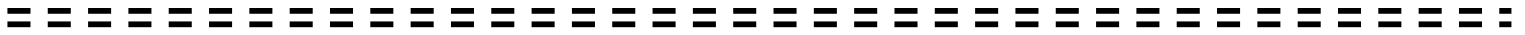


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Christmas Party on December 8th

HDSC Trip to Flatonia and Schulenburg



Our party on **December 8th** was a huge success. Everyone enjoyed it so much and had fun. The Board provided and served the BBQ meal and it was delicious. In January's newsletter, I announced the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners of the desserts. Other deaf citizens also brought desserts that were not judged. All of the desserts were delicious. Ten people won the door prizes.



On **January 14th**, Senior Citizens stopped at E. A. Arnim Archives and Museum in Flatonia, TX. This museum was established in 1988 and contains artifacts collected by Judge Sam Arnim over his lifetime. The museum is one of the largest rural museums in Central Texas and is devoted to preserving the history of life and the cultural heritage of the area. In October 2007, Arnim Museum opened a Veteran's Museum on the 2nd floor. It honors Veterans of Flatonia and Fayette County. Everyone stopped at Oakridge Smokehouse for lunch. It was delicious and enjoyed by everyone. The next stop was to Stanzel Model Aircraft Museum in Schulenburg, TX. This was established in 1998 as part of the Stanzel Family Foundation according to the wishes of 2 brothers, Joseph and Victor.



Ellen Sias, Danny Hensley, Trevelin Green, Walter Mathis, Julie Spaulding, James Spaulding, Felix Guerra, Mary Faye Tippett, Marcia Green, and Joan West (Sitting).



Together down memory's betraying path

By Claire Osborn, AMERICAN-STATESMAN STAFF



Victor Galloway, 82, is deaf and also has Alzheimer's, an incurable, progressive disease of the brain that impairs memory. He attended Spartanburg High School in South Carolina without a translator, then got a bachelor's degree from Gallaudet University in

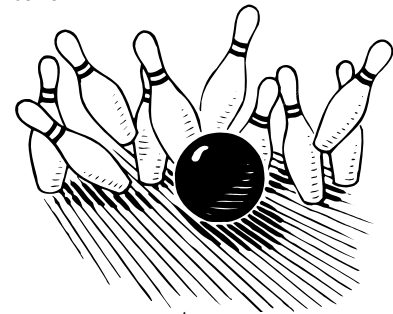
Washington, D.C., a master's degree from the California State University, Northridge, and a doctorate from the University of Arizona. In the 1980s, he was superintendent at the Texas School for the Deaf in Austin, and he had other high-powered jobs all over the country, including chief of the Deafness and Communications Disorders Branch at the U.S. Department of Education in Washington, D.C. Now, four years after his wife first noticed symptoms of the disease, he is no longer able to read and follows his wife around the house, signing to her and copying her emotions. "When I'm happy, he's happy, and when I'm stressed, he gets stressed," she said. "It can be exhausting, but he gets anxious when he's away from me more than 10 minutes."

Marilyn Galloway, who is not deaf, is a 67-year-old retired U.S. government sign language translator who once worked for former Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Colin Powell and was a student in her future husband's sign language class. Marilyn Galloway said she met him in 1966 at the University of Arizona. She was a student in his sign language class. They were married five years later. She said she followed her husband all over the country after they got married. He was a director at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf in Rochester, N.Y.; a director for the Model Secondary School for the Deaf in Washington, D.C.; the first deaf superintendent for the Scranton State School for the Deaf in Pennsylvania; and the first deaf director of the National Center on Deafness at California State University, Northridge, she said.

