

Houston Deaf Senior Citizens

MARCH 1999

NEWSLETTER

Senior Citizen Program

Did You Know?

By Gertrude Albert

We'd only been married a short time when we moved our household from Illinois to an Iowa town with a population of 1,800. The day our furniture finally arrived, I was busy unpacking cartons when our phone rang for the first time. Picking it up, I heard a feminine voice chirp, "This is your neighbor, Lorena Clark. Welcome to town!"

I replied, "Thank you, it's kind of you to call. I'll look forward to meeting you." A short pause followed before Lorena continued.

"Jacob Wells, an elderly widower who belongs to our church, supplements his Social Security income by selling eggs. He's due at home this afternoon. If you'd like some fresh country eggs, I'll tell him to stop by your place, too."

"That will be fine. Thank you."

"Good. We'll meet later. Bye now." The connection was broken.

It turned out that Jacob was well into his 80s, lived alone on the edge of town, and cared for a flock of chickens. The dear man was afflicted with a formidable case of arthritis. Still, he staunchly declined my offer to pick up my eggs at the curb rather than have him gimp, grunt and struggle his way up the five steps to my front door.

In time, I perceived Jacob's egg route had a two-fold purpose; financial compensation and socializing. Each time I paid him, he'd lean against the wall and ask, "Well what's new?" Then he would wait, almost spellbound, for my reply.

My answers included such mundane things as, "We drove to Dubuque to see movie Thursday evening," or, "I put up six quarts of jam." Time taught me Jacob was not adverse to passing on information--not with malicious intent, but rather as small-town socialization.

Several months later, Jacob confided, I sold all my roosters last week."

"That's too bad!" I replied. "Now I guess you won't be stopping by with eggs anymore."

His rheumy eyes flew wide open. "And why not?"

Broaching what I assumed a delicate subject, I tried to gather up all my brain cells before replying. "You sold all roosters, so you will have no more eggs."

Jacob's mouth dropped open. He stared at me in disbelief. "Why, hens don't need roosters to lay eggs. Didn't you know that?"

Now it was my turn to be dumbfounded. "No, I didn't. Remember, I'm a city girl."

He furrowed his brows. "Well, well, what do you think of that?"

The first thought that flew into my mind burst forth, "I think it is remarkably handy".

Jacob began to belly-laugh. He laughed until the tears tumbled down his wrinkled cheeks.

When he left, I watched somewhat apprehensively, knowing that within the hour, most folks in this little town would learn I knew nothing about the chicken and the egg.



Deaf & Hard of Hearing "PIP"



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**They are in all our neighborhoods.
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The HPD gang unit will tell us all about them.**

WHERE: Woodhaven Church for the Deaf 9920 Long Point

WHEN:.. **Tuesday, March 2nd 7:00 p.m.**

From: Officer Randy Melton
Hope to see you there.
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March 10, 1999, second Wednesday for Senior Citizens to meet at M.M.S.C. for a meeting. There will be St. Patrick's Day party. Please bring sandwiches, bags of chips with dip, home made cookies, pies, and cold soft drinks.

HAVE A FUN TIME!!

March 18, 1999, third Thursday is for Senior Citizens with Happy Faces to meet at Woodhaven Church, 9920 Long Point. There will be covered dish lunch for everyone. Please call Maurice Ford at 713-455-3507 or Elnora Morgan at 713- 675-1531 and let either know what you expect to bring. Come on and join fun!!

March 24, 1999, fourth Wednesday for Senior Citizens to meet at M.M.S.C. There will be regular meeting for everyone. Come on and enjoy the day to play games.

HAVE A NICE TIME!!

WELCOME TO NEW SENIOR CITIZEN MEMBER
Darwin Scott Hill

THANK YOU VERY MUCH YOUR VERY GENEROUS TO LOVE FUND IN MEMORY OF
NELLIE F. NEAL.

Shirley Ann Pacetti

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR RENEWALS!!

Vernon Pate, Larry Flanagan, Bennie Smith, Nell Shanefield, Emmett Hall, Paul Fincher, Regina Behne, Billy Buza, Weldon Westmoreland, Lola Justiss, Tommy Wells, Norman Rader, Bobby Griggs, Olon Lowrance, Richard Fair and Shirley Ann Pacetti

WELCOME TO NEW SUBSCRIBERS!

Sydna Smith
Tritt Dunagan

St. Patrick's Day is observed on the 17th of this month. In Ireland, it is primarily a religious holiday. Its earliest observance in the United States was in 1737 in Boston, where home. Today it has become a joyous celebration, not just for Irish Catholics, but for the nation as a whole.



MAY THE LUCK OF THE IRISH BE WITH MARCH 17



On Wednesday January 27 thirteen deaf and Hard of hearing students from Stuchbery Elementary School in Pasadena visited the Deaf Senior Citizen Center. They were accompanied by five adults (teachers, aides, and school counselor). These children worked with the senior citizens to make Valentine cards which were donated to cancer patients at M. D. Anderson Hospital. The patients were able to select cards to give to their loved ones on Valentine Day. This was the third year the Stuchbery Elementary students have come to visit and expressed their interest in working with the senior citizens. Everyone enjoyed that kind of experience. The visitors to the meeting on that day were Esteline Stewart, LaRue Clifton, Rose Hukins and Marisol Echervarria.

By Jean Harkness

On January 23, Gene and I went to Brookshire, Texas to meet my deaf cousin, James Gregory, who lives in Knoxville, Tennessee. He attended the Louisiana School for the Deaf where he graduated in 1967. Some deaf people including Rev. Jim Dermon, assistant pastor of Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church, were at Hunt Retreat to make plans for the Southern Baptist Conference of the Deaf in the forthcoming summer. We has not seen James for a long time, and we really enjoyed chatting with him for about two hours.

