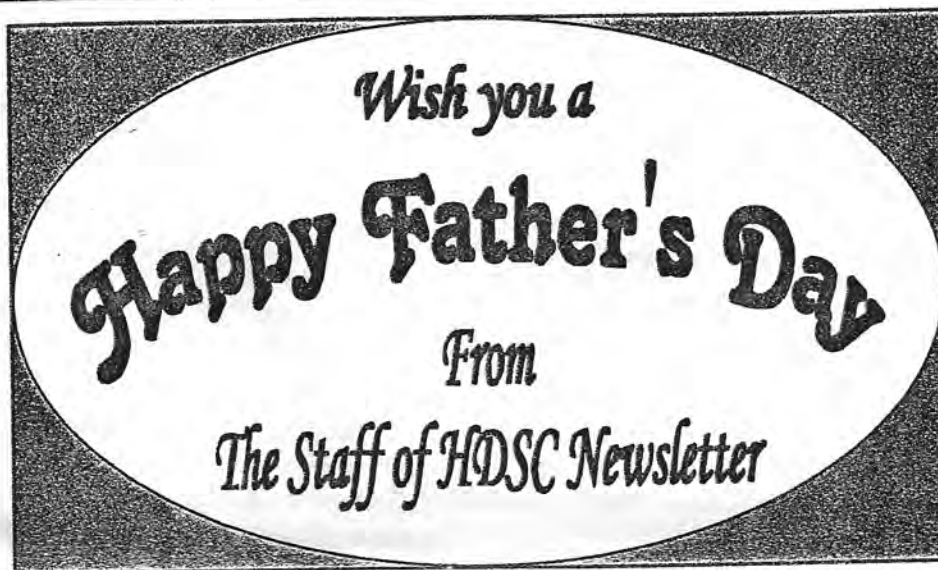


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SENIOR CITIZEN TRIP TO SAN MARCOS AND SAN ANTONIO

By Monte Strother & Frank Shaw

The highlights of the trip to San Marcos and San Antonio for 33 Senior Citizens and the interpreter, Rita Lee & her little daughter:

It was fun and we enjoyed the trip. We visited the LaVista Retirement Center in San Marcos on Tuesday, May 9th. Lunch was ready for us. There was a lot of love and wonderful fellowship waiting for us, too.

Some of the residents of the retirement home were not available to meet with us. The homes are lovely and cozy. They all love their homes.

We left for San Antonio the same day. We stayed at Hawthorne Suites for two nights. At the hotel we got free breakfast and dinner.

We went to SAS Shoe factory. Just before we got in,

our names were drawn to receive a free pair of shoes. Arlene Brenhan won. We all enjoyed snooping around and several of us bought new pairs of shoes and purses. After that we went to El Mercado Market to poke around and eat lunch.

We then went to Riverwalk for a boat ride. We went back to the hotel and were very hot and tired.

On our way back to Houston the following day, we stopped at Schulenburg for lunch. We all had a great time but too tired from too much walking.

We had a good bus driver. He was very helpful and thoughtful.



From the Editor, Frank Shaw:

I am excited to share that our list of renewal and new subscribers have increased since our newly redesigned newsletter took off in January. Also, I have received many good compliments about how much our readers enjoy the newsletters. Thanks to the staff for their excellent teamwork.

A big *thank you* to Stephen Nancarrow, Copy Max Supervisor, for his assistance with our newsletters.

Please send any news or information or delicious recipe that you wish to share with other Senior Citizens by mail, fax or e-mail. Mail to: Houston Deaf Senior Citizen, ~~9632 Kinkadee Drive~~, Houston, TX ~~77030-2307~~, fax to ~~(281) 530-7646~~ or ~~(281) 416-0799~~, or email to hdsnews@yahoo.com.

The deadline for sending news is the 15th of each month. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

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**From C.R.R.:**

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From Zelma Curbello of LOVE FUND:

We personally want to thank you very much for your generous donations to LOVE FUND: Thelma Jo Hays, Jake Ledbetter, Christine & Jay McKinnon, Frank Shaw, Mary Jo Stevens, Bonnie Tippet, Joan & Homer West, Floyd Wicker and Audrey Wright.

Special thanks to Zelma & Gus Curbello, Christine & Jay McKinnon and Opal & Eugene Piercy for their donations in Memory of David Stewart to LOVE FUND.

Anyone who wishes to donate \$\$\$ to LOVE FUND should please make check or money order payable to Houston Deaf Senior Citizen Fund. Please mail to:

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NEW SUBSCRIBERS: ☺

Welcome to our new subscribers: Danny Hensley, Larry Smith and Estelline Stewart.