Marilyn Galloway said she began to notice something wasn't right with her husband in 2006, when he started doing surprising things such as putting hot sauce on his pancakes and saying he couldn't complete easy tasks such as packing books into boxes. His doctor, Dr. Ronald DeVere, a neurologist at the Alzheimer's Disease and Memory Disorders Center in Austin, said Victor Galloway is always pleasant during his office visits, smiling and shaking the doctor's hand. "His wife is very good because you don't always get a deaf person with an interpreter from the family," DeVere said. He said he was able to slow down the progression of Victor Galloway's disease for a few years through a combination of medicines, but the treatment didn't last. "I gave him five words and he repeated them, and 20 minutes later he didn't know the words I gave," DeVere said. Marilyn Galloway now takes care of her husband except for about 10 hours a week when two women who know sign language visit the house, she said. One of the problems is that there are no group activities in the Austin area for people who are deaf and also have Alzheimer's, she said.

Lone Star Deaf Bowling, Inc.

Given by Jose Ybarra



They will sponsor their 1st Annual Senior Citizens and 6th Annual Mixes Individual Handicap Bowling Tournament on Saturday, March 12, 2011 for Deaf Bowlers only. Fee is \$40 to cover Prize Fee, Bowling Fee, and Expense Fee. This will be held at Copperfield Bowl, 15615 Glen Chase Dr., Houston, TX 77095. Phone number is 281-550-8710. There are 3 time slots to choose from: 12:00 pm, 2:00 pm, and 4:00 pm. For those that are fans only, the admission is \$5 for general, \$3 for Senior Citizens and Students over 12 years, and free for children under 11 years. Entries close 10 minutes prior to bowling.



Calendar of Events

Happy January Birthday to Jenice Wells, Bubba Lorenz, and Dennis Smith



Birthday for February

- 19th - Robert F. Stevens
- 23rd - Luci Ryan
- 25th - Earl W. Johnson
- 29th - Martha Quinn



Anniversary for February

- 9th - Don & Fung Hahn 26 yrs-1985
- 14th - David & Linda Garcia 37 yrs-1974

Tuesday, February 1 - Positive Interaction Program will have a presentation on “Houston Sign Administration”. This informative topic will educate us on all of those illegal signs we see posted within our neighborhoods. Door prizes will be held at the end of the meeting. The meeting is at Woodhaven Church for the Deaf, 9920 Long Point at 7:30 PM. Interpreter and captioning provided. Also, if anyone wants to volunteer to make a dish or bring chips or soft drinks for this meeting, please e-mail to James Sobota at james.sobota@cityofhouston.net.

Friday, February 4 - ASL Social will meet at La Cabana Mexican Restaurant & Cantina, 3390 FM 1960 West, Humble, Texas 77338 from 4 pm to 9 pm. Check their website for more information at www.vivalacabana.com. Come join us for fun!

Sunday, February 6 - ASL Social and Lone Star Deaf Bowling, Inc. will sponsor the Super Bowl at Jax Grill, 1613 Shepherd Dr., Houston, TX 77007 from 11 am till 9 pm. Come join us to watch the Super Bowl game.

Wednesday, February 9 - Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will have a Valentine’s luncheon. Please contact Felix Guerra at 281-249-5286 VP to find out what you need to bring. It will be held at Multi Metropolitan Service Center on 1475 West Gray from 9:00 am till 1:00 pm. Please come and join us.

Friday, February 11 - Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will have a field trip to Fire Museum of Texas, Housed in Old Central Fire Station (\$1) and the Clifton Steamboat Museum Complex (\$3) in Beaumont, TX. Please arrive at Woodhaven Baptist Church for the Deaf, 9920 Long Point by 6:30 am as Bus will leave by 7:00 pm.

Friday, February 18 - ASL Social will meet at Yia Yia Mary’s Pappas Greek Kitchen, 4747 San Felipe, Houston, TX 77056 from 4 pm to 9 pm. Come join us and have fun!

Wednesday, February 23 - Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will have a business and social meeting. Please come and join us. We will have games to play. It will be held at Multi-Metropolitan Service Center on 1475 West Gray from 9:00 am till 1:00 pm. Please bring your friends.

N E W S

Email received from Bubba and Judy Lorenz

On November 30, 2010 at 8:04 am, we became proud grandparents of a precious granddaughter, Gracyn Elizabeth Hooter. She weighed 8 lbs. 8 oz. and is 21 inches long. Her middle name was named after Judy's mother, Bessie. Gracyn's parents are Mardi and Stephen. She has two brothers - Matthew and Dylan who are very proud of her.

