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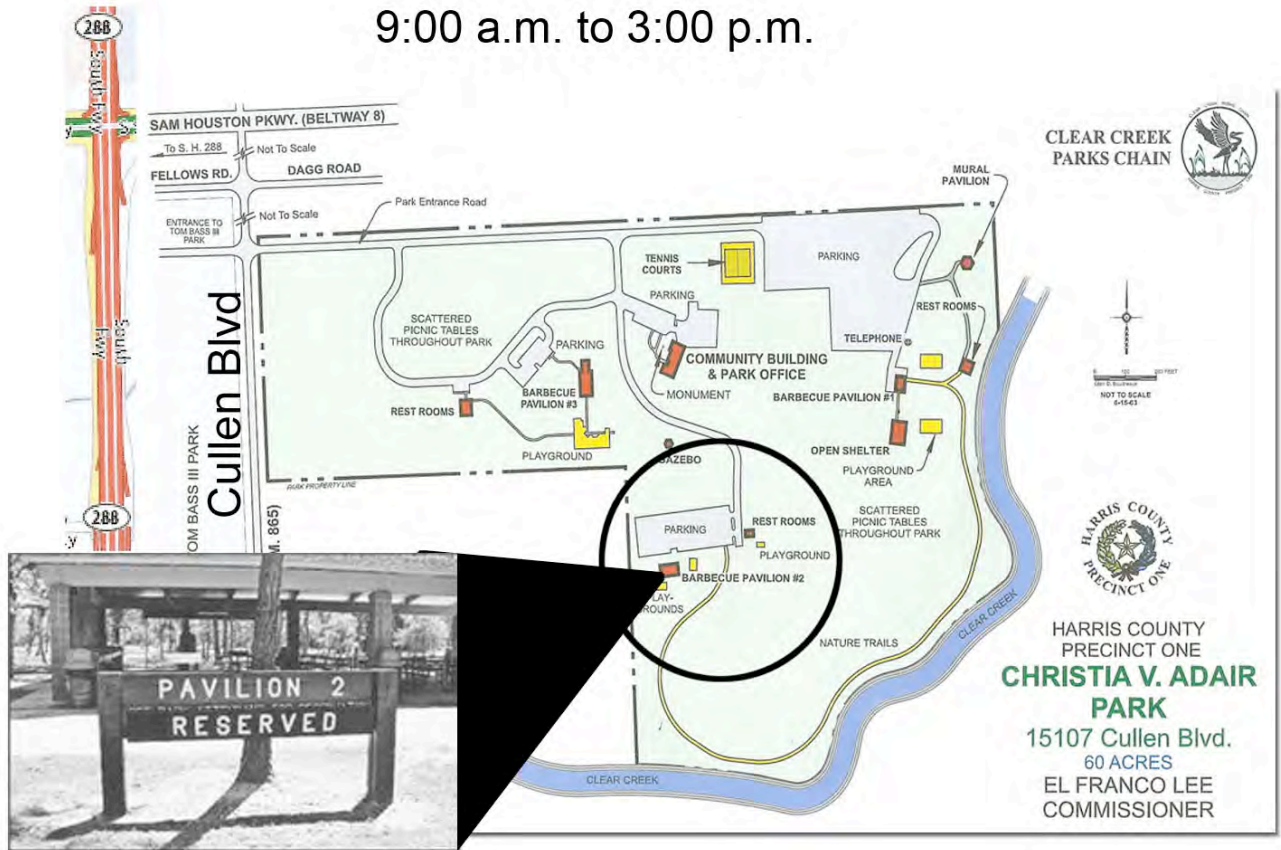
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## Houston Deaf Senior Citizen Halloween Picnic

Christia V. Adair Park  
15107 Cullen Blvd.  
Houston, Texas

**October 26, 2011**  
at  
Pavilion #2

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



HDSCLF will have their social on Wednesday, October 26, 2011 from 9:00 AM till 3:00 PM. Larry Fewell, Social Chairperson, decided to have the seniors meet there for a change in scenery. There will be some games for us to play. If anyone wants to dress up in Halloween costumes, they are welcome to do that. We will be having Hot Dogs and Hamburgers along with the trimmings, chips and drinks. The address is 15107 Cullen Blvd. Please come and have a great time!



