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We are planning monthly field trips for  
Houston Deaf Senior Citizens



When the place and date are settled,  
they will be announced  
on each month of the newsletter

*Happy Valentine's Day*



*Valentines Day is a day  
to express your love,  
and  
to celebrate the spirit of love.*



Field Trip: Liberty, TX – February 9, 2007 (Friday)

Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will meet at Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church, 9920 Long Point Rd, Houston, TX. Be there 8:00 AM. The bus will depart at 8:30 AM.

10:00 AM – The Sam Houston Regional Library – Free Admission

11:30 AM – Lunch at Little Kitchen Restaurant – Seniors \$4.59 plus tax and Adults \$5.59 plus tax.

1 or 1:30 PM – The 1848 Gillard Duncan House – Free admission

If interested to go, please contact Gertie Sessions at 281-447-7575 TTY/VP or Julie Spaulding at 281-445-1072 TTY/VP before Feb 8<sup>th</sup>. See you on Feb 9<sup>th</sup>, and let's have fun together.

## ***From the Editor:***



Dear Friends:

Reminder: I will be stepping down as Editor on February 28, but I am still responsible for the renewal dues and address change mailing temporarily. The address for renewals/address change is still the same and is on the back page of newsletter.

James Fair will replace me temporarily. He'll start with the April Issues. I wish him the best luck and please bear with him and us if anything different or with errors on the newsletter. We are trying our best to keep the newsletter going and for your reading enjoyment.

Let's keep sending us more news, sports, obituaries, pictures, etc to share with all of our friends and subscribers.

The weather is crazy and the winter is not over, keep yourselves warm and dry. Smile.

Sincerely yours,  
*Audrey Leger*

For any news, information, jokes, pictures, recipes, sports or anything that you want to share with Senior Citizens.

**Please keep articles at 300 words or less, due to limited space in the newsletter.** Please note that the editor may, at her discretion, edit articles or news items for brevity and to correct errors. **The deadline is on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.** Items received after the 15<sup>th</sup> will be held until the next issue.

**NOTE:** Unpaid subscriptions are discontinued after three months. In order to serve you better, a reminder will be sent during the second month. The third month will be your last subscription.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Audrey Leger at 281-437-6224 TTY / VP / FAX or E-mail us at [hdstnewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:hdstnewsletter@yahoo.com)

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**From Zelma Curbello of LOVE FUND**

Nellie Bishop and I.D. & Floyd Wicker, we wish to thank you for your generous donation to **LOVE FUND.**

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Thank you all for your hearty thoughtfulness donations to **LOVE FUND IN MEMORY OF YOUR LOVED FRIENDS**

**Barbara Lee**  
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**Oran Leger, brother of Audrey Leger**  
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Marie Hays, thank you for your wonderful thoughtfulness donation to **Love Fund – Praying for Senior Citizens growth strength.**

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Anyone who wishes to donate **\$\$\$** to **LOVE FUND** or **HDST NEWSLETTER FUND** should please make a check or money order payable either to **Houston Deaf Senior Citizens - Love Fund (or) HDST Newsletter Fund.** And mail to:

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*Houston Deaf Senior Citizens*, thank you for your hearty donation to **HDST Newsletter** from half of the money collected from raffles for the door prizes at Christmas party.

*J.C. & Beatrice Smith*, thank you for your thoughtful donation to **HDST Newsletter.**

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**Renewals:**

Thank you for your renewal.

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Thomas Withrow Sr

***Thank You Note***

My dear friends, *James & Julie Spaulding*

Thank you for your thoughtful donations to **LOVE FUND** in memory of my brother, Oran Leger.

Love,  
*Audrey Leger*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### February 4, 2007 (Sunday)



**ASL Social (8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)** will be at **Jax Grill Restaurant, 1613 Shepherd Rd, Houston, TX 77007** also **Super Bowl TV** from 11 AM to 9 PM. Let's come to meet & enjoy chatting with your old and new friends. Any questions please e-mail to Earl Johnson at [ejohnson127@houston.rr.com](mailto:ejohnson127@houston.rr.com).

### February 6, 2007 (Tuesday)



**Positive Interaction Program (PIP)** will hold a meeting 7:30 PM at Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church, 9920 Long Point Rd, Houston. This month the presentation topic will be "**Medicaid Fraud**"; an investigator from the Texas Attorney Generals Office will give this informative presentation. Let's join and learning something new.

### February 9, 2007 (Friday)



Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will have a field trip to Liberty, TX. We meet at **Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church at 9920 Long Point Rd, Houston, TX** at 8:00 AM. Hope you can join us. It's sure to be enjoyable. (See editor page 2, for more information).

