salad with Ranch and Lemon Oregano Vinaigrette, House-Made Chips, and Tomato Basil Mozzarella Pasta Salad with Fresh Tomato Vinaigrette.

Express Deli Buffet: Pick one

- A. Roast Beef Baguette: Roast Beef, Havarti Cheese, Pickled Red Onion, Chimichurri Aioli, Mixed Greens, Crusty Baguette
- B. Turkey Club Ciabatta: Smoked Turkey, Ham, Cheddar, Bacon, Sundried Tomato Aioli, Mixed Greens, Ciabatta
- C. Vegan Ciabatta: Roasted Marinated Veggie, Curry Vegan Aioli, Greens
- D. Smoked Chicken Salad on Wheatberry Bread: Applewood Smoked Chicken Breast, Sweet Peppers, Celery, Dried Cranberries, Mayo, Arugula

Dessert: Chocolate Chip Cheesecake and Roman Fruit Tartlets

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SPORTS LUNCHEON * August 6, 2025

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200 W 12th St

Kansas City, MO 64105

LIMITED TO 500 PLAYERS

WIN CASH PRIZES



Open to the Public

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

Doors open at 8pm

Games begin at 9pm

\$20 per person

(non-refundable)

DEADLINE: JUNE 6, 2025

Cathy Edler and Preston Ashley—DINGO/DSAGO Co-Chairs

Questions? Contact Cathy Edler at treasurer@deafseniors.us

DINGO DSAGO * August 6, 2025

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SignTastic!

An Exciting Trivia Game Show



Presented by

Daniel D. Cook

DSA 2025 Conference
Kansas City, MO

Included in Combo Registration
August 7, 2025

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Farewell Luncheon

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Thursday, August 7, 2025

1:30 pm — 4:30 pm

Luncheon Menu

Marriott Downtown KC Hotel

Due by July 7, 2025

Taste of Kansas City's

Barbecue Buffet

Spring Greens Salad with Assorted Veggies, House

Made Ranch and Italian Dressings

Seasonal Fresh Cubed Fruit

- BBQ Smoked Salmon

- Hickory Smoked Pork Ribs with House Made BBQ

- Barbecued Brisket of Beef with House Made BBQ

Creamy Maple Dijon Cole Slaw

Burnt End Baked Beans

Fresh Green Beans with Sweet Onion and Bacon

Roasted Sweet Potato

Cornbread Muffins and Buttermilk Biscuits with Honey Butter

Strawberry Mousse and Chocolate Layer Cake

See Farewell Luncheon Reservation Table sheet to complete your request.

Any dietary restriction and/or allergies? Email to vicepres@deafseniors.us

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Table Reservation



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Thursday, August 7, 2025

1:30 pm — 4:30 pm

Table Reservation Form

Marriott Downtown KC Hotel

Due by July 7, 2025



DSA Farewell Luncheon Table Reservations

\$3.00 per person to a table of 6 or a table of 8

Captain's Name _____ ID# _____

Email Address _____ VP/Text # _____

*Write names and ID#
CLEARLY, please!*

Name

ID#

1. Captain _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

Send check or money order payable to DSA2025 Kansas City

Mail to: DSA2025 Kansas City, 9314 Forest Hills Blvd #506, Wellington, FL 33411 OR

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Call for Proposed Bylaws Amendments

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by Dr. Harvey Corson

As chair of the Bylaws Committee, I invite all members to review and submit proposed amendments to the DSA Bylaws in preparation for the upcoming DSA 2025 Conference in Kansas City, Missouri.

We encourage active participation in this important process to ensure that our bylaws continue to reflect the values and needs of our community.

How to View the Current Bylaws

Before submitting any proposed amendments, please take time to review the current DSA Bylaws. You can access the full text via the DSA website. Visit <https://www.deafseniors.us/about> and scroll to the bottom of the page, where you'll find links to both the PDF and Word versions of the bylaws.



Dr. Harvey Corson of Hartford, CT is a retired educational administrator who has long been involved with nonprofit organizations.

He can be reached via email at hjcorson@gmail.com.



Deadline for Submittal of Proposed Amendments

As outlined in the DSA Bylaws, proposed amendments must be submitted in writing no later than 90 days before the conference. With the DSA 2025 Conference set to begin on August 3, 2025, the deadline for submission is Friday, May 2, 2025.

