

Houston Deaf Senior Citizens
FEBRUARY 1999



Senior Citizen Program

Valentines of the Past

By Venus Bardanouve

In my mother-in-law's old trunk, I found some treasured valentines (right). Two of them were dated Feb. 14, 1912, and Feb. 14, 1915, but one look at the pictures of children and ladies, amid all the cupids and flowers, would have proclaimed them from the early 1900s without any dates.

My mother-in-law, Alice, and her sister, Freda, were "courtin' age" when these valentines were sent, and some of them may have had deep meaning—depending on how they viewed the sender. At any rate, they had valued them enough to keep them through the years.

The messages surely were of another era. One was:

*Sweeter than a rose,
fairer than a pearl,
purer than a lily,
my own sweet girl.*

Another read:

*My go-between Saint Valentine,
will bring these lines to thee.
Glance them o'er and tell me,
Dear, that you'll be true to me.*

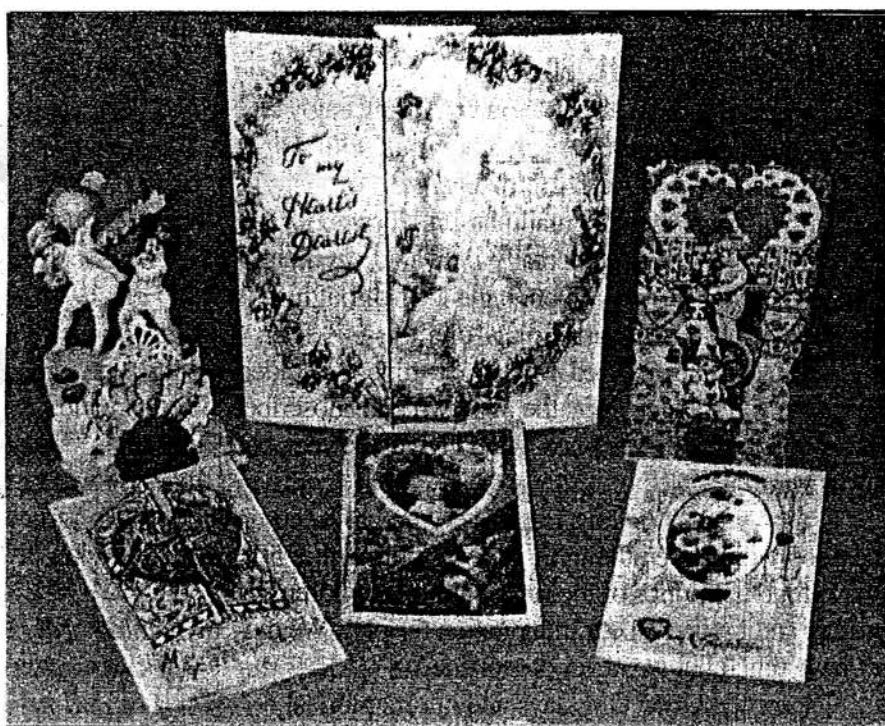
Then one declared:

*Sweeter than the breath
of violets sweet
is the love of my heart
I lay at your feet.*

And this message sounds like another time:

*What shall love's keepsake be, a
rose—a ring; token that's fair to
see, nay none of these, love mine
I'd send to you—take from me,
Valentine, my heart so true.*

Style in messages and designs on valentine cards has surely changed since these girls of the early



1900s received theirs. The hearts of girls today would hardly be stirred to be addressed as "My own winsome girl." But the message carried

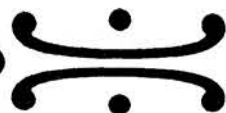
today, whether by flowers, candy or a clever verse on a card is still the same—"Happy Valentine's Day to my special friend!" ❖



This Valentine postcard illustrates a common type of greeting on the holiday during the early part of the century.



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WHERE: Woodhaven Church for the Deaf 9920 Long Point

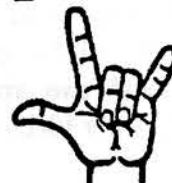
WHEN:.. Tuesday, February 2nd 7:00 p.m.

