

# **CODA FACT SHEET**

## **(HEARING) OFFSPRING OF DEAF PARENTS**

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### **MISSION OF CODA INTERNATIONAL - MEMBERSHIP & NEWSLETTER**

"CODA [Children of Deaf Adults, Inc.] is an organization that focuses on hearing children of deaf adults. Membership is primarily but not exclusively composed of hearing children of deaf parents. CODA addresses our bicultural identity through conferences, support groups and resource development." CODA Inc. is an international organization. Membership is \$25.00 a year (U.S. Funds) for hearing adults who have a deaf parent(s) (voting) and \$20.00 a year for non-codas who want to be supporting members (non-voting). Either membership includes a one-year subscription to the quarterly newsletter *CODA Connection*. Apply on-line at <http://coda-international.org/> or send to CODA International, P.O. Box 29143, Columbus, OH 43229 Email to: [codamembership@gmail.com](mailto:codamembership@gmail.com)

### **CODA CHAPTERS IN THE UNITED STATES & INTERNATIONAL CONTACTS**

State/ regional CODA contacts are listed on the CODA website. Illinois CODA: <http://www.illinoiscoda.com/> ; Australia: <http://www.codaaustralia.com/> or write [info@codaaustralia.com](mailto:info@codaaustralia.com) & Carmel Batson, [carmcoda@bigpond.com](mailto:carmcoda@bigpond.com) ; Austria: [isabella\\_rausch@yahoo.de](mailto:isabella_rausch@yahoo.de) ; Denmark: Born af Dove (Children of Deaf), c/o Danish Deaf Association, Fensmarkgade 1, Postbox 704, DK-2200 Copenhagen N, Denmark; Finland: Railii Ojala, [Railii.Ojala-signell@kl-deaf.fi](mailto:Railii.Ojala-signell@kl-deaf.fi) ; England: Linda Linnett, [lil@safeteazone.demon.co.uk](mailto:lil@safeteazone.demon.co.uk) ; Germany: Manuela Moeller, [manu.moeller@gmx.de](mailto:manu.moeller@gmx.de) ; Ireland: [catherine\\_white04@hotmail.com](mailto:catherine_white04@hotmail.com) ; The Netherlands: Gerdinand Wagenaar, [talking.hands@mac.com](mailto:talking.hands@mac.com) or <http://www.codanederland.nl> ; Norway: <http://www.coda-norge.no> ; Japan: Maki Miyamoto: [maqui@mvg.biglobe.ne.jp](mailto:maqui@mvg.biglobe.ne.jp) ; Sweden: <http://www.svecoda.se/Svecoda/startside.html> Olga Svensson-Richter, [olgasvenrichter@hotmail.com](mailto:olgasvenrichter@hotmail.com)

### **CODA & Coda Information in CYBERSPACE - <http://coda-international.org/>**

To join the Mother Father Deaf listserv (for adult codas only) send an email to [Mother\\_Father\\_Deaf\\_subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:Mother_Father_Deaf_subscribe@yahoogroups.com) or contact Art Smith at [Smith.Arthur.L@comcast.net](mailto:Smith.Arthur.L@comcast.net) For information on "Notable Codas" Wikipedia internet encyclopedia [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Child\\_of\\_Deaf\\_Adult](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Child_of_Deaf_Adult)

### ***CODA: Must Introduce* (DVD format)**

Produced by CODA International & Sherry Hicks from interviews at the 2003 international CODA conference in Buffalo, New York. This exciting educational 12-minute introduction to and about CODA is not to be missed. Available for a suggested contribution of \$10.00 plus \$3.00 S/H for each DVD ordered. Make check out to CODA International and indicate for "CODA Must Introduce DVD." Send to CODA International, P.O. Box 902067, Sandy, UT 84090

### **ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CODA CONFERENCES**

Since 1986, conferences have been held in Australia, Spain, California, Colorado, Florida, Germany, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, Washington state and Wisconsin. These 27 countries have been represented so far: Argentina; Australia; Austria; Belgium; Brazil; Canada; Croatia; Czech Republic; England; Equador; Finland; Germany; India; Ireland; Israel; Italy; Japan; Kosovo; Mexico; The Netherlands; New Zealand; Norway; South Africa; Spain; Sweden; Turkey and the United States. Additional gatherings of codas have occurred in Austria, Canada, England, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Spain, Sweden and elsewhere. Next annual conference: Miami, Florida USA Aug. 2-5, 2012. Details at the CODA website.