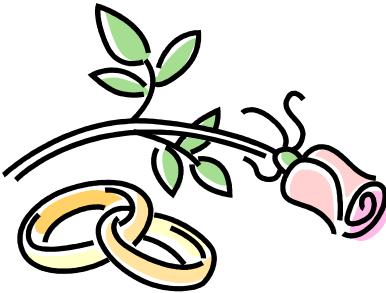
### Birthday for September



Amelia Guerra, Lennie Morton, Robert Yost, Tommy Wells, Ann Wheeler

### Birthday for October

- 1<sup>st</sup> Joan Brubaker
- Margie Scirbner
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Irene Williams
- 7<sup>th</sup> Faye Sims
- 8<sup>th</sup> Lavern Fair
- Rochelle Simpson
- 13<sup>th</sup> Carla Holmes
- 16<sup>th</sup> Pernella Smith
- 22<sup>nd</sup> W. Richard Brubaker
- 26<sup>th</sup> Doris Williams
- 27<sup>th</sup> Shirley Simmons



### Wedding Anniversary in September



David & Ann Wheeler and Robert & Cynthia (not shown) Stevens

### Wedding Anniversary in October

- 26<sup>th</sup> Davey & Doris Adams (1993)

## Calendar of Events

**Saturday, October 1: Greater Houston Deaf Connections** is hosting their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Awards/Banquet beginning at 6:30 PM till 12:00 AM. Come and join us for a night of festivities. Let us end the month of Deaf Awareness Month recognizing worthy Deaf/Hard of Hearing Individuals and Organizations who have contributed to their community. And to top it off, we will have a show from New York City's own Doug Ridloff who will be providing an ASL show for YOU! It's held at Hilton Houston NASA Clear Lake, 3000 NASA Parkway, Houston, TX 77058. Buffet style food will be served and cash bar will be provided. Business attire is a must (no jeans and t-shirts). Cost is \$50 per person.

**Tuesday, October 4: Positive Interaction Program** will celebrate their Deaf PIP's 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year. We will have food trays and a cake to celebrate this great year of involvement and education in PIP. Also, we will have a presentation on "Travel Safety" given by Officer Charles Garmond from Hobby Airport. It will be held at Woodhaven Church for the Deaf, 9920 Long Point, Houston, TX at 7:30 PM. For more information, contact Officer James Sobota at [james.sobota@cityofhouston.net](mailto:james.sobota@cityofhouston.net).

**Thursday, October 6: STD Workshop** will be held from 6:00 till 9:00 PM at Lillian Beard Deaf Connection Center, 9920 Long Point, Houston, TX 77055. Learn the truth about sexually transmitted diseases in the Deaf Community. Send email to [contact@lillianbearddeafcenter.org](mailto:contact@lillianbearddeafcenter.org) for more information.

**Friday, October 7: Houston Deaf Senior Citizens** will take a trip to Wimberley, TX. Everyone needs to be at Woodhaven Baptist Church for the Deaf, 9920 Long Point, Houston, TX at 6:00 AM as bus will leave by 6:30 AM. We will stop at Wimberley Glass Works. After watching the people make glass, we will pick a place to eat lunch and do some shopping there in that small town. Contact Gertie Sessions at 281-249-5284 (VP) or Julie Spaulding at 281-249-5276 to sign up to go or get more information.

**Friday, October 7:** **ASL Social** will meet at Rancho King Buffet, 5900 IH-45 North Freeway, Suite 135, Houston, TX 77076 from 4:00 till 9:00 PM. For more information, check the website at [www.rancherokingbuffet.com](http://www.rancherokingbuffet.com) for the menu. Come and meet people that are learning to sign or chat with friends.

