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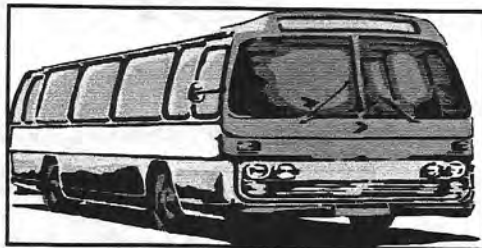
April, 2000

Issue 4



HAVE A NICE EASTER!
FROM
MARY REDMAN & THE STAFF OF
HOUSTON SENIOR CITIZENS NEWSLETTER

TRIP TO SAN ANTONIO



AND SAN MARCOS

On May 9-11, 2000, we, Senior Citizens, will have a field trip to San Antonio and San Marcos. On first day of the trip we will stop by San Marcos to visit LaVista Retirement Center and then go to San Antonio for three (3) days and two (2) nights to tour the city where we want to visit.

The trip is costing \$139.00 per person including bus, motel, two breakfasts and two dinners. Any one who is Senior Citizen member is welcome to join the trip. Please contact Frank Shaw at (281) 484-1347 TTY if you are interesting to go with us. There will be a final meeting on April 12, 2000 of the deadline for the trip to be paid in advance. Please come to the meeting for more information.



From the Editor, Frank Shaw:

I want to thank you for sending us more news for April Issue. History will be in May Issue due to not enough space.

Remind you to send any news or information that you wish to share with other Senior Citizens. Mail to: Houston Deaf Senior Citizen, 9954 Kirkshire Drive, Houston, TX 77089-2207; or email to hdsnews@yahoo.com or fax to (281) 530-7646 or (713) 781-4576.

The **deadline** for sending news is the **18th of each month**. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

From C.R.R.:

Career and Recovery Resources, Inc (CRR) provides instructions in Adult Basic Education for all levels of learners. CRR uses state-of-the art computers as part of their instructional system. All instructors are fluent in ASL. Please contact Kunle Adegboye at (713) 754-7042 (TTY) for more information.

From Zelma Curbello of LOVE FUND:

We personally want to thank you very much for your generous donations to LOVE FUND: Joyce & Roy Adams, Avie Alaniz, Dinah Anderson, Arlene Benham, LaRue Clifton, Billy Corum, Gus Curbello, Maurice Ford, Thelma Jo Hays, William Lambert, Ruby Lavender, Christine & Joy McKinnon, Earl McVey, Nadine & James Moore, Elnora Morgan, Mary Redman, Frank Shaw, Pernella & Curtis Smith, and Esteline & David Stewart.

Anyone of you wish to donate \$\$\$ to LOVE FUND, please make your check or money order to payable to Houston Deaf Senior Citizen Fund. Please mail to:

~~Ms. Zelma Curbello~~

~~9954 Kirkshire~~

Houston, TX ~~77089-2207~~

RENEWAL SUBSCRIBERS:

Thank you for the renewal: Carole Allen, Truitt Dungan, Richard Fair, Paul Fincher, Bonnie Gough, Bobby Joe Griggs, Nelson Hays, Vaydia Kendrick, Mary Longmore, M/M Wm. Lorenz, Fern Mears, Esther Morris, Elisa B. Neve, and Don J. Sowell.

NEW SUBSCRIBERS: ☺

Welcome to our new subscribers: Tracy Caldwell and John Carrto.



