Happy belated Valentine’s Day to all of you! Welcome to the third edition of The eNVADer. Once again, Pat Beech and I worked on this issue together. We would truly welcome any contributions to the newsletter from any of you, whether it be news, funny stories, photos, announcements of events, and so forth. Also, please feel free to share your thoughts and opinions of the newsletter. Send your articles to Pat at pgbeech@aol.com. Please understand that anything that is sent for inclusion in the eNVADer will be edited for content and appropriateness.

Again, in order to spread awareness of NVAD and the eNVADer, I am sending this newsletter to other people besides NVAD members, as I did with the October 2018 newsletter. If you like what you see and would like to continue receiving the eNVADer, you will need to become a member of NVAD. You can contact Joan Corley at tigger531@aol.com or Donna Graff-Viall at missgraffie@gmail.com for the membership form. Please feel free to share the newsletter with anyone that you think will be interested in learning more about NVAD.

NVAD will celebrate its 75th anniversary next year, 2020. We want to get started with making plans for this momentous occasion. We need to set up a committee to plan this celebration. Please let me know if you are interested in serving on this committee.

The next general meeting of NVAD will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2019, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at NVRC. Directions to NVRC are on their website at www.nvrc.org. I want to encourage you to do your part in providing breakfast refreshments at the meeting. We are also holding our first deaf Chocolate Festival right after the meeting. See the flyer on page 2. Hope to see you all there!

Melanie Williams
President, NVAD

This is NVAD’s third issue. If you have any news, stories, upcoming events, awards, etc., please email to Patricia Beech at pgbeech@aol.com.
Northern Virginia Association of the Deaf

NVAD General Meeting
9:30AM to 12:00PM

Chocolate Festival
12:00PM to 1:30PM

Saturday, March 2, 2019
Northern Virginia Resource Center
3951 Pender Drive #130
Fairfax, VA 22030

Suggested list of chocolate items to bring:
* Sugar free chocolates
* Chocolate Shapes
* Kiss Chocolates
* Chocolate Ice Cream
* Girl Scout Thin Mints
* Chocolate-Covered Fruit
* M&M’s
* White Chocolate
* Fudge
* Pudding
* Chocolate Chip Cookies
* Reese’s
* Hershey
* Chocolate Cake

There is a $5 charge for those who do not bring anything for the festival.

For more information about NVAD General Meeting, please contact Melanie Williams, mywilliams@verizon.net.

For more information about Chocolate Festival, please contact Jamie Berke, NorthernVaDeaf@gmail.com. Please inform her what dish you will bring to prevent duplicates.
President’s Report at NVAD’s Membership Meeting on January 12, 2019

1. Good morning and Happy New Year! Thank you for reelecting me as your president for 2019. I will continue to do my best for you.

2. Thanks to the previous board for their time and service. Welcome to new board.

3. To reduce confusion, please do not interrupt me while I am giving my report. Steve Williams is my parliamentarian, and if I have questions, I will ask him.

4. Meeting must end at 12 noon sharp today. At 11:30, I will let you know only 30 minutes left.

5. Short report today in order to allow time for business portion of meeting. I ask that all other reports be kept short also.

6. Hope you all received the eNVADer for January 2019. Especially hope you read the information about the motion to donate $25,000 to NVRC and are ready to vote on the motion.

7. Super Bowl party? If so, MaryRose Gonzalez has volunteered to chair the committee. Potluck style?


9. Jamie Berke suggested a Chocolate Festival. Maybe after March meeting? She will explain during Social Committee report.

10. NVRC’s Celebrate Communication is April 27. Need to start planning for it.

NVAD Board for 2019

Peggy Daniels (Member-at-large),
Paul Daniels (Member-at-large),
MaryRose Gonzalez (Member-at-large),
Melanie Williams (President),
Nancy Rarus (Secretary),
Jamie Berke (Vice President),
and Robert Goodwin (Treasurer)
Photos from NVAD Lego, Comic Book, & Play-Doh Event on January 19, 2019

Robert Goodwin deals with Play-Doh

Tom Jackson with son

Sawyer & Christine McGee

The McGee family poses for the photographer

Adele Jackson with sons

Joe McGee works on a difficult lego kit

Bryleigh & Sherry Evans

Steve & Melanie Williams
Photos from NVAD Super Bowl Event on February 3, 2019
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Melanie Williams informs Robert Loftur-Thun (NVRC interim director) that NVAD will be giving a $25,000 Grant to NVRC

Melanie’s grandkids helped with decorating the check
On February 18, 2019, NVAD President Melanie Williams presented NVRC Interim Executive Director Bob Loftur-Thun with Grant Check. Pictured with Melanie and Bob are Tom Dowling and Gary Viall.

The $25,000 grant will jump-start the new NVRC Deaf Seniors Stay Connected! Program, expand the NVRC Communications Access Fund, and establish the NVRC Digital Opportunities Center.

- The “NVRC Deaf Seniors Stay Connected!” program includes a team of volunteers who reach out via videophone and visits to Deaf Seniors who live alone.
- The NVRC Communications Access Fund provides free or discounted ASL Interpreting services to Deaf persons on a sliding scale.
- The NVRC Digital Opportunities Center will provide training and real work experience to Deaf and Hard of Hearing interns and job seekers in the areas of help desk technical support, interactive video webcasting, video production and captioning, graphic/digital design, e-learning module design and production, e-learning management system administration skills, and virtual (VR) and augmented reality (AR) app development.

Want to Know More About NVAD?

Do you have a friend who wants to know more about NVAD? On the Internet, there are three places to go for information:

1. NVAD page on Virginia Association of the Deaf web page: [http://vad.org/nvad.html](http://vad.org/nvad.html). On this page is a schedule of NVAD meetings, events, and membership information.
2. NVAD Facebook page: [https://www.facebook.com/NorthernVirginiaAssociationoftheDeaf/](https://www.facebook.com/NorthernVirginiaAssociationoftheDeaf/). This is where to go to get the latest information about NVAD events and meetings.
3. Northern Virginia Deaf Community group on Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/groups/1058847760926526/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1058847760926526/). This group is connected to the NVAD Facebook page, and allows interaction with NVAD members. The group files include the NVAD membership form. Plus, because it is a group, information about non-NVAD events and open captioned movies in northern Virginia are shared there, too.

~ Jamie Berke
Vice-President, NVAD