



## February 2011 e-NEWS RID REGION V REPORT: Arizona and Utah RID

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### **Greetings Region V Members, Colleagues and Friends,**

I was lucky to have the opportunity to attend the Sacramento Valley RID (SaVRID) Board retreat in February. We were in beautiful (and chilly) Lake Tahoe. Cindy Farnham led the weekend and assisted the board in developing goals and priorities. Cindy took us outside, as you can see in the photo below, for a team building exercise. From what I understand, we blew the record out of the water, so if you have participated in a team-building exercise with Cindy and feel that your group holds the record, well then, I sense a friendly competition in our future!

SaVRID's retreat was full of fun and lots of hard work. Through out the weekend I was constantly inspired by the work of the leadership within RID and RID's affiliate chapters. SaVRID's board is diverse, in both experience and background, and ready to serve their membership. I am thrilled to have been able to meet and get to know each of the board members. I am confident in saying that Sacramento Valley will be served well by this energetic board! Looking forward to seeing you all again at the membership meeting in March!



You will all have the opportunity to meet the SaVRID Board via an RID eNEWS introduction in the next couple of months.

This month we have the opportunity to meet the Arizona RID Board and read a bit about what is new in Utah and Utah RID. Happy reading!

## **Arizona RID Board**



Front: L-R: Robin Dragoo, Lauren Greenberg, Deb Stone, Leann Smith  
Rear: L-R: Victor Brown, Jack Van Rixel, Jennifer Scarboro Hensley

### ***Robin Dragoo - President***

Robin Dragoo B.A., NAD V; born to deaf parents, has worked in a variety of interpreting settings for more than 10 years. Robin became NAD certified in 2001, received an associate's degree in Interpreting Training from El Camino College in Torrance, CA, in 2003, and a Bachelor of Arts in Deaf Studies from California State University, Northridge in 2005. Since moving to Mesa, AZ, in 2006, Robin has worked as a teacher for the Deaf, video interpreter and independent contractor. Robin received his Arizona License in October 2007.

This is Robin's second term as President of Arizona RID. Robin is grateful to serve in this position. He is very proud of the work the members have done and is very pleased with the progress Arizona RID has made over the years.

Robin's hobbies include the following: sports, Disneyland, woodworking and classic cars. Robin is married to Kim Dragoo and has three children; Steve (21), Hillary (10) and Danika (4).

### ***Jennifer Scarboro Hensley – Vice President***

Born and raised by a deaf mother and father in Raleigh, NC, Jennifer Scarboro Hensley attended an interpreter preparation program (IPP) in Charlotte, NC. After completion of the program she went west, way west. Since then, Jennifer has been a transplant in the Valley of the Sun going on 10 years. Currently, Jennifer works full-time as a staff interpreter at the local school for the deaf and part-time as a legal licensed freelance interpreter. In her free time, Jennifer is wrapping up her thesis work studying social and philosophical foundations of education and beginning her doctoral work in justice studies at Arizona State University. Some semesters Jennifer is found teaching in her community's IPP and occasionally presents workshops on a variety of topics ranging from ethics, roles and consumer perspectives. If that's not enough, she is currently participating in an international ethnographic study that takes her abroad from time to time. Personally, Jennifer enjoys being a mom of a rambunctious one year-old daughter and a, just as energetic, four-year-old puppy. Most recently, she has taken up running as a hobby and ran in her first half-marathon in January 2011. She has been volunteering for Arizona RID since 2007 and is finishing up her first term as Vice President.

### ***Deb Stone – Secretary***

Deb Stone, CDI, CLIP-R, Arizona Interpreter Legal License, was born to deaf parents and grew up in Connecticut. Deb graduated from the American School for the Deaf and continued education at Northwestern Connecticut Community College in Winsted, CT, with an A.S. in Liberal Arts. Deb is married to Jeff Stone and has three deaf children. The family relocated to Arizona in 1996.

Deb completed the Interpreter Preparation Program for Deaf Persons in Boston, MA, at Northeast University. Deb has been a deaf interpreter since 1996. Deb completed her B.S. in Business Management at the University of Phoenix. Deb has been ASL teacher since 1978 and is an adjunct teacher at Phoenix College for 12 years.

Deb has been mentoring for more than five years; has taught numerous workshops; and since 1980, has held various offices for various organizations. Deb previously worked for a term of more than five years as an administrative assistant and deaf specialist for ACDHH. Currently, Deb now is co-owner and office manager of Hands Accessing Reliable Interpreting Services, LLC (HARIS).

Deb enjoys cooking, reading, knitting, cross-stitching, rubber stamping/scrap booking, swimming, camping, play board games, and poker, walking/hiking and traveling.