CALENDER OF EVENTS












- **April 7, 2000 (Friday)**
OPTICA, Illuminations Theater with the Deaf presents classic movie nights at M.M.S.C. at 1475 West Gray in Houston at 7:00-9:30 PM. "Offhand Tales 4 5 6" – 120 minutes of ASL Storytelling! Test your receptive skills and learn lots about Deaf culture. Brian Kilpatrick will be a presenter.
- **April 12, 2000 (Wednesday) – Easter Party**
Senior Citizen will meet at M.M.S.C. at 1475 West Gray from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Wear your bunny ears!!! Prizes will be given away. Women bring sandwiches and men bring chips & drinks & ices. Please contact Frank Shaw @ (281) 484-1347 TTY to let him know what you will bring.
- **April 20, 2000 (Thursday)**
Senior Citizen will meet at Woodhaven Baptist Church at 9920 Long Point. There will be pot luck for lunch. If you wish to bring covered dish, please contact Maurice Ford at (713) 455-3507 TTY or Elnora Morgan at (713) 675-1531 TTY who are in charge of covered dish and let them know what you will bring.
- **April 26, 2000 (Wednesday)**
Senior Citizen will meet at M.M.S.C. at 1475 West Gray from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.
- **April 29, 2000 (Saturday)**
ASL Children's Story Hour from 10:00-11:30 AM at M.M.S.C. at 1475 West Gray.
Jackie Kilpatrick and Jill Beebout are presented in ASL. The Title is "**Arnold Lobel Fables**".
- **April 30, 2000 (Sunday)**
"The Play about the Baby" by Edward Albee will be held at Alley Theatre at 2:30 PM. Open captioning, ASL Sign Language Translation and audio description for Visual Impaired will be provided. For tickets or information please call Illuminations...Theatre with the Deaf at (713) 529-6909 TTY or (713) 529-6910 Voice/Fax.



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ON APRIL 2, 2000

April 2000

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Social Meeting



Birthday



Anniversary



News

AUSTIN NEWS SENT IN BY TENNIE SESSIONS

Hello to all Senior Citizens of Houston...

It is very interesting to read and learn about our Presidents' lives in history. Please keep up with this each month.

TDI meeting was held at Holiday Inn at Town Lake in Austin on March 4, 2000. Claude Stout, the executive director of TDI was the presenter. Also, Paul Rutowski of Sprint and Ed Bosson of Public Utility Commission were presenting about the Relay Service. Everyone found that the meeting was very benefit and informative about telecommunications and media access for people who are deaf, late-deafened, hard-of-hearing or deaf-blind. The delicious food and drinks were served. There were over 100 people attending the meeting.

On March 10, 2000, there were 59 deaf/hearing ladies and one hearing man to attending "Women's Ministry for the Deaf" at Round Top near Gidding, TX. The lady owns her antique house with three floors. This place was very nice with many windows at the patio where we enjoyed the great view. We sat on the rocking chairs on the second floor. On Friday night there was lighting and raining very hard when we arrived the antique house from the restaurant. Some of the ladies were participating with testimony, ministry, songs and prayers. I also gave my testimony. The fellowship was great as we introduced to each other from different cities in Texas.

News sent in by Joyce & Roy Adams

Sue & Daril Williamson and we drove to SoSo, Mississippi last two weeks ago to visit Beatrice Williamson. Our visit was surely surprised her. We have not seen each other for 12 years and caught up our news. She is doing fine. After staying for three nights, we returned home.

News sent in by Elnora Morgan

My daughter, Cindy and I left Houston on Sunday a 6:00 AM heading to Orlando, Florida. We stayed at the motel and rode the shuttle bus to different places in Disney World every day. We almost saw all of the Disney World. Wow...we surely had a wonderful time there. We returned home the following Sunday.

News sent in by Opal Piercy:

Menefee (Allen) Holdren, Eugene and I went to visit Lillian Beard recently. Lillian is doing fine and adjusting well in her new home, an assistant living center in Kingwood. She introduced us to a lot of lovely people there. She shared us about her wonderful trip to Prague. The people there couldn't believe Lillian is 92 years young. She sends her love to all of you, the Seniors.

Lennie (Benefield) Morton took Eugene and me to see Estelline (Singleton) and David Stewart and then all of us visited Alice (Chism) Henderson. Alice is doing pretty good and trying to walk more, but it's so painful after her hip surgery. She fell and broke her hip. She is moved to Conroe for physical therapy. ***Alice, hurry and come back to our meetings...you are greatly missed from us.***

Evelyn (Fitch) and Willie Floerke were in Houston visiting Hazel and Jack Richard. They all went to Port Arthur to visit their relatives. Hazel and Jack brought them over to see Eugene & Opal Piercy. Their visit was very nice that we did enjoy. They left the next day for Taft. They plan to come again soon. It's always good to see them.

