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On February 12th, there were 44 seniors at Valentine's Luncheon/meeting. Many of us arrived late due to several factors including HOV being closed on the north side of I-45 and to several accidents. However, they came to the meeting safe and sound.

We were able to listen to Alisha Harper, Technology Specialist and Ricky Harris, Access Specialist. They work with the Communication Access Ability Group (CAAG) which was recently bought by Sorenson Community Interpreting Services (SCIS). Both specialists' funding is done through the Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services (ODHHS) under the Texas Department of Health and Human Services Commission. Each speaker explained the roles of assisting and working with people who are deaf or hard of hearing or late-deafened with services such as advocacy services, communication strategies, assistive technology, and other services.

Both speakers explained the problem with getting interpreters for the deaf community, so that is where the deaf community can contact Ricky Harris about requesting an interpreter. He brought up a sticky issue of using Video Relay Interpreter (VRI) in the doctor's office or in the ER. As most of us already know, this is an ongoing issue in the Deaf community. Harris added that the state government has the funding set aside for those interpreters for weddings, funeral services, etc.

Ricky Harris explained about signing up for the Deaf or Hard of Hearing Loss visor cards, so when you get pulled over by a police officer; you will have the card ready for them to obtain an

Interpreter for you. Everyone needs to contact them to sign up for the visor card.

Alisha Harper explained about the Specialized Telecommunications Assistance Program (STAP), a program that helps people who have a disability that interferes with their access to telephone networks, purchases specialized assistive equipment or services. For the person wanting to be eligible for a voucher, he or she must complete and return an application to the Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services in Austin. She also explains that they can order the Square Glow which is a new technology phone ring with different colors and it has a remote to control this device. Ricky and Alisha recommended that it is best to buy the complete set for \$275.

There are new Visual Fire Alarms for the deaf community to obtain, so any deaf or hard of hearing person needs to contact Alisha Harper and Ricky Harris.

Ricky Harris announced that more movie theaters are having close-captioned movies for the deaf community, so you will need to go to the Communication Access Facebook page to find which movie theater is showing a close-captioned movie.

Both speakers stated that the National Association for the Deaf (NAD) as well as the American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD) need to hear complaints to change rules, etc in regards to federal laws.

Afterward, we had lunch and it was delicious with our appreciation to Nancy Morris and Patsy Walker for planning Valentine's Luncheon. Three people were awarded a mug with Hot Chocolate and Candy for dressing up in red: Patricia Lynch, Doina Langham, and Christine Johnson.

Submitted by Nancy Morris & Brent Burns





Front Row: Dinah McKenzie, Fung Hahn, Jaqueline Kilpatrick, Rochelle Smith, Rachele Guidry, Doina Langham, Linda Smith, Patricia Lynch, Darlene Hunter, Tonya Black, Michael Shanks
Second Row: Patsy Walker, Regina Castillo, Sidney Gilland, Christine Johnson, Deborah Daniels, Larry Rice
Back Row: Nancy Morris, Mary Ann Ryba, Robert Bellard, Lawrence Coleman, Jan Dermon, Michael McKenzie, Jeanne Hilferty, Clyde Andrew, Virendra Desai, Dennis Smith



Lovely Ladies at Their Best Red Costume
Patricia, Doina, Christine



Thanks to Nancy and Patsy for Serving!

Bow-tie Pasta Salad

<p>1 (16 oz) package bow-tie pasta (farfalle) 1 (12 oz) bag broccoli florets 1 (10 oz) basket cherry or grape tomatoes 1 bunch green onions, sliced 1/2 cup chopped celery 1/2 red bell pepper, chopped 1/2 green bell pepper, chopped 1 cups creamy salad dressing (such as Miracle Whip) 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese 1/4 cup white sugar 1/2 teaspoon dried basil 1/2 teaspoon salt</p>	<p>1. Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a rolling boil. Cook the pasta at a boil until tender yet firm to the bite, about 12 minutes; drain. 2. Quickly rinse the cooked pasta in cold water to stop it from continuing to cook; drain. 3. Mix the cooled pasta, broccoli, tomatoes, sliced green onions, celery, red bell pepper and green bell pepper in a large bowl. 4. Gently stir the salad dressing, Parmesan cheese, sugar, basil, and salt in a bowl until evenly mixed. 5. Pour the salad dressing mixture over the pasta mixture; gently toss to coat evenly. 6. Refrigerate 3 hours to overnight before serving.</p>
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HDSCLF
Valentine
Luncheon
 Lip-smacking
 Buffet

**Field Trip to Montgomery, TX
February 2020**



As 21 of us entered the house, a gentleman, dressed as **Dr. Charles B. Stewart**, welcomed us. He told us about the local history of the home, Montgomery and Texas. He explained how the Texas Flag and Republic of Texas Seal were adopted as the state flag and seal in 1839 and were drawn by native son, Dr. Charles Bellinger Stewart.



