

HOUSTON DEAF SENIOR CITIZENS NEWSLETTER

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Collecting Recipes

Please note the deadline is August 1st



We are in the process of collecting recipes from our families and friends. Then, we plan to put them all into a cookbook for our organization. Please send recipes to Amelia Guerra, Chairperson at fatr Guerra@sbcglobal.net or you can mail them to HDSCF - Recipe Collection; P. O. Box 664, Missouri City, TX 77459. These recipes can not be duplicated from Websites, please. Amelia wants the recipes to be original that have been passed down in families. Ann Wheeler and Rochelle Simpson are on the committee with help from Susan Jackson. They need these recipes by August 1st, please. As soon as the book is made, we will let you know when it's ready. Thanks so much for your help and cooperation to make this possible.

Father's Day Celebration



The women enjoyed serving a delicious lunch in honor of Fathers on June 9th. Ten Fathers won gifts. BBQ Brisket was served along with fresh vegetables and desserts. It was enjoyed by all that came.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 3, 2010 (Saturday) = **ASL Social and Houston Deaf Asian Club** will meet at Kemah Boardwalk for 4th of July celebration. We will meet at Joe's Crab Shack, 215 Kipp Ave., Kemah, TX 77565 from 9:00 am till close. The Fun never stops! The freshest catch in Family Fun! Check out www.kemahboardwalk.com and www.boardwalkbeast.com for more information.

July 4, 2010 (Sunday) = In the United States, **Independence Day**, commonly known as the **Fourth of July**, is a federal holiday commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, declaring independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain. It is commonly associated with fireworks, parades, barbecues, carnivals, fairs, picnics, concerts, baseball games, political speeches and ceremonies, and various other public and private events celebrating the history, government, and traditions of the United States.

July 6, 2010 (Tuesday) = **Positive Interaction Program (PIP)** will have a presentation on "Initiatives with the Deaf Community". Jeff Anderson, Executive Director of the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities and Houston Department of Health and Human Services, will present this informative presentation. The meeting is held at Woodhaven Baptist Church for the Deaf, 9920 Long Point, Houston, TX at 7:30 PM. Door prizes! Interpreter and captioning are provided. If anyone wants to volunteer to make a dish, bring sandwiches, chips, dips, desserts, tea, water, or soft drinks for this meeting, please e-mail to Officer James Sobota at james.sobota@cityofhouston.net

July 9, 2010 (Friday) = **Houston Deaf Senior Citizens** will take a trip to Wharton County to look at flowers (\$1). Then, we will stop at the Food Court in First Colony Mall for lunch. After that, we will head to Sugar Land Jail (\$5) to visit this Museum. Everyone needs to be at Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church, 9920 Long Point Rd., Houston, TX by 8:30 AM as the Bus will leave by 9:00 AM. Please contact Margie Graham at 281-552-8321 (OJO) or Julie Spaulding at 281-249-5276 (VP) for more information

July 9, 2010 (Friday) = **Houston Hand Talk Social** will be at First Colony Mall at the Food Court, 16535 Southwest Frwy., Sugar Land, TX 77479 from 5 PM till 9 PM. This is a fun way to meet people that are learning ASL. Let's meet and enjoy chatting with old and new friends.

July 13, 2010 (Tuesday) = **Chief's Citywide PIP** will be held at 1602 State St. (Auditorium), Houston, TX at 7:00 PM. Please contact Officer James Sobota at james.sobota@cityofhouston.net for more information.

July 14, 2010 (Wednesday) = **Houston Deaf Senior Citizens** will have their business/social meeting at West Gray Adaptive Recreation Center, 1475 West Gray, Houston, TX 77019 at 9:00 am till 1:00 pm. We will be serving Lasagna (cooked by Ann Wheeler, Margie Graham, Larry Butler, Amelia Guerra, and Margie Scribner). Contact Patsy Walker with ideas and suggestions on what you can bring to go with it. We are celebrating July 4th that day!

July 15, 2010 (Thursday) = **Houston Deaf Senior Citizens** will have a fellowship and potluck at Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church, 9920 Long Point Rd. from 9:00 am till 1:00 pm. If you wish to bring a covered dish, contact Evelyn Autry at 713-984-8186 TTY or Jenice Wells 281-442-8015 TTY or 281-249-5251 VP and let them know what you plan to bring. If you do not bring food, please bring \$5 to help cover the cost of food.

