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HAPPY HALLOWEEN





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Fall season is around the corner now to enjoy cool weather again after a long hot and humid summer. Houston and some other places sure have had a lot of rain this past summer. Hope you all had a wonderful summer.

There are some changes on the renewal/new subscriber form on the back page of this newsletter. Adding "old and new address" and "email, TTY/FAX" on the form would help the staff to trace the records easily. Be sure to fill out your old and new address properly when you are moving to a new location and mail to me. Also filling out your email address or fax/TTY number would help me to get a hold of you in case there is a problem with mailing. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Please send any news, information, picture or recipe that you wish to share Senior Citizens. **We would appreciate if you could write no more than 250 words of any news due to limited space on the newsletter.** Please note that the editor may at his discretion edit articles or news item for brevity and to correct errors. Mail to: Houston Deaf Senior Citizens, 9954 Kirkshire Drive, Houston, TX 77089, email to hdsnews@yahoo.com, or fax to (281) 416-0799 or (713) 781-4576. **The deadline is on 15th of each month.**

Note: If your subscription is not paid within three months from the due date, your name will be removed from our mailing list.

Thank you,

Frank Shaw



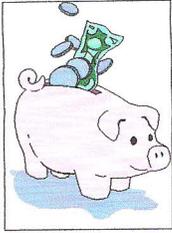
Flash News for next field trip

Orange, TX - October 11, 2002

Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will meet at Woodhaven Deaf Baptist Church, 9960 Long Drive at 7:00 AM. The bus will depart no later than 7:30 AM. The group will visit a House Museum (1920 private residence), History Museum (the history of Orange & Orange County from the days of the Indians to present), First Presbyterian Church (an outstanding example of classic Greek Revival architecture), and Stark Museum (a 15-room, three-story 1894 Victorian home). For lunch it will be a buffet style restaurant in Orange.

Fee is \$3.00 per person at the House & History Museums
Free admission at First Presbyterian Church
\$2.00 per person at Stark Museum plus lunch expense.

If you are interested in going on the field trip, please contact Audrey Leger-Wright at 281-437-6224 before the 11th. Come and let's have fun together. See you on 11th.



From Zelma Curbello of LOVE FUND:

We wish to thank you for your generous donations to **LOVE FUND:** *Arlene Benham, Karen Clifton, Zelma Curbello, Ann & Ray Edgley, Thelma Jo Hays, William Hebert, Audrey Leger-Wright, Elnora Morgan, Lennie & Joe Morton, Pernella Smith, I.D. & Floyd Wicker, and Damon Wright.*

Menefee Holdren and Opal & Eugene Piercy, thank you for your generous donations to **LOVE FUND: IN MEMORY OF LUCY CHIMELAK.**

Jenice Wells, thank you for your kindness to make and sell necklaces and ribbon pins of U.S.A. and donated to **LOVE FUND.**

Anyone who wishes to donate \$\$\$ to **LOVE FUND** should please make check or money order payable to Houston Deaf Senior Citizens-Love Fund. Please mail to:
Mrs. Zelma Curbello, 9623 Tiltree, Houston, TX 77075-4042

NEW SUBSCRIBERS:

Welcome to our new subscribers: Steve Sirois, and Robert & Cynthia Stevens.

RENEWALS:

Thank you for your renewal: Donnell Bryan, Richard J Clark, Estelle Heintschel, Dorothy L Hollingsworth, Blanche Keith, Malcolm Tate, Geneva C White, Donald C Williams, and Doris Williams



REST IN PEACE
OBITUARY



Lucy Rodriguez Chimelak:

Lucy Rodriguez Chimelak passed away after a brief illness.

Born to this life: December 15, 1931. *Born to Eternal Life:* August 31, 2002

She is survived by her loving husband, Joe of 41 years, mother-in-law Sophie Chimelak, 6 children, 7 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild, sister-in-law Sandra and Joe Dietrich and family, and many relatives and friends. The family had a wake on Tuesday, September 3rd from 3 PM to 7 PM at St. Justin Martyr Roman Catholic Community, 13350 Ashford Point Drive, Houston, TX 77082. A funeral mass was held on Wednesday, September 4th at 10 AM at the church. Interment was followed later in San Benito, TX.



Lucy's family would like to take this opportunity to say Thank You to all of our friends and neighbors. Your love and the support you have shown Lucy, and all of us, is greatly appreciated and will be long remembered. We would like to add a special word of thanks to Sandra Dietrich and Minnie Williams for their loving care, The staff of Vitas Hospice, and the Staff of the Cenacle Retreat House.

