

# Washington: Where Access Begins



## **TDI 18th Biennial Conference Schedule**

*Telecommunications for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Inc. (TDI)*

*The Mayflower Renaissance Hotel*

*1127 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.*

*Washington, D.C. 20036*

*July 28 - August 1, 2009*

### **PRECONFERENCE ACTIVITIES**

**Tuesday, July 28 (Golfers' Day)** (Admission \$200 – space limited)

- check [www.tdi-online.org](http://www.tdi-online.org) for more details

Golf Outing - 12:00 p.m to 8:00 p.m. at Worthington Manor Golf Club in Urbana, MD

**Wednesday, July 29 (Board Meeting & Opening Ceremony)**

**\*\*FREE\*\***

- All events open to the public

Registration - 12 noon to 5 p.m. (Promenade)

TDI Board Meeting 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (South Carolina Room)

**\*\*FREE\*\***

**TDI CONFERENCE OPENING CEREMONY**

**Wednesday, July 29**

Opening Ceremony - 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Grand Ballroom)

**\*\*FREE\*\***



- Dr. Roy E. Miller, TDI Board President - presiding
- Brief Remarks -
  - Claude Stout, TDI Executive Director
  - Joe Duarte, Co-Chair, TDI Conference Program
  - Fred Weiner, Co-Chair, TDI Conference Program
- Welcome and Greetings by Conference Sponsors



- Keynote Speaker:
  - Mr. Kareem Dale
  - Special Assistant to the President for Disability Policy
  - The White House

# **TDI CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES - Day 1**

## **Thursday, July 30 (Legislative Day)**

- Morning events on Capitol Hill open to the public
- Afternoon workshops at Mayflower Hotel require registration
- Exhibits open to public
- President's Reception - admission fee - no registration required.

## **Special Program at Cannon House Office Building on Capitol Hill**

**\*\*FREE\*\***

*(Event takes place in Room 345 of Cannon Building, across from the Capitol South Metro Station.)*

- 9:00 a.m. Plenary Session  
Emcee: Fred Weiner
- 9:15 a.m. Presentation of two Karen Peltz Strauss Public Policy Awards
- 10:15 a.m.
  - *"21st Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2009"*
  - Expert Panel -  
Moderator: Karen Peltz Strauss (COAT)  
Panelists: David Bahar (Jay Inslee – WA) and Mark Richert (AFB)
- 11:00 a.m.
  - *"21st Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2009"*
  - Consumer Panel -  
Moderator: Rosaline Crawford (NAD)  
Panelists: Lise Hamlin (MD), Randy Pope (MD), Alfred Sonnenstrahl (MD) and John Stanton (DC)
- 11:45 a.m. Brief Training for House office visits
- 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. – Eight teams of consumer advocates visit House offices

## **TDI Conference Events at Mayflower Renaissance Hotel**

**\*\*FREE\*\***

- 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. - **Exhibits** (East Room)
- 2:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. Plenary Session: (Grand Ballroom)
  - Digital Television Transition Forum  
Moderator: Cheryl Heppner (NVRC)  
Panelists:  
Ann Bobeck (NAB), Pamela Holmes (WI), Brian Markwalter (CEA), Andy Scott (NCTA) and Chris Soukup (CSD)
- 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Plenary Session: (Grand Ballroom)
  - Accomplishments of Coalition of Organizations for Accessible Technology (COAT)  
Karen Peltz Strauss  
Jenifer Simpson  
Rosaline Crawford  
Eric Bridges
- 6:15 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Plenary Session: (Grand Ballroom)
  - Latest with Microsoft's Efforts in Accessibility  
Sean Hayes, Microsoft Corporation
- 7:15 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. **President's Reception** (State Room)



**Hosted by  
Dr. Roy E. Miller, President  
TDI Board of Directors**

- At 8:00 p.m., there will be a brief program to recognize five individuals that have produced outstanding contributions in emergency preparedness for deaf, hard of hearing, and special needs populations.
- (Admission: \$60.00 – Deadline for tickets Monday July 27, 2009)

## **TDI CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES - Day 2**

### **Friday, July 31 (Industry/Regulatory Day)**

- All workshops at Mayflower Hotel require registration

- Exhibits open to public

- **Professional Motivational Luncheon** (Admission = \$50.00 - no registration required.)

