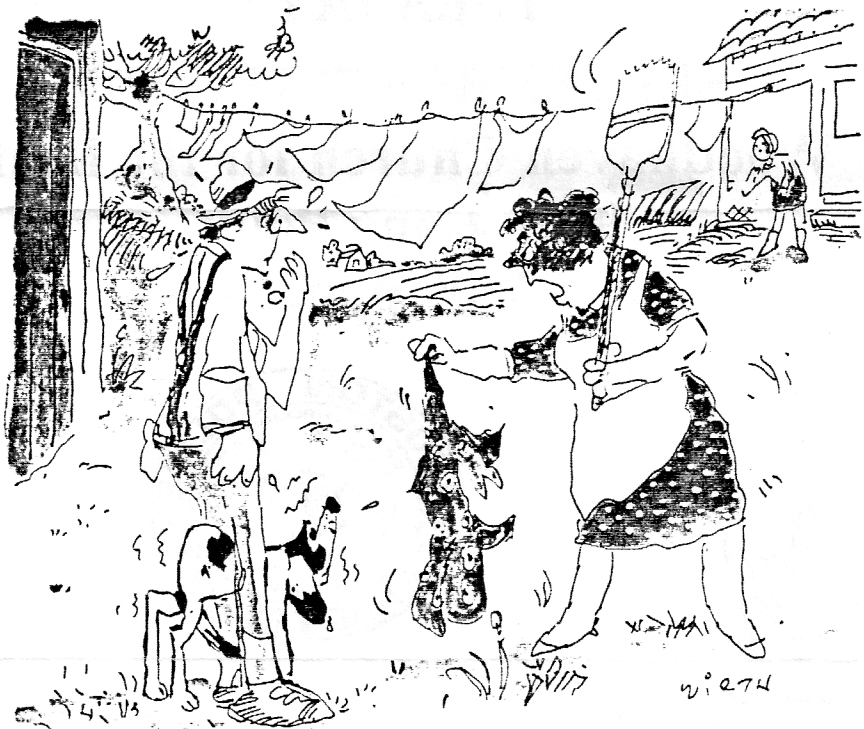


# Houston Deaf Senior Citizens

## SEPTEMBER 1999

# NEWSLETTER

### Senior Citizen Program



## The Dress That 'Blackie' Bought

*Coonhounds don't normally make such a purchase—but one summer in the 1950s, it seemed like a good idea.*

By Judi Weber, Carthage, Missouri

THE SCREEN DOOR slammed shut that Monday morning as Mom carried a bushel basket of damp laundry toward the clothesline on our farm near Carthage, Missouri.

On washday, my assigned duties included wiping down the old wire clothesline with a damp rag. As I worked, I paused to pet "Blackie", Dad's favorite coonhound, who often slept in the cool shade of the old tree that held up one end of the line.

He'd carefully dug out a large dusty hole just his size where he slept while Dad worked in the fields, dog-dreaming of moonlit nights chasing masked varmints over mist-shrouded Ozark hills.

It was a beautiful summer morning with blue skies, snow-white clouds and a gentle breeze. Once the laundry was hung, Mom went to prepare lunch while I fled to my swing under the old oak tree.

Meantime, Blackie's ears perked up, and he stared at the clothes dancing in the wind. Ambling over to this spectacle, he stopped before a colorful flower-

print dress... Mom's church dress!

What transpired next is iffy, because it all seemed to happen at once—but Blackie lunged at the flowered dress just when the wind picked up. A loud *r-i-i-i-i-p* was heard as he came away with a large portion of the dress hanging from his wrinkled jowls.

### Look Out, Blackie!

Now Mom let forth a blood-curdling shriek from the kitchen window. With a knowing velp, Blackie fled, his floral prize still in his mouth, hotly pursued by an irate rotund woman swinging a broom like an ax.

Hearing Blackie's yelps of panic, Dad flew out of the barn to rescue his best hound from some unknown terror. Seeing Mom, he stopped stone-cold, and Blackie took refuge behind him.

Mom was yelling so loudly I couldn't make out her words, but she was shaking her broom and

**BLACKIE'S FAMILY.** That's the author with her parents, Earl and Bertha Weber, at right, and "Blackie" greeting Aunt Ruby at far right.

the remains of her "Sunday best" at both Dad and Blackie.

