



# WSDSC e-News

## UPDATES FROM THE CHAIR of DSA 2019 SEATTLE

As Chair, I would like to thank all the readers who have already purchased our combo tickets to attend the forthcoming DSA 2019 conference in Seattle, Washington. Most purchasers bought early bird combo tickets at the special rate of \$250 that was offered at the DSA 2017 Houston Conference. A good many are continuing to buy tickets up to this point in sending \$270 (per person) payments, which is the going rate for the rest of the year. In not even three months, we have been able to register 480 attendees who are prepared to come to the northernmost west part of the continent for our conference. The majority of this group have indicated they are excited about venturing out to the Pacific Northwest for some new-found experiences, whether in tours, workshops, entertainment, dining and what-nots.

The Conference Management Team (CMT) and I are going to give everyone a taste of something unique and far-out - which is not difficult to do! Simply put, Seattle has always been a magnet as a stand-out for business people, travelers and even local passersby.

Registration forms are posted on the following websites, [wsdsc.org](http://wsdsc.org) and [dsa2019seattle.org](http://dsa2019seattle.org). Part of the registration procedure is for us to give out ID#s to all who have registered and paid the fees. Check your credit card statements to ensure payment has been posted or bank statements/documentation showing payments made through personal/cashier's checks or money order. Safeguard those statements because two and a half years ahead of count-down to the commencement of the conference is a long way off. These statements are proof in case you may need to cancel your registration and request a refund. Meanwhile, if all goes well, wait for your Personal ID# to show up in the mail.

Personal ID Numbers will be sent out in the form of a real postcard with names and addresses posted. Once you get it, hang onto it for proof of your admission. Bring it with you to the Registration Station at the conference in order to pick up your goodie bags with all that is needed to get you through your week in attendance.... Program book, name-tags, coupons, receipts, maps, etc.

The postcard with your Personal ID# should reach you sometime in September 2018 or thereafter. This is one year before the conference occurs. If you have changed or plan to change residences (mailing addresses) please alert: **Registration Chair Kellie Shapard at [dsaseattleregform@gmail.com](mailto:dsaseattleregform@gmail.com)** and provide her with your new address.

Hotel registration will not happen until February/March 2018. Sheraton Seattle Hotel will have all the information for you then. Their website will also link up with [wsdsc.org](http://wsdsc.org) or

[dsa2019seattle.com](http://dsa2019seattle.com). Then you can begin making your reservation, and when you do so, you'll be able to cite the fact that you are a DSA conference attendee, thus qualifying for the room rate of \$209/night. Please refer any other questions to our diligent registration chair, Kellie Shapard.

Ellen Scheppach, Chair of DSA 2019 Seattle

### STORY BEHIND THE HOVERING EAGLES IN THE ICONIC DSA 2019 SEATTLE LOGO

Shortly after the Baltimore's 2013 conference ended, the original bidders of the DSA 2019 Seattle, Washington State's Mike and Connie Gough and Van and Ellen Scheppach, delved into the fierce campaign against the Pittsburg Deaf Club's contending bidder. Within a year of the DSA 2015 Asheville conference, however, Mike Gough passed away suddenly, leaving behind the rest of the team to forge ahead until Seattle's bid was won.



Where's the catch there? How has the picture of the two gracious bald eagles soaring and hovering in the Pacific Northwest air been chosen for the DSA 2019 Seattle's logo? Who are the key characters behind the actions? What has that iconic picture got to do with the conference theme, "Savor the Pacific Northwest and Experience the difference"? And, why is it of importance to the planning committee of the forthcoming DSA 15th biennial conference?

Back in 2013, the Scheppach and the Gough were the northern-most residents of Washington State, underneath Canada and so close to the Pacific coast. Hanging all over pines, cedars, and fir coniferous trees are thousands of the regal bald eagles' nests. On glorious sunny days, eagles soared and hovered over our heads so gracefully and yet so visibly determined to shoot down earth in search of field mice and vermin to bring home 'bread and butter' for their young ones. Where Connie, Van and Ellen lived, agricultural fields, the woods, rivers and estuaries were bountiful, hence easy food for the fodder.

