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Sweethearts Day

On Valentine's Day we had a wonderful time at Metropolitan Multi-Service Center (MMSC) – Social gathering; brief meeting; field trip announcement; making own submarine sandwiches; watching closed captioned movie, “Lady and Tramp II;” and most of us wore red – the photo taken below.



Photograph by Judy Becker & Jan Derman



For the life enrichment program, Huda “Shay” Shalkh and her assistant, Nichole Franklin-Jones presented “Domestic Violence among Older Adults.” We learned about several kinds of abuse, bad behaviors, revenge, wrong accusations, and much more. Besides the interpreting service provided by University of Houston, students took turns to interpret for about five minutes each. Ms. Mizzi and Sharon Hill were ASL instructors. They did an amazing job.

Wrote by Jim Derman



San Felipe de Austin

HDSCLF Field Trip
February 9, 2018



Front Row: William Lambert, Interpreter Hannah, Interpreter Merry, Doina Langham, Janie Morales, Delma Long, Ann Hornbeak, Debbie Lokey, Christine Johnson

Back Row: Tommy Langham, Jan Dermon, Jim Dermon, Dennis Smith, Virendra Desai

Interesting information about this coin...this one-bit section of a Spanish 8 reales coin was discovered during archeological investigations in 2009. It was common in the 17th and 18th centuries for users to "make change" by cutting the coins into smaller denominations. One bit would be valued at 1/8th of a dollar, or 12.5 cents.



Yummy—Yummy—Yummy

We had our lunch at Dozier's BBQ at Fulshear, TX...mouthwatering taste of good ol' Texas barbeque. This grocery and market store has been cooking on the pit and in the smokehouse since 1957. It is located just outside Houston. Tommy Langham remembers this place and often went to have lunch when he was a boy a long time ago. He said the place doesn't change a bit.



On the way back home, we stopped for ice cream at Dairy Queen.



Wrote/Photograph by Jim/Jan Dermon

REMINDER



March 14, 2018

Positive Interaction Program

"Active Shooter Updates"

An interpreter provided.

10:00 am – 11:00 am



HOUgo Cards Game

Five \$40 teams winning

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

MMSC, 1475 W. Gray St., Houston

Waco

March 10, 2018

Please meet at **6:00 am**

Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church
9920 Long Point Rd, Houston

Bus leaves at 6:30 am

Contact: Jim Dermon - VP 936.828.4013

Husband Learns to Drive at Age 79 So He Can Take His Wife to the Doctor

Updated: Feb 22, 2018

By Jaclyn Anglis

It's always a big moment when someone learns to drive for the first time. But this story about a 79-year-old man finally passing his driver's test has an especially heartwarming twist.

A British man named Keith Limbert took driving lessons as a young man, but never got around to doing the test. For a long time, he didn't have to; his beloved wife Anne did all the driving for most of their 58-year marriage. But when Anne, also 79, had a stroke in 2015, she was no longer able to drive. On top of that, she also began to develop other health issues, such her breast cancer diagnosis more than a year ago. So her devoted Keith finally got behind the wheel again — just to chauffeur his wife.



"My wife drove me around for 40 years," he said. "She passed first time in 1972, and I didn't know how good I had it."

Although Keith has fond memories of his beloved wife driving him around, he's more than happy to take up the important responsibility that she held for decades — especially to take her to see the doctor and visit the hospital.

"She has looked after me long enough and I think it's about time for me to look after her now," he said. "I owe her."

But this isn't to say the newly minted driver is only using his skills for mandatory travel; Keith also takes his wife out for a spin every day, just for fun. Sometimes they visit a garden center, and other times they simply park the car and "watch the world go by."

Is there anything more romantic than that?

<http://www.womansworld.com/posts/husband-learns-to-drive-for-wife-153809>



Celebrating
35
Years

Remembering the Past & Envisioning the Future



September 28, 1988
Happy 5th Anniversary
Deaf Senior Citizens

Photograph by Evelyn Autry

September 23, 1998 The Houston Deaf Senior Citizen Group celebrated their 15th year together. There were about 65 people. A spaghetti luncheon was served. The group was so generous with all the food that was brought. We had a surprised visitor, Everett Puckett from Nightingale joined us. he brought a beautiful basket filled with coffee mugs, coffee and candy. That was given away. Martha Quinn won the basket from the drawing we had.