*St. Justin Martyr Catholic Church
Houston, Tx – September 4, 2002*

NEWS

Ms Hazel Davis by Jeanette (Padgett) Mortzfeldt:

Ms Hazel Davis and her cousin, Ruth Davis Phillips, were my mother's classmates. I had known Hazel when she was a supervisor for the boys while Ms Rhoda Clark supervised the girls and me at TSD. My mother, Mrs. Helen (Neistroy) Padgett and I sent the donation to Houston Deaf Senior Citizens' Love Fund in memory of Ms Hazel Davis. Sincerely yours, *Jeanette (Padgett) Mortzfeldt*

Brief News from Paul Aaron Theriot:

We are doing fine everyday, and try to find some good news for the Houston newsletter. I'm sorry to lose my best friend, Ray Kirkland. He was a great kicker! May God and Jesus bless all of you at the Senior Citizens. Love, *Aaron and Gracie Mae*

Brief News by Menefee Holdren:

In memory of a very special lady, Lucy Chimelak. I had the pleasure of working with her as an interpreter when H.D.S.C. (Houston Deaf Senior Citizens) was first established.

I enjoy reading the newsletter every month. The staff is doing a fantastic job. Sincerely, *Menefee Holdren*

Thank You Note from Mary Ella Redman:

Thank you to all of the seniors for the surprise birthday party. On September 11, 2002 we had a 9-11 Remembrance Day. We talked about where we were, what we were doing, and how we felt. Esther Brownalenoir sang "God Bless America", Billy Buza gave a quote from the paper and Karen Clifton signed a poem. It was very inspiring. The group brought a covered dish luncheon. Jenice & Tommy Wells had a fundraiser for the Love Fund. They sold beautiful pins with red, white, and blue ribbon attached to them. Then the surprise! A beautiful red, white and blue birthday cake was shown.

The group gave me so many cards and a gift certificate to Baybrook Mall. The luncheon cards, money, and gift certificate are greatly appreciated. I love all of you and thank all of you very much.

Mary Ella Redman
Senior Citizens Program Coordinator

The Cenacle Thank You from Cenacle Development Office:

Dear Zelma and staff of Houston Deaf Senior Citizens,

Thank you for the gift of \$50.00 that you sent to the Cenacle in honor of Lucy Chimelak. We have informed the family of your gift and I'm sure that their gratitude finds its echo in this note of thanks.

Lucy's quick and somewhat unexpected death is a great loss for many of us besides her family whose grief seems inconsolable. We pray with them that this deeply hurtful reality will be absorbed by them and peace will again be restored. When it seems appropriate we will meet with the family to determine what would be a fitting memorial here at the Cenacle to give witness to her spirit and her presence.

With you and in deep faith we believe that Lucy lives with her Lord and is with us still.

In the peace of Christ, *Sister Elizabeth Mozina*



Esther Brownalenoir will be writing down the stories that deaf people are telling, and with their permissions print them in the Newsletter, "I Remember."

Joe Morton Remembers...

When he had his own T-Ford, he would have to stop to roll up his own cigarettes. His girlfriend, not his future wife, was very fussy and told him not to waste time rolling them up, but to buy his own cigarettes. At that time his deaf father would give him some. It cost 25 cents for six packs, enough for one week.

Joe remembers you could buy a big house for \$10,000, and a lot for \$5.00. When was that, Joe?

Lennie Remembers...

When Lennie was four or five years old, she was a very mischievous girl. She knew she shouldn't, but she did cut her brother's hair. She had locked the door so her mother couldn't spank her.

When her mother died of a blood clot, she was only 12 years old. Her aunt's husband had died of a mule that kicked him, had his leg cut off, but did not survive. Lennie's father needed someone to sew Lennie's clothes for school, also her aunt was pregnant at that time her husband died, so married her mother's sister. Later she had cancer and died. She left behind a son who was 3 years old. Her father married for the third time to a woman with six children.

Christine McKinnon introduced Joe and Lennie at Texas School for the Deaf (T.S.D.). They found out that they lived just 12 miles apart, Joe from Temple and Lennie from Rogers. Joe with his T-Ford, and permission from parents, they would ride to and fro to T.S.D. when school allowed students to go home.

Deaf blind man in jet-ski charity bid

A man who is deaf and blind hopes to become the first person to jet-ski from England to Holland and back again.

Graham Hicks, 41, of Peterborough, Cambs, will control the four-seater Yamaha jet ski during the 290-mile round trip.

A pillion rider will give him directions using a touch-based signalling system.

