

HOUSTON DEAF SENIORS OF TEXAS NEWSLETTER

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News of the 25th Anniversary Party

The party held on November 12th was a huge success. There were 200+ Senior Citizens attending this event. Many came from Dallas, Austin, LaVista, Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Wichita, KS, and other areas. It was a joy to see so many friends again. Everyone had a great time and loved every minute of the party. Patsy Walker, Social Chairperson, did a great job planning and making sure everything was in place. Her Committee included 19 members working together as a team to get the gym decorated. The meal of BBQ was enjoyed by all, too. The following people received awards for their hard work in this organization for the past 25 years: Nancy Morris, Audrey Leger, Roger Spivey, Lennie Morton, Evelyn Autry, Christine McKinnon, Jack Clifton, Earl Day, Zelma Curbello, Billy Buza, Marie Hays, Z. X. Curry, Patsy Walker, Menefee Holdren, and Mary Chimelak (She was the only one that was not present).



If you are interested in purchasing a DVD of this wonderful event, please sent \$15 payable to James Ngyuen to c/o Patsy Walker, 2710 Wilson Rd., Lot 126, Humble, TX 77057-2255. She will inform James how many DVD to make. For those that have already paid at the party, you will be receiving your DVD when James completes them.

I WANT TO SAY MANY THANKS TO ALL OF YOU THAT CAME TO HOUSTON DEAF SENIORS OF TEXAS'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY. REALLY GLAD YOU ALL CAME AS WE ALL APPREICATED IT VERY MUCH AND HOPE YOU ALL ENJOYED IT. AGAIN, THANKS FROM ALL OF US. PATSY WALKER, CHAIRPERSON

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 2, 2008 (Tuesday)



Positive Interaction Program (PIP) will be presented by Dr. Elizabeth Jones who will give our presentation topic in regards to the investigation and research of seizure studies in Houston area emergency rooms. This will be a very informative presentation. The meeting is held at Woodhaven Church for the Deaf, 9920 Long Point, Houston, TX at 7:30 PM. Door prizes! Interpreter and captioning provided.

December 5, 2008 (Friday)



ASL Social will be at Rudy's Country Store, 20806 I-H 45 North, Spring, TX 77373 from 3 till 9 PM. Let's to meet and enjoy chatting with your old and new friends. Any questions, please e-mail to Earl Johnson at ejohnson127@comcast.net

December 6, 2008 (Saturday)



Houston Bass Club of the Deaf will be having their Christmas party at Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray, Houston, TX. It will begin at 11 AM till 5 PM. Dinner will be served with side dishes. Gift raffles and auctions will be presented. Please bring a wrapped Christmas gift under \$10 for fundraising. Gifts can be crafts, fishing, or Christmas items. Admission is \$7 Adult, \$5 Senior Citizen (55+), \$3 Child (under 12 years), and Free for child under 5 years. Please contact Juan Carrizales, Chairperson at 281-347-6028 (VP).

December 10, 2008 (Wednesday)



Houston Deaf Seniors of Texas will have a regular business meeting at West Gray Adaptive Recreation Center, 1475 West Gray, Houston, TX 77019 at 9:00 am till 1:00 pm. Please attend to share your ideas with this organization. You need to be present to vote for the motions submitted during this meeting. There will be no Christmas party this day.

December 12, 2008 (Friday)



Houston Hand Talk Social will be at Food Court in Baybrook Mall, 19400 Gulf Freeway (I-H 45 South), Friendswood, TX 77546 from 5 PM till 9 PM. Let's meet and enjoy chatting with your old and new friends. Any questions, please e-mail Roger Spivey at spivey39@yahoo.com.

December 12-14 (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday)



Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church presents their Christmas Performance Shows beginning at 7:30 pm on Friday and Saturday; and 2:30 pm on Sunday. For the hearing, there will be voice translating. This will be held at 9920 Long Point, Houston, TX. Please arrive earlier to get seats as these performances will begin on time.

December 13, 2008 (Saturday)



ASL EXPO 2008 will be held in Austin, TX beginning at 9 am till 6 pm. The location is at Palmer Events Center, Exhibit Hall #2, 900 Barton Springs Road, Austin, TX 78704. Go to aslexpo.com to order your tickets. It costs \$5 for Adults, \$3 for children from ages of 5-12, and free tickets for children of age 4 and under. If you pay at the door, tickets will cost \$10. Arrive 9 am till 10 am to get free T-shirts and free raffle tickets for door prizes that will be drawn at 5 pm. Check out the website for further information on what is planned for the day.

December 18, 2008 (Thursday)



Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will have a fellowship and potluck at Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church at 9920 Long Point Rd. from 9 am till 1 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 281-442-8016 VP and let them know what you plan to bring.

