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# Tidbits

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### October SC Luncheon at Woodhaven

Menu: Chili and Corn Bread

Craft: Iris Folding Card—Christmas Ornament

Game: Domino

Nancy, Luci, Judy, Fung

## HDSCLF'S FIELD TRIP TO OLD TOWN SPRING



On Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 22 of us headed to The Woodlands Waterway Cruiser, anticipating a fun boat ride.

When we arrived there, we found out that the woman responsible for the schedules had the wrong date for us to come. What a bummer! So, we cancelled that boat ride and went on to Old Town Spring. It was a lovely day. We arrived in time for lunch of our choice. After lunch, we went out exploring the shops. All of a sudden, a downpour hit us so quickly. We were lucky that we were in shops or under cover as it poured down for about 10 to 15 minutes. After that, it was humid and hot. Some of us did our Christmas shopping. Then, we headed back home early in the afternoon.

## Texas Renaissance Festival Deaf Day November 5 (Saturday)

Please meet at **7:30 AM**

**Woodhaven Deaf Church**

**9920 Long Point Rd  
Houston**



**Bus leaves at 8:00 AM**

**Cost: \$19.00**

**Lunch on Your Own**

**Contact Person: Gertie Sessions  
VP 281-249-5284**







Many Thanks to  
Kathy Smith and  
Patsy Walker  
for the Party!

## HDSLF Social Wednesday, October 12

**BOO!** We scared the Witch  
and she flew away!

**Back:** Robert Yost, Linda Smith, Bertha Moses, Deborah Daniels, Janie Morales, Gertie Sessions, Leonard Coleman, Lavern Fair, Kathy French, Patricia Lynch, Larry Rice, Cathy Simerka  
**Front:** Dennis Smith



### Best Costume Contest

**First Place:** Leonard Coleman  
**Second Place:** Dennis Smith  
**Third Place:** Deborah Daniels

## HOUgo GAME

Thanks to  
Bobby  
Walkoviak  
for leading  
the game!





**PRE-CONFERENCE DSA 2017 CRUISE**  
**MARCH 25—April 1, 2017**



**DSA 2017 FUNDRAISER**

**7-DAY Western Caribbean**

- Galveston (Round Trip)
- Jamaica
- Grand Cayman
- Cozumel, Mexico

**Cost:**  
 Based on Category  
 Taxes & Gratuity Excluded

- Interior
- Ocean View
- Balcony

**Call for Rate**

Arranged by  
**HOUSTON**  
**DEAF SENIOR CITIZENS**  
**LOVE FUND**

For More Info:  
 jdermon.senior@gmail.com  
 936-828-4013

Interested participants are encouraged to submit their registration forms directly from **HDSCLF.org** or **DSA2017Houston.org**. The participants will be contacted with more details, such as itineraries, deposits, payment plans, etc. For more information, contact Jim Dermon, Deaf Cruise Group Leader.

**Fall Festival**  
 \$1.00 Admission

All proceeds will go towards events at DSA 2017 Conference

**November 19, 2016**  
**9 am—4 pm**

**METROPOLITAN MULTI SERVICES CENTER**  
 1475 WEST GRAY  
 HOUSTON, TX 77019

Come join us, see you there!

**DEADLINE FOR BOOTH RENTAL**  
**OCT 28**

**BOOTH RENTALS**  
 \$50 WITH AUCTION ITEM DONATION (\$50 VALUE)  
 \$100 WITHOUT A DONATION

• Food • Arts • Crafts • Kid Activities

Questions? Contact [dsa2017events@gmail.com](mailto:dsa2017events@gmail.com)



# DSA Anniversary Quilt



We are excited to announce another fundraising project, which benefits the Houston Deaf Senior Citizens Love Fund Housing Project. It offers a DSA Anniversary Quilt. The quilt chronicles all conference sites and dates. A perfect keepsake! Donation: \$2 or 6 for \$10. The drawing of the winning ticket will be during the gala banquet. Buy your raffle tickets through our website.

[www.dsa2017houston.org](http://www.dsa2017houston.org)



# Registration Form

14th Biennial Deaf Seniors of America  
Houston, TX  
April 2—9, 2017



www.dsa2017houston.org

## Registration Policy and Information

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

**PAYMENTS:** You can register using a personal check, cashier's check or money order. Make checks payable to HDSCLF/ DSA 2017 Houston. After February 02, 2017, no personal checks will be accepted.

**DO NOT SEND CASH BY MAIL.**

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

**RETURNED (BOUNCED) CHECKS:** Service fee is \$30.00. Your registration will be processed after payment of the service fee and paid check.

**CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS DUE TO HOSPITALIZATION OR DEATH:** Registration form is non-refundable after February 02, 2017. There are two exceptions— hospitalization or death. In case of hospitalization after February 02, 2017, we will deduct 50% of your paid registration form and \$20 DSA membership dues for 2017-2019. We require an appropriate medical document. If you cancel before February 02, 2017 due to doctor's order, the regular cancellation refund formula as shown below will be used. In the event of registrant's death, we will refund registration in full to the family after we receive a copy of death certificate or an obituary notice. We must receive all requests for refund no later than May 09, 2017.

**NON-TRANSFERABLE:** Registration form is not transferable. If it is sold or exchanged by any unauthorized parties prior to or during the conference, it will not be honored.

**LOST BADGES/WRISTBANDS:** Processing fee for lost badges and/or wristbands is \$150. This fee is not refundable if found.

**MAILING ADDRESS/E-MAIL ADDRESS/VIDEOPHONE NUMBER/TEXT NUMBER:** If there are any changes to your contact address or numbers, please notify the Registration Coordinator as soon as possible.

### Cancellation Refund Formula

VALUE PRICE	BEFORE 03/02/16	BEFORE 09/02/16	BEFORE 02/02/17	AFTER 02/02/17
\$250	\$200	\$143	\$105	NO REFUND
\$300	\$250	\$175	\$130	NO REFUND
<del>\$350</del>	<del>\$300</del>	<del>\$208</del>	<del>\$155</del>	<del>NO REFUND</del>
\$400				NO REFUND

Note: The \$20 DSA membership dues for 2017-2019 are not part of your refund.

For more information about registration, contact:

Yvonne Butler  
DSA2017Reg@gmail.com

## Conference Registration Includes:

- Registration fee
- DSA Membership dues for 2017-2019
- Pre-conference information and updates
- Program book
- Admission to exhibits, workshops, meetings, reception and banquet (gala) with entertainment
- Daily conference newsletters

Date	Check/MO
Amount paid must match date amount due.	
<del>August 23, 2015 — December 31, 2015</del>	<del>\$250</del>
January 1, 2016 — <b>December 31, 2016</b>	\$300
<del>July 1, 2016 — December 31, 2016</del>	<del>\$250</del>
January 1, 2017 — AT DOOR	\$400

Please print clearly. (one form per person)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

VP: \_\_\_\_\_ Text Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment Method and Checkout:

- Check  Cashier's Check  Money Order  
(Payable to HDSCLF/DSA 2017 Houston)

By signature, Registrant agrees to abide by Conference rules/regulations, and agrees HDSCLF & DSA are not responsible for safekeeping of, damage to, or loss of any personal property under control of Registrant. Registrant hereby agrees to hold harmless the HDSCLF and DSA, their contractors, their employees/volunteers from all cost, injury & damage incurred by any of the above, and from any other injury or damage to any person or property, any of which is caused by an activity, condition or event arising out of the performance, preparation for performance or nonperformance of any provision of this agreement by Houston Deaf Senior Citizens Love Fund, Inc. (HDSCLF) and Deaf Seniors of America, Inc. (DSA).

I have read and understand the terms outlined on this form.

Signature (required): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I give DSA 2017 Houston conference committee permission to list my name on the website. Yes  No

Mail this form with payment to HDSCLF/DSA 2017 Houston:

