



SENIORS' CHAT

Don's Column

Hello, Happy Hands Members and Friends,

Mark your calendar for our monthly meeting on December 6 at NVRC (see page 2). Social Chat at Wegmans will be on December 20 (see page 18). There will be no Social Chat via Zoom in December. See pages 3-4 for recap on the November 15 meeting.

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As usual, Stay Happy Safely with Our Awesome Hands!

~ Don



Deaf Santa Charles will visit with children using ASL at Gaylord National Harbor on December 13 at 12:00PM- 8:00PM.

Families can reserve this special time with Santa Charles by booking a photo package for December 13th.

For more information, see: <https://christmasatgaylordnational.marriott.com/all-activities>.

To reserve a special time, see: <https://tickets.gaylordnational.com/eventperformances.asp?evt=67>.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

...to the folks with birthdays in **December**

- Deanna Dunham [3rd]
- Bob Hickey [3rd]
- Nancy Sanders [3rd]
- Carol Duffy Clay [5th]
- Janet Blakely [6th]
- Dot Brenner [9th]

- Jill Kotchen [10th]
- Al Manfredonio [12th]
- Cathy Thompson [12th]
- Serry Fahmy [25th]
- Eddie Drawdy [26th]

Happy Hands In-Person Meeting

December 6 at 10:00 AM



We will have our 18th post-COVID in-person monthly meeting on December 6, 2023 at 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Bring your own lunch bags and beverages.

We will do Cookie Exchange:

- * Please let Pat Beech (pgbeech@aol.com) or Cathleen Potosky (cfpotosky@gmail.com) know what type of cookie you will make? Deadline is December 1.
- * All cookies should be homemade. Make at least 12 cookies.
- * Bring copies of recipe to share.
- * Please indicate if there are nuts in the cookies.
- * Bring a large container or box to carry away 12 cookies from the Cookie Exchange.
- * Only those who participate in the Cookie Exchange activity can participate. Those who do not bring cookies cannot participate.



Pat Beech and Melanie Williams will share trivia about “Gone With The Wind” @ 1:00PM. See page 14 for Trivia Questions. Here is Zoom Info:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87682818371>

Meeting ID: 876 8281 8371



Celebrating New Year 2024



Happy Hands will celebrate the new year, 2024, on January 10 @ 12:00PM at Clyde's Willow Creek Farm in Broadlands, just west of Dulles Airport in Loudoun County.

Address:

42920 Broadlands Blvd
Broadlands VA 20148

URL: <https://www.clydes.com/location/willow-creek-farm/>

Please let Pat Beech [pgbeech@aol.com] know by December 23, if you plan to come. We need a head count. More details will be provided, as time nears.

FYI, the closest Metro Station is Ashburn Station [<https://www.wmata.com/rider-guide/silver-line-extension/Ashburn.cfm>]. You could get Uber or Lyft from Ashburn Station to Clyde's Willow Creek Farm.





Recap of Hybrid Meeting November 15, 2023



We had our 17th Hybrid Meeting on November 15, 2023. We had 25 people in person and 6 people on Zoom. Stan Smith gave a presentation on “Malaysia.” Here is link for viewing the Hybrid Meeting video: <https://youtu.be/cB54MRxD7Bg>. The Malaysia segment can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/0kdGaDdWFPk>.



Don Ames, Debbie Jones,
and Jonathan Kiell



Barry Harlan, Vicki Shank, Jill Moebus,
Liz Sale, Lois Herberger, and Bob Hickey



Paul Daniels, Pat Beech,
and Bill Morris



Stan Smith, Eileen Goran,
Eddie Drawdy,
Jill Kotchen, and
Cathleen Potosky



Barbara Eger-
Klatt and
Walter Klatt



Richard Cohen



Sharon Ellis
Sandoval
and Jonathan Kiell



Peggy Daniels
and Deanna Dunham



Jill Moebus
and Tom
Dowling

Zoom Participants

<p>Jean Buffardi</p>	<p>Margaret Huang</p>
<p>Phuong Duong</p>	<p>Sam Yates</p>
<p>Lanny Quarles</p>	<p>Tony Heller</p>





Recap of Hybrid Meeting on November 15, 2023 (continued from page 3)



