

August 1999
HOUSTON DEAF SENIOR CITIZENS
NEWSLETTER

Senior Citizens Program

Stitch in Time Froze Behind
I ATTENDED a one-room school in the late '30s and early '40s. Like nearly all the boys at that time, I wore bib overalls.

One winter day at school, I ripped the seat out of my overalls. The teacher asked my older sister to sew them up while I was still wearing them.

Later, I had to go to the privy. When I got out there, I discovered my sister had sewn my overalls to my long johns! I had to remove my coat, shirt and underwear. I nearly froze—it was about 10° below zero that day.

—Clarence Knouse
Huron, South Dakota

Please Send Another Catalog

A NEIGHBOR once wrote to Sears saying he wanted to buy some toilet tissue. Sears wrote back instructing him to order it from the catalog.

The neighbor replied that he couldn't, as his catalog was all gone.

—M. McDonald
Burt Lake, Michigan

Outhouse No Inconvenience

MOST outhouses in our neighborhood were built of ugly gray wood. Inside was a rough board with two holes.

My parents had other ideas. Dad painted the outside white with green trim. Inside, he made one hole smaller to accommodate my younger sister and installed lids to cover the holes.

Mama added her personal touch by padding the seats with old rugs. But even those padded seats provided only a little protection on bitter winter mornings.

On the wall, Mama glued covers from *Liberty* magazine. They not only hid the cracks and brightened the decor, but were an endless source for wonderful stories Mama made up for us.

One spring, a robin built a nest in the eaves of our outhouse. For a short time, we were treated to the chirping of four little fledglings. We only had to be told once, "Be sure to put the lids down so

**When
Outhouses
Were In**

*These readers remain privy
to memories of "the little
house out back"*



the baby birds won't fall in the holes."

A few years later, we had a bathroom installed in the house, complete with tub and a flushing toilet. Even though it lacked a robin's nest and colorful stories pasted on the walls, we managed to adjust to our new convenience.

—Millicent Barnard
Feeding Hills, Massachusetts

Prevented Paper Emergencies

IN MY YOUTH, the outhouses at summer camp always had names. At Camp Wildwood in the Adirondacks of New York, it was called "The Community House".

This privy was located just downhill

from camp. It was a brief stroll in the daytime...but that path seemed a lot longer at night. Then we'd take the walk three at a time, with one of us holding a lantern.

At The Maples, a camp on the St. Lawrence River near Massena, the outhouse was called "The Ration Board". It was equipped with a Sears catalog "for emergencies".

Never was an outhouse so diligently stocked with toilet tissue. We used that slick-paged catalog for a doorstep.

By the end of summer, it still had all of its pages—a testament to our first demonstration of responsibility by regular replenishment of the toilet tissue supply.

—Carolyn Wardner Buck
Portland, Oregon

Held Her Breath Page by Page

ALTHOUGH we had indoor plumbing, my grandparents had a two-holer. We visited them every summer.

I can remember how I used to take a huge, deep breath before going into that two-holer, hoping that I'd be able to exit before my breath did.

I never made it. But I did enjoy the Sears catalog.

—Jennifer Wilcox
Monroe, Washington

Depression Privies Were Pretty Fancy

IN NICE WEATHER, the outhouse was a kind of refuge, where you could go to get out of doing dishes and where the Sears Roebuck catalog opened up a dream world.

Some ladies planted morning glories to hide the ugly little house, but FDR had a better solution. The WPA went throughout the country building pretty privies.

They were white and sat on a concrete base. The lids even had springs! We were so proud of ours.

It didn't take much to make us happy back in the '30s. —Kathleen Skoog
Holdrege, Nebraska



Deaf & Hard of Hearing PIP Meeting



“Twelve Year Party”

I hope our special guest will be Mayor Lee P. Brown



Woodhaven Church for the Deaf

9920 Long Point

WHEN: 7:00 p.m. . . .

▶ **THURSDAY, August 5th, 1999**

From: Officer **RANDY MELTON**

Hope to see you there. My TDD # 713-308-9073

Emergency # 911 - then tap space bar !

Voice # 713-308-9079 Fax # 713-308-9071

Signed Interpreters and Captioning Provided



Aug. 11, 1999 - Second Wednesday for Senior Citizens to meet at M.M.S.C. from 9:00 A.M. 1:00 P.M. There will be a regular meeting. Lois Good will continue the exercises. Enjoy meeting and talk your friends.

