

SENIORS' CHAT



Don's Column



Hello, Happy Hands Members and Friends,

Our upcoming February 5th monthly meeting's agenda will consist of a presentation by Lois Herberger on "Logos with Hidden Messages"; a Chili Lunch; and Bingo. See page 2 for details.

All of our recent January events are reported with pictures in this newsletter for your reading pleasure.

- * pages 3-4 for a recap of the January 22 Monthly Meeting. Twenty-one people attended in person. We had Crafts and Board Games.
- * pages 5-6 for pictures taken at Clyde's on January 15. Fifty-two people came.

As usual, Stay Happy Safely with Our Awesome Hands!

~ Don



HAPPY BIRTHDAY ...to the folks with birthdays in February



Marty Blakely [3rd]
Vicki Hurwitz [6th]
Cathleen Potosky [10th]
Peggy Daniels [12th]
Rocky Rockburn [12th]

Don Ames [14th]
Lanny Quarles [14th]
Tony Heller [24th]
Stan Smith [25th]
Maryann Kielsgard [26th]

Happy Hands In-Person Meeting

February 5 at 10:00 AM



We will have our monthly meeting on February 5, 2025 at 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. We will provide unlimited Chili and more for \$5.00 (see menu below). For more information, contact Pat Beech at pgbeech@aol.com.

BRING YOUR OWN BEVERAGES.

Beef Chili — Melanie Williams
 Turkey Chili — Peggy Daniels
 Vegan Chili — Eddie Drawdy
 Cornbread — Lois Herberger
 Hot Sauce Bottle — Jill Moebus
 Sour Cream — Jill Moebus
 Cheese — Cathleen Potosky

Corn Chips — Bob Hickey
 Fruit Platter — Stan Smith
 Apple Pie — ??
 Cherry Pie — ??
 Valentine's Cookies — Jonathan Kiell
 Cupcakes — Steve Williams
 Paper Products — Pat Beech

Before lunch, Lois Herberger will give a presentation on “Logos With Hidden Messages.”



After lunch, we will have Bingo. We will use this Bingo app via online. The link for this App is <https://letsplaybingo.io>. We are still negotiating some of the game details and will announce specifics. This is for fun, so don't expect to retire or travel on your winnings.



Additional Happy Hands 2025 Members

(as of January 28, 2025)

As of 01-28-25, Happy Hands has 58 paid members for 2025:

Lew Carr
 Felix Chevere
 Eve Christian
 Laurie Dowling
 Tom Dowling

Nate Drown
 Deanna Dunham
 Newby Ely
 Lynn Keefe
 Mary Kay Kelley

Barbara Eger-Klatt
 Walter Klatt
 Cheryl Gault
 Robert Gault
 Bob Hickey

Kea Manfredonio
 Frances Marzolf
 Bill Morris
 Denise Proulx
 Shelley Simms

For those who have not renewed or joined for the year 2025, here is the link for the Happy Hands 2025 Membership Form:
https://www.nvrc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/2025Membership_Fillable.pdf


RECAP

Recap of Monthly Meeting on January 22, 2024


RECAP

Twenty-one attendees came to the January 22 meeting. Highlights of the meeting were: January Birthday Song, Crafts by Lynn Keefe, and Board Games. Here is URL: <https://youtu.be/0zJRFcgYH04>.



Sloppy Joes Chefs
Melanie Williams
and Eddie Drawdy



Eddie Drawdy, Cathleen Potosky,
Mary Ann Beatty, and Don Ames



Cyril Potosky, Eileen Goran,
Jill Moebus, and Tim Beatty



Eddie Drawdy
and Jean Buffardi



Vicki Shank and
Darren Marquardt



Steve Williams, Pat Beech,
and Melanie Williams



Stan Smith, Bob Hickey,
and Deanna Dunham



Stan Smith,
Eileen Goran,
and Barry Harlan



Jonathan Kiell



Cathleen Potosky,
Lynn Keefe,
and Deanna Dunham



Brenda Talley,
Don Ames,
and Vicki Shank



Standing: Paul Daniels
and Steve Williams
Sitting: Mary Ann
Beatty and Melanie
Williams