1st 50/50 Raffle Winner
Don Ames
with Jill Moebus (Raffles) and
Barbara Eger-Klatt (Plant)



2nd 50/50 Raffle Winner
Jill Moebus
with Barbara Eger-Klatt (Plant)



3rd 50/50 Raffle Winner
Eileen Goran
with Jill Moebus (Raffles) and
Barbara Eger-Klatt (Plant)



Stan Smith's Malaysia Booth



Cynthia Burton
and Patricia Raswant



Don Ames with the beautiful the Christmas Cactus (from Barbara Eger-Klatt)



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Snake_Temple



Tips and Tricks



Senior Citizens Health Resource Information
Barbara Eger-Klatt, Community Health Educator

December 2023

Slow Cooker Barley & Chickpea Risotto

- 1 1/2 tbsp olive oil
- 3 carrots, peeled and chopped
- 3 garlic, cloves minced
- 1/2 head cauliflower, cut into small florets
- 1/2 small yellow onions minced or chopped
- 4 sprigs fresh thyme
- 1 1/4 cups pearl barley, rinsed
- 1 can (15.5 ounces) garbanzo beans rinsed & drained
- 2 1/2 cups low sodium chicken or vegetable broth
- 1 1/4 cups water
- 1/2 tsp salt optional
- 1/4 tsp black pepper
- 1 1/2 tbsps fresh lemon juice
- 1/3 cup fresh Parmesan cheese optional
- 3 tbsps chopped fresh parsley

Use large sauce pan. Cook carrots, garlic, cauliflower, and onions until softened, about 5 minutes. Add thyme sprig and pearl barley for two minutes. Stir frequently. Transfer the mixture to slow cooker. Stir in garbanzo beans, broth, water, salt, and pepper. Cook on high for 2 to 2 1/2 hours until barley is tender and the liquid is absorbed. Discard thyme sprigs and add lemon juice. Serve in bowl with parmesan cheese and fresh parsley.

<https://foxeslovelemons.com/slow-cooker-barley-chickpea-risotto/>

Trivia Question

A zoonotic disease is an illness that:

- A. Can be treated by a trained veterinarian.
- B. Requires animal products to be eradicated.
- C. Can be transmitted from animals to humans.
- D. Threatens to wipe out a species.

<https://www.readersdigest.ca/health/healthy-living/medical-trivia/>

What is "hypothermia"?

Hypothermia is a medical term for humans when the body temperature is at 95 degrees F or lower. If it is lower than 95F, it can cause many health issues such as heart attack, kidney problems, and liver damage.

There are several ways that seniors living inside or outside of their home can avoid hypothermia:

- **Inside your house:** Keep the temperature range at 68 to 70 degree. Lower your heating bills by closing off rooms that you are not using. Also, put towels at the bottom of the door to keep out cold air or buy draft door stoppers.
- **Outside:** Dress warmly. Wearing loose layers of clothing helps you to stay warm. Wear hat and scarf. Change your clothes immediately if they get damp or wet.
- **Sleep:** Wear long johns, flannel pants, socks and slippers helps to keep your lower body warm. Wear hat to bed if necessary to keep your head warm.
- **Food:** Eat well to keep your body warm. If you don't eat enough, then you will not have enough fat to stay warm.

Hypothermia warning clues

The early signs are cold hands and feet, shivering, pale skin, and feeling sleepy. The later signs of hypothermia are having trouble walking or clumsiness, slow shallow breathing, slow heartbeat, and blacking out or losing consciousness. Call 911 if you experience any of these symptoms.

More information about hypothermia is at <https://www.nia.nih.gov/health/cold-weather-safety-older-adults>.

Monthly Social Chat

Wegmans on 11-08-2023



Sitting: Cathleen Potosky, Lois Herberger, Walter Klatt, Liz Sale,
Eddie Drawdy, Eileen Goran, and Barry Harlan
Standing: Jean Buffardi, Richard Cohen, Barbara Eger-Klatt,
Jill Moebus, Darren Marquardt, and Vicki Shank



In Loving Memory



George Sadler of Morgantown, WV, died on October 25, 2023. He was born on December 20, 1951 in New York, NY. He grew up in Charlotte, NC, and received a Bachelor's Degree in Business from UNC-Charlotte in 1974. George married Rebecca Kartman Sadler on April 20, 2002 in Vienna. They lived in Fairfax until 2014 when they moved to Morgantown, WV.