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NEWS

From Ora Lee Bolton: I enjoy reading Houston Deaf Senior Citizens newsletter monthly. I am sorry to hear about David Stewart's death.

My daughter and I visited my young daughter in Abilene, TX for Easter weekend and spent overnight at a motel. All of us attended the church and hoped to see some of the deaf people there, but there was not many. I met Bennie Smith's daughter and Joan Davis. It was good to see them.

My daughter and I went to San Marcos and San Antonio to visit my grandson. The trip was enjoyable.

Houston News:

From Frank Shaw: After her husband, David Stewart's death, Esfeline Stewart moved to live with her daughter at Guthrie, Oklahoma. We, the Senior Citizens, will sure miss her. Her daughter has her own ranch, I guess Estelle will learn more about cows and horses. Hope she will have a happy and wonderful life out there. Hopefully, she will find new friends at *Oklahoma Senior Citizens*.

Austin News:

From Tennie Sessions: On April 25th, 15 Austin Deaf Senior Citizens went to Camp Mabry, the National Guard Base in Austin to visit the museum which displayed many interesting items, such as a large World War II tank, two warplanes with two propellers each, a Jeep and other things that were used in that war. After that, they went to Texas Memorial Museum on the University of Texas campus to see many interesting historic and natural things, such as stuffed animals of Texas, variously colored rocks found in the Texas quarries, old coins and diamonds brought from Europe to Texas in the by-gone years and many, many other things of much interest. After that, they stopped at Luby's Cafeteria to enjoy delicious food while chatting there.

Travis and Gertrude Sessions visited their son, Alan and me in Austin on May 11th and returned to Houston on May 15th. They wanted to visit their son before he flew to Italy on May 16th. Alan and his friend will visit the famous and historic buildings and art objects there.






Mildred Williamson and Amelia Duck will ride with Jerry & Dovie Hassell to Sulphur, Oklahoma to attend the alumni reunion on May 26-28th, 2000. As for Dovie, it will be her 50th class reunion. At first the event was planned only for Dovie's class, but then the Oklahoma Alumni Association jumped in and decided to have their activities during the same weekend and then later on, the Oklahoma Association of the Deaf joined in, too. Looks like there will be a big thing going on there that weekend. If you Deaf Houstonians who were former Okies are interested in going there, contact Marlene Bloss, treasurer, at 2737 Sunnybrook Ln, Enid, OK 73703; (405) 234-1771 TTY; Email address: penguinmcb@aol.com. Combo ticket costs \$30.00. Ask Marlene for a list of motels in Sulphur and Davis. Also, ask her for information on staying at OSD for \$10.00 per night. Saturday morning breakfast for \$4.00, Saturday noon meal for \$4.00 and Sunday noon picnic for \$7.00.



CALENDER OF EVENTS

- **June 3, 2000 (Saturday)**
Deaf Awareness Day at Fiesta Texas in San Antonio. Deaf Admission: \$16.20/person; Hearing Friends & Family Admission: \$20.46/person. Tickets may be purchased at the Fiesta Texas ticket booth on Deaf Awareness Day.
- **June 6 & 7, 2000 (Tuesday and Wednesday)**
Open captioned movie, "U-571" at AMC Studio 30 on Dunvale by Westheimer.
- **June 9, 2000 (Friday)**
"The Piano", the movie, is definitely for mature audiences only. Follow the life of a young mute woman who leaves Victorian Scotland for a new life in New Zealand. This movie explores the many facets of communication barriers – more than 6 barriers that must be overcome including British sign language. Monica Parks will be a presenter. Location: M.M.S.C. at 1475 West Gray from 7:00-9:30 PM.
- **June 14, 2000 (Wednesday)**
Senior Citizen will meet at M.M.S.C. at 1475 West Gray from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.
- **June 15, 2000 (Thursday)**
Senior Citizen will meet at Woodhaven Baptist Church at 9920 Long Point. There will be pot-luck for lunch. If you wish to bring covered dish, please contact Maurice Ford at (713) 455-3507 TTY or Elnora Morgan at (713) 675-1531 TTY who are in charge of covered dish and let them know what you will bring.
- **June 18, 2000 (Sunday)**
The play, "The Real Thing" at 2:30 in Alley Theatre. ASL interpretation by *Illuminations... Theatre with the Deaf*. Purchase tickets in advance from *Illuminations... Theatre with the Deaf* for \$20.00 each (less than half price!) (This price only available to those purchasing tickets through *Illuminations* before June 12.) Call OPTICA, a project of *Illuminations* at 713-529-6909 TTY or 713-529-6910 Voice/Fax.
- **June 28, 2000 (Wednesday)**
Senior Citizen will meet at M.M.S.C. at 1475 West Gray from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.
- **June 27 & 28, 2000 (Tuesday and Wednesday)**
Open captioned movie, "Frequency" at AMC Studio 30 on Dunvale by Westheimer.

