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2nd Wednesday MMSC Social Meeting Address: MMSC, 1475 W Gray St, Houston, TX, 77019

HDSCLF Social Meeting and Thanksgiving Luncheon —December 12, 2025

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Access & Technology Specialist

On Wednesday, November 12th, Steven Morris and Gerardo Mateos visited the deaf seniors to discuss their program.

They explained that the Texas Office of Health and Human Services Commission funds their organization. Steven Morris stated that they have been working with immigration by helping people who are deaf or hard of hearing to complete the citizenship application process. They help find jobs for those who need jobs.

Additionally, they emphasized that deaf people must speak up and inform their doctors and hospitals that they require interpreters. VRI is acceptable, but not everyone has access to it, and there are sometimes issues with the system.

Gerardo Mateos teaches Technology and will be speaking to HDSCLF in 2026 about that. This organization supports seniors in need of assistance with family matters by helping with applications and renewals, making essential needs more affordable. That includes electricity, food assistance, discounts on services, SNAP, and other support programs.

For STAP, you can reapply every 5 years. They also explained the Emergency SOS Card in the app, which provides emergency contact information, medical details, allergies, and information about hearing or vision needs. This information will help get assistance quickly in an emergency.

For more information, please visit:

DHHAccess6b@hhs.texas.gov.

Submitted by Nancy Morris



Christine Johnson led the meeting.
Approximately 80 seniors attended our luncheon.



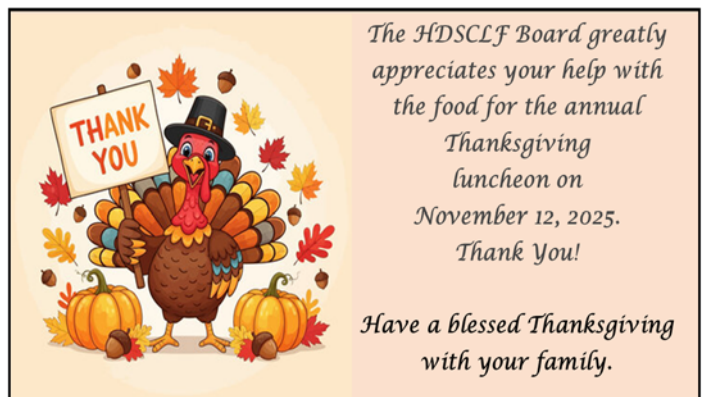
Nancy Morris



Kevin Finnegan



Jim Dermon



Next HDSCLF Social Meeting at MMSC — 01/14/26

Please contact Christine Johnson (979-413-5014) what to bring food.



Seven senior citizens joined a game of Golf Cards, along with Jason Sims, joining in the second game. We had a blast laughing and teasing each other. Whenever one of us got a joker, we would be so happy to get it. Regina Castillo even got 6 jokers for a score of -30 points. Whew! She was so pleased!!! Then we had to stop halfway through our 2nd game because it was 3:00 PM. During the games, Regina Castillo and Nancy Morris were trying to get rid of a gnat!! What an annoying bug to be flying around us!!! Ugh! It is unclear whether we obtained it, as we departed at that time. There will be no more games until January 28, 2026. Everyone enjoyed themselves!!!

Jason Sims is in front, who took the pictures. Beginning on the right are Regina Costello, Lawrence Coleman Sr., Jorge Enriquez, Elias (Lee) Rodriguez, Deborah Daniels, Cristina Rodriguez, and Nancy Morris.

Submitted by Nancy Morris

**Next Game Day Date at MMSC—
January 28, 2026—9:00 am—3:00 pm**



Cooking all day to prepare a feast for the Thanksgiving luncheon.

Jim Dermon, Patsy Sah, Christine Johnson, Deborah Wold, Jan Dermon, Don Sah



Day Field Trip at Miniature Golf by Jan Dermon

On November 15, 14 of us went on a field trip to Pop Stroke, a miniature golf course located in Katy. We had a great time, playing two rounds; it was terrific to remind us to be kids and have fun.

We went next door to Boomer Jack's Grill, a lively restaurant. The food was excellent.

We all agreed to have another day in March 2026.

Jan Dermon, Jim Dermon, Mary Ann Ryba, Craig Adams, Deborah Wold, Kevin Finnegan, Christine Johnson, Kathy Laws, Jeanne Hilferty, Doina Langham, Tommy Langham, Cristina Rodriguez, Robby Laws, Elias Rodriguez





Christmas Party at MMSC

1475 W Gray St
Houston, TX 77019

December 10, 2025
9:00 am—3:00 pm

Olive Garden Menu
Chicken Alfredo
Spaghetti with
Marinara & Meatballs
Salad & Breadsticks

Contact Deborah Wold
for Headcount
VP—832-413-5140

December 20, 2025
Field Trip—Magical Winter Lights
at Fort Bend County Fairgrounds
Rosenberg, TX





Golden Corral Buffet included
\$20.00 per person —36-person limit
Non-refundable

Meet at the South Parking Lot
Behind Memorial City Mall at 4:00 pm
The Bus will depart at 4:15 pm

Contact Jim Dermon
jdermon.senior@gmail.com

Baseball Night Game at Houston Astros
May 6, 2026—7:10 pm

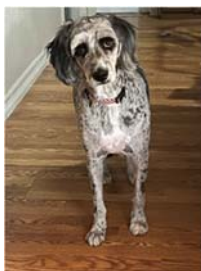
NON-REFUNDABLE TICKETS
\$35—60 YRS AND UP
\$40—59 YRS AND DOWN
Ticket comes with \$15 of loaded value on each
ticket barcode to use at concession stands.

Please note: The ticket holder is required to
have the MLB app on their mobile device.
Contact Jim Dermon for more information.

DEADLINE—March 11, 2026

Contact: Christine Johnson
979-415-5014
Meet at the South Parking Lot
Behind Memorial City Mall at 5:00 pm.
The bus will depart at 5:30 pm.

Section 109
Row: 34,35,36; Seats 1-10

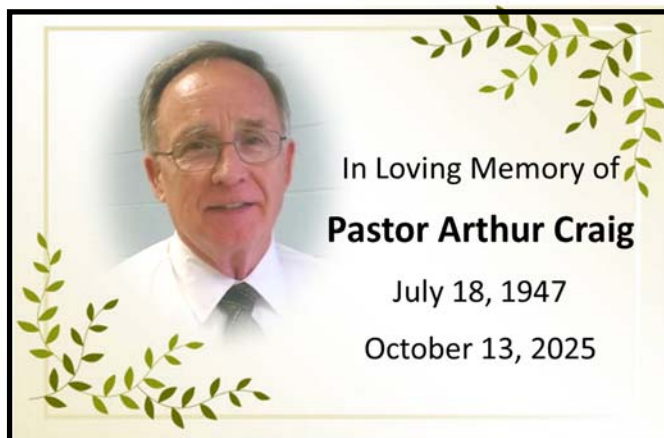


I took Mistletoe to PetSmart to be groomed! Can you identify the difference between these two pictures?? She's so cute & pretty.



I finally finished the quilt. This is my first one, and I am donating it to Northwest Academy Ministry. This organization distributes quilts & blankets to families who have lost their homes to fires or have taken classes to learn English since moving to America. I enjoyed making this as it was fun. Submitted by Nancy Morris

For many years, I crocheted numerous dolls. I decided to try knitting, and I found it to be a fun activity. I enjoyed making so many dolls, and I will follow Nancy Morris's example by donating to any organization. Jan Dermon



In Loving Memory of
Pastor Arthur Craig

July 18, 1947
October 13, 2025

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!

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