

Building Bridges
for Better
Communication

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SEPT. 6TH
LABOR DAY**

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TSHA's Office Hours

Monday
8:00 am -7:00 pm
Tuesday- Thursday
8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Closed Friday,
Saturday & Sunday

"Deaf Connections: Removing the Firewall"

2010 Tulsa Deaf Awareness Week
September 19 - 25

The last full week in September is national Deaf Awareness Week each year, and the Tulsa deaf community has long planned an incredible slate of activities in honor of the week.

The *"Deaf Connections: Removing the Firewall"* theme this year emphasizes the role of technology in helping people with hearing loss connect, and in improving accessibility.

We hope everyone in the hearing community will take advantage of these opportunities to experience a

connection to the amazing Tulsa deaf/hard-of-hearing community with all its varied members, and to help "remove the firewall", or the barriers, that separate people.

Huge thanks to the DAW committee, which has been meeting since last spring to bring you this fabulous week.

[A special insert on pages 6-8 of this newsletter provides detailed information on the week's events.](#)

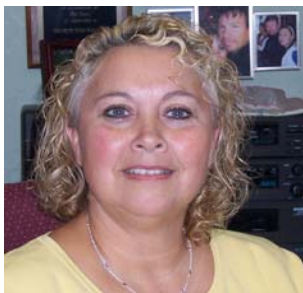
Be a part of this amazing week!! And bring a friend.

The Time to Join is NOW!!! *By Ingrid Lobaugh*

TSHA is launching its annual membership drive in conjunction with Deaf Awareness Week. As a board member and the mother of a Deaf child, I want to urge you to join TSHA today.

- Why?** 1 out of every 10 Americans has a hearing loss. Someone *you* know needs TSHA.
- Why me?** Only 1 in 3,000 Green Country residents is a member. Imagine what TSHA could accomplish with your support!
- Why join?** Every dollar is squeezed into services. Last year, TSHA served 25,000 individuals. This award-winning agency has been helping people access communication for over 50 years.
- Why now?** What better time than Deaf Awareness Week to celebrate and support this outstanding agency!

Fill out the membership form in this newsletter, or visit www.tsha.cc and click on the **Donate** button (lower left). Join me in joining TSHA today!



A Time of Change

From the Executive Director's Desk

by R. René Ryan

As fall begins, it is a time when we see cooler weather and leaves changing color. Normally, it also jump-starts from a slower summer pace into a time of craziness for the TSHA staff as activities begin in earnest after Labor Day.

This year summer was slightly different. Our Interpreter Referral Program never had its normal summer slow-down. For IRP, it proved to be one of the busiest summers in our history - including a day in August that was **officially our busiest day ever!**

This summer, we also developed **new procedures** regarding our newsletter, and you can find details on our website. We are working on converting to a new database, and want to gather updated information and email addresses so we can be a more "green" facility.

This summer, our Board has also been hard at work on **"Souper Bowl Sunday,"** which will be held **February 27, 2011.** We hope you make plans to attend.

The membership committee has restructured membership levels this summer (see page 11), and just mailed out the application to all involved with TSHA. Memberships will now all be effective from October 1 – September 30, allowing us to focus more efficiently on increasing membership numbers. **TSHA is dependent upon the support from you,** the community, and this is a way you can become active by supporting us at the level you prefer.

Another group hard at work this summer includes a small committee of dedicated Board members working on **TSHA's Strategic Plan.** This included a

Friday night and all-day Saturday brainstorming session. Look for more details in next month's newsletter...but I can say that I am very excited with the level of commitment of the members. They were in agreement that "respect" for all, was key in every decision made by the committee. TSHA is fortunate to have such an active group providing direction for the agency.

Though the summer was NOT a slow one, September still brings many wonderful events to fruition.

We are fortunate to be paired with several companies who will come ready to work on projects for TSHA as part of Tulsa Area United Way's annual **"Day of Caring" on September 10 (see page 5).** The following week, on September 17, we will host our annual **rummage sale (see page 5),** with all proceeds to benefit our internal campaign for TAUW. We have received some *amazing* items and we expect this to be one of the best sales ever!

