


Greetings!

Happy New Year! As we welcome 2022, below are the highlights we did in 2021. The hope for 2022 to be a great year is very much on everyone's mind.

Looking back on 2021, we have accomplished quite a bit through the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite this pandemic, HCAD has strived to provide events for our Deaf community and will continue to do so for this coming year of 2022.

First and foremost, we are thrilled to have two newest Board members. They are Kalpana Varia, a long time citizen of Howard County, who is our new Secretary, and Teri Scotten, also a long time citizen of Howard County, is our new Member-At-Large. Please congratulate them when you see them!



Hello members,

Maryland Association of the Deaf and the Potomac Chapter of RID are pleased to announce an information session on **Tuesday October 26th at 7pm** to discuss the recent updates to the Maryland Interpreter Licensure bill. This info session will be in a webinar format and we request that you send in your questions via email before the session to mdinterpreterlicensure@gmail.com. There will be limited time for Q&A at the end of the webinar as well.

Register in advance for this meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/2zvc06upjMrE9ERtOO4ibnV1me9hFJuanBR>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

MDIL Team

Since January of 2021, we have been actively involved with the Sign Language Interpreters Bill. Unfortunately, the bill was not passed. However, HCAD has not given up and continues to be involved again for 2022, partnering with MDAD and its coalition of deaf community organizations. We are proud to work together and walk down to Annapolis together.

We expect the bill to be introduced again and look forward to supporting our partners in their work to get the bill passed. Maryland citizens, please join us!

In February, we had the opportunity to host our Game Night on Zoom. This event is traditionally held in person annually at the MSD Columbia campus. Unfortunately, due to covid, we had to move this to Zoom which turned out to be a challenging one, but a fun game experience for all of us!



**COME AND JOIN US FOR
A FUN-FILLED GAME NIGHT ON ZOOM
Saturday February 6, 2021**

 Pictionary 7:00-8:00 pm (10 people)
[Pictionary Sign up](#)

 Scattergories 8:00-9:00 pm (10 people)
[Scattergories Sign up](#)

Please sign up to reserve your spot. When we receive your sign up slot, we will send you an email with the Zoom link.

Have questions? Email to hcadeaf@gmail.com

This event is hosted by
Howard County Association of the Deaf (HCAD)

In February, we hosted our very first virtual Zoom event in support of local Deaf business owners. Our moderator for this event was Fred Hartman who had an awesome time chatting with the owners of Mozzarella Pizza restaurant, Russ & Melody Stein. They were so gracious to join us live from their San Francisco home.

Russ and Melody gave us a brief background on how they succeeded in their business in San Francisco and DC. Currently, they have a food truck that goes around the city in San Francisco. Russ was very entertaining in answering questions while Melody gave an interesting background on how they established their consulting firm, **Yantern**, which provides consultation for deaf business owners through online webinars, in-person and virtual.



Special Guests - Russ and Melody Stein,
Deaf Owners of the new Mozzarella restaurant in DC

In March, Heidi Burghardt interviewed Rebecca Moir who owns a hair salon in Reisterstown. For several years, Rebecca drove to clients' homes to do hair appointments. One day, she decided to open her shop which was a game changer for her.

As a stylist in the beauty industry, Rebecca shared many great tips on how to keep your hair in good condition as you age. It was fun to watch and learn a lot about different types of hairstyling and what to do with it. At the end of the show, she showed us the interior of her cute salon using a 3D video. If you want to have your hair done, please visit her salon!



Special Guest: Rebecca Jester Moir

**Deaf Owner of Glam By Becca
A beauty salon in Reisterstown, Maryland**



In honor of Black History Month, we had two well-beloved Black Deaf women who are real sisters, Dr. Carolyn McCaskill and Dr. Angela McCaskill to be with us in our Zoom event. We had the privilege to have our long-time Howard County resident and NAD board member Kirsten Poston as our moderator for this Zoom event.



