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# **The 2007 Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID), Inc. 20th Biennial Conference**

**Dates: Friday, August 3-  
Wednesday, August 8, 2007**

# Location: San Francisco,



## California

### Introduction

The 2007 RID National Biennial Conference is expected to attract upward of 2,000 members to San Francisco. The emphasis is on educational development. More than 100 different educational opportunities were offered at the 2005 Conference, ranging from five hour concentrated extended workshops, three hour workshops, one and one-half hour professional presentations and forums on topics of interest to those in the profession as well as plenary sessions most mornings. The number will likely be comparable in 2007. Many businesses pay for staff members to attend the RID conference since it is the best opportunity for educational development in the United States. Additionally, as the largest gathering of sign language interpreters in the world, it offers participants the opportunity to meet with fellow colleagues from around the nation and the world and establish life-long professional relationships. The best and the brightest of the profession will be on hand in San Francisco. Make your plans to be there as well.

# **Registration Information**

The registration form will be posted in several months in the RID monthly newsletter, *VIEWS*, as well as being on the web site. Additionally, registration will be available online. Participants may register for the entire conference, or pay a daily rate. Badges will be issued for all participants (daily registrants will receive various colored badges) and are mandatory for entry into the educational aspects of the conference.

Full registrants will receive a program book, a handouts booklet, and an item such as the backpack that we distributed in 2005, will be eligible for all educational opportunities as well as any receptions that are held during the conference. Registrants will be eligible to attend the motions discussion and voting business sessions as well.

The banquet is currently scheduled to occur on Tuesday night, August 7. However, discussions are being held as to alternative dates and events during the week. If a banquet is still held, the price will include a meal and entertainment.

## **Hotel Information**

We highly recommend that members make their reservations early. We have sold out space at all but one of the last six conferences and have sold out sleeping rooms at several of the secondary sites as well. There may not be a secondary site close to the main hotel that is even close in costs to the price for the Marriott hotel.

Site: San Francisco Marriott

55 Fourth Street

San Francisco, CA 94103

415/896-1600

Fax 415/486-8101

1-800-228-9290 (Call this number for registration and mention the group -

Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc. The hotel will start taking reservations on August 28, 2006). Use the web links below for online booking:

### **Single/Double Occupancy Rate:**

<http://marriott.com/property/propertypage/sfodt?groupCode=ridrida&app=resvlink>

### **Triple Occupancy Rate:**

<http://marriott.com/property/propertypage/sfodt?groupCode=ridridb&app=resvlink>

### **Quad Occupancy Rate:**

<http://marriott.com/property/propertypage/sfodt?groupCode=ridridc&app=resvlink>

The San Francisco Marriott is a downtown San Francisco Hotel, located steps away from the Moscone Center and Union Square.

Marriott Room rates: Single - \$156.00  
Double - \$156.00  
Each additional person - \$20.00  
Price does not include state and local taxes (currently 14.00%).

**Please note that the Marriott will begin accepting reservations for the RID Conference on August 28, 2006.**

RID has rooms reserved from Tuesday, July 31 to Thursday, August 09 at the aforementioned rates.

Onsite parking is available for \$11.00 per hour and valet parking is available for \$49.00 per day. RID will be searching for off-site parking options.

Directions: from the San Francisco airport: The hotel is located 13 miles southeast of the airport. Driving directions: Take Hwy 101 North to Hwy 80/Bay Bridge. Take the Fourth Street exit, then bear left on Bryant Street, then left on Third Street (one block). Go left on Mission (four blocks) and then right into the valet parking entrance (1/2 block). The hotel is at the corner of Mission and Fourth Street and across from the Sony Metreon and Yerba Buena Gardens/Moscone Convention Center.

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Other: Check-in time - 4:00 PM; Check-out time - Noon.

The hotel has 39 floors with 1,364 rooms and 134 suites.

Restaurants located on-site: Atrium, City Blends, Fourth Street Bar & Deli, The View and Garden Terrace.

Room Service - available 6 am – 11 pm.

Room types available: standard rooms, river view rooms, junior king suites, hospitality suites and concierge level rooms. Also available for each room type, you may request a king or two double beds, smoking or non-smoking, and accessible rooms. Concierge level rooms feature lavish extras, plus a full-time concierge, private check-in desk, lounge and honor bar.

Guest Room Amenities Include:

- Individual climate control
- Color TV with cable and in-room pay movies,
- Alarm clock
- Hair dryer
- Iron and ironing board
- Internet browser/Web TV
- Electrical adapters
- Cribs
- Luxurious bedding – down comforters, custom duvets, cotton-rich linens
- Pillows: down/feather
- Rollaway beds
- Phone with voice mail

Safe deposit boxes are available.