George is survived by his wife, Rebecca; children, Danielle Strait, Justin Sadler, Jeri Sadler, Cindy Officer, Alicia Ebeling, and Brianna Cross.



A Celebration of Life will be held at Cherry Grove Beach, SC at a later date.

Source: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/kkqqvz>



VAD Conference 2023 Welcome Party on 11-03-2023



Front: Eileen Goran, Eleni Triantafell, Patricia Raswant, and Donna Graff-Viall
Back: Jamie Berke, Jeanne Lavelle, Cynthia Burton, Sharon Ellis Sandoval, Jill Moebus, Peggy Daniels, Yvonne Dickens, and Mia Laboy-Heisley



Jeanne & Tim Lavelle



Front: Andrew Magill, Paul Daniels, Jeremy Smith, and Robert Goodwin
Back: Robert Gault, Tom Dowling, Ben Belisle, Gary Viall, Russell Almond III, Jimmy Dickens, and Eric Raff

VAD Conference 2023 Meetings on 11-04-2023 and 11-05-2023



VAD Board for 2023-2025

President Patricia Raswant,
Vice President Donna Graff-Viall,
Secretary Cynthia Burton, Treasurer Tom Dowling,
Member-At-Large Hunta Williams, and
Member-At-Large Jill Moebus
(Note: Jill had to resign due to the VAD bylaws saying that
a member can't serve on two nonprofit boards.)



Exhibit Booth - NVRC
Cheryl Gault



Exhibit Booth - VAD T-Shirts
Robert Gault



Exhibit Booth - VDDHH
Eric Raff



Registration
Jill Moebus and
Yvonne Dickens



Exhibit Booth - NVRC
Aseel Elayan



Bob Weinstock, Parliamentarian
Joe Duarte, NVAD Member-At-Large
Tom Dowling, VAD Treasurer

VAD Conference 2023 Meetings on 11-04-2023 and 11-05-2023



Opening Remarks
Jacob Leffler
NAD Region I Board



Keynote Speaker
Jeremy L. Brunson, PhD
Gallaudet University
Interim Chief Diversity Officer

Dr. Brunson presented “Trauma Informed Services: Responding not Reacting”. He talked about:

- * Trauma
- * The Never-Ending Cycle
- * Trauma-Informed Services (TIS)
- * Six principles of TIS (Trauma Informed Services)
- * Signs of Organizational Trauma
- * Characteristics of Trauma
- * Moving Forward



Community Health Worker
Barbara Eger-Klatt,
Maryland Deaf CHW
Shanteny Jackson,
Executive Director, VA CHW
Association

The presenters talked about:

- * CHW Brief History
- * Definition of CHW
- * Medicare
- * Employment
- * How to become a CHW
- * Ethics
- * Confidentiality



VAD Education Advocate
Brianna Bates



VAD Education Advocate
Mia Laboy-Heisley



Carrie Humphrey, VDDHH
Ben Belisle, VAD Webmaster
Eric Raff, VDDHH Director



VAD President
Michelle Long



Legislative Chairperson: S
Legislative Committee: Jer
Hunta Williams, Miller-Mck
Kimble

- LEADK Passed July 1
- ADHOC: SELLR/LEAD Williams can fill in)

- EDHI: (Hunta Williams can fill in) Feb 13-15 @2023 Statewide Learning Community meeting on February 13, 20; Richmond Marriott Short Pump: 4240 Dominion Blvd, Glen A Attached is the meeting agenda for your review.
- Deafblind Retreat VCU: JUNE 30, 2023 Panel
- NBDA Conference

Legislative
Presented by Hunta Williams
for Sheena Williams

VAD Conference 2023 Awards - Part 1



NAD Golden Hand Award
LEAD-K VA Committee

Tom Dowling, Gary Viall, Donna Graff-Viall, Michelle Long, Hunta Williams (with interpreter), and Jennifer Witteborg with Award Presenters — Daphne Cox and Melanie Williams

Not pictured: Sheena Cobb, Jasper Conner, Sylvia Crespo, Bobbie Faye Downey, MaryRose Gonzalez, Star Grieser, Devin Hamilton, Jeanne Lavelle, Katherine Malady, Renay Miller, Sallie May Pauley, and Kim Taylor



