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Official Name

A meeting was held on August 12th with Sidney J. Braquet, Attorney and Sara Howell, CPA. They both explained to all the Senior Citizens that the official name of the organization is "Houston Deaf Senior Citizens Love Fund". This is a non-profit corporation with 501(c)(3) status. Please make checks or Money Orders payable to that name.

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Senior Citizens Trip to San Antonio, TX December 2 & 3, 2009

The Travel Committee has decided to take a trip to San Antonio, TX for Christmas lights. We will NOT be staying at Ochs Inn as it is not a good place to stay for handicap people. Therefore, we are in the process of looking for another Hotel. As soon as we find one, we will post it in the next Newsletter. Sorry for the inconvenience this has caused.

The HDSC/LF Board has decided that any Senior Citizen (age 60+) and a member of HDSC that attends the meetings will get a free motel room. For those that are not 60 and not a member, you need to let us know that you need a room since you have to pay \$35 (we are not sure about this cost, yet!) to share a room. Couples will have a room, but we need to know if you want one bed or two beds. For singles, there needs to be 2 people in each room. For everyone that plans to go on the trip, please fill in the form below and send to Nancy Morris, 15335 Falmouth Ave., Houston, TX 77084-1412. The bus holds approximately 50 people. We need to know how many want to go. Thanks!

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Registration for the San Antonio, TX trip

* **NAME(S):** _____

* **PLEASE CIRCLE THE ONES THAT APPLY:** **Member** **Couple** **Single** **No Smoking** **Smoking**
* **First Floor Room** **One Bed** **Two Beds**

* **Name of Single sharing room with:** _____

* **AGE(S):** _____

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 1, 2009 (Tuesday)



Positive Interaction Program (PIP) will celebrate their Deaf PIP's 22nd Anniversary. Food trays and a big cake will be served to everyone to celebrate this great year of involvement and education in PIP. Also, we will have a presentation on crime by one of the Northwest area's Officer. 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

September 4, 2009 (Friday)



ASL Social will meet at Thai Spice Buffet II, 2520 South Voss @ Westheimer, Houston, TX 77057 from 4 PM till 9 PM. Check out the website at www.thaispice.com for directions and menu. 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.

September 5, 2009 (Saturday)



Deaf Houston Latino will meet at Jax Grill, 1613 Shepherd Dr., Houston, TX 77007 from 4 PM till 9 PM. Check out the website at www.Jaxgrill.com for directions and menu. Please contact LaLacake25@yahoo.com or VP 832-413-4947 for more information. Come and chat with old and new friends.

September 8, 2009 (Tuesday)



Chief's Citywide "PIP" will be held at 1600 State St. 4th Floor, Houston, TX. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM. The program will be presented by Harris County District Attorney, Patricia R. Lykos. Don't miss this informative presentation that will outline the Harris County Criminal District Court system. Also, comments from Chief Harold L. Hurtt. Interpreter and captioning will be provided. Contact Officer James Sobota at 713-308-9079 (Voice), 713-308-9073 (FAX), or 713-308-9071 (TDD). His email address is james.sobota@cityofhouston.net

September 9, 2009 (Wednesday)



Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will have their business meeting at West Gray Adaptive Recreation Center, 1475 West Gray, Houston, TX 77019 at 9:00 am till 1:00 pm. The HDSCLF will make some announcements beginning at 10:00 am. Refreshments will be served at 9 AM. Please bring your friends.

September 11, 2009 (Friday)



Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will take a trip to Bellville, TX. Everyone needs to be at Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church, 9920 Long Point Rd., Houston, TX by 8:00 AM as the Bus will leave at 8:30 AM. We will take a tour of a Castle and visit Newman's Bakery where we will eat lunch. The cost is \$13 per person and needs to be paid by September 9th. Please contact Gertie Sessions by VP 281-447-7575 or Julie Spaulding by VP 281-249-5276 for more information

September 11, 2009 (Friday)



Houston Hand Talk Social will be at Memorial City Mall in the Food Court, I-10 Freeway at Gessner Road, Houston, TX 77024 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.

September 12, 2009 (Saturday)

Texas Gator Fest will be having their festival at Anahuac, TX 77514. Please go to the website at www.texasgatorfest.com to order tickets and get a schedule of activities. It should start at 10 AM till midnight. Or call 409-267-4190 if you want to order tickets.