HAVE A NICE DAY!!

Aug. 19, 1999 - Third Thursday for Senior Citizens with HAPPY faces to meet at Woodhaven Baptist Church, 9920 Long Point with oh! delicious covered dishes. Come and join lots of fun playing the games, talking to one another and enjoy good lunch. Please call Maurice Ford at 713-455-3507 or Elnora Morgan at 713-675-1531 and let either know what you expect to bring.

HAVE A FUN TIME!!

Aug. 25, 1999 - Fourth Wednesday for Senior Citizens to meet at M.M.S.C. from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. There will be a regular meeting for everyone. Come on enjoy the day play games.

HAVE A GOOD DAY!!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR RENEWALS!!

William Floerke, Robert Wood, James Ford, Jessie Lauve, Harold McDonald, Ben Harmon, James Seale, Patsy Covington, and Rita DeVries

WELCOME TO NEW SUBSCRIBERS!

Malcolm Tate - gift by Virena Olive

Sherrian Fewell



To all S.C.'s on the Dallas, Ft. Worth
Field Trip -



Thank you all so very
much for the beautiful
soft leather briefcase
you gave me. Now maybe
I'll be more organized on
the next trip.



Mary Redman
S.C. Program Coordinator

Boyce Jones and his daughter Patti Trofimenkoff visited our Senior Citizens meeting at M.M.S.C. July 13. We were glad to see them. Patti lives in Toronto, Ontario, Canada and teaches drama and English as a second language at Milton High School. She is also a guidance counselor in both high school and adult education program. There are three schools for the deaf in Ontario. She was hired to work at the day camp in Houston from July 11 to 23 under direction of Susan Jackson. She teaches A.S.L., drama to children aged 7 to 12. Most of these children attend the mainstreaming programs here and need to learn more about A.S.L. and Deaf Culture.

Happiness is being with
good friends and laughing
until it makes your whole
body ache.

-Chrissi Mangrum



To me, happiness is doing
something nice for others
that makes you feel good
about yourself.

-Tina Givens

'Good' foods can be harmful, too

Some examples of drug-food combinations patients should avoid, according to *Food & Drug Interactions*:

▶ Never drink grapefruit juice less than two hours before or five hours after taking heart drugs called calcium channel blockers, like Procardia. The mix sometimes kills.

▶ Grapefruit juice taken with cyclosporin, which fights organ rejection in transplant recipients, can cause confusion and trembling.

▶ High doses of Vitamin E thin blood. Taken by heart patients on the popular blood thinner Coumadin, the mix increases the risk of serious bleeding.

▶ Coumadin users also shouldn't splurge on foods high in Vitamin K, like broccoli, spinach and turnip greens, which reduce the drug's effectiveness.

▶ Antidepressants called MAO inhibitors can cause a potentially fatal blood pressure rise when taken with foods high in the chemical tyramine, such as cheese and sausage.

▶ Drinking coffee or colas with certain

antibiotics such as Cipro or the ulcer drugs Tagamet, Zantac and Pepcid can increase caffeine levels, causing the jitters and stomach irritation.

▶ Don't overload on bananas or take potassium supplements with heart drugs called ACE inhibitors, such as Capoten and Vasotec. It can cause harmful potassium buildup.

▶ Too much caffeine increases the dose of theophylline, a bronchodilator, causing nausea, palpitations or seizures.

▶ Grapefruit juice should never be taken with antihistamines, either prescription versions such as Claritin and Allegra or over-the-counter types such as Benadryl. It can cause serious heart problems.

While grapefruit juice is often cited, eating grapefruit may cause the same interactions, says Michael Bottorff, a University of Cincinnati pharmacist.

For a free copy of *Food & Drug Interactions*, call 800-639-8140 or see the Internet at www.ncinet.org.

Submitted by Gertie Sessions

Message from Julie Spaulding

Wayne Southwell, formerly of Houston and now of Arkansas, had a colon problem for two weeks in May. He had to undergo surgery for six hours when his doctor removed 90 % of his intestines and then used 79 staples afterwards. Wayne stayed at the hospital for four weeks and two days and then went home on June 22. He said he was not ready to retire from his carpentry job until he is 70. He will be 65 on September 27. We all wish him a speedy recovery and our prayers are with him.