How to Submit Your Proposed Amendments

Please use <https://bit.ly/3WUWDOd> to submit your proposed amendments. Note: Each amendment must be submitted separately.

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Call for Nominations DSA Awards



The Deaf Seniors of America (DSA) Awards Committee is accepting nominations for three prestigious awards. Award selections will be announced at the DSA Conference in Kansas City, Missouri, August 3-7, 2023. Nominations should be submitted to the Awards Chair, Elaine Navratil no later than **April 30, 2025**. Contact information is provided at the bottom of this page.

Distinguished Service Award

The DSA Distinguished Service Award honors an individual who has demonstrated exceptional service to deaf seniors, either locally or nationally.

Nominee criteria:

- May or may not be a member of the DSA.
- Must have a longstanding history of involvement with a deaf senior organization.
- Must have served voluntarily (include details on the type and length of service).
- Can be either deaf or hearing.
- Can be living or deceased.

Organizational Achievement Award

The DSA Organizational Achievement Award recognizes a local or state organization that has made significant contributions in serving deaf seniors.

Nominee criteria: To be considered, the organization must provide evidence of

outstanding service to deaf seniors, which can include:

- Articles or content from newspapers, newsletters, or the organization's website showcasing their service.
- Letter of support from the organization's president.
- Two or more letters from members of the organization endorsing the nomination.

Ralph H. White Extra Mile Award

The DSA Ralph H. White Extra Mile Award honors individuals or a group of individuals who have made significant contributions to serving deaf seniors within their community.

Nominee criteria:

- Must be a member of DSA.
- Must have made significant contributions to deaf seniors.
- Must have served voluntarily (include details on the type and length of service).
- Can be living or deceased.

Submission Deadline: April 30, 2025

Nominations, along with rationale and any supporting materials, should be submitted to Elaine Navratil either via email at elaine.navratil@gmail.com or via mail to:

Elaine Navratil
DSA Awards Chair
15037 West Woodridge Drive
Surprise, AZ 85374

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Join us for the 18th Biennial Deaf Seniors of America (DSA) Conference will be held August 1-7, 2025 at the Marriott Downtown Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri.

The conference theme, Empowering Our Future, is a unique opportunity to connect with a vibrant community of active and engaged Deaf and hard of hearing seniors who are shaping their tomorrows.

Showcase your commitment to their empowerment by presenting innovative solutions in communication, technology, and healthy living. Become a part of our journey towards a brighter future!.

Why Partner with DSA?

- **Reach a Targeted Audience:** Connect with over 1,500 engaged Deaf and hard of hearing senior citizens from across the nation, many of whom are leaders in their communities.
- **Enhance Brand Awareness:** Gain significant exposure by taking advantage of our sponsorship, advertising and exhibit package.

- **Support a Meaningful Cause:** Support DSA's mission of enriching the lives of Deaf seniors through advocacy, information sharing, and valuable programs.
- **Network with Key Decision-Makers:** Interact with like-minded individuals passionate about accessibility, advocacy, and empowerment.

Elevate Your Brand

- **Become a Sponsor:** Gain prominent recognition, premium placement, and exclusive networking events to take your brand to the next level, ensuring maximum exposure.
- **Showcase Your Expertise:** Demonstrate your products and services to a highly engaged audience in our dedicated exhibit hall.
- **Reach a Targeted Market:** Promote your brand through a variety of publications and promotional materials, leading up to and during the conference.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Diamond – \$25,000

- Recognition as an official sponsor on all event publicity
- Logo with live link on mobile conference app, digital program book, website, social media and e-blasts
- Opening Ceremony promo opportunity (approved 120 second/two minute video message)
- Advertisement in print/digital program book (two full pages vertical, centerfold placement)
- Premium exhibit (30' by 8' triple corner booth or variation thereof; electric/internet available for additional charge)
- Facebook promos (five posts – approved square graphic), also to be shared by DSA
- VIP sponsor reception with DSA board (eight representatives)
- Combo registration (eight representatives)

