

FACES



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Letter from the Editor



Greetings, Everyone

I'm Hijrah Hamid, the new FACES editor. I'm looking forward to filling this role and following in Muffy's impressive footsteps.

2011 is shaping up to be a very interesting and exciting year for sign language interpreters in Georgia. This issue of FACES sheds some light on some of the happenings, including the Georgia Department of Administrative Services (DOAS) Electronic Request for Proposals (eRFP) concerning interpreters and the upcoming Interpreter Symposium.

This is YOUR organization and YOUR newsletter, so if there's anything you'd like to see, please feel free to contact me at hijrah.hamid@gmail.com

Who we are
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings, Members!

RFP, Request For Proposal... These three words have turned this community upside down in the past month. This term "RFP", while common for some, has stirred strong emotions within the Deaf and interpreting communities alike.

In the midst of trying circumstances, both communities have united for a common purpose: to be heard. I would like to share with you how we are reaching our common goal.

I have had the privilege to work alongside great leaders in each community to help bring education and empowerment to the Deaf community in the state of Georgia.

As interpreters, we are trying to understand the language within the RFP and how it will affect our jobs and our families. I have heard positive feedback from the letters you have sent to your legislators.

I have also seen a timely and powerful response to the call for action from interpreters. GaRID is membership driven and it's members have been evermore present.

After our first town hall meeting on May 13th, with a successful live broadcast, the Board has decided to stream all future meetings online. The use of USTREAM will enable us to save our sessions for members to watch at their convenience. *Continued on next page.*

President's Report

This is one more step in aiding our communities in staying connected.

Thank you for your feedback, as well, on our Facebook page! It is a great communicative tool for our members. Please join if you haven't already.

All in all, our collaborative efforts are proving effective, and our communities, both Deaf and interpreting, are pressing forward to be seen, heard and considered.

During this time, I have had the opportunity to do some research about Georgia. I took the information from the RID website and was able to show where interpreters are located throughout the state. The results were interesting: 63% of Georgia certified interpreters live in what is considered Region 3, which includes most of metro Atlanta. There is also an area in southeast Georgia that has no certified interpreters.

I also contacted Georgia Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (GACHI), and they provided me with an estimate of the Deaf population from their current 2007 records. The following chart shows the number of interpreters and Deaf people per region according to the regional map of the Department of Administrative Services (DOAS). See the next page.

Thank you for lending a hand during this time, whether it's doing research to share with a colleague or by spreading the word. I want to encourage us as a body to look at the bigger picture as we move forward. Whatever happens, we are in this together!

