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**A LOOK BACK AT THE C.A.D. CONFERENCE --**

La Quinta Inn and Suites, Loveland, Colorado  
Saturday, 12 September 2009

**Kudos all round!**

To **Jennifer A Pfau**. She presided over and guided the CAD from its dark days in 2006 and tumultuous events since, and masterfully presided over the CAD 2009 conference, successfully rounding off her three-year presidency.



To **CAD members present**. On the day of the conference, there were 124 CAD members, with more new or renewing members signing up during the day; 46 members attended, braving the unusually rainy weather. (Hey, in Color-Aah!-do, once in a while we may have bad -- Bad? Depends on your perspective, as in "We need the moisture!" -- weather, but we continue to have the perfect climate! As *The Denver Post* daily proclaims: 'Tis a privilege to live in Colorado!")



To **Julie E Moers**. She stepped in in February 2009 as acting and afterwards as actual vice president and thereby as (so it turned out) a very successful conference chairlady, and --



-- to her team of CAD board members  
-- the officers and regional representatives who also served as the conference planning committee: Secretary pro tem **Ami Garry**, treasurer **Kim Parra**, regional representatives **Daisy Bravo** (Dinosaur Country), **Jessica Chrysler** (Pawnee Grasslands), **Diane Kilthau** (Mesa Verde), **Jeanette Mares** (Sand Dunes), and **Russ O'Neill** (Mile High)

*Picture, from left, standing: Diane, Jessica, Jennifer; sitting: Julie, Ami, and Kim.*



To **Diane Kilthau**. She designed the attractive "golden autumn" theme program book for this conference.

*Picture: Diane, at left, receiving thanks from President Pfau.*



To **Daisy Bravo** (sitting in picture at right). She solicited from CAD members names of those deserving of recognition, and prepared certificates of appreciation. (Due to straitened financial circumstances, we were unable to present more prestigious awards.) She had to leave the conference mid-day due to complications arising from a recent automobile accident.



To **Jessica Chrysler**. She stepped in smoothly for Daisy Bravo to announce and award certificates of appreciation.

*Picture: Jennifer Pfau holding aloft her certificate of appreciation from Jessica.*



To the **sponsors, exhibitors, and donors**. Their valuable assistance and support made this conference possible.

(See pages 10, 11, and 12.)



To **La Quinta Inn and Suites** in Loveland. This was the ideal venue for a "deaf conference" -- a light, airy, well-lit and well-appointed meeting room; delectable breakfast and mid-morning snacks and buffet lunch, mid-afternoon snacks and delightful varied-menu buffet dinner; obliging and conscientious staff; and, for those of a certain thirst, a handy bar in the offing....



To the new CAD board members -- officers: president **Raymond L Kiltbau**, vice president **Julie E Moers**, secretary **Noel Rivera**, treasurer, **Glenn Wolfangle**; and regional representatives **Patrick Carton** (Dinosaur Country), **Martina Milan** (Mile High), **Eldon Ragland** (Pawnee Grasslands), and **Heidi Zimmer** (Mesa Verde). Two regional (Great Plains and Sand Dunes) representative positions will be filled soon by the CAD board.



*Picture (from left): Eldon, Martina, Glenn, Patrick, Noel, Julie, Heidi and Raymond*

To **Patty Wolfangle**. She served as volunteer relay interpreter, terping questions and remarks from the floor back to the audience.



*Picture: Patty, at left, prepping with "top terp" Lynda Rimmel.*

To **Justin "Bucky" Buckhold**. He surprise-presented David Anthony with an award -- a clock commemorating his part in starting the first-ever-anywhere "Deaf Awareness" program right here in Colorado, wa-a-ay back in 1972.



*Picture shows Jerry Moers, standing at right, who was similarly honored at an earlier event.*

Last but not least, to honored guest **Nancy J Bloch**, executive director of the National Association of the Deaf (NAD). She facilitated the morning "town hall" meeting, presented the lunchtime keynote speech, and throughout the day and evening was a cheerful, helpful, positive guiding presence.