July 16, 2010 (Friday) = The Manager of **Chick-Fil-A** will give one free spicy chicken sandwich only to each deaf person that comes between 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The location is at 20010 SW Freeway @ Exit 99 near HEB, Sugar Land, TX 77479. Please let Larry Butler know by July 10th if you plan to attend to get your free spicy chicken sandwich.

July 26, 2010 (Monday) = **Joe's Banquet Center**, 1300 East Hwy. 6, Alvin, TX 77511 will provide free meal for Seniors from 6 AM till 10 AM. It is free on the last Monday of each month. However, you have to pay for your drinks and tip.

July 28, 2010 (Wednesday) = **Houston Deaf Senior Citizens** will have their business/social meeting at Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray, Houston, TX 77019 from 9:00 am till 1:00 pm. We will have an Attorney explain about Wills, Probate, and Advanced Directives. Please bring your friends to hear this Speaker.

DONATIONS & NEWSLETTER DUES

Donations to Houston Deaf Senior Citizens Love Fund and Newsletter:

Thanks to Audrey Leger for her generous donation in memory of James Grady Berry.

Thanks to the following people for their generous donations to Love Fund: Shari Crabtree, Joseph Donnellan Jr, Virginia Diana Duncan, Fred & Cathy Simerka, Margie Scribner, and Paula Szablowski.

Thanks to the following people for their thoughtful donations to Love Fund in memory of Kim Dodson and Dione Pearce: Thelma Jo Hays, Audrey Leger, and James & Julie Spaulding.

Also, thanks to James & Lavern Fair for their thoughtful donation to Love Fund in memory of Loved Ones.

Anyone who wishes to donate money to **Houston Deaf Senior Citizens Love Fund, Inc. (a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation)** should please make check or money order payable to **Houston Deaf Senior Citizens Love Fund**. In the memo part of your check, please write down what the amount applies to or you can send a note. Please mail to address on back page. Thanks so much!

RENEWAL SUBSCRIBERS:

Thank you for your renewal: M/M Jimmy Brookes, Billy Buza, Clyde Clark, Phillip DeLozier & Juan Bazan, Joseph Donnellan Jr, Virginia Diana Duncan, Trevelyn Green, Janice Horton, Earl Johnson, Bubba & Judy Lorenz, Virginia Mead, Louise Lee Nantz, Robert & Pearl Southwell, Barbara Warren, and Jane C Wood.

NEW SUBSCRIBER: Welcome to our new subscribers - Shari Crabtree, Dianna G Elledge, Juan Rodriguez, Raymond J Rome, and Virginia A Sellers.

NOTE: Virginia Diana Duncan and Fred Simerka recently became SC members. Congratulations!

Senior Citizen Trip to Mont Belvieu and Orange, TX

Fifteen Senior Citizens left on May 10th for this interesting trip to Mont Belvieu to learn about life in the Oil days. We stopped at Golden Coral for lunch. Then, we headed to the First Presbyterian Church in Orange. This Church has beautiful stained glass on their windows. On the second floor, we saw the Chapel where the services are held. At the top was a beautiful tomb of pictures explaining the beginning and the ending of all the stories in the Bible. It was gorgeous!

Please join us on our next trip on July 9th as we take a trip to Wharton County and Sugar Land. We will be stopping to look at flowers and visit the Sugar Land Jail. It will be fun so come and join us! Smiling.....

NEWS

DeafNation World Expo

The 2010 DeafNation World Expo will be held at the Sands Expo Center, the perfect place to truly bring the Deaf together under one roof. It will take place at Sand Expo's 200,000 sq. feet exhibit hall, where exhibitions, workshops, entertainment, sporting activities, activities for the children and so on will come together to provide four full days' worth of many hours of presentations, education and socializing for the attendees. The best thing about the World Expo, aside from the socializing and cultural/language opportunities, will be the free admission to all events. This will begin July 18-23, 2010 from 9 AM till 5PM at 201 Sands Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89109. Please register on-line at www.deafnation.com and make a copy of the form to gain entrance to the Expo.

Deaf Day at Six Flags

Will be held on Saturday, August 7, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Arlington, TX (Between Dallas and Ft. Worth). Ticket prices and other information will be sent out soon. For more information contact: Allison Randolph at allison.randolph@tccd.edu, 817-515-1343 (voice), or 817-484-6740 VP.

