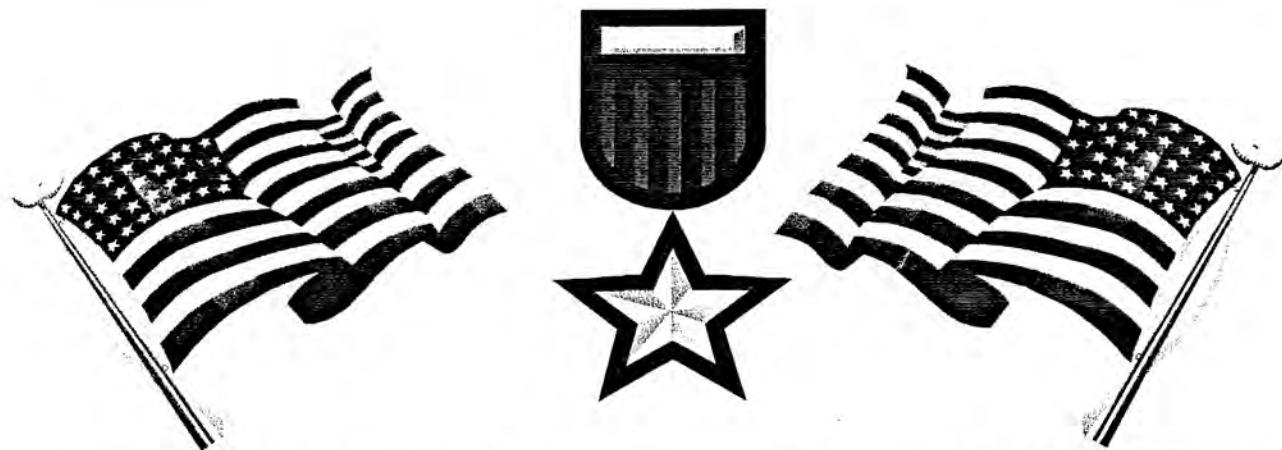


# Houston Deaf Senior Citizens

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USA  
**Have a Nice  
Memorial Day!**

From  
Mary Redman and The Staff of  
H.D.S.C. Newsletter

Before your enjoyment day, it  
would be nice if we could take a few  
minutes to think or pray  
in memory of  
Our honored dead  
who die for our country.  
We love the United States of  
America!!



**From the Editor, Frank Shaw:**

It is sad to lose our dear friend, David Steward who was passed away on April 9, 2000. Our sympathy goes to his family.

We had an Easter party on April 12, 2000. It was amazing to see these senior citizens who were brave warriors to show up during severe thunderstorm at that morning. Later more people attended the party when the rain stopped. They brought plenty of refreshments. The lucky ones who won door prizes were Eugene and Opal Piercy, Lanier Page, Dinah Anderson, and Audrey Wright. I would like to applaud Zelma Curbello, Dinah Anderson, Audrey Wright, Thelma Jo Hays and Nellie Bishop for doing a great job of putting all the refreshments in order.

Another appreciation goes to Maurice Ford for doing a great job of making beautiful birthday and anniversary banners. He has volunteered many times for our Senior Citizen events, to make sure that the events come out great.

You are very welcome to share any of your favorite and delicious recipés. We will be more than happy to print them on the newsletter.

The SC Newsletter team is hungry for your news. Please send any news or information that you wish to share with other Senior Citizens by mail, fax or e-mail. Mail to: Houston Deaf Senior Citizen, ~~944 Parkshire Drive~~, Houston, TX ~~77069-2287~~; fax to ~~(281) 630-7646~~ or ~~(713) 781-4576~~, or email to ~~hscnews@yahoo.com~~.

The **deadline** for sending news is the **18<sup>th</sup> of each month**. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

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**To the editor:**

Dear Editor:

Congratulations on the improvements to the SC Newsletter. We always enjoy reading the various news and articles in the newsletters. Please keep up the good work. ***Sent in by Vernon and Joan Pate.***

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**From C.R.R.:**

Career and Recovery Resources, Inc (CRR) provides instructions in Adult Basic Education for all levels of learners. CRR uses state-of-the art computers as part of their instructional system. All instructors are fluent in ASL. Please contact ~~Katie Adglo~~ at ~~(832) 754-7042~~ (TTY) for more information.