Other hotel services and facilities: Auxiliary aids and services; daily housekeeping, gift shop, ice and vending machines, shoeshine stand, valet dry cleaning, wheelchairs, concierge desk, cash machine/ATM, babysitting, complimentary newspaper delivered to room, meeting and banquet facilities, non-smoking rooms, service animals allowed for persons with disabilities, pets not allowed.

A business center is available on-site which includes copy services, facsimile services, word processing services, computer workstations, Internet access, shipping services and signage.

There is a Hertz car rental desk on the property.

On-site Recreation: Spa and fitness center.

Unlimited Internet access and long distance phone calls for \$12.95 per day.

## **Summer Weather In San Francisco**

Members need to be aware that the usual blazing hot experience at RID Conferences will not be the case in 2007. The average high temperature in August is almost 66 degrees

and the average low is almost 55 degrees. There is, on average, one day of precipitation in August. The total average precipitation for August is .07 inches. The average morning relative humidity is 93% and the average afternoon humidity is 73%. So, be prepared for much cooler weather than is normally the case for RID Conferences.

## **Registration Limited to 2,500**

Due to space limitations, the registration for the conference will be limited to 2,500. If that level is reached, no more registrants will be allowed either by mail or on-site.

## **Tentative Educational/Scheduling Information**

Schedule: The Conference is tentatively scheduled to officially begin with the opening ceremony at 7:00 pm on Friday, August 3. Registration will officially begin at noon. There will be educational activities beginning shortly after noon. Pre-conference activities are expected to begin at 8:00 am on Friday. An opening reception is scheduled for Friday afternoon/evening. The full complement of educational aspects of the conference will begin on Saturday morning, August 4, at approximately 8:00 am and continue until mid-afternoon on Wednesday, August 8. There will be either a banquet or reception and entertainment event at 7:00 pm on Tuesday night which will go until approximately midnight.

A call for presenters will be issued in the fall of 2006. Once the deadline passes, workshops and other educational scheduling will begin. This information will be placed on the web site as early as possible.

## **Registration Rates**

	Early	Regular	Late	On-Site	Daily
Member	325	400	450	500	175
Student	225	300	350	400	175
Senior	275	350	400	450	175
Non-mm	425	500	550	600	150

Early 2/28/07; Regular 4/30/07; Late 6/30/07 and On-site After 6/30/07

## **Sightseeing and Points of Interest**

San Francisco has many sights that could be of interest to members. The following are

but a few. At the end of this document is the web site for the San Francisco Convention and Visitors Bureau, which has a wealth of information regarding the city and the area. We are told that members who wish to make arrangements to see Alcatraz during the summer need to do so by early spring of 2007 or they may not be able to do so. See further details on that at the section below on Alcatraz.

## Fisherman's Wharf



San Francisco's fishing fleet is docked on the Jefferson Street promenade. Take an early morning stroll down "Fish Alley" (Jefferson between Hyde and Jones) to view the fishermen at work.



Family entertainment is the specialty along Jefferson Street with attractions such as the **Ripley's Believe It or Not! Museum** and the **Red & White Fleet**, offering bay cruises with award-winning narration in six languages. Visit with Hollywood Celebrities, U.S. Presidents, world leaders and the Chamber of Horrors at the **Wax Museum**. **Ghirardelli Square**, once home to the world-famous chocolate factory, has been renovated to an open-air center filled with specialty shops, international restaurants, an ice cream parlor and displays of the original chocolate-making machines.



Experience San Francisco's authentic maritime history at the **San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park** which extends from **Aquatic Park** to **Hyde Street Pier**, the only floating National Park. Board the world's largest collection of historic ships.

The park's **Maritime Museum**, at the foot of Polk Street, houses ship models, photos, artifacts and changing exhibits. The **USS Pampanito**, a WWII submarine located at Pier 45, offers a glimpse at life as a submariner with its state-of-the-art audio tour.



Fisherman's Wharf is famous for its Italian seafood restaurants with waterfront views. Vendors along Jefferson Street sell **Dungeness crab** from steaming cauldrons, walkaway seafood cocktails and clam chowder in a sourdough bread bowl, a signature San Francisco dish. **Boudin Museum & Bakery** boasts a compelling array of historic photos, artifacts and interactive exhibits that detail the history, art and science behind the original San Francisco Sourdough.