### February 9, 2007, (Friday)



**Houston Hand Talk Social** will be at **Memorial City Mall – Food Court, I-10 Freeway at Gessner Rd, Houston, TX 77024** from 5 PM to 9 PM. Let's come to meet & enjoy chatting with your old and new friends. Any questions please contact Roger Spivey at [spivey39@Yahoo.com](mailto:spivey39@Yahoo.com).

### February 10, 2007 (Saturday)



**Houston Black Deaf Association (HBDA)** will have a meeting included 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Soul Food at 1615 Binz, Houston, TX 77004. HBDA meeting @ 3:00 PM and Soul Food Dinner @ 4:30 PM. Admission fee: BDA Members \$5.00 and Non-Members \$7.00. Please wear cowboy clothing...for the best wear cowboy clothing for prizes. The funds go to HBDA Christmas Ballroom. For more information contact Regina Grant at [regina7345@aol.com](mailto:regina7345@aol.com) or Essie Smith at [essiesmith@aol.com](mailto:essiesmith@aol.com).

### February 14, 2007 (Wednesday) Happy Valentine!



Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will have a business meeting at (new name) **West Gray Adaptive Recreation Center (WGARC)**, formerly **Metropolitan Multi-Service Center (MMSC)** at 1475 West Gray, Houston, TX 77019 from 9 AM to 1 PM. Valentine party after the meeting. There will be some games and prizes for costume contest. Goodies or refreshment will be served. For more information contact Patsy Walker at VP 281-446-2056. Let's attend the meeting and have fun at the party!

### February 15, 2007 (Thursday)



Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will have a fellowship and potluck at **Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church** at 9920 Long Point from 9 AM to 1 PM. If you wish to bring a covered dish, please contact **Evelyn Autry** at (713) 984-8186 TTY or **Nancy Krone** at (281) 565-8614 TTY and let them know what you will bring.

**February 28, 2007 (Wednesday)**



Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will have a social meeting at **West Gray Adaptive Recreation Center (WGARC)**, 1475 West Gray, Houston from 9 AM to 1 PM. Let's join and enjoy chatting with friends!

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## Thank You Note

*Dear Houston Deaf Senior Citizens,*

On behalf of my sister, Rose Bell and family I want to thank you for a nice Sympathy card.

Your thoughtful and kindness in our time of sorrow in the loss of my brother-in-law, Barney Varain was deeply appreciated.

Love & Prayers,

*Audrey*

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**JOKE:** E-mail from a friend

### **Hillary as President**

Hillary Clinton gets elected President and is spending her first night in the White House. She has waited so long.....

The ghost of George Washington appears, and Hillary says, "How can I best serve my country?" Washington says, "Never tell a lie." "Ouch!" Says Hillary, "I don't know about that"

The next night, the ghost of Thomas Jefferson appears... Hillary says, "How can I best serve my country?" Jefferson says, "Listen to the people." "Ohhh! I really don't want to do that."

On the third night, the ghost of Abe Lincoln appears. Hillary says, "How can I best serve my country?" Lincoln says, "Go to the theater."

**JOKE ON US: Houston Chronicle** -- Submitted by Zelma Curbello

A 4 year old boy ran up to his mother at the beach and led her to where a sea gull lay dead in the sand.

"Mom, what happened to him?" the little boy asked.

"He died and went to heaven," she replied.

The boy thought for a moment and then said, "And God threw him back down?"

--CHUCK WELCH, *Houston*

### **Healthier Heart – Reader's Digest - February 2007**

**Walk 30 minutes a day everyday, no matter what---and then call someone.** Walking a half-hour a day decreases the risk of having a heart attack by about 30 percent. I've found if you succeed at walking daily, you can also succeed at doing other things to improve health. If you skip, you'll start compromising health in other ways too. Calling someone every day is crucial; that's the real commitment. Find a person who's supportive and will not nag but will call if you haven't called her. And by the way, it usually is a "her." Men tend to be lousy at this!

MICHAEL F. ROIZEN, MD

# NEWS



## 2007 Houston Deaf Seniors of Texas (HDST) Officers

The officer election was voted and passed in October, 2006 and most are the same officers as last year. They added a new Parliament and three History Archive Committees. They had oath January 2007. We wish them the best in 2007. Here are the pictures:



**Back left to right:** *William G. Lambert* – Trustee, *James Fair* – Vice President and By-Laws Committee, and *Earl W. Day* – President.

