

HOUSTON DEAF SENIOR CITIZENS NEWSLETTER

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Announcement from Zelma Curbello



The board had a meeting with James Fair, Roger Spivey, and Audrey Leger on Friday, May 8th to discuss the new procedures for our organization. We will be incorporated into 1 organization and will not be separated. Our name will be "Houston Deaf Senior Citizens". I will still be Director while Margie Graham will be Assistant Director and Nancy Morris will be Secretary of Houston Deaf Senior Citizens - Love Fund. We will be in control of the funds within the Savings and investments.

James Fair will be President, Roger Spivey will be Vice President, Audrey Leger will be Assistant Treasurer, and Nancy Morris will be Assistant Secretary. The 3 Trustees will remain the same with William Lambert, Rochelle Simpson, and James Spaulding. The members will be allowed to vote for the new Officers of the Committee each October.

We are very pleased that this situation has been resolved and that we will be working together. If we get our bid for the National Deaf Senior Citizens here in Houston, we will begin rolling up our sleeves and go forth to make this the best event in Houston. We will be sending out letters to Companies and Individuals to help us obtain the funds necessary to have this great event here.

We want to thank Sidney Braquet for his wonderful work with us. He has done a great job explaining what we can do and what we can't do. The information has been very helpful. Now, we are grateful that we can put all our problems behind us and go forth as one organization.

Thank you for your support. The Board wants to thank James Fair, Roger Spivey, and Audrey Leger for their cooperation. We look forward to many events as we work together.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Zelma read this message above to the Deaf Senior Citizens at our Business meeting on May 13th. We will no longer be "Houston Deaf Seniors of Texas". Now, we can work together to move on to enjoy the events that will be planned as usual. The National Deaf Senior Citizens is having their meeting in June, 2009 at Las Vegas, NV. At that time, the announcement will be made if Houston will hold this National Conference in 2013. This is a very exciting part of our organization. Don Hahn has put all the paper work together to submit the information to their Headquarters before May 15th. Thanks to Don for his hard work. We are thrilled that he has accepted the position as Chairperson over this event. But we have to wait in June for the announcement if Houston was accepted or not.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 2, 2009 (Tuesday)



Positive Interaction Program (PIP) will present their topic about U.S. Census 2010. We will be updated on how the Federal Government conducts the process of accountability of the number of citizens. The meeting is held at Woodhaven Baptist Church for the Deaf, 9920 Long Point, Houston, TX at 7:30 PM. Door prizes! Interpreter and captioning are provided

June 4, 2009 (Thursday)



Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will take a trip to Tomball, TX to visit Community Museum Center (\$2) and Montgomery, TX to visit Mt. Hart Davis Pioneer Museum (\$1). Everyone needs to be at Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church, 9920 Long Point Rd., Houston, TX by 8:30 AM as the Bus will leave at 9:15 AM. We will stop of lunch somewhere. Please contact Gertie Sessions by VP 281-447-7575 or Julie Spaulding by VP 281-249-5276 for more information.

June 5, 2009 (Friday)



ASL Social will be at Bayou City Wings, 3800 A Spencer Hwy., Pasadena, TX 77504. from 4 till 9 PM. Check out the website at myBCW.com. Let's meet and enjoy chatting with your old & new friends. Any questions, please e-mail to Earl Johnson at ejohnson127@comcast.net

June 6, 2009 (Saturday)



Deaf Awareness Day at Six Flags/Fiesta Texas in San Antonio, TX. Tickets are \$27.02 (tax included) each. Purchase your tickets in advance at the Department of American Sign Language and Interpreter Training at San Antonio College. To purchase tickets at Six Flags on that day, please visit the San Antonio College table at front gate. For more information, call (210) 733-2071 or log on to www.accd.edu/sac/asl.

June 10, 2009 (Wednesday)



Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will have their business meeting at West Gray Adaptive Recreation Center, 1475 West Gray, Houston, TX 77019 at 9:00 am till 1:00 pm. Please come and share your ideas with us as the meeting begins at 10:00 AM. You have to be present to vote on the motions. Please bring your friends.