**PIER 39**, a renovated cargo pier, is home port to the **Blue & Gold Fleet** and offers two levels of specialty shops and destination dining including **Pier Restaurants** and **Hard Rock Cafe**. **Aquarium of the Bay** and **Turbo Ride** (a simulation theatre) are popular family attractions located on the pier. The famous sea lions make their home on K-Dock (seasonal).

**Alcatraz**, Spanish for pelican, was named Isla de los Alcatraces after the birds that were the island's only inhabitants. The island served as a military fortification in the 1850s and an incarceration facility for war prisoners during the Spanish-American War.



In 1934 Alcatraz became the infamous maximum-security prison for Mafia

criminals and high-risk convicts. Famous island residents have included "**Machine Gun**" Kelly, **Al Capone** and **Robert "Birdman" Stroud**. Although the island is only a mile from shore, there is no evidence of any successful escapes across the icy bay. The prison was the only one in the federal system that touted hot showers—a luxury designed to keep prisoners from acclimating to cold water.

A federal penitentiary until 1963, "**The Rock**" is now a popular tourist attraction. The 12-acre island is part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area and is accessible only by the **Blue & Gold Fleet** ferry which departs daily from Pier 41 at Fisherman's Wharf.

From 1969 to 1971, a group of American Indians seized the island as a protest against the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Much of the facility was destroyed during this period, but the main block, mess hall and lighthouse remain intact.

*NOTE: During peak travel times, reservations must be made well in advance. Advance tickets may be charged to a credit card by phone, (415) 705-5555.*



PIER 39, the second most-visited attraction in California, is located at Beach Street and the Embarcadero just two blocks east of Fisherman's Wharf. This renovated cargo pier hosts over 10.5 million visitors annually. PIER 39 is home port to the Blue & Gold Fleet and offers two levels of waterfront restaurants and specialty shops, a 350-berth marina, **Aquarium of the Bay**, the **Venetian Carousel** and **Turbo Ride** (a simulation theatre).

Visitors information is available at the **California Welcome Center**. The famous **sea lions** make their home on K-Dock (seasonal).



The **Golden Gate Bridge** (Highway 101 North) links San Francisco with Marin County. Before its completion in 1937, the bridge was considered unbuildable because of foggy weather, 60-mile-per-hour winds and strong ocean currents sweeping through a deep rugged canyon below.



At a cost of \$35 million, the 1.2-mile bridge took more than four years to build. Eleven men lost their lives during construction. Often shrouded in thick fog, the bridge sways 27 feet to withstand winds of up to 100 miles per hour. The color of the bridge, known as **International Orange**, was chosen because it blends well with the bridge's natural surroundings. The two great cables contain enough strands of steel wire (80,000 miles) to encircle the equator three times. The concrete poured into its piers and anchorages would pave a five-foot wide sidewalk from New York to San Francisco. Pedestrians and bicyclists are allowed across the bridge on pathways with sweeping views of the City, Alcatraz and the **Marin Headlands**. The bridge toll for vehicles is \$5 collected when entering San Francisco. Pedestrians and bicyclists are allowed across the bridge on pathways with sweeping views of the City, Alcatraz and the Marin Headlands. The bridge toll for vehicles is \$5 collected when entering San Francisco. Vantage points from the San Francisco side include the **Toll Plaza** and **Visitors Center** (before crossing the bridge) and **Fort Point** (under the bridge). The first exit on the Marin side of the bridge, **Vista Point**, provides outstanding views of the San Francisco skyline. The best way to see the bridge is to walk across it which takes about an hour round trip. When walking the bridge dress warmly whatever time of year.

**Golden Gate Park** is among the world's greatest urban parks. Approximately three miles long and a half mile wide (1,017 acres), this treasure is covered with grassy meadows, wooded bike trails, secluded lakes, open groves, and gardens.



The **Conservatory of Flowers**, built in 1879 and modeled after London's Kew Gardens, is a glass Victorian displaying a paradise of flowers. **Strybing**

**Arboretum** and **Botanical Gardens** contains the Garden of Fragrance, the **Moon-Viewing Garden** and the **New World Cloud Forest**.

**Japanese Tea Garden** is a four-acre refuge of traditional Japanese architecture, koi ponds and bamboo trees.

The herd of **bison** that graze in an enclosed paddock just off Kennedy Drive have been a tradition at the park since the 1890s. A Visitor's Center is located in the **Beach Chalet** at the West end of the park near Ocean Beach.