1 killed, 1 hurt in home invasion

By Brian rogers, Houston Chronciel (May 31, 2010)

One woman was killed and another is in stable condition after both were shot during a home invasion in north Harris County around 11:30 PM on Sunday, according to sheriff's deputies. Kimberly Dodson, 34, was transported to Houston Northwest Medical Center, where she was pronounced dead. A 50 years old woman, whose name has not been released, was transported to Memorial Hermann Hospital and remains in stable condition. According to the Harris County Sheriff's office. Witnesses told investigators that 4 to 5 black males wearing masks kicked in the front door and ransacked the home in the 1200 block of Sabine Brook Way. No arrest have been made.

GALLAUDET SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF CLOSING AFTER 83 YEARS

Submitted by Denis Tucker

It's been part of the St. Louis public school system for 83 years; now the Gallaudet School for the Deaf is closing. It's one of six city schools to be shuttered as the district tries to save money. After more than 80 years, the Gallaudet School for the Deaf is being shuttered and its 69 students will be attending other schools. St. Louis public school officials say this is not just about dollars and cents, but about a better future for children who attended this school.

News from Audrey Leger

On June 12th, I enjoyed chatting on VP with Ruth & Lowell Montgomery. They are thinking of you all and asked me to send the message below for our SC newsletter. Their wedding anniversary will be 55 years on 14th of July this year. Congratulations!

Message from Lowell & Ruth Montgomery:

We are often thinking of our SC friends and hope one day to be able come to SC meeting and social to meet you all. We send you all big hello and love to you all. As you know, Lowell had stroke some years ago and he is now doing much better; staying at our apartment. Our son is staying and helping us. Bless his heart! The nurse from hospice comes to our apartment for his treatments and therapy, but now he is in the ICU at the Bayshore Hospital in Pasadena since Thursday, June 17th. He has liquids in his lungs. I pray and hope he will be improved.

We'd love to hear from our friends. Here is our address at 1120 Red Bluff Rd, Apt # 9, Pasadena, TX 77506. Thanks and love you all, Ruth/Lowell



NEWS



James & Lavern Fair receive an award

James and Lavern received an award for 58 years of attendance to Texas Baptist Conference of the Deaf. Congratulations!

This was sent by Ann and Bill Hornbeak.

A DEAF-OWNED, DEAF-RUN BANK

DEAFDIGEST BLUE - June 13, 2010

Editor: Barry Strassler

<http://www.deafdigest.com>

A couple of years ago, James W. Meisser, who is deaf, and pretty much experienced in the banking field, wanted to open up a deaf-owned, a deaf-run bank. At first, he was not successful. Because of economy free fall, he had a hard time attracting capital. Not giving up, he tried a different approach - purchasing an existing bank. And he succeeded. He is now the President and CEO of the Hiawatha National Bank in Wisconsin. This bank has branches in several small Wisconsin towns.

Household Hint and Tip for Toilet

Submitted by Gertie Sessions

To tell if the tank leaks, add a few drops of green or blue food coloring to the Tank. Don't flush for an hour. If color seeps into the Toilet bowl, you will have to replace the ball.

The Lillian Beard Deaf Connection Center

Summer Semester Schedule for 2010

Please contact David Bass at 832-413-6266 or davidsbass67@hotmail.com for more information or if you want to become a volunteer. Many classes are being offered such as New Life Deaf Recovery, Computer Training, Life Management Skills Training, GED Preparation Classes, International Deaf Services, Sign Language Training, HIV/AIDS Education Workshops, Budget Counseling, Driver Education Training and Driver License Testing, etc. You can contact David for times and dates of these classes.

The Numbers to Watch

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Chances are, when you think of heart risk, you do a quick mental review of your cholesterol levels. Those numbers are important, but others are key as well if you want to whittle away your danger. Total cholesterol should be under 200 milligrams per deciliter. LDL should be under 100 mg/dl. HDL should be above 50 mg/dl for women and above 40 for men. Triglycerides should be under 150 mg/dl. Fasting blood sugar should be under 100 mg/dl. Blood pressure should be no higher than 120/80 mmHg.

Question: Why do men's clothes have buttons on the right while women's clothes have buttons on the left?

When buttons were invented, they were very expensive and worn primarily by the rich. Because wealthy women were dressed by maids, dressmakers put the buttons on the maid's right! Since most people are right-handed, it is easier to push buttons on the right through holes on the left and that's where women's buttons have remained since.