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# Deaf History

## A Father, A Son, And A University: How Gallaudet University Came To Be

By Karen Hansen-Clifton



Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet was the founder of Connecticut Asylum for the Education and Instruction of Deaf and Dumb Persons (now is American School for the Deaf). He had his goal to set up a school for deaf children after meeting a deaf girl and went to Europe to learn how to teach deaf children. He brought Laurent Clerc, a deaf French teacher to America. Then he, Mason Cogswell and Laurent Clerc started the school in Hartford, Connecticut. Thomas Gallaudet married to a deaf woman, Sophia Fowler who was a student at the school.



Edward Miner Gallaudet (1837-1917), son of Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet and Sophia Fowler Gallaudet, liked deaf people but was not interested in becoming a teacher and preferred to be a businessman and get rich. After graduating from high school, he worked as a banker. Bored with the job of a banker, he decided to go to college. The principal of the Connecticut Asylum asked Edward to teach at the asylum when the principal learned that Edward went to Trinity College nearby. Edward accepted the offer as a part time teacher while enrolled at Trinity.

Edward also found teaching boring and wanted something better to do. He wanted to be recognized. He remembered his father talked about a college for deaf students. The other teachers liked the idea, but starting a college required a lot of money, which they did not have. Amos Kendall, who established the Columbia Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind in Washington D.C. hired Edward to be in charge of the school. The school campus was called "Kendall Green".



College Dream: During the American Civil War, Union soldiers set up a military camp on Kendall Green. This did not stop Gallaudet from pursuing his dream of setting up a college for deaf students. He wrote a bill and presented to the U.S. Congress for the Columbia Institution to become a college. Some of the senators and representatives disagreed with the bill. They did not think deaf people could go to college. Even Amos Kendall was skeptical.

Two Deaf soldiers, one who fought for the Union army and the other a Confederate, were each sent out to spy on the opposing army. They met each other and realized each of them was deaf. They chatted while waiting for the captain's return. When the captain saw them talking to each other, he assumed they were exchanging military secrets. They were arrested and brought to trial. The captain appealed to President Lincoln. At this time President Lincoln was preparing to sign the charter to found the Columbia Institution college program. He responded that the two Deaf soldiers showed the true meaning of brotherhood, a concept that the war completely destroyed. The school was later renamed Gallaudet College after Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet, Edward's father who helped start Deaf education in America.

In 1986, Gallaudet College was renamed Gallaudet University through an Act of Congress.

**Rest in Peace**



**OBITUARIES**

**Thomas Wayne Case**, age 65 of San Marcos, died on Friday of March 17, 2000, unexpectedly. He left behind to cherish his memories, his loving wife, Mary Susan Wernimont-Case and his children. Also surviving Thomas are a host of friends all of whom to Thomas were like his family. Thomas was born October 27, 1934 to George and Ada Daugherty Case in Deckher, Indiana. He was known for his love of the outdoors, riding his motorcycle and his miniature cars of collection. By occupation, he was a truck driver, a job he really enjoyed. He was a resident at LaVista Retirement Center in San Marcos, TX.

**L.W. Castleberry** of 79, a mechanic, from Fort Worth, TX, passed away on March 27, 2000. He was born on October 15, 1920, in Quanah, TX. His remains were buried at Azleland Memorial Park. Survivors are his wife, Beulah Castleberry, sons, Bill Castleberry of Vancouver, Wash., and Larry Castleberry and his wife, Diane of San Angelo, five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and sister, Jessie Silvey of Austin.

**DEAF NEWS**

In early March 2000, California School for the Deaf, Riverside welcomed their new chief Rachel Stone from Maryland. Ms. Stone is the school's first Deaf superintendent in the school's 47-year history. The teachers, students, and parents were very excited to have their first Deaf superintendent. Now they have a renewed hope for the school's future and are very optimistic about drastic improvements to the school's programs. The 500+ deaf students can now look up to one of their own. The students' parents are very excited and know that their education will benefit very much from her since she has so many ideas for the school.

Ms. Stone was most recently an assistant professor of deaf education and assistant coordinator for American Sign Language Program at Western Maryland College.

