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What Are Deafhood and Audism?



Amanda Tuite

Amanda Tuite came to speak to us on April 13th. She encouraged us to read a book titled “*Understanding Deaf Culture: In Search of Deafhood*” by Paddy Ladd. One of the book’s main aims is achieving Deaf unity. Deafhood is valued in both the hearing and deaf worlds. Paddy Ladd also has an ASL video for deaf people to watch. Deafhood is described as a journey that each Deaf person undertakes to discover their true identity and purpose here on Earth as a Deaf person. We are visually oriented in dealing with the environment. We feel most at ease using a signed language rather than a spoken language. If you fit that

description, you have begun the search for Deafhood. The degree of your hearing or speaking ability does not matter. Each person’s search for deafhood occurs at all levels: physical, emotional, mental, spiritual, cultural and linguistic. According to Ladd, deafhood requires Deaf people to evaluate and liberate themselves from the oppression they have faced historically from the majority of hearing society.

Amanda then talks about “Audism”. That word is defined as discrimination that is based on a person’s ability, or lack of ability, to hear. Discrimination against deafness can exist in all areas including deaf education and is known as audism. People who are deaf may feel that institutions are trying to destroy or oppress deaf culture. This type of audism limits deaf culture and pride. This is done by creating an environment in which deaf people must conform to the ways of hearing society. It greatly impacts deaf education in terms of shunning American Sign Language in favor of communication that is based on the English language and more acceptable to people who are able to hear.

The true success of Deafhood is when Deaf People feel “at home” with being Deaf and find other Deaf people in their visual orientation and use of Sign Language. When we are secure with our own natural language and community, we can be healthier, more creative and more able to embrace the diversity that surrounds us.

The Deafhood Foundation is a non-profit community foundation incorporated in the state of California with 501(c)(3) tax exempt status. Check out: www.deafhoodfoundation.org.

UNDERSTANDING DEAF CULTURE In Search of Deafhood



Paddy Ladd



Sharing Their Experience about ASL

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Pasadena Strawberry Festival

Saturday, May 21

**Meet at Woodhaven
9:00 am**

Leave at 9:30 am



Cost: \$8.00

**Lunch on
Your Own**

Contact Person:

**Jim Dermon: VP 936-828-4013 or
Nancy Owens: VP 979-246-2180**



William Lambert



Luci Ryan



Waffle Fundraiser—Many thanks to Jim/Jan Dermon and Nancy Morris for making waffles.



Oldies in Drama

We are young at heart. We are never too old to be in the drama.

Jim/Jan Dermon, Zane/Nancy Owens and Alan Schkade were in the Easter Drama at Woodhaven Deaf Church.

Doina and Tom Langham's Trip to Rissani Morocco

Our camel ride out in the desert where we watched the beautiful sunset.



Editor's Note — Interesting fact about goats perching on the tree.

The trees in question are *Argania spinosa*, or argan, a species endemic to Morocco and a small region of western Algeria. Goats are drawn to the argan's fruit, which ripens in June each year. They have no qualms about scampering to the top of the 30-foot-tall trees in search of a feast, and will stand on a skinny branch post-nosh, looking blissed out and whinnying softly.



The small, firm argan fruit has a thick peel and pulp surrounding an almond-shaped nut. When a goat eat



the fruit, this nut passes through its digestive system whole and eventually gets excreted. Traditionally, members of the indigenous Berber population would gather nuts from the goat droppings, crack them open with stones, then roast and grind the seeds inside. The argan oil extracted from this process is high in essential fatty acids and vitamin E, and has long been used locally as a skin treatment and cooking ingredient.

Judy Becker's Son's Wedding



On April 2nd Gary and I flew to Norfolk, VA and stayed at a hotel for two nights. We went to my son Jason's wedding at Lesner Inn in Virginia Beach, VA next day. The wedding was beautiful and joyful. The wedding and brunch reception were lovely. Jason has served as naval sailor for about 15 years. His beautiful wife is Ashleigh, who works as an HR Generalist. She learned about ASL by using the Youtube. She has been eager to communicate with me. Amazing!