September 17, 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 281-442-8016 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.

September 18, 2009 (Friday)



ASL Social will be at Indigo Joe's Sports Pub & Restaurant, 1140 Eldridge Parkway, Suite 100, Houston, TX 77077 from 4:00 till 9:00 PM. Check out the website at www.indigojoes.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.

September 23, 2009 (Friday)



Ann Horn with DARS will be our Speaker. She will explain more about the program in the State of Texas in obtaining funds to help the Senior Citizens. Please plan to attend the meeting as she will be speaking at 10:00 AM. This will be held at West Gray Adaptive Recreation Center, 1475 West Gray, Houston, TX 77019 at 9:00 am till 1:00 pm.

September 26, 2009 (Saturday)

Deaf Awareness Week - Houston will be held at Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church, 9920 Long Point, Houston, TX 77055 from 10:00 am till 4:00 pm. Admission is free, but food and drinks will be sold by WHBDC. Come and celebrate with them - rain or shine! For more information, contact Jose Ovi Velasquez, Chairperson at DAWHouston@gmail.com.

September 26, 2009 (Saturday)



Deaf Houston Latino will meet at Pappa's BBQ, 4430 North Freeway, Houston, TX 77022 from 4 PM till 9 PM. Check out the website at www.pappasbbq.com for directions and menu. Please contact LaLacake25@yahoo.com or VP 832-413-4947 for more information. Come and chat with old and new friends.

September 28, 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.

DONATIONS & NEWSLETTER DUES

Donations to Houston Deaf Senior Citizens Love Fund

We wish to thank Thelma Jo Hays and Lennie Morton for their generous donation to the LOVE FUND.

Thanks to Joyce Hammons and Pauline Hilsman for their donation to the LOVE FUND with thoughts of all their friends. Also to Tommy & Jenice Wells with their thoughtful prayers for William Lambert and Glynn Whittimore.

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!

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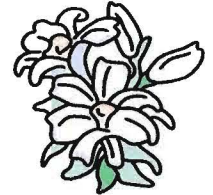
Thank you for your renewal: Martin Bienvenu, Jr, Donnell Bryan, Kathryn V. Caldcleugh, Larry & Sherrian Fewell, Ben W. Harmon, Shirley Jackson, Marian J. Seale, Helen Sellars, P. Aaron Theriot, and Ann Wheeler.

NEW SUBSCRIBER: Welcome to our new subscriber Vera Butler, a subscription gift from her son, Larry Butler. Larry thanks for your hearty gift.



REST IN PEACE

OBITUARY



Joyce Mills, age 70, of Cleveland, TX, passed away at her home on Monday, June 29, 2009. She was born in Cleveland on December 14, 1938 to Henry Daniel and Gracie Mae Pate who preceded her in death along with her loving husband, Joe Henry Mills (TSD 1958). Survivors include her daughters, Nita Howell & husband Mickey, Kimberley Wood & husband Chris, and Terry Smith & husband Dwayne; grandchildren, Mickey Howell Jr., George Howell, Jerred Gilmore, Alicia Gilmore, Emily Wood, Annie Smith, Sarah Smith, and Gracie Smith; with numerous other cherished family members and treasured friends beyond measure. Bro. Bobby Wood presided over funeral services held 10 a.m., Thursday, July 2, 2009 at Pace-Stancil Chapel. Chris Wood, Dwayne Smith, Walter Stovall, Mickey Howell, Jerred Gilmore, Joe Bazar; honorary pallbearer, Ricky Watts all honorably escorted her to her final resting place at Cleveland Memorial Park Cemetery. (Copyright 2009—Houston Community Newspaper Online)



