

# Maryland Association of the Deaf

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A TRIBUTE  
TO

George William Veditz

August 13, 1861 - March 12, 1937

In 1878 at the age of 17, George William Veditz completed his education at the Maryland School for the Deaf (MSD), and in 1884, he became this school's first vocational instructor. The Vocational Building on the MSD campus was named after him on account of an honor to his profession.

In 1892, Veditz founded the Maryland School for the Deaf Alumni Association. He was regarded as a genuine plant seeder for the Maryland Association of the Deaf. Eventually, this association became a reality in 1956.

Veditz has had served as president of the National Association of the Deaf (1904-1910), and he was responsible for spearheading the NAD "Preservation of Sign Language" project in 1911. The Howard County Library in Columbia, Maryland owns American Sign Language (ASL), Access Video Collection in which donations were made possible through the George W. Veditz Memorial Fund.

<http://www.hclibrary.org/index.php?page=47>



George William Veditz

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### **PURPOSE OF THE MDAD CHAPTER**

Providing the Maryland deaf community in Baltimore City and 23 counties with quick facts about the MDAD, deaf resources and library services insuring their rights to know  
With such knowledge, deaf-related organizations and public libraries will be able to collaborate in presenting deaf cultural programs in Maryland, regardless of the geographic location.

## **DEAF COMMUNITY CONTACTS**

### **STATEWIDE SERVICES**

#### **A. Maryland Governor's Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing (ODHH) October 2001**

Baltimore 21201

Web Site: <http://www.odhh.md.gov>

- **ODHH Directory**  
[www.odhh.maryland.gov/resources.asp](http://www.odhh.maryland.gov/resources.asp)
- **Advisory Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing**  
<http://www.odhh.md.gov/council.asp>
- **Governor's Office**  
<http://www.governor.maryland.gov/>

#### **B. Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE)**

Baltimore 21201

Web Site: <http://marylandpublicschools.org/msde>

*Online source for information on Maryland's prek-12 public education, public libraries, and rehabilitation services for example, Directory of services*

#### **I. Division of Library Development and Services (DLSD) 1946**

Web Site: [www.marylandpublicschools.org/msde/divisions/library](http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/msde/divisions/library)

*Library services, MD links and online databases:*

[www.sailor.lib.md.us](http://www.sailor.lib.md.us)

##### **a. Public Libraries and State Networking Branch 1988**

State Library Commission was formed in 1902, Public Libraries Branch 1971

*Centered at Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore, more than 400 public, university, college and community college libraries participate in the State Library Network. The Network is aided by the following regional resource centers: The State Library Resource Center (Baltimore City) <sup>1</sup>; Eastern Shore Regional Library, Inc. (Salisbury); Southern Maryland Regional Library Association (Charlotte Hall) and Western Maryland Public Libraries (Hagerstown)*

- **Public Libraries of Maryland** May 2008 Directory  
Web Site: <http://directory.sailor.lib.md.us/>
- **Info Experts 24/7 "ASK LIBRARIAN"**  
Web Site: <http://www.askusnow.info/>

**b. Maryland State Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped (LBPH) 1968**

Web Site: <http://www.lbph.lib.md.us/>

*This Maryland regional library has one sub-regional library, Disability Resource Center, formerly the Special Needs Library (SNL) opened January 6, 1986, for handicapped residents of Montgomery County; in November 2006, SNL merged with the new Rockville Library and became the Disability Resource Center.*

*Under the direction of the National Library Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped of the Library of Congress (NLS) and the Division of Library Development and Services of the Maryland State Dept of Education, these two libraries serve the library and information needs of Maryland's blind and physically handicapped citizens throughout the state.*

**II. Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS) 1929**

Web Site: [www.dors.state.md.us](http://www.dors.state.md.us)

*DORS has a statewide network of Rehabilitation Counselors for the Deaf (RCD) having the skill to serve people with all types of hearing loss and know ASL. DORS also operates the Workforce & offers programs and services that help Maryland citizens who have disabilities get ready for work and independence*