From: Officer Randy Melton

Hope to see you there.

My TDD # 713-308-9071

Voice # 713-308-9079 Fax # 713-308-9073 For emergency dial 911 - then tap space bar !



February 10, 1999, second Wednesday for Senior Citizens to meet at M.M.S.C. for a meeting will include a Valentine Party.

HAVE A FUN TIME!!!

February 18, 1999, third Thursday is for Senior Citizens with Happy Faces to meet at Woodhaven Church, 9920 Long Point with OH! Delicious covered dishes. There will be real good lunch for everyone who attends. Come on and play games, talk to one another, etc. Please call Maurice Ford at 713-455-3507 or Elnora Morgan at 713-675-1531 and let them what you expect to bring lunch.

HAVE A FUN TIME !!!

February 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 !!!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR RENEWALS!!

Marie Ramos, Doris Mae Jameson, Burba Thornton, Bernard Hankel, Bonnie Gough, Martha Ann Pruitt, Tom Crenshaw, Inah Mae Jones, Ann Satterwhite, Don Sowell, LaRue Clifton, Maxine O'Brien, Julia Karam, Cynthia Green, Oreita Patton, Sue Curry and Lois Morse

WELCOME TO NEW SUBSCRIBERS!

Charles Burney, Jr.



Hope you enjoy issue Houston Deaf Citizen Newsletter.



Legend of the Valentine



One of the legends relating to the origin of St. Valentine's Day dates back to ancient Roman times, when Christians were cast into jail because of their beliefs. Once such Christian was a young bishop by the name of Valentine.

During his imprisonment, Valentine missed his loved ones greatly. He spends many hours thinking of them and wishing he could contact them in some way.

One day he noticed a small cluster of violets growing within reach of his cell window, and he picked some of them. On their heart-shaped leaves, he wrote the words, "Remember your Valentine," and simply "I love you," and sent them by way of a friendly dove.

Thus began the custom of sending valentines. It has continued through the ages and St. Valentine's Day is now celebrated on February 14th. Sending a valentine is a very special way to say, "I love you."

A good crowd came to the Senior Citizens meeting at MMSC on January 13, 1999. Of the 63 persons attending included Marie Poss, John Hemenway, Brenda Cay, LaRue Clifton, Jacqueline Clifton and Rose Hukins. Marie Poss gave a talk about La Vista, the retirement community for the deaf in San Marcos, Texas (35 miles south of Austin). A question - answer session was held. John Hemenway gave away several caps and T-shirts through drawing prizes. Then they passed around flyers with an invitation for open house at 1615 Redwood Drive, San Marcos, on Saturday, March 20, 1999 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Everyone was invited to attend the open house and help celebrate the first retirement community especially for the deaf in Texas. Nadine and James Moore donated a lovely grape cluster table decoration which was raffled off to raise funds for the Love Fund. Early McVey was a winner.

Houston Deaf Senior Citizens

Thank you very much for the gift certificate to Foley's.

I have gotten myself a nice winter gown.

Again Thank you very much.

Mary Redman

S.C.P. Coordinator

From Joyce Adams

I was in the West Houston Medical Center on Richmond Avenue near Dairy Ashford from Nov. 4 to Nov. 23. I had a catechization on my right knee and leg and was given two pints of blood. Another catechization was done on my left leg. The problem was an old damage on my right knee, and a new coronary slant was implanted in my knee and leg and then I was given three additional pints of blood. Some of the dead tissue was removed and then stitched up. I went home, but I had to return to the hospital on Dec. 3 to have the dead tissue removed and then I went home on Dec. 5. Someone from Home Health Care came to check on me to change dressings and gauges. Now I am improving a lot.



**THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
GENEROUS DONATIONS TO LOVE FUND**



Thelma Jo Hays, Arlene Benham, Frank Shaw, Jean Harkness and Early McVey

Anyone of you wish to donate \$\$\$ to Love Fund.