The following week is one with a variety of activities for all ages as we celebrate "Deaf Awareness Week." (see pages 6-8) As part of DAW, on Tuesday, Sept. 21, TSHA will hold two **"Deaf, Deaf World" sessions,** which are experiential workshops that prove to be an "eye-opener" into the world of deafness. More detailed information on all of the events mentioned above can be found in this newsletter, and on our website (www.tsha.cc).

As we gear up for fall, I challenge each of you to attend at least one deafness-related activity that you have never experienced. Enjoy the cooler weather, the change of color and what TSHA can do for you.

Sign Classes Start NOW!

Don't miss out! TSHA's fall non-credit, evening sign language classes begin the week of **September 13,** so you can still get in. 10-week classes (two hours each night) are \$70, and shorter classes are even less.

Call Kirsten now at (918)832-8742 or kwilson@tsha.cc, or Diana at dhiggins@tsha.cc, to receive full enrollment information, or check out www.tsha.cc under "sign language classes" on the main page (scroll down).

We will have classes available in Broken Arrow and Bixby (starts Oct. 12) as well as Tulsa. In addition, we're planning a class at Happy Hands' new facility, and we're considering a Signing Songs course.

Don't delay! Sign up now.

MENTAL HEALTH SERIES BY DR. EMILY THOMAS, PH.D, LPC



I'm Stressed Again!

With the new school year well underway, I got several requests to re-run the "stress" article from last year and the linked article that was included (see below). So take the article and a cold drink outside to relax for a minute while you read!

Do you ever have one of those days that seems like there is more to do than there are hours in the day to get it done? That is stress! Stress is "feeling" like more is demanded from you than what is possible to get done. Stress can even be "good," like big holidays or celebrations or a family visit or even a vacation. What is happening is good, but there is much work to make it happen. Other stress might come from your job, concerns about your health or a loved one,

worries about money, a hard class with lots of homework, or even just trying to get the kids to school in the morning.

Cells in your brain work as "messengers" to communicate in the brain and with the rest of your body so that everything works as it should. When you are stressed, this chemical communication fails. What does this mean? It means trouble sleeping enough or too much, trouble eating enough or too much, aches and pains in your body, difficulty concentrating or focusing to solve problems, tearfulness, shortness of breath, high blood pressure, cranky attitude, and less motivation.

What can you do? Most

importantly, go back to the basics of self-care. Breathe, slowly and deeply. Eat foods that are good for your body. Take the time to sleep well. Exercise, even if you just go for a walk or stretch in your living room. These things will give your body the immediate repair it needs to handle stress. It is also good to take a break from your problems and spend time with friends. Laugh. Play. Spend some time outside, or do something fun that you enjoy. Then start problem solving, one piece at a time. Ask for help when you need it. And keep breathing those slow, deep breaths!

For more information:

<http://www.mtstcil.org/skills/stress-definition-1.html>



Plan Early! **TSHA Children's Holiday Party**

Before you know it, **December 4** will be here, and with it – the holiday highlight of the year for deaf and hard of hearing kids, CODAs (Children Of Deaf Adults) and their families.

TSHA's annual Children's Holiday Party will be held at Boston Avenue Methodist Church at 13th and Boston from 2:00 pm– 4:00 pm, so jot the date on your calendar now.

Needed:

Donations of stocking stuffers, and/or funds to purchase them.

Groups to plan a craft or game, gather the supplies and staff the table.

People to spread the word to eligible kids!

This is the most fun event you can participate in all year – after all, who doesn't love watching kids have a great time? For more information contact Diana Higgins at 918-832-8742 or dhiggins@tsha.cc.



Tulsa Hearing Helpers: “Cochlear America”

September 9 – Jessica Ballard of Cochlear America will share the most recent information on implantable technologies, local resources, and insurance reimbursements. Come learn more about the difference between hearing aids and cochlear implants, and who is a candidate for which.

Our thanks to *Julia Shirk* for coming on August 12 to help us understand more about looping and the accessibility it can provide in public facilities and in the home.

When: The second Thursday of each month, from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Where: TSHA’s conference room, 8740 E. 11th St.