The **deYoung Museum** features American art from the 17th through 20th centuries and art of the native Americas, Africa, and the Pacific in a state-of-the-art new facility.

### Victorians

Nearly 514 blocks of San Francisco, including much of **Nob Hill** and Van Ness Avenue, were destroyed by the 1906 earthquake and fire. Many beautiful examples of nineteenth-century Victorian architecture were lost in the disaster.

Today some 14,000 Victorians have been preserved west of Van Ness Avenue in the **Cow Hollow**, **Pacific Heights** and **Alamo Square** districts.

Distinguished by their design features, the three styles of Victorians include the Italianate, the Stick and the Queen Anne.



The Italianate which flourished in the 1870s is identified by a flat roof (often hidden behind a false front), slim pillars flanking the front door and bays with side windows that slant inward. These narrow row houses were patterned after Roman Classical ornamentation. Outstanding examples of the Italianate can be found at Bush and Fillmore streets.

The Stick, which peaked in popularity during the 1880s, added ornate woodwork outlines to the doors, frames and bay windows to the Italianate design. Other additions included the "French" cap, gables and the "three-sided rectangle" bays. View classic San Francisco Sticks at Laguna near Bush streets.



Designs changed dramatically with the Queen Anne Victorians in 1890. Turrets, towers, a steep and gabled roof, arches, spindles, glass art windows and sections of shingle siding distinguish the Queen Anne from her predecessors. Tour a grand Queen Anne, the **Haas-Lilienthal House**, located at 2007 Franklin at Washington. (Tours given Wednesdays and Sundays only.)



**Postcard Row** is possibly the most photographed spot in the City. These colorful Victorian houses or "Painted Ladies" with the San Francisco skyline in the

backdrop have graced many postcards and movie scenes. Capture the view from the center of the park on the edge of **Alamo Square** at Steiner and Hayes streets.

Atop **Telegraph Hill** is the 210-foot Coit Tower, built with funds left to the City by philanthropist Lillie Hitchcock Coit for the beautification of San Francisco. Due to Coit's admiration for the fire fighters who fought the 1906 earthquake fires, many believe the tower was designed in the shape of a fire hose nozzle. The view from atop the east side of the tower spans 360 degrees. Inside, you'll find a history museum and murals that depict working life in 1930s California.



The history of the Haight is as colorful as the Victorian architecture that lines the streets of this neighborhood. The Haight Ashbury community is universally recognized for its creativity and diversity expressed by the hybrid mixture of shops, residents, and its landmark place in history. The style and ingenuity that started in the sixties still rings true today. There is a myriad of eclectic shops, restaurants and cafes that reflect the individuality of the proprietors and the community. The Grateful Dead were one-time residents of the Haight (710 Ashbury Street).

**Ocean Beach** is a three-mile stretch of Pacific coastline. While not suitable for swimming, the beach is a great place to sunbathe, stroll and view a sunset.



The **Cliff House** sits on a rock perched over the Pacific Ocean with a view of **Seal Rocks** (a popular hangout for sunbathing seals).

The original Cliff House structure was a posh playground for San Francisco's elite, former presidents and writers including Mark Twain. North of the Cliff House are the remains of the Sutro Baths, once the world's largest swimming pool. Seven indoor fresh and saltwater swimming pools were housed under a giant stained glass canopy until the structure burned in 1966.

As you pass through the dragon-adorned **Pagoda Gates** on **Grant Avenue** at Bush Street, your senses will be tempted by the aroma of ethnic cuisine, bright neon and the sound of foreign languages.

The heart of Chinatown is **Portsmouth Square** where San Francisco's first Chinese immigrants settled in the 1850s. Today, Chinatown is home to more than 10,000 of San Francisco's Chinese residents.



Most local Chinese commerce remains along **Stockton Street** where visitors will find traditional herb pharmacies, temples, fortune cookie factories, garment factories, fresh produce markets, seafood and poultry shops, and many fine restaurants.

"Wall Street West" begins at Montgomery Street and extends east toward the Embarcadero. Although San Francisco's Financial District is contained within a few city blocks, it is ranked as one of the top four financial centers in the nation. Most activity in the City's commercial district takes place from 9am to 5pm. The **Transamerica Pyramid** (600 Montgomery/ Washington) is San Francisco's tallest building, rising 853 feet



Montgomery Street and banking have been linked since the Gold Rush. For an overview of the area's Gold Rush history, complete with stagecoaches and gold nuggets, visit the Wells Fargo Museum (420 Montgomery/ California).