All in all, thanks to everyone, it was a very successful and happy day! As Benjamin Disraeli once said: "Through perseverance many people win success out of what seemed destined to be certain failure."

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**EXCERPTS FROM THE C.A.D. 2009 CONFERENCE PROGRAM BOOK --**

**Message from Bobbie Beth Scoggins, NAD president:**

Greetings!

On behalf of the National Association of the Deaf (NAD), it is my honor to extend a warm welcome to all in attendance at your 2009 state association conference.

[Such] conferences are a time to reflect on accomplishments, learn about issues, and plan for the future. They are a time to recognize individuals and groups who have worked to make a real difference in the lives of deaf ... Americans. It's work, yes, but they also afford an opportunity to just have fun! So, c'mon, let's join in the fun!

As partners, state associations and the NAD are powerful advocates for the civil and accessibility rights of all deaf ... Americans. State associations are vital to the success of the NAD and its efforts across the nation, [keeping] the NAD on a steady and sure path so that it can effectively address challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

The NAD was established in 1880 by deaf leaders who believed in the right of the American deaf community to use sign language, to congregate on issues important to them, and to have [our] interests represented at the national level. These beliefs remain true to this day, with American Sign Language as a core value.

As a nonprofit federation, the mission of the NAD is to preserve, protect, and promote the civil, human, and linguistic rights of deaf ... Americans. The advocacy scope of the NAD is broad, covering



the breadth of a lifetime and impacting future generations in the areas of early intervention, education, employment, health care, technology, telecommunications, youth leadership, and more.

Many of our rights are still under threat, including the right to educational opportunities. I ask that your state association join in the fight to save schools for the deaf that are facing closure or cutbacks. This is an unusual year for our deaf schools. They need our help and I ask that you help our deaf children who need help. We will join you in this fight. Join us. Check out our educational resources at [www.nad.org](http://www.nad.org). We will make a difference!

Again, my warmest wishes on behalf of the NAD to you and your State Association for a highly successful conference.

**Message from Jennifer A Pfau, CAD president:**

Greetings, CAD members,

Welcome to the 41st biennial conference [of the CAD]. Your presence is testimonial to your belief in values of the CAD, the oldest statewide organization serving deaf ... Coloradans for the past 105 years. After serving as your President for the past three years, it is with such appreciation and gratitude that we, with your support, have been able to carry out the CAD's mission and values.



Times have changed. Technology shapes the way we eat, breathe, and think. Running the CAD is no simple task. After some long deliberations with the CAD board, we agreed that it was time to look at the future of CAD. Here we pose the question to the members: **Should we hold the key to the CAD's future?**

This question is the theme of our conference this year. We CAD members cannot simply manage or adapt to change; we need to drive the change and embrace it in order to carry out our mission and values for another 100 years.

It is a huge honor to have Nancy Bloch, executive director of the National Association of the Deaf, with us this weekend. Her presence happens at this vital time ... [as] we gather to discuss the future (and to formulate an action plan if there will be one) of the CAD.

Conferences are the time when we recognize all we have accomplished and yet realize we have to face such facts as organizational complacency. The board looks forward to your ideas and suggestions to make some positive changes for ... [our] state association.

Big special thanks go to Julie Moers, the [conference] chair, and to the committee members for their hard work and dedication in planning this conference. Their contributions and volunteerism have been incredible and outstanding. I believe that when you leave the conference, you will agree that Julie and her committee have done an incredible job!

In closing, I thank you sincerely for all of your support of and dedication to the Colorado Association of the Deaf and the National Association of the Deaf.

**Message from Julie Moers, CAD vice president and 2009 conference chairperson:**



Welcome to the 41st biennial conference of the CAD!

During CAD conferences, individual and organizational members, representatives, officers, and well-wishers come together to refresh friendships and make new friends, to report on past accomplishments, to network and exchange ideas, to obtain information on the latest policies -- plans -- suggestions -- strategies -- and to make decisions for the future.