Our applause goes to Rachel Stone for her great accomplishment that she was selected to lead the school. ***Wish her the best in her new job.***





# NEWS

## AUSTIN NEWS: Sent In By Tennie Sessions

On March 25, 2000 Linea Blomgren, Aline Hoes Foster and Jerry Hassell caught a ride on "Hill Country Flyer", an 1882 steam locomotive pulling the 1920's passenger cars from Cedar Park, the northwestern suburb of Austin to Burnet about 35 miles away. On both ways, they did enjoy watching the scenery through the towns of Leander, Liberty Hill and Bertram. They also spotted many longhorns to make the trip more exciting. At Burnet they browsed in variety of antique and souvenirs shops. Before returning to Austin, they witnessed a very lively and dramatic "shoot-out" between outlaws and sheriff. Dancing all girls were involved, too and much to their surprise all of these girls were gunned down." Travis Association of the Deaf-Senior Citizens (TAD-SC) sponsored the trip on the train covering the expense.

TAD-SC sponsored another trip from Austin to LBJ Ranch on March 29<sup>th</sup>. While riding on a park tour bus, 19 people enjoyed visiting several buildings, including his birthplace, one-room schoolhouse, two restored dog-run cabins used by area pioneers and a huge exhibit hall with many displays. They stopped by a very interesting restaurant, which was packed with many homespun displays on their way back to Austin.

On April 13<sup>th</sup>, 17 TAD-SC members went to Inks Lake State Park, 30 miles northwest of Austin. The parkland that was not affected by the recent drought impressed them. They also saw many colorful ducks and huge black bass swimming in the lake. After that, they stopped at the Bluebonnet Café, a well-known restaurant in Marble Falls. Although the food was very delicious, they were surprised by the low price on the menu - mostly less than \$6. Afterwards, they visited numerous antique shops. On their way back to Austin, they stopped to take a look at Jerry Hassell's lake house. The members who were on the tour were Walter & Betty Allstock (moved from Maryland), Elizabeth Baird, Nita Basham, Glenn Brunson, Vera Butler, Wanda Butler, Mary Case (moved from Arizona), and Jeanette Chatelain (moved from Louisiana). Others were Charles & Danice Dimarco (moved from New York), Ruth Goolsby, Jerry Hassell, Allison Lewter, Janet Morris and Don Williams.

Two trips are planned for Camp Mabry Military Museum in Austin on April 25<sup>th</sup> and a famous brewery and dine out German restaurant in Shiner on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

## Lubbock news sent in by Finice Taylor:

In Shamrock, TX, there was a big celebration of St. Patrick's from March 17-19<sup>th</sup>. Esther Morris (from Frederick, OK), Juanita and I attended the celebration. We went on a tour our former farm 10 miles southwest from Shamrock on Friday morning. The house is no longer there. We thereafter went to see where the late J.C. Morris and his wife, Esther used to farm in Quail, TX. J.C. Morris passed away 3 years ago where his remains were cremated and the ash spread on the farm. Afterwards, we went to Wellington, TX to visit our aunt and several cousins. Then we went back to Shamrock, where on Saturday morning we watched many beautiful St. Patrick's parades. We also went to craft shops to look at many beautiful handmade things. After all the celebrations and fun, we dropped Esther Morris off at her home in Frederick, OK, and returned to our sweet home in Lubbock. We had a great time and very much enjoyed the long trip.

I was born in Shamrock. That is why we always take a trip to Shamrock every year of March 17<sup>th</sup> but sometimes we do miss the trip. I am full Irish (which is why I love to go to the St. Patrick's celebrations). Ha...Ha...

Juanita and I say "Hello" to everybody who knows us. We love you all.

**Houston News:**

**From La Rue Clifton:** LaRue Clifton, her son, Mike and his daughter, Diana; La Rue's daughter, Betty and her daughter went to Pflugerville, north of Austin to visit Jack and his roommate, Alan Pitre. Then we all went to La Rue's nephew, Sean Sundbery's wedding on March 4<sup>th</sup> at Anderson Mill Baptist Church in Austin at 4:00 PM. The groom and the bride went to New York for their honeymoon.

**From Joan West:** On March 7<sup>th</sup> Homer West went to his dentist because of sore mouth and pain. By the time you read this he would have had brand new teeth!

**Sent in by H.M. Collins:** Ruby Garcia found Abel Garcia laying on a ground when he reached out to get a power mower from the shed around 3:00 PM yesterday. He was only 81 year old. It was a fatal heart attack that he died of. A funeral arrangement will be announced soon by their son.