June 12, 2009 (Friday)



Houston Hand Talk Social will be at Gabby's BBQ Restaurant, 3101 North Shepherd Drive, Houston, TX 77018 from 5 PM till 9 PM. Let's meet and enjoy chatting in the Food Court with your old and new friends. Any questions, please e-mail Roger Spivey at spivey39@yahoo.com.

June 13, 2009 (Saturday)



Deaf Houston Latino will meet at Pappasito's Cantina 10409 Katy Fwy. At Beltway 8, Houston, TX 77024 from 5 PM till 9 PM. Check out the website at www.pappasitos.com. Please contact LaLacake25@yahoo.com or VP: 832-413-4947 for more information. Come and chat with old and new friends.

June 18, 2009 (Thursday)



Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will have a fellowship and potluck at Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church at 9920 Long Point Rd. from 9 am till 1 pm. If you wish to bring a covered dish, contact Evelyn Autry at 713-984-8186 TTY or Jenice Wells 281-442-8015 TTY or 281-442-8016 VP and let them know what you plan to bring.

June 19, 2009 (Friday)



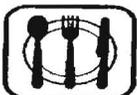
ASL Social will be at Pronto Cucinino Mandola's Casual Italian, 1401 Montrose, Houston, TX 77019 from 4 till 9 PM. Check out the website at www.pronto-2-go.com. Let's meet and enjoy chatting with your old & new friends. Any questions, please e-mail to Earl Johnson at ejohnson127@comcast.net.

June 24, 2009 (Wednesday)



Houston Deaf Senior Citizens have invited a Speaker to speak to us. Everyone can arrive at 9 AM since we have the room from 9 AM till 1 PM. The Speaker will begin at 10 AM for about an hour. Any questions will be followed after the Speaker is done talking. Don Hahn is our Education Coordinator. I wasn't able to get the information on who was coming to speak to us.

June 29, 2009 (Monday)



Joe's Banquet Center, 1300 East Hwy. 6, Alvin, TX 77511 will provide free meal for Seniors from 6 AM till 9 PM. It is free on the last Monday of each month.

DONATIONS & NEWSLETTER DUES

Donations to Houston Deaf Senior Citizens

Thank you for your donations: Rochelle Simpson in memory of all friends, Beatrice Smith, William & Judy Lorenz, and David & Sandra Manley.

Anyone who wishes to donate money to **Houston Deaf Senior Citizens-Love Fund, Inc. (a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation)** should please make check or money order payable to **Houston Deaf Senior Citizens**. Please mail to:

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NEWSLETTER DONATION:

Wanda Carr, thank you for your general donation to HDSC Newsletter.

NEWS

DeafMD.org

Submitted by Judy Becker

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FROZEN LEMONADE PIE

Submitted by Rochelle Simpson

For the crust: 2 cups Graham Cracker Crumbs, 1/4 cup Sugar, and 7 Tbsp Unsalted Butter, melted.

For the filling: 2 cups Heavy Cream; 1 14-oz. can Sweetened Condensed Milk, chilled; 16-oz. can Frozen Lemonade concentrate (Do not thaw).

For the Topping: 1 cup Blueberries; 1 cup Raspberries; 2 Tbsp Sugar; and 1 Tbsp Fresh Lemon Juice.

1. Preheat the Oven to 350. Make the crust in a medium bowl by combining the Graham Cracker Crumbs, sugar, and melted butter. Press firmly on the bottom and up the sides of a 9-inch pie plate. Bake for 7 minutes and cool completely.
2. Make the filling, in a cold medium bowl by whipping the cream until stiff peaks form. In another bowl, stir together the condensed milk and frozen lemonade. Gently fold the lemonade mixture into the whipped cream. Pour the filling into the crust and freeze overnight.
3. About an hour before you serve the pie, make the topping. Toss the berries in a medium bowl with sugar and lemon juice. Set aside until ready to serve.
4. Let the pie come to room temperature for 10 minutes before cutting. Top each slice with berries.

