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*Christmas Luncheon 2013*



*Don we now our gay apparel...Ja la la-la la la-la la la*

Photograph by Jan Dermon



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## **January**

### **Birthday**

2 Dinah McKenzie  
7 Virginia D. Duncan  
8 Patsy Walker  
21 Mickey McKenzie  
Dennis Smith  
28 Bubba Lorenz  
30 Jenice Wells  
31 David Garcia

### **Anniversary**

13 Felix & Amelia Guerra  
1973 (40 years)

## **HDSC FIELD TRIP**



**Monday, January 6, 2014**

**Please meet at 9:00 AM**

Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church  
9920 Long Point Drive - Houston, TX 77055

**Bus departs at 9:30 AM**

*(Breakfast on your own before departure)*

**Houston, Texas**

**Stop 1:** John C Freeman Weather Museum

**Stop 2:** Luby's Cafeteria (your own expense)

**Stop 3:** Buffalo Soldiers National Museum

60+ Seniors -- Free

Under 60 is welcomed -- \$10

**CONTACT:** Don Hahn --- (832) 413-6138

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**Friday, January 3:**

***ASL Social***

Memorial City Mall - Food Court  
900 South Gessner  
Houston, TX 77070  
4:00 pm to 9:00 pm

**Wednesday, January 8:**

***HDSCF General Meeting***

Metropolitan Multi-Service Ctr  
1475 West Gray Street  
Houston, TX 77019  
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Friday, January 10:**

***Deaf/ASL Social - Ft. Bend***

Chick-fil-A  
20010 Southwest Freeway  
Sugarland, TX 77479  
5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

**Tuesday, January 14:**

***Positive Interaction Program:  
"City of Houston Boarding  
Home Ordinance"***

1603 State Street (Auditorium)  
Houston, TX 77007  
7:00 pm

**Friday, January 17:**

***Baybrook Mall Silent Dinner***

Baybrook Mall - Food Court  
500 Baybrook Mall  
Friendswood, TX 77546  
6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

**Wednesday, January 22:**

***HDSCF Fun Games - Snacks***

Metropolitan Multi-Service Ctr  
1475 West Gray Street  
Houston, TX 77019  
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Friday, January 24:**

***North Houston Monthly Social***

North Houston Chick-fil-A  
4410 North Freeway (I-45 N)  
Houston, TX 77022  
5:30 pm - closing



# Annual Estelle Cameron Love Fund Luncheon



Wednesday, December 11, 2013



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY



Jim Dermon                      Wally Mally  
Linda Smith                      Larry Glasscock

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAY



Billy Buza                      Virendra Desai  
Sandra Manley                      Cindy Clifton                      Marie Hays



Yvonne & Larry Butler  
Happy 44th Anniversary



Bubba & Judy Lorenz  
Happy 40th Anniversary



HDSC Board and friends donated these food to Lillian Beard Deaf Connection Center Food Drive for needy deaf families.



HDSC President Don proudly presented the awards to Jackie Autry (daughter of late Evelyn Autry) and Dennis Prescott (family friend of late Estelle Cameron). They appreciated our thoughts.

*Photograph by Jan Dermon  
Wrote by Judy Becker*



# Thank You!

**HDSCFLF Board want to thank those who have made significant contribution during the year of 2013**

ExxonMobil, awarding retired employees grants  
DARS-DHHS, funding Senior Citizens Porgam  
Ann Wheeler, interpreting for Deaf Blind  
Robert Yost, donating equipment & breakfast baked goods  
Tommy Wells & Doris Williams, handling morning refreshment  
Lavern Fair, keeping track who attend events  
Gertrude Sessions, helping with Field Trips  
Luci Ryan, Amelia Guerra & Judy Lorenz, selling HDSCFLF Cookbooks  
Nancy Morris & Yvonne Butler, doing secretarial task  
Love Fund Donors  
Food Drive Donors

## Jim & Jan Dermon's Trip to New Hampshire - 2013



*My Favorite Pancake House*



*Austine School in Vermont*



*My Graduation 1963*



*Nashville Broadway*

What a trip Jan and I had last November! We finally went to visit my sisters who live in New Hampshire for Thanksgiving. We planned to travel to California in September, but we decided to postpone due to the big project at our church. Next trip was planned for New Hampshire in the middle of October but again it was postponed due to our stubborn government shut down.