First Row: Debbie Lokey, Jim Dermon, Jan Dermon, Robert Bellard, Jeanne Hilferty, Dennis Smith, Marion McCreary
Second Row: Brent Burns, Lawrence Coleman, Clyde Andrew, Nancy Morris, Doina Langham, Patsy Walker, Margie Graham, Ann Hornbeak,
Third Row: Thomas Langham, Jackie Kilpatrick, Troy Graham, Cristina Rodriguez, Dr. Stewart
Fourth Row: Brian Kilpatrick, Bill Hornbeak



After we visited the house, we went to an antique shop. Some of us bought some nice things. Then we went on to the restaurant, Old Montgomery Steakhouse.



After a good lunch meal, we visited **Ferland Historical Park**, a sweet little park. There are a pond and stream, a memorial garden, plenty of vignettes with benches to sit and admire the beautifully landscaped surroundings. There's a historical village...a very interesting tour. We are so blessed to live in homes with all our conveniences today, Amen!

Special Thanks to Our Interpreters
Ann Hornbeak and Charles/Anne Trevino

On our way back to Houston, we sang "Happy Birthday" to Bill who is 80 years old!



Game Day

4th Wednesdays

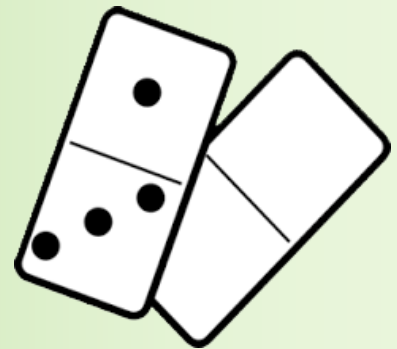


February 26th

March 25th

April 22th

May 27th



10 am—4 pm

at MMSC

Activity Room 2

Contact Person:

Deborah Daniels—VP 832-413-5010

March 11, 2020

Social 9:00 am — 3:00 pm

Join Us for Our Annual St. Patrick's Day Party

- . Wear Green**
- . Game Prize**
- . Bring St. Patrick's Covered Dish**
- . Bring Your Own Drink**



Guest Speaker
Officer Sobota
"Elder Abuse"



Contact:
Patsy Walker
281-973-2242



**The Brookwood Community and Café
Saturday, March 21, 2020**

Luncheon at Café

Required RSVP by February 28th

**Contact Jim Dermon—936-828-4013
for RSVP and Meal Selection**

**Meet at Woodhaven at 10:00 AM
Bus Leaves at 10:30 AM**



ASTROS

**April HDSCLF Field Trip
Thursday Afternoon, April 23, 2020
Astros Baseball Game**

Cost: \$10.00 — Deadline: March 11, 2020

Payment in advance is required.

The ticket is non-refundable.

**Please meet at Woodhaven at 11:30 AM
Bus leaves at 12:00 PM.**

Contact Jim Dermon — 936-828-4013

Field Trip to Port Arthur, TX & Nederland, TX

Saturday: May 16, 2020

Cost \$5

Deadline: April 13, 2020

- . McDonald for Breakfast on Your Own
- . Museum of the Gulf Coast
- . Luncheon on Your Own (Luby's)
- . Pompeiian Villa
- . Dutch Windmill Museum



Pompeiian Villa

Dutch Windmill
Museum



Contact: Jim Dermon—936-828-4013

Meet at Woodhaven at 6:30 AM

Bus Leaves at 7:00 AM

Brief History of Montgomery, TX

Most of us know that Conroe is the county seat of Montgomery County. The largest city in Montgomery County is The Woodlands. However, Montgomery, Texas was once a thriving, booming county seat before the railroad companies bypassed this city and moved its business and records to Conroe in 1889.