**C. Maryland Dept of Information Technology (DOIT)**

**Telecommunications Access of MD (TAM) 1990**

**Maryland Relay 1991**

Baltimore 21201

Web Site: <http://www.mdrelay.org>

*TAM has a new contract in place for the procurement of Assistive Telecommunications Equipment and Associated Peripherals. MD county governments and municipalities may apply. Provides relay service 24/7/365 and assistive telephone equipment to qualified MD residents with a disability.*

**D. Maryland Association of the Deaf (MDAD) 1956**

**Library Friends Committee (LFC) November 1989**

Burtonsville 20866

Web Site: <http://www.mdad.tv>

*To access deaf-related organizations and libraries in MD, please go to "The Deaf Community Contacts @ your library"*

*[http://www.folda.net/contacts/DCCstate\\_MD.html](http://www.folda.net/contacts/DCCstate_MD.html)*

## JOIN THE CIRCLE OF KNOWLEDGE

Maryland Association of the Deaf (MDAD) [www.mdad.tv](http://www.mdad.tv).

MDAD was founded in 1956 at the Silent Orioles Club in Baltimore, Maryland by concerned Maryland citizens, including some members of the Maryland School for the Deaf Alumni Association (MSDAA). It became incorporated as a 501(c) (3) nonprofit in 1967.

Henry Nicol, who was the first president of MDAD, carried on his responsibility as an outgoing president of MSDAA at the time the MDAD was formed in 1956.

In November 1989, a Library Friends Committee was formed with a charge to "Put MDAD on the library map." In May 1990, under the leadership of Harvey Goodstein, the 11th MDAD president, a booklet, **A Quick Guide to Maryland Resources for the Deaf Community**, was published for free distribution to Maryland's public libraries.

On June 14, 2008, the MDAD board under the leadership of President Alicia Epstein voted for MDAD be an affiliate of the National Literary Society of the Deaf <http://www.folda.net/nlsd/about.htm#partners>

### MDAD PRESIDENTS – 1956 / 2007

<b>1956-1958</b>	Henry Nicol	<b>1985-1987</b>	Frank Hutchinson
<b>1958-1964</b>	Rudolph H. Hines	<b>1987-1989</b>	John Kubis
<b>1964-1968</b>	Alexander Fleischman	<b>1989-1995</b>	Harvey Goodstein
<b>1968-1971</b>	William E. Stevens	<b>1995-1997</b>	Charles Giansanti
<b>1971-1975</b>	Leon Auerbach	<b>1997- 2001</b>	Astrid A. Goodstein
<b>1975-1977</b>	Gertrude Scott Galloway	<b>2001-2002</b>	Stephen Weiner
<b>1977-1981</b>	Thomas Scott Cuscaden	<b>2002-2007</b>	Lee Smith
<b>1981-1985</b>	David Neill	<b>2007-</b>	Alicia Epstein

**Between 1989 and 2007**, Amy Bopp, Alice L. Hagemeyer, Jackie Stover and other MDAD members have represented the MDAD and the Maryland Deaf community at various library activities in Maryland

#### **Library Friends Committee: 2008 -2010**

Rev. Mark Ehrlichmann, chair and two members, Alice L. Hagemeyer (directory) and Pauline Spanbauer (MDAD Trivia)

## MDAD GAMING

1. How many past MDAD presidents graduated from the Maryland School for the Deaf?  
Three Henry Nicol, Rudolph Hines and David Neill
2. Match Past MDAD Presidents with Subjects

### Past MDAD Presidents

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Harvey Goodstein    | 5. David Neill          |
| 2. Astrid A. Goodstein | 6. Lee Smith            |
| 3. Rudolph Hines       | 7. Stephen Weiner       |
| 4. John Kubis          | 8. Charles Giansanti    |
|                        | 9. Gertrude S. Galloway |

### Subjects

- \_\_\_ a. Gallaudet provost
- \_\_\_ b. At leisure in the Maryland Eastern Shore
- \_\_\_ c. At leisure in Arizona
- \_\_\_ d. At leisure in Florida
- \_\_\_ e. NAD board member representing Region 4
- \_\_\_ f. Member of the Gallaudet board of trustees
- \_\_\_ g. 2008 Frederick C. Schreiber Leadership Award winner
- \_\_\_ h. At leisure in Minnesota
- \_\_\_ i. At leisure in Texas

