

# VOICE MAIL

## You and Yours are Invited!

Listeners, Volunteers, Friends and Supporters, please join us for our Annual Volunteer Appreciation Ice Cream Social.



Saturday, May 7

2 - 4 PM

at Virginia Voice  
395 Azalea Ave

We hope you'll join us as we thank all of our wonderful volunteers who made this service possible in 2010.

This is a wonderful opportunity for volunteers, listeners, staff and board members to mingle and get to know each other. Bring your family and enjoy an afternoon of fun, fellowship, ice cream, and exciting door prizes for all ages!

## Directions to Virginia Voice

From 95N or 95S

Take exit 82 onto Chamberlayne Ave (Route 301).

Head South on Chamberlayne.

At second traffic light make a left onto Azalea Ave.

Travel about 1 mile and make a right turn into the Virginia Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired complex. Follow the signs to Virginia Voice, located in the Library at the bottom of the hill.

## Limerick Contest – Awards To Be Given at Party

There once was a reader who'd gloat  
That the words from his tongue would just float  
'Til one day his tidbits  
All sounded like "ribbits."  
Seems a frog now lives in his throat!

The competition is beginning! Don't be left out. Anyone can write a limerick. Limericks are to have a theme that is relevant to Virginia Voice. For further information on limerick structure, see Limerick Contest Guidelines on the website at [www.virginiavoice.org/whats-your-limerick/](http://www.virginiavoice.org/whats-your-limerick/). **Submit your limericks by Tuesday, April 26**, to the Voice by phone, 266-2477, or email to [remmett@virginiavoice.org](mailto:remmett@virginiavoice.org). Entries are being posted on the website. Voting, online or by phone, begins April 27. Voting ends on Tuesday, May 3. Awards will be given at the Volunteer Appreciation Party & Ice Cream Social on May 7.

## LISTENERS' CORNER – A New “Voice Mail” Series



Jewel Sanford

“Virginia Voice makes my life so much more meaningful!” Jewel Sanford has been a Virginia Voice listener for 10 years and her favorite programs include *Biography Hour*, the *Book Hours*, *Cooking in the Dark*, and (to her surprise)

*Kidstuff!* Jewel is excited about attending the upcoming Ice Cream Social because she likes the opportunity to socialize and meet the volunteer readers.

Born and raised in New York City, Jewel moved to North Carolina after she married her husband Jim. When they later moved to Richmond, she fell in love with it, and has lived here ever since. She has two daughters who live in Baltimore and Denver. In the course of her career, Jewel has used her lovely voice and outgoing personality to achieve success as a telephone operator, playground director, actress and speech therapist.

## NEW PROGRAMMING

### *What's YOUR Story?*

Everybody has one. Do you remember blackouts during WWII, or “duck and cover” during the 1950's? Were you in Berlin when the wall fell? Or when it went up? Did you win a cooking contest, or climb a mountain, or

own your own business? Did you ever wonder what you have in common with others, or wish you could share your life experiences?

**George Bryson** (left), author of a book about, and keeper of, the history of Miller and Rhoads, chatted with **Don Dale** (right) to kick off this new series. What directed his path to that point, and what has life been like for him since? Find out on Sunday, May 1, as the first segment of “What's Your Story?” broadcasts on Virginia Voice. Each “Story” will also be available on our website.



Will you tell us your story? Do you want to hear someone else's story? Call us at 804-266-2477.

## WEBSITE RENOVATION - SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

### LISTENERS

- You can now **fill out the radio application online** and submit it directly to us, or
- You can print the radio application, fill it out and **mail it to us**.
- You can **listen online**. Most of our programming is available online. Just fill out and submit the *Register to Listen Online* form and we'll send you a username and password.

### VOLUNTEERS

- Access *Volunteer News* often to get messages and useful information.
- Readers can sign up online - from home - for studio use.

### EVERYONE

- Find out a lot about us, what we do and how to contact us.
- Listen to programs that don't require a password, such as our daily readings of the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* and our many special guest and interview programs that provide interesting information and entertainment.
- Read comments from our listeners and their families.
- Find out about volunteering with the Voice.
- Donate online.

If you experience any difficulty with the website, or have a suggestion for making it better, please let us know. Please remember that is still under construction, and we welcome your help with the work.

## LISTENERS' LITERARY FORUM

Virginia Voice is working to develop a listeners' dialogue group. This group would gather monthly for literary and current event discussions. Transportation will be provided. Please call Heather at 266-2477 if you are interested in joining this forum.

### New Ways to Keep Up With Us

- “Like” Virginia Voice on Facebook
- “Follow” VaVoice on Twitter

## WELCOME – NEW STAFF

**Jordy Featherston** has joined our staff as part-time Studio Operator. She has a B.A. in Mass Communications from Meredith College, Raleigh, NC. In addition to her work with the Voice, she is currently employed at Barnes & Noble.



**Jennifer Laughter** is our new Marketing Director. Jennifer has a sales and marketing background. Most recently she held the position of Fundraising Chair for Special Olympics Virginia, Area 6. Jennifer, her husband and their two teenage daughters live in Henrico County.



## THANKS TO OUR BROADCAST PARTNERS

We are grateful to the good folks at 88.9 FM WCVE, Richmond's public radio station, for donating to Virginia Voice the use of their subcarrier to enable us to broadcast our programming throughout the Central Virginia area. Our use of the frequency of WCVE provides the means for us to broadcast by way of the special radios that we issue on a loan basis to applicants for our service.

We are also grateful to Norfolk's public radio station, WHRO-FM, for carrying our daily programming over their subcarrier throughout the Hampton Roads area by way of our sister audio reading and information service, the WHRO Voice.

We also thank our friends at The Metropolitan Washington Ear, our sister audio reading and information service headquartered in Silver Spring, Maryland, for the provision of space on their dial-in system for our daily reading of the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*. By way of this toll-free dial-in service, print disabled individuals throughout the state have a means for accessing, at any time of their choosing, our daily reading of *The Times-Dispatch*.

## ONLINE DONATIONS

We are happy to announce that you can now donate to Virginia Voice **online**. Simply go to our website, [www.virginiavoice.org](http://www.virginiavoice.org), and click on the "Donate" button. We have made it easy to give! Thank you for your support!



## STILL TIME TO GIVE DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR

Virginia Voice operates on a fiscal year that runs July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>. In our fall newsletter we list all of our contributors during the preceding fiscal year. We want to list **your** name in the fall 2011 newsletter. So, if you have not made a financial contribution during the current fiscal year that ends June 30, 2011, please do so. We need your support!

## DAVID BALDACCI PAYS US A VISIT

Our *Writer's Voice* series continues for 2011. We are excited to announce that our first author interview this year is with best-selling author, **David Baldacci**, a Henrico County native. He stopped by our studio on April 6<sup>th</sup> to participate in an interview conducted by volunteer and legendary radio personality, **Lou Dean**. This fascinating interview will be broadcast on *Sunday Special* in May and will be accessible on our website as well.



## CONSIDER INCLUDING VIRGINIA VOICE IN YOUR WILL

Whether you already have a will prepared or are planning to have one prepared, please give some consideration to including Virginia Voice as a beneficiary of your estate. You can do that with a specific dollar bequest or a percentage of the residue of your estate. We would be happy to assist you with the appropriate wording if you desire. Please give us a call at 804-266-2477 if you need our assistance. Thank you for your consideration of this important way to ensure the future of Virginia Voice.



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