

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 3, 2009 (Saturday)



ASL Social will meet at County Line on Lake Conroe Legendary Bar-B-Q, 15256 Hwy. 105 W, Montgomery, TX 77346 from 3:00 PM till 10:00 PM. Directions and menu are in the website at www.countylineconroe.com. Let's meet and enjoy chatting with your old & new friends. Any questions, please e-mail to Earl Johnson at ejohnson127@comcast.net for more information.

October 8, 2009 (Thursday)



Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will take a trip to LaVista in San Marcos, TX. Everyone needs to be at Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church, 9920 Long Point Rd., Houston, TX by 7:00 AM as the Bus will leave at 7:30 AM. We will stop at McDonald's on the way there. Then, we will arrive at LaVista to visit friends and take a tour of the Community. After that, we will have lunch at a BBQ Restaurant. On the way home, we will stop at a Museum. Please contact Gertie Sessions by VP 281-447-7575 or Julie Spaulding by VP 281-249-5276 for more information

October 8, 2009 (Thursday)



Positive Interaction Program (PIP) will have a presentation on HPD Lake Patrol. We will be updated on how the department operates the lake patrol on Lake Houston.. The meeting is held at Woodhaven Baptist Church for the Deaf, 9920 Long Point, Houston, TX at 7:30 PM. Door prizes! Interpreter and captioning are provided. Officer James Sobota is responsible to set these meetings up to benefit us. Anyone can contact him at james.sobota@cityofhouston.net.

October 9, 2009 (Friday)



Houston Hand Talk Social will be at Pappas BBQ Restaurant, 7007 Hwy. 59 South at Bellaire, Houston, TX 77074 from 5 PM till 9 PM. Let's meet and enjoy chatting with old and new friends. Any questions, please e-mail Roger Spivey at spivey39@yahoo.com.

October 10, 2009 (Saturday)



Deaf Houston Latino will meet at Chuy's River Oats, 2706 Westheimer at Kirby, Houston, TX 77098 from 4 PM till 9 PM. Check out the website at www.chuys.com for directions and menu. Please contact Rafael Gonzalez for more information. Come and chat with old and new friends.

October 14, 2009 (Wednesday)



Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will have their business/social meeting at West Gray Adaptive Recreation Center, 1475 West Gray, Houston, TX 77019 at 9:00 am till 1:00 pm. Please bring your games to play. Refreshments will be served at 9 AM. Please bring your friends to have a great time.

October 15, 2009 (Thursday)



Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will have a fellowship and potluck at Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church at 9920 Long Point Rd. from 9 am till 1 pm. If you wish to bring a covered dish, contact Evelyn Autry at 713-984-8186 TTY or Jenice Wells 281-442-8015 TTY or 281-249-5251 VP and let them know what you plan to bring. If you do not bring food, please bring \$5 to help cover the cost of providing food.

October 16, 2009 (Friday)



ASL Social will be at Romano's Pizza Cucina Italiana Restaurant, 1528 West Gray, Houston, TX 77019 from 4:00 till 9:00 PM. Check out the website at www.romanoshouston.com for menu and directions. Let's meet and enjoy chatting with your old & new friends. Any questions, please e-mail to Earl Johnson at ejohnson127@comcast.net.

October 24, 2009 (Saturday)



SETDGA 2nd Annual 2-Men Deaf Golf Tournament will be held at Oakhurst Golf Club, 20700 Mills Branch Dr., Porter, TX 77365. Tee off after 1 PM. Food will be provided by Chick A Fil before tee off. Check the Website at setdga.org for more information and to get registration form (Deadline is Oct. 10, 2009). Any questions can be sent to tournament@setdga.org.

October 24, 2009 (Saturday)



Deaf Houston Latino will meet at Molina's Mexican Restaurant, 7901 Westheimer, Houston, TX 77063 from 4 PM till 9 PM. Check out the website at www.molinasmexicanrest.com for directions and menu. Please contact Rafael Gonzalez for more information. Come and chat with old and new friends.

October 26, 2009 (Monday)



Joe's Banquet Center, 1300 East Hwy. 6, Alvin, TX 77511 will provide free meal for Seniors from 6 AM till 10 AM. It is free on the last Monday of each month. However, you have to pay for your drinks.