A Surprise Birthday Party By Early McVey

My daughter Patsy Walker and granddaughter Lisa planned a big surprise birthday party for me at the Clubhouse in River Harbor near Lake Livingston where Lisa lives close by. They had planned for it for six months and reserved a place there for the party. They told me it would just be a big fish cookout which I thought would be a good place to relax for me, such as fishing, swimming and cookout which I thought would be perfect time for the July 4 weekend. I was tired of having to battle traffic in Houston and Galveston, so I thought the trip to that place near Lake Livingston would be a good chance for me. I was surprised to see about 50 persons there, including Jerrell and Betty Quinn of Waco and also Don Adkins, his wife Jo Ann and his son Donny and his wife and baby who was born on June 24. Then I was shocked to learn that the event would be a big surprise birthday party for me! We had a huge meal of shrimps, fish fry and a big birthday cake decorated with the U. S. flag. Then we saw a beautiful firework display that evening. We all had a wonderful time talking and planned to stay there until midnight, but since a thunderstorm was on its way, we had to leave earlier than planned. It was my friend, Negros Drago who brought me there, and he set up his camping tent beside Lisa's mobile home. I had my trailer over, too. I think that party was the best I have ever had in my whole life. I hope to see all of you next year which 2000. Will that be space age for us?

WITH OUR VERY DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND UNDERSTANDING
THOUGHTS IN THE LOSS OF ONE VERY DEAR TO YOU.
HOUSTON DEAF SENIOR CITIZENS

Agnes Ann Morgan

Agnes Ann Morgan, of Dallas, TX passed away July 2, 1999 at the age of 62. She was born December 29, 1936 at Gatesville, TX. She graduated and a former cheerleader for Texas School for the Deaf 1956. Her cousin, Barbara Curtis of Garland, TX, survives Agnes. She worked for Texas Instruments, INC. and U.S. Post Office, both of Dallas, TX. She has been a very active bowler among the deaf community. She won the Southwest Deaf Woman's Bowling Association Hall of Fame in 1980 and honorary Life membership in 1983. She was Honor President of Southwest Deaf Woman Bowling Association in 1971-1972. She would be the honor Chairperson for this coming August 7th 2nd Annual Dallas Community Center of the Deaf 9-Pin No Tap Mixed Bowling Tournament. Prayer and Memorial Service will conduct by Father Green at Holy Trinity Catholic Church 3826 Gilbert Av., Dallas, TX, Oak Lawn Area, July 25, 1999, Sunday at 2:00 o'clock P.M.

BOURQUE

MURPHY EDWARD BOURQUE, 84, passed away on Tuesday, June 29, 1999. Born February 26, 1915 in Lafayette, LA., he was one of thirteen children born to Edgar and Lydia Patin Bourque. Raised in South Louisiana, he was an avid hunter and fisherman. He was very active in the Houston Deaf Association and Louisiana Deaf Association having served as past President of the Houston Deaf Association. Mr. Bourque was retired from Frank Gillman Pontiac. Preceded in death by son, Jerry N. Bourque, he is survived by wife of 60 years Helen L. Bourque; son, Robert Bourque and wife Kay; grandchildren, Jody, Jay, Denise and Damon; great grandchildren, Michele and Ricky; and special dear family friend, Velma. Viewing will begin after 9:00 A.M. on Wednesday, June 30, 1999 at Forest Park Lawndale Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, July 1, 1999 in the Main Chapel of Forest Park Lawndale. Entombment will follow at the Sunnyside Mausoleum at Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery.



Murphy Bourque was a member of Houston Deaf Senior Citizen. We all will miss him.

McAlister
Dorothy Scott McAlister went to be with the Lord on July 13, 1999. Dot was born October 2, 1910 at Biloxi, Mississippi, a daughter of Alexander C. and Cora Cox Scott. Dorothy attended The School for the Deaf in Arkansas and she graduated from Texas School for the Deaf in Austin, Texas in 1932. Dot married Roy H. McAlister July 1, 1944. He preceded her in death June 17, 1977. Mrs. McAlister was an active member of the Dallas Association of the Deaf and N.F.S.D. Graveside Service was held Thursday, July 15, 1999, at the Calvary Hill Cemetery, Dallas, Texas. Rev. Ray Rice was officiate. Arrangements by Martins Funeral Home in Granbury, Texas.

