



NEWS AND BITS

November 12, 2007

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GSLAD HAS A SURPRISE FOR OUR COMMUNITY!

GSLAD has a surprise for the membership and the community. There will be plans to reveal our surprise at GSLAD's annual Holiday dinner.

The GSLAD Executive Board have worked long hours into studying a new venture for GSLAD. It promises to be a positive experience for GSLAD and the community.

Come and join us in the holiday celebration. You will find out what it is all about. It will be announced at GSLAD's annual holiday dinner.

It is on Saturday, December 8, 2007.

The program outline for December 8th is:

- * Doors open at 4 p.m.
- * Cash Bar at 5 p.m.
- * Dinner served at 6:30 p.m.
- * Announcement at 7:30 p.m.
- * Santa and Mrs. Claus will make an appearance to share in the holiday cheer.
- * Door prizes will be awarded on hourly basis. (Tickets will be given at door.)
- * Two complimentary drinks per person

The menu is on second page of this issue.

MEET OUR NEW BAR MANAGER, KEVIN MILES

Kevin Miles has been appointed to be the new bar manager. He is to relieve Bob Schmitt of bar duties. We thank Bob Schmitt for past few years in managing the bar. We welcome Kevin Miles to manage our bar. If you are interested in helping to bartend at GSLAD, see him!

Please tell him what you like to see happening at our bar. New games? New pictures? Dart Tournaments? New music for jukebox? Video?

****GSLAD PARKING LOT CLOSES THANKSGIVING WEEK****

GSLAD NEWS AND BITS DEBUTS TODAY!

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide specialized information to GSLAD members. It can be distributed as an attachment in e-mails, by snail mail or pick up a copy at GSLAD. This newsletter is to be a way of informing the membership of our activities, plans and goals. It helps build credibility and identity among members and community.

Please do let us know what you think about this newsletter. We would like to know what you like and what you think GSLAD would do for the community in 2008 and future.

Future considerations –

- *birthday club listings
- *promotion of events and activities
- *publish monthly or bi-monthly
- *create bonding among members
- *recognize volunteers and grantors
- *updates on programs and activities

For announcements or info, contact us at info@gslad.org Be sure to visit our website at www.gslad.org

WHAT IS VIP?

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It is a **volunteer incentive program**. It is used in other organizations to motivate members to do more for the organization. The rewards are beneficial for members and the organization.

WHY USE VIP?

Due to the expansion of membership (260 at last count), there is a need for retention program to keep membership active.

HOW CAN GSLAD BENEFIT FROM VIP?

GSLAD is a not-for-profit volunteer organization. All club management, GSLAD activities and other duties are performed by volunteers. Volunteers are the backbone of GSLAD. GSLAD could

not survive without the efforts of our dedicated volunteers.

WHAT ARE BENEFITS FOR EVERYONE?

* FUN

*FRIENDSHIP

*PERSONAL SATISFICATION

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

We encourage every member to participate in GSLAD activities. We can contribute time by working at a club event, writing an article for the newsletter, serving on the board and the council, help clean the building, and do various duties.

There is VIP training soon. It will be twice a year starting January 2008 and June 2008.

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GSLAD
needs
volunteers!

HOLIDAY DINNER MENU – DECEMBER 8, 2007

GSLAD has hired Favazza Catering for our upcoming holiday dinner on December 8th. The menu is

Roasted Pork Loin Marsala (natural juices, roasted peppers, onions and garlic)

Sicilian Chicken (Breaded and grilled boneless), fresh garlic, virgin olive oil, and fresh lemon)

Rigatoni Alfredo (classic butter and Parmigiano cheese)

Rosemary Roasted Potatoes (Thick cut potatoes roasted with virgin olive oil, rosemary and spices)

Fresh Vegetable Medley (Fresh Broccoli, Cauliflower and Carrots in butter sauce)

Favazza's Dinner Salad

Favazza's Famous Garlic Bread

Italian Bread and Butter

New York Cheese Cake (Strawberry, Chocolate or Raspberry)

Coffee, tea and water will be served.

Soda, Beer and Mixed Drinks at Cash Bar. (Two complimentary drinks per person available at door)

GSLAD Members: \$15.00 per peson

Non-members \$20.00 per person

DEADLINE: December 1, 2007

NO TICKETS SOLD AT DOOR

RESERVE NOW AT Secretary@gslad.org

"Let's show GSLAD
spirit by working
together and enjoy
our commitment to
GSLAD."

GSLAD ELECTION – NOVEMBER 18

With GSLAD election coming up on November 18, 2007, it is time to come out to GSLAD to put in your vote for qualified people to run GSLAD for the membership. Your membership must be current to qualify to vote in the upcoming election. If you have not paid for your membership, it is time to contact Kim

Stehle to update it. You can reach her at msgslad@yahoo.com.

The offices open for election this year is President and Secretary for 2008-2010.

If you are interested in running, please contact Gloria McDowell, Election Chairperson at gmgcdowell@charter.net

GATEWAY SILENT SENIORS ENTERS 3rd YEAR AT GSLAD

KUDOS TO GATEWAY SILENT SENIORS!

It has now entered in its third year of being with GSLAD. It meets on every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Gateway Silent Seniors moved to GSLAD in the fall of 2005 from another community center.