North Texas Deaf Senior Citizens

Sent by Audrey Leger from Herb Picou, Chairman

NTDSC will have their First Anniversary Celebration at Dallas Association of the Deaf, 4215 Maple Ave., Dallas, TX 75219. It will be sponsored by The Ztm. Admission is \$10 per person. Hors d'oeuvre will be served. There will be Door Prizes. Purchase the ticket(s) by sending a check payable to "NTDSC, Inc." or money order to: Bert Hill, 7110 Long Canyon Trail, Dallas, TX 75249. Deadline for ordering a celebration ticket will be July 13, 2009. Contact Herbert Picou, Chairman at VP 866-939-3248 or email at reddyjo@sbcglobal.net. Check out their website at www.ntdsc.org, too.

TWO HALF-DEAF ACTORS IN A MOVIE

Submitted by Patsy Walker

Many years ago, famous actor Richard Widmark was deaf in one ear. Also, another famous actor Jimmy Stewart was deaf in one ear. Making it worse was that director John Ford was late deafened. Both Widmark and Stewart worked together on one movie directed by Ford. It was confusing. In one scene, Stewart and Widmark were placed across the room. Stewart's deaf ear was opposite Widmark's deaf ear and they could not easily communicate with each other. And they could not hear the commands by Ford! The cameraman had to use hand signals to tell these two actors what to do!

Deaf World

This picture was submitted by Judy Lorenz. Sounds like us, doesn't it? I thought it was a great picture and enclosed it here. Sounds like we never stop talking or signing! Smiling.....



Closed Captioning Issues?

Sent by CSD E-News

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A PERFECT JOB FOR THE DEAF

From DeafDigest Blue - March 29, 2009

For us, the deaf, many jobs are not perfect. These jobs require communications with hearing people. We try to communicate with hearing people by written notes, by gestures, by lip reading, etc. But there is a perfect job and it requires a lot of sign language skills! It is Scuba Diving classes. Scuba divers, while under water, communicate by sign language. A deaf man in England has been employed as a Scuba trainer, using underwater sign language, to train his hearing students. For him, it is a perfect job.

Galveston Lifeguarding Association, Inc.

Letter submitted by Early McVey

Thank you ever so much for your donation to the Leroy Colombo Memorial Fund. The donations will be used to establish: historical marker in Leroy's memory; renaming 57th Street in Galveston as "Leroy Colombo's View"; and placing a grave marker on Leroy's grave site. Donald Mark Mize's efforts in overseeing this endeavor have been very valuable in assuring the different projects that come to fruition.

Galveston Island Lifeguarding Association, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. We are very honored to be associated with projects such as Leroy Colombo Memorial Fund. Leroy epitomizes the character and soul of open-water lifeguards.

If anyone would like to make a donation, please send check or Money Order in the name of "Galveston Lifeguarding Association, Inc." to 2504 Church St., Galveston, TX 77550.

Acts 2: 38

Submitted by Gertie Sessions

A woman had just returned to her home from an evening of church services, when she was startled by an intruder. She caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables and yelled: "Stop! Acts 2: 38!"

The Burglar stopped in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done. As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar, "Why did you just stand there? All the old lady did was yell a scripture to you." "Scripture?" replied the burglar, "She said she had an Ax and Two 38's!"