Please make the check or money order to Houston Deaf Senior Citizen Fund.

Please mail to Mrs.

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For many years TSD Alumni Association (TSDAA) had its annual meeting during the TSD's homecoming football game. In that annual meeting there usually was an annual business meeting and an election of officers every two years. But beginning in 1999, TSDAA will have two meetings every year—one during the annual homecoming football game and the other one during the first weekend in June. Everything will be done the same as before during the homecoming weekend, but there will be no business meeting or election of officers. During the homecoming weekend the TSD alumni will participate in all of the phases of activities, like watching the homecoming game, volleyball tournament, homecoming carnival, etc. The only things missing will be the business meeting and election of officers which will from now on be held during the first weekend of June. It will be so-called "TSD Alumni Reunion" weekend. This year it will start Friday morning June 4 and end Saturday afternoon June 5. The alumni will spend one night in the TSD dormitories for a small fee which will be announced later. As for the food, it will not be served in the TSD cafeteria, but there might be some kind of arrangement for catering for Friday noon and evening and also Saturday morning and noon. Details will be announced later as for the costs of lodging and meals. Be sure to make plans to attend the first TSD Alumni Reunion in its history. Full details will be printed in your newsletter soon. Look for them.

A new Baptist ministry for the Deaf of Austin was established on January 10, 1999 at Fairview Baptist Church at 5606 South First Street (near the corner of South First Street and Stassney Lane). Interim Pastor is Jack Earwood, Sunday School teacher for Seniors is Jerry Hassell and Carl Earwood for Young Adults. On the first Sunday 25 persons showed up for Sunday School and 38 for worship service. Ten became members of the new church. Everyone is looking forward to the growth of that new ministry. On Sundays, assembly starts at 9:30 a.m., Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. and worship service at 11 a.m. For Sunday and Wednesday evenings, meeting start at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to visit and worship there.

FORREST GREEN

(A note from Forrest's daughter, Beverly)

Our family would like to thank all of you who have reached out to us in sympathy through your cards, notes, and donations following the death of my father. The details surrounding his death, as published in your monthly newsletter, were inaccurate. I would like to take this opportunity to clarify what occurred.

My parents were preparing to attend the annual Deaf Expo in Ontario (southern California). The motor home was in the street, with the tires on the right side up on blocks. My mother was inside the motor home, preparing to gently drive the RV off the blocks, which she had done many times. My father was standing outside in front of the motor home. We assume that the automatic choke was causing the engine to rev full force, because when it was put into D/drive, it unexpectedly lurched, and hit my father. He died almost instantly following the impact. He was **NOT** dragged, and he was **NOT** run over by the tires as some people have suggested.

Many people have asked about making a donation in my father's memory. Our family would like to request that all donations be made to help fund a deaf senior citizens retirement community in Fremont that will hopefully begin construction this coming spring. Donations, made out to **DSHP-Retirement Complex**, in memory of **Forrest Green**, can be sent to:

Mary Dallas Herrold, Treasurer
38127 Parkmont Drive
Fremont, CA 94536

Thank you again for your compassion and support. It has been deeply appreciated.

Early McVey's Visit and Trips

When I thought it was time for me to go visit my old friend Murphy Bourque. I decided to go to Katy to see him who is in a nursing home there. As I came into his room he was sleeping while I waited for him to wake up. He was very much surprised to see me in person, but he greeted me with a big smile. He had lost some weigh, yet he still looked good. We chatted for about an hour. He said he was happy there; however he wished he could go places to see around and visit his friends and at the same time realized it was not possible for him to do so. He asked me to tell everyone of you hello for him. It would be nice of you can go visit him there once in a while. He would love to see you for a good talk for the sake of the old times.

