

Workshops—Friday, June 24, 2011

Session I (choose one)

- **“Recognizing Investment Schemes and Scams”** presented by John Clouden, financial planning associate for Sgroi Financial, LLC. Learn about various fraudulent money-making schemes, scams, and how to protect yourselves.
- **“Deaf Refugees and Immigration”** presented Pam Kefi, Jason Goldstein, Tony Brucato, and Liana Godzik from Deaf Adult Services, Inc. of WNY. This workshop will address the linguistic, cultural, and historical issues related to being a Deaf refugee in the world and in America. Learn about additional barriers to services faced by this population and successful programming to create access and support of America’s newest Deaf community members.

Session II (choose one)

- **“Navigating Today’s Health Care System”** presented by Christene Amabile, FNP. Learn about the roles of many different health care providers in today’s health care system. Learn about where to go for assistance; how to advocate for yourself and get the health care you need; how to prepare for a medical appointment; and many more.
- **“State of Deaf Education in New York and Nationwide”** presented by Tim Kelly, Superintendent of St. Mary’s School for the Deaf and Harold Mowl, Superintendent of Rochester School for the Deaf. Learn about current challenges with keeping schools for the Deaf open in New York; what is happening in other parts of the country with other schools struggling to stay alive and what has led to various schools to close. Learn about various legislation and funding that supports Deaf Education

Session III

- **“Emergency Preparedness”** presented by Claude Stout, Executive Director of TDI (formerly known as Telecommunications for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Inc). Find out what the Deaf or Hard of Hearing consumer’s role and responsibilities are in four key stages of emergency preparedness—mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery; how the consumer can best address related issues and needs with others in the community in collaboration with industry and government.

Workshop—Saturday, June 25, 2011

- **“Video Relay Services Consumer Association”** presented by Geraldine Francini, Eastern Representative for the VRSCA. Discuss issues related to Video Relay Services and how to encourage the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to improve VRS Services.

Hilton Garden Inn

Most of the Conference events will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn hotel, 4201 Genesee Street, Buffalo, NY 14225; (716) 565-0040. This new hotel is situated across the street from the Buffalo Niagara International Airport. Double beds and King Rooms are available at the Hilton Garden Inn on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at the rate of \$129.00 per night (not including sales and occupancy taxes) using the reservation code: **ESAD2011**. Reservations must be made by 6/14/11; thereafter, reservations will be taken on a space available basis only.

The Area

In addition to the 68th Biennial Conference of the Empire State Association of the Deaf, there are many other exciting places to visit in Buffalo. Buffalo has many local culinary delights such as beef-on-weck, charbroiled hot dogs, and it is the birthplace of the chicken wing. Visit the Roycroft campus in East Aurora where the arts-and-crafts movement began. Visit and enjoy attractions such as the Buffalo Zoo, Frank Lloyd Wright’s Darwin D. Martin House, Albright-Knox Art Gallery, the funky shops of Elmwood Village, and Erie Canal Harbor. See one of the wonders of the world only 30 minutes away in Niagara Falls along with casinos and entertainment on the American and Canadian side of the Falls.

There are various other hotels and motels available around the airport where the Hilton Garden Inn is located. There are many restaurants close by and the Walden Galleria Mall is just a few miles away.

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Buffalo, New York

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4201 Genesee Street
Buffalo, New York 14225



Hosted by the
Buffalo Civic Association of the Deaf

68th Biennial ESAD Conference Registration Form

Please print:

Name: _____ Email or Phone Number: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

PLEASE CHECK ONE:

- _____ \$60 Early Bird Combo (deadline May 31, 2011)
- _____ \$55 Senior Citizens (age 60+)/Students Early Bird Combo (deadline May 31, 2011)
- _____ \$70 Regular Combo (deadline June 15, 2011)
- _____ \$65 Senior Citizens (age 60+)/Students Regular Combo (deadline June 15, 2011)
- _____ \$40 BANQUET ONLY (deadline June 15, 2011)

Combo Tickets includes ESAD membership for 2011, all events listed in the Conference Agenda for Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The banquet is included.