REST IN PEACE

OBITUARY

A devoted husband, a loving father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend, **Frank Randall Nye, Jr.**, 76, found no greater joy than being surrounded by his family. He served as an attorney and counselor for fifty-five years. Born in Laredo, TX, on Sept 23, 1922, to Frank Randall and Ozema Nye, Randy graduated from Martin High School in 1940. He was a graduate of Texas A&M College in College Station, TX, and was a proud member of the "Class of 1944" and Texas Aggie Corps of Cadets. On Dec 8, 1941, he volunteered for the U.S. Army. He was sent to Camp Roberts, in San Bernardino, CA, for infantry training, and he was later transferred to the U.S. Army Signal Corps., in Sacramento, CA. When he attended Signal Corps Officer Candidate School in Monmouth, NJ, he graduated at the top of his class. Randy was then assigned to undergo World War II Signal Corps Training at Camp Crowder, MO. As a Message Center Officer with Unit 3101 Signal Service Battalion, he was sent to the China-Burma-India Theater on Troop Ship U.S.S. General McRae, reaching Calcutta on Feb 20, 1945. As Communications Officer, he served as Ship Officer and Top Secret Officer. From Calcutta, he was sent to the Burma Road and placed in charge of top secret codes for all of the C-B-I Theater where he was stationed. He was in command of the last convoy out of the Burma Road region. Then, he was sent from China to Theater headquarters in New Delhi, India, where he remained until he was transferred to China Theater Headquarters in Shanghai. After an honorable discharge and back to living the life of a civilian, Randy returned to Laredo and soon enrolled in the University of Texas School of Law in Austin, TX where he was a member of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity. During that time he started courting Ms. Conna Jean Newton, the love of his life. He received his Doctor of Jurisprudence degree in 1950. Randy was admitted to practice in the United States of America Supreme Court, Washington, D.C., U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, Texas Supreme Court, and Texas 4th Court of Civil Appeals, San Antonio. He served as County Attorney and County Judge of Starr County. He was District Attorney, 229th District, for Starr, Duval and Jim Hogg Counties. In 1972, he retired from public office and went into private practice in Starr County. Nye was a rancher, hunter and outdoorsman. The best times in his life were spent at the ranch with family. He was a master story teller, and it was during these times that he would keep everyone captivated by the stories of a young boy spending precious time with his beloved mother and father. He is survived by his wife, Conna Newton Nye; son, William Alfred (Al) Nye & his wife, Yasmina, of Mission, TX; daughter Nancy & her husband, William (Mike) Comer, of Austin; son, Raymond Randall (Ray) Nye, Sr., of Marble Falls; a son James Lloyd (Jimmy) Nye & his wife, Janice of Mission; grandchildren-Randall Boone LaGrange & his wife, Holly, of Houston; Cari LaGrange Murphy, Houston; Jennifer LaGrange Davenport & her husband, John, of Atlanta, GA; Harper Nye Hudsonpiller and her husband, Steven, of Mountain Home; Micajah Autry Nye of McAllen; Daphne Nye Archer & husband, Jason, of Sharyland; Megan Nicole Nye of Austin; Raymond Randall (R.J.) Nye, Jr., of Austin; Frank Randall (Sonny) Nye III of Mission; and beloved great grandchildren. He is survived by one sister, Ollie & her husband, Bill Lowry, of New Braunfels. He was preceded in death by his baby daughter, Marian Jean; his parents, Frank and Ozema Nye; and sister, Lorraine Fansler. The family wishes to extend special thanks to caretakers Fidel Lara and Charlie Pena for their compassion during our father's final illness. Memorial contributions may be made to Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, 620 N. Dunlap, Mission, TX 78572. Visitation was held at 6:00 pm on Friday, May 1, 2009 with a rosary at 7:00 pm at Kreidler Funeral Home, 314 N. 10th St. in McAllen. Funeral services was held at 10:30 am on Saturday, May 2, 2009 at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mission with burial to follow at Valley Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Kreidler Funeral Home (kreidlerfuneralhome.com) in McAllen, TX.

