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## Senior Citizens Field Trip on December 8th

Twenty-one Seniors went to see the Nutcracker at the Wortham Theatre. It began at 2:00 PM. We had a fantastic time watching the Ballet performance. Afterwards, we walked to Downtown Aquarium for dinner. It was enjoyed by all and the food was delicious. We arrived safely back to Woodhaven Baptist Church for the Deaf around 7:00 PM. It was a great afternoon and evening enjoyed by all that went.

*Written by Nancy Morris*



## Holiday-Decorated Boats Contest

Six seniors joined other young people at Kemah's Boardwalk to watch Clear Lake's 51st Annual Christmas Boat Lane Parade on Saturday evening, December 8th. Weather and the decorated boats was gorgeous! Before the parade, we dined at Saltgrass Steak House. After the parade, some of us stayed around to see what is in there at different stores.

*Written by Don Hahn*



*Photograph by Judy Becker*

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**January**

**Birthday**

- 2 Dinah McKenzie
- 7 Virginia Duncan
- 8 Patsy Walker
- 21 Mickey McKenzie  
Dennis Smith
- 28 Bubba Lorenz
- 30 Jenice Wells
- 31 David Garcia

**Anniversary**

- 13 Felix & Amelia Guerra  
40 years since 1973



**HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR!**

**SENIOR CITIZENS' FIELD TRIP**



**Friday, January 11, 2013**

**Meet at 7:30 AM**

*Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church  
9920 Long Point Drive - Houston, TX 77055*

**Bus Departs at 8:00 AM**

***(Breakfast on your own before departure)***

**A complete tour of five historic sites:**

Visitor's Center  
Providence Baptist Church  
Old Rock Store  
Museum

Chapell Hill United Methodist Church

***\$4.00 donation to Chapell Hill Historical Society***

**Lunch:** Larry's Bar-B-Q Buffet - 1:00 pm  
\$11.69 + tip

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**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**Friday, January 4:**

***ASL Social***

Timmy Chan Original  
2360 South Loop West  
Houston, TX 77054  
4:00 pm to 9:00 pm

**Wednesday, January 9:**

***HDSCLF's meeting***

Metropolitan Multi-Service Ctr  
1475 West Gray Street  
Houston, TX 77019  
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Friday, January 11:**

***Deaf/ASL Social (Ft. Bend)***

Chick-fil-A  
20010 Southwest Freeway  
Sugarland, TX 77479  
4:00 am - 9:00 pm

**Wednesday, January 23:**

***HDSCLF's Seminar or Social***

Metropolitan Multi-Service Ctr  
1475 West Gray Street  
Houston, TX 77019  
9:00 am - 1:00 pm



# Annual Estelle Cameron Love Fund Luncheon



HDSCLF Board celebrated, in her honor, with delicious Holiday luncheon catered by Zio's Italian Kitchen and their gourmet dishes. Patsy Walker hosted this event with help of Mrs. Santa Claus (Sheila Kennedy) and Elf (Cathy Simerka) very well along with some signing songs and 20 gift cards drawings. James Fair gave very nice prayer. We also thanked those who brought sugar-free desserts. We remembered our nation with signing song by all - God Bless America. In closing, we wish everyone Merry Christmas 2012 and Happy New Year 2013 to you all!

*Written by Judy Becker*



Winners got the Christmas gift cards.



Martha & Jim Quinn  
46 years



## December Birthday

Virendra Desai, Billy Buza,  
Cindy Clifton, Sandra Manley,  
Marie Hays, Joan West



**Congrats!**  
Tom Wells dedicated worker.



Delma & Carl Long  
14 years





## No Cuts to Medicare and Social Security in Last Minute Budget Deal

Americans deserve responsible solutions, not short-sighted changes that could hurt us all

by: *You've Earned a Say* | from: **AARP** | December 5, 2012

After a year of kicking the can down the road, Congress has come back to Washington to deal with expiring tax and spending cuts, as well as action on cuts to Medicare reimbursement rates.

### Make Your Voice Heard

But some in Washington are also considering cramming changes to *Medicare* and *Social Security* into a last-minute budget deal. They're looking for funds to offset cuts to defense and other federal programs – and benefits for seniors and their kids and grandkids are on the table.