### ***Lauren Greenberg - Treasurer***

Lauren Greenberg, B.A.S., NIC, attended the Interpreter Preparation Program at Phoenix College and graduated with a Certificate and associates degree in May 2004. In addition, Ms. Greenberg received her B.A.S. from Arizona State University in August 2004. Shortly after, in September 2004, Ms. Greenberg joined the HARIS team as a temporary mentee and was then hired as full-time staff interpreter in November 2004. Ms. Greenberg was fortunate enough to mentor closely with Ms. Stone and Ms. Wilson, as well as several experienced interpreters in the field. In January 2005, Lauren was a member for the first VIP Mentor program in Phoenix through Sorenson Communication. Ms. Greenberg was able to be exposed to several different environments that interpreting has to offer and was able to take and pass the National Interpreter Certification test in May 2006.

Ms. Greenberg is one part of a trio who owns Hands Accessing Reliable Interpreting Services (HARIS). Through being an owner, she has the opportunity to learn the ins and outs of being an owner of a small business; as well as work in the community in various environments, including her most favorite, medical interpreting. She is also currently working part time as a video interpreter for Purple Communications. Lauren is currently the site coordinator and local test administrator for RID and administers certification exams, both written and performance. Ms. Greenberg currently holds the position of treasurer on the Arizona RID executive board. She enjoys attending workshops and continuing her education within the field.

Lauren Greenberg is a mother of two girls who keep her busy and are the joys in her life. If and when Lauren has spare time, she enjoys outdoor activities, reading, watching movies and scrapbooking.

***Jack Van Rixel – Member-at-Large (North Region)***

Jack Van Rixel is from Sedona, AZ, and serves as the Member-at-Large for the Northern Region of Arizona with Arizona RID. He also works with the Professional Development Committee of Arizona RID and is serving as the Certificate Maintenance Program (CMP) Coordinator for Arizona RID providing CEUs for Arizona RID sponsored workshops.

Jack worked in the financial services industry for 14 years in the Milwaukee, WI, area before moving to Arizona and starting his interpreting career. Jack holds a Bachelor's Degree in Adult Training and Development as well as numerous medical certifications. Jack earned his Certificate of Deaf Studies and Certificate of Sign Language Interpretation, both from Phoenix College.

***Victor Brown – Member-at-Large (Central Region)***

Vic Brown, CI and CT, joined the Arizona RID Board in 2009 for this recent term as Member-at-Large. Over the past several years, he has also been the Secretary, Web master and Moderator and Bylaws Chair. He has an eclectic experience, training and interpreting in other countries like Thailand, Colombia and the UK. He's been trained as a mentor and tends to work with interns and new interpreters. Outside of work, Vic and his family enjoy living in Tempe where he and the kids are involved with various church, Scouts and volunteering activities.

***Leann Smith – Member-at Large (South Region)***

Leann Smith, CI and CT, SC:L, has been an interpreter for over 14 years and certified since 1999. She became an interpreter after falling in love with the language and the people who use it. Leann graduated from Iowa Western Community College in 1997 with an associate's degree in Interpreting. Additionally, Leann attended the University of Arizona where she received a Bachelor's degree in Deaf Studies with an emphasis in Educational Interpreting.

One of the most beneficial training's Leann has attended is "Interpreting in the Theatre at Juilliard." She believes in life-long learning and appreciates that the interpreter field enables and encourages her in that vein. Currently, Leann is a full-time freelance interpreter in the Tucson Metro area

## **Utah RID**

We were lucky to have met the board members of Utah RID (UTRID) via the RID e-NEWS this past November. If you missed that issue of the e-NEWS and would like to read up on the UTRID board please visit:

[http://www.rid.org/userfiles/File/pdfs/Region\\_Reports/2010%20Compiled/2010\\_RegionV\\_Reports\\_Compiled.pdf](http://www.rid.org/userfiles/File/pdfs/Region_Reports/2010%20Compiled/2010_RegionV_Reports_Compiled.pdf)

Here's what's happening with UTRID:

UTRID: February 2011 RID e-NEWS Update  
Dawn Duran

UTRID is thrilled to announce the certification of another CDI in our state. Mistie Owens was certified this month and currently serves as a UTRID Member-at-Large. In addition, we are back online at utrid.com. To better serve our members, we now have the option to pay and register online for membership and workshops. By far, our most exciting successes have been in the increased opportunities for continuing education. The Student Involvement Committee has scheduled monthly workshops geared specifically toward interpreter training program students and interpreters new to the field. Topics vary, but are aimed at introducing student and novice interpreters to the various areas of interpreting. Last month, Teddi Von Pingel presented "Welcome to the Waiting Room: Medical Interpreting Basics." This month, Clint Behunin will teach "Interpreting Dramaticness: Everything You Wanted to Know about Interpreting in the Theatre". Additionally, our Professional Development Committee has scheduled bi-monthly workshops for all of our interpreters. "Don't Just Sign It- Incorporate It" by Trenton Marsh was also scheduled for February. As you can see, we have been busy at work. This new board is off to a great start!