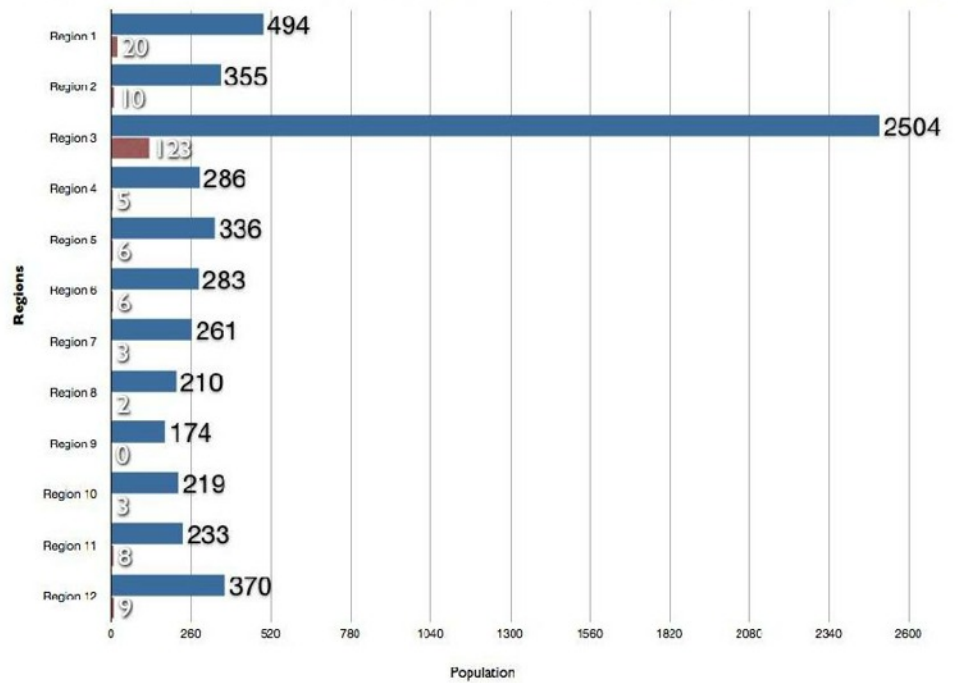
With Gratitude,

Jackie Anthony
President, GaRID



President's Report

Deaf & Interpreter Comparison: Population By Region



■ Deaf Residents (signing) 2007
■ RID Certified Interpreters 2011

Thursday, June 2, 2011

Conference Report

Hello, Fellow GaRID Members!

I am so excited about this year's conference! It will once again be held in the Atlanta area at the Hilton Garden Inn Airport North. Be sure to save the dates – November 4th, 5th and 6th, 2011. This year's conference is especially exciting as the theme and format will be reminiscent of the first Interpreter Symposium where interpreters from across the state were able to join together and encourage, educate and inspire one another. With that in mind, the Conference Committee is proud to present "The Interpreter Symposium II: Interpreters United with a Vision". Along with some amazing presenters and workshops, we have some extraordinary evening events planned as well.

The Conference Committee is busy planning some fundraisers. Our next one is June 18th, and we will be working at the car wash! Look for more information on that to be out soon. It is sure to make a "SPLASH"! We will have food, water and lots of fun! If you are able to volunteer to help us out, please email me at harris.rebecca2010@gmail.com.

We are also planning another Trivia Night. If you missed any of the other Trivia Nights, be sure to mark this one down on your calendar. More information will be available soon.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you soon! Don't forget to save the dates!

Sincerely,

Becky Harris
Vice President, GaRID



BA Program at GPC

We have a go!

The Board of Regents has approved Georgia Perimeter College's request to broaden its mission, including allowing the Sign Language Interpreting Program to offer a bachelor's degree in interpreting.

Though the courses that will become a part of that program are essentially being taught now, it will take about a year for the logistics of the BA program to be fully in place. We look forward to developing, and continuing to serve the Deaf, interpreting and aspiring-interpreter communities in Georgia.

Damita Boyd, *Coordinator*
Sign Language Interpreting Program
Georgia Perimeter College



GaRID Trivia Night May 2011



Upcoming Events

GaRID Car Wash Fundraiser

Georgia RID is going to be “working at the car wash” to raise funds! Bring your family and join us for some fun in the sun as we splash and support our vital organization. FREE food, laughter and cold water all available! The car wash is free. Donations are gladly accepted.

Date: June 18th, 2011,
11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Location: 20 Tower Way, #10,
Newnan, Ga
(At Thomas Crossroads,
behind the Rite Aid)

Contact
harris.rebecca2010@gmail.com for
more information.

Middle Georgia Interpreters for the Deaf (MGID) Workshop: Trix Bruce’s “Face Painting with Non-Manual Signals in ASL”

This workshop will focus on developing accurate non-manual signals and markers as used in ASL. Demonstrations of each category of facial behaviors and head movements will be shown in context. Practice exercises will be offered. By the end of this workshop, you’ll be an artist!

Date: Oct 15th, 2011,
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Location: Hilton Garden Inn,
Warner Robins, Ga

Target Audience: All levels

Total CEUs: 0.6

Visit garid.org for more information.

2011 RID National Conference “Growing Globally”

The educational opportunities at the conference include five hour concentrated extended workshops, three hour workshops, one and one-half hour professional presentations and forums on topics of interest to those in the profession. And, an ample amount of time has been allotted for you to visit the exhibit hall, RID Press, network with your colleagues and more!

Dates: July 17th - 22nd, 2011

Location: Atlanta Marriott Marquis,
Atlanta, GA

Visit rid.org for more information.

Annual Conference and Business Meetings for GaRID and NAOBI “Interpreter Symposium II - Interpreters United with a Vision”

Save the dates! Why? Speakers, Panels, Exciting Evening Events, CEUs, Networking, Great Door Prizes, and MORE. Full schedule and program with registration information coming soon.

Dates: November 4th - 6th, 2011

Location: Hilton Garden Inn Atlanta
Airport North,
East Point, Ga

Visit garid.org for more information.

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