Accommodations: We usually have a captionist. Assistive listening devices and interpreters are available upon request. Thanks to audiologist Julia Shirk, our room is now looped, for those with t-coils!

What is Tulsa Hearing Helpers? It is a monthly gathering for people who have lost hearing later in life. All ages and amounts of hearing loss are welcome, along with friends and family members.

Call Kaye at 296-5559 or Diana at 832-8742 (v/tty) for more information.

Changes are Happening!

We want to thank the board for all their hard work this summer in revising the membership. You will find at the back of this newsletter a new application for the membership. Memberships will now run from October 1st thru September 30st. Starting in October, the newsletter will be posted on the website and members will receive an email notification when it is up. The newsletter will stop being paper copy mailed unless you let us know otherwise. This will help us cut postage cost and become a “greener” office. If you have any questions, please contact Kirsten at kwilson@tsha.cc.

GAP

(Gathering As Professionals)

Saturday, September 4th, 4pm to 8pm – Labor Day Weekend Pool Party & Cookout”

We all decided we never do anything exciting over Labor Day... so now we are! Let’s wrap up the summer with a BBQ cookout at Cody and Ryan’s house.

Bring your favorite dish to share as we chat about our summers - vacations, trainings, or any exciting (or boring?) things you did! We will meet at the neighborhood pool and cook out hamburgers and hot dogs to go with the potluck dishes. If it rains, we will just go in the house and socialize. Please RSVP so we can make sure we have enough burgers and dogs. Don’t forget to bring your bathing suit!!

*Details and directions will be sent to those who **RSVP by Sept. 1** to Diana Higgins at dhiggins@tsha.cc or (918) 832-8742 v/tty.*

GAP is a social group for people age 21 and over who are deaf, hard of hearing, or hearing individuals connected to the community. Join us!

A look ahead:

November 13, Saturday, time TBA – “Wine, Cheese... and Sommelier Skills”

September 10 is the annual **United Way Day of Caring**. We will have over 50 wonderful volunteers from Tulsa companies coming to TSHA to spend the day painting, landscaping, sorting and pricing garage sale items, creating pots for Souper Sunday, going through donated equipment, providing office help and more.

We are grateful to the companies and their employees who will donate their time and hard work to us that day. This year they will be: *Goodwill Industries, OK DHS, Tulsa Area United Way, ONB Bank, AMETEK Chandler Engineering, and Vanguard-Enterprise Holdings.*

We need YOU to come and join us! The company volunteers want to work alongside members of our Deaf community – you can help to educate them about deafness and about the services TSHA offers. We will have a delicious cook-out on the parking lot at noon – *just* for those who have volunteered. Contact dhiggins@tsha.cc or 832-8742 v/tty.

The United Way Day of Caring marks the beginning of the United Way fundraising campaign each year. **TSHA is one of 61 area agencies** that depends on United Way funds to continue serving our clients each year.

Happy Hands Open House

Information from their website at www.happyhands.org

Join Happy Hands in celebrating their new facility- 8801 S. Garnett Road, Broken Arrow, OK 74012
Grand Opening - Public Open House and Tours
Thursday and Friday, Sept 16-17, 10 am to 6 pm
Sunday, Sept 19, 2 pm to 4 pm



Needed: Rummage Sale Items, Volunteers & Shoppers!

It's almost time again for the gigantic annual TSHA Rummage Sale that benefits United Way *and* TSHA.

We've gotten lots of great treasures (basketball goal, air hockey table, LOTS of great clothes, furniture, etc, etc), but we **still need YOURS**.

You can count it as a tax deduction.

We will happily take items in good condition for our annual rummage sale on **September 17**. (Please, do NOT bring broken or non-working items.) Bring donations to TSHA before September 9, as we will have volunteers to sort and price them during the United Way Day of Caring on September 10.

We also **need volunteers** to take a shift on the 17th itself, helping set up, tear down, and keep organized in between. This is a fun day, with lots of time for visiting and a chance to get great bargains as well. *(Plus, we'll feed you!)*

Lastly, what's a sale without shoppers? On **September 17, from 8:00 am– 3:00 pm**, come to what promises to be TSHA's largest sale yet!! Tell all your friends to come by!

