



WSDSC e-News

Editor's Note: Apparently this is the first edition for the year

2018. Much has happened in the interim between the former edition issued #38 last December 2017 and now. It has been an unfortunate matter for the WSDSC Board Office that our Vice-President, Karen Atwood, has determined to resign from her position. Instead, she plans to remain on the By-Laws committee until the ensuing board of officers' election in the fall. Her position as Vice-president may likely remain vacant until Fall unless otherwise filled by another.

Due to the flu season, the winter in this household has not been fun. Hopefully, my husband Van and I are completely out of it and ready to resume some of our jobs that had been hanging over our heads. Our apologies to those who had been waiting to get their e-News. And, thank you to all readers for your patience!



Deafingly yours, Ellen Scheppach, Editor

March 2 - 4, 2018 is the weekend marked for the DSA 2019 Seattle Conference Management Team and committee chairs to occur at Ocean Park Retreat Center, Ocean Park, WA. Approximately 60 people on the team will be attending to kick off the planning works of the conference to happen Sept. 2- 8, 2019. More news will be relayed in the next month's issue. E.S.

Valentine's Dinner in Seattle!



A fundraising dinner event was held at a Buca Di Beppo Restaurant in Westlake, Seattle District, with twenty-two Deaf and DeafBlind members in attendance thoroughly enjoying their sumptuous evening of Saturday, February 10, 2018. Patti Liang, Executive Director of Deaf Spotlight, was the special guest who had spoken and enlightened diners with what has lately been happening in her department at Deaf Spotlight with new plans in place to enrich the Deaf and DeafBlinds' lives with Arts and cultural performances. What was learned was that anyone with an interest to set up a conceivable event could do so with Deaf Spotlight by getting in touch with Patti herself. Several members came from as far as Ferndale and Vancouver, WA to partake in raising funds for the DSA convention coming in 2019.



Washington State Deaf Senior Citizens General Meeting

Saturday, April 7, 2018

10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

**PSAD Hall
2407 1/2 NW 60th St
Seattle, WA 98107**

~ coffee, tea and pastries will be provided ~

~ Lunch: on your own ~
(bring a brown bag or order a hamburger from the
hamburger stand on 24th St or get a take-out
at the QCV market on 24th St)

- adoption of revised WSDSC bylaws
- financial reports on WSDCS and DSA
- special election to fill the vacancy of Vice President, if necessary
- updates on the DSA2019Seattle Conference
- an incoming election of officers in November 2018

For out-of-towners: to find a parking space -
if you can't find a parking space on the side of 60th Street near
the PSAD Hall, then turn left on 24th Street (main street) to go
to 59th Street (side street). Turn right on 59th Street and then
turn right on 26th Street. Then turn left on 60th Street where
you can see plenty of angle parking spaces. Cross the small
street (26th St.) to enter 60th St. Just walk down to the PSAD
Hall.

24th Annual Deaf Seniors' Picnic

Wednesday
August 8, 2018

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

admission fee - \$5.00
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 plate of a hotdog, chips & cold salad for \$3.00.

Booth:

Non-profit Deaf organization - no charge

Private business - \$25.00

RSVP: by July 30, 2018

Contact persons:

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

**2020 Borst Avenue
(I-5 and Exit #82)**

CIEP ALERT - (COALITION ON INCLUSIVE EMERGENCY PLANNING)



A Statewide Disability Advisory Group of the WASILC

CIEP'S NEW DISABILITY INTEGRATION MANAGER

Jim House has a strong background in advocating for people with disabilities, especially those who are deaf, hard of hearing, late-deafened, deaf-blind, and deaf-plus. While representing [Hearing, Speech, & Deaf Center](#) in Seattle, he served as a co-chair for the Disability Advocacy Group (DAG) in Seattle/King County, a coalition of disability service agencies and emergency management professionals. Recognized as an SME on communications as an access and functional need, Jim has given many presentations around the country, and serves on the Accessibility Committee for the National Emergency Numbering Association.



“I look forward to being a positive influencer and an asset to CIEP, WASILC, our IL network, and most important, empowering the people we serve by our inclusive emergency planning,” said Jim House. He adds, “CIEP will highlight best practices on effective communication, physical access, and programmatic access within disaster preparation.”

In 2015, Jim’s grassroots campaign “[Captions On Now!](#)” in Portland, OR led to a model ordinance requiring all public TVs within the city to display captions during business hours. One of his strongest points was that the ordinance will empower all people to respond appropriately during a severe storm because the captions will provide visual access to evacuation information in breaking emergency news bulletins while away from home.

In his previous tenure as the Public Relations Director for [Telecommunications for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing](#), Jim worked in the nation's capital to improve access to telecommunication, media, and information technology. This work required collaboration with other organizations and cross- disability groups to pursue accessible public policy at the Federal Communications Commission and other federal agencies. In 2004, Jim helped develop a nationwide FEMA training program for community members and emergency management professionals on communications barriers and solutions.

As a graduate of Gallaudet University in Washington, DC, Jim learned about the IL Philosophy as a Peer Counselor at the [Endeppendence Center of Northern Virginia](#) in 1996. Jim lives in Renton, WA with his wife Karen, and they both continue to support the disability rights movement.

Editor's Note: Welcome to **CIEP Alert!** As your new Disability Integration Manager I am bringing a new look and title to this newsletter. Feel free to share this with your friends...

What is so special about SB-5046? This new law will require the Emergency Management Division to report to the Washington Legislature about their efforts to include people with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) in their community notification and other services. What is CIEP doing to make sure our access is ensured? Also, you will see links to recent news about people with disabilities in emergency management. Living with a disability means you can bring new perspectives without being limited by what others consider "normal". During a disaster, you may discover new strengths and skills you never realized you had.

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