GSS has done a lot of good activities in its past two years at the hall. It has many events and parties in which many seniors have enjoyed.

Hot and cold meals have been sold to the seniors. The meals are prepared by

our volunteers. It is usually served around 11:30 a.m.

Few weeks ago, a group from Olathe, Kansas came to visit GSLAD. Everyone had a good time.

The Gateway Silent members are always busy having fun with games and activities every Wednesday. There are often tempting desserts after lunch. Ice cream and root beer floats are usually served. Everyone goes home happy every Wednesday. If you know of someone who is bored at home, have him or her contact us. We would like to see the seniors be active and be happy!



WHAT IS VIP?

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The training helps the volunteers understand membership roles at GSLAD and be effective volunteers. It is beneficial for GSLAD and membership. There is annual event to recognize volunteers.

To volunteer for any projects or events, contact us at info@gslad.org.

BITS AND PIECES FOR THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE

*GSLAD congratulates MoAD and Ella Eakins for the new leadership. Ella is the new president of Missouri Association of the Deaf. GSLAD is currently an affiliate member of MOAD.

*GSLAD shared the hall with Deafestival for Spaghetti Fundraising Dinner last month. GSLAD wishes RTR and Deafestival committee good luck in having Deafestival in September 2008.

*GSLAD commends Steven Foster for his leadership in running GSLAD Men's Basketball team. He is inspiring the team to do its best in sports competition. Please say hello to him on November 17th at Thanksgiving Dinner Gala.

*GSLAD thanks Lisa Feezel for her help the past few months in cleaning restrooms and the halls. We appreciate it!

*GSLAD thanks Greg Petersen for helping with the grounds and hall. He is a tireless volunteer who likes to spend his free time! (Of course, he is retired!)

*GSLAD thanks Bob Schmitt for his dedication in managing the bar.

*GSLAD appreciates SPRINT's support during 2007.

*GSLAD appreciates Sorenson's support during 2007.

*GSLAD appreciates Alternative Opportunities's support during 2007.

*GSLAD appreciates GSLAD/MAAD committee for their hard work during the softball tournament.

*GSLAD appreciates Ken Arnold and his committee for WINGO events during 2007.

*More to come next issue!



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***GSLAD's mission
is to provide
social,
charitable,
athletic and
educational
opportunities
for members of
GSLAD
and***

***friends of the Deaf
in the Metropolitan
St. Louis area.***

***Greater St. Louis
Association of the
Deaf, Inc. was
established in 1946.
It was originally
named the
St. Louis Silent Club.
It was changed to
Greater St. Louis
Association of the
Deaf, Inc. in 1972.***

We're on the Web!

See us at:
www.gslad.org

GSLAD EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER and DECEMBER 2007

November 2007

November 13 – Mental Health Community Forum 7 pm to 9 pm at GSLAD

November 17 – Men's Basketball team will host Thanksgiving Social. Come and support the team and help them fundraise for their team! 5 p.m. - Cost \$10.00 (no side dish) \$8 (side dish) \$5 Kids (6-14) Free (under 6 yrs). Doors open at 4 p.m.

November 18 – General meeting and Election 3 p.m. – Dinner at 5 p.m.

November 19 to 25 – GSLAD parking lot will be closed. DO NOT PARK THERE! The parking lot is being upgraded and maintained for whole week. The entrances will be blocked.

December 2007

December 1, 2007 – WINGO and Ham Dinner at 5 p.m. and game at 7 p.m.

December 8, 2007 - GSLAD's annual Holiday Party at 4 p.m.

December 31, 2007 – New Year's Eve Party – TBA

January/February 2008 will be announced soon.

A MESSAGE FROM THE GSLAD EXECUTIVE BOARD

2007 has been a challenging year for us. We try our best to get everything done within the GSLAD. We spent many hours discussing ideas and plans to improve GSLAD.

We are pleased with the progress we have made so far this year. We are still learning and working hard to do more for the members and the community.

We are working on a few things left in 2007. We are also working on making plans for 2008 and we welcome your input to ideas and suggestions what GSLAD can do during 2008.

We do need volunteers to help us do many tasks and projects at GSLAD. Please bring your ideas and suggestions to our next general meeting on November 18th.

Looking back on 2007, we are pleased to have several events happening such as Deaf Expo, GSLAD/MAAD Softball Tournament, and Deaf Pilots Association conference.

We are also pleased to have working relationships with several organizations such as Special School District, Paraquad, MoAD, Department of Mental Health, MoDARA, Alternative Opportunities, SPRINT, Sorenson, CSDVRS, Gateway Silent Seniors, Deaf Biker's Group, Deafestival, and various groups.

We are definitely pleased that this year marks the first time in past several years that the ByLaws has been completed and updated. They will be available for members soon as they come off the press. It will be time to focus on programs and activities for GSLAD. We need to get busy and roll up our sleeves for exciting future of GSLAD.

We want to thank many volunteers who have helped GSLAD roll through meetings, parties, and events for the past year. We want to thank you for your loyalty, trust, dedication and confidence in us.

Sincerely,

Jeff Willoughby, President

Kevin Meyer, Vice-President

Paul Kiel, Secretary

Bob Schmitt, Treasurer