For more information call TSHA at 918-832-8742 v/tty, or email kwilson@tsha.cc or lhawkins@tsha.cc.



An air hockey table and a motorcycle storage attachment are just a few of many items for sale this year.

Roller Derby!

Green Country Roller Girls Present: *Women's Flat Track Roller Derby*

Come see this team, which has both a deaf individual and an interpreter on its roster! Let's cheer on our own! In honor of DAW, the national anthem will be signed, an informational booth will be on hand, and there will be special half-time entertainment.

When: Sunday, September 19th 2010 Door opens at 6 pm. Bout at 7 pm.

What: Thunderdollz Roller Girls vs. OKC Roller Girls

Where: At Broken Arrow Roller Sports 551 West Oakland, Broken Arrow

Price: \$10.00 at door, \$8.00 in advance

www.brownpapertickets.com or www.greencountryrollergirls.com

Silent Dinner at Incredible Pizza!

On Monday, **September 20**, our ever-popular Silent Dinner moves across the street! Instead of meeting at the mall food court, we'll be gathering at Incredible Pizza (8314 E. 71st St., 74133 – just across 71st from Woodland Hills Mall). Join us anytime from 5:00 pm on (some students will come earlier), and we need to leave the dining room

PROMPTLY at 7:45 pm (last year their cleaning staff had to wait 45 minutes for people to finally leave the room). You can continue to visit in the game room, which is open til 9:00 pm.

Incredible Pizza is kindly giving us a **group discount**, while allowing us to pay separately (not normally done). Tell them you are with TSHA's Silent Dinner to get the **huge buffet** (pizza, pasta, salads, desserts, etc.) and drink for **\$7** (+ tax) – cheaper than last year!! If you like, you can get a game card (you can put however much money you wish to spend on it) and enjoy the **vast array of video**



games, mini-golf, go-karts, bowling, simulated rides, etc. Your kids (or YOU) will have a blast!!

Also, for those whose budget just won't allow for the buffet, you can still come and **socialize for free**.

Incredible Pizza will allow you to leave a driver's license or keys with them, and get a wristband to show you are not eating. When you leave, they'll take the wristband off and return your item.

The Tulsa Silent Dinner during Deaf Awareness Week is always the largest in the state— **around**

200 people! Do NOT miss this exciting evening. Contact Diana Higgins at (918) 832-8742 or email dhiggins@tsha.cc if you have questions. See you there!

Future Silent Dinners, back at the mall food court:

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|---------------------------|----------|
| October 21 st | Thursday |
| November 16 th | Tuesday |
| December 2 nd | Thursday |

Deaf Deaf World Workshops, Open House & Give-Aways!

Tuesday, September 21st:

1. TSHA is offering the **Deaf Deaf World experiential workshop** to the public for the first time in two years. Your choice of 3:00 pm or 4:00 pm (if enough people NEED a 5:00 pm, we'll try to provide that too).

This unique and fun chance to “walk for an hour in a Deaf person's shoes” should not be missed! It's a perfect and rare educational opportunity for: *family and friends; school employees; HR personnel; first responders; medical workers; diversity personnel; co-workers; students of sign language, social work, human relations, or social services*, - anyone who wants to gain a whole new first-hand perspective on deafness and deaf culture. Professionals - check to see if attendance can count for continuing ed in your field.

Sign up NOW, with dhiggins@tsha.cc or (918) 832-8742, as space is limited. It's FREE!



Continued: Tuesday DDW and Open House event

2. **TSHA's Open House** will be held from 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm on Tuesday. Come enjoy light refreshments, tour the facility, and see if we have services that could benefit someone *you* know. We'll also have a table full of **donated equipment available for you to take** – first come, first served; deaf or hearing. TTYs, alerting devices, etc. will be yours for the taking. Since the items were donated to us, we can't promise they all work, but hey – they're free!! We also have some free literacy materials that teachers, parents and students may be interested in picking up. And... there just MIGHT be door prizes... come and find out!