June 2000

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4	5	6	7	1 William Buchanan	2  Floyd & I.D. Wicher—1953	3
11	12	13 James & Julie Spaulding - 1970	14 S.C.M.M.S.C.	15 S.C. SOCIAL WOODHAVEN	16	17  Earl Luther
18 Father's Day  Lois Good	19  Gus & Zelma Curbello - 1954	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27  Lillian Morgenson Velma Harris	28 S.C.M.M.S.C.	29	30	

Social Meeting

Birthday

Anniversary



DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

"Positive Interaction Program"

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Meeting Location

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From: Officer *Randy Melton*

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DEAF NEWS

Ursa Triplets to Receive Bachelor's Degree from Gallaudet University

Washington, DC—The Kuhn triplets, Craig, Christopher, and Curt, of Ursa, IL will be the first triplets in Gallaudet University's history to receive a bachelor's degree at Gallaudet's commencement exercises on May 12, 2000, at 1 p.m. in the University's Field House.

Craig, Christopher, and Curt are the sons of Eugene and Joan Kuhn of Ursa. Craig and Curt will receive their degree in Business Administration and Christopher will receive his degree in Physical Education and Secondary Education.

The Kuhn brothers were born in Quincy, Ill. in 1976 and raised on a 100 acre farm in Ursa. All of them graduated from the Illinois School for the Deaf, Jacksonville, in 1995 where they were on the Honor Roll and received the ISD Basketball Players of the Year Award during their senior year.

At Gallaudet, all three played varsity baseball and received the 1998-99 Male Athlete of the Year Award. Curt played third base, Craig was the catcher, and Christopher played second base and centerfield. All three also played varsity football for one season.

In addition to this historic event, Gallaudet will also award bachelor's degree to Marion Harm McVernon, who is 101 years old! She was originally a member of the Class of 1923. At the end of her junior year in 1922, Gallaudet received a call from the Mississippi School for the Deaf in Jackson, asking for assistance in finding a teacher for the next school year. McVernon, an exemplary student, was asked

by Gallaudet to take the teaching position. She accepted the offer and taught at Mississippi for two years. She was planning to come back to Gallaudet after her teaching assignment but romance entered the picture, then marriage, and then she raised a family. When the University learned she is the oldest living alumni and was just one year shy of earning her bachelor's degree, the administration unanimously agreed to grant McVernon her bachelor's degree.

McVernon, a charming lady with a heart-warming smile, lives with her daughter and son-in-law in Middletown, MD. She, along with her daughter, son-in-law, a few grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, plan to attend the commencement exercises.

Gallaudet will award more than 300 degrees this year. Honorary Doctorate degrees will be awarded to commencement speaker, Dr. David Sadker, a professor in the School of Education at American University in Washington, DC., and to Benjamin J. Soukup, Jr., Chief Executive Officer of Communication Services for the Deaf (CSD) in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. CSD is the nation's largest private, non-profit organization run by and for deaf and hard of hearing individuals. CSD is a corporation with almost 2,000 employees in 28 states, 132 grants and contracts, and an annual budget of \$42 million.

*Written by: Mike Kaika, Director of Media Relations,
Gallaudet University, Wash. D.C.*

Deaf survived the Holocaust

By Karen Hansen-Clifton

In 1994 Sharon Ann Soudakoff interviewed a deaf lady who survived the Holocaust. I thought I should share this story with you all. How scary an experience she had during the Holocaust. How fortunate she is to be alive today with the help of her hearing sister who promised their parents to take care of her deaf sister. Here is the story:

In 1935 Hertha Gross was born in Bratislava, Czechoslovakia to deaf parents, Henrietta Benedikt and Julius Gross. Her deaf grandfather and hearing grandmother were killed at the camps. Her uncle who was also deaf escaped to Israel before the war started.

Czechoslovakia was divided into two countries in 1939, with Slovakia becoming an independent country. The government in Slovakia cooperated with the Germans to capture Jews who were later sent to labor or extermination camps. Every Jewish family was forced to move into another family's home in the section of town reserved exclusively for Jews.

Hertha and her hearing sister, Renee were hidden on a farm. Their parents found and promised a couple to pay for taking care of their girls. When they were expelled from Slovakia and did not pay the couple, the girls returned back to their home only to learn that their parents were in Auschwitz. They were eventually caught and sent to Bergen-Belsen concentration camp for a year.