Wilson Leo LeBlanc, age 75, was born September 6, 1933 in Morse, LA to Joe & Electa LeBlanc. He died July 20, 2009 in Groves, TX. He graduated from Louisiana School for the Deaf and was very active in the Deaf Community. Also, he was an active member of Catholic Deaf Church in Lake Charles, LA. He was a shoe cobbler and enjoyed working with leather. He is preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Dallas LeBlanc, and a sister, Marie Trahan. He is survived by his wife, Susan of Twenty-Nine Palms, CA; his son, Sal LeBlanc; daughters, Jenny Moore & husband Chris, Sr. of Bridge City, TX and Kim Hung and husband, Peter of Beaumont, TX; brothers, Wilton LeBlanc and Prevert Lee LeBlanc of LA; sisters, Joyce Myers of Beaumont, TX, Betty LeJune, Eula Plasance, Anna Crochet, Viola LeBlanc of LA, and Earline Menard of Vidor, TX; and 8 grandchildren. Also, he is survived by the mother of his children, Margaret LeBlanc of Lumberton, TX and long time companion, Audrey Edgley of Lake Charles, LA. There was a gathering for family and friends on Tuesday from 6 till 8 PM at Grammier-Oberle Funeral Home, Port Arthur, TX. Funeral services were held at 9 AM, Wednesday, July 22 at the funeral home with Reverend Nathan Keating officiating.



It is with great sadness that the family of **Ebra Deshotels** announces his passing on Monday, July 20, 2009 at Savoy Medical Center at the age of 84. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Wednesday, July 22, 2009 at 10:00 AM at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Mamou. Rite of Committal was followed in the Platin Cemetery with Father Jude Thierry officiating. Mr. Deshotels, a resident of Mamou, was a graduate of the Louisiana School for the Deaf in Baton Rouge and was a big fan and supporter of LSU. He is survived by one
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brother, Jimmie Deshotels of Eunice and two sisters, Anna Fontenot of Pine Prairie and Evelyn McGee of Mamou and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Dejean & Agnes Deshotels, his brothers Fernest Deshotels, Eldridge Deshotels, and Elby Deshotels and his sisters Enis Barzas, Luna Fontenot, and Helen Fuselier. Visitation was held at Ardoin's Funeral Home of Mamou on Tuesday, July 21, 2009 from 5:00 pm until 9:00 pm and again on Wednesday, July 22, 2009 from 8:00 am until time of service at Funeral Mass, St. Ann's Catholic Church, 716 Sixth Street, Mamou, LA 70554 7/22/2009 at 10:00 am. A rosary was recited at 7:00 pm Tuesday evening. Burial was at Platin Cemetery, Miller's Lake Road, Vidrine, LA 70586.



Monty Lee Frazier, 70, of San Marcos, TX, passed away on July 26, 2009 at 12:50 a.m. He was born on December 18, 1938 in Midland, TX. He is survived by his wife, Callie Frazier; one sister, Patty Conner; three daughters, Carrie Frazier, Diana McNair, and Lori Tidwell; nine grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and two nephews. In his younger years, Monty attended the Texas School for the Deaf where he loved to play sports. He worked various jobs over the years and was well known as a talented handyman. He spent his last three years living at the La Vista Retirement Community where he loved to play cards and dominoes with his old schoolmates and friends. Monty truly cherished his many grandchildren and loved spending time with them. He will be sadly missed and was very much loved by his family and many friends.



Donald Joe Sowell, 77, of San Marcos, Texas passed away on Friday, August 7, 2009. He spent his last five years living at the La Vista Retirement Community where he loved to play cards and dominoes with his old schoolmates and friends. He was born in Austin, Texas on October 16, 1931. He attended Texas School for the Deaf and graduated in 1950. He was preceded in death by his parents, D.B. and Lillie Sowell, his sister Mary Ellene (Sowell) Cunningham and her husband Charles Cunningham, and his brother Thomas Sowell. He is survived by his four nephews, 11 great nieces and nephews and twenty-two great great nieces and nephews. Buried followed in Austin Memorial Park.

MORE NEWS AS FOLLOWED:

TSD Team Schedule-Boys Football

Submitted by Billy Buza

TSD will play against Cypress Christian Academy at 11123 Cypress North Houston Road at Jones Road on September 4, 2009 at 7:00 pm. God support TSD and cheer for them! The rest of the schedule is:

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| Sept. 11 | Brazos Christian High School | Home | 7:00 PM |
| Sept. 19 | California School for the Deaf | Home | 5:30 PM |
| Sept. 26 | Shiner High School | Away | 6:00 PM |
| Oct. 3 | Maryland School for the Deaf | Away | 7:00 PM |
| Oct. 16 | Dallas Home School | Away | TBA |
| Oct. 23 | St. Joseph Catholic High School | Home | 7:00 PM |
| Oct. 30 | Regents | Away | 7:00 PM |
| Nov. 6 | Waco Reicher Catholic High School | Home | 7:00 PM |
| Nov. 14 | Bi-District Playoff | Away | TBA |