October 28, 2009 (Wednesday)



Houston Deaf Senior Citizens Love Fund will have a Halloween Party. Come dressed up to win a prize. We will have some games to play. Maybe, we will carve pumpkins! This will be held at West Gray Adaptive Recreation Center, 1475 West Gray, Houston, TX 77019 at 9:00 am till 1:00 pm. Lunch will be provided.

DONATIONS & NEWSLETTER DUES

Donations to Houston Deaf Senior Citizens Love Fund

Thanks to William Hebert, Jr. and Betty Telfer for their donations.

Thank you, Bobby J. Griggs, for your thoughtful donation in memory of Joyce Mills and Monty Lee Frazier.

Anyone who wishes to donate money to **Houston Deaf Senior Citizens Love Fund, Inc. (a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation)** should please make check or money order payable to **Houston Deaf Senior Citizens Love Fund**. In the memo part of your check, please write down what the amount applies to or you can send a note. Please mail to address on back page. Thanks so much!

DONATIONS TO NEWSLETTER:

Thanks to Ollie Lee Pool and Betty Telfer for their donations for supplies.

RENEWAL SUBSCRIBERS:

Thank you for your renewal: Claudia Adkins, Gwen Brown, Patsy M. Bunch, Richard J. Clark, Thelma Covello, Deaf Action Center-Lafayette, Juanita Gunn, Harold Glenn Kee, Alfonso Lopez, Mickey & Dinah McKenzie, James W. Moore, Ollie Lee Pool, Martha Ann Pruitt, Leonor Royce, Julius & Ruth Seeger, Weldon & Molly Seely, L. V. Thornton, Miriam Thuman, and Rose Warchesick.

Ann Wheeler became a Senior Citizen member. Ann, welcome to our Senior Citizens group!

NEW SUBSCRIBER: Welcome to our new subscribers - Earl & June David and Felix N. Guerra, Jr.

Earl & June David's gift subscription is from Lucille Suire. Lucille, thanks for your thoughtful gift.



REST IN PEACE

OBITUARY



On August 21, 2009, **Marilyn Marie Moffett** went to be with the Lord. She was born in Fredericksburg, TX on October 12, 1961. She lived in Fredericksburg through her school years and then, spent 3 years at Texas A&M University. She taught herself sign language from a book. During summer break from A&M, she got a position working with hearing impaired and multi-handicapped individuals and trained them in the area of yard work and how to clean office buildings. She loved all kinds of music. Marilyn decided to make a career out of working with the hearing impaired and became a sign language interpreter. She held Texas Level III Interpreter and Court Interpreter Certification. She was bestowed the honor of life time member of Texas Society of Interpreters for the Deaf. She Served as TSID treasurer for 10 years. She established the TSID Don England Trust/Scholarship Fund. She truly loved her work as an interpreter and cherished the deaf community.

She loved the Lord, family, and friends. She was preceded in death by her father "Buster" Moffett and is survived by her mother, Jean Moffett, one sister and her husband, Cheryl & Phil Rowton, one brother, Michael Lewis Moffett, 2 nieces and spouse, Avery & Jesse Perez and Tamara Joy Rowton and 2 nephews and spouse, Levi & Rhonda Moffett and Christopher Lewis Moffett. Marilyn lived her life with joy, laughter, and integrity inspiring others along the way. Marilyn's Celebration of Life Service was held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, August 29th, 2009 at Hope in the City, 4407 Monterey Oaks Blvd., Austin, TX. Memorials can be made to Hill Country Memorial Hospital Hospice, P. O. Box 835, Fredericksburg, TX 78624



Annie B. McFadden, 89, had her memorial service on Saturday, August 29, 2009 at 12 noon in Saint John Missionary Baptist Church, 2701 Dowling St., Houston, TX 77021. Annie was deaf and was a Houston Deaf Senior Citizen member for long time. She had been attending SC meetings long time before she became ill and sent to a nursing home around 1999 or 2000. Audrey Leger sent the email to me as the Obit in Houston Chronicle was very short. No date shown when she passed away.