Nita Basham flew to Ohio last June and attended her daughter, Lisa's graduation exercises. She got a M A degree from Ohio State University. Nita is very proud of her. Congratulations to Lisa!

There were more than 350 Christian people attending the Texas Baptist Conference of the Deaf Convention at Waco, Texas on June 12. All of us signed an oversized card to cheer up Jerry Hassell. He was very surprised when someone brought it to him at church. We won't forget him, and we encourage him to be more healthy. He appreciated our kindness, and he still loves us as always.

I was at a banquet with J. E. and Virgene Bice, Terry and Mary Jane Casey, Jackie Pace, and two other ladies. I did not know one of them until she said she was Sarah Thompson-Newman. I was shocked that I had not seen her for 50 years since we were at Primary Hall. We talked a lot. She has a hearing husband and children in Pampa, Texas. She looks lovely and her hair is white. I hope she can come again to T. B. C. D. next year.

There were about 15 deaf people attending a Mexican Restaurant on July 1st. We gave Jackie Pace a surprise birthday party. The dinner was delicious. She got many nice gifts and enjoyed talking with us. She is 70 years old and is still active all of her life.

Martha Harvard is happy to come back to Austin recently. She said that there were no deaf people. Her boy friend is a carpenter and makes good money there. She said there were lovely mountains and a lot of Opry music. Martha is proud of her boy friend who remolded her house. It is very lovely. They are very wonderful to each other.

Shirley Dye of Tulsa, Oklahoma faxed me that Agnes Ann Morgan 56' was taken by an ambulance to Baylor Hospital in Dallas on May 24 because of her difficult breathing and heart failure. Virginia Hammond- Holdridge 56' and Evelyn Norman visited her at the hospital every day. Sandra Barnes - Smith 58' visited her too! Agnes passed away on July 1. We lost her as a friend because she always made us laugh when she used funny jokes.

Shirley Dye informed me that Sheila Finn -Thompson and her daughter had a car wreck between Colorado and Kansas. Sheila had several broken ribs, leg and her head was injured. She was in a really bad condition, and is still in I.C.U. in Denver, Colo. They were on their way to Texas. She was a TSD student. Her ex husband's name is James Thompson who also attended TSD. We need to pray for Sheila and her daughter to get well soon.

Travis and Gertie Sessions visited their son, Alan in Austin on July 2 to spend the July 4th weekend. John Holland of Houston stayed with them. I visited them. Gertie and Alan are very good cooks. Travis and Gertie brought a big watermelon from Hempstead and we ate it. Alan showed us his remolded house near Oltorf Street as he brought his materials there. It is nice for me to visit him sometimes.

Billy Collins had an operation on his eyes due to cataracts. Now he can see very well.

Ronald Taylor and Melissa Montoya became husband and wife on July 3. The wedding took place at Inks Lake State Park. About 50 guests came to witness the wedding.

The Travis Association of the Deaf Senior Citizens had their monthly meeting on July 1. About 32 attended the event. Kathryn Caldcleugh, president, gave a talk about "La Vista, Community for Retired Deaf" in San Marcos. Two La Vista residents, Mary Case and Harry Tremaine gave inspiring speeches to encourage the members to move there.



Bonnie Gough, Charles Burney, and his wife, Bonnie

Bonnie Burney and I flew to San Diego on April 29 to spend nine days with their thirty-five year old son, Robert. We attended NASCAR race at California Raceway—Busch 500 and Winston Cup on Saturday and Sunday, May 1 and 2.

On Thursday, April 8, Bonnie and I attended Deaf Senior Citizens' dinner at Hometown Buffet in La Mesa. There we met Bonnie Gough. We were very much pleased to have her with us at the table. Mrs. Gough had a stroke recently and she did spend a considerable time doing physical therapy. She has improved considerably and has been doing very well. We invited her to ride in a rented car and motored to Balbour Park which is known as the largest park in the world. There, we attended the Deaf Senior Citizens' meeting and we played card games known as "Chasing the Ace." Being with Mrs. Gough for a day turned out to be very enjoyable.