Since our founding in 1904, CAD [has] forged innovative programs and partnerships to address needs and concerns in our state. For the past 105 years, CAD networked with national and state organizations, public officials, leaders in the private sector, and members and friends, to advocate for and advance approaches to local and statewide issues of mutual concern. Our list of accomplishments is impressive! George W Veditz, our founder and first president, must be smiling with approval....

And now: **"Do we hold the key to CAD's future?"**

The past few years have been difficult for the CAD -- but better days are ahead! Today, we have over 100 -- and counting! -- individual members from urban and rural communities, from the mountains to the plains, throughout Colorado. And now, here we are: Our 41st biennial conference!

CAD conferences serve as a catalyst for positive change not only in the regions and communities of our members but also state- and even nationwide.

In the morning of today's day-long event, Nancy Bloch, [NAD] executive director, will present a keynote address and facilitate a dynamic forum and roundtable discussion concerning issues affecting the functioning of our CAD. Let's share our ideas and concerns for CAD's future.

After lunch, we will have our business meeting. We invite members' active participation, support, and commitment!

Our individual commitments as CAD members help extend our reach and maximize the impact of programs and services vital and beneficial to our membership. History teaches us that we must move beyond simply executing business deals and exchanging resources in our community. During this current time of consequence in Colorado, it is ever more pressing that the partnerships we form create the level of synergy that can sustain our community.

The evening banquet will be a time for fellowship, relaxation, and enjoyment! Together, we look forward to strengthening and revitalizing our association and our community.

**About our forum facilitator and keynote speaker**

**Nancy Bloch** (Maryland) has served since 1992 as executive director and now chief executive officer of the NAD; she is also ex officio member of the NAD Board of Directors. Long passionate about advancing the rights of the American deaf community, she derives great satisfaction from seeing the successes of local and state activists on issues of national importance. Raised in Miami, FL, Bloch holds a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from the University of Miami and an master of arts degree in counseling and guidance from Gallaudet University. Previously she was director of the Management Institute and adjunct professor in the School of Management at Gallaudet University. Since 1977, Bloch has been actively involved with nonprofit, community, and education-based organizations serving deaf and hard of hearing children, adults and families. She enjoys boating on the Chesapeake Bay with her husband, traveling around the world, reading on a wide range of subjects, and spoiling her three grandchildren.



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**INDIVIDUAL LETTERS OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND APPRECIATION FROM CONFERENCE  
CHAIRLADY JULIE MOERS TO ...**

**... NANCY BLOCH, N.A.D. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR --**

Dear Nancy,

What a success the 41st biennial conference of the Colorado Association of the Deaf (CAD) was! Members enjoyed our "Power of CommUNITY" event which is still getting rave reviews

It was the vision of the CAD board and of the conference planning committee to provide an open forum for participants and to inform and entertain our members in a pleasant, comfortable environment on Saturday, September 12, 2009.

Your bright, positive presence helped make our vision a reality by facilitating the forum, by following up with the keynote speech, and by providing guidance, suggestions, and ideas where needed throughout the day.

You are truly appreciated. On behalf of the CAD board and our members, I extend a hearty THANK YOU to you for your making this event so successful.

As we continue to grow, please know we are aware that our partnership with the NAD is vital to the success of our association.

Thanks again.

... C.A.D. CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS --

Dear Jenn (Pfau, president), Ami (Garry, secretary pro tem). Kim (Parra, treasurer), and regional representatives Daisy (Bravo), Jessica (Chrysler), Diane (Kilthau), and Russ (O'Neill):

The "Power of CommUNITY" conference in Loveland is over. The 41st biennial conference of the Colorado Association of the Deaf (CAD) will be remembered as a success by those who attended. We're still getting rave reviews!

A good share of the credit for this success goes to you and to people like you!

