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Happy Valentine's Day

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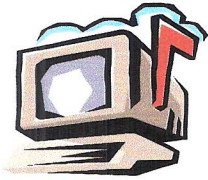
Mary Redman and the Staff of Houston Deaf Senior Citizens

In Great Britain, Valentine's Day began to be popularly celebrated around the seventeenth century. By the middle of the eighteenth century, it was common for friends and lovers in all social classes to exchange small tokens of affection or handwritten notes. By the end of the century, printed cards began to replace written letters due to improvements in printing technology. Ready-made cards were an easy way for people to express their emotions in a time when direct expression of one's feelings was discouraged. Cheaper postage rates also contributed to an increase in the popularity of sending Valentine's Day greetings. Americans probably began exchanging hand-made valentines in the early 1700s. In the 1840s, Esther A. Howland began to sell the first mass-produced valentines in America.

According to the Greeting Card Association, an estimated one billion valentine cards are sent each year, making Valentine's Day the second largest card-sending holiday of the year. (An estimated 2.6 billion cards are sent for Christmas.) Approximately 85 percent of all valentines are purchased by women. In addition to the United States, Valentine's Day is celebrated in Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom, France, and Australia.

Writer Unknown, (quoted from an internet)





FROM THE EDITOR:

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Hope this finds you in good spirit and health after your busy holiday.

I would like to share with you that I had a meeting with an agent at Pioneer Tour & Traveler Bus. It is possible to arrange upcoming trip to Biloxi, Mississippi and New Orleans, Louisiana in June. The trip will take three days/two nights. Lodging will be at Isle of Capri (Casino hotel) in Biloxi for two nights. More information will be announced at the meeting on February 14th. Non-member senior citizens are welcome to the meeting, and can sign up for the trip.

Please send any news, information, picture or recipe that you wish to share with other Senior Citizens. **We would appreciate if any of you can write no more than 250 words of any news due to limited space on newsletter.** Please note that the editor may at his discretion edit articles or news items for brevity and to correct errors. Mail to: Houston Deaf Senior Citizens, 9954 Kirkshire Drive, Houston, TX 77089, email to hdsnews@yahoo.com, or fax to (281) 416-0799 or (713) 781-4576. **The deadline is on 15th of each month.**

NOTE: if your subscription is not paid within three months from the due date, your name will be removed from our mailing list.

I appreciate your cooperation.

Thank you.

Frank Shaw

CORRECTIONS:

- *Celebration of Diamond Anniversary* on Page 5 of last month newsletter incorrectly identified the name of Dorothy Curry's husband. The correct name is Z.X. Curry.
- News on Page 10 of last month newsletter incorrectly identified Jean Harkness as Shirley Harkness. The error is regretted.



Upcoming Field Trips for Houston Deaf Senior Citizens



April – June, 2001

- **April 6, 2001 (Friday)**

Trip to Chappel Hill, TX, a town of beautiful bluebonnets

- ✓ Bus departs at 8:00 AM from Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church
- ✓ Stop by McDonald for breakfast
- ✓ Tour Chapple Hill Historical Museum (Site of former Chappel Hill Female College)
- ✓ Tour Bluebonnet Festival including crafts if available on that day (**optional**)
- ✓ Lunch
- ✓ Tour Historic Homes of Chapple Hill – The Stagecoach Inn and the Wallis-Evans House

- **May 5, 2001 (Saturday)**

Trip to Palestine, TX

- ✓ Bus departs at 8:00 AM from Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church
 - ✓ Stop by McDonald for breakfast
 - ✓ Texas State Railroad – Palestine
- Option A:** Train departs at 11:00 AM and returns at 3:00 PM including lunch at State Park. It takes 25.5 miles to ride around. Tickets are \$13.00 per person including discount for a group.
- Option B:** Train departs at 11:00 AM and stops by State Park for lunch. It is half way to ride. Tickets are \$8.00 including discount for a group. Our bus will meet and pick us up at State Park after lunch. Then visit National Scientific Balloon Facility.
- (We will vote which option on Feb. 14th meeting.)*

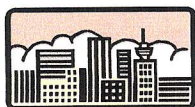
- **June 1, 2001 (Friday)**

Trip to Richmond-Rosenburg, TX

- ✓ Bus departs at 8:30 AM from Metropolitan Multi-Service Center
 - ✓ Stop by McDonald for breakfast
 - ✓ Tour George Ranch Historical Park – 470 acre living history site
- Option A:** Self-Directed tour - \$6.50/person (minimum of 15 paid persons)
This tour will be on our own pace to see the historical park with our group.
- Option B:** Escorted Tour - \$8.50/person (minimum of 15 paid persons)
An interpreter who will stay with the group will guide this tour.
- ✓ Lunch (Bring our brown bag or buy lunch there)
 - ✓ Visit Fort Bend County Historical Museum – Cited as one of state's best small museums.
 - ✓ Visit Brazos Bend State Park – George Observatory (within park features 36-inch telescope).
- (We will vote which option on Feb. 14th meeting.)*

- **June 5 – 7, 2001 (Tuesday thru Thursday)**

Trip to Biloxi, Mississippi and New Orleans, Louisiana by bus will take three days and two nights. Lodging will be at Isle of Capri (Casino Hotel) for two nights. There will be a meeting on Feb. 14th to arrange this trip for anyone who is interested in going. More information will be announced in next newsletter.