### **RESOURCES FOR DEAF PARENTS WITH HEARING CHILDREN**

This 2-page fact sheet with internet contacts and resources is available at the CODA Website. Included are recommended books for koda children and Deaf parents to read, articles about KODA (kids of deaf adult parent groups), articles and books about parenting in a bilingual and bicultural home, parent education programs and camp opportunities for koda children. Also look at <http://www.mdkoda.org/> , <http://www.kodawest.org/> and <http://kodacamp.wordpress.com/> .

### **THE MILLIE BROTHER SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Established in 1990 and named to honor the American founder of CODA International. Several college scholarships of \$3,000.00 each awarded annually. Over \$96,000.00 has been given since 1990. Contact Dr. Jennie Pyers, CODA Scholarship Committee, Wellesley College, 106 Central St., SCI480, Wellesley, MA 02842 Email: [coda.scholarship@gmail.com](mailto:coda.scholarship@gmail.com) Winning essays, applications etc. are available at <http://www.coda-international.org/scholar.html>

### **HEARING, MOTHER FATHER DEAF: HEARING PEOPLE IN DEAF FAMILIES (Gallaudet Univ. Press - 2009)**

Edited by Michele Bishop and Coda Sherry Hicks. There are 17 contributors from nine countries and six authors are hearing children of deaf parents. Vol. 14 in the Sociolinguistics in Deaf Communities series edited by Dr. Ceil Lucas. Order from: Gallaudet University Press, 800 Florida Avenue N.E., Washington, DC 20002-3695 For table of contents, list of contributors and excerpts: <http://gupress.gallaudet.edu/bookpage/HMFDbookpage.html>

### **MOTHER FATHER DEAF: LIVING BETWEEN SOUND AND SILENCE (Harvard Univ. Press - 1994)**

Coda Paul Preston's book is "Based on interviews with 150 adult hearing children of deaf parents throughout the United States [and] is rich in anecdote and analysis, remarkable for its insights into a family life normally closed to outsiders."

## MOTHER FATHER DEAF DAY CELEBRATION

Established by CODA in 1996. On the last Sunday in April, we honor our Deaf parents to recognize the gifts of culture and language we received from them. A variety of events occur around the world planned by local groups..

### THE CODA MEMORIAL FUND

Established to honor codas who have passed away. Begun in 1999 when the Eli Savanick and Ronald Coffey Funds were combined, names are added to the memorial plaque with a \$250. contribution. Money is used to defray CODA conference registration fees of those with financial need. Contact Trudy Schafer at [trudy\\_schafer@hotmail.com](mailto:trudy_schafer@hotmail.com)

### VIDEO RESOURCE ABOUT CODAS

*Tomorrow, Dad will Still be Deaf and other Stories.* "The wise and witty Bonnie Kraft will captivate you with true stories of her life as a coda, the hearing child of deaf adults." With an interview by Dr. Ben Bahan, Department of Deaf Studies, Gallaudet University. (90 minutes - DVD - 1997/2008) From DawnSignPress, 6130 Nancy Ridge Drive, San Diego, CA 92121 <http://dawnsign.com> *Passport Without a Country* (1992): a documentary about seven Australian "hearing children of deaf parents who are born into a unique culture, and often learn sign language before they learn to speak."

### GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY LIBRARY "PATHFINDERS" FOR FURTHER RESEARCH

[http://library.gallaudet.edu/Library/Deaf\\_Research\\_Help/Research\\_Guides\\_\(Pathfinders\)/Deaf\\_Parents\\_of\\_Hearing\\_Children.html](http://library.gallaudet.edu/Library/Deaf_Research_Help/Research_Guides_(Pathfinders)/Deaf_Parents_of_Hearing_Children.html) and [http://library.gallaudet.edu/Library/Deaf\\_Research\\_Help/Research\\_Guides\\_\(Pathfinders\)/Hearing\\_Children\\_of\\_Deaf\\_Parents.html](http://library.gallaudet.edu/Library/Deaf_Research_Help/Research_Guides_(Pathfinders)/Hearing_Children_of_Deaf_Parents.html)

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