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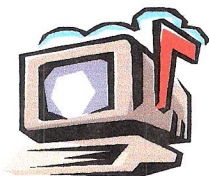


*May 13th*

**M-O-T-H-E-R**

*"M" is for the million things she gave me,  
"O" means only that she's growing old,  
"T" is for the tears she shed to save me,  
"H" is for her heart of purest gold;  
"E" is for her eyes, with love-light shining,  
"R" means right, and right she'll always be,  
Put them all together, they spell "MOTHER,"  
A word that means the world to me.*

*Poem/Verse by-Howard Johnson (c. 1915)*



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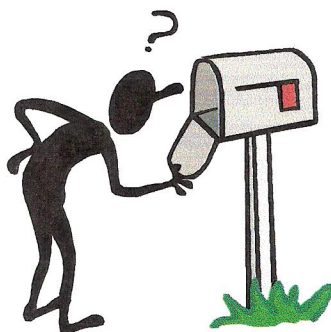
Audrey Wright



I would like to thank you, Senior Citizens, for the news and recipes you sent. Unfortunately, there is not enough space to put everything in this month newsletter. We will try to include all next month.

In less than a month I received so many sad news from Senior Citizens who lost their loved ones. My sympathy goes to each of those families. I received two updated news rather late which have not added to **NEWS or OBITUARIES**. Melvin Hoffman had a heart bypass surgery and is on the way to recovery. And Jack Thompson from Austin, Texas, passed away. More information will be announced next month.

I am excited to announce that I am a grandfather again for the sixth time. My daughter in South Carolina has a baby girl named Lindsey in February.



Please send any news, information, picture or recipe that you wish to share with other Senior Citizens. **We would appreciate if you write no more than 250 words of any news due to limited space on newsletter.** Please note that the editor may at his discretion edit articles or news items for brevity and to correct errors. Mail to: Houston Deaf Senior Citizens, 9954 Kirkshire Drive, Houston, TX 77089, email to [hdsnews@yahoo.com](mailto:hdsnews@yahoo.com), or fax to (281) 416-0799 or (713) 781-4576. **The deadline is on 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.**

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I appreciate your cooperation.

Thank you.

*Frank Shaw*

**REMINDER...**

**Trip to Biloxi, Mississippi/New Orleans on June 5-7 2001**

On June 5<sup>th</sup>, Senior Citizens will meet at Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray at 8:00 AM sharp. We will ride on Pioneer Tour and Travel bus. There will be two stops for rest area and lunch on the way to New Orleans. I look forward to seeing you guys and have fun together.



## Field Trip to Chappell Hill and Brenham

April 6, 2001

On a beautiful and pleasant warm day twenty-two Deaf Senior Citizens and an interpreter took a field trip to Chappell Hill to visit the Chappell Hill Historical Society Museum. In this building exhibits of photos, documents, and artifacts tell story of the town from its beginnings in 1847 to the present day. (See the photos below)



A group of senior citizens arrived at the museum.



Toured at the museum of Chappell Hill where it used to be a site: Chappell Hill Institute (1850-54) and later Chappell Hill Female College (1854-1912). This building was also originally the Chappell Hill School in 1961.

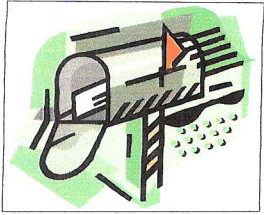


College Bell: Chappell Hill Male & Female Institute (founded in 1850) pioneered in higher learning in Texas.



Chappell Hill United Methodist Church (founded in 1853) still remains active with one service only every Sunday. The building was constructed in 1901 after the Great Galveston Storm destroyed.

After the tour in Chappell Hill, the Senior Citizens went to see the "Star of the Republic" Museum where the Texans declared their independence from Mexico on March 2, 1836. Afterwards they stopped by a buffet restaurant in Brenham. On the way to Antique Rose Emporium, many beautiful bluebonnets and Indian Paint wildflowers had seen in the country. It was really unbelievable how attractive landscape with all the variety of roses, garden perennials and wildflower meadows toward an early 1900's Victorian home at Antique Rose Emporium. The Senior Citizens did really enjoy their day.



# NEWS

## ***From Tennie Session:***

At first the Austin Senior Citizens planned to go on "The Bluebonnet Trail" in the Hill Country on March 28<sup>th</sup>, but it was cancelled due to rain and the trip was postponed to April 30<sup>th</sup>. Fifty five of Senior Citizens along with an interpreter will go on a bus trip to Kingsville on April 24; leaving the Center at 6:00 AM and returning at 9:00 PM that evening. They will sight see around the famed King Ranch that day.

## ***From Frank Shaw:***

Larry Smith and I went to Powell Park Marine at Lake Rayburn for 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Bass Club of the Deaf Tournament. There were a lot of fans. They rented cabins. Fifty-one fishermen and one fisherwoman (Judy Lorenz) registered at the tournament. The winners are: for 1<sup>st</sup> place – Rick & Wayne Schaeffer from Ft. Worth, 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Dale Grainer and Kevin Smith from Louisiana, 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Danny Hensley from Houston and John Coggin-Peckham from Dallas. On Saturday Mr. Coggin-Peckham won lunger and then Henry Havard won lunger on Sunday. For overall lunger the winner was John Coggin-Peckham. It must be his lucky day!

Austin Bass Club of the Deaf will host next year at Powell Park of Lake Rayburn.

## ***From Opal Piercy:***

Eugene and I received a phone call from our daughter, Polly, in Beaumont and said she had to go to a board meeting in Austin the next day. She asked us if we wanted to go along, but we had planned to join our senior citizen's field trip to Chappel Hill the next day, too. She said, "oh mom, you & dad come and go with me. I will pick you up around 9 AM the next morning and get ready." Sure enough she showed up at my house by 9:00 AM sharp. So we decided to load in our "new" red car so we could do whatever we pleased on Friday while Polly was in the meeting. Eugene dropped Polly off at 7:45 AM at Texas School for the Deaf then came back for me, as I wanted to shower and be ready. So we went out for breakfast and then hit I-35 south for La Vista Retirement Community in San Marcos. We visited the Fred Gunns, Estelline Stewart, Mary Lee Ewald and Donald Williams. Then we went to the Community Center as a group from San Antonio was arriving. There were pretty plants to pass out to the Deaf Seniors there. Also, we saw others whom we know and really enjoyed out trip.

## ***From Evelyn Norman:***

Norman had a stroke last February 4<sup>th</sup>. Now he is at home and still goes to the physical therapy every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We hope you all had a Happy Easter.

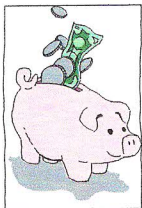
## ***From Margaret Hall:***

My niece, Patti Hill Fry, and great niece, Kristy, moved to Austin to take care of Norma Hensley, who has Alzheimer's disease. Norma is much improved. Kristy goes to Texas School for the Deaf and loves it. I am so happy to have them back to Texas again.

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***"Sixty years ago I knew everything; now I know nothing. Education is the progressive discovery of our own ignorance."***

***--- by Will Durant***



**From Zelma Curbello of LOVE FUND:**

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