VAD Distinguished Service Award
Janice Couch Dillman



VAD Deaf Father of the Year
Edwin "Ed" Lee Martin



Certificate of Appreciation
Senator Ghazala Hashmi

for sponsoring in the Virginia Senate of SB 265 "Children who are deaf or hard of hearing; language development, assessment resources"



VAD Deaf Mother of the Year
Roberta "Bobbie" Wolfe Dietz



Certificate of Appreciation
Deaf Mentor Program
"The Dream Team"

Micelle Long, Daphne Cox (presenter), Eric Raff, and Melanie Williams

Not pictured: Elizabeth "Lizzy" Allen, Tressela "Tressy" Bateson, Traci Branch, Alissa Conover, Tom Dowling, MaryRose Gonzalez, Kristin Karmon, Jeanne Lavelle, Terri Nelligan, Eric Raff, Alicia Rodriguez, Valerie Rodriguez, Sharon Ellis Sandoval, Gianina "Gia" Thornton, and Teri Urban



Certificate of Appreciation
Delegate Betsy Carr

for sponsoring in the Virginia House of Delegates of HB 649 "Children who are deaf or hard of hearing; language development, assessment resources"

VAD Conference 2023 Awards - Part 2



Certificate of Appreciation 2023 VAD Conference Committee

Front: Tim Lavelle, Robert Goodwin,
Joe Duarte, and Jeanne Lavelle
Back: Daphne Cox (presenter), Joan Corley,
Peggy Daniels, Cindy Burton, Jill Moebus,
Yvonne Dickens, Donna Graff-Viall,
Tom Dowling, Russell Almond III, Jeff McCray,
and Melanie Williams (presenter)

Not pictured: Laurie Dowling and Pat Beech

2023 VAD Board of Directors

Michelle Long	<i>President</i>
Donna Graff-Viall	<i>Vice-President</i>
Cynthia Burton	<i>Secretary</i>
Tom Dowling	<i>Treasurer</i>
Jeanne Lavelle	<i>Members-at-Large</i>
Wesley Arey	
Sharon Ellis Sandoval	<i>NVAD Representative</i>

Virginia Association of the Deaf Certificate of Appreciation

Presented to the various Officers of the
VAD Board 2021-2023

Melanie Williams and Michelle Long, President Michelle Long and Donna Graff-Viall, Vice President Deb Moore and Cynthia Burton, Secretary Deborah McKague and Tom Dowling, Treasurer	Jeanne Lavelle, Member-at-Large Wesley Arey, Member-at-Large Traci Branch and Renay Miller, GRCVAD Representative Sharon Ellis Sandoval, NVAD Representative
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Virginia Association of the Deaf Certificate of Appreciation

Presented to the
VAD Board 2019-2021

MaryRose Gonzalez, President Rachel Bavister, Vice President Jeanne Lavelle, Secretary Jay Spraker, Treasurer	Donna Graff-Viall, Member-at-Large Devin Hamilton, Member-at-Large Byron Heath, GRCVAD Representative Melanie Williams, NVAD Representative Wayne Frick, Skyline Representative
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Certificate of Appreciation Northern Virginia Association of the Deaf Board 2019-2023

Front: Daphne Cox (presenter), Peggy Daniels,
Robert Goodwin, Joe Duarte, Jeanne Lavelle,
and Jamie Berke

Back: Paul Daniels, Tim Lavelle, Joan Corley,
Russell Almond III, Jill Moebus,
Melanie Williams, and Tom Dowling

Not pictured: Danielle Thompson, Laurie Dowling,
Heather Kendrick, and Nancy Rarus



VAD Conference 2023

Magic Show on 11-04-2023



Sunnier Sun, Four Rings & Special Tricks
 JT Mielnicki, Comedy Magic
 Russell Almond III, Deaf Amateur Magician
 Alec Negri, Normal Magic



Sunnier Sun performs his entire act like a ballet set to music — without words. He was the 2022 winner of Magician of the Year in IBM's National Capital Ring. He and his wife (Vicki Chang) are featured on page 10 in Magi-Gram January 2022 newsletter. See: <https://ibmring50.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/202201-Magi-Gram.pdf>.