How did Montgomery get its name? It started with W.W. Sheppard who founded this town in the middle of the Lake Creek Settlement in July, 1837. Sheppard and John Wyatt Moody named this town, Montgomery, because Moody lived in Alabama where he was the County Clerk of Montgomery County, Alabama before he migrated to Texas. After the county was created on December 14, 1837, Montgomery, Texas became the first county seat until 1889 when the records were moved to Conroe, Texas.

Montgomery began as a trading post in 1826 and was the trade center for a large farming area, where stagecoach, railroad and telegraph lines crossed. By 1850s, Montgomery experienced booming house construction; by 1900 several mercantile establishments, cotton gins, hotels, boarding houses, doctors, dentist, lawyers and active railroads with freight and passengers were in business

Montgomery has a claim to fame by being the birthplace of the Texas flag. Dr. Charles Bellinger Stewart, a Montgomery postmaster and pharmacist and the first Secretary of State for the Republic of Texas created the official flag and the Republic seal on a piece of vellum. President Lamar approved the flag and seal on January 25, 1839

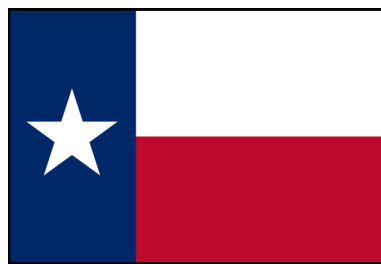
Though the city of Montgomery was once a county seat and has the claim of being the birthplace of the Texas flag, this city is quite a town with several adjectives such as small, quiet, sleepy, and quaint, worth visiting, exploring, and shopping for any visitor.

<https://www.thepropertysource.com/blog/8-things-you-may-not-know-about-montgomery-texas.html> and <https://topguns.com/little-known-facts-about-historic-montgomery-texas/>

MONTGOMERY FIELD TRIP WORD PUZZLE

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CABINS	CISTERN	FERNLAND
FLAG	GARDEN	HISTORY
HOME	LANDSCAPED	MONTGOMERY
NATIVE	PARK	POND
RESTAURANT	SEAL	STEAKHOUSE
STEWART	STREAM	TEXAS
TOUR	VILLAGE	



Texas Flag: Lone Star Flag

Instantly recognizable, the Lone Star Flag was originally designed by Texas Constitutional Convention delegate Dr. Charles Bellinger Stewart

and was adopted by the Congress of the Republic of Texas in 1839. Austin artist Peter Krag was paid a fee of \$10 (about \$200 in current dollars) to make an architectural rendering of Stewart's original freehand flag design. Like the United States flag, the red, white, and blue colors in the Lone Star flag stand for courage (red), purity and liberty (white), and loyalty (blue).

<https://www.thestoryoftexas.com/education/texas-symbols>

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Virenda Desai, Thomas/Doina Langham

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Thank you again for your kindness.

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St. Patrick's Day Facts & Information—KEY FACTS

- St. Patrick's Day is an annual feast day celebrating the patron saint the day is named after. It is a national holiday of Ireland and is usually celebrated on March 17.
- It has become a popular holiday in the United States. People wear green and eat corned beef and cabbage.
- It is believed St. Patrick, a Roman-Britain-born Christian missionary, was born in the late fourth century and is credited with bringing Christianity to the Irish people.
- It is also believed St. Patrick drove all the snakes out of Ireland. However, post-glacial Ireland never actually had snakes. Many believe that the term "snakes" referred to the serpent symbolism of the Druids of that time and place. Today, there are no snakes to be found!
- Most people, whether they are Irish or not, wear green on this day. One of the Irish traditions is to pinch anyone who is not wearing green on St. Patrick's Day.
- Corned beef and cabbage are traditional foods eaten on this holiday. The shamrock, pots of gold, and leprechauns are also associated with St. Patrick's Day. The shamrock was worn as a badge on the lapel. Three is Ireland's magic number and the three leaves that make up the shamrock are supposed to bring good luck. They also represent the Holy Trinity in the Christian religion.
- The leprechaun is a small Irish fairy. He is dressed like a shoemaker, with pointed shoes and a hat. He also wears a leather apron. Leprechauns are supposed to be unfriendly little men who live alone in the forest, spending all of their time making shoes and guarding their treasures.
- If someone catches a leprechaun, he will be forced to tell where he hides all his pots of gold. However, the leprechaun must be watched at all times. If his captor looks away, the leprechaun will vanish along with his treasure.

<https://kidskonnnect.com/holidays-seasons/saint-patricks-day/>

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