A Deaf Woman in a Nail Salon in Kentucky

From DeafDigest / 12/8/2010

Carla Staten, who is deaf, was job hunting. She completed training classes on manicures and pedicures, hoping for a career in a nail salon. The salon boss was looking for a good person. Aware that Carla was deaf, the boss was not interested in an interview. He wanted to see how good she was with manicures and pedicures. After watching her work on a patron, Carla was immediately hired and told to start work ASAP! The salon is located in Covington, Kentucky.

DeafNation Expo Austin

This event will be held on Saturday, **April 16, 2011** at Travis County Exposition Center – Luedecke Arena, 7311 Decker Lane, Austin, TX 78724. Free admission and parking. Hours are from 9:00 am till 5:00 pm. Free children activities. Post this on your Calendar if you are interested in attending.

Christmas Card received from Betty Falke

Merry Christmas! "And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." St. Luke 2:10. May the joy of this Christmas Season remain with you throughout the New Year. Love to all, Betty

Betty.....We always think of you. We miss you here at our meetings.

DeafTax VITA

Sponsored by Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities

Free Tax Preparation for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing !

- IRS Certified VITA volunteers will prepare the tax returns.
- Both federal and state income tax returns will be prepared.
- Videophones will be provided to participating VITA site allowing the taxpayer and volunteer to communicate in real-time.
- The service will be available from **February 1 to April 14, 2011**.
- Individuals and families earning \$49,000 or less without business income are eligible for this service.
- Locations:
 - **Lillian Beard Deaf Connection Center**
9920 Long Point, Houston, TX 77055
 - **Career and Recovery Resources**
2525 San Jacinto St., Houston, TX 77002
- **By Appointment Only** (call **Kaitlyn Tracy** at 281-936-0770 (VP) to make an appointment)
- What is the cost? **FREE**

Lillian Beard Deaf Connection Center

Given by Sharon Grizzaffi

"Deaf Self Advocacy Training" will begin on Thursdays (February 3 thru May 5) from 6:30 pm till 8:00 pm. These classes are to increase Self Esteem and Self Determination; gain Advocacy skills; learn to avoid some mistakes addressing for accommodations; understanding Interpreter's role and ethics; and understand basics of American with Disabilities Act. Presenter will be Jana Bielfeldt, Deafness Resource Specialist. This will be held near Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church, 9920 Long Point Rd., Houston, TX. Please contact Jana at DeafnessRS6B@dars.state.tx.us or 832-431-3844 at least 3 business days prior to each training if you need an accommodation, including CART. Light refreshments will be provided after the training by CAAG. This is funded by Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services - Office for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services.



FROM JUDY LORENZ

The very first ever Blonde GUY joke..... And well worth the wait!

An Irishman, a Mexican and a Blonde Guy were doing construction work on scaffolding on the 20th floor of a building. They were eating lunch and the Irishman said, 'Corned beef and cabbage! If I get corned beef and cabbage one more time for lunch, I'm going to jump off this building.'

The Mexican opened his lunch box and exclaimed, 'Burritos again! If I get burritos one more time I'm going to jump off, too.'

The blonde opened his lunch and said, ' Bologna again! If I get a bologna sandwich one more time, I'm jumping too..'

The next day, the Irishman opened his lunch box, saw corned beef and cabbage, and jumped to his death.

The Mexican opened his lunch, saw a burrito, and jumped, too.

The blonde guy opened his lunch, saw the bologna and jumped to his death as well.

At the funeral, the Irishman's wife was weeping. She said, 'If I'd known how really tired he was of corned beef and cabbage, I never would have given it to him again!'

The Mexican's wife also wept and said, 'I could have given him tacos or enchiladas! I didn't realize he hated burritos so much.'

(Oh this is GOOD!!)

Everyone turned and stared at the blonde's wife. The blonde's wife said, 'Don't look at me. The idiot makes his own lunch.'

