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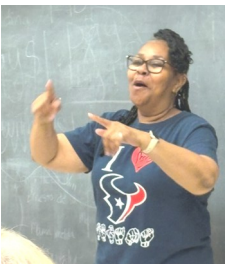
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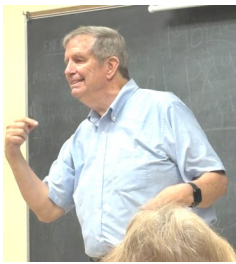
July 2025

Happy Father's Day

On June 11, a dreary, rainy day, we (52 of us) got together for a Father's Day luncheon at MMSC. There was no special speaker for this month. Instead, we had a fun day honoring fathers and grandpas. Jim Dermon, Lawrence Coleman, Troy Graham, Jeff Bookman, and Bill Hornbeak who are over 80 years young! Christine Johnson, Jim Dermon, and Nancy Morris led a short meeting. Larry Bulter, Yvonne Bulter, and Jan Dermon gave a short story. Deborah Wold had a game for men with a lot of pencils. William Nicks caught 13 pencils at once in one hand and won the game. We had a very delicious lunch, catering from Pappas BBQ. Christine Johnson, Yvonne Butler, Diane Finnegan, Deborah Wold, and Dinah McKenzie sported their mustaches and served the food. In all, we had a good day!



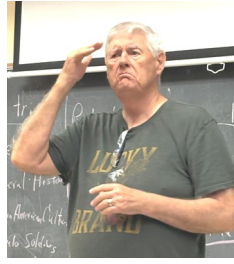
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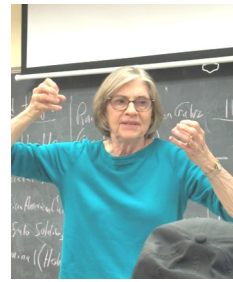
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Yvonne



Jim

Lawrence

Troy

Jeff

Bill



Jan

Social Meeting July 9th

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Potluck Luncheon at

Houston First Deaf Church

946 W 17th St

Houston, TX 77008

Everyone should contact Nancy

Morris—VP 281-815-4033

about what to bring.





ASTROS GAME OUTING—June 14, 2025

Left to Right: Donald Payne, Denise Richards, Elias Rodriguez, LaRonda Jackson, Cristina Rodriguez, Lydia Minor, Nancy Morris, Deborah Wold, Mary Ann Ryba, Lawrence Coleman, Diane Finnegan, Kevin Finnegan, Sidney Gilland, Clyde Andrew, Jose Ybarra, Thomas Klenert, Christine Klenert, Chris Kelley, Leroy Bookman, Susie Mouat, Robby Laws, Kathy Laws, Christine Johnson, Jim Dermon. Not in the picture, Jan Dermon

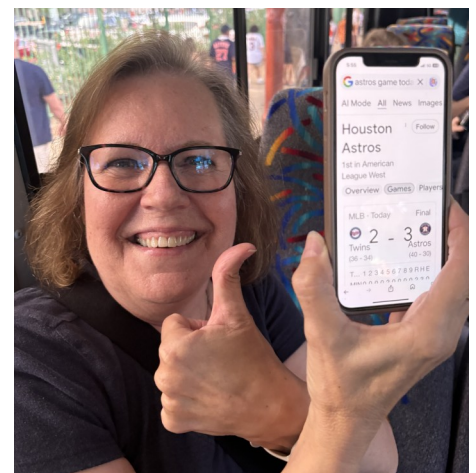
Twenty-five seniors rode a bus to the Houston Astros game against the Minnesota Twins at Daikin Park. We enjoyed eating and drinking there. The seats were located behind the third base field and in left field. We had to be careful to watch the batters as they swung their bats. Those balls are hard and can hit us.



During the 9th inning, the score was tied, and some of us were hoping for a hit because we wanted to leave before the heavy traffic in downtown Houston. At the bottom of the 9th inning, our Astros player hit the ball to the outfield, giving us a chance to make another run and win the game. The score was 2 for Minnesota and 3 for Houston.

