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Tidbits

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Left to Right: Don Sah, Virendra Desai, Gertie Sessions, Carolyn Dill, Jan Dermon, Doina Langham, Tom Langham, Dinah McKenzie, Michael McKenzie, Nancy Morris, Sandra Manley, Danny Hensley, Patsy Walker, Nancy Owens, Jim Dermon, Ann Hornbeck, Bill Hornbeck, Zane Owens, Dennis Smith, Linda Smith

The field trip to Zoo Christmas Lighting was an enjoyable one. We went to Houston's Spaghetti Warehouse to have our dinner. Most of us had lasagna and spaghetti. Then we went on to the zoo. We were so glad to take the bus because the parking was crazy…many cars! The lights were really beautiful…colorful and bright. We got to see flamingos and giraffes. The rest of the zoo animals were probably resting in their shelters. For two hours, we walked through most of the zoo, with arrows that clearly marked the path we followed. The weather was perfect… not too cold or too warm. It is a great way to get into the Christmas spirit!

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Field Trip — January 11, 2016
National Weather Service & Transtar
Cost: $5.00

Meet at Woodhaven at **9 AM**

Bus Leaves at **9:30 AM**

Lunch on Your Own

Contact: Jim Dermon
VP 936-828-4013

The National Weather Serve Houston/Galveston, Texas office issues severe weather watches and warnings, and public forecasts, for 23 counties in southeast Texas, which comprise our County Warning Area, in addition, aviation, marine, fire weather, and hydrology forecasts are also issued.

The Houston TranStar consortium is a partnership of four government agencies that are responsible for providing Transportation Management and Emergency Management services to the Greater Houston Region.

Visiting Fire Museum of Texas

Jim and Jan Dermon visited Fire Museum of Texas. It is an old firehouse that has antique trucks, fire equipment and many nice exhibits. It took us about 45 minutes to go through. The best part is, it provides QR code for us to use our smart phone. It gives a tour through ASL interpreter.

Deaf Seniors of Texas
eAnnouncement
www.deafseniorsoftexas.org

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

HOUSTON'S SPAGHETTI WAREHOUSE

This is one of the nation's scariest haunted spots…an excellent place to celebrate Halloween with its ghostly, uninvited guests. President of Spaghetti Warehouse said, "We have had many sightings of ghostly activity. The building used to be an old produce warehouse and we are aware that several of their employees died in the back elevator shaft. The rumor is that the families of these men spend their days looking for the men." "There is activity happening daily. For example, someone hears their name being called, yet no one is there," adds Sandra McMasters, the General Manager. She said, "Often the elevator lights will flicker, objects move without any logical reason, and employees see a ghost like lady in a white gown throughout the restaurant all the time. It is also believed that many spirits are present due to the various antiques that adorn our restaurant." Guests are invited to take a haunted tour. This restaurant is located at 901 Commerce Street in downtown Houston.

Submitted by Nancy Morris from the Internet

Zoo Trip Highlight

Yummy, Yummy Cotton Candy!!

Yike! He is trying to kiss me!!!

Lone Star Deaf Bowling, Inc

February 7, 2016
12:00 Noon to 11:00 PM
6101 East Mt Houston
Houston, TX 77050

LSDB will have L I N G O/Poker Party

Play for $10.00 Per Person & 50/50 Raffle
Admission: Free
LSDB Sells $$ Plate for BBQ

Require Proof of Age 21 ID for Alcohol at VFW

Come Play Games and Have a Fun Time

Dominique Parisi : 281-712-8611
Nancy Morris: nmorris726@gmail.com

Dominique Parisi, James Nguyen, Eunice Spain, Binh Nguyen, Bobbye Phillips, Elizabeth Rudriquez, Patty Varner, Regina Castillo, Cheri Bell

Annual Business Meeting & Pancake Breakfast

Where: Woodhaven
When: January 13, 2016
Time: 8:30 AM—1:00 PM

HDSCLF
General Meeting
Starts at 10:00 AM

DSA 2017 HOUSTON

Fundraiser Breakfast

All proceeds benefit DSA2017
Houston Conference

HOUSTON BASS CLUB of the DEAF 1968 Houston, Texas

Happy New Year!!!

2016 has arrived!!! What a quick time the New Year rolled of a sudden. There is a famous slogan that tend to make statement as "Out with the old….In with the New." Hopefully 2016 bring you with something new to keep you going! On behalf of the entire HBCD Organization, we welcome you to 2016!! Following is our upcoming events for **January 2016**.

January 9, 2016 - HBCD First General Meeting of the Year & Oath of New Officers

January 16, 2016 - HBCD Local Tournament at Sam Rayburn Lake.

January 30, 2016 - HBCD 1st Annual Charity Bass Banquet (12:00 pm to 5:00 pm)

Keep your eyes peeled on our upcoming events in the Month of April 2016 that will feature, HBCD Bass Invitational Individual Tournament, Crawfish Event and The Jr. Anglers Tournament. This will be an exciting event for you all to attend. Dates will be announced as soon as we have all reserved.