One proposal under consideration would gradually raise the Medicare eligibility age to 67 to bring Medicare in line with Social Security, where full retirement age will be 67 by 2027. Raising the Medicare eligibility age would dramatically increase costs for younger seniors, drive up premiums for those in Medicare and raise health costs for individuals and businesses. And here's why:

- Removing the youngest and healthiest older Americans from the Medicare risk pool will result in higher premiums for those remaining in the program.
- Forcing 65- and 66-year-olds into the private market shifts significant costs to seniors, driving up their health care costs by \$2,200 per year.
- Adding older Americans to private insurance risk pools will drive up everyone's premiums and employer health care costs.

### Take action now! *Tell Washington no cuts to Medicare as part of a last-minute budget deal.*

Another proposal on the table would change the way the Social Security cost-of-living allowance (COLA) is calculated, reducing benefits by \$112 billion in the next 10 years alone. Simply put, that's money directly out of the pockets of today's seniors and their kids and grandkids.

The new calculation, called the "chained CPI," aims to account for ways consumers change their buying habits when prices change. It assumes that when the cost of something you normally

buy goes up, you will substitute a lower-cost item. For example, if the cost of chicken goes up at the grocery store, you will buy beef instead. However, this theory falls short for older adults since many seniors spend a disproportionate share of their money on prescription drugs, utilities and health care costs that keep going up, but that don't have a lower-cost substitute. So, what would this change mean for you?

- The annual COLA would be, on average, 0.3 percent lower under the proposed formula.
- The proposed formula would compound over time, reducing the benefit by 3 percent after 10 years and 8.5 percent after 30 years.

### Take action now! *Tell Washington no cuts to Social Security as part of a last-minute budget deal.*

Read *AARP's message to Congress* about the Social Security cost-of-living adjustment.

Americans have paid into Medicare and Social Security and they deserve an open, thoughtful discussion about how we can protect these programs for seniors and strengthen them for our kids and grandkids – not shortsighted changes that are crammed into an eleventh-hour budget deal.

On behalf of our 37 million members and their families, AARP will fight for an open, thoughtful public discussion about how to strengthen Social Security and Medicare, and against cramming changes to these vital programs into a last-minute deal that could harm all of us.

### Americans Have Earned Their Say: Principles for Responsible Solutions

In March, AARP launched *You've Earned a Say* – a national conversation to ensure that Americans have a voice in the debate about how to strengthen Medicare and Social Security for today's seniors as well as their children and grandchildren. Since then, millions of Americans shared their opinions and ideas for solutions to the challenges facing these vital programs through questionnaires, online tools, personalized videos and surveys.

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Based on what we heard from people of all ages and political viewpoints, we believe any debate about the future of Medicare and Social Security should adhere to the following principles for responsible solutions:

- Americans have earned a say in the future of Medicare and Social Security, and they have the right to know what any changes could mean for them and their families.
- Americans deserve an open and meaningful debate that reflects their views that strengthening Medicare and Social Security are critical for current and future generations.

- Solutions should be based on broad, bipartisan negotiations and reflect the values and the needs of current and future generations.
- The benefits of seniors and near retirees must be protected, and the main priority for any adjustments to Medicare and Social Security must be the health and retirement security of seniors and future generations.
- Any adjustments to these programs should preserve the promise of guaranteed benefits for future generations and be phased in gradually so workers can plan for their futures.

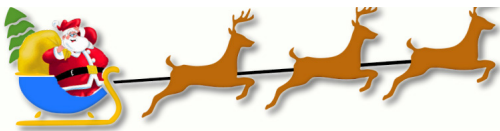
North Texas Deaf Senior Citizens' **Fifth Annual Christmas Luncheon** was held at the Maggiano's Little Italy (Italian Restaurant) in Plano, TX on Wednesday, December 5, 2012. Danny Hensley, Nancy Morris, Margie & Troy Graham, include about 109 people, attended there. The food was delicious and served in courses. The 8 door prizes were great It was enjoyed by all that went as many were dressed in the Christmas spirit.



*submitted by Nancy Morris*

Troy won a free field trip to go in 2013 with this organization.

Margie won the wreath that was on our table.



### **Death Wish**

An old man and his equally old wife had been married for many years. The neighbors could always hear a confrontation with yelling deep into the nights. The old man told his wife in front of the neighbors: When I die, I'll dig my way up and out of the grave to haunt you the rest of your life.

The neighbors really feared this old man and he loved being feared. Then he dies of a heart attack at the age of 98. The wife had a closed casket funeral. After burial, the neighbors concerned for her safety, asked: Are not you afraid that he may indeed dig his way out of his grave and come back to haunt you the rest of your life?

