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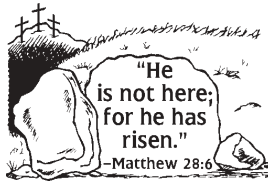
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ILDA Necrology...

Greeting in our Lord!

The 17th Biennial convention of the International Lutheran Deaf Association is coming up fast! It seems like it was only yesterday we were meeting together in Indianapolis. Next year's convention will be in Minneapolis, Minnesota on the dates of July 3, 4, 5, and 6 at the Minneapolis Airport Hilton.

This letter is a request that you provide me with the names, ages, and dates and locations of ILDA members who have passed away since the last convention in Indianapolis. As Chairperson of the ILDA Necrology Committee, this information will be shared with our membership during a brief memorial service during the convention to remember our friends whom have been called home by our Lord.

I would appreciate receiving your responses no later than June 15th, 2003 so that I may prepare my report to the convention body. It is also possible that a Necrology list may be included in the Convention Proceedings, so the report should be as complete as possible.

Blessings on your work for our Lord and many thanks for your anticipated cooperation in this important project.

*In Our Master's Service,
Diane L. Francisco, Chairperson,
ILDA Necrology Committee*

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LCMS Deaf Missions...

www.lcmsdeaf.org/ilda

Notes from the 2003 ILDA Convention Host

The progress of the 2003 ILDA Convention is going smooth. The registrations and the hotel bookings have come in very good. It's going to be exciting, because it's only 4 months away. Come one and come all to the great state of 10,000 Lakes, Minnesota!



There are reminders and changes in our registration and hotel information. Please note: ILDA membership is \$20 for two years, not \$10. The ILDA registration forms previously mailed to the deaf churches is wrong. \$20 is the correct amount. In this issue there are corrected registration forms and a corrected hotel registration form. Those who have registered, please don't worry about it. The ILDA membership fees will be taken care of with the ILDA Treasurer during the July 3rd registration day.

For Saturday's lunch, please pick one, not both for Saturday Box Lunch or God's 1000 Luncheon. Be careful to choose which lunch you want and not get a double meal.

We sent out program book ads information and contract page and booster cards last fall. Please remember the actual deadline for turning in these will be April 15, 2003. Please mail back the booster cards and money to John Krause, his address is on the booster cards.

The Banner/Skit/Choir Competitions deadline is June 1st. The new announcement is that the winners will get awards, ribbons, and certificates. The awards will be 1st place: \$50.00, 2nd place: \$25, and 3rd place: \$15. Ask your Pastor for a copy of the competition form or go in the website to fill it out.

See you real soon in Minneapolis/St. Paul in July!

Mark Johnson, Chairman



Booth Tables...

There are free booth tables available at the Minneapolis 2003 convention site. Contact Mark Johnson (MarkLinda6@aol.com) for info/reservation/approval.

The President's Report...



James Swalley, ILDA 2001-2003 President

Greetings everyone in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

To the members of the International Lutheran Deaf Association and the readers of the Deaf Lutheran, there were happy and sad moments after the ILDA Executive Council meetings at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana last October.

Last month a letter was received from Christ Lutheran Church for the Deaf, Silver Springs, Maryland that their members in regular voter's assembly, resolved to offer to host the 2007 ILDA convention in Baltimore, Maryland. With God's blessing with the 2003 convention delegates shall accept their bid to host the 2007 convention.

It is really with a sad heart that I read about the loss of ministry funds to our deaf missions. The LCMS began its support of deaf ministry in 1896 and continued that support on the national level until 1972-17 when that support was handed over the districts. I wonder how many will feel the fiscal ax.

The bright spot in all this D.I.T. God is forcing us to change to an ethic church deaf people themselves will raise up to their own clergy and manage their own churches. In foreign nations

where the LCMS white guys had to leave, the local parish began to take responsibility for their ministry. Maybe the local deaf churches will decide to separate from the LCMS and establish their own national church body.

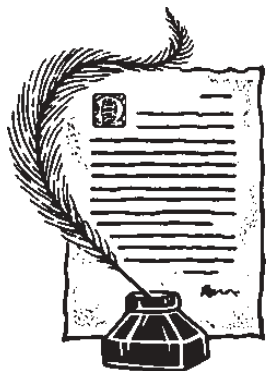
It is not just deaf ministry be targeted. Many mission endeavors are being cut. Many of our hearing churches have had a great increase in costs recently. Many have had to remodel the chancel areas to make room for plays, slide/video presentations, addition of screens which can go up and down automatically. Digital projectors and computers have had to be purchased. So gentlemen, we must understand that costs have gone up tremendously for all these things it requires to preach the gospel to the los

Perhaps, the rest of pastors for the deaf should leave and take on hearing churches. The few Deaf Men we have as pastors for the Deaf can be the leaders/teachers of the new Deaf lay/part time ministries for the deaf. You see, the Synod no longer supports the seminaries either. It is not just the Deaf being cut.

May the Lord be with you all and keep you in happiness and good health.

James Swalley, 2001-2003 ILDA President

Editorial...