Z. X. Curry was honored with a beautiful plaque from the Senior Citizen Group at the 15th year celebration. This plaque was given to him in love and thanks for all of his hard work and efforts to get the Houston group started. He was very happy to get this plaque because all the things that he had received through the years had burned in the fire that they had. the Houston Deaf Senior Citizen group is proud to have Dot and Z.X. Curry as part of our group.

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News of the 25th Anniversary Party

Patsy Walker, chairperson

The party held on November 12, 2008 was a huge success. There were 200+ Senior Citizens attending this event. Many came from Dallas, Austin, LaVista, Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Wichita, KS, and other areas. It was a joy to see so many friends again. Everyone had a great time and loved every minute of the party. Patsy walker, social chairperson, did a great job planning and making sure gym decorated. The meal of BBQ was enjoyed by all, too. The following people received awards for their hard work in this organization for the past 25 years: Nancy Morris, Audrey Leger, Roger Spivey, Lennie Morton, Evelyn Autry, Christine McKinnon, Jack Clifton, Earl Day, Zelma Curbello, Billy Buza, Marie Hays, Z.X. Curry, Patsy Walker, Menefee Holdren, and Mary Chimelak.



30th Anniversary Awards Luncheon

Patsy Walker, chairperson

There were 200+ joining our 30th celebration with a wonderful program including a delicious luncheon and entertainment by Brian & Jackie Kilpatrick as well as a presentation of four awards in an appreciation for their dedicated lives and contributions toward HDSCCLF as follows: Z. X. Curry, Evelyn Autry, Estelle Cameron, and Menefee Holdren.



Sparkling Deaf Red Hat Ladies' Birthday Luncheon

On January 20, the Sparkling Red Hatters met at the Olive Garden Restaurant in Friendswood to celebrate birthdays for 3 beautiful ladies, Beverly Cruzan, Michelle Smith and Queen Lulu Radwanski. We had a great time and our waiter was awesome! The other ladies that were there were Vice Queen Judy Becker, Jackie Kilpatrick, Judy Lorenz, Dana Glasscock, and Yvonne Butler. Our photographer Judy Becker had our awesome waiter take our photo! We all shared 3 slices of delicious cake together. Several waiters came to sing happy birthday at the same time that we ladies signed. That was COOL!!!! We had no event in February and we may not have an event in March for our Sparkling Red Hat Ladies. We will have an event in April, stay tuned to see what we will do then.

Wrote by Yvonne Butler



Valentine's Day Dinner

We had our date at the Goode Company Seafood Restaurant as having cocktails and wonderful meals, and sharing delicious pecan pie. We enjoyed the evening on the Happy Valentine's Day.

Wrote by Thomas/Doina Langham



Ducks

Three women die together in an accident and go to heaven. When they get there, St. Peter says, "We only have one rule here in heaven: don't step on the ducks!"

So they enter heaven, and sure enough, there are ducks all over the place. It is almost impossible not to step on a duck, and although they try their best to avoid them, the first woman accidentally steps on one.

Along comes St. Peter with the ugly man she ever saw. St. Peter chains them together and says, "Your punishment for stepping on a duck is to spend eternity chained to this ugly man!"

The next day, the second woman accidentally steps on a duck and along comes St. Peter, who doesn't miss a thing. With him is another extremely ugly man. He chains them together with the same admonishment as for the first woman. The third woman has observed all this and, not wanting to be chained for all eternity to an ugly man, is very, VERY careful where she steps.

She manages to go months without stepping on any ducks, but one day St. Peter comes up to her with the most handsome man she has ever laid eyes on ... very tall, long eyelashes, muscular, and thin.

St. Peter chains them together without saying a word. The happy woman says, "I wonder what I did to deserve being chained to you for all of eternity?"

The guy says, "I don't know about you, but I stepped on a duck!"

Submitted by Nancy Morris



Saint Patrick

(Credit: Archive Photos/
Getty Images)

Who Was Saint Patrick?

By History.com Staff, 2009

Publisher: A+E Networks

St. Patrick's Day occurs annually on March 17 in observance of the death of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. What began as a religious feast day in the 17th century has evolved into a variety of festivals across the globe celebrating Irish culture with parades, special foods, music, dancing, and a whole lot of green.