Mr Hicks is due to travel from Sea Palling, Norfolk, to Amsterdam and then return on Wednesday after resting for a day.

In June, he set a world quadbike speed record, reaching a speed of 104 mph.

The event is raising money for the charity Deafblind UK.

Story filed: Ananova, Sunday 8th September 2002.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



September 29 – October 2, 2002 (Sunday - Tuesday)

Open Captioned movie: "The Tuxedo", Rated: PG-13, at AMC Studio 30 on Dunvale & Westheimer.



October 1, 2002 (Tuesday)

Positive Interaction Program (PIP) will be held on Tuesday, October 1st at Woodhaven Deaf Baptist Church at 9920 Long Point at 7 PM. The presentation will be: Holiday Safety by Community Services Division, Officer M. Guidry. The refreshments will be served. Interpreter & captioning will be provided.

October 4, 2002 (Friday)



FRAT will have a meeting and luncheon Friday, October 4th from 11 AM to 2 PM at Golden Corral Restaurant (get off Hollister exit from North 290, and make a U-turn. Restaurant is on your right. Come, and you can find out how you can become a FRAT, and have many more savings, as well as a discount toward your birthday or wedding anniversary. Besides getting all you want from the buffet, you can also find out who is getting the discount!

October 4, 2002 (Friday)



ASL Social at Willowbrook Mall, Food Court, 2000 Willowbrook Mall, Houston, TX 77070 from 5 PM to 9 PM. Come and join us to meet old and new friends! Please e-mail to contact Roger Spivey at spivey39@ev1.net before 30th of September, so they can inform the restaurant the number of people.



October 6 - 8, 2002 (Sunday - Tuesday)

Open Captioned movie: "Swim Fan", Rated: PG-13, at AMC Studio 30 on Dunvale & Westheimer.



October 9, 2002 (Wednesday)

Houston Senior Citizens will have a general meeting at Metropolitan Multi-Service Center at 1475 West Gray, Houston from 9 AM to 1 PM. Closed Captioning will be provided. Come and enjoy chatting with friends! And in Remembrance of WTC and our lost people on that day!



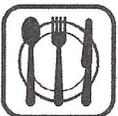
October 11, 2002 (Friday)

Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will have a field trip to Orange, TX to tour the History museums. Please be at Woodhaven Deaf Baptist Church, 9920 Long Point, Houston, TX, at 7:30 AM. Let's join us and enjoy ourselves. (See editor page 2, for more information).



October 13 – 15, 2002 (Sunday – Tuesday)

Open Captioned movie: "Four Feathers", at AMC Studio 30 on Dunvale & Westheimer.



October 17, 2002 (Thursday)

Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will meet at **Woodhaven Deaf Baptist Church** at 9920 Long Point from 9 AM to 1 PM. There will be potluck lunch. If you wish to bring a covered dish, please contact **Evelyn Autry** at (713) 984-8186 TTY or **Gertrude Sessions** at (281) 447-7575 TTY and let them know what you will bring.



October 23, 2002 (Wednesday)

Houston Senior Citizens will have a meeting at Metropolitan Multi-Service Center at 1475 West Gray, Houston from 9 AM to 1 PM. Volunteers are welcome to help with folding Senior Citizens newsletters. Your help is greatly appreciated.

October 2002

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6 C. Richard Brownalenoir 	7 Faye Sims 	8 Opal Piercy Lavern Fair 	9 S.M.M.S.C. Meeting 	10	11 FIELD TRIP "Orange, Tx" 	12
13 Joe Morton 	14 Walter & Dinah Anderson-1983 	15	16 Pernalla Smith 	17 S C Social Woodhaven Frank Shaw 	18 Lillian Beard 	19 Randy Melton 
20	21	22 Richard Brubaker 	23 S.M.M.S.C. 	24	25	26 Doris & Dewey Adams-1993 
27 Daylight Saving Time Back 1 Hour 	28	29	30 Ruth Montgomery 	31 Happy Halloween's Day  		

SOCIAL MEETING

BIRTH DAY

ANNIVERSARY

September Birthdays and Senior Citizen Event



September Birthdays

Front left to right: Billie Mangum, Lennie Morton, Daril Williamson, Mary Ella Redman, Tommy Wells, and Walter Richardson.

After the meeting on September 11, 2002, Houston Deaf Senior Citizens gathered to remember 9-11. Almost everyone wore red, white and blue outfits in the spirit of American unity. The table paper cover, paper plates and napkins were in red, white and blue. The Senior Citizens brought covered dishes. The occasion was used to give a surprise birthday party to honor Mary Ella Redman, the Houston Deaf Senior Citizens program coordinator. They really appreciate her efforts to work with them. She does a super job!