1-f - 2-e - 3-h - 4-d - 5-b - 6-g - 7-a - 8-c - 9-i

## PROMOTE DEAF CULTURE, BOOKS AND LITERACY

### MARYLAND AUTHORS AND EDITORS OF THE 21ST CENTURY

*The 21st century began on January 1, 2001 and will end December 31, 2100.*

Fischer, Catherine Hoffpauir and Cathryn Carroll *Orchid of the Bayou: A Deaf Woman Faces Blindness*. Washington, DC: Gallaudet University Press, 2001

Catherine (Kitty), a retired librarian at the Model Secondary School for the Deaf; offers insights into the Cajun culture in which she was raised and about her experience being blind. She has given her talk at several public libraries.

Jacobowitz, E. Lynn and Adonia K. Smith, *Have You Ever Seen ...? An American Sign Language (ASL) Handshape* DVD/Book. Illustrated by Tamara Davidson. Video directed by James R. DeDee. Frederick, MD: ASL Rose, 2005

*Quality ASL, English bilingual and bicultural educational materials*

<http://www.aslrose.com> Presented by both authors at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library (DC), Feb 3, 2007

Oliva, Gina. *Alone in the Mainstream: A Deaf Woman Remembers Public School*. Washington, DC: Gallaudet University Press, 2004

Presented on February 17, 2007, hosted by National Literary Society of the Deaf, held at the Silver Spring Library (MD) She has also made presentations at several public libraries.

Sutcliffe, Ronald E. *The Legacy of Iowa School for the Deaf: A history of its first 150 years*. Council Bluffs, IA: Iowa School for the Deaf, 2005.

Author grew up with deaf parents and one hearing sister on a farm in Clarksville, Iowa. Author, one of the many successful school graduates, mentioned the impact of the school and its students in Iowa and the nation since 1855. Author has given a talk on his book at the Silver Spring Library (MD) hosted by the National Literary Society of the Deaf  
See: [www.iadeaf.k12.ia.us](http://www.iadeaf.k12.ia.us)

*Through Deaf Eyes: A Photographic History of an American Community*, by Douglas C. Baynton, Jack R. Gannon and Jean Lindquist Bergey, Washington, DC: Gallaudet University Press, 2007 Includes images from the 2001 exhibition, "History Through Deaf Eyes" at the Smithsonian Institution and WETA-TV's documentary film "Through Deaf Eyes." representing nearly 200 years of US deaf history  
<http://gupress.gallaudet.edu> Several public libraries have shown a preview of the PBS film, Through Deaf Eyes, inviting the group to discuss it afterward.

## **CELEBRATE DEAF HISTORY MONTH**

### **A Quick Glance at Maryland Deaf history**

**On August 13, 1861** George William Veditz was born in Baltimore, Maryland.

**In 1868** the Maryland School for the Deaf (MSD) opened in two old stone structures called the Hessian Barracks in the city of Frederick.

**1872-1875** Robert McGregor taught at the MSD and he married Hester M. Porter, a MSD graduate and teacher at the same school. Five years later while teaching in Cincinnati, Ohio, McGregor and two others formed the NAD, and he became its first president.

**In 1875** George William Veditz entered the MSD at the age of 14 and graduated in 1878.

**In 1884** George William Veditz became the first vocational instructor at the MSD. He was also the editor of *The Maryland Bulletin*.

**On June 17, 1892** the Maryland School for the Deaf Alumni Association (MSDAA) was formally organized. George William Veditz was the founder and its first president. Veditz was a teacher at the Colorado School for the Deaf at that time.

**On March 12, 1937** George William Veditz died in Colorado Springs, CO

**In 1973** the second MSD opened in Columbia, Maryland.

**On December 6, 1977** Mervin D. Garretson made a presentation on George William Veditz at the Gaithersburg Public Library.

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