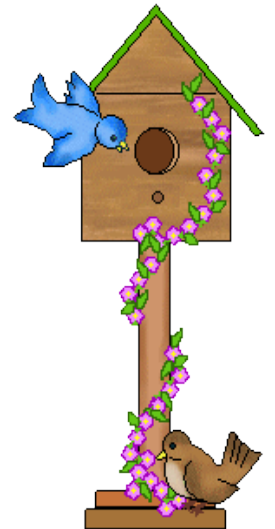


Top Picture: The Becker Family: Front row: George Becker (father), Jason, Judy (mother)

Back Row: Uncle Thomas, Aunt Barbara and Cousin Addie

Bottom Picture: Ashleigh Smith Becker and the Bristow Family

Spring



Lone Star Deaf Bowling, Inc.
Dingo

Happy Cinco de Mayo

Dingo

Best Costume Prize



Best Costume Prize

VFW

Food & Drink

6101 East Mount Houston Rd
Houston, Texas 77050

May 7, 2016

Food & Drink

Admission \$8.00 member
\$10.00 non member

Time 3:00pm-midnight

Fund processed to 75th HAD anniversary & Montrose Reunion
Hosted by the Lone Star

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DSTSYMPO2016

Third Biennial Symposium for Texas Deaf Seniors 50+
Hosted by North Texas Deaf Senior Citizens

IN PLANO

OCTOBER 2016

DSTSYMO2016

For information on registration and partnership.
Go to
<http://www.deafseniorsoftexas.org/dstsympo.php>

May - Graduation Time!!!!



Graduation's arrival is upon us this month. Bass that are now mingling and swimming in lakes are set to graduate, too, within their own demographic areas. The lures are set out, and the bass are hungry for them. The bass are ready to defend themselves. They were taught by nature, followed by their parents, peers, and guardians. Now they are out on their own to explore life in the lakes. They need to make judgment on being lures or avoiding being caught. That is the school of rock! It applies to all high school, colleges and academies. Upon graduation, they are gleaming with joy!!! That is the goal they normally set. May is the perfect month for crawfish, hamburgers, hotdogs, watermelons, and ICE CREAM! The perfect picnic environment to have for us all. Go out and enjoy!

HBCD is excited to once again host the 7th Annual Crawfish Event on May 15, 2016. This is a charity event giving back to the community including the JR. Anglers and the 2017 DSA Conference—Houston, TX. Show a good heart and go out and be part of this exciting time and enjoy being supportive! Every year HBCD offers opportunities to mingle socially and enjoy fun events. It's the perfect month of MAY!

May 21, 2016 - HBCD General Meeting—Location to be announced at a later time

May 28, 2016 - HBCD Local Tournament at Cassell Boykin Lake - Sam Rayburn Lake

Houston Bass Club of the Deaf, Inc. • PO Box 841557 • Pearland, TX 77584
Email: hbcd68@gmail.com • www.hbcd1968.org

Houston Bass Club of the Deaf is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization founded in 1968 to promote education, social and sportsmanship to the Deaf/Hard of Hearing Bass Anglers through Local, State and National level of Bass Tournaments

DSA Fundraisers

Deaf Cruises—Jim Dermon—jdermon.senior@gmail.com
Mother's Day—Lulu Radwanski—832-532-3632

Father's Day—Lulu Radwanski—832-532-3632
Raffles—Cathy Simerka—832-403-2648

<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>WARM CARIBBEAN CRUISE January 9-14, 2017</p> <p>DSA 2017 FUNDRAISER</p> <p>5-DAY Western Caribbean</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Galveston (Round Trip) • Cozumel, Mexico • Yucatan (Progreso), Mexico <p>Cost: Based on Category Taxes & Gratuity Excluded</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From \$299 Interior • From \$349 Ocean View • From \$479 Balcony <p style="text-align: center;">Arranged by HOUSTON DEAF SENIOR CITIZENS LOVE FUND</p> <p style="text-align: right;">For More Info: jdermon.senior@gmail.com 936-828-4013</p> </div>	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>PRE-CONFERENCE DSA 2017 CRUISE MARCH 25—April 1, 2017</p> <p>DSA 2017 FUNDRAISER</p> <p>7-DAY Western Caribbean</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Galveston (Round Trip) • Jamaica • Grand Cayman • Cozumel, Mexico <p>Cost: Based on Category Taxes & Gratuity Excluded</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From \$529 Interior • From \$629 Ocean View • From \$809 Balcony <p style="text-align: center;">Arranged by HOUSTON DEAF SENIOR CITIZENS LOVE FUND</p> <p style="text-align: right;">For More Info: jdermon.senior@gmail.com 936-828-4013</p> </div>
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Interested participants are encouraged to submit their registration forms directly from **HDSCFL.org** or **DSA2017Houston.org**. The participants will be contacted with the more details, such as itineraries, deposits, payment plans, etc. For more information, contact Jim Dermon, Deaf Cruise Group Leader.

