



# VAD-VSDAA 04-13-2024



Virginia Association of the Deaf (VAD) and Virginia School for the Deaf Alumni Association (VSDAA) hosted Deaf History Month & Birthday Bash celebrating 140th anniversary of both VAD and VSDAA on April 13. One of Veditz Brewery owners, VAD Vice-President, and VSDAA President greeted everyone before the VAD Awards Ceremony. The afternoon included Veditz History by Greg Randall, VAD History by Race Drake, and VSDAA History by Rhonda Jennings-Arey. The program ended with the Birthday Cake Cutting ceremony by Donna Graff-Viall and Michele Paoni VanBoxlaere. Here is the YouTube video for this event: <https://youtu.be/ezBmE0cNuxM>.



Cindy Burton  
VAD Secretary



Daphne Cox  
Emcee



Greg Randall  
Veditz Brewery



Donna Graff-Viall  
VAD Vice-President



### VAD Board

Donna Graff-Viall, VP; Tom Dowling, Treasurer;  
Cindy Burton, Secretary; and Jeanne Lavelle, Member-At-Large



### VSDAA Board

Michele Paoni VanBoxlaere, President;  
Earl Wright, Vice President; Rhonda Jennings-Arey,  
Secretary; Rusty Thompson, Treasurer;  
and Richard Goode, Board Member



Michele Paoni  
VanBoxlaere  
VSDAA President



Tim Lavelle  
NVAD President



Veditz Brewery





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Daphne Cox  
Chair of  
VAD Awards



VAD Distinguished Award  
Janice Couch Dillman



VAD Mother  
of The Year (2023)  
Bobbie Dietz



VAD Father  
of The Year (2023)  
Ed Martin



**Birthday Cake Cutting**  
Michele Paoni VanBoxlaere, VSDAA President  
Donna Graff-Viall, VAD Vice-President



**German Bratwurst Food  
Truck from Staunton, VA**  
Thomas Marzolf, Owner



**Veditz Brewery Owners**  
Greg Randall  
and Joey Seifner





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