December 19, 2008 (Friday)



Houston Deaf Seniors of Texas will celebrate Christmas at the Carriage House Café, 7955 Fallbrook Dr., Houston, TX 77064. Please be at Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church, 9920 Long Point Rd. at 3:00 PM as the bus will be leaving by 3:30 PM. After the meal, the bus will take us on a tour of Christmas lights. Please contact Gertie Sessions by VP 281-447-7575 or Julie Spaulding by VP 281-445-1072 to sign up to go and get the cost of the evening meal. Deadline to confirm is December 12th.

December 19, 2008 (Friday)



ASL Social will be at Zorro's Buffet, 11095 East Freeway, Houston, TX 77029 from 3 till 9 PM. Let's to meet and enjoy chatting with your old and new friends. Any questions, please e-mail to Earl Johnson at ejohnson127@comcast.net

December 25, 2008 (Thursday)



Houston Deaf Seniors of Texas wishes you all a Blessed and Merry Christmas. Have a wonderful time with families and friends. It's always a joy to celebrate Christmas. Drive careful if you are planning to travel over the Holidays. Please remember those that are less fortunate. It's always a blessing to give than to receive. Wherever you worship, enjoy the messages given of our Savior and enjoy the Christmas Carols.

December 31, 2008 (Wednesday)



Have a great time as you celebrate the coming of the new year of 2009! Please be very careful if you are going out to celebrate. If you are going to be drinking, please designate a driver for yourself. Be sure to watch for drunk drivers on the streets. **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

LOVE FUND

Zelma Curbello wants to thank Bobby Joe Griggs for his donation to the Love Fund in memory of Loyd Williams and Fannie Goins (Mother of Joan West). She also wants to thank Paul Aaron Theriot for his donation in memory of many friends.

Anyone who wishes to donate money to HDSC Love Fund, Inc. (a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation) or HDST Newsletter should please make check or money order payable to either **Houston Deaf Senior Citizens - Love Fund** or **HDST Newsletter Fund**. And mail to:



HDSC Love Fund, Inc.
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Mary Jo Stevens, thank you for your gift subscription to Jerrie & Joe Cervenka.

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Melvia Nomeland, Norman Rader, and Daril Williamson, Sr, thank you for your general donation to our Newsletter Fund.

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Thanks to those people who donated to HDST Fund: William Hebert, Ann Hornbeak, Judy Thomas, Sandra Barnes-Smith, Mary Jo Stevens, and Sue Wilkison.

MORE NEWS

Dear Abby from Houston Chronicle

Submitted by Gertie Sessions

Dear Abby: A few weeks ago, I returned home after mowing the lawn at my mother's place. I left the lawnmower and a 5-gallon can of gas in the bed of my truck and went into the house. When I returned, the gas can was missing.

I bought another can, filled it with gas and added 2 pounds of sugar. Again, I parked my truck in the same spot with the gas can visible. An hour later, it too had disappeared.

A short while later, I noticed a neighbor's son and his friends pushing his car up the street. They said they had "engine problems." My wife thinks that I should offer to pay for this lad's engine repairs. What do you think? -- "A-Gassed" in Illinois

Dear "A-Gassed": I disagree with your wife. What if this was just a coincidence? I'm sure whoever stole your gas got an expensive lesson. Let's hope it also saved them from a life of crime.

Lennie Morton's Great Granddaughter

Lennie called me by VP to brag about her new great granddaughter. Her name is Dallas Lawry and she arrived on October 30th weighing in at 7 lbs. and her length was 19 inches. Her proud family lives in Bryan, TX. This makes 8 great grandchildren for Lennie. Congratulations!

Email from Rennon & Marcia

To Patsy Walker

We went to DART on Friday, October 17th, and rode in the rails from south of Dallas to north of Dallas and back. We enjoyed it very much. Saturday, we went to North Texas Deaf Senior Citizen meeting as it was the first official general meeting and election. NTDSC officers are: President Mack Harris; Vice President Herbert Picou; Secretary Virginia Rost Barlow; Treasurer John Coggins-Peckham; and 3 Trustees Sara Harris, Minnie Collins, and Bert Hill. Website address is <http://www.ntdsc.org/index.html> (This was given by Julie Spaulding).

NEWS

Vicks Vapor Rub

Submitted by Margie Graham

During a lecture on Essential Oils, they told us how the foot soles can absorb oils. Their example: Put garlic on your feet and within 20 minutes you can 'taste' it.