Bonnie (my wife) and I attended Alabama Association with the Deaf Conference at Oxford, AL on June 3-5. We were very much pleased to have Ralph White of Austin, TX to be with us. He served as a parliamentarian during the business meetings. He also was a workshop speaker—he turned out to be a very interesting person and has made considerable points. We have considered him a great orator and humorous. He was excellent in drumming up all the entire optience/audience into excitement.

On Sunday morning, June 6, there was a breakfast brunch for the Deaf Senior Citizens. Ralph White was with us at the table as a guest speaker. He also was a parliamentarian during the newly reorganized Alabama Deaf Seniors' meeting. We do appreciate him doing his part in helping improve the ADS by his suggestions. Our greatest pleasure was chatting with Ralph during the AAD Conference and ADS Conference. Since the ADS has been newly reorganized, I do dream of new Deaf Seniors Citizens' state organizations to be spread around the entire 50 states and see that they all are affiliated with the Deaf Seniors of America and this will make the DSA a very powerful organization.

Charles W. Burney, Jr. of Alabama.
When once a Texan, will always be a Texan!

Letter - to -Editor

From Rita DeVries

Dear Jean,

We are still living in VENEZUELA. I love receiving the monthly newsletter and keeping up with all the news and activities. I hope while I'm here to learn Spanish sign language but all the activities of three kids. I have not yet begun classes.

Greetings to all the wonderful people there!

Rita DeVries (former interpreter for the Senior Citizen Group)

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" Without Good Bye "

By Jackie Pace

After 18 years of friendship with my beloved friend Joseph Marshall, he passed away from cancer after only 6 months on February 3, 1998. I still have wonderful memories of him, because he was such a special man with a great sense of humor with much laughter and friendliness toward everyone. He loved to talk with everybody. I never heard him complain even though he underwent surgery four times within one year. He was always willing to bring my son Walt to San Antonio and back to Austin. I went to his townhouse one night, but he was not there, although I waited for a few hours. He never showed up. Then his children came to see me and informed me that he passed away. I was really shocked about it, and then I felt grieved for one year to this day. I thanked God for giving me a chance to get to know him as a person. I know he is happy with God now in beautiful heaven. Praise to the Lord Jesus. I still miss Joe, because I did not have a chance to say "goodbye" to him.

News from Shirley Barry Dye

I was surprised to receive the Houston Deaf Senior Citizen Newsletter which was paid for James and Nadine Moore. I do appreciate their kindness.. Last April after Easter they came to visit us for two days while they visited their two Okie friends in Tulsa, Ok who were Elizabeth Martin and Joyce Price Anderson. We all enjoyed their visit very much. On June 23 my 36 year old niece committed suicide in Florida where she worked. I was shocked to hear the news. She got in her car and closed the windows and then took 34 sleeping pills and drank whiskey. She wrote a note expressing her unhappiness about many things. Her body was found two days later and then flown to Jacksboro, Texas for funeral on June 9. My family was very upset about the incident. While driving to Texas for the funeral, I noticed that I left my drivers license at my home. It was the first time in my life that I was driving without license! So my husband had to do the driving all the way. Then I found my license in my denim shorts. Whew, I was glad the highway patrol did not stop me while I was driving without my license, ha. In case you do not know me well,, I attended TSD for a long time. I read about Stella Hicks Rudolph who was buried in Antelope, Texas according to the Houston Deaf Senior Citizen Newsletter. I did not realize that she was buried in my hometown where I was born before I moved to Tulsa, OK.

Everyone keep in the shape, drink lots of water in other words. Take care of yourself. I sure hope you are well, happy and doing just what the good Lord wants you to do. Keep the faith.



AUGUST 1999

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P.I.P. Party

S.C. Social Woodhaven

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S.C. M.M.S.C.

Hello!! Welcome to our Senior Citizen Fellowship at City of Houston Metropolitan Multi-Service Center at 1475 West Gray from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. on second and fourth Wednesday. There are plenty of safe parking spaces.
Come on and join Happy Fellowship.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



- 2.....Ophelia Simpson
- 3.....Menefee Holden
- 6.....Raymond Edgeley
- 8.....Christine McKinnon
- 10.....Margaret Braguet
- 12.....Lanier Page
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