**Second row left to right:** *Rochelle Simpson* – Trustee, *James Spaulding* – Trustee, *Roger Spivey* – Parliament, and *Nancy J. Morris* – Secretary.

**Front left to right:** *Pernella Smith* & *Julie Spaulding* – History Archive Committee, and *Zelma Curbello* – Treasurer.

**Not pictured:** *Betty Felke* & *Nancy Krone* – By-Laws Committee, and *Patsy Walker* – Social Director & History Archive Committee.

We, Houston Deaf Senior Citizens, *Wishing you all the best in 2007!*

### Thank You Note

Dear Houston Deaf Senior Citizens,

On behalf of my family, I want to thank you for your kindness, thoughtfulness and prayers during our time of Jerrell's long illness and then sorrow in the loss of my husband Jerrell Quinn and the father of Dottie Jo Allen and Darrell Quinn and three grandchildren.

We thank you for thinking of me and my family.

May God bless you, *Betty Jo*

**Proud Grandparents:** Submitted by J.C. & Beatrice Smith

Our son, Jeffery and his wife Melanie had a baby girl December 8, 2006. Her name is Morgan Elizabeth Smith. Melanie was 6 months pregnant when she had Caesarean Section (C-section) due to high blood pressure. Baby was one pound and 8 ounces. They are doing ok, but Morgan is still staying at the hospital and recently gained 1 pound & 8 ounces (now 2 pounds 8 ounces). Jeffery and Melanie might take their baby home by March, 2007.

When Melanie was 4 months pregnant we thought the baby would be a boy and were surprised it's a girl. Morgan's parents are excited, and can't wait to have her back home. We are, too.

We have a 24-year old granddaughter, Blair and now this new granddaughter, Morgan.

**Max Floyd:** E-mail from a friend

The cardiologist found that Max had 99% 4 - 5 blockages and quickly did a 4 by-pass heart surgery Friday morning, December 22, 2006. The surgery went well and he was doing fine, until about 5 p.m. when he was taken a second surgery. He had surgery twice in one day! Poor Max.

He is recovering in for needs more practice to exhale with a breathe pump to strengthen his lungs up to 2000 units. Recently he made it up to 2000 units. He's doing fine but still being monitored by the doctor.

**M.A.W. Kennel:** Submitted by Marie Hays' daughter, Ann Wheeler

MAW Kennel is owned by Ann Wheeler – home for Dachshunds, Chihuahuas, and Shelties. She is in her business to sell certified breed dogs. She has a boy dachshund 6 – 10 months old for \$150.00 had all shots and rabies included.

If interested to buy contact Ann at home (voice) 936-264-4018, cell 936-718-5720 or e-mail: [oldlady1@consolidated.net](mailto:oldlady1@consolidated.net). All credit cards accept.

**Our Trip to Anderson, TX:** Written by Nancy Morris

We arrived at Fanthorp Inn. Henry Fanthorp purchased 1,100 acres to build this Inn which opened in 1834. His bride was Rachel Kennard. He was Vice President of Republic of Texas and passed away on July 3, 1845. He had 3 children – one son and 2 daughters. The son passed away at the age of 23 years old.

Fanthorp was appointed Postmaster for Grimes County in this Inn and worked there from 1835 to 1840. He used a stagecoach named H.M. Black Coach Line to deliver the Mail.

The kitchen was outside in the open. Dining Room was the largest room and was also used as a Dancing Hall after the meals were cleaned up. The bedrooms were upstairs.

In 1977, Parks/Wildlife bought the Inn. Then, in 1987, it was open as a Historic Site.

After the tour, we stopped for lunch. The food was homemade and delicious. Then, we went to the Courthouse. We didn't go through it due to the 6 prisoners arriving. So, we left and went to Gourmet Dining in Navasota. There we ordered delicious ice cream, smoothies, or coffee. It was a fun trip enjoyed by all.

**Two Great Old Stories:** Submitted by Evelyn Autry

Evelyn Autry has some boxes saved of interesting things old times. She found these two stories that will make you laugh, and she would like to share with all of you.

**Life in These United States – Reader's Digest – November 1998**

Jonathan, 16, our hearing-impaired son, was learning to drive with his father each day after school. Finally he was ready to take me for a ride. I sat in the front seat, my husband took the back---and we were off.

We hadn't gone far when my husband told me to sign to Jonathan that there was a cross street coming up. I did, and my son smiled, nodded and told me he knew. At the next corner my husband said to remind Jonathan there was a four-way stop. I did, and he nodded again. Next, my husband prodded me to tell Jonathan the light was red, so I did.