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Sapphire – \$20,000

- Recognition as an official sponsor on all event publicity
- Logo with live link on mobile conference app, digital program book, website, social media and e-blasts
- Opening Ceremony promo opportunity (approved 90 second/video message)
- Advertisement in print/digital program book (two full pages vertical, premium placement)
- Premium exhibit (20' by 8' double corner booth; electric/internet available for additional charge)
- Facebook promos (four posts – square graphic), also to be shared by DSA
- VIP reception for sponsors (six representatives)
- Combo registration (six representatives)

Emerald – \$15,000

- Recognition as an official sponsor on all event publicity
- Logo with live link on mobile conference app, digital program book, website, social media and e-blasts
- Opening Ceremony promo opportunity (approved 60 second/one minute video message)

- Advertisement in print/digital program book (full page vertical, premium placement)
- Premium exhibit (20' by 8' double booth; electric/internet available for additional charge)
- Facebook promos (three posts – square graphic), also to be shared by DSA
- VIP sponsor reception with DSA board (four representatives)
- Combo registration (four representatives)

Ruby – \$10,000

- Recognition as an official sponsor on all event publicity
- Logo with live link on mobile conference app, digital program book, website, social media and e-blasts
- Opening Ceremony promo opportunity (approved 30 second video message)
- Advertisement in print/digital program book (full page vertical, standard placement)
- Premium exhibit (10' by 8' booth; electric/internet available for additional charge)
- Facebook promos (two posts – square graphic), also to be shared by DSA

- VIP sponsor reception with DSA board (two representatives)
- Combo registration (two representatives)

Gold – \$5,000

- Recognition as an official sponsor on all event publicity
- Logo with live link on mobile conference app, digital program book, website, social media and e-blasts
- Advertisement in print/digital program book (half page horizontal, standard placement)
- Standard exhibit (10' by 8' booth; electric/internet available for additional charge)
- Facebook promo (one post – square graphic), also to be shared by DSA
- VIP sponsor reception with DSA board (one representative)
- Combo registration (one representative)

Silver – \$2,500

- Recognition as an official sponsor on all event publicity
- Logo with live link on mobile conference app, digital program book, website, social media and e-blasts

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- Advertisement in print/digital program book (quarter page vertical, standard placement)
- Exhibit full table (10' by 8' foyer space, electric/internet available for additional charge)

Bronze – \$1,000

- Recognition as an official sponsor on all event publicity
- Logo with live link on mobile conference app, digital program book, website, social media and e-blasts

Yes! I want to be a DSA 2025 Conference sponsor. Fill out the Confirmation Form via the QR Code/link at the end of this document.

Advertising Opportunities

Full Page

8.5" wide by 11" high, vertical format, standard placement.

- Corporations: \$800
- Nonprofit organizations/deaf-owned businesses: \$500

Half Page

8.5" wide by 5.5" high, horizontal format, standard placement.

- Corporations: \$600
- Nonprofit organizations/deaf-owned businesses: \$400

Quarter Page

4.25" wide by 5.5" high, horizontal format, standard placement.

- Corporations: \$400
- Nonprofit organizations/deaf-owned businesses: \$300

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Exhibit Opportunities

Premium Booth

Secure exhibit hall. Premium placement in high traffic area. 10' by 8' booth with six foot table, 2 chairs and wastebasket (electric/internet available for additional charge).

- Corporations: \$1,100
- Nonprofit organizations/deaf-owned businesses: \$700

Standard Booth

Secure exhibit hall. 10' by 8' with six foot table, 2 chairs and wastebasket (electric/internet available for additional charge).

- Corporations: \$900
- Nonprofit organizations/deaf-owned businesses: \$500

Exhibit Full Table

Open non-secure foyer space by exhibit hall. Up to two freestanding vertical banners may be used; no backdrops allowed. Six foot table, 2 chairs and wastebasket (electric/internet available for additional charge).

- Corporations: \$700
- Nonprofit organizations/deaf-owned businesses: \$400

Yes! I want to be a DSA 2025 Conference exhibitor. Fill out the Confirmation Form via the QR Code/link below.

Deadline

The deadline for all sponsorships, advertisements, and exhibits is **May 15, 2025**.

Confirmation Form Code/Link



Click this link:
<https://bit.ly/4frVGEK>

Questions?