Located in the **Russian Hill** district, Lombard Street is known as "**the crookedest street in the world**" because of its eight sharp turns on a 40-degree slope. The turns, known as switchbacks, were built in the 1920s to allow traffic to descend the steep incline. The street zigzags around beautiful flowers and shrubs and offers a nice view of the bay. There are stairways (without curves) on either side of the street for pedestrians. The descent begins at **Hyde Street**.

The area south of Market Street continues to be transformed from vacant warehouses on industrial lots into a fashionable neighborhood. The South of Market district (**SoMa**) has emerged as the art and nightlife center of San Francisco and offers a collection of restaurants, cafes, galleries, bars and nightclubs.



**Yerba Buena Gardens**, the city's urban redevelopment plan, includes the **Center for the Arts**, a visual and performing arts complex, 5.5 acres of gardens with an outdoor performance area, the **Martin Luther King Memorial**, the **Zeum** (an arts and technology center), an **ice skating** and bowling center, and San Francisco's historic **Charles Loof Carousel**. The **San Francisco Museum of Modern Art** (SFMOMA) is now the second largest modern art museum in the United States. **The California Academy of Sciences** has temporarily relocated downtown.



**Van Ness Avenue**, the widest street in the City, is home to San Francisco's city government. The gold-domed **City Hall** (extensively renovated in 1995-1999) was modeled after St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. Tours of this "beaux-arts" building (the tallest dome in the U.S.) are available.

The magnificent new **Asian Art Museum** is one of the largest museums in the western world devoted exclusively to Asian art. The museum's holdings include nearly 15,000 treasures spanning 6,000 years of history.

North Beach, tucked between Chinatown and Fisherman's Wharf, is a favorite gathering spot for visitors and locals alike. Waves of immigrants have created a diverse ethnic mix in North Beach which is often compared to Paris' Left Bank. Today, the area is predominantly Italian and known as Little Italy of the West. At the heart of North Beach is **Washington Square**, a grassy piazza where the **Church of Saints Peter & Paul** is located.

The Beat Generation of the 1950s is rooted in this eclectic San Francisco neighborhood. Upper Grant Avenue maintains the flavor of its Bohemian past. Poet Lawrence Ferlinghetti's **City Lights** at 261 Columbus Avenue, the first paperback bookstore in the country and Allen Ginsberg's publisher, was at the movement's center. Facing City Lights on Jack Kerouac Place is **Vesuvio**, a saloon worth a visit for its Beat Generation memorabilia.



It's the restaurants, however, that draw the crowds to North Beach, and you won't be disappointed with any selection that you make. Traditional cafes, Italian delicatessens selling homemade ravioli, and bakeries offering tempting pastries line **Columbus Avenue**.

The Marina District was built on lagoon and marshland filled for use during the 1915 Panama-Pacific



Exhibition which celebrated the opening of the Panama Canal. Remaining from the Exhibition is the **Palace of Fine Arts** designed by Berkeley architect Bernard Maybeck. Today, the Palace houses the **Exploratorium**, a hands-on science museum containing 650 interactive exhibits. A flat, grassy park favored by sunbathers, picnickers, kite flyers and people watchers, the Marina Green is a great spot to exercise while enjoying a view of the Golden Gate Bridge

At the upper end of Market Street is the lively Castro District, an area that caters to its largely gay and lesbian population. The neighborhood, marked by the **Castro Theatre** marquee, has become a symbol of gay and lesbian pride throughout the world— somewhat of a gay Mecca. Visitors are always welcome in this friendly neighborhood which offers unique shopping and dining.



**Nihonmachi**, also known as Japantown, covers seven square blocks. Located in the heart of Japantown is the **Japan Center**, a shopping and dining complex. Reminiscent of the Tokyo Ginza, Japantown includes restaurants, shops, hotels, a spa and a movie theater. Other points of interest include the 100-foot **Peace Pagoda**, a gift from Japan.



**Union Square**, a shopper's paradise of designer boutiques and large department stores, is bounded by Stockton, Powell, Post and Geary streets. Located around the square are **Macy's**, **Neiman Marcus**, **Saks Fifth Avenue**, **Tiffany**, **Niketown**, **Gucci** and many more. Here shoppers will find the best of Chinatown, Fisherman's Wharf, the Napa Valley and North Beach under one roof. Also located nearby (closer to Market Street) are the **Apple Store**, **Virgin Megastore** and the **San Francisco Shopping Center** (home to **Nordstrom**).



San Francisco's theater district is steps from Union Square. The **Curran Theatre**, **Mason Street Theatre**, **Geary Theatre** and **Post Street Theatre** present works by local artists as well as Broadway hits.