The wife replied: Let him dig. I had him buried upside down and he sure won't stop and ask for directions.

### **Going Deaf**

An elder man decided he needed hearing aids but did not want to spend a lot of money. "How much do they cost?" he asked the salesperson.

"Anything from \$2 up to \$2000."

"Can I see the \$2 model, please," requested the man.

The salesperson put the device around the man's neck and said, "You just stick this button in your ear and run this little string down into your pocket."

"How does it work?" asked the man.

The salesperson replied, "For \$2, it does not work but when people see it on you they will talk louder."

*Submitted by Robert Yost*



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**YOUR SHOE SIZE CAN TELL YOUR AGE  
 TRY THIS AND SEE:**

- I. Take your shoe size.
- II. Multiply it by 5.
- III. Add 50.
- IV. Multiply by 20.
- V. Add 1012
- VI. Subtract the year you were born.

The 1st digit is your shoe size while the last 2 digits is your age.

**Prove me wrong if you can!**

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## OBITUARIES



**Sharon Anne Dobyms Moehring**, 69, of Cistern, Fayette County passed away on Thursday November 15, 2012. Sharon was born August 31, 1943 in Lompoc, CA, the daughter of Richard E. & Mickey (Minerva) Jones Dobyms of Houston, TX. Her father was in training at the U.S. Army armored division at Camp Cooke, in Lompoc, CA. When she was 6 month old, her mother brought her home to Houston, and her father was ordered to England in early 1944, where he joined the Super 6th Armored Division, one of General George S. Patton's Third Army Divisions in World War II. He returned home in late 1945 with the Bronze Star, the Distinguished Unit Citation and the French Croix de Guerre, with Silver Gilt Star.

She attended Westbury High School and San Jacinto High School in Houston. She graduated from the Business College of Houston, and was an IBM operator for Raymond Geographic, Inc. in Houston, and retired as a homemaker. She enjoyed cooking delicious meals, enjoyed her dogs, cats and cocktails, enjoyed working on our ranch, loved riding her horses, was a loving and joyful wife, and friend to many.

She married John A. Moehring in 1967 in Houston. She is survived by her husband John, her brother Robert & Karren Moehring of Gypsum, CO, and her Jones and Goodling families in Houston.

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**Estelle Tutt Heintschel**, 94, passed away on November 24, 2012. She was born in Longview, TX on September 20, 1918. When she was 11 years old, her grandmother learned of Texas School for the Deaf. For the next 10 years, Estelle was in the oral program under Miss M. Searight, where she learned to speak, read and write. After leaving school in 1940, she began working in the laundry room at TSD. That is where she met Barney Heintschel. They married on May 29, 1943. She worked as a cook at TSD from 1964 till 1970. Her husband Barney, who had been diagnosed with colon cancer, urged her to work as a File Clerk with Texas Rehabilitation Commission in order to have a better job with higher pay. Being avid bowler for many years, she bowled till she was 91 years old. At that time, she moved to Burnet, TX to live with her daughter and son-in-law.

Survivors are son B. Morris Heintschel (Debra Jan Hall) and daughter Deborah Heintschel Ransier (Harry Ransier, Jr.) along with two grandchildren and families and friends.

Donations may be made to Texas School for the Deaf Scholarship Fund/Barney Heintschel at 1102 South Congress Ave., Austin, TX 78704 or Jesus Lutheran Church of the Deaf, 1307 Newton Ave., Austin, TX 78704.

*Partly published in Austin American-Statesman on November 28, 2012*

### Celebration of Life for Bobby Dixon

July 19, 1964 - December 4, 2012



On July 19, 1964, God blessed Bob and Bertha Moses with baby boy. They named him **Bobby Dixon**. He was the third of five children.

Bobby's childhood years spanned from the state of Louisiana to the state of Texas and state of Georgia. he was a man who always had a smile on his face. His love for his family was "unmatched" to anything. He was master at the game of dominos and always willing to give his point of view on any topic.

Bobby leaves to cherish his memories: Parents, Bob and Bertha Moses; Sons: Russell Sims, Jamaal Holiday; Daughters: Mercedes and Natasha Dixon; Brother, Roland Dixon (Kathy); step-brother, Delbert Young; Sisters: Bertha Thomas, Vanzie Dixon, Angela Patterson; Grandchildren: Taylon Dixon and Tre Sims, and a multitude of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

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Your generosity makes a difference in the lives of Houston deaf senior citizens. Thanks again for your kindness.

Jim Dermon  
HDSCLF Treasurer

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