REST IN PEACE

OBITUARY



Funeral services for **Dione "Dee Dee" Marie Pearce**, 38, of Conroe, TX was held on Saturday, May 29, 2010 at 2:00 PM in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints with Bishop Bishop officiating. Interment will follow in Garden Park Cemetery. Dee Dee was born on September 29, 1971 in Houston, TX and she passed away on Wednesday, May 26, 2010 in Conroe, TX. She is survived by her loving family: mother, Marie Ann Wheeler & husband, David; father, Freddie Pearce & wife, Martha; brother and sisters, David Wheeler & wife, Charlotte, Shannon Wheeler & wife, Marilyn, La Shawnia Wheeler, and Jayson Wheeler & wife, Debra; maternal grandmother, Marie Hayes (Grandfather was Clyde Hayes); 4 aunts; 2 uncles, and numerous loving cousins, nieces, nephews and many other dear friends. Dee Dee was a loving daughter who lived her life to the fullest with a positive outlook. She was greatly loved and will be dearly missed.

Kimberly Lee Dodson died suddenly on May 31, 2010 at the age of 34. She attended Aldine High School and Sam Houston State University. A stay-at-home mother, she loved raising her beautiful boys and being with her family. She will be most remembered for her sweet personality, beautiful heart, and her desire to always help her family and friends where there was a need. Survivors include her mother, Mary Jane Dodson; her brother, Charles Harold Dodson, Jr.; her sister, Debbie Anne Stouse; and husband, Douglas Beal; and her 2 sons, Devin and Dillon. She was preceded in death by her father, Charles Harold Dodson and her son, Dorien Beal. In lieu of flowers, please send any donations to Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church, Kimberly Dodson Memorial Fund, 9920 Long Point Drive, Houston, TX 77055.



Alice Jane Williams Hill, 70, passed away on June 1, 2010. A loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother will be missed. Funeral was held at 10:00 am on Friday, June 4, at Bluebonnet Hills Memorial Chapel, 5725 Colleyville Blvd., Colleyville, TX. Survivors: Husband, Carvin Hill Sr., Sons, David Chapman, Carvin Hill Jr. and wife Melissa & Harvey Lee Hill & wife Katherine; daughters, Christy Hill Foust & husband William, Nellie Hill Lowry; 10 Grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren; numerous family members and friends.

Isabelle Stockton, 87, died Friday, June 4 at home in Lucas. Isabelle was a world traveler and enjoyed a full and active life. She was also an active PTA member for Pilot School in Dallas. Visitation was held at 9:30 AM, Thursday, June 10 at Restland of Dallas followed by graveside service at 10:30 AM. Isabelle was born on February 14, 1923 in Dallas, TX and was a lifetime resident of the North Texas area. She was preceded in death by her brother, Johnny Brooks and her sister, Ruth Brooks Matthews. Survivors: Sons Lloyd Stockton & wife Yolanda, of Lucas and Larry Stockton & wife Connie of Athens, TX, Grandchildren, Wallace Lloyd III, and Lori Jane, Great Grandchild, Amanda Jane, and Great-Great Grandchild Odessey Marie.



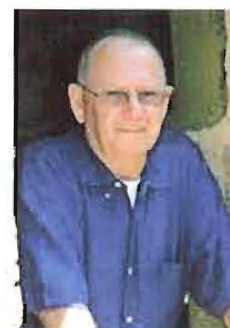
Martha Phillips, 90, of Dallas, formerly of Greenville, passed away on Sunday, June 6, 2010 at the Kindred Hospital in Dallas. Ms. Phillips was born on May 7, 1920 in Monday, TX to David Granville and Ida Victoria Johnson Wilcoxson, preceded her in death. She was married to Montie Philips who preceded her in death in 1989. Shortly after his passing, she moved to the Deaf Action Center Apartments in Dallas where she was active in the senior programs and served as secretary and treasurer of the senior citizens group. She was also involved in the Silent Friends Chapel Deaf Choir of the First Baptist Church of Dallas in the 1980's. She is survived by one daughter, Paula O'Brian, & husband Roy, of Amarillo; three grandchildren, Celia Mason, & husband Ray, of Post, Sheila Higgins, & husband Daniel, of Dimmitt, TX, Edward O'Brian, & wife, Brandee, of Lubbock; and nine great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. Services was held at 10:30 AM, Wednesday, June 9, 2010 at Peters Funeral Home Chapel with Terry Sanders officiating.