It was reported that James McCallum was at St. Luke's Hospital, so I went to visit him there. He was in the S.C.U. unit, but I was permitted to go in and see him for a while. At first I could not recognize him, but then I did and was very glad to see him. He was also pleased to have me visit him there for about 20 minutes. He told me that he had to go under treatment for cancer. He wanted me to visit him for a longer period, but it was not permitted due to the hospital regulations. I understand that he is now in his private room there. He asked me to give all of you his warmest regards. We need to pray for his recovery.

Dorothy Marvel Hollingsworth called me from San Jose, CA and let me know that she planned to fly to Monroe, LA with a transfer in Houston on December 17. She was on her way to visit her relatives there. I drove to Bush Airport to have s short meeting with her and chatted for 1 1/2 hours. She planned to stay in Monroe for two weeks for her Christmas vacation. She looked good, and she told me that she missed all of you in Houston. She returned to California on January 2.

I made a trip to Ft. Worth on December 18 to visit my late wife's relatives there including her brother Elbert Evans After that, I drove to Corsicana to visit David and Patsy Bunch. They were surprised to see me there. I thought they looked good, although Patsy had a stroke last October. Her arm was a little paralyzed, but she was walking around okay. They pleased that I stay there for the weekend, so that I could have a chance to attend a big party given by Gordon Hegwood and his house. So I accepted their invitation to stay there longer. On December 19 we all went to his house for Gordon and Ruenell's first wedding anniversary event. It was nice to see Linda Hoffart, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Seale, L.V. and Betty Thornton, Suzy and many others including David and Patsy Bunch. They served a delicious lunch while Ruenell and Gordon opened their gifts. We all had fun there.

The next day I went on to Fort Worth and stopped at the Westchester Plaza where the deaf senior citizens are living. I noticed the place was beautiful after being remodeled recently. Its appearance had improved a lot since the last time I was there. I did not have a chance to see deaf people there that day, but I went up to visit Elbert Evans. He was surprised to see me. I think he looked different since the last time I saw him. We chatted for about four hours. After that I went to visit his sister who told me that Elbert had another stroke. He was sitting in his wheel chair all the time watching TV. After that I went home. I think that I had a wonderful time visiting those many friends.

HOUSTON DEAF SENIOR CITIZEN NEWSLETTER

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The editor reserves the right to Editor reject news or ads.
Your cooperation will be highly appreciated.





Obituaries



WITH OUR VERY DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND UNDERSTANDING
THOUGHTS IN THE LOSS OF ONE VERY DEAR TO YOU.

HOUSTON DEAF SENIOR CITIZENS

Irma Lee Garland Leibold of New Jersey, passed away of massive heart attack Thursday, December 24, 1998 at home. She was 78 years old. She was born in Rayville, LA and lived in Louisiana for 40 years then in Bound Brook for 15 years. She later moved Bradley Gardens Section of Bridgewater and lived there 20 years before moving to Raritan Borugh three years ago. She was a graduate of Louisiana State School for the Deaf in Baton Rouge in 1942. On Dec. 15th her family and friends attended a party given by her children to celebrate 78th Birthday. She was a homemaker. She was an avid cook, book reader and sports fan. Her husband, Walter of 48 years died in 1993. She is survived by three sons and one daughter and two brothers living in Louisiana. She was buried on Dec. 30, 1998 in her hometown Somerville, N.J.

Joyce Eastham Herron passed away in her hometown of Dallas, Georgia on October 11, 1998 due to a heart problem which she had for sometimes, She was born in Amarillo, Texas on March 4, 1932, attended TSD where she graduated in 1949. She was well known as the only girl graduating from the class of all boys. She attended Gallaudet University from the fall of 1949 until she graduated in 1952. She married Duwayne Dukes (from the Georgia School for the Deaf at Cave Springs) on May 22, 1952, had four children, Robert W. (born March 20, 1953, Laurie Wood (born Sept. 21, 1955), David O. (born December 12, 1959) and Lilah Smith (born May 11, 1961. Married Ernest Herron on Aug. 15, 1976, but he died on Jan. 23, 1992. Joyce graduated from Georgia State University in 1974 and started teaching at the Georgia School for the Deaf and retired in October 1944. She spent her retirement years living with daughter Lilah in Dallas, GA. She was involved with the Crusselle Freeman Church of the Deaf in Atlanta for many years. She taught Sunday School, served as assistant Music Director and then became the director until her death. She was buried beside Ernest In East Atlanta. She had seven grandchildren.

