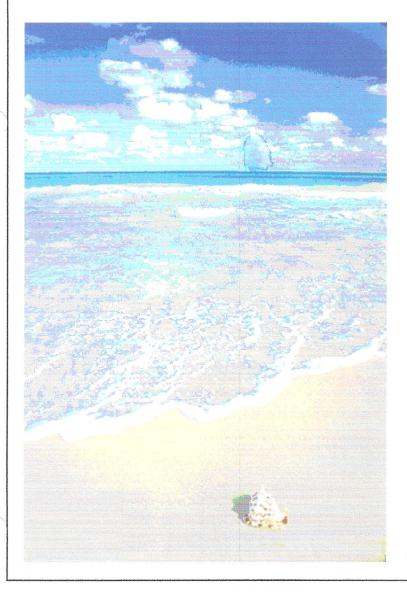
# **Houston Deaf Senior Citizens**

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Issue 8





#### August

Thinking upon the present summer and
Things we wish we knew.

We sit and think in time
Of wonderful memories so few.
We laid upon the beaches shore,
Tho water was so blue.
Remember how our family would
adore

The things we use to do.
Shriving for improvement
So the summer we see again.
Giving thanks for having
The value of a friend.
Wishing for redemption,
That our troubles will mend.
Just hoping for the summer not come to a bad end.

by E.L.M.



#### From the Editor:

Thank you for your attention.

Dear Houston Deaf Senior Citizens & Friends:

Houston
Deaf
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Citizens
Newsletter

We have two separate accounts at two different banks for <u>Houston Deaf Senior Citizens</u> Newsletter and Love Fund. When some of you made out one check for both renewal newsletter

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Curbello's address. (See below). Also please DO NOT MAIL CASH.

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#### Flash News for next field trip Liberty, TX – August 8, 2003 (Friday)

and donation to Love Fund. We have a problem about deposits. So from now on we would be

appreciate that when you want to pay for renewal and donate to Love Fund the same time, please make out two separate checks, one to HDSC Newsletter and another one to Love Fund.

Mail separate checks: SC Newsletter to Frank Shaw's address and Love Fund to Zelma

Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will meet at Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray by 8 AM. The bus will depart no later than 8:30 AM. The group will visit Sam Houston Regional Library, Jean & Price Daniel House, and Geraldine D. Humphrey Cultural Center. There will be no charge, but donations would be appreciated.

10:30 AM – Sam Houston Regional Library / Jean & Price Daniel House – approx. 2 hr tour

1 PM - Lunch at Golden Corral

2:30 PM – Geraldine D. Humphrey Cultural Center – approx. 30 min tour

If you are interested in going on the field trip, please contact Audrey Leger at 281-437-6224 before the 7<sup>th</sup>. Come and let's have fun together. See you on 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### Planned field trips for Houston Deaf Senior Citizens for the next four months:

- 1. September 3, 2003 (Wednesday) ~~ San Marcos ~~ to be announced later
- 2. October 10, 2003 (Friday) ~~ Nacogdoches ~~ to be announced later
- 3. November 4, 2003 (Wednesday) ~~ Orange ~~ First Presbyterian Church & museum
- 4. December 12, 2003 (Friday) ~~ Old Spring Town ~~ to be announced later



#### From Zelma Curbello of LOVE FUND:

We wish to thank you for your generous donations to **LOVE FUND:** Arlene Benham, Bonnie Gough, Thelma Jo Hays, William Hebert, Audrey Leger, Pernella Smith, Roger Spivey, Paula Szablowski, I.D. & Floyd Wicker, and Damon Wright.

Jean & Gene Harkness, thank you for your thoughtful donations to LOVE FUND IN MEMORY OF HAZEL PACE

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Anyone who wishes to donate \$\$\$ to LOVE FUND should please make a 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 SENIOR CITIZEN MEMBER:** Welcome to our new member: Doris Williams

NEW SUBSCRIBER: Welcome to our new subscriber: Gracia Lorello

**RENEWALS:** Thank you for your renewal: Ora Lee Bolton, Patsy Covington, Audrey Edgley, M/M William A. Floerke, Bonnie Gough, Virginia Lee Horton, Hannelore K. Khoury, Dudley & Joyce Mansell, James & Nadine Moore, Jeanette P. Mortzfeldt, P. Aaron Theriot, Loyd R. Williams, and Robert J. Wood.

#### THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Friends.

Thank you very much for your donation to Love Fund for our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

All our love, Gertie & Travis Sessions

The family of Helen Padgett acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind of expression of sympathy:

Dear Senior Citizens,

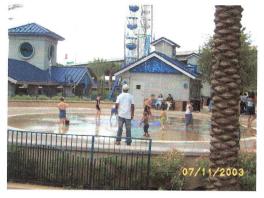
We do want to thank you for sending us a beautiful basket of flowers, (pink and white carnations with a pink bow), and also for your thoughtfulness and prayers for our mother, Helen. God bless you all richly!

With our love, Jeanette, Elizabeth and Pauline

# Houston Area Field Trip

July 11, 2003

The group of Senior Citizens went to the Downtown Aquarium in the morning and rode a train through an acrylic tunnel right to the center of the enormous shark tank, providing them with an up-close view of these amazing animals. The 200,000-gallon Shark Voyage is home to a variety of different shark species from the Pacific Ocean and Caribbean. Then inside the building we saw the Aquarium and Adventure Exhibit. There are many beautiful, colorful fishes and some are odd fishes. We had lunch at the Marina Matinee Café at the Downtown Aquarium and were amazed to watch several different short movies while we ate. That afternoon we toured the Houston Maritime Museum, and we also were amazed to see many unique handcrafted boats. We all had a good time.



Water Fountain --- kids had a great time Playing under the sprinkles to cool off.



Sea Turtle & fishes

### Rare Blue Lip Fish Looks like lipstick



#### Houston Maritime Museum

HISTORY OF THE MUSEUM — Founder James L. Manzolillo has had a life-long association with the ocean. A naval architect who has traveled extensively, Manzolillo came to believe that the artifacts acquired as a result of his visiting countless countries throughout the world were meant to be shared. He also recognized the need for a maritime museum in Houston. Hence, in November, 2000, the Houston Maritime Museum was born.

#### www.houstonmaritimemuseum.org



Those handcrafted models are beautiful.
That's amazing!
If you are interested in the historical, come to the Houston
Maritime Museum at 2204 Dorrington, south of Holcombe and one block east of Greenbriar.





## July Birthdays & Anniversaries



Anniversaries

Joan & Homer West July 5, 1963

> Lennie & Joe Morton July 20, 1941



#### Birthdays



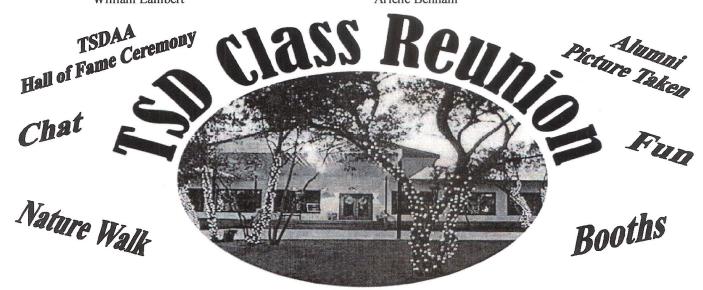
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Mail to: TSDAA, C/o Sandra Barnes-Smith, P. O. Box 3106, Austin, TX 78764-3106



#### August 1, 2003 (Saturday)



**FRAT** will have a meeting and luncheon Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

#### August 1, 2003 (Friday)



ASL Social at Willowbrook Mall at Food Court, Highway 249 at FM 1960 West, Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup> from 5 PM to 9 PM. Please e-mail to contact Roger Spivey at <a href="mailto:spivey39@ev1.net">spivey39@ev1.net</a>.

Directions: From HWY 249 north, pass S. Gessner, and exit on FM 1960. The mall is at the corner of HWY 249 and FM 1960 West.

#### August 5, 2003 (Tuesday)



**Positive Interaction Program (PIP)** will be held on Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at Woodhaven Deaf Baptist Church at 9920 Long Point at 7 PM. Refreshments will be served. Interpreter & captioning will be provided. Come and join with them.

#### August 8, 2003 (Friday)



Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will have a field trip in Liberty. Please be at **Metropolitan Multi-Service Center** at 1475 West Gray, Houston at 8 AM. Let's join us and enjoy ourselves. (See editor page 2, for more information).

#### August 13, 2003 (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!

#### August 21, 2003 (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.

#### August 27, 2003 (Wednesday)



Houston Senior Citizens will have a meeting at **Metropolitan Multi-Service Center** at 1475 West Gray, Houston from 9 AM to 1 PM. Come and enjoy chatting with friends!