RECAP

Recap of Monthly Meeting

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RECAP





New Year Celebration on January 15, 2025



Fifty-two people came to
this special event



Our waiters
Cesar and Chris



Darren Marquardt
and Pat Beech



Lois Herberger, David Jones,
and Eve Christian



Paula Olejarz
and Stan Smith



Liz Moore
and Denise Proulx



Eleni Triantafell,
Jill Moebus,
and Joan Corley



Barbie & George
Sidawy



Lynn Keefe
and Don Ames



Tim Beatty,
Deanna Dunham,
and Bob Hickey



Tim & Jeanne
Lavelle



Barbara Eger-Klatt
& Walter Klatt



Claudia & Peter Brawley,
and Mary Ann Beatty



Jonathan Kiell, and
Tom & Laurie Dowling



New Year Celebration

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Karen Schleifer, Bev Young,
and Laura Garrett



Paul & Peggy Daniels,
and Eileen Goran



Vicki Shank & Barry Harlan,
and Alfred Traurig



Eddie Drawdy, and
Melanie & Steve Williams



Serry Fahmy
and Lanny Quarles



Cindy & Steven Burton,
and Stephanie Phillips



Rocky & Cheryl
Rockburn



Josephine & Tom
Bergner



Margaret Huang
and June Freeman





Trip to The Villages, FL



- by Lois Herberger -

My trip to The Villages last December was fun, especially the December 7th luncheon at the Glenview Country Club. It was hosted by The Villages Deaf Senior Citizens (TVDS). Ninety guests were in attendance.

Rob and Corey McArthur, a deaf father and CODA son, were invited to talk about their experience on Amazing Race's 35th season show.

Each table had a lovely centerpiece, a globe with blinking lights and two flags on top of live wreaths. All the flags were from many countries around the world. Lunch was delicious and dessert was sumptuous.

Rob and Corey showed pictures of their journey through nine countries, and shared their challenges and frustrations with no access to any electronic devices. These two competitors came in third place.

Afterwards, guests at each table teamed up to play an Amazing Race trivia game. Some lucky individuals whose assigned seat numbers were secretly picked could take home their table centerpiece. Everyone received a sweet favor, a tiny paper suitcase filled with chocolate kisses.

It was great to spend the afternoon with many old friends.



Table Centerpiece



Corey McArthur,
Lois Herberger, Ed McGann,
and Rob McArthur



THE VILLAGES DEAF SENIOR CITIZENS
cheerfully hosts the Holiday event with the special guests

AMAZING RACE
Season 35
September to December 2023

December 7, 2024
Time: 11:30 am to 3 pm
Glenview Champions Country Club
3194 Glenview Road, The Villages, FL 32162
LIMIT: 80 PEOPLE

CHOICE OF BUFFET MEALS:
*Chicken Marsala
*Salmon
*Chateaubriant
*Bolognese
*Eggplant Parmigiana

Cash App (\$TVDeafSC)
OR Send/Give a Check Payable to TVDSC
to the TVDSC Treasurer, Pat Munger
1758 Zientara Loop, The Villages, FL 32163-5340

RSVP BEFORE FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND
Charles Reisinger, Chairperson
330 EMAIL: reisinger3490@comcast.net

COST: \$60

WIN A PRIZE

See related

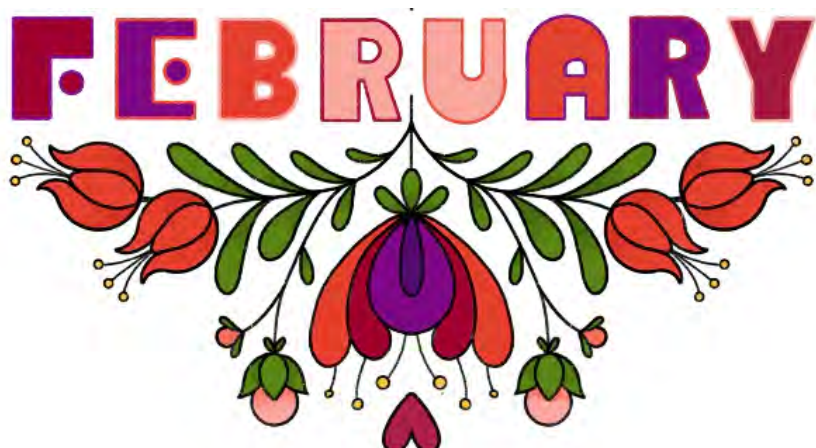


News of Interest



Lanny Quarles is staying at Helen Keller National Center in New York for one year. She will get training on Independent Living, Orientation & Mobility, and Adaptive Technology. She will learn braille, how to use a braille computer, cook blindfolded, use a cane blindfolded, etc.

HKNC provides comprehensive vocational and rehabilitation services to youth and adults aged 16 and older who are DeafBlind and have combined hearing and vision loss.