It was quite a shock for everyone to learn of his sudden death. We saw the Garcias at the bowling house in Dallas last Monday. He looked so good and healthy. Never dreamed that he just dropped dead so suddenly by a heart attack.



**Notes:**

**Metropolitan Multi Service Center**, 1475 W. Gray offers free workout gym and aquatics (swim classes). If you are interested in this, call (713) 529-4930 V/TTY.

**Houston Center for Independent Living**, 7000 Regency Square, Suite 160 has received Federal paper work on helping Senior Citizens with

medications they have to take. Contact them to see if you are qualified. Call (713) 974-4621 V/TTY.

**Harris County Tax Office** has set up TTY for your needs for voter register, auto, property tax and "Over 65 Exemption". Receptionist will be happy to help you. Phone number you can call is (713) 755-4214 or direct to Janie McCall @ (713) 755-4218 TTY. Paul Bettencourt is the Tax Collector and Assessor and has been very helpful to deaf and hard of hearing people in the county.

On the weekend of November 17-19, 2000 there will be a big event, **DEAF EXPO 2000**, the world's largest consumer trade show targeted by Deaf and Hard of Hearing market, taking place at the Long Beach Convention Center in Long Beach, CA. The first '**Deaf World in Wax**' museum organized by curator and artisan Don Baer will appear in conjunction with the '**Deaf World History**' display. Also, as many of 100 or more exhibitions are expected in nine categories ranging from Education, Finance, Giftware, Health, and Human Resources to Publications, Recreation, Religion and Technology.

Comedienne Mary Beth Miller from New York will appear in "**How I Came About**", an exploration of the heart of Deaf Culture on Friday evening, November 17<sup>th</sup> at the Long Beach Airport Marriott. Workshops and seminars are planned for both days as well as a Deaf World stage combining a new talk show format with performances, interviews and skits, the Deaf Art Contest for adults and children and the ASL Ranch capital gains fundraising campaign.

Full show information is being made available through an official website at [www.DEAFEXPO.ORG](http://www.DEAFEXPO.ORG) on the Internet. Exhibitor and ticketing ordering options are expected to go on-line in June. For Show information, write to Deaf Expo 2000 at 7712 Lankershim Blvd., North Hollywood, CA 91605-2815 or call the toll-free Deaf Expo 2000 automated Information Request TTY line at 1-877-332-3397 (Voice Relay 1-888-877-5379) or e-mail to [DEAFEXPO@aol.com](mailto:DEAFEXPO@aol.com).

## Justice officials clear the way for policies on serving the deaf

By **LISA TEACHEY**

Houston Chronicle

Under an agreement reached Friday with the Department of Justice, three city agencies will develop ways to improve how police officers, jailers and court employees deal with deaf people.

"The city of Houston should be commended for working with us to develop a set of policies that will serve as a model for other cities around the country," said acting U.S. Assistant Attorney General Bill Lann Lee. "It is vitally important that people who are deaf or hard of hearing are treated fairly by the courts and the criminal justice system in America."

The new policies and procedures were developed after a federal investigation into complaints from a deaf man. He filed a lawsuit against the city alleging Houston police officers and city jailers could not communicate with him.

That lawsuit and a second against the city by another deaf man, who said he couldn't get medical assistance in jail, have been settled for a total of \$130,000.

The city denied the allegations in both complaints.

Under the federal agreement, the Police Department, City Jail and the municipal

courts system will buy telecommunication devices to communicate with hearing impaired and train their staffs to use the equipment.

Specific goals also were outlined for each agency.

The Houston Police Department will implement the following:

- Adopt a new general order instructing officers how to interact with witnesses, victims and suspects who are hearing impaired.
- Require a qualified interpreter be called any time a deaf person who needs one is involved in a major accident, is suspected of a felony, is under arrest, is given an alcohol consumption test or is giving a statement in a case.
- Provide training about the new procedures to all officers above the rank of sergeant and ensure the new general order is discussed with every officer.

The City Jail will:

- Inform all deaf and hard of hearing people under arrest they have a right to hearing aid devices and

services at every step of the criminal justice process.

- Maintain a list of qualified interpreters who can be available within an hour's notice.
- Ensure effective communications between the hearing impaired and medical staff at the jail.