Immerse yourself in the rich cultural traditions of Mexico and Latin America on **Mission Street**, where visitors can enjoy lavish murals, savory foods and a dazzling range of traditional and avant-garde art. One of the City's oldest structures is **Mission Dolores**, the sixth Franciscan mission along El Camino Real. The Mission, built by Spanish settlers, stands in the shadow of the more ornate **Mission Dolores Basilica**. Both are located at 16th and Dolores Streets.

**The Embarcadero** is a waterfront boulevard lined with elegant palm trees, historic piers structures, hip eateries and luxury apartments and condominiums. San Francisco's eastern waterfront has emerged as one of the City's most exciting new neighborhoods. **The Ferry Building** serves as the marker from which piers are numbered, odd numbers are located to the north and even numbers to the south. Located inside is the **Ferry Building Marketplace** which consists of gourmet shops and restaurants. An outdoor farmer's market is held seasonally.

Riding a Muni **F-line** vintage streetcar is a fun way for visitors to view the San Francisco Bay, Coit

Tower and famous **Fisherman's Wharf**. The fleet of restored streetcars includes international and domestic trolleys from the 1920s and '30s as well as San Francisco's very first street car (built in 1912) and "**The Street Car Named Desire**" built in 1923 and acquired from New Orleans in exchange for a California Street cable car. The popular F-line runs a total of five miles beginning at its western terminal in the Castro district, down Market Street to the Embarcadero and ending at Jones and Beach streets in Fisherman's Wharf.

**Levi's Plaza**, located between Union and Greenwich streets and Battery and Sansome streets, is the world headquarters of Levi Strauss. Interesting shops, restaurants and a **Levi Strauss & Co. Visitors Center** are located here.

The **San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge** opened in 1936 and links San Francisco with Contra Costa and Alameda counties by way of an 8.5 mile suspension/cantilever structure. Views of the City's skyline are spectacular from the bridge, however pedestrians aren't allowed on the structure. A \$3 toll is collected westbound.



The "main street" of the Cow Hollow District is renowned for its preserved Victorians (and Edwardians) that now house art galleries, antique stores, boutiques, fine dining and world-class spas.



The cable car was introduced to San Francisco on August 2, 1873. Wire-cable manufacturer **Andrew Hallidie** conceived the idea after witnessing an accident in which a horse-drawn carriage faltered and rolled backward downhill dragging the horses behind it. The first cable car to descend down Clay Street on Nob Hill was an immediate success. Besides creating a vital link in San Francisco's public transportation system, the cable car opened the door for building on steep hills which until this time was thought to be impossible. Throughout the 1890s, eight transit companies operated 600 cars which covered 21 cable car routes and a total of 52.8 miles. Cable cars remained the primary mode of transportation until the 1906 earthquake.

Cable cars operate seven days a week from 6:30 am until 12:30 am. The fare is \$5 (no transfers issued or accepted) or use your MUNI Passport. Purchase your ticket from the conductor on board where exact change is required.

Our thanks go to the Bay City Guide, which has lots of information as well on sights in the San Francisco area. Their web site can be located at <http://www.baycityguide.com/>

## **Transportation**

### **By Plane/Mass Transit/Taxicab**

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### **Airport Shuttle Service and Taxi Service**

There are a number of airport shuttle service options. One is Super Shuttle Transportation Systems. Its web site is located at <http://www.supershuttle.com/htm/cities/sfo.htm>

SuperShuttle San Francisco is located at 30 Adrian Court, Burlingame, CA 94949. Their phone number is 415-558-8500 or 650-558-8500. Reservations can be made online as well.

Some of the pertinent information on their web site includes the following:

Upon Arrival at Airport

No Reservations Required

SFO - Claim your luggage on the lower level. Proceed to the departure level and outside to the outer curb. Follow the blue SuperShuttle signs and SFO Airport's Coordinators in teal green jackets will arrange SuperShuttle transportation to your destination.

SJC - Call 800-BLUE VAN (258-3826), press option 1 and provide your reservation number. A van will be dispatched to the pre-arranged pickup location for your terminal.

OAK - Call 800-BLUE VAN (258-3826), press option 1 and provide your reservation number. A van will be dispatched for pickup at the Door to Door zone.

It's that easy!

Between 1:00 am and 5:00 am waits can be 30 to 45 minutes.