We received the fax from Bonnie (Williams) Gough. She plans to move to LaVista Retirement Center in San Marcos in April and really get excited. But you know the old saying, "***Once a Texan – Always a Texan***". She will stay at LaVista at least a year to see if she likes. If not, she will go back to California where she is still keeping her apartment in San Diego. I'm sure she will stay here because she loves company and enjoys a lot of activities at LaVista. ***GOOD LUCK, BONNIE!***

Eugene and I have been commuting to Beaumont attending all the showers and luncheon in honor of Polly's youngest son and his new wife, Heather. After dating 9 ½ years, they finally decided to get hitched. Their wedding was so lovely. Joe and Lennie Morton and their daughter, Lena Jo, attended their wedding. The bride and groom are honeymooning in Honolulu, Hawaii. ***Congratulations to Jacob and Heather.***

Lennie and Joe Morton visited Emory Watson and took him out to eat after the Seniors' meeting. Afterwards they took him to the grocery. Emory fell down several times, but he is doing okay. ***Emory, we do miss you and hope you can come to our meetings real soon.***

Lennie and Joe Morton motored to Fort Worth and visited Mabel Morton Pape who is staying in a nursing home there. They said that Mabel is doing well. ***Mabel says HELLO to all of us who know her.***

Recently the word has come to us that Hugh Poe of Washington State fell and broke his hip. ***Hugh, we are sorry to hear about your fall. Hurry and get well!***

We are saddened to hear that Lucille Allen Kohl had a stroke and is in St. Joseph Hospital. ***Lucy, you are in our thought and prayer for your full recovery.***

It was good to having Mary Jo Stevens back with us after she has been taking care of her mother in Weimer for a while.

News sent in by Mary Jo Stevens

My mother, (Mary Boer) had the knee replacement surgery on her right leg last March 7, 2000 at Trinity Hospital in Brenham, TX. She is staying there for physical therapy and does doing pretty good. Now she does walk with her walker from her room to hallway. I hope she can go home this weekend if she is well enough.

News sent in by Pauline Garrett

On February 19, 2000 Helen Padgett had her 91st birthday party at Pauline Garrett's house. She had more fun than anyone else and can't believe she is 91 years young...and plans what she will do on her 100th birthday! Nine years ago, Helen had triple bypass surgery, and the doctor told Pauline the good news that her mother's heart pump was as good as a 40 years old heart.

Helen was up earlier than usual dancing around exciting about her big day. The first stop of the day was at the beauty shop, and then getting all dressed up. She looked 40 years younger in her embroidery edged around neck black silhouette ankle length dress, with four white roses and pearl corsage, accented with pearl earrings and black shoes.

She eagerly greeted her friends and family including out of town guests, who found the house easily by the purple, red with "I Love You", yellow and silver balloons on the Light post. There was an elaborate feast prepared by her daughter, Pauline. The menu included potatoes salad, Polynesian chicken salad, pork appetizers, broccoli, carrots, cauliflower with dip, fruit salad, various finger sandwiches, cookies, fudge, complemented by sherbet and gingerale punch all home made in Pauline's kitchen. Topped off with a beautiful white cake decorated with strawberries and a "91" candle. Even after the guests were gone, Helen was still dancing about relieving the whole day.

News sent in by Elizabeth Olson, Internship student, North Harris College

Charles Trevino and some Internship students from North Harris College, who are enrolled in the Interpreter Training Program, came to visit at the February 22 meeting. The students were Rita Bowers, Sandra Capehart, Jennifer Humbert and Derunza Lawarence. Elizabeth Olson, the intern who has attended our meetings for the last few months, was there, also.

The meeting was held in a room much smaller than the regular room so everyone got really friendly, really fast. The students introduced themselves to the Seniors during the meeting. After the meeting the students had a chance to speak with several of the Seniors and learn a little bit about them. It was a good experience for the students to use their own signing skills, and experience the many different styles and signs used by the Seniors.

The Seniors were very helpful to the interpreting students, and the students went away having learned much valuable information.