Celebration Service

This special evening, hosted by Park Plaza Church of Christ's Deaf Ministry (4930 S. Sheridan Road in Tulsa), will be on **Wednesday, September 22**. ALL are invited. What a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community! 6:00 pm – 8:00 p.m. The evening will begin with refreshments.

Cochlear Implant Support Group

What: Northeast Oklahoma Cochlear Implant Support Group

When: Thursday, **September 23rd** at 6:45 pm

Where: Mary K. Chapman Center for Communicative Disorders, The University of Tulsa, 2820 E 5th Street, Tulsa, OK 74104, (see below for directions)

Speaker/Topic: *Ray Willingham*, Department of Rehab Services/Services to the Deaf on the **State Equipment Distribution Program**

Who: **Everyone is welcome**, including individuals with CIs and anyone considering a CI. Parents, spouses, families and all interested people are invited. **Accommodations** that night will include a sign language interpreter, real time captioning, and soundfield amplification.

Any questions? Contact Carol Lambert at carol-lambert@utulsa.edu

Directions to Campus

- * Take Highway 244 to the Delaware exit.
- * Turn south on Delaware.
- * Go to 5th Street and turn east.
- * The clinic is on the south side (left)
- * Limited parking is available directly in front of the building.

Additional parking is available in the lots across the street to the north. Access to these lots is from 4th Place. Turn east on 4th Place and turn right (south) into the 3rd driveway on the right (south side). Drive through the parking lot till you see the signs on the left (west) side that are labeled "Speech and Hearing Clinic Reserved" or park in any available space. The Clinic is across 5th Street southwest of the parking lot.

Joe Momma's Trivia Fundraiser

Thursday, September 23: Food, friends, and fun – all for a good cause!

Joe Momma's Pizza (112 S. Elgin Ave., Tulsa, OK 74120) will donate 5% of the total sales from **8 pm to 10 pm** to TSHA's campaign for United Way. **Trivia starts at 9 pm.** Note: a large number of trivia participants show up around 8PM to make sure that they get a seat.

Joe Momma's is a brick oven pizzeria with a great downtown vibe. There's much more than pizza on the menu! Check out <http://www.joemommas.com/>

Come join us for the food, the trivia, or both!

Camp Loughridge hosts DAW Students' Day!!

Camp Loughridge and TSHA, along with Oklahoma schools, are co-sponsoring this event, especially geared to deaf and hard-of-hearing students (though adult and parent volunteers are needed)!

Come on over to beautiful Camp Loughridge, with 200+ acres of hilly, wooded terrain, and lakes...it's hard to believe this is only 10 to 15 minutes from downtown Tulsa. Pack your favorite lunch and a drink, and get ready for fun!

We'll divide into groups of 10 by age, and rotate between **canoeing, challenge games, lunch around a bonfire, and more – all in this wonderful outdoor setting. The best part is getting to see other deaf and hard-of-hearing students!**

Special activities for preschoolers will be presented in the morning by Jenks H.S. ASL students. School interpreters and teachers will make sure every event

is fully accessible to the kids. **Camp Loughridge permission slips, signed by parents, MUST be turned in to the camp no later than a week in advance for EVERY student.**

Check out the website to see pictures and learn more about Camp Loughridge:

<http://www.camplooughridge.org/>

Who: Any age Deaf or hard of hearing student in Oklahoma.

Where: Camp Loughridge, 4900 W. 71st Street, Tulsa, OK 74131, 918-446-4194

When: Friday, **Sept. 24**, 2010

9:30 am – 1:30 pm

Cost: \$3.00 per student

Must RSVP asap to Judy Ingram at: ingraju@tulsaschools.org. For more information, contact dhiggins@tsha.cc or (918) 832-8742.



Out of work? Need a job? Struggling at work because of hearing loss?

By Cody Francisco, VR, mfrancisco@okdrs.gov

Come see how Department of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) can help YOU! Often people misunderstand and think that Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) is only for college. Not so! If you're struggling with finding a job, don't know where to go, struggling

with your work environment, or preparing for training to find better employment, then you'll want to see how we can help you with little or no cost.

Also, you can meet the Tulsa DRS Services to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing team as we have a new staff. Let us help

minimize your confusion about what exactly we can do for you and what our services include.

