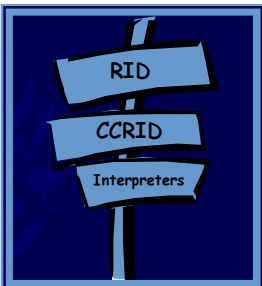


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Post from the Prez

By Nikki Wolfe, MA,
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Wow...is it summer already?? The triple digits are too soon in coming!

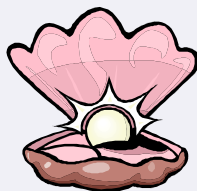
CCRID held its Annual Business Meeting at the beginning of May with special guest speaker Jack Shantz. He talked with us about remembering what it is we do and why we do it, all the while not forgetting who we are as individuals. Thank you to Jack for coming.

Many thanks to everyone for all their work and support for CCRID throughout this past academic year. With the summer comes a quieter CCRID. We will not be holding meetings or workshops until August. This is CCRID's 30th year and we are planning to celebrate **BIG TIME** in September at our "Pearls of Wisdom" kick off gala on the 13th. We will be hosting guest comedian Alan R. Abarbanell performing his one man show "Abababa Road Tour." It should be a night to remember. Look for more details in the future and mark your calendars. Tickets to the event should be available soon.

Along with the newness of our fabulous website, we will now have CCRID T-shirts available for purchase in the fall. They look fantastic!

One other event to keep in mind is RID's Region V Conference in Sacramento. It will be taking place September 24th through the 28th. Please check out the information for that at their website <http://www.sdcrid.org/regionvconference.php>. Now is the time to start planning to attend the conference. Ask those supervisors, take that vacation, make those reservations, find those subs. It is always an enjoyable time when we have an opportunity to network and catch-up with our colleagues. Everyone is guaranteed to learn something! I look forward to seeing you there!

And, I wish you all a FANTASTIC summer...get much rest, take a vacation, and come back in the fall feeling rejuvenated and ready to go!



Leadership Meetings are open to all CCRID members. See the Calendar for date, time and place. Contact Treasurer Suzanne Conway at ccrid@ccrid.org with any questions regarding meetings.

Two Deaf Performing artists in North Valley

By Kaye Osborne, Member-at-Large



Lakewood Elementary School in Modesto was the proud host to two amazing American Sign Language performances on Sunday, March 30 by Tim Hickerson and Amanda Folendorf.

Tim Hickerson, a Lodi resident, passionately interpreted songs from musical artists such as ABBA, Elton John, the Bee Gees, and Elton John. Tim began performing at the age of 3 and has continued to perform through his life. He graduated from the California School for the Deaf in Fremont. Tim's fluidity, facial expressions and dramatic ability to make music accessible to the Deaf community is quite a gift.

The event also included a performance by Amanda Folendorf, the current Miss Deaf California. Twenty-one year old Amanda was raised in Angels Camp and was a 2004 graduate from Bret Harte High School. While living in Angels Camp, Amanda was active in sports and community events. She attended Gallaudet University from 2004-2006 then transferred to California State University, Sacramento where she is majoring in International Relations. She plans to graduate in 2009. Amanda became involved in the Miss Deaf California pageant for the enriching experience, to gain many memories, and to meet wonderful people. At the event she performed an interpreted poem about her life experiences which was very moving. In June she will be traveling to New Orleans for the Miss Deaf America competition. We wish her all the best!

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By Shannon Simonelli, Publications Chair

The RID Region V conference is approaching quickly. The conference, set for September 24 –September 28, will be held at the Holiday Inn education ■ standards ■ excellence Capitol Plaza in Sacramento, CA.

We will have yet another close to home conference which means that more of us will be able to attend. In keeping with the history of the location, this year's theme will be "Discover Your Gold!" and will allow for many opportunities for certified interpreters to earn CEUs and for pre-certified interpreters to improve their skills.



Below are more details about the conference in order to assist you with planning.

Early bird registration closes on June 14 so be sure to register before that to get the discount member price of \$185. Region V has also secured a group reservation rate with the Holiday Inn of \$119 single/\$129 double-quad; when making your hotel reservation you must use the group reservation code UR5 in order to get that price. Tickets to the Saturday night banquet can be purchased with registration at the cost of \$40 or for \$50 at the door (if they have not sold out).

As with many major cities the parking may be limited so please consider car pooling or taking public transportation to the conference. Self parking at the hotel is \$12 per day and valet parking is \$18 per day. If you are interested in taking public transportation there is an Amtrak station located in walking distance from the hotel.

Additional information and registration forms can be found at <http://www.sdcri.org/regionvconference.php>

We urge each an every one of you to try to attend!

Stepping Up!

Interpreters who have passed the tests listed are featured here. Names are included in this feature with permission.

- ♦ **Brittany King** passed the **NIC Written Exam.**
 - ♦ **Renee Bisnett** passed the **EIPA.**
- Way to go, ladies!**

**Calendar of Events****June****No Mentoring or Leadership meetings****July****No Mentoring or Leadership meetings****August**

8/15/08 6pm—8pm Sports Signs Mini Workshop with Tom Gough DHHS Headquarters; see flier for details.

SAVE THE DATE:

9/24/08—9/28/08 Region V Conference Sacramento, CA.

9/13/08 6pm—12am CCRID 30th Anniversary Kick Off Dinner with Special guest Abababa at Love & Garlic; see flier for details.

Challenge: Homophones

Homophones are words that share the same pronunciation however they may be spelled the same or differently.

He ate eight slices of pizza in one sitting!

I hope that the cut on my heel will begin to heal soon.

There was a foul odor emanating from the fowl.

My friend sent me a bottle of perfume of my favorite scent.

When she moved away from the coast she missed the mist from the ocean.

Cherished Tidings

This feature highlights members' life-changing events. Items are included with permission.

- ♦ **In June, Helen Porter will be moving to Tennessee where she will wed Mark Dickey on August 10. Congratulations!**

NOTICE: This may be the last newsletter you receive in the mail!! Starting in September we will be sending the Sign Post electronically. If you wish to continue to receive a print version of the newsletter please email ccrid@ccrid.org with the subject line "Printed Sign Post."

From the Editor

The Sign Post is prepared quarterly, in March, June, September and December. Please send ideas, items or information for "Stepping Up!" and any other features to newsletter editor Shannon Simonelli at simoshanny@gmail.com by Aug 1 2008.