HDSCFL Mother's Day Luncheon

Fundraiser for DSA 2017

<p>When: Wednesday May 11th</p> <p>Where: Woodhaven</p> <p>Cost: \$12.00 (Must pay before May 1st Non-Refundable)</p>	<p>Menu: Olive Garden Spaghetti, Salad, & Bread Dessert (Bring your own drinks)</p> <p>Contact: Lulu Radwanski 832-532-3632</p>
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HDSCFL Father's Day Luncheon

<p>When: Wednesday June 8</p> <p>Where: Woodhaven</p> <p>Cost: \$15.00 (Must pay Before June 1st) Non-Refundable</p>	<p>Menu: Pappa's BBQ Beef Brisket, Links, Potato Salad & Beans (Bring your own drinks)</p> <p>Contact: Lulu Radwanski 832-532-3632</p>
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Fundraiser for DSA 2017

No 001

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____



DSA 2017 Houston Conference

1st Prize: Seven Night stay
 Houston Westin Galleria
 2nd Prize: \$500 Shopping Certificate Nordstrom
 3rd Prize: \$250 Dining Certificate Del Frisco's Steakhouse
 Donations: \$5.00 or 10 for \$35.00
 Winners will be announced on February 02, 2017

No 001



Registration Form

14th Biennial Deaf Seniors of America
Houston, TX
April 2—9, 2017



www.dsa2017houston.org

Registration Policy and Information

NOTE: Please read the following policy and information carefully before signing.

PAYMENTS: You can register using a personal check, cashier's check or money order. Make checks payable to HDSCLF/DSA 2017 Houston. After February 02, 2017, no personal checks will be accepted.

DO NOT SEND CASH BY MAIL.

CONFIRMATION: A confirmation letter with ID number assigned to you will be emailed or mailed after payments are received. Please indicate your ID number in all correspondence with Registration Coordinator. Driver's license or personal identification card is required to be presented at the conference registration booth.

RETURNED (BOUNCED) CHECKS: Service fee is \$30.00. Your registration will be processed after payment of the service fee and paid check.

CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS DUE TO HOSPITALIZATION OR DEATH: Registration form is non-refundable after February 02, 2017. There are two exceptions— hospitalization or death. In case of hospitalization after February 02, 2017, we will deduct 50% of your paid registration form and \$20 DSA membership dues for 2017-2019. We require an appropriate medical document. If you cancel before February 02, 2017 due to doctor's order, the regular cancellation refund formula as shown below will be used. In the event of registrant's death, we will refund registration in full to the family after we receive a copy of death certificate or an obituary notice. We must receive all requests for refund no later than May 09, 2017.

NON-TRANSFERABLE Registration form is not transferable. If it is sold or exchanged by any unauthorized parties prior to or during the conference, it will not be honored.

LOST BADGES/WRISTBANDS: Processing fee for lost badges and/or wristbands is \$150. This fee is not refundable if found.

MAILING ADDRESS/E-MAIL ADDRESS/VIDEOPHONE NUMBER/TEXT NUMBER: If there are any changes to your contact address or numbers, please notify the Registration Coordinator as soon as possible.

Cancellation Refund Formula

VALUE PRICE	BEFORE 03/02/16	BEFORE 09/02/16	BEFORE 02/02/17	AFTER 02/02/17
\$250	\$200	\$143	\$105	NO REFUND
\$300	\$250	\$175	\$130	NO REFUND
\$350	\$300	\$208	\$155	NO REFUND
\$400				NO REFUND

Note: The \$20 DSA membership dues for 2017-2019 are not part of your refund.