Greeting everyone in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Last November I have received an e-mail from Rev. Mark Anderson, ILDA Pastoral Advisor, due to insufficient funds available in the Northern Illinois District, the district has terminated his position as the pastor to the deaf as of January 31, 2003. Our prayers goes to Rev. Mark and his family.

This week while I have been working on this Spring Issue of *The Deaf Lutheran* newsletter, I was shocked when I received a pager message from my friend from Houston, Texas, telling me to turn on my TV. Here I viewed the break up of Space Shuttle Columbia as it reentered the atmosphere on its way home to Florida, just 16 minutes before landing. Lost are seven (7) astronauts. I was sadden to see this happened. To me it brought back memories of Space Shuttle Challenger back in January 28, 1986, 17 years ago, that exploded 73 minutes into lift-off. I can still remember where and what I was doing that January day.

Of Columbia's 7 astronauts, one is from Israel, one is India-born US citizen, and two astronauts are devoted Christians.

Reminder to you all, the 2003 ILDA Convention in Minneapolis, MN is rapidly coming up. If you haven't done so, be sure you get your registration mailed soon and also hotel reservation. The 2001-03 Mission Project Goal is really shocking! So far, only \$15,275.60 has been raised. We have only three more month to reach the goal of \$47,500. By June 15th, Lester Ahls should have received all the 2003 ILDA Right Hand Award nominations. Nomination form is on ILDA web site: www.lcmsdeaf.org/ilda/UCJones/UCJones. Also, Diane Francisco should have receive by June 15th, ILDA Necrology informations. Peace!

David G. Brown, Editor



*The Columbia Crew Remembered—
l-r: David M. Brown, Rick Husband, Laurel Clark,
Kalpana Chawla, Michael Anderson, William
McCool, and Ilan Ramon.*



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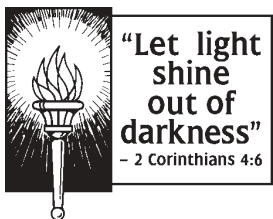
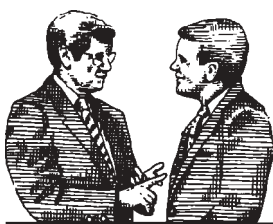
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Executive Board Meeting...



"Let light shine out of darkness"
- 2 Corinthians 4:6



ILDA 2001-2003 President, James Swalley hard at work during the Board meeting!



Also, ILDA 2001-2003 Treasurer, Jim Sipchen hard at work on his computer during the Board meeting!



The Executive Board smiled at camera during breakfast at Bob Evans.



l-r: President, James Swalley; Pastoral Advisor, Rev. Mark Anderson; President-elect, Pam Kane; Minnesota 2003 host committee representative, John Krause; Treasurer, Jim Sipchen; Secretary, Tim Johnston; and Deaf Lutheran Business Manager, Larry Ginter. Not shown is David G. Brown, Deaf Lutheran Editor because he was taking this photo!

ILDA President, James Swalley, has called for the ILDA Executive Council Meeting to be held at beautiful Concordia Theological Seminary campus in Fort Wayne, Indiana on Oct 25-26, 2002.

Attendances were: James Swalley, president; Pam Kane, President-elect; Tim Johnston, secretary; Jim Sipchen, treasure; Rev. Mark Anderson, pastoral advisor; David G. Brown and Larry Ginter, Deaf Lutheran; and John Krause, Minnesota 2003 host. Seminarian Mark Ehrlichmann and his wife, Anne, were great host during our visit to Fort

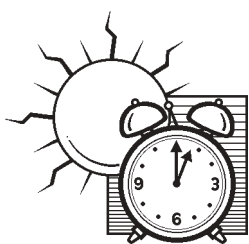
Wayne! Rev. Roger Altenberger, LCMS Missions, was not able to come due to other commitment the same weekend.

Minutes from the Executive Council meeting is on pages 8 & 9 of this issue.

News from around the Regions...



News about our People



Jump ahead one hour at 2:00 am on April 6th!

Remember to send to the D/L editor your church's newsletters!

Northwest Region...

Faith, Spokane... has set up their web site which is: www.deaffriends.com. Web Master is Heather Melcher. Larry Gorton, former ILDA president, became grandfather for 2nd time on December 31st!

Midwest Region...

Calvary, Des Moines... **Elmo Phillips, Kenneth Derby, Marcia Carlson, Emma Mappes** (101), and **Grace Fleenor** are now home with Jesus.

Dixie Region...

Jesus, Austin... Jesus has called home **Susan Kornfuehrer** on September 2nd.

Great Lakes Region...

Alpha, Rochester... hosts Winter Camp on February 14-17 at Camp Pioneer, Angola, NY. Good Shepherd, Toledo... **Paul Doudt** and **John Kenyon** has joined Jesus in Heaven.

Eastern Region...

Christ, Silver Springs... **Alice Hagemeyer**, former ILDA Secretary, has received the Woman of the Year Award on November 17th from the Washington Division of the national Fraternal Society of the Deaf.