**Saturday, October 8:** **GHDC Deaf Women's Health and Empowerment Fair** will be presented at 8:30 AM till 5:00 PM at Metropolitan Multi-Services Center, 1475 West Gray, Houston, TX 77019. Join us for the 1<sup>st</sup> annual event focusing on health and wellness for Deaf women. The mission of this event is to promote mental and physical health for Deaf women by coordinating a day of health screenings, discussions on women's health issues led by content experts, addressing topics such as mental health and discussing positive outlooks encouraging an empowered society of Deaf women in the Greater Houston area.

**Wednesday, October 12:** **Houston Deaf Senior Citizens** will have their meeting with a guest speaker, Officer James Sobota. He will be speaking about "Police Culture" at 10:00 AM. Metropolitan Multi-Services Center, 1475 West Gray, Houston, TX 77019. Please come and listen to Officer Sobota. You are welcome to ask questions about what the Police Department can do for the Deaf Community.

**Friday, October 14:** **Deaf Story Telling** will be held on stage at the Coffee House at LBDCC (See address above) from 7:00 till 10:00 PM. Masters of ceremony will be Charles Trevino and Brian Kilpatrick. For more information, send email to [Marisol.kelmarservices@gmail.com](mailto:Marisol.kelmarservices@gmail.com).

**Saturday, October 22:** **International Deaf Tasting Fair** will begin from 11:00 AM till 3:00 PM at Lillian Beard Deaf Connection Center (See address above). Cost is \$5 per person. Come and learn about the different cultures and customs of Deaf people around the world! Contact Arthur Craig at [arthur.craig@houstonfirst.org](mailto:arthur.craig@houstonfirst.org) for more information.

**Wednesday, October 26:** **Houston Deaf Senior Citizens** will have a picnic at Tom Bass Park. Please see the front page for more information.

**Saturday, October 29:** **Mata Deaf Expo** will be In Austin Convention Center on 500 E. Cesar Chavez St. Austin, Texas 78701. It will open 9:00 to 5:00. Mata means "welcome" in Japanese Language. Get more information or a free register in [www.mataexpo.com](http://www.mataexpo.com).

## Senior Citizens Trip to Beaumont



Eleven Seniors took a trip to Beaumont, TX on September 16<sup>th</sup>. We stopped at Saint Anthony Cathedral Basilica's Pilgrims' Path. This Cathedral designed in the Early Christian

Romanesque style and modeled after the 12<sup>th</sup> Century Basilica of San Clement in Rome. This was the first Catholic Church in Beaumont and was a wooden frame structure that could accommodate about 300 people.

When the Lucas Oil Gusher burst forth, the small wooden church building could no longer hold the great number of people who lined up to celebrate Mass each Sunday. Rev. William



Lee came to the parish in May of 1897. He drew up plans for a new brick church. Stained-glass windows were installed throughout the church and symbolic oil paintings were added behind the altar.



On July 11, 2006, Pope Benedict XVI proclaimed Saint Anthony Cathedral a Minor Basilica.

Then, we headed to Cattle Co. for a delicious lunch of homemade food.



Then, we headed to Gator Country, Alligator and Reptile Adventure Park! We met BIG AL who is Texas' largest alligator in captivity is 13 feet and 4 inches long!

Our Interpreter, Ann Hornbeak, had to step inside the fence area to interpret for all of us. She was one brave Interpreter! Of course, she kept her eye on the water to make sure Big Al wouldn't just pop out and come after her. LOL! We should have brought our swimsuits because they allowed people to swim with the alligators! Scary, huh?!

They have American alligators, crocodiles, caiman, snakes, and tortoises. Phillip DeLozier and Ann Hornbeak were brave enough to hold a yellow python. We all learned a lot about these alligators and reptiles.



## N E W S

### **Ernest Marshall**

From Deaf People in History.com

Ernest Marshall was an imaginative and innovative filmmaker (and an engaging signer and storyteller) whose shoestring-budgeted films are fascinating and valuable documents—showcasing talented Deaf performers using ASL before it was even considered a language. Third-generation Deaf, he was born in Poughkeepsie and graduated from NYSD (Fanwood) in 1931. For 38 years, he worked as an interior decorator at Manhattan's Mid-City Hotel. Off duty, he participated in local Deaf-theater groups—a pool of talent he utilized for his films. Between 1937 and 1962, he produced 7 feature films and 4 shorts, all at his own expense, directing most of them. His work was received enthusiastically by Deaf-club audiences, but remained largely unknown to the general public until fairly recently, when his work was “rediscovered” and he was accorded belated recognition for his contributions to the social and cultural life of the Deaf—and American—communities. He passed away on September 19, 1999.