In Loving Memory



Jackie Mann died on December 26, 2024. She graduated from Gallaudet University in 1967. She started her education career as a teacher at Kendall Demonstration School for the Deaf. After she retired, she was an active member of the Maryland Deaf Senior Citizens. Her husband, Willis, died two years ago. She is survived by two sons, Eric and Kris; and one grandson, Gavin.

Source: <https://gallaudet.edu/academic-affairs/in-appreciation-faculty-and-staff-remember-three-community-members/>

Long-Time NVRC Board Members end their terms



Tom Dowling has been a member of the NVRC Board since 1995. He retired as a statistician after completing 40 years of service with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). He has advocated for different issues as a member of the Virginia Association of the Deaf, Inc. (VAD). For more information, see: <https://www.nvrc.org/board/tom-dowling/>.



Pam Gannon joined the NVRC Board in 2015. She retired from Social Work, Disability Housing and Human Services with Fairfax County. She also worked at the Deaf Reach group homes in D.C. She photographed many NVRC events. For more information, see: <https://www.nvrc.org/board/pam-gannon/>.

Happy Hands Deaf Seniors thank them for their service and wish them best of luck with retirement from the NVRC Board.



NVRC Events on Feb 1 and Feb 8



Omnium Circus Workshop on February 1 at 1:00-3:00PM

Lisa Lewis (Founder/Director) and Malik C. Paris (Deaf actor) will give an engaging, family-friendly workshop. There will be a brief demonstration, a look behind the scenes of inclusive circus arts, and plenty of time for questions and socializing.

You need to RSVP. Go to <https://www.nvrc.org/happenings/>, and look for February 1 on the calendar. The direct link is <https://forms.gle/gyNaNmE5cnx8eayQ8>.

ReelAbilities Screening of film “Okthanksbye” on February 8 at 10:00-12:00PM

Summary: At an esteemed boarding school for the deaf, Jamie embarks on an unlikely friendship with Imane. Their road trip to Paris starts as an adventurous escape but unfolds into a journey of self-discovery, challenges, and the true meaning of friendship. Trailer: <https://reelabilities.org/greaterwash/film/4131-2/>.

You need to RSVP. Go to <https://www.nvrc.org/happenings/>, and look for February 8 on the calendar. The direct link is <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/adventures-beyond-the-classroom-tickets-1130875401769>.



NVRC Annual Meeting

01-25-2025



Barbara Silber
Finance Manager



Caitlin O'Leary
Volunteer



Debbie Jones
Resources &
Technology



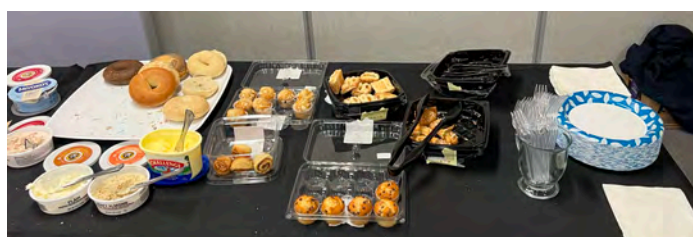
Liz, Volunteer
Darren Marquardt, Executive
Director
Marsha Magnet, Interpreter



Charles Sterling
Board Treasurer



Marsha Magnet, Interpreter
Brad Staton, Board Chair
Christina Todd, Interpreter



Breakfast
Buffet Table



Brad Staton, Board Chair
begins the NVRC Annual Meeting

(postponed from December 7, 2024,
due to an outbreak of COVID among the staff
and some Board members)



Pat Beech
Recipient of the
2024 Martha Glennan
Disability Inclusion & Equality
Award (Individual Category)



Tom Dowling
Recognized for
his 30 years
on the NVRC Board

NVRC Annual Meeting

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Pam Gannon

Jonathan Kiell (Board Vice-Chair) and Darren Marquardt (Executive Director) recognized Pam (photo used since Pam couldn't attend the meeting) for her years of service as a member and Secretary on the NVRC Board



Bonnie O'Leary
Outreach Manager
Lori & Kevin Daly



Tom Dowling
Board Member
with Paula Olejarz



Raffle Prize #2
Kitchen Basket



Raffle Prize #1
Golf Basket



Raffle Prize #3
Candle Collection

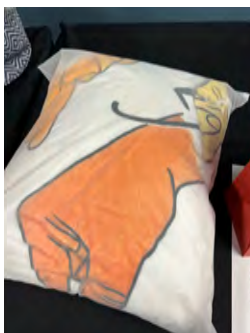


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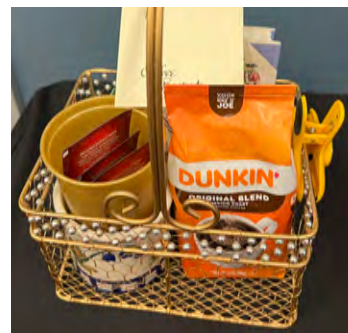
Raffle Prize #4
Children's Basket