Mirdza Laivins passed away on June 6, 2010. She was born on March 23, 1923 in Riga, Latvia. Through sponsorship by Christ Lutheran Church Dallas and support of Dallas Association of the Deaf, she immigrated as a DP (Displaced Person) with her husband Eduards and two sons to the United States in 1951 and became a naturalized citizen in 1957. She is survived by her two sons Juris Laivins & his wife Carolyn of Dallas, TX and Uldis Jack Laivins of Carrollton, TX; two grandchildren, Larisa Rene Laivins of Los Angeles, CA and Andris Wayne Laivins of Austin, TX. Funeral service was held on Monday, June 15, 2010 at 10:00 AM in Memorial Chapel at Restland Cemetery, 13005 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, TX 75243. A grave side service was follow. In lieu of flowers,

memorial contributions may be made to Christ Lutheran Church Dallas, Deaf Action Center, Dallas, TX, or Highland Oaks Church of Christ.

James Grady Berry, 68, of Cabot (LSD of Class 1961), went to be with the angels on June 8, 2010. He was born April 15, 1942 in Big Woods, LA, the son of Ira and Edrice Shirey Berry and raised in Lake Charles. He worked at Florida and Colorado Schools for the Deaf before moving to Arkansas where he worked for 25 years at the Arkansas School for the Deaf. Grady was a member of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church. He is survived by his loving wife, Ada and their daughter, April; his brother, Lynn Dale Berry & wife, Bonnie of Lake Charles; and two nieces and their husbands. He was preceded in death by his parents and his grandparents. While at Arkansas School for the Deaf, Grady influenced many young deaf persons in his positions as Dean of Students, Athletic Director, head coach of girls' basketball, assistant coach for boys' football and basketball and as a dorm supervisor.



He belonged to the AAD from 1989-1995 and has been a Historic Board member at A.S.D. since 1987. He was a member of the President's Hall of Fame. He loved bowling, golf, fishing, and especially his pets, Pepper and Jackie. Visitation was held on Thursday, June 10 from 6-8 pm at Little Rock Funeral Home, 8801 Knoedl Ct. Services was held Friday, June 11 at 10:00 am at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, officiated by Rev. Bob Slagley, followed by interment at Hickory Springs Cemetery in Warren. Memorials may be made to Antioch Baptist Deaf Ministry, 5300 Stagecoach Road, Little Rock, AR 72210 or to the A.S.D. Museum.

Jack James Hawkins born April 6, 1943. He entered the gates of heaven to be with Jesus on June 9, 2010 at the age of 67. He is survived by his wife, Jan Hawkins; daughter and son-in-law, Jenna & Luis Gomez; son Jeff Hawkins; and two grandchildren Stephen and Cassie Gomez. Memorial service was held on Saturday, June 12th at 1:00 p.m. at Lucas Funeral Home, 137 East Hill Street, Keller, Texas 76248. They had no visitation or graveside services as Jack has chosen to be cremated.

Mrs. Lillian Beard, 101, passed away on June 10, 2010. She was the founder of the Deaf ministry at Houston First Baptist Church and Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church. Visitation was held on Thursday, June 17th from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM at Kingwood Funeral Home; 22800 Highway 59 N, Kingwood, TX 77339. Funeral Service was held Friday, June 18th at 10:00 AM at Second Baptist Church North, 22270 Highway 59 N, Kingwood, TX 77339. Private Burial was held at Forest Park Lawndale.

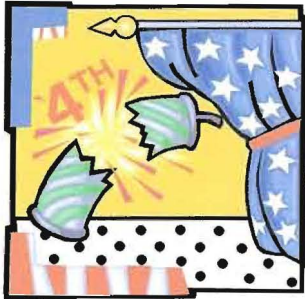


Martha (Rhodes) Beckham, 79, the wife of Andrew Beckham for 58 years, passed away on Saturday, June 19, 2010. She was a TSD graduate in 1951. Funeral service was held at Highland Baptist Church on Thursday, June 24, at 10 am. Following the service, her body was brought to Waco Memorial Park and Chapel Highland for burial.

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Have a Safe and Happy 4th of July! Please handle fireworks carefully. If you have children, make sure you watch them carefully to make sure they don't hurt themselves and that they use the fireworks in a safe way. Be sure to use Suntan Lotion to prevent from burning if you go outdoors most of the day.

If you have any information, jokes, recipes, event, pictures, sports, or news that you want me to publish, please send them to me by the 15th of each month. My E-mail address is nmorris726@gmail.com or you can mail to me at 15335 Falmouth Ave., Houston, TX 77084-1412.



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Have a safe and happy Summer!

Nancy Morris, Editor

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