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#### **News from Billie Holloway**

Hi Everyone, Tom and I both are doing pretty good. We go and visit doctors whenever we get an appointment. Tom had 4<sup>th</sup> skin cancer operation, and is doing well.

We had our first great-granddaughter last January 30, 2002. While her parents went to work we baby-sat her. We grew to cherish her.

Tom and I traveled to Arkansas with our daughter, Beverly and son, Darrell to see our granddaughter, Sandy Reynolds graduate from Arkansas School for the Deaf May 30<sup>th</sup>. She was Class Valedictorian and we are very proud of her successful. *Love to all, Tom & Billie* 

#### Annie McFadden: by Betty Tefler

She had a heart problem recently. She had heart surgery at St Luke Hospital in early of July. She stayed there for about two weeks, but now she's at home with her grandmother. She is doing OK.

#### 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at La. School for the Deaf: by Audrey Leger

Louisiana School for the Deaf Alumni Association did a great job of planning the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the school campus from June 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> a meeting, social, tour old and new school campus and banquet. I went there and met many old friends and enjoyed chatting with them, although as I didn't get a chance to chat long with some of them. I also met some people who live in Texas that graduated from La. School for the Deaf. We were stunned that 486 people had attended there on Saturday. That was amazing! We had great time at the banquet and dance, too. Some of them got the awards for hard work for 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, etc. Hazel Pauline (Bienvenu) Wood got the honor of Hall of Fame for her recognition of hard work, Athletic Director/PE teaching Supervisor, several officers of the organizations, and support of some deaf community including a Hospice volunteer. Her husband Ed, family and parents including her "aunt", Pearl Lauve are very proud of her. Unfortunately her sisters, Jo and MJ, had important business that they were unable to postpone and unable to make it to honor her, but Pauline has their congratulations. They also are proud of her....*Congratulations Pauline! Audrey* 

#### News by P. Aaron Theriot

We are doing OK, and I still am working at the Metro Bingo. I have been working all my life and do not know how to retire yet. Gracie goes to the Braille class two days weekly, and she enjoys learning. I went to the library and noticed a large note. I read and thought it's funny, then I copied and sent it to the Houston News. (See below)

While working in the library at a university, I was often shocked by the excesses students would use to get out of paying their fees for overdue books.

One evening an older student returned two books that were way overdue and threw a fit over the "outrageous" \$2.00 fee that I asked her to pay. I tried to explain how much she owed for each day, but she insisted she should be exempt. "You don't understand," she blurted out, "I did not even read them!" It is all day's work. Your friend, Aaron & Gracie

#### **Grandson by James & Lavern Fair**

Our 13 years old grandson, Mickey, is a baseball player. That's our daughter, Donna Myers' son. We went to Boerne, TX to watch him played the baseball game last June. His team won the South State Champion, and also won the World Series in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma last week (the week of July 14 – 18). We grandparents are proud of him.

#### News by Janice Caraway (Christine McKinnon's daughter)

On June 26, 2003, approximately 100+ deaf/hard of hearing people from various cities and states and 6 interpreters, boarded the Carnival Ship "Celebration" for the 2003 TAD Convention. We sailed to Cozumel, Mexico. We arrived at Cozumel on Saturday morning, only to be drenched from the rains that Tropical storm Bill was leaving as it passed by. Some of us did get off of the ship and take the Atlantis Submarine ride and it was beautiful down below. The scuba and snorkeling tours were canceled due to the weather. But even with the storm and the ship doing quite a bit of rocking, we all had a very good time. There was an "Ultimate survivor" contest and the names of 4 deaf people were drawn, Lorena Bubeck, Julie Spaulding, and Janice & Wayne Southwell, along with 4 names of other passengers on board the ship. It was a lot of fun and I really was proud of how the other passengers realized that the deaf and the hearing could be involved in a game and have a total blast. The last part of the game was being a winner by the clapping and hollering of the audience and Wayne was the final winner and the whole ship yelled with approval. It was great. The floor shows were awesome. The employees of the ship were so attentive and really tried hard to be able to communicate with the deaf. This was the first time that they have had an actual group of hearing impaired passengers and had interpreters for the different shows, and they were so impressed and were eager to make everyone feel comfortable.