YAY!! It was a great game, and as a vast crowd was leaving the place, we lost one of our friends in the crowd. Fortunately, we were able to locate her using our phone, and we went home happy!

By Nancy Morris/Jan Dermon





Lawrence Coleman Sr, Marion McCreary, Jorge Enriquez, Regina Castillo, Mary Cager, Bernadette Duffy, Robert Bellard



HDSCFL's Game Day

Thirteen seniors braved the rain to arrive safely at MMSC on May 28th from 9:00 to 3:00 PM to play games. Five of them played Golf Cards. The other seven played Train Dominoes. Of course, we took a break for lunch. We had a blast playing these games. After that, we headed home without the rain.

Written by Nancy Morris



Deborah Daniels, Nancy Morris, Mary Ann Rybe, Diane Finnegan, Kevin Finnegan

Please note that we will begin hosting **Game Day on July 12th** from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Everyone is invited. If you plan to attend, please get in touch with **Deborah Daniels**. We will meet in the Staff Lounge for the games.



11 YEARS DOWN,
FOREVER TO GO.

*Happy
Anniversary*

Debra and Tracy
Wold

May 24



Kevin and Diane Finnegan are incredibly proud of their daughter, Colleen Manning, who has earned her Doctor of Nursing Practice degree.

She graduated from the University of Texas Health Houston, Cizik School of Nursing.



The Brookwood Community

Gift and Garden Center

Saturday, July 12, 2025

Luncheon at Café

Required RSVP by July 1st

Contact Christine Johnson [979.413.5014] or Jim Dermon [936.828.4013] for RSVP and Meal Selection

Meet at Memorial City Mall

Southern Lot Parking at 11:00 AM

Bus Leaves at 11:15 AM

Renewals: Kevin/Diane Finnegan, Larry/Jeanne Hilferty, Sheila Kennedy, Sylvia Odom, Verice/Debra Sonnier, Gayle J Smith Starr, Patsy Walker

New Subscribers: Iris Easley

Donation in Memory of:

James/Beatrice Smith
(Gayle J Smith Starr)

Donation to Project Love Fund:

Joe Buschmann, Gayle J Smith Starr

Officer James Sobota will be speaking on **August 13th at 1:00 p.m.** about "Updating Scams for 2025."



A Tribute to My Parents by Yvonne Bulter

I talked to the HDSCLF group about my experience growing up deaf in a hearing environment. I described the struggles and hardships I had to go through. Because of my health situation caused by stress, my parents had to make a VERY DIFFICULT decision that brought them temporary sadness and hurt, to put me in the Texas School for the Deaf. As it turned out, they realized I was thriving and very happy. It was a true blessing that my life changed so dramatically at TSD. Otherwise, I would not have had the experience to be a teacher aide/interpreter, CDI (Certified Deaf Interpreter), BEI Rater, and University of Houston ASLI Tutor and Supervisor. All of those experiences I had were because I was placed at TSD so long ago, because of my parents' love and wisdom.

The Wonders of ASL

A Tribute to My Parents Uvon and Pat Skipper By Yvonne Bulter

As I marvel at American sign Language
And how it saved my sanity.
Not my first language
But ASL consumed me the first moment I saw it.
I saw deaf students looking so happy
Hands and arms flying in the air
Emotions flashed from facial expressions.
I longed to open up to blend
Something I couldn't do before.
I had struggled to be a part of the hearing world with lipreading and talking
Both of which were the pride of my parents.
They loved me dearly and they tried their best
But it was not meant to be.
The hearing world made me a loner
Made fun of me
Did not bother to be friends, except for one sweet girl.
Teachers did not want to deal with me, the only deaf.
Finally at 15 self-esteem came to me among deaf peers
With a language I eagerly struggled to learn
Yet that language though puzzling at first
Brought me redemption, I'm finally rescued!
My parents, I'm forever grateful for their compassionate insight and wisdom.
Thank you, God, for carrying me though with Your Amazing Grace!
I really once was lost
But with ASL I learn more, I help more, BOTH hearing and deaf.
I've actually become a bridge!

Tidbit Newsletter

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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