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As we approach the 40th ADARA National Conference, and the conference theme of “Coming Full Circle – Deaf Services: Past, Present and Future,” it seems appropriate that JADARA should also look at itself “full circle.” This special issue of JADARA takes us back to see where we have been. As editor, I have had an amazing time browsing in the Gallaudet University library, reading and re-reading articles from the 1960s, and 1970s. Have we made progress; have our services grown in quality and in the size of our constituency? Have we come full circle, or is our growth more like a spiral as we build on the work of our predecessors?

It is my pleasure to share with you articles from the past. In the first Journal of Rehabilitation of the Deaf, editor Roger Falberg writes that the founders of PRWAD-ADARA envisioned this organization to “provide professional workers of all disciplines a forum” for discussion. Further, the early founders defined “rehabilitation” as facilitating “the client’s adjustment to the world in which he lives”. Definitions not much different than we use today, bringing together vocational rehabilitation, psychology, audiology, counseling and social work, education and post-secondary education, aging, health care and interpreting.

In this issue you will find classic vocational rehabilitation articles from visionaries like Boyce Williams and Douglas Burke. Early writings discussing dual relationships (Larry Stewart), IQ testing (McCay Vernon), social justice (Glenn Anderson), and the seminal work on deaf child development by Kay Meadows all provide a glimmer into the brilliance of our early ADARA members. We are also lucky to find articles related to research and discussion on deaf multi-handicapped (Eugene Peterson) and deaf-blind individuals (Jerome Schein) I hope that you will enjoy reading them as much as I did and recognize their outstanding contributions to us as professionals and to deaf, hard of hearing and deaf-blind individuals over the past 40 years.

As I begin to bring to a close my nine-year editorship of JADARA (with two more forthcoming issues), I am pleased to share this special issue with the membership.

Read and enjoy.