



MAYOR'S ALLIANCE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NEWSLETTER • MARCH 2001

Tune in On-A-Roll Radio



Greg Smith, host of ON-A-ROLL Radio is currently living in Tampa, Florida, where he has resided since teaming up with AccessLife.com in May. Like so many other dot.coms AccessLife has ceased operations and Greg now has the exciting opportunity to concentrate on the growth of the radio show. ON-A-ROLL's Tampa affiliate is 1250 WHNZ. The station is owned by Clear Channel Communications, the largest group owner in the radio industry. Greg is working hard to deliver media coverage, strong programming and most importantly, local sponsorship revenue for Clear Channel in Tampa. "If we succeed in Tampa, we are in good shape to get a green light across the country," said Smith, who has met with top level management in Tampa. "Smart business policy is to duplicate what works." You can help by spreading the word in Tampa, visiting the WHNZ web site <http://www.whnz.com> (where you can listen to the show live on Sundays), and by writing to the sponsors of ON-A-ROLL in Tampa. Using talk radio to infuse a healthy understand-

ing of disability will help to motivate people with disabilities to seek out access to the "American Dream" and will inform non-disabled Americans through a powerful mass medium of the advantages to America that full integration of people with disabilities will bring about.

Help Line at 711 Effective August 2001

The Florida Public Service Commission has told Florida's phone companies they have until August of 2001 to make dialing code 711 available for phone calls to persons with disabilities. The Federal Communications Commission mandated the 711-call system as a way to contact operators trained to relay messages between people with speech or hearing disabilities and other callers. Prior to this mandate these types of calls required an 11-digit toll-free number to get to an operator. This new universal dialing code will eliminate the 1-800 number needed to reach those persons using special phone equipment.

Disabled and Looking for Career Advancement?

ABILITIES OF FLORIDA can now help you access career advancement opportunities. A new program, made possible by a grant from the Department of Education, is available to help persons with disabilities find career advancement situations at no cost to the employer or employee. In

order to qualify for this program you must have some work experience and a documented disability that creates an impediment to employment. The program is designed to help persons with disabilities gain upward mobility and economic self-sufficiency. For information regarding the program contact Jennifer Haught at 813-930-7628.

Dance Group Auditions

The Asher Eclectic Dance Company is holding auditions for their spring production, which will feature both disabled and able-bodied dancers. Elizabeth Edelson who has a dance movement therapy master's degree from Hunter College in Manhattan formed the dance company. Auditions are being held for male and female, disabled and able-bodied dancers, ages 15 to 50. The spring production will be held April 20-22 at Monroe Middle School, 4716 Montgomery Ave in Tampa. For information regarding the dance company call 813-786-6291.

County Looking for Persons to Serve on Boards

Hillsborough County is looking for person to serve on various advisory boards and councils. Among the vacancies the county is looking to fill are those on the Health Care Advisory Board and The Health Council of West Central Florida, Inc. (District VI Health Council). The Council and Board both hold monthly meetings. The Health Care Board annual rec

3rd Wednesday every month
at 1:30p.m.

Mayor's Alliance Board Meeting

Sandy Freedman Tennis Complex
59 Columbus Drive, Davis Islands
Everybody Welcome!

ommends to the County Commission fund allocations, coordination, planning and monitoring of health care delivery systems within the county. The Health Council develops plans for coordinating the delivery and improvement of health care services throughout its district. For information regarding consideration for appointment to either of these bodies contact the Hillsborough County Boards and Councils Coordinator at 272-5632.

Alliances Co-Sponsor Fair Housing/ADA Seminar

The County and Mayor's Alliances, Self Reliance and the City of Tampa's Human Relations Office are sponsoring a Fair Housing/ADA Seminar. The seminar is for apartment managers, agency personnel and individuals seeking information on suitable housing. Items covered will be the FHA regulations, the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Florida Housing Code. For more information regarding the seminar contact Maritza Betancourt at 274-5856

Dates to Remember

2nd Monday of the Month - 7pm

The Mayor's Hour

Live cable telecast on CH-15 Time-Warner in Tampa and Hillsborough County and CH-17 on Adelphia cable. Your chance to ask Mayor Greco a question or express your concern, live in the studio or by phone. To call in a question to the Mayor call 274-8328. To be part of the studio audience call Mindy Snyder at 274-7033. Program repeats on Sundays pm, Mondays at 7pm and Fridays at 3pm.

1st Monday every month - 3pm

Employment & Job Fair Committee Meeting

Hilton Hotel Reservation Center, 7920 Woodland Center Blvd. for more information call Cindy Stephens at 984-6840 or Kathy McGlone at 243-7522.

3rd Wednesday every month - 2pm

Accessibility Committee Meeting

Sandy Freedman Tennis Complex, 59 Columbus Drive, Davis Islands

3rd Tuesday every month - 2pm

Florida Council for the Blind

USF Westside Conference Center, Section B

3rd Tuesday every month - 6:30pm

Tampa Self Help for Hard of Hearing People (SHHH) Group

Jefferson High School

1st Thursday every month

Therapeutic Focus Group

All Peoples Life Center, call 744-5978 for more information.

4th Wednesday every month - 2pm

County Alliance Meeting

Tampa Lighthouse for The Blind, 1106 W. Platt St. For more information call Elizabeth Mueller at 273-3611 or Debra Guest at 871-7878.

3rd Tuesday every month - 2pm

HARTlines's Paratransit Advisory Council

Hartline Offices, 4305 East 21st Avenue. For more information contact Vasti Amaro at HARTLINE 623-5835, ext.1171.

Get Involved! Join the Alliance Board!

For more information call 254-1111.

Support Groups

Spinal Cord Injury Resource Center	253-4287	Bill Renje
Hillsborough County Information Line	272-5900	
Self-Reliance Cross Disability Support Group	975-6560	
VA Spinal Cord	972-2000 ext. 6388	Heather Mahoney
Brain and Head Injury Support	908-1375	Bob Barrett
Multiple Sclerosis Self Help Group	287-2939 or 800-922-0170	
Statewide Advocacy Network on Disabilities, Inc. (STAND)		
Offering education and resource services to persons with disabilities	258-5700	Patricia Miller
Florida Alliance for Assistive Services and Technology (FAAST)		
Learn about assistive technology	251-7591	
Amputees Together	870-3323	
Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA)	935-6540	Ben Ritter
All People's Life Center 6105 East Sligh Avenue (east of 56th St.)		
Fully accessible recreation center	903-2248	Al Orr

Officers & Committee Chairpersons

Chairperson: Norman Mallory	988-4985
Treasurer: Connie Hayden-McPeak	276-5555
Secretary: Kelly Hickman	974-8927
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Awareness Committee Chairperson: Chuck Porter	276-2029 ext. 7659
Mayor's Representative: Herb Gold	254-1111



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