Special Guests ~ Dr. Carolyn and Dr. Angela McCaskill
Gallaudet University Professors, Authors & Activists



Dr. Carolyn McCaskill



Dr. Angela McCaskill

With doctorate degrees in Special Education Administration from Gallaudet University, both Carolyn and Angela are passionate about social justice for Deaf African-Americans. They will share their experiences as professors, authors and activities with us.

Tuesday March 2, 2021

7:00-9:00pm EST

Moderator: Kirsten Poston



Please register in advance for this webinar by using the link above

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Dr. Carolyn was the first deaf black person in history at Gallaudet University to receive a doctoral degree in Special Education. Dr. Angela got hers the following year becoming the 2nd black deaf person to hold a Ph.D. degree. They share the same passion for education and wrote their own books. Dr. Carolyn is the co-author for *"The Hidden Treasure of Black ASL: Its History and Structure"* and Dr. Angela wrote *"Black Deaf Professionals with Doctorate Degrees"*.

The talented sisters shared their extraordinary experiences growing up as deaf black women in the South in which they use Black ASL as their main communication. They spoke about their passion to improve the quality of life for deaf Black people in today's society in the education field.



When the 2021 Super Bowl came, we watched with awe on Warren “Wawa” Snipe, a Deaf rapper who performed the National Anthem in ASL and stole the show with his animated expressions and beautiful smile. We knew we had to invite him for our Zoom event and were humbled to have him along with Fred Hartman as our host for this event.

Although there have been deaf performers who signed the national anthem in the past, he became a national sensation and every news station wanted to interview him. His phone was bombarded with so many text messages from everyone. His appearance with us was his first one which was just a week after the game occurred and we were delighted to have him before he got so busy booking with other interviewers.

Warren shared his experience at the Super Bowl game with great details. He also shared his life experience as a deaf black male in mainstream school when he never knew about a deaf school that was just down the road from his home. He has a deep passion for music which he practices and enjoys doing performances.

It was such a heartwarming evening to watch him and we wish him all the best for his amazing career in the music industry.



Join us in celebrating
Black History Month

Special Guest - Warren 'WAWA' Snipe

Deaf Artist and Rapper

Friday, February 12th

7:00pm - 9:00pm

Warren will share his life experience and success as a deaf performer/rapper, his genre of Dip Hop, 'a Hip Hop through Deaf eyes' and is promoting his new album, "Wamilton". Also, Warren will share his experience about his performance in signing the National Anthem at the Super Bowl!



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In May, we hosted the first-ever virtual fundraising event on Zoom with a Deaf consultant for Pampered Chef, Jacob Leffler. This event was our most successful fundraising to date and we earned over \$350 from this event!

It was a fun and lively event to watch Jacob showing us the Pampered Chef products with the help of Patricia Ferran, a former consultant for Pampered Chef. Jacob presented several new and cool products that Pampered Chef sells that we have never seen before. Additionally, Patty showed many of her past products that are still used by Pampered Chef today.

Jacob had food prepared for us, but sadly, we were unable to be with him to eat his delicious food due to covid. Nonetheless, this Zoom event got waving reviews and everyone truly enjoyed watching Jacob and Patty demonstrating the products. We hope that you enjoy the new Pampered Chef products that you bought from Jacob!



Join us for a fun-filled evening with a cooking show and meet Jacob Leffler, your Deaf Pampered Chef Consultant!

