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MMSC Social Meeting — JANUARY 11th TWO GUESTS SPEAKERS — Officer James Sobota and Rick Harris



Nancy Morris
was leading
the meeting.



Officer James Sobota
spoke to the seniors
about increased SCAMS
on computers and
iPhones. Several new
ones are from Amazon

by scammers informing everyone that there are boxes of items to be picked up. But they want money upfront first! Please do not reply to them as they are not from Amazon. Other countries are sending these scams. Recently, text messages have been received threatening people to pay up or get arrested if they don't pay. Officer Sobota tells everyone not to handle these threats. He also explained that guns are legal to carry. The only time to use it on anyone is if they fear for their lives. Training is essential to know how to handle guns.



Then, **Ricky Harris**
(Deaf & Hard of Hear-
ing Access Special-
ist) and his Assistant
Charis Mallory,

explained Tax Time. He encouraged everyone to call the Mayor's Office to have an Interpreter set up. However, they will set up with H R Block to help everyone with their taxes. They both emphasized contacting them if anyone has a problem with getting an Interpreter because they can contact the person to let them know more about the ADA Law. If Interpreter is not available, anyone can request Cart Caption. Google has set up a "Live Transcribe" system for the deaf to read messages announced anywhere on airplanes, meetings, etc. It is not available on Apple iPhones yet. Ricky Harris also said that Banks doesn't like to use Sorenson as that is a 3rd party involved. He has had to communicate with the Bank's staff about handling those calls from deaf people. Anyone can contact the Specialists at 832-413-6584 VP, 831-388-2115 Text only, or by email at DHHAccess6a@hhs.texas.gov.

Submitted by Nancy Morris

January 8 - 15, 2023 Western Caribbean Cruise

Carolyn Dill: Ten of us long-time friends went on a cruise to Honduras (Roatan Island), Belize, and Cozumel.

We enjoyed the theatre shows almost every night with dancing, singing, jokes, watching the cooking show, and other themes. During the day, there was a variety of activities. One was a quilling class. We also had our private room to play cards. Sometimes we saw flying fish near our ship. Sometimes we watched captioned movies on the giant screen over the pool.

The offshore excursions were the highlights of our trip. We enjoyed the monkeys and giant parrots of Honduras. Some of us saw ancient Mayan ruins in Belize. We all were fascinated in Cozumel by the ball game (not baseball!) that Mayans used to play long ago.

Our friendship ties have bonded closer. All around, a perfect trip! Many blessings.

Jan Dermon: What an exciting day at the Mayans tour—from sampling tequila and chocolate to the ball game.

The sacred pre-Hispanic ball game showed how the Mayans played without using their hands and feet. Also, there are Mayan purification rituals and dances.

The whole day was enjoyable, and nothing was rushed. We had the players posing for the photos afterward.

Christine Johnson: There was the right time and perfect weather to have a beautiful view of the water. I had such peace of mind while sitting down to talk with the Lord. It was an incredible feeling which I loved.



Mary Ann Ryba: I won third place in the Speedy Sudoku contest.



Tom/Doina Langham:
A beautiful sea day!



Sheryl Meador: I loved the Lamanai Mayan Ruins and River Boat Safari with lunch the most. When we arrived at the ruins, we saw a group of Howling Black Monkeys by the first Pyramid or temple. As we were walking into the jungle canopy, visiting all the temples, it reminded me of the movie called "Apocalypto."



From Left to Right—Sheryl Meador, Interpreter Andrea, Elias Rodriguez, Cristina Rodriguez, Interpreter Ben, Mary Ann Ryba, Carolyn Dill, Christine Johnson, Doina Langham, Jan Dermon, Jim Dermon.
Not in the picture; Tom Langham.



Elias and Cristina Rodriguez—Rostan Island, Honduras



Mayans Games



Quilling Craft

Social Meeting—Valentine Theme—February 8, 2023



Wear Red! Pizza! Bring Your Drink! Bring Dessert!



**Jan Dermon will lead Quilling Craft and will provide tools.
Please let Jan know if you are interested...need a head count.
936-828-4013**

Houston Field Trip—February 11, 2023

Cost \$5.00



Buffalo Soldiers National Museum



Lunch on Your Own



The Houston Farmers Market

Meet at the South Parking Lot behind Memorial City Mall at 9:00 am
Bus leaves at 9:30 am

**Contact Jim Dermon
936-828-4013**

Deadline: 02/08/2023



**March Field Trip
To Be Announced at
Social March Meeting**



**April 1, 2023 Field Trip
Contact:
Jim Dermon—936-828-4013**

**Ticket Cost:
\$15—over 60
\$20—Under 60
Non-refundable**



**A Day at Post Houston
May 23, 2023 (Tentative)**

Mark Your Field Trip Calendar

2/11/2023 (Saturday) 3/11/2023 (Saturday)
4/1/2023 (Saturday) 5/23/2023 (Tuesday)
6/3/2023 (Saturday)

*Faith, Hope & Love
But the greatest of these is love.
1 Corinthians 13:13*

Happy Valentine's Day!



**Margo Jarreau, Denis Tucker,
Ricky Harris,
Patsy Walker, Dennis Smith**

Renewals:

Tidbit Newsletter

Earl Johnson, Dennis Prescott, Luci Ryan,
Mary Faye Tippet

Subscription Gifts:

Maria Culp (Fred Simerka)
Charles/Anne Trevino (Fred Simerka)



Donation to Project Love Fund:

Dennis Prescott

Donation to Memory of:

Sonny/Margaret Braquet (Sidney Braquet)

**January 17, 2023—Space Center Houston Field Trip
Tour and Lunch Included**



Left to Right: Christine Johnson, Jose Ybarra, Karen Hancock, Dominique Parisi, Celia Di Maria, Wanda Andrew, Clyde Andrew, Joanie Stephens, Thomas Klenert, Christine Klenert, Mary Ann Ryba, Jeanne Hilferty, Larry Hilferty, Ruth Naquin, Eddie Naquin, Sidney Gilland, Cristina Rodriguez
Not in the Picture: Crystal Jackson, Margo Jarreau, Dinah McKenzie, Mickey McKenzie, Dana Glasscock, Larry Glasscock, Fred Simerka,



Christine Johnson: There is no surprise for me to have an appreciation of the T-shirt! It is always an honor to work with Jim Dermon and help when he is unavailable.

NASA Space city is a perfect place to learn a lot about astronauts doing their job, like what and where they are with the stuff. It is AWESOME, but we would like to go back there again.



Ruth Naquin: Eddie and I visited the Space Center in Houston. We spent all day there. We were very interested and enjoyed walking through and seeing everything. The place is impressive. We looked for a great gift shop. They have a lovely food court. Light Moon is so beautiful.

Send some news, your trip, an announcement (newborn baby, birthday, anniversary, craft, obituary, and color photos to me before or on **15th day of each month**. Thanks!

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Since this group lives near the space center, they decided to drive themselves instead of the bus.

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