Some of us have used Vicks Vapor rub for years for everything from chapped lips to sore toes and many body parts in between. But I've never heard of this. And don't laugh, it works 100% of the time, although the scientists who discovered it aren't sure why. To stop night time coughing in a child and/or an adult, put Vicks Vapor rub generously on the bottom of the feet at bedtime and cover with socks. Even persistent, heavy, deep coughing will stop in about 5 minutes and stay stopped for many, many hours of relief. Works 100% of the time and is more effective in children than very strong prescription cough medicines. In addition, it is extremely soothing and comforting and they will sleep soundly.

If you have grandchildren, pass this on. If you end up sick, try it yourself and you will be absolutely amazed at how it works. DON'T SHUN THIS ONE.....TRY IT THE NEXT TIME YOU GET A BAD COLD.

CHRISTMAS TRIP IN GRAPEVINE, TX

Written by Nancy Morris, Editor of HDST

Our trip was enjoyed by all that went. Due to the fact that our bus was late arriving, we had to go directly to Deaf Action Center in Dallas, TX. We were greeted and welcomed by many deaf people there. They served lunch for us and it was delicious. Then, we headed to Super 8 Motel to check in. After that, we went to Gaylord Texan Ice. It was 9 degrees inside, but they provided heavy coats for us to wear. The ice sculptures were beautiful especially the Angel at the end of the tour. Hot Chocolate was given to us after we were done. We were dropped off at Grapevine Mill Mall which looks like Katy Mill Mall. Some of us went shopping there in the stores. The next day, we stopped at Pearce Civil War and Western Art Museum. The American Civil War left letters, diaries, journals, images, and artifacts from the era. The Western Art Museum is home to original representational works of art. This exhibition provides an historic and poignant narrative of the legendary Texas cattle drives in the decades following the American Civil War. After lunch, we stopped at Collin Street Bakery for Fruitcakes (all kinds) and other yummy food there. Next, we went to Russell Stover Candy Co. which was very close to Collin's. We were able to buy candies for Christmas gifts or for ourselves with 10% coupon that was passed out when we entered the store. All of us had a great time and were exhausted by the time the bus pulled into Woodhaven's parking lot that evening.



Letter received from Diana Duncan

On November 11th, Don and June Greer from Ft. Worth, TX drove their new car to my home that evening. We all went out to eat at Elaine Restaurant. On November 12th, we drove to Patsy Walker's home. We picked up Early McVey to take him to the 25th Senior Citizens Party. We had a great time chatting with everybody. On November 13th, we drove to Old Jail Museum, Lake Livingston Dam, and Historic Shops. Then, they took pictures at my Ranch.

Brief About Myself by Louise Lee Nantz

To all my friends who read the Houston Deaf Seniors of Texas newsletter. My full name is Ms. Louise Lee (Fultz) Nantz. I went to Sulphur Oklahoma School since I was a year old. Now, I'm 90 years old young. See a picture of me hold a frame of baby in front of me was taken when I was 9 months old.



I am now residing at the Azalea Nursing Home in Tyler, Texas. I wish you all happy holidays. Really enjoys the HDST's Newsletter!! Take care and may the good Lord bless you all.

Acknowledgement received from Jack Clifton

Submitted by Patsy Walker

Audrey, This is to acknowledge the nice warm thanks and check I received today. Needless to say, there is nothing I will and would want in return from you and HDSC. It all came from the bottom of my heart and also, with the guidance of the Lord. However, your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. If there's something I can help with your organization, just buzz me with some time in advance. Please allow James Fair, President to read this message. Thank you in advance. With love to you all, Jack Clifton

Chris' Alterations and Dry Cleaning

Chris and Margo Balat have moved to a new location at 1765 West 34th Street, Houston, TX 77018. Their opening hours are 8 am till 6:30 pm on Mondays through Fridays and 8:30 am till 3 pm on Saturdays. They are closed on Sundays. The phone number is 713-682-8785.

Sweet Potato Casserole

From Southern Gold Honey, 3015 Brown Rd., Vidor, TX 77662

2 cups creamed sweet potatoes (or pumpkin)
2 eggs
1 cup miniature marshmallows
Cinnamon, Cloves and Nutmeg to taste
¼ tsp Salt
5 ozs. Pecan Honey spread

Mix sweet potatoes and 2 eggs. Fold in marshmallows and spread in casserole dish. Spread warm pecan honey over potato mix. Bake in hot oven at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Serve hot or cold.