St. Patrick: Taken Prisoner by Irish Raiders

It is known that St. Patrick was born in Britain to wealthy parents near the end of the fourth century. He is believed to have died on March 17, around 460 A.D. Although his father was a Christian deacon, it has been suggested that he probably took on the role because of tax incentives and there is no evidence that Patrick came from a particularly religious family. At the age of 16, Patrick was taken prisoner by a group of Irish raiders who were attacking his family's estate. They transported him to Ireland where he spent six years in captivity. (There is some dispute over where this captivity took place. Although many believe he was taken to live in Mount Slemish in County Antrim, it is more likely that he was held in County Mayo near Killala.) During this time, he worked as a shepherd, outdoors and away from people. Lonely and afraid, he turned to his religion for solace, becoming a devout Christian. (It is also believed that Patrick first began to dream of converting the Irish people to Christianity during his captivity.)

Did You Know?

St. Patrick was born in Britain and lived there until he was a teenager.

St. Patrick: Guided By Vision

After more than six years as a prisoner, Patrick escaped. According to his writing, a voice—which he believed to be God's—spoke to him in a dream, telling him it was time to leave Ireland.

To do so, Patrick walked nearly 200 miles from County Mayo, where it is believed he was held, to the Irish coast. After escaping to Britain, Patrick reported that he experienced a second revelation—an angel in a dream tells him to return to Ireland as a missionary. Soon after, Patrick began religious training, a course of study that lasted more than 15 years. After his ordination as a priest, he was sent to Ireland with a dual mission: to minister to Christians already living in Ireland and to begin to convert the Irish. (Interestingly, this mission contradicts the widely held notion that Patrick introduced Christianity to Ireland.)

St. Patrick: Bonfires and Crosses

Familiar with the Irish language and culture, Patrick chose to incorporate traditional ritual into his lessons of Christianity instead of attempting to eradicate native Irish beliefs. For instance, he used bonfires to celebrate Easter since the Irish were used to honoring their gods with fire. He also superimposed a sun, a powerful Irish symbol, onto the Christian cross to create what is now called a Celtic cross, so that veneration of the symbol would seem more natural to the Irish. Although there were a small number of Christians on the island when Patrick arrived, most Irish practiced a nature-based pagan religion. The Irish culture centered around a rich tradition of oral legend and myth. When this is considered, it is no surprise that the story of Patrick's life became exaggerated over the centuries—spinning exciting tales to remember history has always been a part of the Irish way of life.

<http://www.history.com/topics/st-patricks-day/who-was-saint-patrick>

Future Plans – 2018

Activities

Ringin New Year	January 10
Sweethearts Day	February 14
Pajamas Breakfast	March 14
Spirit of Aloha.....	April 11
Wacky Hat Contest	May 09
Backyard Fun	June 13
Red, White & Blue Celebration	July 11
Domino Tournament	August 08
Deaf Carnival	Tentative
Monster Mask Contest	October 10
Giving Thanks Potluck	November 14
Annual Holiday Luncheon	December 12

Field Trips

Houston—Museum District.....	January 12
San Felipe, Fulshear & Brookshire	February 09
Waco.....	March 10
Hempstead.....	April 07
Beaumont.....	May 05
Alvin - Santa Fe.....	June 09
Katy.....	July 14
La Grange	September 13
Fort Smith / Branson CANCELLED	October 01-05
Houston.....	November 10

(Tentative)



Disney's
SPIRIT OF ALOHA

April 11, 2018

9:00 am – 10:00 am: Social/Brief Meeting

10:00 am – 11:00 am: Hula Show



11:00 am – 1:00 pm: Hawaiian Lunch

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm: TBA

Hempstead – \$10 April 7, 2018

Liendo Plantation



Bluebonnet Herb Farm



Lunch



Blue Heron Goat Farm



Sign up on March 14th

Please meet at 8:00 am

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Deaf Citizens. Thank you again for
your kindness.



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HDSCFLF MEETING/SOCIAL

@ Metropolitan Multi-Service Ctr.
1475 W. Gray St.
Houston, TX 77019

HDSCFLF Meeting/Event/Social
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from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

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