LCMS...

LCMS Deaf Pastors... it has been reported in one church's newsletter that **Pastors Mark Anderson** (Northern Illinois), **Roger Blesi** (Western Washington), **Mike MacDonald** (North Carolina), and **Bob Rowland** (Northern California) had their job eliminated by their districts. Rev. Altenberger, Director of Deaf Missions, urges that all of us communicate with our Districts on the need for continuing District funding.

The Deaf Lutheran and ILDA and all churches pray for these pastors and their families and pray for continued deaf missions and for funding to continue all deaf missions.

Kansas News...

"Values, Vision, & Mission for Reaching the Deaf of Kansas" Workshop were led by Rev. Darrel Kois of Nebraska leader and Glenda Haefner at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Olathe, KS last Sept. 14, 2002 with 32 attendees. This included T-Shirts with hands designated "I Love You Jesus", lunch & BBQ dinner, evening worship and Sunday Worship.

The 6 Districts around the U.S. cut the budgets for Lutheran Deaf Ministries. There are 17 laid off from the office in St. Louis MO and 24 units from overseas will come home due to budget cuts. Deaf Rev. Mark Anderson lost his

New Church Building...

July 21, 2002 was a special day for our new church, **Our Savior Deaf Lutheran**. Special worship service and dedication took place. Luncheon was served. Over 100 people were present. In spite of the heat, everything went well. There were so many positive comments about the place, and everyone admired the special banner. Many thanks to M/M Bill Binn for the beautiful banner for our new Church. Annette did a beautiful job of making the three-piece banner "Faith, Hope, and Love." Our Savior Lutheran Deaf Church, 4913 Femrite Dr., PO Box 8517, Madison, WI 53708-8517. Phone: 608-223-0010. Worship 9:45 am.

*From Dawn Polzin
Madison, Wisconsin*



Front view of our new church building.



Inside of our new church building show the beautiful banners made by Mrs. Annette Binn.

ministry job due to Illinois District budget cuts. Pray for him.

Kansas Lutheran District cut off the Deaf Mission budget, too, but we still have our Deaf Mission task force and have a meeting every 3 month at Topeka office. Glenda Haefner of Blaine and Wilma Phillips of Emporia are 2 deaf among 10 task force members. Less than 10 Interpret Sunday Worship Services in Kansas as far as I know presently.

President Glenda Haefner announced Midwest Region will have the brief business meeting during ILDA convention at MN in July.

New Missionary-at- Large Commissioned in Texas



On Sunday, November 3, 2002, the Reverend Robert E. LeBlanc was commissioned as Missionary-at-Large serving the Deaf in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. Peace Lutheran Church (hearing) in Garland, Texas hosted the service and provided a fellowship meal afterward. The signing choirs of John of Beverly Chapel for the Deaf in Dallas, Peace Lutheran Church (hearing) in Garland, and Holy Three-in-One Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Houston, signed beautiful songs for the service.

The Reverend Ken Hennings, Texas District coordinator of the Mission and Ministry facilitators was officiant for the rite of commissioning. The Reverend Mark Seeger, Pastor of Jesus Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Austin, Texas served as Preacher. Reverend Larry Lieder, Pastor of Holy Three-in-One Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Houston, Texas, served as Liturgist. Several hearing Pastors from the Dallas/Fort Worth area attended and participated in the laying-on of hands. Also, Deaf Lutherans from all three Deaf churches in Texas attended to show support for Pastor LeBlanc and the new ministry.

Robert E. LaBlanc was born in Vidor, Texas on November 13, 1960 to Walter and Patricia LeBlanc. Robert's childhood years were spent in Magnolia, Texas, where he graduated from high school in 1979. On July 17, 1982, Robert was united in marriage to Paula Husfeld. In the summer of 1985, Robert and Paula were commissioned by Lutheran Bible Translators at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Magnolia to serve as support staff for thirty months in Sierra Leone, West Africa. They returned again to Sierra Leone in 1992 only to be evacuated by the United States after four month because of a military coup. Robert graduated from Concordia Lutheran

Redeemer Lutheran church of Olathe, KS held a conference for Deaf Ministry on Sept. 14, 2002 that was sponsored by the KS District Task Force for Deaf Ministry. This is the 4th annual conference with the goals of identifying demographic needs for deaf ministry in Kansas and developing the position of Missionary for the deaf. Pastor Darrel Kois of Nebraska Deaf Ministry was the speaker/leader for this conference which was on Saturday and also expressed the heart of deaf ministry to the hearing church by preaching at both services and teaching the Adult class on Sunday. These conferences concentrate on both hearing and deaf individuals/churches interested in deaf ministry in Kansas and the Kansas City area and have shown a few core areas of deaf ministry especially in Eastern Kansas, including Emporia, Alma, Wheaton, and Olathe and KC, MO, but has shown a long standing lack of ministry support to many scattered deaf families and individuals. The conferences have brought encouragement to the many deaf and hearing who have felt alone or forgotten in deaf ministry. The demographics are slowly getting identified and now the big task of developing and financing a position of Missionary for the deaf still lies ahead but with Gods help will become a reality. Pleas keep KS deaf ministry in your thoughts and

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l - r: Rev. Jeffrey Ahanen, Peace, Garland; Rev. Richard Mayerhoff, Our Savior, Rockwall; Rev. Larry Lieder, Holy Three-in-One, Houston; Rev. Robert LewBlanc, Missonary-at-Large, DFW; Rev. Mark Seeger, Jesus, Austin; Rev. Don Berg, Bethel, Dallas; and Rev. Ken Hennings, TX District MMF Coordinator & Mission Development.