Letter received from Shirley (Berry) Dye

I had written you about my right knee as I had surgery and had been in Hospital for 2 weeks! Oh boy, it's really hurt, but now getting better. I use a walker and will see the Doctor for check up soon. My husband, Doyle, help me by cooking, etc. I sit down and rest till I'm ready to walk. My sister, Beverly McCoy, of Dallas came to help me for 2 weeks. Now, she returns home to Dallas and Doyle took over to help me. I'm rest till I get better soon. Oh boy! Thank you for informing everyone. Smile!

NEWS

Roger Spivey's Surprise 70th Birthday Party

Written by Nancy Morris, Editor

Roger was in for a surprise on July 22nd as a luncheon with birthday cake was provided for him. On hand to help celebrate it, his sister, Angel Smith and husband, Joe Lee; daughter, Cary Morgan-Turner and husband, Lowell with their daughter, Cayala Morgan; and cousin Vera Akers showed up to celebrate with him. Roger was so shocked to see his family and was a very happy man that day!



Computer Literary, Money Budgeting, Hurricane Preparation Drivers Education

By Paul Berryman

Come One, Come All to Career and Recovery Resources (CRR), a United Way Agency where we assist the deaf/hard of hearing in various ways. From job placement, computer literary classes, money budgeting, Microsoft applications, English and citizenship classes, math and reading, and introducing our new driver's education class. Please feel free to contact us by VP (832) 431-3785 or Voice (713) 754-7030 or e-mail pberryman@careerandrecovery.org for more information. Our address is 2525 San Jacinto, Houston, TX. Our classes are Monday through Friday at various times from 8 AM to 5 PM. Check out the website at <http://www.careerandrecovery.org>.

From Lennie Benefield Morton

On July 17-19, I went to the Benefield family reunion. It was at my nephew's lake house on Possum Kingdom Lake. There were 44 people there. We had a good time visiting with family, playing games, and watching the kids playing in the lake. I had 21 of my children, grandchildren and great grandchildren there as we stayed at PK Hideaway cabins. We had a beautiful view of the lake and nice front porch with plenty of chairs for visiting.

Believe It or Not!

Written by Nancy Morris for Julie Spaulding

Julie and I were born on July 26th. However, we are 4 years apart. Every year, we celebrate our birthdays together at lunch. We found out a lot of things that were similar in our lives. Our first job was with Cravens, Dargan and Insurance Co., Managers. She was Keypunch Operator and I was Typist. Our last job was with ExxonMobil Corp. and we both retired in the same year of 2004. She retired in February while I retired in December. Through the years of our friendship, we found out that we love CLOWNS! No wonder, we both act like Clowns! Julie just moved closer to me this year. After seeing her house, we found out that she collects those wooden Angel figurines, shells, and has USA theme decorations - just like I do! This is so amazing! Don't you think so??



Deaf Richard "Dick" Sipek played for Cincinnati Reds

Posted by fookembug on July 22, 2009

Richard "Dick" Sipek (Jan. 16, 1923 – Jul. 17, 2005) was a Major League baseball outfielder. He was the first not to have the nickname 'Dummy.' The 5-foot-9, 170-pound outfielder was only the third deaf player to see extensive playing time in the big leagues when he appeared in 82 games for the Cincinnati Reds in 1945. The previous ones were William "Dummy" Hoy, an outfielder who hit .292 for 15 big-league seasons from 1888 to 1902, and Luther "Dummy" Taylor, who won 115 games during a nine-year career from 1900 to 1908. Sipek lost his hearing in an accident around the time he was 5 years old. He was sent to Illinois School for the Deaf in Jacksonville, where his home-father was none other than Taylor, who was a 21-game winner for the New York Giants in 1904. The older man took him under his wing and encouraged the youngster to develop his athletic abilities. Sipek was an all-state back in football, then the Reds had him at Birmingham of the Southern Association, where he hit .336 in 74 games in 1943 and .319 in 134 games in 1944. The left-handed batter hit .244 for Cincinnati with six doubles, two triples and 13 runs batted in. He was 10 for 45 as a pinch hitter (.222).