## **66<sup>th</sup> Annual Southwest Deaf Bowling Association**

Please set the date of May 3-5, 2012 for this bowling tournament. It will be held at AMF Country Lanes, 13307 San Pedro Ave., San Antonio, TX 78216. For reservations, please contact Holiday Inn Express San Antonio Airport, 91 Northeast Loop 401 Loop, San Antonio, TX 78216 to reserve your room for \$79 plus tax. Use group name of SWDBA. More information will follow next year!

### **Five Ways to Boost Energy**

From Reader's Digest Healthy Living book series

What you eat and drink determines how energetic you feel. The good news is that you can control the daily flow of your energy with some simple, easy to follow tips:

- 1) Nurse Coffee. Best java strategy: Sip more frequent, quarter cups.
- 2) Chill out. Two glasses of icy water dehydrates and refreshes.
- 3) Breathe deep. Tighen then relax muscles as you inhale and exhale deeply 5 times.
- 4) Walk with gratitude. Focus on things you're thankful for during a 10-minute stroll.
- 5) Graze all day. Eating about every 4 hours keeps energy flow constant.

### **Country-Style Scrambled Eggs**

Submitted by Margie Graham

- 8 bacon strips, diced
- 2 cups diced red potatoes
- ½ cup chopped onion
- ½ cup chopped green pepper
- 8 eggs
- ¼ cup milk
- 1 tsp salt
- ½ tsp pepper
- 1 cup (4 oz) shredded cheddar cheese

In a large skillet, cook bacon until crisp. Using a slotted spoon, remove bacon to paper towels to drain. Cook and stir potatoes in drippings over medium heat for 12 minutes or until tender. Add onion and green pepper. Cook and stir for 3-4 minutes or until crisp-tender; drain. Stir in the diced bacon. In a large bowl, whisk the eggs, milk, salt and pepper; add to skillet. Cook and stir until eggs are completely set. Sprinkle with cheese and let stand until melted. Serves 4 people.

## **Five Ways to Boost Your Mood**

From Reader's Digest Healthy Living book series

Every once in a while, you'll feel down in the dumps. It's normal. But there's no reason to stay there. By making some smart moves to improve your physical and mental state when the road gets bumpy, you can pick yourself up. Here are 5 ways to beat the blues:

- 1) Soak up sunshine. The vitamin D your body makes from sunshine naturally enhance your mood.
- 2) Snack on chocolate. An ounce of dark chocolate can interact with the brain's chemicals to boost good feelings.
- 3) Eat fish. Research shows that salmon and other fish high in omega-3s can boost mood.
- 4) Giggle more. Phony laughs can be as good as the real deal and spark mood-lifting brain chemicals.
- 5) Sweat to smile. Exercise releases feel-good chemicals. Ten minutes may be enough.

## **Lennie Morton's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration**

Submitted by Lena Glover

Lennie Morton was born on September 9, 1921 and turned 90 years young on September 9, 2011 with many friends and family celebrations.

1. August 24 was celebrated at Houston Deaf Senior Citizen's meeting with refreshments served by daughters. Also, Audrey Leger made delicious cake. Thank you, Audrey!
2. September 4 was celebrated with a big family party and lunch with 41 attending. Many were from out of town.
3. September 9 was celebrated at Olive Garden in Sugarland with daughters Lena and Wanda and their husbands.
4. September 10 was celebrated with lunch at Red Lobster in Humble with best friend for over 80 years, Christine McKinnon and her daughter, Janice Caraway.
5. September 11 was recognized at First Baptist Church in Pasadena with altar flowers placed in her honor. Then, instead of the usual clapping, all of the people used their hands to give the deaf way of clapping not only once but twice. She was very excited to see this.

