



The lobby is in holiday cheer!



The happy chattering of people



Santa and Mrs. Claus partying!



Santa's Reindeers

GSLAD'S HOLIDAY PARTY - A SMASHING SUCCESS!

Over 100 people attended GSLAD's Holiday Party on December 8, 2007. It was great and fun despite the bad weather. Everyone had a good time and enjoyed the Christmas cheer. The door prizes were awarded. Over \$700.00 were awarded to winners in \$50.00 gift cards for shopping at stores, dinners at restaurants, gasoline and cash. The hall was decked in Christmas colors.

Santa and Mrs. Claus took a magic trip to GSLAD using reindeers (the wonderful volunteers from FVCC's ITP program) There were 11 of them and they were appreciated for helping bus the tables, bringing drinks to tables, help with name tags, and other assistance. They did perform beautifully as reindeers bringing Santa and Mrs. Claus to the hall. We thank them from the bottom of our hearts! We had delicious food served by Favazza's catering. Everyone complimented on the food and everyone had a good time!. More pictures in the back! Awards were given to volunteers. Congrats to **Bob Schmitt** and **Greg Petersen** for GSLAD Awards 2007! Other thank you gifts were for **Susan Reekers**, **Paul Kiel**, and **Lisa Feezel**. Also big thanks to **Bill Blank**, **Jennie Rose Blank**, **Gene McDowell**, and **Yvonne Willoughby** for kitchen help with Gateway Silent Seniors! A BIG THANKS to **Gateway Silent Seniors** for a nice donation! ~A BIG THANKS TO **ROB HATTERICK** FOR TAKING PICTURES FOR US! ☺

****GSLAD wishes everyone a Happy Holiday and a good 2008!****

GSLAD Launches Missouri Video Relay Service - MOVRS We are ahead of the curve for Deaf and Hard of Hearing!

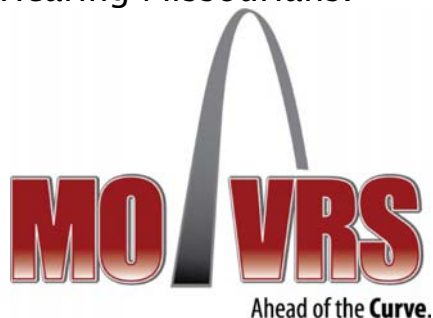
St. Louis, Missouri, December 8, 2007 – Deaf and Hard of Hearing Missourians will enjoy an effective and simpler way to make phone calls with today's launch of MOVRS (Missouri Video Relay Service). GSLAD has entered into partnership with CSDVRS, LLC to implement MOVRS. This is a tremendous opportunity for GSLAD as they form an affiliate outreach partnership with CSDVRS, LLC.

MOVRS allows Deaf and Hard of Hearing customers using Sign Language to reach video interpreters using their videophone or webcam to communicate with any hearing person. The trained and qualified interpreters are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. The VRS user can dial any number using videophone or webcam to connect to a live Video Interpreter. The Video Interpreter can facilitate communication between the sign language user and the hearing person.

MOVRS becomes a driving force in empowering deaf and hard of hearing Missourians to focus on increased awareness and accessibility.

“GSLAD is ahead of the curve by providing a community service in partnership with CSDVRS. We need to have a variety of choices to meet individual needs. CSDVRS is recognized as a leader in provision of services and this, is a good time for us to benefit from the new service,” said Jeffrey Willoughby, GSLAD President. “MOVRS is a useful communication tool. It enables Deaf and Hard of Hearing users to have functional equivalency.”

“GSLAD has a mission to provide a variety of opportunities to the deaf and hard of hearing community. MOVRS is a perfect addition to their mission,” said Tim Rarus, Vice President of Sales for CSDVRS. “In addition, CSDVRS is committed to working with an organization that is as passionate as GSLAD in accomplishing their mission of providing opportunities for their fellow Deaf and Hard of Hearing Missourians.”



TIPS FOR USING MOVRS:

1. Add movrs.tv the next time you need video relay.
2. Add vco.movrs.tv for voice carry over.
3. Add Spanish.movrs.tv for Spanish communication.
4. Add your own personal 800 number.
5. Add vmeeting with workers, family and friends.

Visit website at www.movrs.com or contact Paul Kiel at myfavaslworld@aol.com for more information. It is easy and fast! Start today!

NEW
YEARS
EVERY

ROCKIN' THROUGH MIDNIGHT HOUR

You are cordially invited to the baddest, hottest party hosted by
GSLAD/MAAD 2010 Basketball Committee. Let's party the night away!