Truitt Saunders passed away on January 15, 1999 in California. He had cancer of prostate, tumor of throat and liver problem. His son passed away from Aids on January 11, 1999. Truitt used to be physical education teacher at TSD from 1954 to 1962.

Fred J. Loring of Dallas passed away while he took a nap on Sunday morning January 17, 1999. He was born July 27, 1918 in San Antonio, Texas. He was a charter member of the Deaf Bowling Hall of Fame and retired from National Casket Company in 1972. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie Sue Loring; son Freddie Loring and his fiance, Jessica Garcia; brother, Charles Loring, Jr.; sister-in-law, Elizabeth Loring. Service was held 11:00 A.M. Wednesday, January 20, 1999 at Restland Abbey Chapel. Interment to follow in Restland Memorial Park.

SWEET DREAMS

A Pastor assured his congregation he was their servant and they should feel free to call Curt Hecker of Uniontown, Ohio.

The pastor's phone rang at 3:00 a.m. On the other end was a dear elderly lady who said, "Pastor, I can't sleep."

"I'm sorry to hear that," he comforted her. "But what I can to do it?"

"Preach to me awhile," she replied.

CHRISTMAS 1998

Christmas Greetings to Family and Friends,

May all of God's promises and blessings for you be fulfilled in the coming year!

We hope all is well with you. We have not done much except turning (Rhoda) 82 in September and (Hazel) 84 in October, and October 25 to December 12 we were on a trip East in Rhoda's new Subaru wagon, covered 8800 miles and visited relatives and many friends in 26 states. We did not have any mishap on the trip. Thank you, however, for your inquires and concerns. It is nice to have friends that care. "Jenny" (our dog) was a great companion - cute in her green sweater the last three weeks.

The following friends with whom we spent are Babette Kraveski in Phoenix, AZ, Anita Dalla and Carrie / Lee Abbott in Austin, Marjorie / Henry Wells in Charlottesville, VA, Cousin Ruth and Roxy's family in Manassas, VA, Pauline Peikoff in Laurel, MD, Rhoda's brother Chester in CT, Marjorie Frye and her mother in Boston, MA Ruth Falk and her intelligent and sweet dog in Omaha, NE and Ellen Kukuk in Sioux Falls, SD. After 7 weeks of driving, were we happy to be back home.

After 32 years of memorable and happy life every summer at my cabin in Oregon that my dad and I had built, I sold it last October and with help from Rhoda, Judy and Walter Bloomquist and Judy's son Charlie, I took some of my furniture out of the cabin in June and took them to my home in Calif. It was not easy to decide to let my cabin go but now I am glad I did,

We are looking forward to Christmas which is 5 days away and we will be staying home for a change.

Love,

Rhoda Clark and Hazel Davis and "Jenny"

List are the other friends that we also visited:

Kathy Caldecleugh	Fielding Rogers	Marie Goetter
Ruth / Julius Seeger	May Curtis	LaVern Haynes
Frances / Ralph White	Leo Jacobs	Elizabeth Mattox
Lillie Crocket	Ruth / Don Peterson	Judy Glamonier
Dovie / Jerry Hassell	Sue / James Pederson	Ginny / Delbert Erickson
Mabel Pope	Ruth / George Ecker	Ben Soukup
Weldon Tittle	Winfield Mechord	Patty Crago
Marie Poss	Landon / Diann Sahlin	Debbie Kuglitsch
Don Williams	Judy Good	Prissy / K. Burdett
Dorothy Hays King		

We also visited the La Vista (under AFED) site in San Marcos, Texas, Wyndholine Village site in Baltimore and New Englad Home for the deaf near Boston, MA.