TTY's, Closed Caption TV, devices for the door so that the light would flash if someone was knocking on your door were provided to each of the rooms. They went out of their way to be sure everyone was comfortable and had everything that they needed. Pagers were provided to the interpreters, in case of an emergency, an interpreter would be notified.

I think that everyone had a wonderful time. I know that my mother, Christine McKinnon, Allan & Lorena Bubeck, William & Evelyn Floerke, William & Jeanette Turnham, Joyce Adams, James & Julie Spaulding, Travis & Gertie Sessions, Wayne & Janice Southwell, and so other many names to mention had a wonderful time.

All of our appreciation goes to Jean Wolff of A & M Travel Service for all of her hard work over the last 2 years to make everything come together and being sure that all of the details were worked out and everyone had a good time.

#### **News by Faye Sims**

My mother, Gladys Walker Lester, 94 years old, passed away Thursday, July 3, 2003. We viewed the body at Rush Funeral Home in Oakdale, Louisiana. In about an hour later, the nursing home reported my uncle, 90 years old, died. Both my mother and her brother passed away 26 hours and 15 minutes apart. On Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup> there was a double funeral. Their caskets stood a few feet apart in the Pentecostal church, and they buried in the same lot in Oakdale, LA.

My mother had been very sick, and she was bedridden for a long time. Uncle lived in the nursing home for about two years. The last few weeks, he was in Alexandria (Louisiana) hospital, and he had Parkinson's disease and the cancer had spread throughout his body. He was sent back to the nursing home one week before he died there. By the way, mother left 10 children, and uncle never had any child.

#### Joan & Lewis Stovall by Carol Cragnan

On Thursday, July 17, 2003, Joan & Lewis Stovall had a bad accident on the way to somewhere. Lewis was not hurt, but bruised and scratch. Joan is in a bad shape. She had five ribs broken, collarbone, shoulder blade, cervix all broken, and one lung collapsed. She was rushed to the hospital in Fort Worth and in the ICU. On July 18<sup>th</sup> we received the news that Joan is much better and alert. She knows about the accidents and remembers. They probably will move her to a regular room on Sunday, the 20<sup>th</sup>. Lewis is staying with his daughter. Joan will have long term care at the facility for an extensive physical therapy.

Tell you how it happened. Here is the story---Lewis and Joan had stopped for gas and were getting ready to get back on the highway so they had to turn left out of the gas station to stop. Lewis said he saw 2 cars coming on the other lane buy the 18-wheeler, but I guess Joan only saw 1 car and thought it was clear so she pulled out to turn. The other car hit them on her side and they rolled over. Sounds like the 18-wheeler was partially blocking her view of the other lane.

#### Alexandria Association of the Deaf, Inc: by Audrey Leger

AAD (Alexandria Association of the Deaf, Inc) in Louisiana planned the annual picnic on Saturday, July 19, 2003 at Chicot State Park East Landing near Ville Platte, La. The members of AAD always plan to have a picnic every year and this time it was 31<sup>st</sup> annual. There was a large crowd of people. There were good prizes of 8 TVs and other stuff including the raffles to win the money. I went down there with Paula Szablowski and Roger Spivey. We met William Hebert and a few others from Texas there and enjoyed seeing old friends again. Roger was the lucky one who won the last prize, 27-inch TV. He gave it to his girl, Paula. We got back home very late Saturday night. We were exhausted, but had a great time.

#### UPS TO SETTLE IN DEAF WORKERS' SUIT: Houston Chronicle, July 22, 2003

#### 'Deliverer will provide interpreting and monitor promotions'

Oakland, Calif.—United Parcel Service will pay \$10 million and ensure deaf employees and applicants full access to workplace safety information and promotion opportunities under a proposed settlement of a classaction lawsuit.

The agreement, which includes \$4 million for plaintiffs attorneys, ends a trial of a class-action lawsuit claiming UPS, the nation's fourth-largest private employer, discriminated against over 900 current and former hearing-impaired workers.

"I'm hopeful that deaf employees will not be held back anymore," Babaranti Oloyede, one of the plaintiffs, said through an interpreter.

In a trial that began in April, hearing-impaired plaintiffs testified that they were routinely excluded from workplace information, denied opportunities for promotion and exposed to unsafe conditions because of lack of accommodation by the company.

"I've been working there for 12 years now, and for all those years UPS didn't provide interpreters, a telephone for emergency news, closed captioning training videotapes or emergency signals like flashing lights," said Oloyede, 45, who works in UPS' Oakland office. "We had many meetings, like a meeting about anthrax, and I didn't have an interpreter, so I didn't know what was going on."