Where: GSLAD
2190 Creve Coeur Mill Rd.
Maryland Heights, Mo 63043

When: Monday, December 31 2007

What time: 5pm to 2am

What to wear: Formal/costume
(wackiest costume wins prize)

\$50.00 for couples with food
\$30.00 for single with food
\$20.00 after 8pm

MENU: Pasta Primavera
Stuffed Chicken
Steamed Broccoli
Salad & Rolls

Dinner will be served at 6pm by the committee & Gourmet Bites.

Photo Booth

Cash Bar

DJ

Foods

Surprises

Games

Dance Floor

Prizes

(Appetizers also will be served from 8pm until close)

PLEASE RSVP BY TO MAAD2010STL@gmail.com
BY DECEMBER 20th IF YOU ARE EATING.

PARTY

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****DEADLINE DECEMBER 27, 2007 -
SOME TICKETS LEFT! BUY NOW!**

MORE PICTURES FROM HOLIDAY PARTY (continued)



Santa giving presents to children



Favazza's Catering was delicious!



Bob gets award as Jeff & Kevin look on



Shannon Odneal introduces MOVRS



GSLAD Board and CSDVRS Team



Paul leading chorus for "Jingle Bells"

***PLEASE RENEW YOUR 2008
GSLAD MEMBERSHIP ASAP!
CONTACT KIM STEHLE AT
MSGSLAD@YAHOO.COM***

GSLAD Council of Directors Project Plans for 2008

GSLAD Council of Directors met on December 11, 2007 to make plans for 2008. There were general discussions about the new makeup of the council and it will be discussed at the upcoming January 12, 2008 general meeting at 7 p.m.

They looked at 2008 with ideas and suggestions to have more activities. With Bell Club and other clubs joining GSLAD, the calendar is getting fuller with more meetings, parties, events, workshops and social plans.

The 2008 GSLAD Calendar will be finalized at the upcoming Council of Directors meeting on January 8, 2008. The annual reports of 2007 are due at that meeting. Please contact Paul Kiel, the GSLAD Secretary for filing reports.

If you have ideas or suggestions for 2008, please e-mail to info@gslad.org by January 8th at 5 p.m. You can also do that at Jan 12 general meeting.

GSLAD GENERAL MEETING – January 12, 2008 – 7 p.m.

GSLAD is having annual general meeting on January 12, 2007 at 7 p.m. The GSLAD Board is working on preparing annual reports from the Council of Directors. The GSLAD membership is encouraged to join us for that evening.

***** Please update your membership by paying 2008 dues now! *****

VIP TRAINING PROGRAM – January 13, 2008 – 2 p.m.

This is a new program focused on training GSLAD members to understand the organization and be able to assist GSLAD in volunteer opportunities throughout the new year of 2008.

It is important that each member of GSLAD (new or old) to come and learn about making GSLAD a successful organization. The VIP is a volunteer incentive program designed to retain and maintain membership. This program enables each volunteer to contribute his or her time to help GSLAD. It will provide the mechanics of the program and guide each and every member in doing a better job of helping GSLAD.

It is one hour and a half program designed to make everyone a contributing member of GSLAD.

“Volunteering is not a choice, it is a responsibility.”

Volunteers are needed for cleaning restrooms, halls, kitchen, bar, grounds, storage rooms, media room, and activities. There are various job duties. If you are interested in volunteering, please e-mail to info@gslad.org for consideration in filling in positions.

JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2008 GSLAD SCHEDULE

January 1 – HAPPY NEW YEAR!

January 5 – Dinner/Wingo – 5:30 p.m. til 11 p.m.

January 7 – Football Night

January 8 – Council of Directors Meeting – 7 pm

January 12 – GSLAD’s Annual General Meeting – 7 pm*

* The MoAD Pageant Committee will have fundraising event from noon to 6 pm. Joann Benfield, Miss Deaf Missouri will be performing to raise money for her entry at NAD’s Miss Deaf America program in New Orleans this coming summer 2008. They will be selling chili dinners at 5 p.m. – Show your support!

January 16 – Alternative Opportunities presents a workshop on building resumes. Door Prizes awarded. 5:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

January 26 – FVCC ITP students hosting game night.

February 2 – Dinner/Wingo – 5:30 p.m. til 11 p.m.

February 3 – Superbowl Party

February 5 – Council of Directors Meeting 7 p.m.

February 9 – GSLAD’s General Meeting 7 p.m.

February 15 – Red Hat Party TBA

February 16 – Mardi Gras Party TBA

February 23 – “Forget Me Not” 3 p.m.

Dinner sold at 5 p.m.

“Wrong Game” 7 p.m. by ASLFILMS – Tickets to be sold

February 24 – Oscar Night

****Schedule/events subject to change without notice.***

Check www.gslad.org often as possible for updates.

Also visit GSLAD website for Gateway Silent Seniors activities