College - Austin in 1991 with a Bachelor of Art degree. He entered Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, Indiana in fall 1992 and graduated in spring 1996 with a Master of Divinity degree. Robert served a one-year vicarage at Christ Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Great Falls, Montana. Robert was ordained in June 30, 1996 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Edna, Texas and served as Pastor of St. Paul from 1996 to 2002. Robert and Paula have four children, Paige (15), Alice (13), Lydia (11), and Daniel (8).

We thank God for sending Pastor LeBlanc to the Deaf of Dallas/Fort Worth and we thank the Texas District for their strong and continual support of Deaf Ministry in Texas. To God be all Glory!!!!

prayers. Thank you, Esther Zimmerman, member of the KS Deaf Task Force and Redeemer Lutheran Church

Submitted via e-mail by Larry Zimmerman

From New York...

After we move from Clifton, NJ (St. Mattherw's Lutheran Church for the Deaf joined Grace Lutheran Church in Union, NJ last May. We also have an interpreter service at Worship services in every Sunday Morning. Our St Matthew's Lutheran church for the Deaf and Grace Lutheran church and school, we both celebrated 65th anniversary at same month of October. We had the special worship service at 10:30 am with holy communion include guest preacher, special anniversary offering in support of Mill Neck Foundation for the deaf ministry and buffet luncheon at Grace's Von Hall after our worship service.

By Richard Windisch, Sr

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Midwest Region News from Redeemer Lutheran Church, Olathe, KS



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Deaf Fiesta...

REPORT Participation in Deaf Fiesta, Chicago, IL October 26th, 2002 by Deaf Lutheran Ministries of Northern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin

The Lord God had truly blessed our booth! The joint participation of six Deaf Lutheran congregations from Wood Dale, Rockford, Cary, Chicago (IL), Milwaukee (West Allis) and Madison (WI) made it possible in full praise and thanks to the Almighty God.

We gave away 250 "God to the Nations" Bibles with dustcovers of Jesus flashing the 'ILY' sign in front of the cross. We inserted on the front page of each Bible a two-sided photocopy of downsized 16 church business cards (of both Deaf and hearing with interpreted services). With the gracious permission from the Millneck Foundation, we gave away 400 11" by 17" copies of the Lord's Prayer in Sign. All that was done within 2.5 hours. Amazing! We were to stay at our booth from 10 a.m. till 6 p.m. and most of our things were all gone in such a short time! Moreover, more than 100 names were signed up for more Bibles and the Lord's Prayer.

We also collected over 380 names of those who signed up for the give-away of one Dell laptop. You should have seen their faces when the winner's name was about to be announced. Boy! At the time of the announcement there were about 200 of them blocking the traffic flow of the booths for at least 10 minutes.

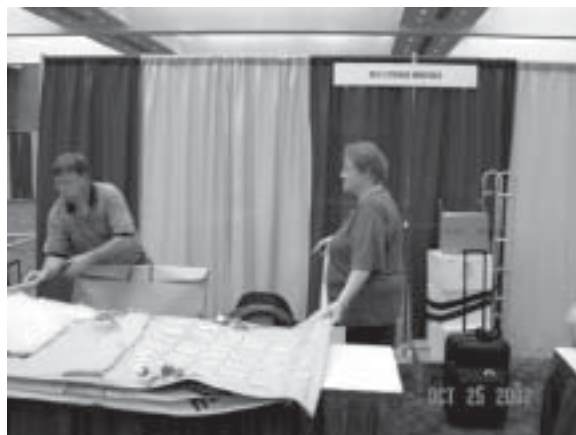
The makeup of our booth was two long tables consisting:

- Bibles and Lord's Prayer in Sign
- Brochures of Deaf Ministries in Northern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin
- Brochures of the Millneck Foundation
- Brochures of LCMS Deaf Missions and DIT
- Two bowls of candies (quite a big hit among the youngsters!)
- Four 20" by 30" full-laminated posters of Luther's coat of arms, LCMS Cross, Jesus with ILY and Laptop adv.
- Two chrome frames of 8.5" by 11" displaying logos of Luther's coat of arms and LCMS cross with explanations on the significance of these two logos.
- PowerPoint representation of Deaf Ministries (thanks to Palmer for the usage of his PP machine and to Reinke's for the CD production of these ministries)
- Five beautiful church banners (three from Milwaukee and two from Northern Ill)
- Display of the Dell laptop
- 350 plastic book bags (!!)

