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HDSCFL Thanksgiving Feast

There were about 50 deaf seniors jam packing the dining hall at Woodhaven because they cannot wait to taste the delicious food and A LOT OF desserts (there were probably around 25 pies).

President Patsy Walker gave some updates to the HDSCFL members, and then Jim Dermon, Treasurer, explained about several upcoming field trips.

Officer James Sobata came to give brief remarks about Houston 311 before introducing Chelsea Davis with Houston 311. Ms. Davis explained that Houston 311 is a consolidated non-emergency call center designed to make city government more user-friendly and responsive to city residents by providing citizens with a one telephone number, the three-digit phone number, accessible within the Houston city limits. People living in Houston can call for information on city services and to report non-emergency concerns, for example, they can report traffic signal problems, flooding damage, pothole issues, and others. They will be referred to other services by 311 such as animals & pets; garbage/recycling; licensing, permits, fees, taxes; utilities, water,

sewer, electric, gas, and other services. Ms. Davis gave some examples of statistics of people using Houston 311 by pointing out to some data from www.houstontx.gov/311. You can find the top ten service requests on Houston 311, for instance, the top service request is water leaks and the tenth service request is picking up dead animals. In between these top ten service requests are nuisance on property and sewer wastewater.

Some seniors were concerned about calling 311 on their smart phones to find they were unable to connect, so Ms. Davis suggested the alternative by calling 713-837-0311 through Videophone. This service center also has an email address- 311@houstontx.gov. There are apps for Houston 311 on Google Play or on App Store (Apple). To make things clear, people who live outside of Houston can call 713-837-0311 to report problems or request services within the Houston city limits.

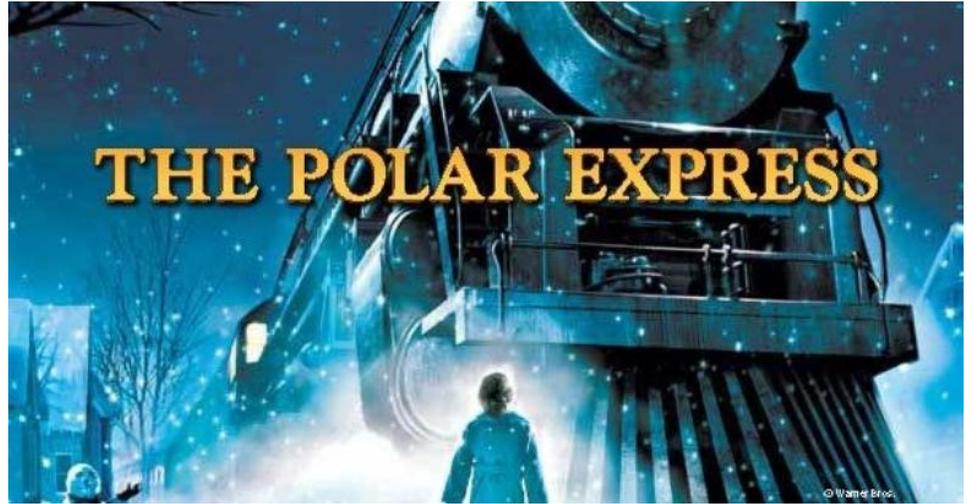
With our many thanks to Officer Sobata and Ms. Chelsea Davis for the informative talk on Houston 311, the seniors got up and got in a line to get their scrumptious Thanksgiving meal with thanks to the wonderful chefs- Jeanne Hilferty, Tina Black, Bruce Love, Jan Dermon, and Doina Langham and also thanks to the folks bringing amazing desserts. The usual suspects, the ones you often see at HDSCFL gatherings at MMSC or Woodhaven, got together to play Mexican Train.



Many Thanks to Our Great Chefs!!!

Jeanne Hilferty, Tina Black,
Bruce Love, Jan Dermon,
Doina Langham





Ladies, gentlemen, girls and boys, let me tell you a story about 29 excited deaf senior citizens going on their Polar Bear Express excursion to Galveston by sleigh, erm, no, by bus.

As the bus parked next to Galveston Railroad Museum, the museum staff welcomed these seniors who then entered the railroad museum to have a look around. Some of them were outside admiring the trains. They noticed there was a long line of people standing outside of the museum gate. Look, there were a lot of parents and their children wearing different kinds of pajamas. Some even wore Christmas lights around their necks.