The Lord God our Savior came down and whisked **Mary Jane Alonzo Casey** away to be with Him among the Saints. Though we grieve her departure, we know it will give way to rejoicing in the fact that she is enjoying perfect peace. Mary Jane is survived by her devoted husband of 37 years, Terrence L. Casey, son Terry Casey, daughter Tammy Carrizales, along with their spouses Senobia Casey and Chris Carrizales; three grandchildren - Breana Casey, Emily Casey, and Corey Casey; three brothers and two sisters along with the countless brothers and sisters in the Deaf Community. Mary Jane was at Mission Funeral Home on South First on Friday, September 4th starting at 1 PM and Memorial service was held at 6 PM and end at 9 PM. Funeral services was held at Bannockburn Baptist Church on Saturday, September 5th at 10 AM followed by her burial at Assumption Cemetery. Our Family would like to thank everyone for their kind prayers and support.

Rose Bell Varain, born Feb. 15, 1940, passed away on Sept. 13, 2009 in Mariposa, CA. Rose Varain was born in Lafayette, LA to Armany and Nida Leger. She lived in Modesto and Reno most of her life. She is survived by her children, Laurna Cote of Redding, Tony Ledoux, Cathy Davis of Modesto, Paul Ledoux, Tim Ledoux of Cibolo, TX and Cindy Calbert of Stockton, CA. She is also survived by 15 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, and 4 sisters and 1 brother of Lafayette, LA. She was preceded in death by her husband, Marvin Varain and her son Francis Ledoux and 2 brothers and 1 sister. Viewing was held on Wed., Sept. 16, 2009 from 6-8pm at Franklin & Downs, McHenry. Graveside service, La Grange Citizens Cemetery Thurs., Sept. 17, 2009 at 1pm. www.modbee.com/obituaries. (This is Audrey Leger's sister that is 2 years older. She wants to share this with you all as Rose died from Cancer.)

NEWS

James Fair's 80th Birthday

Submitted by Donna Fair

August 19th was James Fair's 80th Birthday!

Thanks so much to Houston Deaf Senior Citizens for helping us celebrate his special day. Our family is truly fortunate to have so many wonderful friends. We had a fun celebration & delicious snacks were provided by many at the August meeting.

On a personal note.....I have been truly blessed that God chose James to be my father. I am especially proud of him and feel so very lucky to be his daughter. Barbara, David, and I are truly fortunate to have wonderful parents in both James and Lavern!



Sign Shares

Submitted by Linda Smith from Deaf Network.com

Sign Shares is proud to announce the newest member of our team, Interpreter Coordinator Andrew Spaulding. Balancing the expectations of our clients and the needs of our Interpreters, the coordinator is one of the keys to our successes here at Sign Shares. Andrew has big shoes to fill, but we trust he is more than capable. Andrew comes to us with several years of business management experience with a focus on customer satisfaction, as well as a personal connection to the Deaf community. We trust that he will balance all of these experiences and contribute to your organization's continued successes, as well as that of Sign Shares. Sincerely, Randy and Debbie Gunter (Editor's note - Andrew is Julie & James Spaulding's son. We are proud of him!)

Texas School For The Deaf Athlete Wins Track and Field Gold Medal at 2009 DEAFLYMPICS

Submitted by Linda Smith from Deaf Network.com

In Taipei, Texas School for the Deaf (TSD) graduate and star athlete Delvin Furlough, took first place in the Men's 400 meter track and field event. Furlough's time of 48.16 earned him his first gold medal at the 2009 Deaflympics. Furlough competes in the 100 meter and the 400 meter relays on September 12. Originally from Dallas, Furlough graduated from the Texas School for the Deaf in 2009, where he excelled in both football and track. He competes among more than 4,000 athletes from 85 countries in Taipei, where opening ceremonies were held Sunday. He is one of several athletes and coaches from Texas participating in the 21st Deaflympics. Visit <http://www.2009deaflympics.org/> for the latest updates.