Officials denied discriminating against hearing-impaired employees and on Monday said UPS has tried to accommodate deaf and hard-of-hearing employees.

"UPS has long been a positive work environment for those with disabilities and we're proud of our record thus far," said Peggy Gardner, spokeswoman for the Atlanta-based Company. "We feel the measures called for in the settlement are only going to make a positive work environment even better."

Plaintiffs' lawyers disagreed; saying UPS was forced into the settlement by its cavalier attitude toward the disabled workers.

"Their defense was basically that deaf people should be happy to have a job," attorney Todd Schneider said. "I was shocked, the court was shocked, and that's why we settled."

The proposed settlement requires court approval after notice is distributed throughout the country and a fairness hearing is held.

Under the proposed settlement, UPS would create a system to track promotions and make changes to ensure that deaf employees and job applicants have access to certified interpreters. The company would also provide text telephones and vibrating pagers to alert deaf employees to emergency evacuations. The settlement also includes \$100,000 for a monitoring program.

The settlement resolves all issues in the case except for UPS' policy precluding deaf people from any driving positions. The U.S. Postal Service permits deaf employees who have demonstrated safe driving skills to operate some delivery vehicles. That issue will be resolved in court.







Gloria Evangeline Slates, 68, was born on January 6, 1935, in Houston, TX. She was a resident of Faith Memorial Nursing Home in Pasadena, TX for the past 7 years, where she passed from this life into glory on July 11, 2003. Gloria is survived by her son, David Lavon Brewer and wife Wanda of Spring Hill, Florida and grandchildren Adam and Stacy; her sisters, Menefee Holdren and Lucille Koehl; her niece, Kathleen Benbrook; nephews, Rick Holdren and David Dudley; special friend, Birch Blaylock; special nurses, Von Masters and Jennifer Wilson.

Service of Remembrance was held Monday, July 14, 2003 at 10 AM at Christ Lutheran Church, 6603 Uvalde Street, Houston, TX. Pastor Todd Dittloff officiated at the service. Interment was held at Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery under the direction of L. A. Crespo Funeral Directors of Baytown, TX.

**Iva Mildred Eastman Barnett, 89,** of Austin passed away on Monday, July 14, 2003. Mrs. Barnett was born in Junction, TX on September 5, 1913, and after moving to Austin, graduated from the Texas School for the Deaf in 1933. She married Hoyett Barnett in 1934. He preceded her in death.

Wherever Mildred lived she was active in the Southern Baptist Conference for the Deaf. Her career consisted of working for the TEA, the banking industry, and finally retiring from the IRS at the age of 80. She was named "Dear Woman of the Year" for the Southwest District of the United States in 1979.

She is survived by three sons, Charles, Bobby and Larry Barnett, three grandchildren, one great-grandchild and a sister, Angeline Eastman West.

Visitation hours were from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Wednesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at Wilke-Clay-Fish Funeral Home. Graveside services were held at 10:30 AM on Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at Cook Walden/Capital Memorial Park Cemetery in Pfugerville, TX.

Memorials may be made to TSD Foundation, 1102 So. Congress, Austin, TX 78704.

Mary Dartez, 68, passed away from a massive heart attack and bleeding ulcer on July 13, 2003 in Ben Taub hospital. She had many health problems for a long time. Social Worker took care of Mary's husband, Jerry and arrangements—Mary was cremated. Jerry is moving to Georgia.

#### GOD

God is like Ford - He has a better idea.

God is like Coke - He's the real thing.

God is like Pan Am – He makes the going great.

God is like Alka Seltzer - Try Him, you'll like Him.

God is like Bayer Aspirin – He takes the pain away.

God is like Tide – He gets out of the stains that others leave behind.

God is like Frosted Flakes - He's grrrrreat!

God is like American express - Don't leave home without Him.

God is like Hallmark Cards – He cared enough to send the very best!

Submitting by Gertie Sessions, Taken from 'Daily Guide Posts'

#### LAUGHTER, THE BEST MEDICINE

"FOUR STAGES OF SENILITY" by Bob Hope

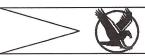
1<sup>st</sup> Stage, You forget "Names"

2<sup>nd</sup> Stage, You forget "Faces"

3<sup>rd</sup> Stage, You forget to "Zip Up"

4th Stage, You forget to "Zip Down"









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