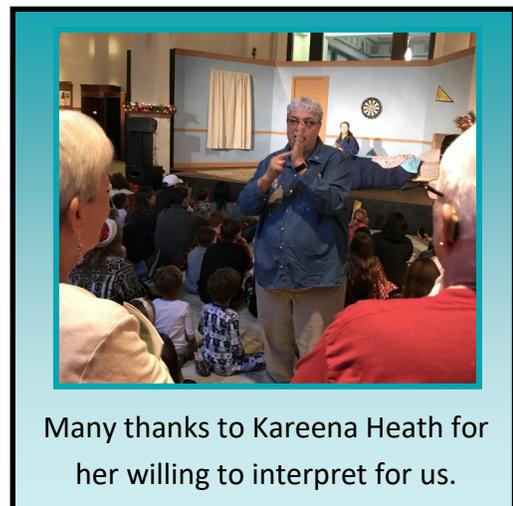
Everyone gathered to sit on wooden benches or stood around or looked around the interior of the museum while waiting for someone to get on the stage in the middle of the museum. Suddenly, there was a young girl in her bathrobe as if she were going to bed, and a man also came to read her a story. Then the conductor entered the room and told everyone that it is "All Aboard" to get on the train. The deaf seniors were informed to get on the third train car.

Look, there are a lot of gift boxes in the compartments above. In between there were light boxes with different changing colors. There were

two ladies serving them hot chocolate and sugar cookies. There was some play acting by the staff. Oh, there came Santa Claus with his two elves giving out Polar Bear Express jingle bells. Jingle bells, jingle bells, sorry, back to the story.

The train stopped at the museum, and everyone got off the train. I see the seniors walking to the bus, so they could go over to Golden Corral on Seawall Boulevard. Everyone enjoyed their meals and had a grand time chatting. Their hearts were glad.

These deaf seniors had fun riding on one-horse open sleigh, laughing all the way, having fun riding and signing on their way back to Woodhaven. Oh, wait, that was a bus, not a sleigh.



Many thanks to Kareena Heath for her willing to interpret for us.

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The Polar Express Field Trip—November 16



First Row: Patricia Sah, Doina Langham, Jan Dermon, Judy Lorenz, Frances Beavert, Wanda Andrew, Margo Jarreau, Gertie Sessions, Virendra Desai
Second Row: Don Sah, Tom Langham, Jim Dermon, Patsy Walker, Bubba Lorenz, Luci Ryan, Clyde Andrew, Christine Johnson, Yvonne Butler
Third Row: Mary Ann Ryba, Rachele Guidry, Leonard Coleman, Deborah Daniels, Larry Butler
Back Row: Troy Graham, Margie Graham, Dominique Parisi, Ann Hornbeak, Kareena Heath, Bill Hornbeak, Brent Burns



Dinner at Golden Corral

December 11th
HDSCLF Annual Christmas Luncheon
Catering: Rudy's BBQ
Sweater Contest
9:00 AM—3:00 PM
Cost:\$10.00

Important!!! RSVP
Deadline: December 4th
Contact: Mary Ann—832-413-6975
MMSC
1475 W Gray St
Houston, TX



Field Trip—Day Around Sugar Land
December 14, 2019
Cost: \$5 **Deadline: December 11th**





Fort Bend MUSEUM



Luncheon at Another Time Soda Foundation
On Your Own

Please Meet at 9:00 am
Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church
9920 Long Point Rd
Houston
Bus Leaves at 9:30 am

Contact: Nancy Morris
281-815-4033

Christmas Eve
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
December 24, 2019
2:00 PM

Meaningful Scripture and Message

Join us as we enjoy a great time of skit, refreshments, and fellowship.

Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church
9920 Long Point Rd
Houston, TX
832-431-3811



Mark Your Calendar!



January 8, 2020
Social — 9:00—2:00 pm

January 11, 2020
Field Trip — TBA



Renewals:

Frances Beavert, Larry/Sherry Fewell, Zane/Nancy Owens, Patsy Walker, Sharon Williams

Donations in Memory of:

Doris Williams (Jim/Jan Dermon)

On behalf of HDSCF board, we want to thank you for your kind donation. Your generosity makes a difference in the lives of Houston Deaf Senior Citizens.

Thank you again for your kindness.

Jim Dermon, Treasurer

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Potato Casserole (Jan's Recipe)

Serving 8-10

- 1 pkg frozen potato hash (thaw)
- 1 pint sour cream
- 1 can cream of celery
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup chopped white onion

Mix, then add crushed cornflakes with melted butter to the top of the casserole.

Bake 350° — 30 minutes

Editor's Note: We trust that you have been enjoying the HDSCF Tidbits newsletter this year. This newsletter includes two events happening in November-HDSCF Thanksgiving Luncheon and Polar Express field trip which represent November and December for this December 2019 newsletter. The events involving our two-day field trip to Fredericksburg, Texas, HDSCF Annual Christmas Luncheon, and the Sugar Land field trip will be published for January 2020 newsletter.

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