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Sitting: Jan Dermon, Rosa Saucedo, Sidney Gilland, Diane Finnegan, Deborah Daniels, Florine Thomas

2nd Row: Dinah McKenzie, Caroline Dill, Wanda Andrew, Nancy Morris, Cristina Rodriguez, Mary Ann Ryba, Patti Sah, Ellen Sias, Yvonne Butler, Deborah Wold, Luci Ryan, Jeanne Hilferty, Brenda Lozano, Marion McCreary, Tonya Black, Christine Johnson

3 Row: Florine Thomas, Mary Cager



May 14, 2025 (Wednesday)

By: Robby Laws



Special Thanks to the Servers
Jim, Lawrence, Kevin, Robert



After our Mother's Day celebration lunch at the MMSC facility, Officer James Sobota (from the Houston Police Department) came by and gave a short lecture.

The topics discussed were how the police could assist those in the Deaf community and how those in the Deaf community could assist the police. The issues discussed were access to communication and the technology used to achieve this, and the challenges that come with it.

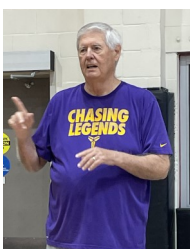
Officer Sobota is the PIP (Police Interaction Program) Coordinator and hosts a PIP meeting once every month, with different topics discussed.



Christine



Patti



Larry



Dinah



Officer Sobota
Interpreter Kareena



Kneel: Dennis Smith, Michelle Smith, Deborah Wold, Ruth Billiott, Sidney Gilland, Jan Dermon, Robert Bellard
 First Row: Elias Rodriguez, Marion McCreary, Cristina Rodriguez, Brenda Lozano, Susan Mouat, Wanda Andrew, Virginia Duncan, Janie Morales, Monti Ploum, Mary Ann Ryba, Nancy Morris, Patsy Walker, Jose Ybarra, Bernadette Duffy
 Second Row: Jim Dermon, Clyde Andrew, Yvonne Butler, Larry Butler, Lawrence Coleman Sr, Carolyn Dill, Fred Simerka

Thirty seniors went on this two-day trip to the Deaf church on West 17th Street. We all completely enjoyed the many stops in the three cities. Museums and great cafeterias or restaurants were all wonderful! The weather was weirdly dark all day, but we did not get any strong storm winds, and the temperature was perfect!

We had the Dr. Pepper Museum, Magnolia Market, and the Waco Mammoth National Monument on the first day. Dr Pepper Museum is three stories and a huge second building. Magnolia Market was expanded, too. The Heritage Cafe for lunch was charming. Our servers were dressed in old-style clothes.

Most of us have never been to the dig site for the mammoths, which was a short walk down from the parking lot. We spent most of our time at the dig site and had a good interpreter. We had plenty of time to chat at the places where we ate and on the bus. Some of us can talk all day, all night!

We all stayed at Best Western Plus and had a free breakfast. On the second day, we saw a lot of Civil War history at the Pearce Museum, then had lunch at Cotton Patch Cafe, and lastly, we enjoyed the tasty delights of Collin Street Bakery Store. Oh, I should add that we stopped at a huge Buc-ee's in Madisonville.

Collections Pearce Museum Tour



Stop & Shop at Collin St Bakery Main Store





Dr Pepper Museum



Second Day Restaurant
at Cotton Patch



Collections Pearce Museum



Waco Mammoth National Monument



Lots of
Arrows

Graveyard

Showing how
tall the
mammoth was.

**May 2025 Field Trip to
HOUSTON BEER CAN HOUSE
Torchy's Tacos
Winfield's Chocolate Bar
By Jan Dermon**



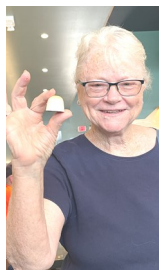
Front Row: Jan Dermon, Cristina Rodriguez, Jeanne Hilferty, Luci Ryan, Mary Ann Ryba, Diane Finnegan, Jose Ybarra, Clyde Andrew, Patti Sah, Dinah McKenzie, Deborah Wold, Christine Johnson, Sidney Gilland **Back Row:** Jim Dermon, Elias Rodriguez, Marion McCreary, Larry Hilferty, Chris Kelley, Craig Adams, Ken Hawk, Mickey McKenzie, Don Sah, Tracy Wold, Robby Laws, Kathy Laws, Tom Langham, Kevin Finnegan **Not in the Picture:** Robert Ballard

What a fun field trip on May 17, 2025! We visited the Beer Can House in Houston, and it has an interesting history and is a quirky gem. It is a unique little house and giant buildings in Houston, located between some gorgeous houses. Almost all of us have lived in Houston for many years and never knew about this gem.