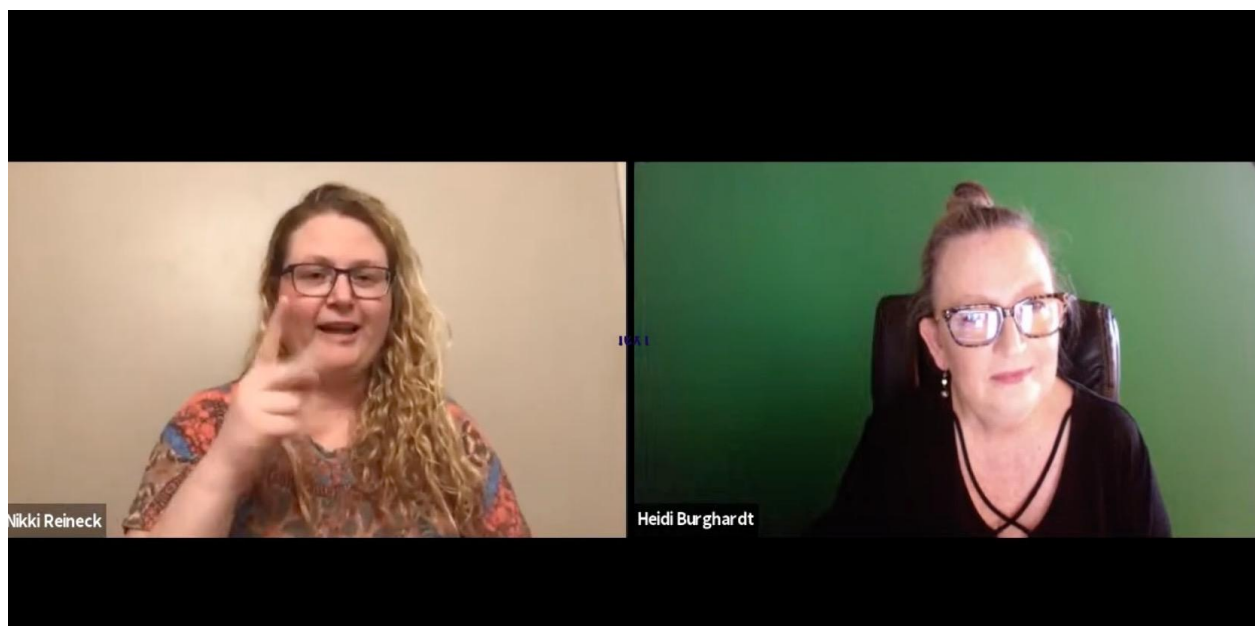
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Virtual Party!
Shop from your seat, not your feet!



Special Guests ~ Nikki Reineck and Emilia Doudt
Deaf Owners of "Sisters in Style",
a clothing boutique located in Frederick, MD

In continuing to support Deaf local business owners, we were delighted to have a special guest, Nikki Reineck live from Indianapolis. She and her sister, Emilia Doudt (not present at the Zoom meet) opened a boutique clothing shop in Frederick called *Sisters in Style*. Nikki shared her passion for shopping for clothes and how they started their business in the clothing industry.

Although she and her sister used to live in Frederick in the past, they have relocated to Indianapolis for family/school reasons, but they still continue to operate the Frederick shop and online with a great team of staff. Please shop at their cute little shop which is located at Shab Row in the heart of downtown Frederick! Also, you can browse the clothing via their app that you can download on your phone.