It was said that over 4,000 people attended the Deaf Fiesta and there were over 45 booths.

Tentative plans are already being made to participate once again at the Deaf Fiesta of 2003 in Chicago.

Photos show ILDA Pastoral Advisor Rev. Mark Anderson and Central Region ILDA President Janice Mancill working the booth.





ILDA 2001-2003 Mission Projects Goal... \$47,500

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| 1. DIT / Zacharus | \$11,000 |
| 2. ILDA PR Video Project | \$5,000 |
| 3. Sao Paul Lutheran Church
of Brazil | \$2,500 |
| 4. Republic of Madagascar Schools
for the Deaf | \$2,500 |
| 5. Summer Camps (California,
Nebraska & Texas \$3,000 each) | \$9,000 |
| 6. Ghana | \$2,000 |
| 7. Macau (missionary) | \$2,000 |
| 8. New York West Camp | \$2,000 |
| 9. Concordia School for Special
Education (Macau) | \$1,500 |
| 10. India Parsonage Improvement | \$3,000 |
| 11. Nyandarua School of the Deaf | \$3,000 |
| 12. Pax Natrua Ranch (Canada) | \$1,000 |
| 13. Starfish Learning Center | \$3,000 |

ILDA 2001-2003 Mission Projects...

As of this writing, our 2001-2003 Mission Projects goal has reached around **\$15,275.60**.

We now have only three months left to reach our goal of \$47,500. During the ILDA Convention in Cleveland, Ohio back in 1999, the 1997-99 goal was \$50,000. And you know what? Donations to the mission projects went over the goal with a total of \$54,550.76! So for 2001-03, why not we all try to go over our present goal of \$47,500 and even break the \$54,551 record! Your supports are really greatly appreciated!

Please send donations and money to the ILDA Treasurer and mark it for 2001-2003 Mission Projects.

2001-2003 Mission Projects

Inclosed, please find our donation of \$_____ for ILDA's 2001-1003 Mission Projects Goal.

Please make your check or money-order payable to: **ILDA 2001-2003 Mission Project** and mail to: **Jim Sipchen, ILDA Treasurer, 11911 N. Centaurus Place, Oro Valley, AZ 85737-3456.**

Your Name _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone/Fax/e-mail: _____

Thank you for your support.

New ILDA Officer Nominations...

Please submit names for new 2003-05 ILDA officers to: **ILDA Officer Nomination, Richard Norton, 5801 W Fitzhugh Rd., Dripping Springs, TX 78620.**

Any questions about nominations, please contact Richard at: **RENTEX@hotmail.com.**

Books and Videos available from Mill Neck Foundation...

Learn the True Meaning of Christmas With Mill Neck Foundation

Mill Neck Foundation for Deaf Ministry proudly presents the open-captioned animated video, *The King is Born*, part of the "Animated Stories from the New Testament" video series from Nest Entertainment. To enhance the video's impact, a 2-level Activity Book comes with each video, and a corresponding Sign Language Companion Guide is also available exclusively from Mill Neck Foundation (Video & Activity Book, \$19.95; Video, Activity Book & Sign Language Guide, \$28.00).

Young and old alike will love this Biblically accurate story, brought to life by the miracle of feature-quality animation. Other animated New Testament videos, activity books and Sign Language guides are available, including *He Is Risen*, *The Miracles of Jesus*, *The Prodigal Son* and *The Good Samaritan*.

Perfect for teaching, entertainment and holiday gifts, these beautifully animated videos are available for your family today. Share and enjoy with your family the true reason to celebrate Christmas. To order *The King is Born*, call Mill Neck Foundation at 1-800-264-0662 (Voice/TTY).

Mill Neck Manor Recognized by Concordia Historical Institute

Published in 2001 by Mill Neck Manor, *Mill Neck at the Millennium* was recognized at Concordia Historical Institute's Annual Awards Banquet on November 7. Mill Neck Manor Public Information Officer Nancy C. Leghart and St. Louis writer Robin R. Mueller both received awards for major publications at the dinner, held on the campus of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri.

Mill Neck at the Millennium chronicles the history of Mill Neck Manor in a beautiful 250-page hardcover book. Its pages tell the story of Mill Neck's founding, its growth from a small residential school into a leader in Deaf education, its services for Deaf adults, Mill Neck Foundation's many grants, and the multi-million dollar state-of-the-art Deaf Education Center, which opened in September 2002. Spanning more than 50 years of educational, vocational and spiritual outreach, this book is packed with hundreds of heart-warming photographs, special stories and outstanding testimonies.

Concordia Historical Institute is the department of archives and history for the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Incorporated in 1927, it is the largest collection of American Lutheran resources in the world. The Institute's Annual Awards Banquet recognizes significant contributions to American Lutheran history and literature.

Mill Neck at the Millennium is available for \$49.95 through Mill Neck Foundation for Deaf Ministry. To order, call (516) 922-4100, ext. 243.

ILDA Executive Council...