This house is decorated with beer cans. John Milkovich created it over the years after his retirement as an upholsterer for the Southern Pacific Railroad. He began by constructing a patio, driven by his desire to minimize waste, and this project evolved from there. He hung many beer can lids outside the home as wind chimes and flattened beer cans to cover the outside walls.

After 1 ½ hours of touring, we went on to Torchy's Tacos in Rice Village. It is a great place to go for quick, good food. Most of us ordered chicken fajita tacos on corn tortillas, which were delicious. The menu features interesting options.

For dessert, we got back on the bus to head to Winfield's Chocolate Bar, which is just a few blocks away. Yummy, chocolate is everywhere - a sugar rush, but it was the right balance of flavors to put us in heaven.



Chris, Jim, Tom, Robert inside the house, Debra with Tracy, Kevin's Favorite Beer Brand, Yummy Ice Cream, Jan's \$3.50 Chocolate Truffle, Torchy's Tacos, Winfield's Chocolate Bar



Carolyn Dill's First Granddaughter!



After having four grandkids, all boys, my older son John has announced they expect a girl! I never had daughters, so my last baby was my sister, born 15 years after me, and I had to wait 50+ years to get a chance to buy lots of pink and flowery clothes! It's an exciting time for our family, and I can't wait to meet my granddaughter.



Sidney Gilland: March 20-24, I flew to Charlottesville, VA with my sister Jan & Jeff for:

A wedding at a beautiful vineyard

Saw the home Thomas Jefferson built, Monticello (see picture). He has a lot of history and has invented many things.

Also visited my eight cousins who live there.

Charlottesville is full of history, beauty, and things to do.

I can't wait to go back and see more historical things.



I'm making crossing stitches for my niece. She had a baby last summer.

Jeanne Hilferty



Rex Ryan, Luci Ryan, Christine Johnson, Troy Graham

Trip to St Louis Bowling Tournament

By Christine Johnson

Four of us flew to St. Louis, MO, on Tuesday, April 29, for a bowling tournament, and on Wednesday, we went to the Gateway Arch for our enjoyment. It is a 630 foot tall building where you can view all the beautiful sights.

On Thursday, I went to Bowlero to practice at the bowling alley and see old and new friends. It was an excellent opportunity to catch up on all the news.

Friday and Saturday had bowling events that included singles/doubles, Handicapped Classics, Senior Citizen Classics, and group teams. It's called the Southwest Deaf Bowling Association, which has tournaments for the best score. Lower scores will get an award and money. There were 20 teams on that day including deaf people and even more fans.

Unfortunately, the weather was cold and rainy, but we had a blast.

Izzy Dolls

Jan Dermon continues to knit more dolls. So far, she has made twenty!



These two dolls are for a special person. They are adorable and fun to create, and she mentioned that making them can be pretty addictive!

Ann Hornbeak's
Beautiful,
Colorful
Hat!



Please note that we will begin hosting Game Day on May 28th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Everyone is invited. If you plan to attend, please get in touch with **Deborah Daniels**. We will meet in the Staff Lounge for the games.



We sympathize with Kathy Laws in memory of her father,
Leonard David Ransonette,
11/9/38—4/17/25.



July 12, August 16, Sept 13
Field Trips (TBA)

- NRG Stadium Tour
- Brookwood Café and Shopping
- Audubon's Birds of America at Houston Museum of Natural Science
- The Health Museum
- Amazing Body Gallery or Reclaimed Creations Exhibit

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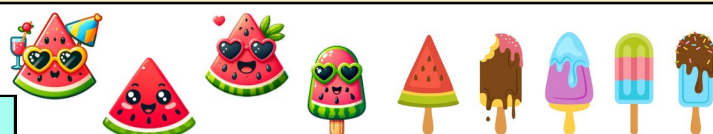


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Social at MMSC—2025

1475 W Gray St

Houston, TX

9:00 AM—3:00 PM

July — TBA October 8

August 13 November 12

September 10 December 10



Mark Your Field Trip Dates—2025

July 12

August 16

September 13

October 4

November 15

December 20



Tidbits Newsletter

Renewals: Suzy Cooke, Denis Tucker

New Subscribers: Gloria Bulgherini

Send some news, your trip, an announcement (newborn baby, birthday, anniversary, craft, obituary, and color photos to me before or on **15th day of each month**. Thanks!

Jan Dermon Editor of HDSCLF Tidbits

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