The journey began on November 19. We drove straight to Gettysburg, PA. The museum was very interesting. We chose to take self-tour guide to visit the battlefield, which is so huge. It took us two hours to do our sightseeing.

Then we went on to New Hampshire. Sure enough, it was snowing hard and we determined to drive through. Yes, we were crazy! We spent an over-night and had a hearty breakfast at Polly's Pancake House in Sugar Hill. We stopped at Keepsake Quilt Store for Jan who loves quilting. We had lunch at Harts' Turkey Restaurant. Interesting about this place is that it serves only turkey menu all-year around. On our way to Brattleboro, Vermont,

we visited my old school at Austine. The school building has changed a lot since I graduated. It is now Vermont Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. On the third floor of this building, there is the Austine School Museum...what wonderful memories!

We went to Henniker, New Hampshire where one of my sisters lives...same house where my family lived in a farm, raising chicken and making maple syrup. Sisters, Nephews and Nieces got together on Thanksgiving Day. On Friday, we drove straight to Nashville, Tennessee after visiting our friends in middle Vermont.

For a couple of days, we visited old town Nashville. Unfortunately some entertainments were closed on Monday.

For 16 days, we drove 4,900 miles and the cost was close to \$2,500. My advice is traveling one day and visiting/sightseeing next day. The best travel time to visit the fall foliage in New England is the first two weeks of October.

*Jim Dermon*

## Editor's Message



Hello Subscriber,

As of December 3, I submitted my resignation as an Editor so I can focus on the newly developed website. While absence, I am doing the last issue – January 2014. If any of you is interested to be an editor, please contact one of the Board of Directors.

Thanks you!  
Judy Becker



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## Registration Policy and Information

**NOTE:** Please read the following policy and information carefully.

**PAYMENTS:** You can register using a personal check, cashier's check, money order or credit card. Make checks payable to DSNC/DSA 2015 Asheville. After July 15, 2015, no personal checks will be accepted.

### DO NOT SEND CASH BY MAIL.

**CONFIRMATION:** A confirmation letter with an ID number assigned to you will be emailed or mailed after payments are received. Please indicate your ID number in all correspondence with Registration Chairperson. Driver's license or personal identification card is required to be presented at the conference registration booth.

**RETURNED (BOUNCED) CHECKS:** Service fee for each returned check is \$25.00. Your registration will be processed after payment of the service fee.

**CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS DUE TO ILLNESS AND DEATH:** All combo and non-combo tickets are not refundable after July 15, 2015. There are two exceptions: illness and death. In case of illness after July 15, 2015, we will deduct 50% of your paid combo or non-combo ticket and \$20 DSA membership dues for 2015-2017. We require an appropriate medical documentation.

If you cancel before July 15, 2015 due to a registrant's illness, the regular cancellation policy, as shown on the registration form, will be used.

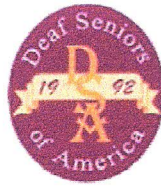
In the event of a registrant's death, we will refund full registration to the family after we receive a copy of death certificate or an obituary.

We must receive all requests for refund no later than September 30, 2015.

**NON-TRANSFERABLE:** All combo and non-combo tickets are not transferable. If they are sold or exchanged by any unauthorized parties prior to or during the conference, they will not be honored.

**LOST BADGES/WRISTBANDS:** Processing fee for lost badges and/or wristbands is \$150.00. This fee is not refundable if found.

**HOME ADDRESS / E-MAIL ADDRESS / VIDEOPHONE NUMBER CHANGE NOTICE:** If there are any changes to your home address, email address, and/or videophone number, please notify the Registration Chairperson as soon as possible.



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City:	State:	Zip:
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- Registration fee
- DSA membership dues for 2015 - 2017
- Pre-conference information and updates
- Program book
- Admission to all exhibits, all workshops, all meetings, welcome reception and farewell banquet (gala) with entertainment
- Daily conference newsletters
- Tours not included in conference admission but open to registrants only

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# With Heartfelt Sympathy



**Marchie Elevenie (Oliver) Settles** died on November 11, 2013 at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Big Spring, TX.