International Lutheran Deaf Association Executive Council Meeting Oct 18, 2002

Present: James Swalley, President, Pam Kane, President-elect, Tim Johnston, Secretary, Jim Sipchen, Treasurer, Rev. Mark Anderson, Pastoral Advisor, Dave Brown, Deaf Lutheran (DL) Editor, Larry Ginter, DL Business Manager, John Krause, ILDA '03 Convention Chair Host Representative.

Visitors: Mark and Anne Ehrlichmann

The meeting began at 1:30pm.

1. Opening Devotion: Rev. Anderson gave a good devotion about being ready for the Lord anytime considering 9/11 and sniper incidents in DC. He ended the devotion with a prayer for our meeting and living out our lives of servitude for our Lord.
2. Secretary's minutes: Tim gave several highlights of the recent convention's meeting and discussions. He also shared the unfinished and new business matters being discussed and acted upon. The board members shared several clarifications and concerns. Some of them will be discussed during the Executive Committee meeting.
3. Finance Report: Jim shared the efforts he made on getting financial worksheet balances straightened out after getting all finances information from outgoing treasurer, Karen Beiter, who had been extremely busy with job and family. Also, he developed a better finance reporting formats. He has been working on financial report to get better picture of financial standing month by month. July '01 had the lowest balance but it was the starting point. He showed two different spreadsheet printouts: 1. ILDA Funds Balances 2001 Post Convention 6-month report and 2. ILDA Funds Balances for the year of '02 up to now. They are not final reports. Totals for ILDA Funds, Missions and Miscellaneous are \$13,794.48, \$43,173.19 and \$12,915.46 resulting in grand total of \$69,883.13. He also added that he and his wife, Erika, were exploring the implementation of Microsoft Access Database program, which has good features such as tables and mail merge to store members' information and print out membership renewal notices. He also encountered some issues. One of the issues was IRS' changed rules as a result of 9/11 tragedy. He needed to open up a new account with better interest rate and the serious consideration of using CD but he encountered lot of strict rules such as providing the proof of non-profit status. Approximated expenditures since last convention were around \$6,400. See financial reports for further information.
4. 2001-2003 Mission Project: Funds being received since last convention was \$9,346.67. The target being set by last convention is still \$47,500. About \$38,000 is still yet to be reached.
5. Officers' reports:

President: James shared that it had been an experience being a President since the last convention that he had to start from the scratch as he had received very little support from the past officers. But he thanked the current officers for the continuing support. ILDA Logo Pins was a problem. Also, he shared some issues encountered as he worked with appointments to represent ILDA at Deaf Way II. There were some criticisms. He also shared that he received concerns for thinking he was too old to be serving as a president but he wanted to dispel the misinformation that he is not too old or weak to serve but act on it till the end of his term with full vigor and enthusiasm. He also shared an opinion and personal feelings that it would be nice if each president could serve two full terms, so in this way the first term would be considered a learning period while the next second term would be with stronger leadership and direction. It was his only thought.

President-elect: Pam shared a point that outgoing president can run again for president elect position for another additional term. She also added a thought of having training workshops at each convention for newly elected officers. Each officer would be required to have a one to one training/discussion with outgoing officers. She informed the council members about the ILDA Handbook meeting that was held last Aug 2002 for the purpose of making recommended revisions to the handbook. She went through the list of proposed revisions to certain Articles in the Handbook. One point she raised was to add another duty as a President-elect, which would be to serve

as Parliamentarian in addition to the duty as a chairman of the Law Committee. See handout on Handbook revisions for further details. Discussions became longer on certain revisions such as who is and is not considered a member of Board of Directors for the sake of keeping costs to a minimum in covering travel expenses to ILDA Board meetings. Duties of ILDA Publicity and Historian would also include Necrology or not, etc. Pastor Anderson made a recommendation that the handbook also revise the current article which explained about having training for new officers to happen within the period between the approval of new officers and the new officer's installation service (at the convention).

Secretary: Tim shared the comments of preparing last convention's minutes. He was honored in being one of five ILDA representatives at Deaf Way II Conference in Washington, DC last July and the experience was very good. He had not received any new Regional Presidents' new email addresses but will get them from the DL Editor. His goals for the executive council meeting are to finalize the agreement on, who the board member and chairpersons will attend on certain days which trip expenses will be covered by ILDA and how the convention host can handle the board and chairperson registrations and room assignments. He shared what new business items being observed thus far would be carried into New Business section of the meeting.

Treasurer: Jim indicated that those that he already discussed during his Finance Report were mostly short-term reports/matters until the situation with IRS is fully resolved. He discussed about Mission Projects matter as his wife had undertaken Lee Ann Kotal's, Mission Projects Chairperson, work to get something started by creating a new brochure, which was finally completed and ready for printing. The brochures will be mailed out soon the next following week. He also discussed about finding an inexpensive way of printing new membership cards.