P.O. Box 130705  
Houston, TX 77219-0705



# Events & Tours

## Order Form (Per Person)

**Deadline: February 2, 2017**



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<b>Name:</b>	<b>ID #</b>
<b>Email:</b>	<b>VP:</b>
<b>Free Events:</b> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="width: 22%;"> <input type="radio"/> <b>Monday, April 3</b> Deaf Seniors Got Talent         </div> <div style="width: 22%;"> <input type="radio"/> <b>Tuesday, April 4</b> Welcome Reception         </div> <div style="width: 22%;"> <input type="radio"/> <b>Thursday, April 6</b> Country Dancing         </div> <div style="width: 22%;"> <input type="radio"/> <b>Friday, April 7</b> Comedy Show         </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="width: 22%;"> <input type="radio"/> <b>Wednesday, April 5</b> Fiesta &amp; Live Auction         </div> <div style="width: 22%;"> <input type="radio"/> <b>Thursday, April 6</b> Deafies in Drag Show         </div> <div style="width: 22%;"> <input type="radio"/> <b>Saturday, April 8</b> Gala Banquet         </div> </div>	
	<b>Total</b>
Golf (Monday)—\$55.00	
Red Hat Luncheon (Wednesday)—\$55.00 <input type="radio"/> Chicken <input type="radio"/> Vegan	
Sports Luncheon (Thursday)—\$55.00 <input type="radio"/> Beef Fajitas <input type="radio"/> Chicken Fajitas <input type="radio"/> Pulled Pork	
HOUgo (Friday)—\$20.00	
<b>Monday Tours</b>	
<input type="radio"/> Houston: Above & Below.....8:00 am—1:30 pm .....\$35.00	
<input type="radio"/> Austin: Capitol of Texas.....7:00 am—7:00 pm .....\$70.00	
<input type="radio"/> Casino Golden Nugget.....7:30 am—5:00 pm .....\$35.00	
<input type="radio"/> Galveston Pyramids.....8:00 am—5:00 pm .....\$95.00	
<input type="radio"/> Historical Galveston.....7:30 am—4:30 pm .....\$95.00	
<input type="radio"/> NASA Space Center Immersion .....7:30 am—3:30 pm .....\$90.00	
<input type="radio"/> Beaumont: Oil Boomtown.....8:00 am—4:30 pm .....\$60.00	
<input type="radio"/> Texas Prairie Drive.....7:00 am—5:30 pm .....\$70.00	
<b>Tuesday Tours</b>	
<input type="radio"/> Houston: Above & Below.....8:00 am—1:30 pm .....\$35.00	
<input type="radio"/> Experience Sam Houston Life.....7:00 am—4:30 pm .....\$60.00	
<input type="radio"/> Galveston Pyramids.....8:00 am—5:00 pm .....\$95.00	
<input type="radio"/> George Ranch Historical Park.....8:00 am—2:00 pm .....\$75.00	
<input type="radio"/> Highlights of Houston .....9:30 am—2:30 pm .....\$55.00	
<input type="radio"/> Historical Galveston.....7:30 am—4:30 pm .....\$95.00	
<input type="radio"/> NASA Space & Beyond.....8:00 am—5:00 pm .....\$110.00	
<b>NO REFUNDS AFTER 2/2/2017</b>	<b>Total</b>

**Payment Method and Checkout:**

- Check     Cashier's Check     Money Order  
(Payable to HDSCLF/DSA 2017 Houston)

Any Questions: dsa2017business@gmail.com

**Mail this form with payment to**

**HDSCLF/DSA 2017 Houston**  
**ATTN: EVENTS & TOURS**  
P.O. Box 130705  
Houston, TX 77219-0705





# Day Pass Registration Form

## 14th Biennial Deaf Seniors of America

### Houston, TX

### April 3—8, 2017



www.dsa2017houston.org

Please print clearly. (one form per person)

Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
E-Mail Address:		
VP:	Text Number:	
<b>Payment Method and Checkout:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Cashier's Check <input type="checkbox"/> Money Order <input type="checkbox"/> Cash (Payable to HDSCLF/DSA 2017 Houston)		
By signature, Registrant agrees to abide by Conference rules/regulations, and agrees HDSCLF & DSA are not responsible for safekeeping of, damage to, or loss of any personal property under control of Registrant. Registrant hereby agrees to hold harmless the HDSCLF and DSA, their contractors, their employees/volunteers from all cost, injury & damage incurred by any of the above, and from any other injury or damage to any person or property, any of which is caused by an activity, condition or event arising out of the performance, preparation for performance or nonperformance of any provision of this agreement by Houston Deaf Senior Citizens Love Fund, Inc. (HDSCLF) and Deaf Seniors of America, Inc. (DSA).		
I have read and understand the terms outlined on this form.		
Signature (required): _____		
Date: _____		
I give DSA 2017 Houston conference committee permission to list my name on the website. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		

**\*Tours and Events,  
please use Tour Order Form**

		Total
<b>Monday, April 3</b>		
Registration	○	
Talent Show	\$50.00	
*Tours (Extra)		
<b>Tuesday, April 4</b>		
Registration	○	
Exhibits	\$100.00	
Welcome Reception		
*Tours (Extra)		
<b>Wednesday, April 5</b>		
Registration	○	
Exhibits & Workshops	\$100.00	
*Red Hat Luncheon (Extra)		
Fiesta & Live Auction		
<b>Thursday, April 6</b>		
Registration	○	
Exhibits & Workshops	\$100.00	
*Sports Luncheon (Extra)		
Drag Show or Dancing		
<b>Friday, April 7</b>		
Registration	○	
Exhibits & Workshops	\$100.00	
*HOUgo (Extra)		
Comedy Show		
<b>Saturday, April 8</b>		
DSA Forum	○	
DSA General Meeting	Free	
<b>Saturday, April 8</b>		
Registration	○	
Happy Hour Cocktail	\$150.00	
Gala Banquet		
(Deadline: March 2nd)		
DSA Membership (2017—2019)		\$20.00
<b>Grand Total</b>		

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**HDSCLF/DSA 2017 Houston**  
**Day Pass Registration**  
 PO Box 130705  
 Houston, TX 77219—0705