If you have questions or seek additional information, contact me via email:

Adam Novsam, Chair
DSA 2025 Sponsor-Advertise-Exhibit Package
dsa2025sae@deafseniors.us



18th Biennial DSA Conference

August 1–7, 2025 | Kansas City, Missouri

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Click HERE to fill out ONLINE

COMBO REGISTRATION FORM

One Form Per Person – Please Print Clearly

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Read the information below carefully before you sign this registration form.

CONFIRMATION

Once payment is received, you will receive a confirmation letter with assigned ID number via email (or postal mail). Please use this ID number when you contact the registration coordinator. When you arrive for registration at the conference, be prepared to present your driver's license or personal identification card with photo (required).

RETURNED (BOUNCED) CHECKS

A service fee of \$50 will be applied to all checks returned by the bank due to non-sufficient funds. Registrations will not be processed until after payment has been satisfied.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

A fee of \$130 will be charged for each canceled registration prior to June 30, 2025. Registration fees are non-refundable on and after July 1, 2025. Phone cancellations are not accepted. Documentation is required after July 1, 2025 for refunds due to hospitalization (medical records) or death (obituary notice or death certificate). DSA membership dues are not refundable, except for death.

NON-TRANSFERABLE

Completed registrations are not transferable to other persons. DSA will not honor those that are sold or exchanged by unauthorized parties before or during the conference.

LOST BADGES

A processing fee of \$50 will be applied lost registration badges. This fee is not refundable if the lost badge is found later.

MAILING & CONTACT INFO

Please notify the registration chair ASAP if there are changes to your mailing address or contact information.

ACCESSIBILITY

If you have accessibility needs, please contact dsa2025access@deafseniors.us for more information.

REGISTRATION QUESTIONS

Cathy Edler, DSA Treasurer
treasurer@deafseniors.us

FULL NAME: _____
STREET ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
EMAIL: _____
VIDEOPHONE: _____ CELL/TEXT: _____

I give DSA permission to list my name on its website: YES: NO:
I have accessibility and/or dietary needs; contact me: YES: NO:

COMBO REGISTRATION

January 1, 2025 – June 30, 2025\$425.00
July 1, 2025 – August 2, 2025\$450.00
August 3–7, 2025 (at door/conference).....\$500.00

Includes:

- >> DSA 2025-2027 membership dues (\$30 non-refundable).
- >> DSA 2025 conference registration fee, program book, exhibits, workshops, meetings, entertainment, opening/welcome reception, and farewell/gala luncheon.

PAYMENT METHODS & REGISTRATION SUBMISSION - Please Print Clearly

- >> CashApp, payable to: **\$DSA2025FUND**
- >> Zelle, payable to: treasurer@deafseniors.us
- >> Credit card (Visa or MasterCard): add \$15.00 to cover processing fees

Name on card: _____
16-digit card number: _____
Expiration date: _____ CCV (3 digit): _____

Note: Complete and *email* registration form to Cathy Edler, DSA Treasurer, treasurer@deafseniors.us (or send via *mail* to the postal address below)

- >> Check/money order, payable to: **DSA 2025 Kansas City Conference**

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Wellington, FL 33411

AGREEMENT

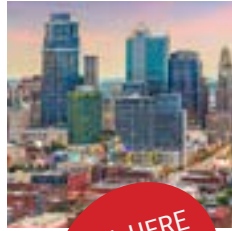
I agree to abide by conference rules/regulations. I understand DSA is not responsible for damage to or loss of my personal property. I have read and understand the terms and conditions outlined on this registration form.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Visit www.deafseniors.us for up-to-date Conference information

OFFICE USE ONLY

Registration ID: _____ Date Received: _____
Payment Method: _____ Amount Received: _____
Deposit Date: _____



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NON-COMBO REGISTRATION

\$ _____ One Day Pass \$75 (select day): 8/3 8/4 8/5 8/6 8/7

\$ _____ Unlimited Daily Pass \$150 (8/3–8/7)

Both passes include: DSA 2025-2027 membership dues (\$30 non-refundable), DSA 2025 conference registration fee, program book, exhibits, workshops, meetings and late evening social activities (optional events are *not* included).