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Jim Marsters

Sent by Audrey Leger

All..Below is an email from James Marsters' daughter, Jean Marster. James Marster was one of the three deaf persons who helped push and paved the future for deaf/hoh by inventing TTY way back in 1964. We all know how TTY revolutionized the world of deaf. Now the telephone access is not limited to hearing persons. We owe a great deal of debt to these three deaf men. Other two deaf men: Harry G. Lang and Robert H. Weitbrecht.

Quote: Dear Friends,

With great sadness I write you that my father, James C. Marsters, passed away in he bed on Tuesday. He had not been ill for long, which is the way he would have wanted it. The day before he died, he spent the afternoon and early evening with Jim Jr., me, and his granddaughter, Anna. He was full of plans for restaurants he wanted to try, for the next monthly Deaf Lunch Bunch, and of how much he'd enjoyed his most recent set of e-mails. He was in no discomfort. That time with him was a precious gift. He was a wonderful man, and we loved him dearly. We thank you for your friendship, your e-mails, your visits, and your love which helped sustain him over the years. Please feel free to share this e-mail with anyone who you think would want to know. There will be a memorial service in Oakland the weekend of October 24-25th. Yours, Jean Marsters Unquote

James C. Marsters, DDS 4/5/24-7/28/09

Really, the ongoing pursuit for equality; that is, functional equivalence, is a life long battle and slow in getting what deaf/hoh deserves. Telephone access helped break through this seemingly insurmountable barrier. After TTY, relay service with TTY was soon created, and then VRS followed through. Even though I'm considered Father of VRS, I bow my heads to these guys. They made it technology possible. So let us all pause a moment and pay respects. Folks, if you have stories to share about James Marsters, please feel free to comment. I know many of you elderly folks have had events with him. eyes open & thumbs up, Ed Bosson at ed@edsalert.com

Deaf Woman Killed After Being Struck By Train

Submitted by Audrey Leger

NEW ORLEANS -- A woman was killed Saturday night around 7:20 pm after she was hit by a train at the intersection of Taylor Street and Kenner Avenue. Witnesses say they saw 58-year-old Cynthia Tuckson approach the tracks, but she did not make it across. "'When I turned around I said, 'Charles, the train hit the lady behind us. It probably caught her clothes,'" said Audrey Wilson, who witnessed the crash. Family members told WDSU that Tuckson was deaf and likely never heard the train coming. Kenner police said the conductor did see her approaching the tracks. "The train was blowing its whistle. It could see the pedestrian approaching the tracks and blowing the whistle trying to alert the citizen that the train was coming," said Detective Brian McGregor. Residents in Kenner say this type of accident could have been prevented. "Had there been a crossing guard like the rest of the crosses that would have given her a better chance -- had an arm come down she would have seen it," said resident Charles Wilson. Police believe there are cameras attached to the train that may have recorded the accident. Investigators are in the process of reviewing the video. (Copyright 2009)

Field Trip to Austin, TX

Written by Nancy Morris, Editor

Several Seniors (See how many of us you can recognize in picture!) went to Lyndon Baines Johnson Library, 2313 Red River St., Austin, TX on Tuesday, August 4th. After viewing 3 floors of history, we drove pass Texas School for the Deaf. It has changed so much and looks great. Then, we stopped at Golden Corral before heading home.

Many of us stayed for the PIP meeting that was held at Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church at 7:30 pm. We learned so much from the Officer speaking about "Traffic Enforcement, Radar Unit"



EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Please notice that we have a new EMAIL ADDRESS. It's in the boxes with mine and Audrey's names below. The old email address has been closed since August, 31, 2009. Sorry for the last minute, but this was done to show the new name.

I received a lot of news and several pictures this month. Please be patience with me as I try to put them in the next month's Newsletter. The response for pictures was very good. Thank you so much for sending them in. I look forward to posting them in future Newsletter for everyone to guess who they are! Smiling.....

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. Audrey does the scanning for me so she will appreciate it, too.

It's football Season already. Enjoy the games if you attend them!

Thanks!

Nancy Morris, Editor

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