Suddenly, Jonathan pulled over to the side of the road and signed to me. "Mom, please go sit in the back. Dad never tells me what to do!"

---SUSAN BELLES, *Fairmont, N.C.*

**Life in These United States: – Reader's Digest – December 1998**

I was waiting to board a plane in Houston when a flight attendant stopped a woman in front of me to question her about the number of carry-on bags she had. The woman vehemently defended herself, claiming the extra bag was really her purse. It was the size of a large briefcase, but she insisted that it shouldn't count as a carry-on item.

The flight attendant finally let the woman pass. As the next man stepped up, the flight attendant's gaze settled on his bags. Immediately, he held up his briefcase and exclaimed, "This is my wallet!"

---KIMBERLEY LEVACY, *Lubbock, Texas*

## **DEATH:**

Marlene Hanks' mother, Margaret Finnerty of Gueydan, LA passed away January 15, 2007 at 5:30 AM. Death notice will be on next newsletter (March 2007 Issues).

Sheldon W. Taubert, 81, retired printer, of Austin and brother of Ruth Seeger, passed away Sunday, January 21, 2007. Services pending - arrangements by Wilke-Clay-Fish. Probably get more details for March newsletter.

## **9<sup>th</sup> Biennial National Conference of Deaf Seniors of America**

Palm Beach County Association of the Deaf, Inc (PBCAD) in South Florida will be hosted 9<sup>th</sup> Biennial National Conference of Deaf Seniors of America at the Renaissance Orlando Resort at Sea World on April 9 – 15, 2007. There will be workshops, lectures and exhibitions showcasing the latest technology marvels to improve their quality of life.

If interested to attend the conference, registration or more information, see website: [www.dsa2007.com](http://www.dsa2007.com) and download the registration form. Combo rates: Pre-Early Bird, Special or Regular rates are no longer available; last chance \$300.00 postmarked by March 5, 2007 or \$350.00 available at door only. They accept Visa and MasterCard, checks and money order payable to PBCAD/DSA 2007 and mail with the registration form to PBCAD/DSA 2007, Attn: Registration, P.O. Box 5797, Lake Worth, FL 334.61. ATTENTION: After March 5<sup>th</sup> personal checks are not accepted.

DSA 2007 Program Schedule: Monday and Tuesday, April 9 – 10 – Tours; Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> – Tours & Opening Ceremonies (evening), Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup> – Luncheon, Exhibits, Workshops and Entertainment, Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> – Exhibits, Workshops and Banquet, Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> – Exhibits, Workshops, Entertainment & closing ceremonies, and Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> – Safe trip back home.

For any questions contact Lillian Mittauer, General Chairperson at TDD/Voice/VP 954-720-1028; Fax 954-721-3353, E-mail: [DSALillian@aol.com](mailto:DSALillian@aol.com) or Adele Shuart, Assistant Chairperson at TDD/VP 561-737-1291, Fax 561-738-0268 or E-mail: [AKS1973@adelphia.net](mailto:AKS1973@adelphia.net).

Attention: DSA 2009 will be in Las Vegas.

## **2 of 10 brilliant uses for baking soda**

### **1. Clear caked-on microwave splatters**

There's little worse than opening your microwave and being greeted by walls that are speckled with day-old food. To eliminate the mess in a jiffy, combine 2 Tbs. Baking soda and 1 cup water in a mug and "zap" it in the microwave for two minutes. The steam from the water condenses on the walls to loosen dried-on gunk. Then, once the mixture is cool enough to work with, just dip a sponge in the solution and give the appliance's interior a quick once-over. The abrasiveness of baking soda helps wipe away every last spot.

### **2. Prolong the life of any battery**

Leave it to battery rust to keep your car, mower and even your emergency flashlight from working when you need them most. Luckily, since baking soda is a mild alkali, it has the power to neutralize built-up oxidation. To make it work for you, first disconnect the battery posts. Next, make a paste of three parts baking soda to one part water and carefully apply with a damp cloth to dissolve surface corrosion. After rinsing with warm water, give the battery posts a swipe with petroleum jelly (to prevent future rust from forming) before reconnecting.

SENIOR HUMOR  
AUTHOR UNKNOWN

A WELL PLANNED LIFE????

Two women met for the first time since graduating from high school. One asked the other, "You were always so organized in school, did you manage to live a well planned life?"

"Yes," said her friend. "My first marriage was to a millionaire; my second marriage was to an actor; my third marriage was to a preacher; and now I'm married to an undertaker."

Her friend asked, "What do those marriages have to do with a well planned life?"

"One for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, and four to go

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