• 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Exhibits (East Room)

**\*\*FREE\*\***

• 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Plenary Session: (Grand Ballroom)

**\*\*FREE\*\***

○ Keynote Speech

Julius Genachowski, Chairman,

Federal Communications Commission (invited)

• 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Plenary Session: (Grand Ballroom)

○ Globalization of Standardization and Making the International Telecommunication Union

(ITU) Accessible

Andrea Saks

Cynthia Waddell

Alessandra Gaspari

- 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. **Professional Motivational Luncheon:** (State Room)

## **Pursuing Functional Equivalency**



**Kelby Brick, Vice President**

### **Regulatory and Strategic Policy, Purple Communications**

(Admission: \$50.00 – Deadline for tickets Tuesday July 28, 2009)

- 1:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. Plenary Session (Grand Ballroom)
  - Real Time Text
    - Dr. Gregg Vanderheiden
      - TRACE Center at University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. TRS Forum (Grand Ballroom)
  - Co-Moderators: Judy Viera and Brenda Kelly-Frey
  - Consumer Panel –
    - Amy Bopp (MD), Rachel Dubin (MD), Rebecca Ladew (MD), David Nelson (DC), Wayne Roorda (NJ) and Pam Stewart (MD)
  - Government Panel
    - Clayton Bowen (Virginia Relay), Greg Hlibok (FCC), John Ricker (NECA), Suzanne Tetreault (FCC) and Jan Withers (North Carolina Relay)
  - Industry Panel
    - Sean Belanger (ZVRS), Tom Kielty (Snap!VRS), Dan Luis (Purple), Paul Kershnik (Sorenson) and Dixie Ziegler (Hamilton),
- 5:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Plenary Session (Grand Ballroom)
  - What's New in Access to 911?
    - Moderator: Sheri Farinha (NorCal)
    - Panelists: Toni Dunne (Positron), Patrick Halley (NENA), Greg Hlibok (FCC) and Edward Price (Georgia Tech)

## **TDI CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES - Day 3**

- **Saturday, August 1 (Consumers Day)** **\*\*FREE\*\***
  - - All workshops and exhibits open to consumers - no registration required
  - - Awards Luncheon and Entertainment Finale - admission fee
  
- 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Breakout Workshops: **\*\*FREE\*\***
  - Introducing the Ubi-Duo Communicator (Colonial Room)
    - Emma Curry (sComm)
  - Information Security (Chinese Room)
    - Bob Brewer
    - Rocco Luigi Saccente,
      - NTID, RIT
  - Updates from the Disability Rights Office – Federal Communications Commission - FCC (Grand Ballroom)
    - Greg Hlibok (FCC)
  
- 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Exhibits (East Room) **\*\*FREE\*\***
- 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 am. Plenary Session: (Grand Ballroom) **\*\*FREE\*\***
  - VideoPhones in the Market
    - Moderator: Neil McDevitt, TDI
    - Panelists: Cary Barbin (Purple), Sean Belanger (ZVRS), Sean Gerlis (Snap!VRS), Paul Kershnik (Sorenson) and Jason Yeh (Viable)
  
- 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Breakout Workshops: **\*\*FREE\*\***
  - The Latest with iPhone, iTunes, and iPod Products, and Mac OS X Operating System (Grand Ballroom)
    - Mike Shebanek (Apple, Inc.)
  - How Consumers Can Be Better Advocates and More Involved in Emergency Preparedness and Response (Chinese Room)
    - Moderator: Neil McDevitt (CEPIN Project - TDI)
    - Panelists: Lise Hamlin (HLAA), Gerald Penna (West Ridge Fire Dept) and Bruce McFarlane (NOD)
  
- 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. **TDI Awards Luncheon** (Colonial Room)
  - (Admission: \$50.00 – Deadline for tickets Wednesday July 29, 2009)
    - Emcee: Lori Breslow, Chair of TDI Awards Committee
  
- 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Plenary Session: (Grand Ballroom) **\*\*FREE\*\***
  - Pagers, PDAs, and HAC Phones in the Market
    - Moderator: James House (TDI)
    - Panelists: Shellie Blakeney (T-Mobile), Dave Dougall (RIM), Karl Ewan (Sprint), Jeff Kramer (Verizon) and Susan Mazrui (AT&T)
  
- 3:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. Plenary Session: (Grand Ballroom) **\*\*FREE\*\***
  - TDI Association Business Meeting
  
- 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Breakout Workshops: **\*\*FREE\*\***
  - ADA Update: Recent Developments in Effective Communication Requirements (Grand Ballroom)
    - Robert Mather (U.S. Department of Justice)
  - Bringing VRS Information & Issues to the Consumer – Dr. Z (Chinese Room)
    - Phil Bravin (ZVRS)

- 5:45 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Breakout Workshops: \*\*FREE\*\*
    - "Captioned Radio" (Rhode Island Room)
      - Dr. Ellen Sheffield (Towson Univ.)
      - Mr. Mike Starling, (National Public Radio)
    - Air Travel Access Panel Discussion (Colonial Room)
      - Moderator: Lise Hamlin (HLAA)
      - Panelists: David Martin (Delta), David Nelson (Amtrak), Randy Pope (AADB) and Blane Workie (DOT)
    - Hamilton's Family of Captioned Telephone Services (Chinese Room)
      - Anne Girard (Hamilton Relay)
- 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.: **Entertainment Finale** (Grand Ballroom)

- (Admission: \$50.00 – Deadline for tickets Wednesday July 29, 2009)

# An Evening of Comedy

## With Kathy Buckley and Bob Daniels



Kathy Buckley



Bob Daniels

\*Schedule subject to change