The students, you may have noticed, had varying degrees of signing skills, just as do many of the Seniors. Some students began their signing before they ever started signing classes at the college, and other students began their signing careers with absolutely no knowledge of sign at all. Some students had d/Deaf family members or deaf friends that inspired them to choose interpreting as a career. Other students never before knew anyone who was d/Deaf, but just followed that "little voice" which guided them onto this path. That explains the different progression of their signing skills. Whatever their reasons for involvement in the Internship Program, all are dedicated to learning the language and the culture of the d/Deaf, and becoming interpreters I whom you can place your trust and of whom you can be proud.

The students said they all had a great time visiting with the Seniors. They were in awe of all the history and the experiences that were represented in the Senior group. It was a great experience. The students appreciate the fact that they were accepted, and the students thank you for letting them attend the Senior's meeting, and hope they will be welcome at another time, and perhaps to other events where the Seniors are involved.

DEAF NEWS

Barbara Dood lives in Ontario. She was born deaf and was raised by deaf parents. She also has deaf children of her own. She is proud to be part of the deaf community. She has enjoyed many challenges throughout her life and she would like to share this with you all. *"A Deaf Firefighter?"*

Firefighting really interested her so she enrolled in the Fire Service program at Seneca College in Toronto. She proceeded to work with the Vaughan and Toronto Fire Departments on a volunteer basis. This work was a wonderful experience and she gained valuable knowledge and skills. She continued with more education and graduated from the Fire Service Career Preparation Program offered by the North York Fire Department. Other courses she had taken include High Angle Rescue, and River Rescue. Overall, she has gained a good understanding of both firefighting and fire prevention. She hopes to, one day, serve as a full-time member of one of these local fire departments. The emotional support and encouragement she has received from everyone has been wonderful. She realizes that it is going to be tough for her to overcome some of the barriers that people place before her because of their safety concerns. With my determination and desire, she knows that she can perform the duties as well as anyone. She encourages new generation deaf youth who have similar dreams, to set their goals and follow through with them. We should not allow people to put limits on what we can and cannot do. She got to know a deaf professional firefighter from Nova Scotia and she hopes to be the first in Ontario. They both agree that anything is possible. It is all in your attitude. If you want to do something and you put your heart and mind into it, there is nothing stopping you from accomplishing anything.

Notes:

Metropolitan Multi Service Center, 1475 W. Gray offers free workout gym and aquatics (swim classes)
If you are interested in this, call (713) 529-4930 V/TTY.

Houston Center for Independent Living, 7000 Regency Square, Suite 160 has received the Federal paper work on helping Senior Citizens with their medicine they have to take. Contact them to see if you are qualified. Call (713) 974-4621 V/TTY.

Harris County Tax Office has set up TTY for your needs for voter register, auto, property tax and "Over 65 Exemption". Receptionist will be happy to help you. Phone number you can call is (713) 755-4214 or direct to Janie McCall @ (713) 755-4218 TTY. Paul Bettencourt is the Tax Collector and Assessor and has been very helpful to deaf and hard of hearing people in the county.

Rest in Peace



OBITUARIES

Gerald Frederick Stark, born April 6, 1919, in Houston, TX, died peacefully in his sleep on March 9, 2000, at the age of 80 at Trinity Lutheran Home in Round Rock, TX, where he had been a resident since 1998. He graduated from the Texas School for the Deaf. On November 15, 1952, he married Dorothy Nell Alexander. He is survived by one son, the Reverend Charles Stark and his wife, Bonnie; one stepdaughter, Gail Ferguson and her husband, Henry; one stepson, Jack Faucett and wife, Nancy; eight grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. His memorial service was held at Wilke-Clay-Fish Funeral Home in Austin.

Frances Todd, sister of Joan Burnett Pate of Mesa, Arizona, passed away on February 8, 2000. Joan flew there to attend her graveside service on Friday morning, Feb. 11, 2000. The movie of her life was shown through the computer. She is survived by six children, one deceased; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren; two deaf brothers, Richard & Art Burnett and sister, Joan Pate and her husband, Vernon. She was at the age of 74.

The son of Homar Kelsos passed away at Veteran's Hospital in Temple three weeks ago.



DEAF JOKE:

A hearing man robs a bank and decides to bury the loot in his back yard.

His next door neighbor who is deaf sees him burying the money and that night digs it up and hides in a tree in his back yard.