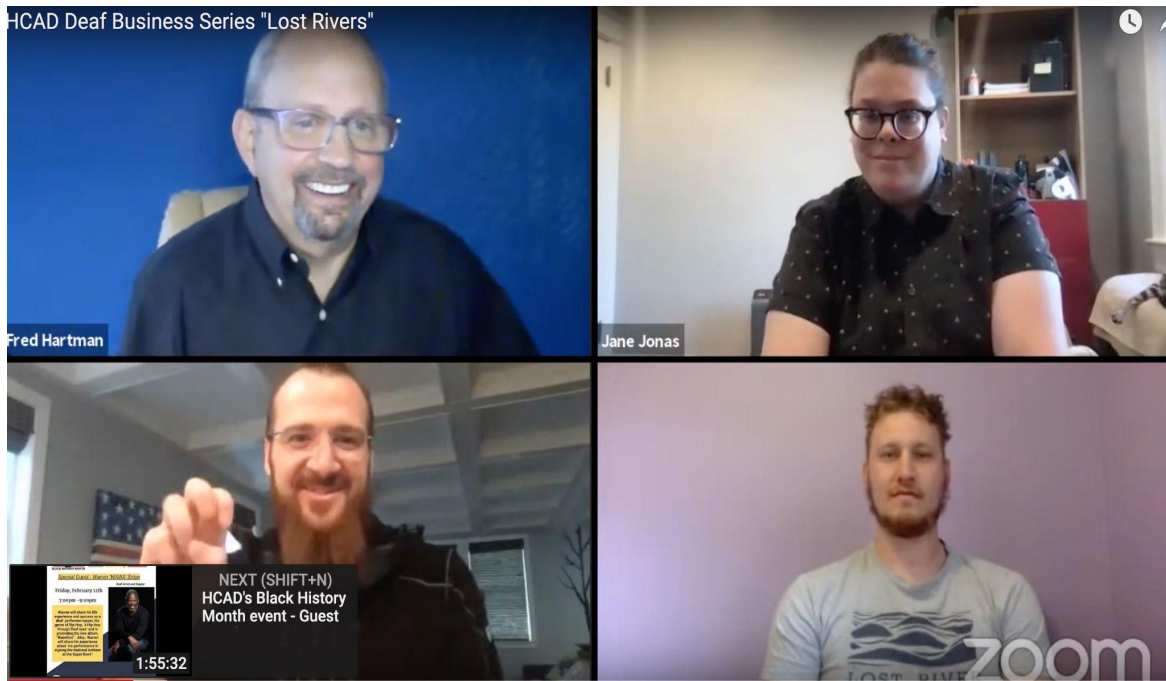


Our final Zoom event was with the Lost River Vacations. Our host Fred had a wonderful discussion with three deaf business owners, Andrew St. Cyr, Shawn Harrington, and Jane Jonas. They gave us a great insight into how they made it happen with a mission to make it a Deaf Ecosystem which means that their business is 100% Deaf owned. Their tiny homes were built by deaf craftsmen, their website and logo were designed by a deaf IT developer, their interior wall murals were designed by deaf artists and photos by deaf photographers.

Their cute tiny houses are located in the beautiful wooded area in West Virginia. Please have a chance to go there for a fun getaway weekend trip!



Guests: Andrew St. Cyr, Jane Jonas and Shawn Harrington
Deaf Business Owners of *Lost River Vacations* in West Virginia



In the Spring, we hosted our 2nd fundraising event at a local restaurant, MOD Pizza, which has a delicious selection of pizza and salad. Thanks to those of you who supported us.



HCAD hibernated during the summer of 2021. Then Fall came and for the first time in a year and a half, we went hiking in person - not twice, but thrice! We went to Patapsco State Park and Centennial Park - perfect locations to see the beautiful fall foliage.

Our Social Director Lisa Skaggs was our fantastic guide for organizing those events! Everyone had a great time. Picture below taken in October at the Patapsco State Park ~ a lovely fall day for hiking and chatting.





Join us for a morning walk (3 miles)
Centennial Park - South Area



Please meet at parking lot area which is on the second right after the entrance which is near the boating dock. Dogs on leash allowed. Paths are paved. ADA friendly.

When: Saturday, November 13th
Time: 10:00am to 1:00pm
Where: Centennial Park
10000 Clarksville Pike
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Rain date - November 20th



Use your smartphone camera to click on Google Maps QR code for directions



For more information, please text Lisa at 443-878-9469
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In October, we resumed our traditional Adopt-A-Road clean-up on Robert Fulton Drive - a great workout for those who volunteered to help in cleaning up the road. The picture below was taken at Robert Fulton Drive next to the HCAD sign.



At last, in December, we hosted our traditional holiday gathering at a cool place called BusBoy & Poets restaurant - a great time to chat with old and new friends!! We look forward to more events this year, and hopefully, in person! If you like to share some ideas for future events, please feel free to send us an email at hcadeafnews@gmail.com



We wish you a blissfully, blossoming joyful year of 2022!