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ODHH Monthly Bulletin

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Greetings from Director:

2015 is a new year with new beginnings but, sadly, with the end of 2014, there were also some losses. Estie Kruglak was offered a job and said goodbye to ODHH in early January. Still, there is a lot happening. Maryland inaugurated a new Governor on January 21st and legislative session has begun. We also thought January would be a good time to review our goals and mission and to solicit input from you, our community, on trainings and workshops that would be of interest to you. We also want to recognize the hard work of our deaf, hard of hearing, and deafblind constituents with a new feature: Person of the Month.

Looking forward to a great year with you all!

~Lisa

This Month:

Inauguration

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Inauguration

On Wednesday, January 21st, Larry Hogan was sworn in as Maryland's 62nd governor and Boyd Rutherford was sworn in as the Lt. Governor. It was a cold and snowy day and still over 1,600 people showed up to celebrate the inauguration of the

new Governor and Lt. Governor, who are pledging to be fiscally responsible leaders and who want to work to create jobs by making Maryland more attractive to businesses. Governor Hogan said: "Starting today, let me say loudly and clearly, Maryland is open for business." Governor Hogan emphasized that he plans to work collaboratively with Democrats who control the Legislature. He vowed that Maryland's state government will not be bogged down in the gridlock that has gripped the nation's capital 30 miles away. "Today is not the beginning of an era of divided government,"



Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor
Boyd K. Rutherford
Lt. Governor

February is American Heart Month

During the month of February, Americans see the human heart as the symbol of love. February is American Heart Month, a time to show yourself the love. Learn about your risks for heart disease and stroke and stay "heart healthy" for yourself and your loved ones.

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NEW! Person of the Month

ODHH is excited about this new feature of our Monthly Bulletin. We will be highlighting the Person of the Month. We will honor a person from the community who deserves to be recognized by his or her

Hogan said, as snow fell outside the Maryland State House during his inaugural address. "Today is the beginning of a new spirit of bipartisan cooperation in Annapolis." Hogan said he would be guided by four main goals in office: fiscal responsibility, economic growth, reform and fairness. American Sign Language interpreters were available for both the official inauguration held inside and for the events hosted for the public outside.

Farewell to Estie

ODHH is sad to announce that Estie Kruglak had her last day at the office on January 8th. While we are sad to lose her, we are thrilled for her while she begins a new life at Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf in their Member Services department. Estie had truly blossomed here after joining the ODHH "family" as an intern in Fall 2013 then becoming Administrative Assistant shortly after that.



She is a loyal hard-worker and wants what is for the best for ODHH. She is clearly passionate about the deaf, hard of hearing and deafblind community. She always does her best to attend community events. ODHH looks forward to the day when Estie completes her interpreting certification and continues to be an amazing addition to our community. ODHH wishes Estie the best of luck on her career change and trust that she will soar high. Please join us and congratulate Estie with her new position. Farewell, Estie. We miss you.

2015 & ODHH

ODHH is excited about 2015! We have a new Governor and a lot of changes happening. You may or may not have noticed that we have been working hard with our website. In addition to its new look, we have added more resources, including ASL vlogs. We have also added a new Deaf-Owned Business directory, which we are continuing to update. If you are or know of a deaf, hard of hearing, or deafblind business owner, please let us know.

ODHH is also excited about expanding our training/workshop availability. We want deaf, hard of hearing, and deafblind Marylanders to have access to the same information as other citizens, to understand the resources available, and to avail themselves of such resources. Please share with us what kind of workshops you would like to attend. We will continue providing our annual employment workshops and Legislative Awareness Days. What other issues are important to you? Please fill out our form and let us know your thoughts. Click [HERE](#) for the form.



involvement with the community and ODHH.

If you know someone who deserves this recognition, please nominate by clicking [HERE](#).

During the War of 1812, Fort McHenry, sentinel of Baltimore's harbor, was bombarded with advanced weapons, including rockets, and on September 13, 1814. Francis Scott Key was so inspired as he watched the attack, that he wrote the "Star-Spangled Banner" in praise of the successful defense of the fort.

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ODHH's mission and vision remains the same. In pursuit of that vision, another goal is to increase our numbers for Deaf Sensitivity and Awareness Trainings in order to promote a better understanding of our community and its needs. ODHH will increase our collaborations with various state agencies to address those very needs and educate on those topics. ODHH will also continue educating places of public accommodation on their obligations to provide the appropriate communication method as constituents reach out to us with their frustrations. ODHH will continue ensuring that captioning and ASL interpreters are provided at emergency televised press conferences and other state-produced videos. Please do let us know if there's anything you'd like to see ODHH do for you, such as specific resources or how we can be here for you.

If there is a topic you would like to see ODHH cover in our upcoming bulletins and vlogs, please email us and we will consider your request.

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