Pastoral Advisor: Pastor Anderson made his report "short and sweet", such that he regularly sent his articles to the Deaf Lutheran Newsletter on a regular basis and he had no further issues to be resolved. He also stated that his Northern Illinois area and southern Wisconsin areas joined the forces in preparing the booth exhibition at the "Deaf Fiesta" event in Chicago area next week. He shared the details of how the booth will be presented with designed brochures detailing about Deaf Lutheran Ministry programs and ILDA, 250 free God's Words bibles (inserted bookmarks with ILDA logo and others) giveaway, banners and a free laptop door prize (register list will be used to collect names and addresses along with options of subscribing to Deaf church newsletters.)

ILDA 2003 Convention Host Chairperson: John Krause, a representative of Convention Host Chair, who is currently Mark Johnson, gave his report. He shared how the committee worked hard to find hotel near the renowned Mall of America that offers low and reasonable room rates. Hilton Hotel near the international airport will be used as the primary convention headquarter with everything all arranged. All details of certain rooms and scheduling were being shared. Some remaining matters that weren't finalized yet will be resolved eventually. He asked some questions, which one of the questions was a concern about President's reception details. Six rooms were already reserved for the ILDA Executive Council members. But a seventh room will be added for the DL Editor and Business Manager. Full accessibility to the convention will be ensured. Technology is being advanced such that it will be requested that all reports and minutes be made available for the Microsoft PowerPoint presentation instead of the overhead projector. The use of Internet will be included as well. **VOTE OF APPROVAL** was given to the suggestion of having eighth hotel room be reserved in the honor of retired Rev. Rodney R. Rynearson for his long service to the Deaf Lutheran Ministry. Award of Dedication plaque will be taken care of by President Swalley. Treasurer will take care of PowerPoint presentation of dedication. Additional details of other planning's such as meals, meetings, interpreters, captioning, workshops, devotions, activities, tours, Jr. ILDA, daycare, program book, booths, website, airport shuttle and airport discount were covered. For the pre-ILDA board meeting, 20 rooms at Days Inn were being reserved at a lower room rate. Board meetings will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 pm. It will be resumed next day at 10am.

International Lutheran Deaf Association Executive Council Meeting Oct 19, 2002

Present: James Swalley, President, Pam Kane, President-elect, Tim Johnston, Secretary, Jim Sipchen, Treasurer, Rev. Mark Anderson, Pastoral Advisor, Dave Brown, Deaf Lutheran (DL) Editor, Larry Ginter, DL Business Manager, John Krause, ILDA '03 Convention Chair Host Representative.

The meeting began at 10 am.

Rev. Anderson began with devotion all about God's Words being truly inspired by Holy Spirit with two supporting verses. He went into depth in how we must trust in Bible as the final authority of God's Words over our thoughts, interpretations and beliefs. Trust in Him! Our first work is to BELIEVE in HIM then our work and service will grow and endure. Our works would be to tell people about Jesus. Jesus is always with us! Verses he used were 2 Tim 3:15; 2 Peter 2:19; Proverbs (warn us about problems) and John 14:6.

DL Report: Dave shared that DL was still surviving with its present subscription rate with 724 subscribers and 25 from Canada. The account balance was about \$1,600.01. Next subscription renewal notices will be mailed out in November. The editor shared the appreciation of having had the opportunities in making trips to various significant events and new pastor installations. DL Business Manager was able to join with the editor on some trips. Some events were missed due to short notice, insufficient monetary support and scheduling conflicts. Some trips expenses were paid by event hosts, DL account and editor's & business manager's pockets. ILDA/DL still owed them about \$600. Dave suggested about raising the subscription rate by \$1, which would bring in some extra income and meet couple of rising expenses. Larry added that he appreciated being able to attend the executive council meeting (despite the short notice). He had been keeping up with subscription recordkeeping and doing the entire newsletter folding for the mail. He noticed the possibility of some newsletters being ripped at the postal places so he thought about taping the newsletter on three edges or uses the envelopes. After some discussions, the president suggested that increasing the subscription rate by \$1 should be approved as well as using the envelopes.

6. Endowment Fund: President James informed the board that last board meeting in Indianapolis, outgoing President Richard Norton shared that he had not been able to give it any further study or action so he assigned it to the treasurer. Now since then James still had not been able to see any understanding about the Endowment Plan so he checked with the treasurer Jim Sipchen for any comments. Jim explained that he, nor the former treasurer, Karen Beiter even knew what the endowment fund was established for or what purpose it served. A motion was made by Rev. Anderson to table the Endowment Plan to the next Board meeting. Jim Sipchen seconded it. In the meantime, Jim will check with both Richard Norton and Russell Healy for any further information or knowledge about it.

7. God's 1000 Club: James shared that he had difficulty in locating a chairperson who would be willing to chair God's 1000 Club. He decided to allow the 2003 Convention Host handle it. It would be possible that one of interested committee or church member in Minneapolis area be willing to chair and plan the special luncheon during the convention.