Combo Registrants, please indicate which workshops you will attend for Session I and Session II:

- Session I (check one): "Recognizing Investment Schemes and Scams" "Deaf Refugees and Immigration"
 Session II (check one): "Navigating Today's Health Care System" "State of Deaf Education in New York and Nationwide"

Are you attending the Welcome Reception on Thursday, June 23? YES NO

If you are deaf-blind, please circle the type of interpreting services you need : Tactile Close Visual

Please enclose full payment with registration form. Checks are to be written out to: **Buffalo Civic Association of the Deaf**
 Please mail registration form and payment to: **BCAD; PO Box 1161; Amherst, New York 14226**

The 68th Biennial Conference of the Empire State Association of the Deaf

Founded in 1865, the Empire State Association of the Deaf (ESAD) is the oldest State Association and continues to commit its services through the advancement of the moral, social, intellectual, and economic standings for the Deaf citizens of New York State. ESAD is the state's affiliate to the National Association of the Deaf, the nation's premier civil rights organization of, by and for Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals.

Buffalo Civic Association of the Deaf (BCAD) is proud to host the 68th Biennial Conference of the ESAD from June 23 to June 26, 2011 in Buffalo, New York. Conference attendees will be able to attend various workshops and meetings geared toward promoting the social and economic well-being of individuals with hearing loss. There will be various vendor booths exhibiting businesses and products at the Hilton Garden Inn on June 24 and 25, 2011.

Banquet, Chinese Auction & ASL Performance

On Saturday, June 25, 2011, ESAD will have a banquet at the Hilton Garden Inn where attendees will enjoy a buffet dinner along with a Chinese Auction and an exciting performance of ASL comedy, magic, and mime by Gregg Spera! Mr. Spera is part of Keith Wann's ASL Comedy Tour (www.aslcomedytour.com).

Combo Tickets and Banquet Only Ticket

Combo Tickets (Early Bird and Regular) include membership to ESAD for 2011, attendance at all scheduled meetings and workshops and the Banquet. Discounts are available for Senior Citizens (age 60 and up) and Students.

Banquet Only Tickets are just for the Banquet event on June 25th. Individuals who purchase this ticket will not receive ESAD membership and they cannot attend the meetings and workshops unless they purchase the Combo Ticket.

Conference Schedule

Thursday, June 23, 2011 at St. Mary's School for the Deaf

- 1:00 - 4:00 PM ESAD Board meeting at St. Mary's School for the Deaf 2253 Main Street Buffalo, NY 14214
- 4:00 - 6:00 PM Welcome Reception and Optional Museum/Tours at St. Mary's School for the Deaf **light refreshments provided*

Friday, June 24, 2011 at Hilton Garden Inn 4201 Genesee Street, Buffalo, NY 14225

- 8:00 AM Registration
- 9:00 - 10:00 AM SESSION I Workshops
- 10:15 - 11:15 AM SESSION II Workshops
- 11:15 AM - 1:00 PM *Lunch on your own*
- 1:00 - 2:30 PM SESSION III Workshop
- 2:45 - 4:45 PM ESAD General Meeting I
- 5:00 - 7:00 PM *Dinner on your own*
- 7:00 PM - ? Optional Open House at Buffalo Club of the Deaf 2275 Clinton Street Buffalo, NY 14206

Saturday, June 25, 2011 at Hilton Garden Inn

- 8:00 AM Registration
- 8:30 - 10:00 AM Town Meeting
- 10:15-11:30 AM VRSCA Workshop
- 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM *Lunch on your own*
- 1:00 - 3:30 PM ESAD General Meeting II and Elections
- 6:00 PM Doors Open for Banquet, Chinese Auction, and ASL Comedy Performance at Hilton Garden Inn

Sunday, June 26, 2011 at Hilton Garden Inn

- 9 AM - Noon New ESAD Board Meeting