At the end of the war, the girls discovered that their parents had been killed.

During their stay at the concentration camp, the girls wore the same dresses since they arrived on the first day. Every day they had to get up at 4:00 AM to stand in line until 7:00 AM and got only coffee without cream or sugar, with one slice of bread for breakfast. They had only turnips or carrots for lunch and dinner daily. One day, Hertha saw a lady trying to run away, but was shot and killed by an officer from the blockhouse. The girls watched prisoners

bringing dead bodies and piling them up in front of the children. The dead bodies were left there until the war was over.

Knowing that it was impossible to escape for fear of electrocution (fence had electric wires), Renee was ready to die, but with Hertha's support and Renee's own promise to their parents that she would look after Hertha, she somehow kept going.

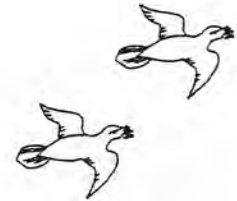
At the end of the war, the girls were sent to a group home in Sweden, after a clean bill of health to ensure that they had no communicable diseases. Hertha attended a school for the deaf in Stockholm; her sister, Renee went to another school for hearing kids. Her relatives in the United States found out that the girls were still alive through the Hebrew Immigration Aid Society (HIAS). A cousin went to Sweden and brought the girls to the U.S. in 1948.

After their arrival in the U.S., they lived at the Hassidic community in Williamsburg, VA. Her relatives met a deaf couple who recommended that they send Hertha to Lexington School for the Deaf in New York. Hertha attended Lexington for 3 years and learned English.

While employed at the Defense Connect with Electric, she met her husband, Herbert Rothenberg. She left her second job at the Fireman Insurance Fund to raise three deaf children, Ira, Hetty and Sara. After her husband's death, Hertha returned to work when the kids got older. She worked at J.P. Morgan until she retired. She resides in Henderson, Nevada and is a proud mother and grandmother.



Rest in Peace



OBITUARY

James Leon Kallina, age 53 of Austin, died on Friday morning of May 12, 2000, unexpectedly in a motorcycle accident on South First Street and Barton Springs Road on his way to Texas School for the Deaf. He was born in San Antonio on November 22, 1946 and attended Sunshine Cottage, San Antonio & the Texas School for the Deaf, Austin. He graduated with B.A. in Philosophy from Gallaudet University, Wash, D.C. and did his graduate work in Deaf Education at California State University of Northridge, California.

James taught and coached at Wisconsin School for the Deaf from 1970-1978 and also taught job skills and woodworking at the Texas School for the Deaf from 1978-2000.

He was president of the Austin Association of the Deaf for 9 years and secretary of Texas Bass Club of the Deaf. Also, he was a active member of the Austin Bass Club of the Deaf, National Bass Club of the Deaf, Southwestern Athletic Association of the Deaf, Texas Association of the Deaf, Kappa Gamma Fraternity and Austin Baptist Deaf Church.

He is survived by his wife, Jeanne of Austin; children, Jason Leon of Colorado, Melissa Sue of Austin and Patrick Albert of Austin; his mother, Elouise Kallina; sisters & brother-in-law, all of San Antonio; the mother of his children, Susan Kallina of Austin; numerous nieces, nephews, grand niece, grand nephew and extended family members.

The service was held at Wilke-Clay-Fish Funeral Home on May 15, 2000, Monday afternoon. There were over 600 people attending the memorial service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be sent to the "James L. Kallina TSD Vocational Award Fund", c/o Wilke-Clay-Fish Funeral Home, 2620 South Congress Avenue, Austin, TX 78704.



Chicken Parmesan

2 egg whites
1 tablespoon water
1 large garlic clove
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
1 1/2 tsp Italian seasoning

1/4 tsp salt
4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves
1 tablespoon olive oil, divided
4 slices mozzarella cheese
1/2 cup pasta sauce

In 1-Quart batter bowl, beat egg whites and water with whisk until foamy. Crush garlic with garlic press and add to egg whites. On a plate, combine bread crumbs, Parmesan, Italian seasoning and salt. Dip chicken pieces into egg whites and then into crumb mixture. Shake off excess crumbs. Dip each piece again into egg whites and crumb mixture.

Heat half of the oil in 10 inch frying pan over medium-high heat. Add chicken and cook until golden brown, about 4 minutes. Add remaining oil and turn chicken over. Cook until chicken is no longer pink in center, about 4 more minutes. Place a slice of mozzarella on each piece of chicken. Reduce heat to low, cover and cook until cheese is melted, 2 to 3 minutes. Transfer to a serving plate and drizzle with pasta sauce. Serve hot. *Yield: 4 servings. It is very delicious.*

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