8. 2007 ILDA Convention: James informed that he had written articles in the DL asking for any church being interested to host 2007 convention. He had not heard of any one being interested except for two but they later seemed to have dropped the interest. Pam Kane added that she remembered two interested church groups from the Ephphatha Conference last August. Those two are the churches of Silver Spring, MD for 2007 Host and Rochester, NY for 2009 Host. Pam also suggested them to send the letters with church stationary along with President and Pastor's signatures to ILDA President and Secretary. But, at the present time they have not received any correspondence indicating any possible interest in being a Host for a convention, so Pam will do a follow-up to gauge the churches interest level and possibly receive a commitment from them.

9. Necrology: James shared the good news that Diane Francisco gladly accepted the duty. James expressed his confidence in Diane's ability to undertake this particular responsibility and felt that all pertinent duties will be done well by her.

10. Right Hand Award: Lester Ahls expressed his strong interest in handling that duty after James asked him if he would be interested. Lester and his wife visited James few weeks ago and they had a good discussion about it.

11. D.I.T. Update: Right now there were about 46 students in DIT program.

12. 3rd Convocation on Deaf Ministry: Rev. Mark Seeger will chair the convocation and it will be held in Houston, Texas in 2004.

Meeting resumed at 1:08pm after the lunch break.

13. Next ILDA Board of Directors Meeting: Executive Council meeting shall be on Tuesday, July 1st at 1pm. President, President-elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Pastoral Advisor, LCMS Counselor of the Deaf Ministry and DL Editor and

Business Manager shall be at present. All travel expenses shall be covered by ILDA. **VOTE OF APPROVAL** was made that *DL Editor and Business Manager are to be included in the Executive Council meeting as their presence is crucially important as reporters for all information will be shared and known as well in the D/L.* This was made at President's request along with executive council members' approval.

Board of Directors meeting shall start at 7pm that evening where the seven regional presidents will join. The non-board members, chairpersons such as ILDA Publicity & Historian (Alice Hagemeyer), Necrology (Diane Francisco), Mission Projects (Lee Ann Kotal), Scholarship (Charles Kotal), Nominating, Right Hand Award (Richard Norton), '01 Convention (Winona Alter), '03 Convention (Mark Johnson), '05 Convention (Linda Desrosiers), and God's 1000 Club, shall join in the meeting on Wednesday, July 2nd at 1pm.

Regional Presidents' round-trip transportations, meals (5 meals) and lodgings (two nights) shall be covered by ILDA for Tuesday and Wednesday meetings, while their convention registration, meals, and lodgings shall be covered by each region.

The chairpersons shall receive one-day complimentary meals (up to \$15.00) and lodgings only on Wednesday, July 2nd.

Rev. Ryneanson and his wife will be invited to attend the convention with two night lodgings, meals and round-trip transportation expenses covered by ILDA.

President will appoint one or more of past ILDA Officers of Advisory Council to attend the convention at the president's written invitation for the purpose of participating in the new officers training workshop. One complimentary room will be provided on Friday, July 4th for one or more past ILDA Officers.

14. New Business:

(Note: Dave Brown, Larry Ginter and John Krause were invited to attend the Executive Council meeting by the President so they are entitled to the full participation of the meeting.)

a. Dave Brown made a motion (seconded by James Swalley) that deaf churches/congregations of a region be grouped together to bid the host of next ILDA Convention. Rev. Anderson made an amendment to have item d be added to the Article XX, Part II, Section D, item 1 that the new host committee chairperson is encouraged to request assistance from all deaf churches/congregations within the ILDA region. **Passed.**

b. Jim Sipchen made the motion (seconded by Rev. Anderson) that the DL subscription rate be increased to \$10. Pam Kane amended that rate be made at \$8 instead (seconded by James Swalley). **Vote for the motion was tied.**

c. Rev. Anderson made the motion (seconded by Pam Kane) that Article XX, Part III, Section O, item 2 wording be modified that "during the convention" be replaced with "following the election of the new officers before the installation at the closing service." **Passed.**

d. Pam Kane moved (seconded by Jim Sipchen) that ILDA sends \$2,000 to Mill Neck Foundation at their request to help with the renovation expenses of their chapel in the memory of two pastors: Rev. Daniel Pokorny and Rev. George Kraus. The money will come from DIT/Zacharus Fund. **Passed.**

e. Tim Johnston moved (seconded by Rev. Anderson) that Jim Sipchen, Treasurer, make a follow-up with Mission Projects Chairperson to get the program be put in motion. Rev. Anderson amended (seconded by Jim Sipchen) that Pam Kane be included with Jim Sipchen to write a certified letter (carbon-copied to both Rev. Anderson and James Swalley) to encourage Mission Projects Chairperson to fulfill the duties about the Mission Projects. **Passed.**

f. James Swalley yielded the floor to Pam Kane to act as President. Then he moved (seconded by Jim Sipchen) that ILDA pay the DL Editor's outstanding expenses of \$598.07. **Passed.**

g. Jim Sipchen (seconded by Pam Kane) moved that \$30 be paid to seminarian Mark Ehrlichmann for his kind help with the Executive Council meeting. **Passed.**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20pm with a closing prayer by Rev. Anderson.

Respectfully submitted by,
Tim Johnston
ILDA Secretary



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