## **Web Site Information**

If you would like more information about San Francisco, check out the site for the San Francisco Convention and Visitors Bureau, located at <http://onlysf.sfvisitor.org/>

## **Program Book Advertisements**

Those wishing to place advertisements in the conference program book will soon be able to find the form in the *VIEWS* and on the RID web site.

## **Sponsors Sought**

Sponsors for the conference are being sought and are starting to come in already. Those confirming their sponsorship can start receiving the benefits of sponsorship immediately. This information will soon be in the web site. Potential sponsors can contact Clay Nettles at [admin@rid.org](mailto:admin@rid.org) for further information.

The levels for sponsorship include Paramount at \$25,000 (limited to three sponsors and only one VRS provider); Premier at \$10,000; Platinum at \$5,000; Gold at \$2,500; Silver at \$1,000 and Bronze at \$500.

## **Exhibits**

Get your applications in as soon as they become available. RID has sold out their space for almost all of the past six conferences, sometimes very early in the process. The application and information will soon be available on the web site.

## **RID Web Site Materials**

Items that will soon be available on the web site include sections with exhibit information, sponsor information, call for committee members, registration form and information, program schedule, call for presenters, hotel, transportation and sightseeing. A letter encouraging employers to sponsor employees to come to the conference from President Angela Jones will be there as well.

## **Space Requests Being Taken**

Should your group desire space at the 2007 Conference, please send in a request with details to [admin@rid.org](mailto:admin@rid.org). Your request will be considered by the conference Core Group. Space is limited and groups have already started making their requests known. Only a moderate amount of space remains at this point.

## **Spanish Language Interpreting**

The Spanish language interpreting policy provides for RID to provide access at the 2007 conference by assigning teams of interpreters that are culturally sensitive and qualified in English, Spanish, and Sign Language to all plenary and business sessions. In addition, access to other conference events will be available to those who register at least 40 days prior to the conference and request such access.

## **Scholarships**

A limited number of registration scholarships are available each year, dependent upon funding by sponsors. If you wish to take advantage of this possibility, please forward a letter noting your desire to be considered for a scholarship and reasons why you are a good candidate for same. A committee will select recipients for same as the funds become available. Please send information to the RID national office or to [admin@rid.org](mailto:admin@rid.org). The deadline for such materials is June 1, 2007.

## **Roommates**

If you wish to share a hotel room with another person, you may wish to post this information on the RID web site chat room, located at <http://www.rid.org/chat.html>. RID does not take responsibility for arrangements made through this method.

## **Special Services and Accommodations**

The deadline to request special services and accommodations is June 1, 2007. Individuals can make their requests known via the registration form.

## **Research at the 2007 Conference**

Members who are interested in conducting research related to the field of interpreting/transliterating are encouraged to contact the national office via Clay Nettles at [admin@rid.org](mailto:admin@rid.org) to obtain space or to learn the procedures for handing out surveys.

This is an opportunity where researchers can find the largest gathering of interpreter practitioners together at one time in the world.

## **Silent Auction Items**

Members are encouraged to bring Silent Auction items with them to the conference. The Silent Auction is for any items which members wish to donate to the organization. Members bid on the times. All proceeds go directly to the various scholarship programs and award funds, including the Elizabeth Benson, Daniel Pokorny, Judie Husted and Marie Philip funds.

Details will be posted on-site as to where and when the materials can be brought. Items should not be sent to the national office prior to the conference.

The Silent Auction will be held in the main exhibit hall with as much space as is necessary for your generous donations.

## **Earn Large Amounts of CEUs at Conference**

Members can earn well over 3.0 CEUs during planned RID activities during the week. Members attending pre-conference meetings can add even more to their totals.

## **International Participants Welcome**

International participants are encouraged to attend the 2007 RID Biennial Conference. Those wishing to do so will pay the appropriate fees as noted on the conference registration form. If an international participant is not able to obtain a visa, the refund policy is as follows: Cancellation by 5/1/07 - All fees will be refunded except \$25; Cancellation by 6/1/07 - All fees will be refunded except \$50; Any cancellations after 6/1 - 50% of the conference fee will be refunded. In the event that the legal code of a participant's country does not permit payment via mail, a letter of intent from the participant will be accepted as registration. The registration fees for the participant will be determined based on the date the letter of intent is received in the national office. Payment in full will be required on-site in US currency in order to receive conference registration materials.

## **Child Care for the 2007 RID Conference**

RID has been searching for and continues to search for child care that can be provided on a group basis at the hotel site for the conference. Several agencies have sent proposals,

but at a cost which is prohibitive. We will continue searching for options for members with children that will be coming to San Francisco.