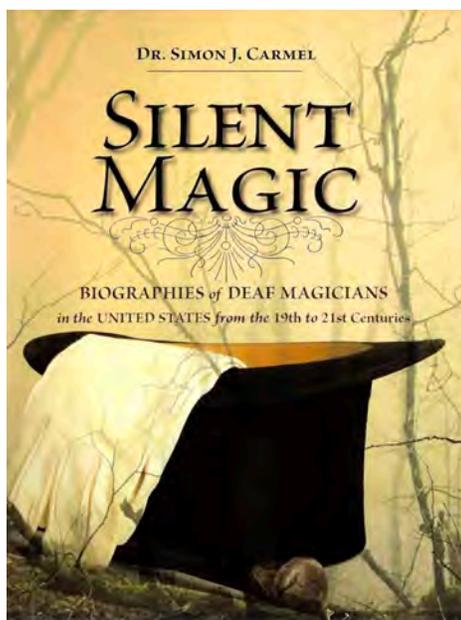
JT Mielnicki performs under the name JT The Unstoppable. His magic style crowned him the winner of Ring 50's Dan Lacey Contest for Magician of the Year in 2017. His interest in magic started when he was 14. He is featured on page 8 in Magi-Gram December 2020 newsletter. See: <https://ibmring50.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/202012-Magi-Gram-12-22.pdf>.

Russell Almond III is a long-time member of NVAD. He often demonstrates his close-up magic tricks to relatives and friends. He is featured on page 10 in Magi-Gram December 2021 newsletter. See: <https://ibmring50.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/202112-Magi-Gram.pdf>.

Alec Negri has been performing magic for over 30 years. He began performing at age 7, after receiving a magic kit as a gift. He is also a comedy magician. He has his own theatre show at the StageCoach Theatre in Ashburn (Sunnier is in his show). Sources are:
 * <https://www.slysmagic.com/>
 * <https://www.stagecoachtc.com/slys-magic/>

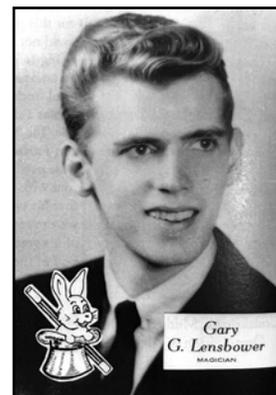
Those four magicians are members of the IBM Ring 50 group. Sources are:
 * <https://ibmring50.org/>
 * <https://ibmring50.org/about-ring-50/>

Silent Magic: Biographies of Deaf Magicians in the U. S. from the 19th to 21st Centuries



Dr. Simon J. Carmel has a book called “Silent Magic”. This book includes biographies of Deaf Magicians in the U.S. from the 19th to the 21st centuries. Dr. Carmel is himself a deaf magician. Gary Lensbower, a resident of Northern Virginia, is featured in this book.

Gary Lensbower was well-known locally and internationally as “The American Silent Magician.” He was a master in the art of pantomime, expressing his meaning by gestures and actions, without words. He became interested in magic at age 8 when he went to a circus and saw a magic show. He loved doing the tricks and watching the facial expressions of the children at the same time. He died at age 47 on November 26, 1987.



Another Virginian mentioned in the book is the

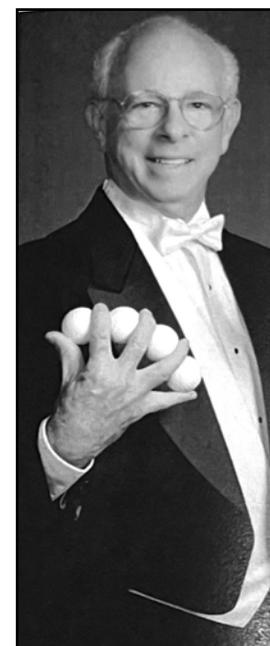
Reverend Warren C. Blackwell. He became interested in magic in the 1960s to raise funds for programs. His specialties in magic were making a cake in a hat, changing fire into live birds, and turning a piece of paper into a real egg. He died at age 60 on December 3, 1981.