## **Robert H. Weitbrecht**

From Deaf People in History.com

A native of Orange, CA, Robert Weitbrecht showed an early bent for science, especially astronomy. An accomplished physicist and inventor, he received his Bachelor's in Astronomy from University of California at Berkeley in 1942, and his Master's in Astronomy at University of Chicago in 1952. In 1964, Dr. James C. Marsters, a deaf orthodontist in Pasadena, CA sent him a TTY and asked him to set up a system so they could communicate with each other. They formed a partnership with Andrew Saks, a deaf mechanical engineer-businessman. Weitbrecht developed an acoustic coupler, which enabled typewritten communication over telephone lines, using TTY's. He acquired a patent and formed a company to manufacture couplers. Although none of the partners profited financially from their venture, their invention has had profound repercussions for the Deaf community. Weitbrecht passed away on May 19, 1983.



## **The value of a Catholic education and a #2 pencil**

Submitted by Judy Lorenz

Little Susie was not the best student in Catholic School. Usually she slept through the class. One day, her teacher, a Nun, called on her while she was sleeping. "Tell me, Susie, who created the universe?" When Susie didn't stir, little Johnny who was her friend sitting behind her took his pencil and jabbed her in the rear. "God Almighty!" shouted Susie. The Nun said, "Very good" and continued teaching her class. A little later, the Nun asked Susie, "Who is our Lord and Savior?" But Susie didn't stir from her slumber. Once again, Johnny came to her rescue and, stuck her in the butt. "Jesus Christ!!!" shouted Susie. And the Nun once again said, "Very good," and Susie fell back asleep. The Nun asked her a third question. "What did Eve say to Adam after she had her twenty-third child?" Again, Johnny came to the rescue. This time, Susie jumped up and shouted, "If you stick that damn thing in me one more time, I'll break it in half!" The Nun fainted.

## **@ Work**

From Reader's Digest of October 2011

Dixie Liggett

While taking a patient's medical history, I asked if anyone in her family had ever had cancer. "Yes," she said. "My grandmother." "Where did she have it?" asked the Nurse. "In Kansas." she replied.

## **@ Work in the News**

From Reader's Digest of October 2011

### **Worst Job Applicant**

A man walked into a Taco Bell in Haverstraw, NY and pulled a run on the chasier. After grabbing the loot, he marched into the manager's office and applied for a job. He was turned down.

### **Where do people come from?**

Submitted by Robert Yost

A little girl was curious, so she ask her mother, "Mommy, where do people come from?" The mother told her, "Sweetheart, long ago God made Adam and Eve, the first man and the first woman. Then they had their children like you. Now we have many, many people."

Later on the little girl was still curious, so she as her father, "Daddy, where do people come from?" The dad told her, "Darling, long ago there were the apes and monkeys and people evolved from these apes and monkeys."

Now the little girl was much more confused. So again she ask her mother, "Mommy, how is it that you told me people come from God and Daddy tells me people come from apes and monkeys?"

"It is simple, Sweetheart," the mother answered. "I told you about my side of the family and your father told you about his side of the family."



## **Obituary**



**Betty Jean Daniels Beard**, 79, died August 26, 2011 at Piedmont Medical Center in Rock Hill, NC. She was the daughter of the late Herman Burton Daniels and Tennie Lupton Daniels. She was a loving wife, mother, and homemaker. Betty graduated

from N. C. School for the Deaf and was a member at Filbert Presbyterian Church. She is survived by husband, James Edward Beard of York, SC; sons and daughters, David Beard of Concord, NC, Burt Beard, Ann Beard, Debbie Yelton, and Rich Beard all from York, SC; sisters, Mildred Argyle of York, SC, Pat Lester of Houston, TX, brother Ralph Daniels of Houston, TX; 10 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren.



**Edna Lanita Ugarte**, 90, a resident of Dallas, TX peacefully passed away in Sherman, TX on August 26, 2011. Lanita attended Texas School for the Deaf as a child. As an adult, she was a devoted daughter, wife, mother, "Granny", and served a term as president of the Women's Auxiliary Fraternity.

