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2nd Wednesday MMSC Social Meeting Address: MMSC, 1475 W Gray St, Houston, TX, 77019

HDSCLF Social Meeting —November 8, 2025



Wearing Their Colorful Halloween T-Shirts

Front Row: Patti Sah, Lisa Triplett, Janie Morales, Cristina Rodriguez, Ellen Coronade, Patsy Walker, Nancy Morris, Joanie Stephens
Back Row: Michael Triplett, Deborah Daniels, Sandra Burns, Mary Ann Ryba, Katherine Laws



Jack-O-Lantern Prizes

1st—Robby/Katherine Laws
2nd—Don Sah/Joanie Stephens
3rd—Mickey/Dinah McKenzie



If you follow the chocolate and white icing, it shows the numbers 7 & 0 for JoAnn Adkins' 70th Birthday!



Special Thanks to Mary Ann Ryba, Dinah McKenzie, and Patsy Walker for serving the food.



Pamie Tapang,
David Cisneros,
Sam Bissett

David Cisneros and Pamie Tapang came to talk to us about **Emergency Preparedness** for people who are deaf or hard of hearing, deaf-blind, and deaf-blind in an ASL video with voice and closed captioning. Blind people can use braille equipment to keep up with changes. David Cisneros explained that everyone needs to sign in to the Harris Accessible Alerts System to check where the bad weather is, read the Amber Alerts for missing people and children, check on Silver for Senior Citizens, and watch television news. They always get the weather information from the reliable National Weather Service. Interpreters are available 24/7. All of those Interpreters are certified with BEI and higher.

DeafLink shared information about the **Harris County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management**, which partners with Harris County under the charge of **Sam Bissett**. Also, the STEAR program is one where management planners and responders provide emergency services in Texas (stear.tdem.texas.gov). Everyone should sign in. Once you register, you empower the Police and Fire departments to know where you are and help you in times of emergency, ensuring your safety. It was a great meeting.

Submitted by Nancy Morris

December 20, 2025
Field Trip—**Tentative**
Magical Winter Lights
at Ford Bend County Fairgrounds
Rosenberg, TX



Buffet-style Dinner included
\$20.00 per person
Final Payment on November 12th
Contact Jim Dermon
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TSD Homecoming

October 4, 2025

Submitted by

Yvonne Butler



Don Sah, Clyde Andrews, Christine Johnson, Lawrence Coleman Sr, Celia Lasry, Kay Flynt, Craig Adams, Dominique Parisi, Janie Morales, Sidney Gilland, Eddie Billiott, Ruth Billiott, Robert Bellard, Cristina Rodriguez, Elias Rodriguez, Marion McCreary

Texas School of the Deaf Mascot
University of Texas Mascot

TSD had its 2025 Homecoming weekend. It was a hectic weekend with nine different deaf state schools hosting volleyball tournaments and cross-country competitions from Friday through Saturday. In Cross country, one TSD boy won first place. In the Volleyball tournament, TSD finished in second place, while Maryland took first place.

There were also many vendors offering a variety of goods, items, and food.



I, Yvonne Skipper Butler, wore my sash all day and evening. Three other former queens and one king were there, along with me, to be honored before the start of the Homecoming game with the New Mexico School for the Deaf. A surprise came after celebrating the former queens and king, the University of Texas Mascot rode in with the TSD mascot waving at the audience.

The HDSCLF group came by bus but had to leave at 3 pm. They got out of a really hot afternoon. Larry and I had to stay in the shade and drink lots of water. By game time, it was less hot. Sadly, the game had to be cancelled because of a fight at the end of the first quarter. The investigation into that fight is still ongoing at this time (October 6).



Happy 95th Birthday to
Lavern Fair.



November 12th

Speaker for
HDSCLF

Steven Morris,
with the Deaf &
Hard of Hearing Access Specialist - Re-
gion 6b/Houston, will be speak-
ing. They will be talking about their
organization, STAP Program updates,
and Utility & Food programs.





Eleven seniors arrived to play Golf Cards. It was a great deal of fun and full of laughter! We stopped for lunch as we were hungry. Card games were played until 3:00 PM. Bernadette Duffy volunteered to re-take our picture. She was using Nancy Morris's iPhone and was trying to find the group until she realized that Nancy Morris had forgotten to hit the "REVERSE" button. We were laughing too hard! Our next game is on October 22nd.



Submitted by Nancy Morris

Mary Louise Harrell, Jorge Enriquez, Lee & Cristina Rodriguez, Nancy Morris, Regina Castillo, Deborah Daniels, Mary Ann Ryba, Kevin Finnegan, and Lawrence Coleman, Sr, with Bernadette Duffy in front.

Next Game Day Date at MMSC—October 22, 2025—9:00 am—3:00 pm



I went to Jacksonville, Florida. I walked to the beach and looked at the water. It was beautiful, with blue water and a windy day. I had a blast on vacation.

Sidney Gilland.

A Trip to Deaf Ladies Retreat to St. Augustine, Florida

October 9-11, 2025

By Caroline Dill — Pictures by Jan Dermon

Seven Texas ladies flew to Florida to join a vibrant community of over 200 Deaf ladies from all over the US, from Arizona to Maine, and even one from Australia, for a wonderful time together.

Our three engaging workshops on Forgiveness, Contentment, and Humility, under the theme "Treasures of Truth," were a source of joy. We learned from our sweet-spirited sisters in Christ and enjoyed skits and choir performances. The event was made even more memorable with T-shirts, little treasure boxes, gold coins, and gift bags. The delicious food offered at the hotel added to the enjoyment of the lessons and heart-warming chats.

In the afternoon, during our free time, we went to the beach and shopped at the gift shops. Twice we ate ice cream, and twice we ate at a Mexican restaurant and a friendly seafood place by a really long pier. Four of us enjoyed watching the dramatic ocean from that pier.

Despite the challenges of the never-ending rain on Thursday and part of Friday, and the adventurous driving through it in search of ice cream and malls, we managed to keep our spirits high. Even the cloudy weather, which cooled the Earth, was seen as showers of blessings, adding to the event's upbeat vibe.



Jan Dermon, Doina Langham, Carolyn Dill, Christine Johnson, Deborah Wold, Sidney Gilland, Ann Hornbeak



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\$250 TO MAKE THE RESERVATION/BOOKING

11/2/2026- FINAL PAYMENT OR PAY IN FULL

**To make a reservation or for more information,
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Send some news, your trip, an announcement (newborn baby, birthday, anniversary, craft, obituary, and color photos to me before or on **15th day of each month**. Thanks!

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Field Trip—November 15, 2025

Pop Stroke Mini Golf—Katy, TX—Senior Day

Lunch on your own on-site with a menu that caters to every palate, featuring shareable appetizers, burgers, wraps, fresh salads, tacos, and an ice cream parlor with custom milkshakes for a sweet finish.

Sign Up and Pay on October 8—\$10.00

Non-refundable

Meet at the South Parking Lot
 (Behind Memorial City Mall at **9:00 am**
 The bus will depart at **9:15 am**.
 Contact: Christine Johnson—979-415-5014