One day, a good friend showed Connie and Ellen beautiful photo snaps of the two eagles barely touching hands at the wing tips as they soared upwardly and in circles, in turn, slowly seeping downward and climbing back up again within reach of one another. Ellen took one glance at the pictures and knew instantly that an icon had been found to accommodate the theme of that savoring the PNW. Just as bald eagles savor the lands, she felt the bird's eye view of the PNW were just what conference attendees would hope to seek out sampling the freshest produce here, including fish and all culinary local wonders, as well, walking through earthly beauties - waterfalls, vineries, islets, etc. As well, Vancouver, Victoria and Seattle have one thing in common: they are gold mines in the center of all things inherently attainable, even for bald eagles.

Ellen had asked that friend if they could use one of the photos as part of the conference propaganda, who had had to ask her best friend's mother, the photographer, for her permission. The photographer had asked to remain unanimous, but once she allowed us to go ahead with her picture, Ellen and Van, her husband, had worked around it with the captions and fonts - DSA 2019 - at the top and - Seattle - bordering the left sideway with the infamous Seattle Space Needle

silhouette snuggled in between. When the first conference management team meeting took place early 2016, she and Connie had asked for a motion to be passed to use eagles to symbolize Seattle as the city host of DSA 2019 Seattle. With a few alterations and their input, the committee passed that motion. After the commencement of DSA 2015 Houston, the iconic bald eagles in the soft blue background of a sky became unveiled.

Submitted by Ellen Scheppach

## **ALERT - ODHH New Office Location!**

Tuesday, June 27, 2017

Hello Everyone!

The Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (ODHH) has moved to a new location!!!

**ODHH's NEW LOCATION IS AT BLAKE OFFICE PARK WEST, LACEY, WA**

The new address is:

Blake Office Park West  
**4450 10th Ave. SE**  
**Lacey, WA 98503**

Click here to get [Directions to Aging and Long-Term Support Administration/ODHH Headquarters](#)

ODHH is near Lacey Bus INTERcity Transit Center. If you ride the bus, use either INTERcity bus number 67 or 68, it stops by Blake West on Golf Club Road.

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**Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing**

*Serving the Deaf, DeafBlind, DeafPlus, Hard of Hearing and Late Deafened  
Community Come visit ODHH's new location at [Blake Office Park West](#) in  
Lacey!!!*

**Open House**

**Wednesday, September 27th**

**Senior Citizens' Fair**

**Friday, September 29th**

The **Deaf Beer Days** are not over yet! Be sure to come out to Estacada's Clackamus River Growlers on 367 SE Main Street, Estacada, OR 97023 for each Saturday of August 12 and September 10 for our Deaf Beer Day!



Owner Mark Long has had his joint operated for the past few years. Sally Taylor and Teresa Finnigan, friends of Washington's WSDSC have done a few fundraisers there- raffle draws, giveaway prizes, etc. - to promote DSA 2019 Seattle conference (Sept. 2 - 8, 2019).

Each time in May, June and July, there had been a fantastic show-up of Deaf people, mostly from Portland, OR and Vancouver, WA, coming for just great social time but the beer and snackery are the primary reasons they loved being there.



Bring your friends and join in sampling great beers made both locally and from afar!



The drive from Portland to Estacada for a half to three-quarter of an hour is virtually marked with a relaxing, laidback countryside feel. Such is truly priceless when out by the winding country roads on hot lazy days

**Remember Last August's Fun Picnic Day for us all? Do come back again for August 9th, 2017. Looking forward to seeing you all again!! (See flyer below)**



**The Washington State Deaf Senior Picnic** was held in Centralia, WA, on Wednesday, August 10th, 2016. One hundred seventy-three Deaf seniors attended, almost an even record as held the previous year. The day was ideally sunny and warm, and the Community Kitchen #2 Building at Fort Borst Park, situated right by Hwy I-5, was filled with elders who make this picnic event their annual pilgrimage. Chairpersons Bill

Armstrong and Curtis Peart, with the assistance of Kevin Briggs and David Born at admission, had done extremely well holding together their fortress so that everyone attending had a great uneventful picnic. Sure, they all brought their own brown bags, but ice-cream scoops and icy bottled water in the offering held them well cooled off throughout the entire day, going from dawn at 9:00a.m. to sunset.

The audience was saddened to hear of the resignations of the two chairpersons, Bill Armstrong and Curtis Peart. Together, they had kept this seniors' picnic going once a year for so many years. As the show must go on, Ron Willhelm and Lilly Bender had been voted to take over the chairpersons' positions and to ensure the next picnic runs smoothly. However, due to his incurring illnesses, Ron has decided to not be involved and, hence, Lilly Bender has set up a committee of 3 people to work on this year's picnic.