Dr. Simon J. Carmel is from Baltimore, MD. Magic is his life-time avocation. He became interested in magic when his father demonstrated the classic thumb removal to him when he was about three years old. His parents saw his interest in magic and took him to see the world-famous magician Harry Blackstone,

Sr.’s show. At age 13, he entered a magic tournament in January 1952. He won first place. His favorite magic tricks include the selected and corner-torn card appearance inside an orange; the multiplying golf balls and the golf ball stand; a comedy water funnel trick; Anderson’s torn and restored newspaper; several strong mental magic tricks; and a large flash flower production from a cooking pan. He has performed for over 60 years.

To get copy of this book, see: <https://magicroadshow.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Books.pdf>.





Gone with The Wind Trivia



- What dress is Scarlett O'Hara wearing in the open scene of the movie?
 - The green dress
 - The red dress
 - The brown dress
 - The white dress
- What is the name of Scarlett's baby?
 - Katie Scarlett O'Hara
 - Katie Scarlett Butler
 - Bonnie Blue Butler
 - Bonnie Blue O'Hara
- Prissy was played by which actress?
 - Hattie McDaniel
 - Margaret Mitchell
 - Butterfly McQueen
 - Vivien Leigh
- Rhett Butler was originally from what city?
 - Atlanta
 - Gettysburg
 - Dubouis
 - Charleston
- How is Ashley related to Melanie, his bride?
 - They are brother and sister
 - They are cousins
 - They are aunt and nephew
 - They are uncle and niece
- What is the last line in the movie?
 - After all, tomorrow is another day
 - Frankly my dear I don't give a damn
 - And the South rose again
 - Scarlett, will you be my wife?

Answers: 1. The White Dress; 2. Bonnie Blue Butler; 3. Butterfly McQueen; 4. Charleston; 5. Cousins; 6. After all, tomorrow is another day

December Trivia

- What is the birthstone for December?
- What is the flower for December?
- The word "December" comes from a Latin word meaning what?
- When is Poinsettia Day?
- What happened on December 7, 1941?
- What day in December is considered the unlucky day?
- How many roles did Tom Hanks play in "The Polar Express"?
- In the term "Xmas", "X" means what?



Answers: 1. Turquoise, Zircon, and Tanzanite; 2. Narcissus and Holly; 3. Ten; 4. 12th; 5. Attack on Pearl Harbor; 6. 28th; 7. Six; 8. Christ

NVRC Annual Breakfast & Meeting



Saturday, December 9, 2023

9:30 - 10:30 AM | Light Continental Breakfast

10:30 - 11:15 AM | Business Meeting  



[Please Register Here](https://forms.gle/tj2wMNCRivCHefyb7)

<https://forms.gle/tj2wMNCRivCHefyb7>

NVRC Location

10467 White Granite Dr., Suite 312, Oakton, VA 22124





*Northern Virginia Association of the Deaf
Holiday Party*



Saturday, December 9, 2023

1:00PM to 5:00PM

The Italian Oven
6852 Old Dominion Drive
McLean, VA 22101

Buffet Style: \$42.00

RVSP and PAY Deadline: Monday, December 4, 2023

Mozzarella in Carroza, Fried Zucchini, Salad, Lasagna Meat Sauce,
Manicotti Marinara, Chicken Parmigiana

Note: After a 20-year hiatus in 2021, The Italian Oven returned to the same spot where it first opened in 1985. It is now owned and managed by the Esposito family's deaf son, Robert, a Langley H.S. graduate.

CASH BAR: Pay your own beverages

Payments Options

Paypal: <https://paypal.me/nvad1945>

Venmo: <https://venmo.com/NVAD1945>

Zelle: nvadtreasurer1945@gmail.com

Check: If you wish to write a check, please contact Robert Goodwin at nvadtreasurer1945@gmail.com

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Joan Corley, Chair at nvadvicepresident@gmail.com

Events for December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3 Social Night at Wegmans (see p. 18)	4	5	6 HH Monthly In-Person (see p. 2)	7 HAPPY HANUKKAH begins	8	9 NVRC Annual Meeting (p. 15) NVAD Holiday Party (p.16)
10	11	12	13 Fine Tuners In-Person Deaf Santa (see p. 1)	14	15 HAPPY HANUKKAH ends	16
17 Social Night at Wegmans (see p. 18)	18	19	20 HH Social Chat at Wegmans (see p.18)	21 WINTER SOLSTICE	22	23
24	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS	26 KWANZAA begins	27	28	29	30
31 NEW YEAR'S EVE	1 KWANZAA ends	2	3	4	5	6