This is to inform everyone of the sad news of the passing of **Dottie Lee Nelson**, 79. She passed away on Friday, May 1st. Mrs. Nelson was an interpreter for the deaf at the community college in Houston, TX and taught Sunday School for the deaf at First Baptist Church in Houston. She also volunteered for tutoring students that needed help reading at Mountain Valley School in Canyon Lake area. Dorothy is survived by her husband, Charles P. Nelson Sr. of Canyon Lake; daughter Cindi Blackburn & husband Wayne of Arlington, TX; son Charles P. Nelson Jr & wife Dilek of Linden, NJ; three grandchildren, Cortney, Muhammed, & Anne; 2

great-grandchildren, Chandler & Abigail; and sister Mildred Porter of Luling, TX. Visitation was held on Monday, May 4th at 5 till 8 PM at Zoeller Funeral Home in New Braunfels. Memorial service was held on Tuesday, May 5th at 11:00 AM at Cranes Mill Baptist Church at Canyon Lake. Graveside service was held on Wednesday, May 6th at 1 PM at Gholson Cemetery. The family has requested that memorial contributions be given to the charity of one's choice. If you wish to send Charles a card, you can email me privately and I will give you the contact information I have. My email is mawp@swbell.net. Thanks, Martha Palmer

MORE NEWS

Sermon

Submitted by William (Bubba) Lorenz

As a young minister in Alabama , I was asked by a funeral director to hold a graveside service for a homeless man who had no family or friends. The funeral was to be held at a new cemetery way back in the country, and this man would be the first to be buried there. I was not familiar with the backwoods area and I soon became lost. Being a typical man, I didn't stop to ask for directions and I finally arrived an hour late.

I saw the backhoe and the open grave, but the hearse was nowhere in sight. The digging crew was eating lunch. I apologized to the workers for my tardiness and I stepped to the side of the open grave. There I saw the vault lid already in place. I assured the workers I would not hold them up for long, as I told them that this was the proper thing to do.

The workers gathered around the grave and stood silently, as I began to pour out my heart and soul. As I preached about "looking forward to a brighter tomorrow" and "the glory that is to come," the workers began to say "Amen," "Praise the Lord," and "Glory!" The fervor of these men truly inspired me. So I preached and I preached like I had never preached before, all the way from Genesis to Revelation.

I finally closed the lengthy service with a prayer, thanked the men, and walked to my car. As I was opening the door and taking off my coat, I heard one of the workers say to another, "I ain't NEVER seen nothin' like that before, and I've been puttin' in septic tanks for thirty years!"

A DEAF CHEF AND KSE

From DeafDigest Blue - May 10, 2009

Deaf cook Siau Lioe, an immigrant of Thailand, is a cook at the Democracy Grille restaurant in Bethesda, MD. He became the cook after starting out as a dish washer and the quality of his work in the kitchen has been praised. It did not always start out that way. Because of communication issues, orders were messed up. Fortunately, the kitchen chef and Siau came up with a set of signs which became the KSE. Examples are:

- hand rubbed against stomach means slab of ribs
- arm flapping means chicken wings
- fingers tickling the open palm means crab cakes

KSE? Yes, Kitchen Sign Language

Family Devalues

From Reader's Digest by Robin Fairbanks

I have an 18-year old; her name is Alexis. I chose that name because if I hadn't had her, I'd be driving one.

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

School will soon be out and vacation plans are being made. Be careful on the roads wherever you travel to. Good idea to have books or games for the children to play to keep them occupied. Be sure to take sunscreen and bug repellent spray or cream if going to play outside. We have to take good care of our skin.

I'll be heading to Alaska for my week's trip. It will be good to get away from everything to enjoy the sights a Victoria, BC; Juneau, AK; and Skagway, AK. My youngest daughter, Debra, will be going with me. This will be her first trip to AK, but this will be my 2nd trip there. I'm going to go with 4 other friends, too. It will be a fun trip and I can't wait to get started. Smiling.....

If you have any information, jokes, recipes, event, pictures, sports, or news that you want me to publish, please send them to me by the 15th of each month. Please keep articles to less than 300 words, due to limited space on the newsletter. My E-mail address is nmorris726@gmail.com or you can mail to me at 15335 Falmouth Ave., Houston, TX 77084-1412.



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Thanks!

Nancy Morris, Editor

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