OPTIONAL EVENTS – REQUIRES NON-COMBO REGISTRATION

\$ _____ 8/3 Opening Reception \$100

\$ _____ 8/6 DSAGO/Dingo \$20

\$ _____ 8/4 Comedy Luncheon \$85

\$ _____ 8/7 Farewell BBQ Luncheon \$125

\$ _____ 8/6 Sports Luncheon \$85

\$ _____ 8/7 SignTasTic Show \$95

\$ _____ Total Non-Combo Registration & Optional Events

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Need a Roommate?



During Pre-Tour at Hotel Phillips
KC and/or during Conference at
Marriott Downtown KC Hotel
Between August 1 to 8, 2025

Roommate ...*... WANTED



Opportunity to make new friends.

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KC MOBILITY SCOOTER RENTALS

WHERE CONVENIENCE MEETS MOBILITY

KC Mobility Scooter Rentals is a veteran owned and family operated business located in Leavenworth, Kansas. We provide mobility scooter, wheelchair, knee scooter, rollator, and transport chair rentals in Kansas City and surrounding communities.

KC Mobility Scooters is thankful for the opportunity to assist the Deaf Seniors of America 2025 Conference. We are freezing our 2024 prices for all customers who reserve through the link below. The prices below reflect a seven-day rental price from 02 August 2025–08 August 2025.

Mobility equipment will be delivered and picked up at the Kansas City Marriott Downtown Hotel where the DSA 2025 Conference will be held.

Reservation link: <https://kcmobilityscooterrentals.com/dsa2025>



\$200



\$210



\$225



\$50



\$50



\$50



\$50



Advertise in *NEW HORIZONS*

The Exclusive Digital Magazine of DSA

Our quarterly publication is delivered directly to our engaged members, reaching over 1,500 readers, with a broader digital audience expanding to approximately 4,000 readers. *NEW HORIZONS* is an essential resource for connecting with the Deaf senior community, providing insightful articles, resources, and updates that resonate deeply with our readers.

Why advertise with us? By advertising in *NEW HORIZONS*, you gain access to a highly engaged and targeted audience of Deaf seniors and supporters, providing the perfect platform to showcase your message, product, or service.

Key Benefits

- **Targeted Audience:** Reach out directly to deaf seniors across the nation, an active group that seeks products, services, and resources tailored to their lifestyle. With extended exposure to a wider digital readership, your advertisement ensures visibility where it matters most.
- **Exclusive Engagement:** As a digital-only publication, *NEW HORIZONS* ensures your ad reaches a focused and engaged community who are invested in content that directly benefits their lives. The magazine is distributed exclusively to DSA members, and each issue is shared among them, creating a powerful network of exposure.
- **Extended Reach:** As issues are forwarded to friends, family, and colleagues, your ad enjoys organic, long-term visibility, reaching even more potential customers or supporters.
- **Interactive Features:** Digital ads allow for clickable links, giving readers direct access to your website, videos, emails, and contact forms. This makes it easier for deaf seniors to take action immediately, connecting with you directly.
- **Nonprofit Discount:** We are proud to offer a 10% discount on our advertising rates for nonprofit organizations. This ensures that nonprofits can also benefit from the exposure *NEW HORIZONS* provides, helping them to connect with deaf seniors effectively.

Exclusive Recognition

Advertisers who commit to four full-page insertions (one year) will have their logo featured on the DSA homepage, providing additional visibility across the nation's deaf senior community.

Ad Specifications

- **Format:** Full color, press-ready (300 dpi or higher), PDF format.
- **Full Page Ads:** Include a 0.25" bleed for proper alignment and presentation.
- **Custom Design:** Available on request for an additional fee, to create a custom-designed ad tailored to your vision.

Ad Sizes and Rates

Our advertising options are designed to fit a variety of budgets and goals. Choose from the following sizes:

Full Page Vertical (8.5" W x 11" H)

- One issue: \$750
- Four issues: \$2,750

Half Page Horizontal (5.5" W x 8.5" H)

- One issue: \$500
- Four issues: \$1,750

Quarter Page Vertical (4.25" W x 5.5" H)

- One issue: \$250
- Four issues: \$750

Ad pricing is flexible based on how often you choose to advertise. The more issues you commit to, the greater your reach and visibility within the community.

For more information or to place an ad, reach out to editor@deafseniors.us. Let *NEW HORIZONS* help you connect with the DSA community in a meaningful and impactful way!