Brian Determan, Deafness Resource Specialist

Of Communication Access Ability Group (CAAG)

Brian came to our meeting on October 22nd to introduce himself and explain what he does for the Deaf Community. Detra Stewart and Brian handle the work load of 13 counties around Houston. Brian works with the Deaf Community south of I-10 while Detra works with the group north of I-10. Teri Wathen handles STAP and works with the Hard of Hearing people. They are hosting CSDVRS center in Houston. Brian explained about Equal Communication Accessibility, Rehabilitation Act of 1973 - Section 501/504, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and IDEA (Applies to Kindergarten through 12th grade Students). Afterwards, he gave all of us a Pop Quiz. We passed with flying colors which means we did pay attention to everything he said! Congrats to our Senior Citizens for proving that we can still learn and remember. For more information, please send an email to deafnessrs6b@dars.state.tx.us or call 713-807-1176 (Voice/TTY/VP).

REST IN PEACE

OBITUARY



Molly Calpin, 68, of College Station passed away on Thursday, October 16, 2008, at her home. A memorial service was held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, October 20, with a 7 p.m. rosary at Trevino-Smith Funeral Home in Bryan.

Molly was born in Perth, Western Australia, to Richard and Rose Villano. She moved to New York at age six with her family. Molly enjoyed traveling and loved to cook holiday meals for her family. She was a devoted grandmother and loved caring for her grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents and two brothers.

Survivors include her loving husband of 45 years, Martin Calpin, of College Station; daughters and sons-in-law: Jennie and Harry Cieri of College Station, and Rose and Joseph Dewey of The Woodlands; son, Kenneth Calpin of New York City; eight grandchildren; brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Lorraine Villano of Williamsburg, N.J.; and special niece, Adrienne Schum.

FREE HEARING LOSS WORKSHOP SLATED FOR DECEMBER 4 IN LIBERTY, TX

A hearing loss workshop entitled "I Can Hear You, But I Cannot Understand You," will be held at the Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center, 650 FM 1011 in Liberty, on Thursday, December 4 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Bring your own lunch as we will tour the facility during lunch.) Sponsoring groups are the Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS), Office for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services, and Communication Access Ability Group (CAAG).

The main presenter is Teri Wathen. Ms. Wathen is a Hearing Loss Resource Specialist of CAAG and has been giving presentations on hearing loss for many years. Her husband and two sons all have hearing loss, and Wathen wears two cochlear implants herself. Other speakers include Chris Conway who will talk about the free phone voucher program; Ashley Fairleigh who will talk about the latest on cochlear implants; and Jose Gonzalez who will go over communication tips and his contract with the state in the eastern counties of Texas.

Topics that will be covered in this FREE workshop are psychosocial issues of hearing loss, communication strategies in the workplace and at home, the latest on cochlear implants, assistive communication devices, and resources. Six hours of CEU credits have already been approved for audiologists, speech-language pathologists, hearing aid dispensers, social workers, sign language interpreters, early childhood interventionists, and occupational therapists. Live captioning will be provided at the workshop. Anyone who would like to attend, please RSVP to 866-353-7268 or send an email to HLRS6A@dars.state.tx.us.

Disclosing Disability: When and if to Disclose

This training will focus on the factors to consider when making the determination to disclose disability to a potential employer. Many people are not trained on how to make this determination and need to have the appropriate tools to be able to make informed decisions about "if and when" to disclose disability. Randi Turner serves as the Communications Access Specialist at DARS Office for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services. She works with agencies and service providers regarding their access obligations under the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Rehabilitation Act. Her training empowers people who are deaf or hard of hearing with knowledge of their civil rights and provides advocacy skills. She also provides training to parents of children with hearing loss regarding their rights under the IDEA. Held at Lone Star College, North Harris, Houston, TX on December 2, 2008 at 7:00-9:00 pm. Check out Website at www.dars.state.tx.us or call 800-628-5115 (ask for ext 3250); 866-581-9328 TTY (ask for ext 3251); or 512-407-3267 (VP). Captioning—CART—will be provided. If you need interpreter services or another form of communication access services, Email to: dhhstraining@dars.state.tx.us or call the office at the number below.

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

This has been a very busy year for me since I became Editor. I want to THANK YOU all for your support and encouragement. Without YOU, I could not have accomplished all that I did in getting this newsletter ready each month. Please continue to send me information that you want published. I try to include articles about the Field Trips that we take each month. Gertie Sessions has done a great job planning these trips with help from Juli Spaulding. Also, I try to go to the PIP meetings as they are very informative. It's good to share information with each other. Thanks to Officer James Sobota for planning these meetings.

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. Please keep articles to less than 300 words, due to limited space on the newsletter. My E-mail address is nmorris726@gmail.com or you can mail to me at 15335 Falmouth Ave., Houston, TX 77084-1412.



Please note that Editor may, at her discretion, edit articles or news items for brevity and to correct errors.

Have a Merry Christmas with your families and friends!

Nancy Morris

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