The Houston Deaf Senior Citizen Group had its annual Valentine Day party on February 10. 49 people attended the party. Two heart - shaped paper weight as prizes were given to Zelma Curbello and Helen Bourque. Six conversation hearts filled with candy went to Hazel Richard, Sam Mangum, Thelma Jo Hays, Walt Anderson, Jean Harkness, and Raymond Edgley. Marie Hays and Helen Bourque won the prizes for wearing the most red costumes.

Big Thanks went to Lennie Morton for donating money to the Love Fund raffle for the Guessing Game of Many candy hearts in a jar. William Lambert was the winner.

Big Thanks went to Nellie Bishop for donating money to the Love Fund raffle for the Mexican heather plant. Barbara Corum was a winner.

Mary Redman is proud to be grandma when her daughter, Cherly and her husband, Perry Primm had a baby boy born on January 28, 1999. The baby's name is Sidney Lynn Primm and weighed 7 lb. 4 oz. and was born at Hermann Hospital. Both are home now and are doing fine.

Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church celebrated its 75th anniversary with a banquet that was attended by over 350 persons on February 5, 1999. Rev. Danny Bice, pastor of Baptist Deaf ministry in Moore, OK, served as the master of ceremony who did a remarkable job in making the event interesting. His wife Joni came along to join in the celebration. Also on the program were Rev. Robert Parrish, state-wide missionary for Baptist General Convention of Texas, Rev. Arthur Craig, pastor of Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church and Rev. Jim Dermon, assistant pastor of Woodhaven. Rev. Carter Bearden, retired consultant for the Deaf with Home Mission Board, came to lead a workshop on the following day, and his wife Wanda accompanied him. The choir "Hands Open Hearts" led with three beautiful songs. Brenda Marsh acted out a skit based on the life of Lillian Beard who began interpreting for the Deaf when she was 16 years old, and that night she was 90 years old.

President of Travis Association of the Deaf / Senior Citizens conducted a business meeting on January 7, 1999 starting at 1:28 p.m. with 37 members and visitors attending. Jerry Hassell was asked to give a short speech on "Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)" and "Coalition of Texans with Disabilities (CTD)". He urged as many persons as possible to attend a rally at the state capitol on January 18.

Weldon Tittle, Allison Lewter, and Jerry Hassell went to San Marcos to visit "La Vista", the community for retired deaf persons on January 20. They watched the construction in progress which they found very interesting. While touring at the place, they were required to wear hard hats. There will be an open house for La Vista on March 20, 1999. Everyone is urged to visit the place to see how the retirement place for the deaf looks like. There will be a community center and also a swimming pool being built on the premises.

There was a Valentine party for the senior citizens on February 4. Mary Case and Fannie Lindberg planned a very colorful and exciting party for everyone. Jerry Hassell and Vera Butler won the first prizes for using the most original handmade Valentine hats. Second prizes went to Walter Ailstock and Helen Sewell. Ruby Kleberg won the prize for wearing the most red costume. Forty-two persons attended the party.

Howard Pace was hospitalized again for clots in his legs, but he was released later on.

Ruth Seeger fell and broke her kneecap at TSD campus and is in the traction with a brace. She is resting at her home at present while her husband Julius did all the house work and cooking for her.

Tom and Mary Case are now proud grandparents when their first granddaughter was born to Mary's daughter, Christy and her husband Bill Krohn of Phoenix, Arizona. The bouncing baby is name Samanta and weighed 8 lb. and 8 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long. Congrats to both!

Funny Deaf Experiences

Frances Lauer, of Fremont, CA, told the true story herself, of when she was an undergird at Gally. She and three friends decided to save their money for a night out on the town. When the anticipated Saturday night arrived, It was pouring down rain, so they decided to splurge on the a taxi instead of taking the Metro. They piled into the Taxi, with Francine in the front seat and Francine was immediately thrilled with the wonderful music this cabbie had turned to on the radio. The beat was outstanding! She was a - rocking the beat all the way.

When they arrived at their destination, Francine wrote the cabbie a note, asking which station he had been playing on the radio since she enjoyed it so much. The cabbie read the note, looked at her "very" strangely, and gave the note back, which was read. "The radio is broken. You were listing to the windshield wipers".

--Jerry Shaw



THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS TO LOVE FUND



Emory Watson, Mr. & Mrs Curtis Smith, Rubin & Faye Sims, Frank Shaw,
Mr. & Mrs. Albert Hammons, Mildred Owens, Joe & Lennie Morton and Arlene Benham

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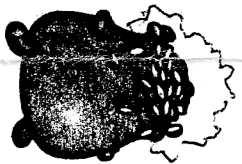
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Happy
St. Patrick's Day

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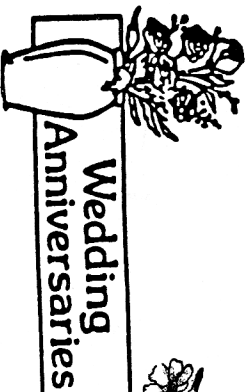


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			St. Patrick's Day 	S.C. Social Woodhaven		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
			S.C. M.M.S.C.			
28	29	30	31			

Hello! Welcome to our Senior Citizen Fellowship at City of Houston
Metropolitan Multi-Service at 1475 West Gray from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.
on second and fourth Wednesday. There are plenty of safe parking spaces.
Come on and join Happy Fellowship.

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

- 11.....Annie McFadden
- 12.....Betty Telfer
- 15.....Zelma Curbello
- 17.....Albert Hammons
- 25.....Maurice Ford
- 29.....Thomas Holloway
- 31.....Frank Clark
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