## **Pager Sponsor Sought**

RID uses approximately 50 pagers at conference for various board and staff members. Companies who supply same will be considered at the gold level of sponsorship. Contact Clay Nettles at [admin@rid.org](mailto:admin@rid.org) if your organization wishes to be considered for this sponsorship opportunity.

## **Space Survey**

Members who attended the 2003 and 2005 Conferences may recall that a space survey was sent that asked registrants to select the likely sessions they would attend so that we could schedule each session with adequate space. We believe that those surveys worked very well when compared to past conferences and there were very few instances where members could not attend the educational session of their choice.

We will be doing that again for the 2007 Conference. It is critical that all persons take the five minutes or so necessary to fill out this form so that we can assign space based on your preferences. It will make your conference attendance more pleasurable.

## **Motions/Resolutions Process**

Please get your motions and resolutions in now. Those submitted well in advance of the conference, after being reviewed by the Board of Directors and recommended for referral to the various committees, can be printed in *VIEWS* so that members can ponder them prior to the conference.

The motions process requires that the board of directors have the time to refer proposals to the proper committees and staff. Those need adequate time to deliberate the proposals, to make recommendations with regard to same, to analyze the possible fiscal impact of same, etc, prior to the proposals coming before the membership. Motions and resolutions submitted after noon on Sunday, August 5, face the likelihood of not being considered at the conference, but of being referred to the appropriate committees, etc. after the conference or just dying. Participants need to be aware that motions and resolutions offered on the floor of the conference are highly unlikely to be considered.

## **Support Service Provider Policy**

RID recognizes the diversity of people within the Association and does not want to exclude the needs of any particular group. As there is no one standard for the role and

use of a support service provider within a conference setting, RID continues the model employed since the 2001 Orlando conference for our registrants who are deaf-blind. A copy of the policy can be seen at the RID web site in the 2007 Conference section.

## **RID Publications/Products**

RID publications and products will be available for sale at the on-site registration booth beginning on Saturday afternoon, August 4 through the remainder of the conference. Sales will cease at noon on Wednesday, August 8. There will be a limited supply of popular products that are available on a first-come, first-served basis. At conference, you will pay no shipping costs.

## **2007 Conference Committee Members Sought**

Volunteers are at the heart of association work, and the 2007 Conference committee members are no exception. Our strength is a result of the time and effort provided by those who volunteer to serve their colleagues and to further the profession and the association.

If you want to become part of the 2007 Conference committees, now is the time to let us know. Our goal is to have volunteer groups that represent the diversity of backgrounds, experience and demographics of our community. Please, take a few minutes to sign up now. We look forward to hearing from you!

The committees will be composed of varying quantities of members. Chairs of committees must be members of national RID. Sub-committee members are not required, but are encouraged to be members of RID. Committees will be required to provide a monthly report of their activities. Work will generally consist of online, e-mail and conference call communication.

Committee members will receive the benefits of being recognized from the podium at the conference and will be asked to come to the stage at some point during the week. They will also be listed in the program book and in the *VIEWS* after the conference.

Committees will be filled starting immediately, so get your information in quickly.

To apply: Please send an electronic copy of your resume and a letter of interest to Clay Nettles at [admin@rid.org](mailto:admin@rid.org).

**Welcoming and Accessibility Committee** This committee will gather and provide information to enable conference attendees to enjoy their visit to the conference city, including but not limited to:

- o Places of restaurants, health clubs, worship, accessibility information, etc.
- o Deaf and interpreter-related information to the local deaf community activities & resources in the area
- o Making recommendations on physical accessibility as well as language accessibility for conference participants.
- o Types of transportation available to RID members during the conference week and their prices.
- o Recruit volunteers to pick up/drop off VIPS at the airport.
- o Advertise the conference to international interpreting organizations and agencies, work to assist interested parties in obtaining visas to attend the conference, financial support, or housing.

**Entertainment Committee** This committee will be in charge of making recommendations for all conference-related entertainment including the opening ceremony, banquet ceremony, and any entertainment during the week.

**Program Committee** This committee will be in charge of evaluating all presenter proposals and making recommendations to the national office. They will also be in charge of recommending a keynote speaker.

**Volunteer Recruitment Committee** This committee will be in charge of recruiting volunteers to help the national office run on-site registration and running the banquet registration at the Help Hut throughout the week.

**Silent Auction Committee** This committee will be in charge of getting donations from various businesses for a silent auction at the conference. They will also be responsible for recruiting members to run the silent auction during the week and to tally up the winners in the end.