"100 Years Ago" in America

(Taken from the Internet by unknown writer)

The average life expectancy in the United States was forty-seven.

Only 14 percent of the homes in the United States had a bathtub.

Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone. A three minute call from Denver to New York City cost eleven dollars.

There were only 8,000 cars in the U.S. and only 144 miles of paved roads.

The maximum speed limit in most cities was ten mph.

Alabama, Mississippi, Iowa, and Tennessee were each more heavily populated than California. With a mere 1.4 million residents, California was only the twenty-first most populous state in the Union.

The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower.

The average wage in the U.S. was twenty-two cents an hour. The average U.S. worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.

A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2000 per year, a dentist \$2500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1500 and \$4000 per year, and a mechanical engineer about \$5000 per year.

Ninety percent of all U.S. physicians had no college education. Instead, they attended medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press and by the government as "substandard."

Sugar cost four cents a pound. Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen. Coffee cost fifteen cents a pound.

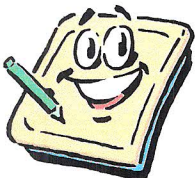
Most women only washed their hair once a month and used borax or egg yolks for shampoo.

Canada passed a law prohibiting poor people from entering the country for any reason, either as travelers or immigrants.

The five leading causes of death in the U.S. were:

1. Pneumonia and influenza
2. Tuberculosis
3. Diarrhea
4. Heart Disease
5. Stroke

JOKE



The father of five children had won a toy at a raffle. He called his kids together to ask which one should have the present.

"Who is the most obedient?" he asked. "Who never talks back to mother? Who does everything she says?"

Five small voices answered in unison. "Okay, dad, you get the toy."



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



February 2, 2001 (Friday)

1st Anniversary ASL Social at Joe's Crab Shack – 2621 South Loop West from 5:00 to 9:00 PM. Come and join us for great social/fellowship. Contact Roger Spivey (spivey39@infree.com) or Earl Johnson (281) 487-2921 TTY. RSVP before January 29th.



February 6, 2001 (Tuesday)

Positive Interaction Program (PIP). It will be held at Woodhaven Church for the Deaf at 9920 Longpoint at 7:00 PM. Refreshments will be served. Interpreter & Captioning will be provided.



February 6 & 7, 2001 (Tuesday & Wednesday)

Open captioned movie, "*Cast Away*", at AMC Studio 30 on Dunvale and Westheimer.



February 13 & 14, 2001 (Tuesday & Wednesday)

Open captioned movie, "*The Family Man*", at AMC Studio 30 on Dunvale and Westheimer.



February 14, 2001 (Wednesday)*Happy Valentine's Day*****

Houston Senior Citizens will have a meeting at *Metropolitan Multi-Service Center* at 1475 West Gray from 9 AM to 1 PM.



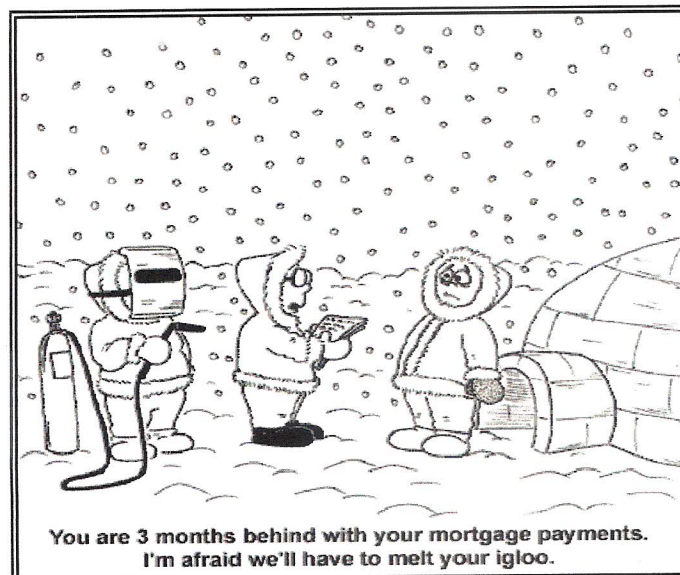
February 15, 2001 (Thursday)

Senior Citizens will meet at Woodhaven Baptist Church at 9920 Long Point. There will be potluck for 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.













February 28, 2001 (Wednesday)

Senior Citizens will have a meeting at *Metropolitan Multi-Service Center* at 1475 West Gray from 9 AM to 1 PM.



February 2001

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6 PIP Meeting 	7	8	9	10
11	12 Abraham Lincoln Birthday 	13 Agnes Foster 	14 Happy Valentine's Day S.C.M.M.S.C. 	15 S.C. Social Woodhaven 	16	17
18	19 Geneva Reagan 	20 Helen Padgett 	21	22 George Washington Birthday 	23	24
25	26 Jack & Hazel Richard 1942 	27	28 S.C.M.M.S.C. 			

Social Meeting

Birthday

Anniversary