Conference Registration Includes:

- Registration fee
- DSA Membership dues for 2017-2019
- Pre-conference information and updates
- Program book
- Admission to exhibits, workshops, meetings, reception and banquet (gala) with entertainment
- Daily conference newsletters

Date	Check/MO
Amount paid must match date amount due.	
August 23, 2015 — December 31, 2015	\$250
January 1, 2016 — June 30, 2016	\$300
July 1, 2016 — December 31, 2016	\$350
January 1, 2017 — AT DOOR	\$400

Please print clearly. (one form per person)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

VP: _____ Text Number: _____

Payment Method and Checkout:

- Check Cashier's Check Money Order
(Payable to HDSCLF/DSA 2017 Houston)

By signature, Registrant agrees to abide by Conference rules/regulations, and agrees HDSCLF & DSA are not responsible for safekeeping of, damage to, or loss of any personal property under control of Registrant. Registrant hereby agrees to hold harmless the HDSCLF and DSA, their contractors, their employees/volunteers from all cost, injury & damage incurred by any of the above, and from any other injury or damage to any person or property, any of which is caused by an activity, condition or event arising out of the performance, preparation for performance or nonperformance of any provision of this agreement by Houston Deaf Senior Citizens Love Fund, Inc. (HDSCLF) and Deaf Seniors of America, Inc. (DSA).

I have read and understand the terms outlined on this form.

Signature (required): _____

Date: _____

I give DSA 2017 Houston conference committee permission to list my name on the website. Yes No

For more information about registration, contact:

Yvonne Butler
DSA2017Reg@gmail.com

Mail this form with payment to HDSCLF/DSA 2017 Houston:

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Adrenna Montez
Dennis/Molly Prescott
Margie Scribner
Robert Smith
Mary Jo Stevens
Tommy Wells

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Tommy/Doina Langham

On the behalf of HDSCLF board, we want to thank you for your kind donation. Your generosity makes a difference in the lives of Houston Deaf Senior Citizens.



Thanks again for your kindness.

Jim Dermon
HDSCLF Treasurer



March 23, 2016
Senior Luncheon
Craft: Key Chain

Lunch Menu
Ham and Pasta Salad

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Spouse: _____ (DOB: ____ / ____ / ____)

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____ VP, TTY or Fax: _____

Anniversary:
____ / ____ / ____

Make payable to **HDSCLF** and mail this form with personal check or money order to Houston Deaf Senior Citizens Love Fund, Attn: Treasurer, P. O. Box 130705, Houston, TX 77219-0705. Thank you.

OFFICE USE ONLY: Cash (in a person) Money Order # _____ Check # _____
Receipt # _____ # _____ # _____

Community Events

Friday, May 6

ASL Social

Jax Grill
1613 Shepherd Dr
Houston, TX 77007
4:00 pm to 9 pm

Wednesday, May 11

HDSCLF Social

Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church
9920 Long Point
Houston, TX 77055
8:30 am—1:00 pm

Friday, May 13

Deaf/ASL Social—Ft. Bend

Chick-fil-A
20010 Southwest Freeway
Sugar Land, TX 77479
5:00 pm—9:00 pm

Friday, May 13

Latinos Jejanos Sordos/Deaf Social

Pollo Tropical
6522 Westheimer Rd
Houston, TX 77057
4:00 pm—9:00 pm

Friday, May 20

Baybrook Mall Silent Dinner

Baybrook Mall—Food Court
500 Baybrook Mall
Friendswood, TX 77546

Saturday, May 21

HDSCLF Field Trip

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Wednesday, May 25

Woodhaven Luncheon/Craft

9920 Long Point
Houston, TX 77055
10:30 am—1:00 pm
6:30 pm—9:00 pm

May Anniversary

16 James/Lavern Fair

May Birthday

3 Ellen Sias
7 Donald Hahn
14 Phillip DeLozier
18 Judy Becker



HDSCLF Field Trip—Friday, June 10, 2016



Contact Person:

Jim Dermon: VP 936-828-4013 or
Nancy Owens: VP 979-246-2180

**Please meet at
6:00 AM**

Woodhaven Baptist
Deaf Church
9920 Long Point Rd
Houston, TX

**Bus leaves at
6:30 AM**

Cost: \$5.00

**Pay before
May 25, 2016**

**Lunch on Your
Own**



Field Trip Tentative

August: The Woodlands Luncheon

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Happy April Birthday



Standing: Larry Butler, Benny Villarreal
Sitting: Deborah Daniels, Jan Dermon

Send some news, an announcement (newborn baby, birthday, anniversary, obituary), and color photos to me before or on **15th day of each month**. Thanks!

Jan Dermon, Editor of HDSCLF Newsletter

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