Esther Brownalenoir sang "Gold Bless America".



James Fair led the prayer to remember those who lost their lives on 9-11.



Billy Buza and Opal Piercy led an "I pledge the allegiance to the flag" song.

The Senior Citizens brought delicious covered dishes.



Christine McKinnon made this delicious dessert.

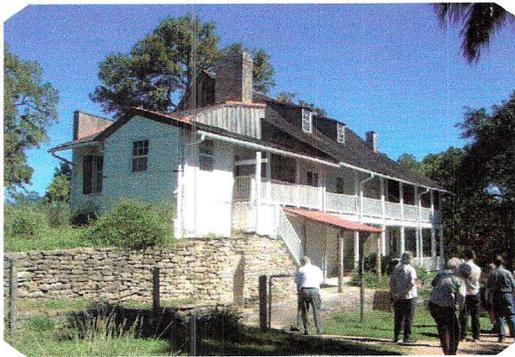
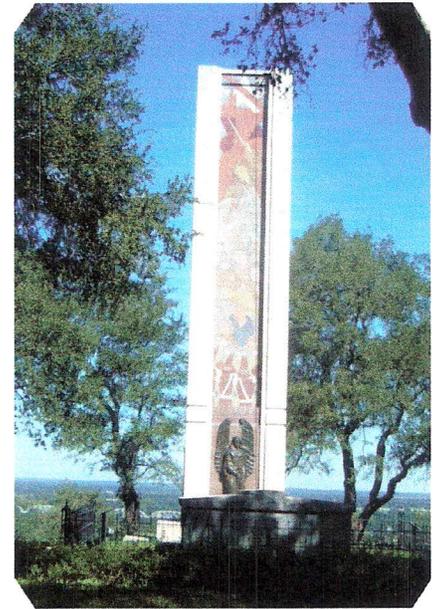
La Grange Field Trip September 20, 2002

Houston Deaf Senior Citizens went to La Grange and toured Monument Hill, Kreische Brewery State Historical Parks, and Texas Czech Heritage & Culture Center. They really enjoyed to seesighting especially **Kreische House**. The house is old and beautiful where locates on the hill, and you can see two-floored house in the front, but in the back it shows three floors. (See the pictures below left). The house was built in 1849 with the stones from the bluff overlooking the Colorado River, and woods & logs from the trees in that area, finished in 1855.



Monument Hill

During the battle of Texas and Mexico, the recaptured Texans were returned to the Rancho Salado on March 25, 1843, and were met with an order from Santa Anna that one tenth of them be shot. To carry out the order 159 white beans and 17 black beans were placed in a pot. Those who drew black beans were given a chance to write home, then were bound together and shot. The men, who picked out a white bean, their lives were spared. All except one were buried in the tomb in front of Monument Hill.



Texas Czech Heritage & Culture Center

There are some beautiful Czech clothes, handmade crafts, & things at Texas Czech Heritage & Culture Center. The Senior Citizens were exhausted and ready to go home, but they had a great time!



The Kreische Brewery

The building was constructed just down the hill from the house and was completed in the early 1870's. By the late of 1870's it had become the third largest producer in the state. After the owner's death, the building later went out of business. The large stone brewery was allowed to deteriorate and gradually fell into ruins.

Deaf History

Patty Albee Woman of the World



"When I was growing up," Patty Albee smiles, "I ate my way through the library." Patty was a bookworm. She loved reading about everything. She read about volcanos, swimming, dolphins, and sport heroes. She read mysteries, adventure stories, fairy tales, and myths. Her nose was always in a book. Her favorite game as a child was "school." She would copy words from an encyclopedia and make her own little books.

Patty grew up in a small town called Fairbury in Illinois. The nearest big city was Bloomington. Reading helped make her life more exciting because life was very quiet and slow in Fairbury. Patty enjoyed playing with her pets and two sisters, and riding her bike, but reading was her favorite pastime.

She also read to help cope with her deafness. She sometimes felt cut off from communication with her family and friends. Between the ages of three and six, Patty's family became worried about her hearing problems. Patty explains, "My mom would call me to come for dinner, but I couldn't hear her." Other times, her younger sisters would ask her a question and she would not answer. Patty knew she was missing out on communication. What could she do? No one, not even doctors, could explain why Patty couldn't hear.

By the time she was six years old, she got hearing aids. She hated wearing them because kids at school made fun of her. They thought her speech and hearing aids were strange. They teased her. They avoided her. Sometimes they were unkind.