Raffle Prize #5
White ASL Blanket



Raffle Prize #6
Stoneware Mugs



Raffle Prize #8
Coffee Basket



Raffle Prize #7
Backpack



Raffle Prize #9
Wine Basket #1



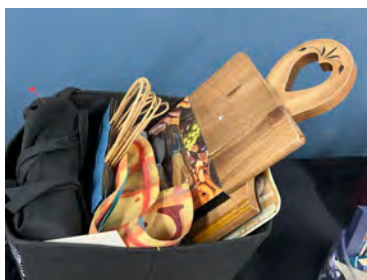
Raffle Prize #10
Black ASL Blanket



Raffle Prize #13
Various ASL Items



Raffle Prize #11
ASL Clock



Raffle Prize #12
Entertaining Basket



Raffle Prize #14
Wine Basket #2



DEAF LITERATURE FESTIVAL



FREE!

Feb 8th, 2025

10am-9:30pm

Doors open 9:30

**Location on
UVA Grounds
-TBA-**



**Including (will post at website)
Open Mic Deaf
Storytelling Event
7:30-9:30pm!*

Website:



**Leah
Hager Cohen**



**Carol
Padden**



**Christopher
Krentz**



**Erin
Moriarty**



**Kristen
Harmon**



**Terry
Galloway**

Northern Virginia Association of the Deaf

proudly hosts



SUPER BOWL LIX PARTY



Please RSVP to Joan Corley
Deadline:
Saturday, February 8, 2025



Sunday, February 9, 2025

3:00 PM

Dinner: 4:30 PM

Kickoff: 6:30 PM

**Northern Virginia Resource Center
Service Source Building
10467 White Granite Drive, Suite 312
Oakton, VA 22124**



Please bring a dish or 2 to share according to your last name:

A-F: Hot Dishes

G-L: Cold Salads

M-S: Appetizers

T-Z: Desserts

Bring your own sodas & non-alcoholic drinks. NVAD will provide Ham and water bottles.

Please let NVAD Vice President Joan Corley know at nvadvicepresident@gmail.com what dish you will bring to avoid duplicates.

*In case of inclement weather in our area, the party will be cancelled.
Watch for flash news via email and Facebook.*

2025 FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 NVRC Event (p. 9)
2 Social Night at Wegmans (p. 16)	3	4 	5 HH Monthly Meeting (p. 2)	6	7 	8 NVRC Event (p. 9)
9 NVAD Super Bowl Party (p. 14)	10	11	12 HH Social Chat at Wegmans (p. 16)	13	14 	15
16 Social Night at Wegmans (p. 16)	17 	18 	19 Fine Tuners Meeting 10AM-12PM	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 Crafts and Board Games 10AM-2PM	27	28	

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Thanks to:

- Everyone who came to Clyde's on January 15 to help Happy Hands celebrate the new year
- Pat Beech for organizing the New Year Luncheon at Clydes
- Everyone who helped with set-up and clean-up at the January 22 Meeting
- The Sloppy Joes Chefs: Eddie Drawdy and Melanie Williams
- Lynn Keefe for the Crafts activity
- Eddie Drawdy and Jill Moebus for the Board Games Activity
- Pat Beech for doing the monthly HH Newsletter issue
- Melanie Williams, Jonathan Kiell, and Vicki Shank for proofreading the monthly HH Newsletter issue
- Debbie Jones and Pat Beech for preparing the monthly HH Newsletter hard copies for mail





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Don Ames, Chair
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URL: <https://www.nvrc.org/happy-hands/>



Fine Tuners for 2024-2025

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

Back Row (All are Members-At-Large): Jill Moebus,
 Lois Herberger, Bob Hickey, and Cathleen Potosky

Thanks for donating to Happy Hands:

* Shelley Simms



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 February 2 and 16. FYI, some people arrive early (6:00PM) and grab some of Wegmans prepared food for dinner.



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!

Also, HH Lunchtime Social Chat at Wegmans will be on February 12.

For more info, contact Jonathan Kiell at jona3ki@msn.com.

For the Sunday Chats see: <https://www.meetup.com/aslbridge/events/304987317>.