The 23 Annual Deaf Seniors' picnic will be held Wednesday, August 9th, this year, again from late sunrise to early sunset. WSDSC hopes to see everyone all come trekking back once again for another great reunion!



Seattle Deaf Senior

Citizens

# 23rd Annual Deaf Seniors' Picnic

Wednesday  
August 9, 2017

10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Admission fee - \$5.00 per person  
Cash only - pay at door

Coffee, tea and donuts will be provided  
Water bottle - 50 cents each

## Lunch

Bring your own brown bag

or

Purchase a Subway sandwich with chips for \$3.00

(Please RSVP by August 6 if you wish to purchase a sandwich)

Prize drawings - 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

## Contact persons:

Lilly Bender

benderlil@comcast.net

VP: 206.686.8552

Debra Lamus

debraho@live.com

VP: 253.292.3520



**Fort Borst Park Kitchen - Shelter #2  
Centralia, WA**

**(I-5 and Exit #82)**

(no children, please)  
(dogs are not allowed in the park)

# Annual Deaf Stompfest VII

Two days of wine and fun!  
September 23 & 24, 2017



Hosted by  
**Rusty Wales**  
Vintner  
Prince of Wales  
Wines



Saturday  
September 23  
1 - 5 p.m.

## “Blind” Wine Tasting

Clackamas River Growlers  
367 Main Street  
Estacada, OR 97023  
*A Deaf-owned business!*

Appetizers, Buffet and  
Dessert provided.

*Silent Auction*  
*Door Prizes*

Sunday  
September 24

## Stomping Contest!!!

Willamette Valley Vineyard  
8800 Enchanted Way SE  
Turner, OR 97392

For more information email:  
[teresa9093@gmail.com](mailto:teresa9093@gmail.com)  
*Additional Cost*



**Hurry! Limited tickets available!**

**\$45 per person**

Advance purchase only by  
August 1, 2017

To purchase tickets,  
please send a check to  
D.E.A.F.

P.O. Box 2561  
Vancouver, WA 98668-2561

Tickets are non-refundable. and are not available at the event.

For more information please email: [deafoffice@deaf-wa.org](mailto:deafoffice@deaf-wa.org)  
You must be 21 or older to attend

*This event benefits D.E.A.F., an organization whose mission is to enhance the education of Deaf and Hard of Hearing children and youth at the Washington School for the Deaf.*

*D.E.A.F. is a 501C3 nonprofit organization and donations are tax deductible.*

*Find us at [www.deaf-wa.org](http://www.deaf-wa.org) and Facebook at [wsddeaf](https://www.facebook.com/wsddeaf) Thank you!*



## 2017 Schedule

### Every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of Each Month

**Where:** PSAD (Puget Sound Assn of the Deaf), Basement Hall, 2407 NW 60<sup>th</sup> St., Seattle, WA 98107

**Time:** 10 AM to 3:00 PM

**Contact:** Marjorie Borgens-Spears #425-329-8458

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## Tacoma Deaf Senior Citizens

## 2017 Schedule

### Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month

**Where:** TACID, Room 6 - 6315 S. 19<sup>th</sup> St., Tacoma, WA 9846

**Time:** 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM (First 3 visits are free, then \$5.00 admission.)

**Contact:** Debra Lamus #253-292-3520

**July 13<sup>th</sup>** - **Potluck Picnic at TACID**

**August 10<sup>th</sup>** - WSDSC Seniors' Picnic, Centralia, WA

**September 14<sup>th</sup>** - TBA

**October 12<sup>th</sup>** - Northwest Trek TBA

**November 9<sup>th</sup>** - Eat Out TBA

**December 14<sup>th</sup>** - WSDSC/Tacoma Holiday Party TBA

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It is with excellent news that WSDSC was able to get 40 people signing up for the July 19th Columbia River cruise. This exciting 5-hour cruise on the "Historic Columbia River Scenic Waterway" on the Columbia Gorge Sternwheeler will be gliding past natural and historic landmarks as Multnomah Falls, Beacon Rock, Bonneville Locks and Dam and many other landmarks along the river. \*\*\*\*\*