Let me, then, take this opportunity to express my sincerest appreciation to you for your efforts on behalf of CAD and this conference. I am deeply grateful to you for your service and your generosity: THANK YOU SO MUCH!

It is through the support of people like you that we are able to continue our mission, to strengthen our organization, and to develop innovative projects to serve our members and the community.

As we approach the turn of the decade, with your help, encouragement, and enthusiasm, CAD will lead the charge in advocating for enhanced programs and services for deaf individuals, and for professionals working with the deaf, throughout Colorado.

Again, thank you for making both our CAD conference and mission a reality.

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- Watkins..... Don Brock

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As we continue to grow, please know we are aware that our relations with Sprint and Relay Colorado are vital to the success of our association.

Thanks again.



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Your contribution as an exhibitor at this event helped make our vision a reality by offsetting the cost of holding the conference in such a great environment.

Your being with us that day is truly appreciated. On behalf of the 2007-2009 CAD board and our members, I extend a hearty THANK YOU to you for making this event so successful.

As we continue to grow, please know we are aware that our relations with you and your organization is vital to the success of our association.

If you are not already a CAD member, as an individual and/or as an organization, please also know that we welcome -- and will value -- your membership! Together, we can do much -- so much more -- to enhance the quality of life of deaf Coloradans....

Thanks again.

**... Individuals, other than CAD board members, receiving a "Certification of Appreciation":** Ody Allen, David Anthony, Peter DeHaas, Danelle Jansen, Diane Kiltbau, Julie Moers, Rachel Naiman, Kim Parra, Jennifer Pfau, Professional Sign Language Interpreting, Purple Communications, Noel Rivera, Rocky Mountain Deaf School, Sprint, and Susie Tate-Conrardy:

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**Highlights of some recent CAD accomplishments:**

Kicked off "CAD Deaf Youth Leadership"

Passed the House Bill 1090 concerning the use of titles associated with interpretation for deaf persons, and, in connection therewith, making unauthorized use of such titles a deceptive trade practice under the "Colorado Consumer Protection Act" (chaired by Danelle Jansen and Rachel Naiman).

Obtained justice for CAD to receive moneys back

Hosted several fundraising events:

Sign Language Associates 25th Anniversary and the "Dynamic Bro Duo"  
(performed by Rex and Willy Moers)

"Wrong Game" movie sponsored by Sprint Relay at Northglenn

"Legend of Mountain Man" movie sponsored by Sprint Relay, and co-hosted with the Veditz Center

CAD Website [www.CADeaf.org](http://www.CADeaf.org) reestablished

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**THE NEW C.A.D. BOARD (2009-2011)**

*OFFICERS:*

President.....Raymond L Kilthau

Vice President.....Julie Moers

Secretary.....Noel Rivera

Treasurer.....Glenn Wolfangle

*REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES --*

Dinosaur Country Region.....Patrick Carton

Great Plains Region.....Vacant

Mesa Verde Region.....Heidi Zimmer

Mile High Region.....Martina Milan

Pawnee Grasslands Region.....Eldon Ragland

Sand Dunes Region.....Vacant

(See top picture on page 5.)

**SCHEDULE OF C.A.D. BOARD MEETINGS:**

Wednesday, 4 November 2009; 7:00 PM; Pawnee Grasslands Region  
Silent Athletic Club of Denver, 1575 Elmira Street, Aurora

Wednesday, 20 January 2010; 7:00 PM; Mile High Region  
To be announced (Denver)

Wednesday, 10 March 2010; 7:00 PM; Sand Dunes Region  
To be announced (Colorado Springs)

Saturday, 22 May 2010; 1:00 PM; Mesa Verde Region  
To be announced (Gunnison)

Friday, 20 August 2010; 7:00 PM; Mesa Verde Region  
To be announced (Aspen)

Note: CAD Mini Convention (Aspen)  
Saturday, 21 August 2010;

Wednesday, 29 September 2010; 7:00 PM; Great Plains Region  
To be announced

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That's all, folks!