Lanita was a loving and caring woman with a big warm smile for everyone at all times. Lanita was preceded in death by husband E.R. Ugarte, parents Scott and Edna Ferrell, and brother, Scott, Jr. She is survived by son Rick Ugarte & wife Gail, daughter Sonia & husband Lew Ganter, 6 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, and sister-in-law Anita Della. Lanita will be missed by all that knew her.



**Donnell Eugene Bryan**, 82, of Graham, TX passed away Saturday, August 27, 2011. A graveside service was held August 28, 2011 at Oak Grove Cemetery with Reverend Richard Segars, minister of Administration and Education at First

Baptist Church, officiating.

Donnell was born August 5, 1929 in Graham, TX to the late Roy Jackson and Ethel (Blount) Bryan. He was a Baptist and a self-employed farmer and rancher. Survivors: niece, Sandra Studley and nephew, David Bryan of Graham, TX.



**Willie William Broussard, Jr.**, 71, passed away of a heart attack on September 2, 2011 at his residence. He was born September 19, 1939. He attended Texas School for the Deaf. Servie was held at Vincent Funeral Home –

Abbeville, TX on September 4, 2011. He was buried on September 5, 2011. He is survived by his wife, Waldine Broussard, Patrick Frederick's sister (La School for the Deaf), and children.

**Evelyn Inez Pierce**, beloved wife, mother, and grandmother, passed from this life Friday, September 2, 2011. Inez was born February 27, 1916 in Grand Prairie, TX. Her parents were Cal Hall Spears and Annie Mae Fugat Spears. When her deafness was discovered, she was sent Texas School for the Deaf in Austin. In 1942, she married Lucien Warner Pierce and settled down to family life in Grand Prairie. Inez had already joined Silent Friends Chapel in 1938 and convinced her new husband to join. The two were active members in the congregation for well over 60 years. In later years, Inez and Lucien became very active as volunteers in the Deaf community working in various capacities for the Deaf Action Center in Dallas. Always a gracious hostess, Inez loved to have friends over to her house for social gatherings. Inez had a warm and lively personality. She was always making anyone who met her feel welcomed. She was well-loved by her family and in the community as well. Her family cherishes her many creative endeavors, including her drawings, watercolors, crochet, and embroidery. Inez is preceded in death by her husband, Lucien. Survivors include daughter Rosemary Sue Cox & husband, Bobby Cox; daughter Sara Pierce; three grandchildren and their spouses; and two great grandchildren. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Deaf, Inc. (Heritage Square Assisted Living), to Universal Health Resources and Hospice Care, or to New Life Deaf Fellowship, all in Fort Worth, TX.



**Nellie Bishop**, 93, resident of Houston peacefully passed away in nursing home on September 7, 2011. She was born on August 14, 1918 in Dickinson, TX and was buried in Brookside Memorial Park in Houston, TX on September 12, 2011. Survivors include sister-

Lucille, daughters-Doris and Ray; step son-John; nine grandchildren and their spouses; eighteen great grandchildren; and two great great grandchildren.

## Editor's Message



The Fall weather is coming and that means cooler weather. At least, I hope so. After this drought, we should be getting better weather. We do need lots of rain.

If anyone of you has an EVENT that you want me to post on the Calendar of Events, please send me a message. I've had to do some research to obtain dates, etc. So, if you do want me to post an event, mail to HDSCLF's address or send an email to me at [nmorris726@gmail.com](mailto:nmorris726@gmail.com).

As many of you already know, DSA has accepted our bid for 2017 to host the workshops here in Houston. Don Hahn will be heading the committee for our group, Houston Deaf Senior Citizens Love Fund. Mack Harris will be working with him from North Texas Deaf Senior Citizens and Earl Day will also be working from Austin Deaf Senior Citizens. You can contact any of them to volunteer your time to make this event successful. Many fundraising will be held to help cover the cost of hosting the 25th Anniversary of DSA (Deaf Seniors of America).

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!!

*Nancy Morris,*  
Editor

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