In Memoriam

This listing is updated quarterly. Please send updates and corrections to Louis Schwarz at obits@deafseniors.us.

Stephen T. Vathally, 79
10/26/2023, Washington, DC

Carl Russell Sauers, 71
3/15/2024, New Brighton, MN

David Lee Berry, Jr., 58
5/25/2024, Carrollton, GA

**Doris Mabelle (Spangler)
Pickrell, 98**
7/27/2024, Fishers, IN

Mary Etta Mowl, 93
8/20/2024, Washington, PA

Donald Murray Richardson, 82
9/5/2024, Belleville, ON

Richard Summers Siar, 75
9/11/2024, Waterford, PA

Robert Earl "Bobby" Krueger, 69
9/18/2024, Greenwood, IN

Alice Guibert, 84
9/24/2024, Great Falls, MT

John Girard Healy, 59
9/28/2024, Charlotte, NC

Charles R. Rider, 61
9/30/2024, Greenwood, IN

Sallie Lou Jordan, 62
10/9/2024, Pawtucket, RI

**Joseph "Joe" Steelman
Birdsall, Jr., 81**
10/10/2024, Philadelphia, PA

Joanne Jones (Baker) Jones, 76,
10/13/2024, Washington, DC

**Ronald "Ronnie" Lee
Riddle, Sr., 77**
10/17/2024, Spartanburg, SC

Peter William Goudy, 75
10/19/2024, Cambridge, ON

Phillip R. Grein, 78
10/20/2024, Rolling
Meadows, IL

Mary Roberts Norris, 93
10/26/2024, Macon, GA

Norman Lloyd Nelson, Jr., 84
10/30/2024, Montreal, CA and
Staunton, VA

Richard Vert, 75
11/3/2024, Des Moines, IA

James Leroy Emmett, 75
11/6/2024, Davenport, Iowa

Barbara Drumm, 89
11/8/2024, Boynton Beach, FL

**Alexander "Tojo" (Durelle)
Archie, 57**
11/17/2024, Brockton, MA

Harold Martin Morris, 88
11/22/2024, Crystal Lake, IL

Jerry Dale Edwards, 77
11/25/2024, Peoria, IL

Russell David Insley, Jr., 89
12/2/2024, Selbyville, DE and
Laurel, MD

Staci Miller, 67
12/3/2024, Austin, TX

Phillip William Morris, 77
12/7/2024, Eden, MD

Joseph Keith Owens, 68
12/8/2024, Paoli, IN

Gloria Ann Perhai Chappell, 92
12/9/2024, Talladega, AL

Suella Howard Waltermeyer, 83
12/13/2024, Baltimore, MD

Robert A. "Bob" DeCosta, 71
12/16/2024, Cumberland, RI

Karen Louise (Milner) Kerby, 86
12/17/2024, Ellsworth, KS

Travis D. Racine, 83
12/18/2024, Chicago, IL

**Vivian A. (Robidoux)
Archambault, 97**
12/19/2024, North
Smithfield, RI

Charles "Chuck" Helm, 87
12/21/2024, Midwest City, OK

Jimmy Neal Kelly, 86
12/24/2024, Olive Branch, MS

Andre P. Pellerin, 66
12/25/2024, Brentwood, MD

**Jacqueline "Jackie" Alice
(Nellessen) Mann, 80**
12/26/2024, Laurel, MD

Susanne E. Cook, 57
12/29/2024, Salisbury, MD

Raymond Richard Walsh, 65
12/30/2024, New Baltimore, MI

Albert Lee (Bert) Moore, 73
12/31/2024, Woodson, IL

Love is how you stay alive,
Even after you are gone.

— Mitch Albom —

NOT AN IPHONE IN SIGHT.



THAT'S HOW WE ROLLED.



It seems like my **CHILDHOOD** punishments, eating my veggies, staying home, taking a nap, and going to bed early, have become my adult goals.



what kind of tea is that??
i don't know. i found it at my grandson's room!

Senior Humor

I'M AT THAT DELUSIONAL AGE WHERE I THINK EVERYONE MY AGE LOOKS WAY OLDER THAN I DO.

When you're young, you play with them.



When you get older, you start losing them.



Old age has come at a bad time, just when I was beginning to know everything, I now am forgetting everything I knew. 😂

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