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

HDSCLF Holiday Gathering—2015

O, Christmas Tree
Patsy Walkers

Christmas Story Teller
Judy Becker

Ms. Santa!
Kathy Smith

Ms. Santa with Raffle Winners
Front: Patsy, Walter, Sandra, Jeanne
Back: Deborah, Leonard

Winners
Jan & Luci

Games
Top: Luci, Nancy O, Kathy, Jan, Dana, Gertie, Doina
Bottom: Luci, Cathy, Dinah, Judy

Santa's Helper
Jim Dermon

HOLIDAY CHEERS

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 Amount paid must match date amount due.	Check/MO
~~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:
P.O. Box 130705
Houston, TX 77219-0705

Renewals

Jo Ann Adkins, Ellen Crochet, Joy M Gibson, Larry/Dana Glassrock, Janie Morales, Lee Morgan Jr, Judy/Richard Riddle

Gift Subscrption

Barbara Carter (Judy Becker)

New Subscribers

Kathleen Smith

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.

Healthy Houseplants

Make a **high-nitrogen elixir** for your houseplants by using **unflavored gelatin** at a ratio of one envelope dissolved into **3 cups of cold water**. Water with this solution once a month.

From The Old Farmer's Almanac

A Great Web Site for Your Health Issues

Wow, there is a web site that you will love. It's www.DeafMd.org. Here you will find: Diseases and Illnesses A - Z, Understanding Medical Tests, and even how to find Deaf-friendly doctors in your area! All you need to do is type in the town where you live, and this awesome web site will give you a long list of doctors who provide sign language interpreters! You can go to the search box, and type in a disease that you are wondering about. There you will see Deaf people carefully describing that disease in ASL! Will you be undergoing a medical test or procedure? Just type it in the search box, and the ASL-users will carefully describe it to you....no need to wonder about it anymore. They will even tell you how to prep for the test. It's great! Why not give it a try today?

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Check one of the following:

Newsletter subscription: $10.00 per year X _____ year(s) = $_____.00 ☐ New ☐ Renewal

☐ Gift subscription from (who) _____ *($10.00 per person for 1 year)*

☐ Donation to HDSCLF $_____ in memory of _____ *(Tax deductible)*

☐ Donation: $_____ to the Houston Deaf Senior Citizens Love Fund. *(Tax deductible)*

PLEASE PRINT: ☐ **CURRENT ADDRESS** ☐ **NEW ADDRESS**

Name: _____ (DOB: ___/___/____)

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, January 8
ASL Social
Fuddruckers
11950 Kurland Dr
Houston, TX 77034
4:00 pm to 9 pm

Friday, January 8
Deaf/ASL Social—Ft. Bend
Chick-fil-A
20010 Southwest Freeway
Sugar Land, TX 77479
5:00 pm—9:00 pm

Monday, January 11
HDSCLF Field Trip
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Wednesday, January 13
Annual Business Meeting & Pancake Breakfast
Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church
9920 Long Point
Houston, TX 77055
8:30 am—1:00 pm

Friday, January 15
Latinos Jejanos Sordos/Deaf Social
Pappas BarBQ
Northline Commons
4430 I-45 North
Houston, TX 77022
4:00 pm—9:00 pm

Friday, January 22
Baybrook Mall Silent Dinner
Baybrook Mall—Food Court
500 Baybrook Mall
Friendswood, TX 77546
6:30 pm—9:00 pm

January Birthday!

1	Emmanuel Eziashi
2	Dinah McKenzie
8	Patsy Walker
20	Delma Long
21	Mickey McKenzie
22	Dennis Smith
24	Lucille Radwanski
28	Bubba Lorenz
30	Jenice Wells
31	David Garcia

HDSCLF Field Trip
Beaumont, TX
Thursday, March 3, 2016

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Fire Museum of Texas

Splindletop-Gladys City Boomtown Museum

Cost: $8.00
Lunch on Your Own

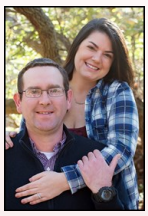
Please meet at 6:30 AM
Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church
9920 Long Point Rd, Houston, TX
Bus leaves at 7:00 AM

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

Happy December Birthday

Virendra Desai, Sandra Manley, Fred Simerka

Our Thanksgiving Vacation by Judy Becker

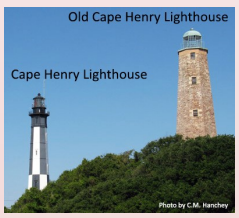


On November 23rd Gary and I took the 3-day trip to Virginia. We spent 2 1/2 days with my son Jason and his fiancée Ashleigh. Their Thanksgiving holiday was wonderful for us to get together. Jason baked turkey for the first time. It was delicious.

Ashleigh was eager to learn how to fingerspell and sign languages from youtube.com. She and I had good chance to chat and got to know each other. I'm so excited that Jason and Ashleigh will get married on April 3rd. We will go to their wedding there.

We went to see the Cape Henry Lighthouses and Christmas Lightings. We ate a very delicious sea food at Lucky Oyster Restaurant in Virginia Beach.

It was a very good trip for us.



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

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