HOLY HUMOR !

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!" His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means? The son replied, "I do know!" "Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?" "That's easy, Daddy..."the young boy replied excitedly," It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'

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There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk. "Only the Ten Commandments." answered the lady.

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People want the front of the bus, the back of the church, and the center of attention.

Love Fund Cookbook

The new cookbooks have arrived. For those that ordered and paid already, you can pick up your copy at the Multi Metropolitan Service Center, 1475 West Gray, Houston, TX. For those that want to buy more, you can bring \$10 to the center to purchase more. The cookbook contains 344 well-loved recipes including appetizers, main dishes, desserts, and many others. Recipes include the contributor's name. These cookbooks will make great gifts. For those that are out of town, please send your check for \$13 (including \$3 for shipping of 1 book) or \$15 (including \$5 for 2 books) to:

**Houston Deaf Senior Citizens Love Fund
c/o Love Fund Cookbook
P. O. Box 664
Missouri City, TX 77459**

The Committee will send the cookbook to you. For more information, please contact:

Luci Ryan (Stricken263@yahoo.com)

Judy Lorenz, Amelia Guerra, Rochelle Simpson

Obituaries



Claude Wesley "PaPaw" Floyd

Graveside services for Claude Wesley "PaPaw" Floyd, 77, of Malakoff were held 2 p.m. Monday, Dec 13, 2010, with the Rev. Mike Davis officiated, and under the direction of Tomlinson Funeral Homes of Malakoff. He had been ill with failure liver &

kidney in hepatitis several months, and died at the hospital in Athens Sunday, Dec 5, 2010. He was born June 5, 1933, in Sweetwater, Texas, to the late George Olen Floyd and the late Lois Mildred Justiss Floyd. He was a cabinet Maker. He was preceded in death by wife, Patsy Lorretta Avant Floyd; parents, George Olen and Lois Mildred Floyd; brothers, Frank Floyd, David Roland Floyd; granddaughter, Shannon Moore; great-great-grandchild, Jasmine Wolfe.

Survivors included daughters, Cherry Davis, Trula Lammons; brother, Roy Floyd; eight grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild. Pallbearers were Aaron Wolfe, Mark Davis, Ricky Davis, Rickey Knighton, Mike Davis Jr; Jack Zambotti.

LV Thornton passed away peacefully on January 17th, 2011. He was born in Meadow, TX to Cleo & Clara Thornton. He graduated



from Texas School for the Deaf in Austin, TX. He married and had 3 daughters: Debbie, Cathy and Marcie. He spent his life working hard as an auto body repairman to take care of his family. He has 7 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. He

was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Thornton, his parents, his 5 sisters, and 3 brothers. He is survived by his baby brother, Al & his wife Kaye. Donations may be made to Grace Hospice in Plano, Texas. My name is Marcie Watson and I can be reached at 817-915-5893 or email at marcie_76051@yahoo.com. This obituary is for my father.

Editor's Message



The Christmas Party is on the front as I didn't have time to do it last month. Christmas is always a busy time for me. However, I'm so grateful that Bill Koch was willing to put the Newsletter together. Of course, I sent the messages to him to post. Danny Hensley proofread the Newsletter. We overlooked one of the date as "Thursday" should have been "Tuesday". Sorry about that. Please do let me know if you see any errors or want some improvement. I'm trying my best to make these newsletters interesting for each of you. As of right now, Bill Koch and Danny Hensley are working with me. There are others like Paula Szablowski, Sherri Crabtree, and Sharon Grazzaffi that I would like to have them on the staff. I also am thankful to Audrey Leger for getting the labels ready for me each month to put on envelopes so that they will be mailed on time. I try to make the effort to mail at least 5 days before the 1st of the next month so that everyone will have it by the 1st. Thanks so much for being patience with me and for giving me your feedback.

Have a **Happy Valentine's Day** with your love ones!!!

Nancy Morris
Editor



Valentine's Day

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell a popular Valentine's Day item.

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