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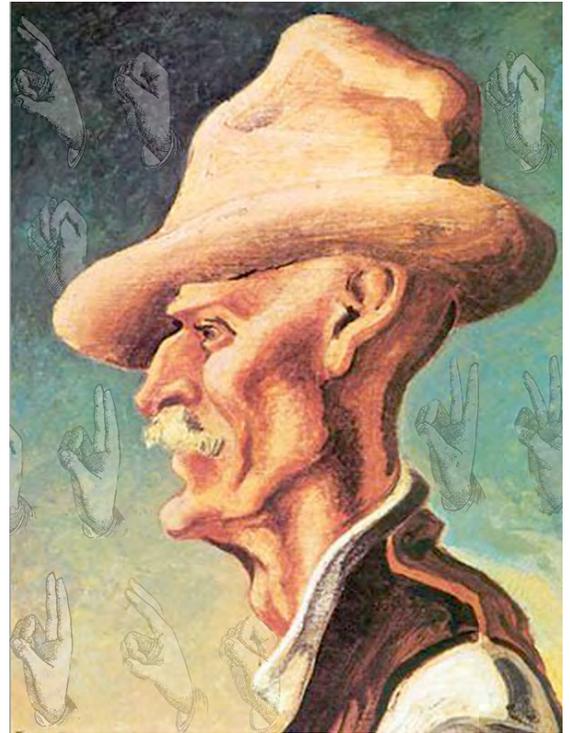
- Pat Beech for giving a presentation on “50 Landmarks” via Zoom on November 1 (<https://youtu.be/S0UtERiAE3g>)
- Stan Smith for giving a presentation on “Malaysia” at the Hybrid Monthly Meeting on November 15 (<https://youtu.be/0kdGaDdWFPk>)
- Barbara Eger-Klatt for donating three plants for the raffle drawings at the Hybrid Monthly Meeting on November 15
- Jill Moebus and Eddie Drawdy for handling the 50/50 Raffle drawing at the Hybrid Monthly Meeting on November 15
- Pat Beech for facilitating the Hybrid Monthly meeting on November 15
- Jonathan Kiell for helping with the Tech Set-Up and PowerPoint Presentation at the HH Hybrid Monthly meeting on November 15
- Everyone who submitted photos for the November issue
- Pat Beech for doing the monthly HH Newsletter issue
- Sharon Svenningsen, Melanie Williams, and Jonathan Kiell for proofreading the monthly HH Newsletter issue
- Debbie Jones for stuffing the monthly HH Newsletter hardcopies and getting them ready for mail



The Unique Voice of the Martha's Vineyard Deaf Community “They Were Heard”

From 1694 to 1952, Martha's Vineyard, specifically the towns of Chilmark and West Tisbury, had an unusually large population of people with hereditary deafness. As a result, Vineyarders learned a local dialect of sign language, used by hearing and deaf people alike. This exhibition dives into this chapter of Island history. It is located at The Grain Family Gallery and ends on February 18, 2024.

Source: <https://mvmuseum.org/exhibition/they-were-heard/>



Fine Tuners for 2023-2024

Front Row: Don Ames (Chair), Jill Moebus (Vice Chair),
Melanie Williams (Secretary), and Steve Williams (Treasurer)

Back Row (All are Members-At-Large): Paul Daniels,
Tom Dowling, Cathleen Potosky, Eddie Drawdy,
Stan Smith, and Barbara Eger-Klatt

Insert: Member-At-Large - Lois Herberger

Silent Social at Wegmans

This occurs on the first and third Sundays of each month at 7:00PM in Fairfax Wegmans at the corner of Route 29 and Monument Drive (Upper Level, near the stairs). Registration is suggested. The dates for the Silent Social Chat are December 3 and 17. FYI: The date for HH Social Chat is on December 20.

For more info, contact Jonathan Kiell at jona3ki@msn.com or see: <https://www.meetup.com/aslbridge/>.

Please come join the very informal chat; the group often includes students and interpreters looking to learn and practice ASL. You can also get your groceries while you are there!