The municipal courts system will:

- Adopt a new written policy guaranteeing hearing aids and services will be available for deaf people involved in court proceedings, including defendants, witnesses, jurors and spectators.
- Provide information about policies regarding the hearing impaired that will be on reminders of court dates, tickets, summonses and all official notices.
- Publish notices in legal periodicals that reach the city's legal community.
- Provide training on the new policies for all judges and court administrators.



**For your information:** ITP (Interpreter Training Program) Department at Houston Community College (HCC) is excited to announce that nineteen (19) police officers just completed their 12-week ASL (American Sign Language) course and received their certificates on April 17, 2000. There will be another 12-week ASL course for new police officers at HCC this summer. *Isn't it great to have those officers knowing sign language in case we, Deaf and hard of hearing, are in crisis?*

**RENEWAL SUBSCRIBERS:** 😊

**Thank you for the renewal:** Bobbie Jo Cheatham, Farette Crocker, Emmett Hall, Norma Hensley, Julia Karam, Billie Moehe, F.H. Morgeson, Shirley Pacetti, Vernon & Joan Pate, Martha Philips, Sue Ramirez, Hazel E. Reed, Mildred Reeves, Frederick Simerka, Kennedy B. Slavin, Ernest Thomas, E. R. Ugate, Tommy Wells, and Alton Young.

**NEW SUBSCRIBERS:** 😊

**Welcome to our new subscribers:** Kenneth & Dinah Burkett, Rob & Janice Caraway and Sign Shares.

**From Zelma Curbello of LOVE FUND:**

**We personally want to thank you very much for your generous donations to LOVE FUND:**  
Zelma Curbello, Thelma Jo Hays and Damon & Audrey Wright.

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



**Happy Mother's Day**

*From*

*The Staff of HDSC Newsletter*



# May 2000

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21	22  Jean Harkness	23	24 S.C.M.M.S.C.  Hazel Richard	25	26	27
28	29 Memorial Day	30	31			



Social Meeting



Birthday



Anniversary



## CALENDER OF EVENTS

- **May 9 & 10, 2000 (Tuesday and Wednesday)**

Open captioned movie, "**Boiler Room**" at AMC Gulf Pointe locating on I-45 and Beltway 8  
"**Drowing Mona**" at AMC Studio 30 is locating on Dunvale by Westheimer.

- **May 10, 2000 (Wednesday) – Easter Party**

Senior Citizen will meet at M.M.S.C. at 1475 West Gray from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

- **May 16 & 17, 2000 (Tuesday and Wednesday)**

Open captioned movie, "**The Next Best Thing**" at AMC Gulf Pointe locating on I-45 and Beltway 8  
"**Erin Brockovich**" at AMC Studio 30 is locating on Dunvale by Westheimer.

- **May 18, 2000 (Thursday)**

Senior Citizen will meet at Woodhaven Baptist Church at 9920 Long Point. There will be pot-luck for lunch. If you wish to bring covered dish, please contact Maurice Ford at (713) 455-3507 TTY or Elnora Morgan at (713) 675-1531 TTY who are in charge of covered dish and let them know what you will bring.

- **May 24, 2000 (Wednesday)**

Senior Citizen will meet at M.M.S.C. at 1475 West Gray from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.



### **DEAF JOKE:**

### **MY WIFE IS DEAF**

A concerned husband went to a doctor to talk about his wife. He says to the doctor, "Doctor, I think my wife is deaf because she never hears me the first time and I always have to repeat things."

"Well," the doctor replied, "Go home and tonight stand about 15 feet from her and say something to her. If she doesn't reply, move about 5 feet close and say it again. Keep doing this so that we'll get an idea about the severity of her deafness."

Sure enough, the husband goes home and does exactly as instructed. He starts off about 15 feet from his wife in the kitchen as she is chopping some vegetables and says, "Honey, what's for dinner?" He hears no response.

He moves about 5 feet closer and asks again. There is no reply. He moves 5 feet closer. There is still no reply. He gets fed up and moves right behind her, about an inch away, and asks again, "Honey, what's for dinner?"

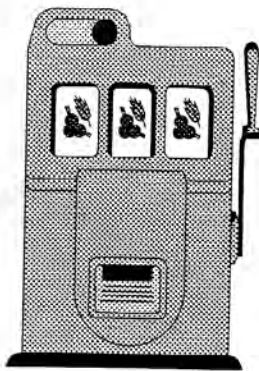
She replies, "For the fourth time, vegetable stew!"



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