Come to learn, and receive a ticket for FREE pizza and pop afterwards (only for those who attend the seminar), then stay and watch ASL Idol!

When: Saturday,

September 25th at 2pm to 4pm

Where: TCC NE Campus in the Seminar Center (near the auditorium where ASL Idol will be hosted)

Who: Deaf, hard-of-hearing, family and friends – ALL are welcome.

Cost: FREE!

ASL Idol! Dust off your talent – it could be worth cash! Whether you're a storyteller, or can sign a song, or dance, or juggle, or do karate, or just think about being accessible to a mixed deaf and hearing audience. Grab some friends, and work on a song or skit or...? Last year several of the winners were student groups, so don't be afraid to enter.

If you're convinced you don't have a talent to enter, then be sure to

come and be part of the audience – cheer your friends on! What a fun way to wrap up a fantastic week!

Saturday September 25th 2010

Door opens at 6:00 pm. Show starts 6:30 pm.

TCC NE Campus Auditorium
3727 East Apache Tulsa OK 74135

Host: Cody Francisco

Admission:

Contestants

\$10.00

Audience \$5.00

Prizes!

1st place \$150.00

2nd place \$100.00

3rd place \$75.00

Proceeds benefit CSD Oklahoma's domestic violence program.

Deadline to apply Sept 17th

Contact: Kristina Hakey at CSD Oklahoma 888-252-1017 TTY 8007372049 VP

csdoklahoma@c-s-d.org

2009 3rd Place Winners:

Kim Thornberry and her student Alyssa Quinn



VR Office for Deaf/HoH is Fully Staffed!

Services to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, under the Department of Rehabilitation Services in Tulsa, has a fully-staffed office! [Located in the TSHA building.] The three new team members joining **Sandy Keese** are: **Cody Francisco, Jonathon Cook, and Tiffany Harris.**

Cody worked at TSHA as a Job Placement Specialist during 2000-2002, before leaving for Rochester, New York to attend Rochester Institute of Technology. Cody completed his Bachelor's and Master's at RIT before returning to Oklahoma in 2006. Cody's position with DRS is *Community Outreach Specialist for the Deaf*. His position is bridging the gap between the Deaf community and DRS, educating employers about Deaf services, cultural sensitivity training, and many more responsibilities.

Jonathon has his Bachelor's in Counseling: Services to the Deaf from East Central University, in Ada, OK. Jonathon received his Master's in Rehabilitation Counseling and holds a CRC (Certified Rehabilitation Counselor). Prior to his



current job, Jonathon was an intern, and then an employee, at TSHA as a Development Specialist. His new position at DRS is as the new *Vocational Rehab Counselor for the Deaf*.

Sandy has her Bachelor's in Education from Northwest Oklahoma State University and her Master's in Human Relations from the University of Oklahoma. Before DRS, Sandy worked in the education system and went thru the Interpreter Preparation Program at Tulsa Community College. Sandy started out with DRS as a Rehabilitation Technician and was promoted to a *Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor* last fall.

Tiffany has her Bachelor's in Services to the Deaf from East Central University, in Ada, OK. Tiffany has worked in the education system as an interpreter for many years. She has joined the team as the new *Rehabilitation Technician* providing support to both Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors.

All employees with Services to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in Tulsa are fluent in American Sign Language and can provide full communication to those with any type of hearing loss.

Edison Deaf Reunion
presents
"Black Sand"
Information by Robin Polin

"Black Sand" is a deaf movie with closed captions.

October 30, 2010, Saturday at TCC- NE.

Time: 2:00 pm (Door opens at 1:30 pm)

Cost: \$11 dollars per ticket

Contact: Robin Polin, Chairperson

Email: Edison.Deaf.Reunion@gmail.com

VP: 918-948-8935

The funds raised go to Edison Deaf Reunion.

**Volunteers! Plan ahead for:
Kids' World 2010— A Global Odyssey**

When: Nov. 4, 5, 6 2010

Where: Exchange Center, Expo Square

Dozens of volunteers will be needed, between 9:00 am -8:00 pm, to staff TSHA's booth on Deaf Culture.