The deaf school campuses we toured were in Austin, TX; Staunbon, VA; ASD in CT, Iowa and Neb.

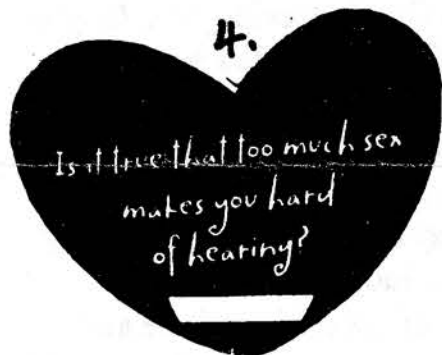
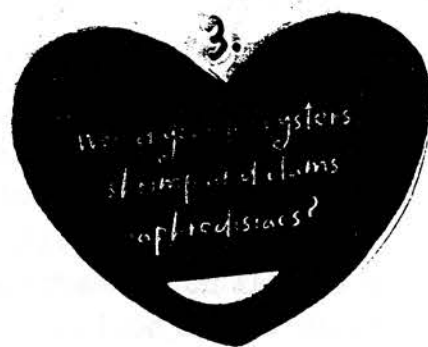
Austin News

Howard Pace was hospitalized due to a clot in his leg, but he was released after a several day stay there. As of now he is doing well. He wanted to give all of you his warmest greetings.

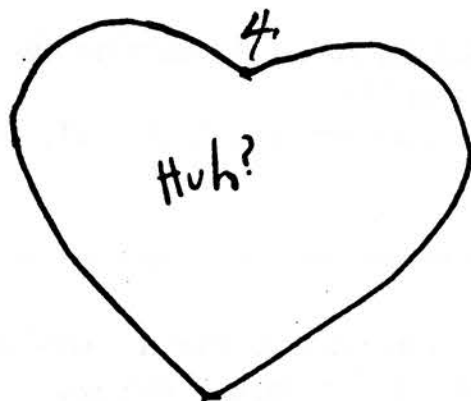
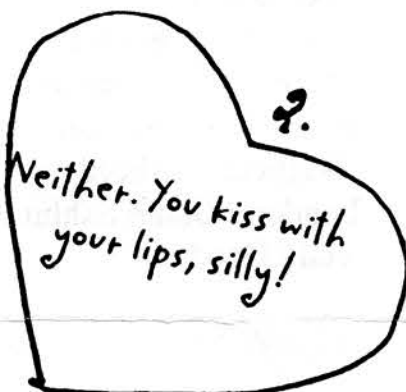
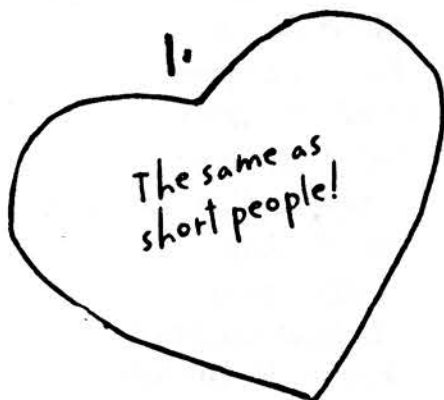


Doctors recommend people with leg cramps massage the muscle a few minutes and gradually force it to function. Persistent or frequent leg cramps should be brought to the attention of a physician.

Questions



ANSWERS



SENIOR CITIZEN PROGRAM

VALENTINES



FEBRUARY 1999



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 P.I.P Meeting	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 S.C. M.M.S.C.	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday (US)	13
14 Valentine's Day	15 Washington's Birthday Observed (US)	16	17	18 S.C. Social Woodhaven	19	20
21	22	23	24 S.C. M.M.S.C.	25	26	27
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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!

- 13.....Agnes Foster
- 19.....Geneva Reagan
- 20.....Helen Padgett
- 24.....Murphy Bourque
- 29.....Martha Quinn

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