BRIEF NEWS:

By Henrietta Devine's daughter, Mimi Farnsworth

To the Newsletter Staff: Thanks for what you are doing to inform my mother, Henrietta, of the news. She loves to read the newsletter. She is unable to get out much and can still read and understand some things. Her dementia is trying to get the best of her, but she is a fighter and very determined. I am very thankful for her determined spirit! Blessings, Mimi

Reliance Ford

Submitted by Mike Montgomery

Hi to you all! I'm the son of Lowell & Ruth Montgomery. I wanted to let you know that I am selling new & used cars at Reliance Ford, 621 New HWY 146 South in La Porte, TX. I also know ASL (I'm CODA) and would be happy to help anyone needing help in the Service Dept. & Body Shop. To contact me, please call me at work (281-471-1642) or e-mail me at littlehippie60@yahoo.com. Thank you, Mike Montgomery

Thank you note from Tommy Wells

"In this busy world where there never seem to be enough hours in the day...you always find the time to share yourself with others." Many thanks for the Get Well card to me. I'm improving every day.

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WD-40 (Water Displacement #40)

Submitted by Audrey Leger

A lady got up very early one morning and went outside to pickup the Sunday paper. She noticed someone had sprayed red paint all around the sides of the neighbor's brand new beige truck. She went over and woke him up and gave him the bad news. He was extremely upset. Another neighbor came out of his house. He surveyed the situation and immediately went to get his WD-40 out and cleaned the red paint off with it. Guess what! It cleaned up that paint without harming the original paint on the truck! I'm impressed!!

This product began from a search for a rust preventative solvent and de greaser to protect missile parts. WD-40 was created in 1953 by three technicians at the San Diego Rocket Chemical Company. Its name comes from the project that was to find a 'water displacement' compound. They were successful with the 40th formulation, thus WD-40. Ken East (one of the original founders) says there is nothing in WD-40 that would hurt you... "IT IS MADE FROM FISH OIL".

- 1) Protects silver from tarnishing.
- 2) Removes road tar and grime from cars.
- 3) Gives floors that `just-waxed` sheen without making it slippery.
- 4) Removes lipstick stains.
- 5) Loosens stubborn zippers.
- 6) Untangles jewelry chains.
- 7) Removes stains from stainless steel sinks.
- 8) Removes dirt and grime from the barbecue grill.
- 9) Keeps ceramic/terra cotta garden pots from oxidizing.
- 10) Removes tomato stains from clothing.
- 11) Keeps glass shower doors free of water spots.
- 12) Camouflages scratches in ceramic and marble floors.
- 13) Keeps scissors working smoothly.
- 14) Lubricates noisy door hinges on vehicles and doors in homes.
- 15) It removes black scuff marks from the kitchen floor! Open some windows if you have a lot of marks.
- 16) Bug guts will eat away the finish on your car. Removed quickly, with WD-40!
- 17) Lubricates tracks in sticking home windows and makes them easier to open.
- 18) Restores and cleans padded leather dashboards in vehicles, well as vinyl bumpers.
- 19) Lubricates and stops squeaks in electric fans.
- 20) Removes splattered grease on stove.
- 21) Keeps bathroom mirror from fogging.
- 22) Keeps pigeons off the balcony (they hate the smell).
- 23) Removes all traces of duct tape.
- 24) Folks even spray it on their arms, hands, and knees to relieve arthritis pain
- 25) Cleans and removes Love bugs from grills and bumpers.
- 26) Attracts fish. Spray a LITTLE on live bait or lures and you will be catching the big one in no time.
- 27) Ant bites. It takes the sting away immediately and stops the itch.

Keep a can of WD-40 in your kitchen cabinet. It is good for oven burns or any other type of burns. It takes the burned feeling away and heals with NO scarring. Remember, the basic ingredient is FISH OIL.

SUBSCRIBERS ATTENTION:

Submitted by Audrey Leger, HDSCFL Treasurer

A few months ago, we mentioned that we need the renewal forms for our file. These forms need to be mailed with either a check or money order. They are also use to provide change of address. Please do not call to give us your address change because we do need this is writing for our file.

Up until recently, I received a few checks / money orders without the renewal form. The renewal form is listed on the back page of newsletter. We need your help to use that form to send us with either check or money order. Thanks for your attention. Also, thanks for continuing to subscribe to our newsletter.