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**Renewals**

Doris Adams, Joy Gibson, Martha Harvard, Melvia Nomeland, Mary Robinson, Elias/Christina Rodriguez, Michelle Smith, Sharon Williams

**Donations to HDSCLF**

Delma Long

**In Memory of Gus Curbello**

Sidney Braquet

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



**Board of Directors**

Front: Judy Becker, Patsy Walker  
Back: Don Hahn, Larry Butler, Jim Dermon

**HDSCLF MEETING/SOCIAL AT Metropolitan Multi-Service**

The HDSCLF meeting will be held on second Wednesday every month, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

For more information, contact President Larry Butler—281-249-5273

**Board of Directors**

Larry Butler      Judy Becker  
Patsy Walker      Don Hahn  
Jim Dermon

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Sign Up for DSA 2017 Updates

- ◆ Go to [DSA2017houston.org](http://DSA2017houston.org)
- ◆ Click Free DSA2017

**Houston Deaf Senior Citizens Love Fund**  
A non-profit, 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization  
**SUBSCRIPTION / DONATION FORM**

Check one of the following:

**Newsletter subscription:**      \$10.00 per year X \_\_\_\_\_ year(s) = \$\_\_\_\_\_.00       New       Renewal

Gift subscription from (who) \_\_\_\_\_ (\$10.00 per person for 1 year)

Donation to HDSCLF \$\_\_\_\_\_ in memory of \_\_\_\_\_ (Tax deductible)

Donation: \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the Houston Deaf Senior Citizens Love Fund. (Tax deductible)

**PLEASE PRINT:**       **CURRENT ADDRESS**       **NEW ADDRESS**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (DOB: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_)

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ (DOB: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_       VP,       TTY or       Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

**Anniversary:**

\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Make payable to **HDSCLF** and mail this form with personal check or money order to Houston Deaf Senior Citizens Love Fund, Attn: Treasurer, P. O. Box 130705, Houston, TX 77219-0705. Thank you.

<b>OFFICE USE ONLY:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash (in a person)	<input type="checkbox"/> Money Order	<input type="checkbox"/> Check
Receipt # _____	# _____	# _____	# _____

Join Us for a



**Thanksgiving  
Potluck & Games**

Wednesday, November 9th at 9:00 AM  
Metropolitan Multi-Service Center  
1475 West Gray St—Houston, TX 77019

Contact Persons  
Patsy Walker—281-973-2242 or  
Nancy Morris—281-804-5794



**Bring Your Own Drink**

**2016 Magical Winter Lights  
December Field Trip—December 8**

Ticket Cost —Approximate \$20.00

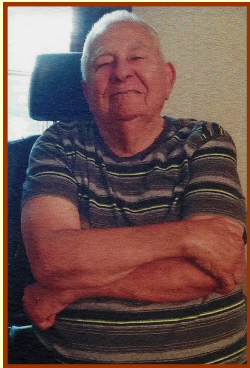
Meet at Woodhaven — 2:00 pm

Dinner on Your Own at  
**Joe's Barbeque Company, Alvin, TX**  
Contact: Nancy Owens—VP 979-246-2180

**Happy October Birthday**



Larry Rice, Lavern Fair, Elias Rodriguez



Come Celebrate  
Eugene Alaniz's  
90th Birthday!  
Sat. Nov. 12, 2016


111 Francis St  
Mineola, TX 75773

2 pm—4pm

RSVP—903-638-2088

Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church  
Presents Christmas Drama 2016

**Searching for  
the Light of the World**



Friday  
December 9th  
7:00 pm

Saturday  
December 10th  
7:00 pm

Sunday  
December 11th  
2:00 pm

Free Performances—Donations Accepted  
Performed in American Sign Language and Voiced for the Hearing  
Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church • 9920 Long Point • Houston, TX 77055  
VP—832-431-3811 Voice—713-467-3325

**Happy November  
Birthday**

- 1 Jim Dermon
- 1 Larry Glasscock
- 4 Wally Mallay
- 13 Bertha Moses
- 14 Sherry Fewell
- 19 Linda Smith
- 28 Mike Clifton

**November Anniversary**

- 15 Larry & Yvonne Butler  
1969
- 18 Larry & Sherry Fewell  
1978
- 21 Bubba & Judy Lorenz  
1973



**Wanted  
Tidbits Editor**  
Starting January  
Contact Larry Butler

In Memory of Gus Curbello



4/6/1932—9/28/2016

Send some news, an announcement (newborn baby, birthday, anniversary, obituary), and color photos to me before or on **15th day of each month**. Thanks! **Jan Dermon, Editor of HDSCLF Newsletter** Email: jdermon.senior@gmail.com VP: 936-828-4013