Contact Diana at dhiggins@tsha.cc or
(918)-832-8742

TSHA'S NIGHT AT PHILBROOK MUSEUM

Attendees' comments:

"Loved that tour, and I had a fabulous time there!!!" - "Papa" Rodger

"Thank you. I enjoyed every minute in Philbrook Museum of Art..." - Chuck Helm

The museum's comments:

"We wanted to thank you once again for the amazing program Tuesday night. We were so pleased with the turnout! We had so much fun with the group and hope the group had fun as well. Can't wait for the family program too! All the best and thanks again." - Susan



We want to thank Philbrook Museum and staff. Picture: Susan Green and Sarah Jesse-staff at Philbrook.

Interpreter Scholarship Available

From Jeanette Buttram, V 405-945-3388, VP 405-445-3735, or 866-970-9422

The application for the Donna Hayes Scholarship is now available on the OKRID website...

www.okrid.org.

Interpreters planning to take a national certification test in 2011 are eligible to apply. Deadline for submission of a completed application is December 31st. The winner(s) of the scholarship will be announced at the annual OKRID conference in January, 2011.



Tulsa Shock

Thanks to all who came to the Tulsa Shock women's basketball game! A great crowd attended with TSHA's group on August 14. While our team may not have won, our group had a truly fun time.

We'll have to do it again soon!

FREE FAMILY DAY AT PHILBROOK

The special TSHA night at Philbrook on Aug. 3 was a resounding success!! Over 87 people turned out. You have one more chance to enjoy the Egyptian exhibit, as TSHA and Philbrook Museum co-sponsor a **special time for families**.

The museum will open early *only* to our group at **9:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 11**. The TSHA community will get premier parking, donuts and an interpreted tour of the visiting exhibit, "To Live Forever."

At 10:00, the regular "2nd Saturday of the month" Free Family Day for the public will begin. It will be chock full of hands-on art projects, family friendly tours, scavenger hunts and other activities that are aimed specifically for a family audience. Any time until 4:00 p.m., you can make an art project with the little ones, and create a new family memory.

Be sure to sign up for Philbrook's free MyMuseum program too, where children can receive a starter toolkit full of art supplies and an Art Card of the Month. Each month you visit the museum, your children will receive more art supplies and art cards. It's a great way to get your child's creative juices flowing month after month.

While an RSVP is not required, it is greatly appreciated, so Philbrook knows how many donuts to buy and how many interpreters to provide. *RSVP to dhiggins@tsha.cc, or (918)832-8742.*

TSHA Membership Application

Please PRINT clearly

Support TSHA through your annual membership and/or a donation. Mail completed application to:

**TSHA, Inc. / Membership Application
8740 E. 11th Street, Suite A Tulsa, OK 74112-7957**

Name: _____ Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ o TTY o V Work : _____ o TTY o V

VP: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____ *Newsletters are **emailed** unless otherwise specified.*

Membership Category

(Please **choose one** and enclose payment)

- Friend \$25- \$49
- Supporter \$50-\$99
- Advocate \$100-\$249
- Sponsor \$250-\$499
- Benefactor \$500-\$999
- Champion \$1,000-\$2,500
- Other: _____

Your supporter level membership will help purchase a box of fluorescent light bulbs for the building- so we won't be working in the dark!

Contributions & Memberships

Contributions

Hardesty Family Foundation, Inc.
Flint Family Foundation
TSCCD, Inc.
The Anne and Henry Zarrow Foundation
The Mervin Bovaird Foundation

Donations for Children Holiday Party

Edna Cheatham
Charles H. Dye
TSCCD

Memberships

Addie Mae Smith
Paul F. Hammond
Len & Wanda Hull
Dana Williams
Nancy Rinier

Joan Burns meets with the rest of the Tulsa Quota Club in our conference room for a club meeting.

To find out how your club can use our conference room for meetings or events contact Yamy at ycauales@tsha.cc.





**Total Source for
Hearing-loss and Access**

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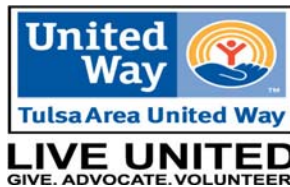
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Newsletter/Membership changes

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