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Millions face shrinking Social Security

Submitted by Audrey Leger

Millions of older people face shrinking Social Security checks next year, the first time in a generation that payments would not rise. The trustees who oversee Social Security are projecting there won't be a cost of living adjustment (COLA) for the next 2 years. That hasn't happened since automatic increase were adopted in 1975. By law, Social Security benefits cannot go down. Nevertheless, monthly payments would drop for millions of people in the Medicare prescription drug program because the premiums, which often are deducted from Social Security payments, are scheduled to go up slightly. Advocates say older people still face higher prices because they spend a disproportionate amount of their income on health care, where costs rise faster than inflation. More than 32 million people are in the Medicare prescription drug program. Average monthly premiums are set to go from \$28 this year to \$30 next year, though they vary by plan. (Editor's note: Audrey obtained this information from Yahoo News.)

Texas Department of Public Safety

Submitted by Margie Graham

Seatbelts: HB 537 requires **all** occupants of a vehicle, no matter their age, to be secured by a safety belt, no matter where they are seated in the vehicle; changes the definition of a passenger vehicle to include a passenger van designed to transport 15 or fewer passengers including the driver; removes the current exemption for third-party Medicaid transportation provisions regarding the use of child passenger safety seats; and prohibits a motorcycle operator from carrying a passenger under the age of 5 unless the child is seated in a sidecar attached to the motorcycle. SB 61 amends the existing statute regarding child passenger safety seats. The bill requires that any child younger than 8 years of age be restrained in an approved child passenger safety seat unless the child is at least 4 feet, 9 inches in height. The fine is no more than \$25 for a first offense and \$250 for a second offense. The law becomes effective on Sept. 1, 2009, but tickets for this offense cannot be issued until June 1, 2010. Police officers are allowed to issue a warning before that date.

Driving: HB 55 makes it illegal to use a wireless communication device in a school zone unless the vehicle is stopped or a hands-free device is used. Cities or counties wanting to enforce this law must post a sign at the beginning of each school zone to inform drivers that using a wireless communications device is prohibited and the operator is subject to a fine. It is a defense to prosecution if the operator was making an emergency call. HB 2730 increases the penalties for driving while intoxicated with a child passenger by adding an automatic driver license suspension period for first-time offenders and an increased suspension period for repeat offenders. The driver license re-instatement fee for completing an education program will rise from \$50 to \$100. Closes a loophole so a person who commits an offense as a minor cannot circumvent the driver license penalty if the person turns 21 before their court date. HB 2012 creates two new punishment enhancements: a Class B misdemeanor if a person drives with a suspended license and without insurance; and a class A misdemeanor if the person driving without insurance or a valid driver license has an accident and someone is seriously injured or dies as a result of that accident.

Betsy Saul and Petfinder

Guideposts (August 2009)

One of Betsy's favorite stories is about a woman whose daughter found their perfect pet. "The little girl spotted a dog on our site, and next to his name was the green heart we use as a marker for pets with special needs. She told her mom, 'I want a dog that's hearing impaired like me, because I'll understand what he's going through.' It was so touching to hear that this little girl felt like she's able to be more useful to a pet that also has a challenge." Check out petfinder.com.

The TSD Drummers of 1949

Submitted by Audrey Leger

Guess who these lovely ladies are??? Give up or did you figure them out? The answer is on the back page in the Editor's Message.



EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Have a safe Halloween. Please make sure that children are with adults when going door to door. Be sure they are wearing bright colors so that drivers can see them crossing the streets. This year, Halloween is on a Saturday. Malls will be passing out candies which is safer for the children. Or go to a party when invited.

The answer to the picture shown on Page 7 (from left to right) are: Wanita (Floerke) Hanna, Zelma (Side-Curbello, and Jean (Groomer) Harkness.

If you have any information, jokes, recipes, event, pictures, sports, or news that you want me to publish, please send them to me by the 15th of each month. My E-mail address is nmorris726@gmail.com or you can mail to me at 15335 Falmouth Ave., Houston, TX 77084-1412.

Please note that Editor may, at her discretion, edit articles or news items for brevity and to correct errors. When sending pictures to me, please make sure you use a larger envelope. When the pictures are fold, it is very difficult to scan them without showing those folded lines.

Thanks!

Nancy Morris, Editor



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