Marchie was born on March 11, 1925 to Charles Wesley Dunford Oliver and Willie Bernice James in Saint Jo, TX.

Marchie worked as a Presser at a variety of cleaners in Big Spring, but worked at Gregg Street Cleaners on a regular basis. Prior to this she worked in Oklahoma in an airplane manufacturing company during World War II.

Survivors include a daughter, Marcia Green of Temple, TX, and her husband Rennon; two sons, Burr Lea Settles, Jr of Big Spring, and his wife Sharon, and William Rown Settles of Wichita, KS; 6 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Burr Lea Settles, of Big Spring and her brother Edwin Perkins Oliver of Haltom City, TX.

*Partly published in Star-Telegram on Nov. 14, 2013*



**Floyd Anthony Wicker**, 85, passed away in Houston, TX on December 16, 2013. Floyd was born to Edgar Wicker and Mary B. Boutte on April 18, 1928 in Houston, TX. Even though Floyd was born a Wicker, he was

raised by Joseph E. Mason. He attended Deaf Blind and Orphan School in Austin, TX and graduated.

While attending school in Austin, he met and married I.D. Robertson in June of 1954.

The couple lived in Houston for several years before relocating to Chicago, Illinois where their daughter Mary Ann "Cookie" Wicker was born. The new family returned to Houston in 1959.

Floyd was a loyal member to the Lutheran Church for the Deaf until his departure.

In Addition, Floyd was an active member of the Houston Black Deaf Advocats for many years.

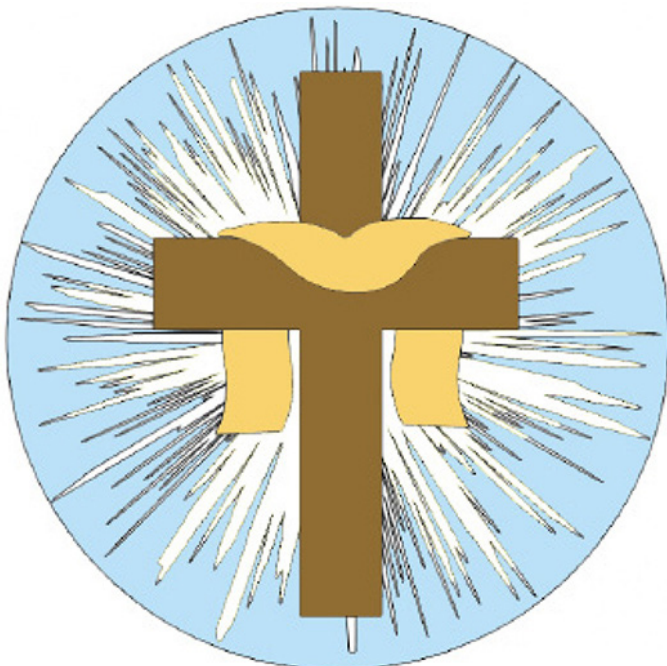
He is preceded in death by his parents Joseph E. and Mary B. Mason, and wife I.D. Wicker.

He leaves to cherish his precious memories: his daughter Mary A "Cookie" Wicker-Straughter (Clinton), two granddaughters, Michele Lee Straughter-Stewart (William), and Tiffany Lane Straughter, two great grandchildren Chase A. Stewart and Monroe Mariah Stephard.

*Printed obituary by Lutheran Church for the Deaf*

Floyd was friendly patron of Houston Deaf Senior Citizens Love Fund for many years. He was great and funny man we had ever known. He is sorely missed by us, his friends and families.

*Wrote by Judy Becker*



**New Subscriber**

Mike Howard; Earl Day (Gift from Billy Buza)

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**\*Donation in memory of Pat Hoffman**

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Mirian B. Thumann

**Donation in memory of Joan C. Picou**

Herbert Picou

*\*On the last issue, errors were made for the donation to HDSC Love Fund instead of memory of above names. We apologize for this inconvenience.*

*On the behalf of HDSCLF board, we want to thank you for your kind donation.  
Your generosity makes a difference in the lives of Houston Deaf Senior Citizens.  
Thanks again for your kindness.*

*Jim Dermon  
HDSCLF Treasurer*

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