Patty didn't want other kids to think that she was slow and dumb. She was very determined to succeed in school. She knew she would have to study very hard. Patty was the only deaf student at her school. She did not know sign language, but she could speak and lipread. She had no interpreters or notetakers. Patty had to learn everything on her own. Everything she learned came from books. She became an excellent student, but she was still very lonely.

When Patty was fourteen years old, her family moved from Illinois to North Carolina. They stayed for two years. Then, the Albee family moved to Arizona. Patty says, "I had to attend three different high schools in four years. Boy, that was a difficult experience." After she graduated from high school in 1975, she attended the University of Arizona in Tucson.

While at the University of Tucson, Patty met a counselor. He told her about the special services for deaf students. Patty was very surprised that deaf students could have notetaking, interpreting and counseling services. She had never met a deaf person before, and she was 18 years old. She was encouraged to learn sign language for the first time. She learned quickly. Patty says, "My four years at the University of Arizona were very important. My experiences there changed my life."

In 1980, Patty got a B.S. degree in rehabilitation from the University of Arizona. She became a rehabilitation counselor. She wanted to help people with a disability get job training. She also wanted to help them get a good job and become independent. Patty worked for the California Department of Rehabilitation for five years.

In 1987, Patty quit her job. She was ready for a new challenge. Her dream was to travel around the world. From 1988-1989 that is what she did. Patty toured 10 countries in 10 months! These are the countries she visited: 1. New Zealand 2. Australia 3. Hong Kong 4. Malaysia 5. Thailand 6. India 7. Germany 8. France 9. Greece 10. England.

On Patty's way back from Europe in 1989, she stopped at Gallaudet University. She wanted to see the campus. While at Gallaudet, she decided to attend graduate school to work on a degree in school psychology. She received her degree in 1992. Patty then got a job working in California again. She is currently working in Fremont, California as a psychologist. She does student testing. She works with about 500 deaf students from ages 3 to 21.

In 1996, Patty wanted to continue her world travels. She went to southeast Asia. She visited Cambodia, Vietnam, and Malaysia.

While in Southeast Asia, Patty had many interesting experiences. She met other deaf people and visited some schools for deaf children. She also saw palaces, temples and museums.

One of the best adventures Patty had was in Sabah, Malaysia. She visited Kinabalu Park. She explored the famous world nature park and saw many rare birds, plants and animals. She also joined some Malaysian friends to climb Mt. Kinabalu. At 13,455 ft., it is the highest peak in Southeast Asia. About this wonderful experience she wrote, "I feel a deep joy and peace that I have not felt in a long time – a gift of the mountain. It is so incredible. I'm so happy here and so glad I came."

Patty has now traveled to 17 different countries around the world. She hopes to visit many more in her future travels. She says, "Traveling around the world alone has been one of the best experiences of my life." Why does Patty often travel alone? She feels that people are friendlier if you travel alone. When they see you sitting by yourself, they might think, "Oh, she's alone. She must be lonely. Let's invite her to join us!"

What does Patty enjoy most about her travels? She loves meeting new people and learning about their customs. She enjoys eating different kinds of exotic food. Patty also likes experiencing different kinds of transportation. She has traveled on airplanes, buses, ferries, motorbikes, taxis and pedicabs! When she is visiting different countries, she stays at hotels, youth hostels or people's homes.

What advice would Patty give a traveler when packing for a trip? Here's her list of 10 important items:

- An inflatable neck pillow (to keep you comfortable on long flights)
- A sleeping mask (to help you sleep by shading out bright lights)
- A blank journal or notebooks (to write about your trip)
- A guide book (to tell you what to do and see)
- A backpack
- A good camera
- A waist pack (to keep your passport and money in)
- A pack of playing cards
- A vibrating alarm clock
- A mini-flashlight

Patty Albee was born in a small town, but now she is at home all over the world. Whenever she travels, her spirit for life goes with her. She is never alone. Patty knows how important it is to believe in your dreams. She says, "It's never too late to follow your dreams. Life is short – do what you love and love what you do."

Toole, Darlene, *"Living Legends III"*, page 55-60



ADVICE FOR A STOPPED DEAF DRIVER

Last week's DEAFDIGEST had an advice for a stopped deaf driver from an interpreter, who is a retired police officer.

One subscriber gave this advice - if you are stopped by the police, be calm, do not give ugly facial expressions and get your license, registration and insurance papers ready and in your hands, visible to the police, and to place both hands on the steering wheel.

And always make sure both hands remain constantly visible.

Makes sense!

DeafDigest Blue - August 25, 2002



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