The next day the hearing man goes out back and finds that his money is gone. He decides to hire an interpreter to get his money back from the deaf man. The interpreter and the hearing man go up to the door of the deaf man and the hearing man demands the money back.

The deaf man signs that he doesn't know what he is talking about. Then the hearing man says that if he doesn't tell him that he will kill him. The deaf man decides to tell him where the money is.

The interpreter then tells the hearing man to go ahead and shoot the deaf man because he will never tell.

Submitted by LawPatC

Metropolitan Multi-Service Center

History: The Metropolitan Multi-Service Center was designed by people with disabilities and is the only multi-service center in Houston that targets its services to people with disabilities and the elderly.

- The center was opened in September of 1988 and is one of 7 multi-service centers in Houston.
- It was built by Community Development Block Grant Funds (federal government funds) and City of Houston General Improvement Bond Funds.
- The center houses health, fitness (wheel chair-accessible Nautilus equipment), sports, educational, cultural, social service and community activities for people with disabilities.
- There are offices for up to 18 social services at the center.
- It was also built to offer low-cost meeting and office space to non-profit organizations that serve people with disabilities
- The center is on 8 acres of land and has lighted tennis courts, a wheel chair jogging trail, a community garden, picnic areas, a baseball diamond, wheel chair-accessible bleachers, children's playground and free parking.
- The 25-meter indoor swimming pool was opened in 1994 and is heated to 89 degrees. It has exercise classes every weekday for people with disabilities.
- The gymnasium serves many purposes. It also can be used as an auditorium for plays and a banquet facility. There is a completely accessible commercial kitchen available for large events.

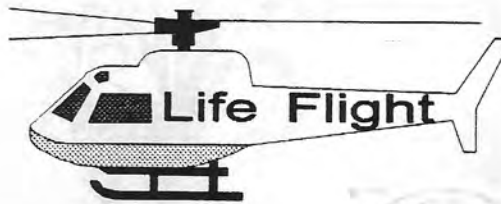
Agencies with Offices at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center: The following agencies currently have offices at the center. They are:

- **Career and Recovery Resources, Inc.**- Job placement for people with disabilities.
- **Easter Seal Society**- Day care for children with disabilities and able-bodied children.
- **Greater Houston Athletic Association for the Physically Disabled**- Sports activities for people with disabilities.
- **Health Equipment Recycling Coalition**- Recycles used equipment to economically disadvantaged people with disabilities.
- **Houston Area Parkinson Society**- Education and information and swimming exercise classes for people affected by Parkinson's Disease.
- **Illuminations Theatre with the Deaf**- Theater, cultural, and recreational activities for and with the deaf.
- **Larry Pollock, PhD & Associates**- Psychological testing, works closely with Texas Rehabilitation Center.
- **Mayor's Office/Office for People with Disabilities**- The Mayor's representative to people with disabilities; disability information and curb cuts requests.
- **The River Performing and Visual Arts Center**- Children's performing and visual arts classes and activities.
- **Houston Council of the Blind**- Activities and services for the blind.
- **Texas Rehabilitation Commission**- Works closely with Larry Pollock and Associates and Career and Recovery Resources, Inc. to help people with disabilities get jobs and other social services.
- **Texas Special Olympics**- Sports activities for children with disabilities. Training office is located at the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center.
- **Texas United Cerebral Palsy/Home of Your Own**- Helps people with disabilities become more independent by assisting them with acquiring their own homes.
- **United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Houston, Inc.**- Recreation activities for adults with severe disabilities.



Deaf and Hard of Hearing **"Positive Interaction Program"**

The presentation will be on:



Life Flight = Emergency Medical Service

**There are two ways someone goes to the hospital,
by ambulance or by helicopter.**

Meeting Location
Woodhaven Church for the Deaf 9920 Long Point
7:00pm . . . TUESDAY, April 4, 2000

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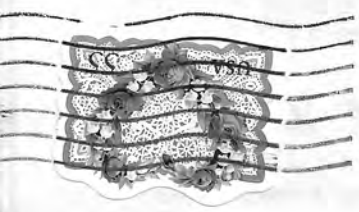


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