Nodding his head, Dad slowly backed into the barn with Blackie cowering behind. When they reached the threshold, Dad shut the door against the "gale-force wind" blowing outside. Assured that her message had been heard, Mom stomped back to the house.

Dinner, usually a lively affair, was somber that day. Then Dad took Blackie's supper to the safety of the barn.

### A Tense Week Ensued

The week passed with an odd silence in our house, and on Saturday morning, we all piled into the car for our weekly trip to town. Parking on the square, each of us went our separate ways—I to the matinee, Dad to the feed store and Mom to the dime store.

During the ride home, Dad was uncharacteristically silent. Usually he shared local "news" from fellow farmers (he called it news, claiming, "Women gossip and men gather news.") Holding a string-tied package in her lap, Mom just smiled and watched the scenery.

On Sunday morning after breakfast, Dad and I waited in the car for Mom to join us for the drive to church. My mouth dropped in amazement when she appeared in a brand-new store-bought Sunday dress.

Mom settled into her seat with a contented smile. Proudly fingering the imitation pearl buttons on her dress, she said, "Blackie bought it for me."

That afternoon, Blackie emerged from his week-long stay in the barn. Nothing more was ever said about the dress... but every Monday thereafter, he and Dad disappeared into the barn and didn't come out until the clothesline was bare.



## CALENDAR of EVENTS



# Deaf & Hard of Hearing PIP Meeting

FAMILY  
VIOLENCE  
UNIT

TUESDAY

SEPTEMBER 7 TH, 1999

Woodhaven Church for the Deaf  
9920 Long Point  
7:00 p.m.



From Officer Randy Melton  
TDD 713-308-9071  
Voice 713 308-9079  
Fax 713-308-9073



For emergency dial 911 Then tap your space bar.

**Sept. 8, 1999** - Second Wednesday for Senior Citizens to meet at M.M.S.C. from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please bring sandwiches, bags of chips, fruits, homemade cookies and cold drinks. Come on and meet Austin Deaf Senior Citizens, talking one another and enjoy good lunch.

**HAVE A FUN TIME!!**

**Sept. 16, 1999** - Third Thursday for Senior Citizens to meet at Woodhaven Baptist Church, 9920 Long Point with covered dishes. Please call Maurice Ford at 713-455-3507 or Elnora Morgan at 713-675-1531 and let either know what you expect to bring.

**HAVE A GOOD DAY!!**

**Sept. 22, 1999** - Fourth Wednesday for Senior Citizens to meet at M.M.S.C. from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There will be a regular meeting for everyone. Come on and enjoy the day play games.

**HAVE A NICE DAY!!**

**Sept. 24, 1999** - Exhibits will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Houston Community College System. See page 4.



We, Deaf Senior Citizens are very exciting to see Austin Deaf Senior Citizens stopping by to visit us at M.M.S.C. on September 8, 1999. They plan a trip to Galveston, Texas on September 7, Tuesday to visit Moody Gardens (Glass Rainforest Pyramid) and spend a night at La Quinta Inn on 1402 Seawall Blvd. They will leave Galveston on September 8, Wednesday in the morning after breakfast. They will stop to visit San Jacinto State Park for a while. Then they will stop by to visit our Senior Citizens Center before going back home to Austin. There will be about 35 persons.

**WITH OUR VERY DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND UNDERSTANDING  
THOUGHTS IN THE LOSS OF ONE VERY DEAR TO YOU.**

**HOUSTON DEAF SENIOR CITIZENS**  
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**MOORE**

JUNE MOORE, 84, of Friendswood, went to be with the Lord Tuesday, July 20, 1999. She was a member of the Houston Deaf Senior Citizens. Mrs. Moore was preceded in death by her husband, Curtis W. Moore. She is survived by her daughter, Mary and husband Freddie Ricklefsen; sister, Jacquelyn Hooks; grandchildren, Joe and wife Pam Ricklefsen; Christine Ricklefsen, Julie and husband Richard Poe; and great grandchildren, Connor Ricklefsen, Richard Poe, III and Whitney Poe. Funeral services will be held at 3:00 P.M. Thursday, July 22, 1999 at SouthPark Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Forest Park East Cemetery, Webster, Texas. Pallbearers will be Steve Lloyd, Sr., Steve Lloyd, Jr., Richard Poe, Jim Ricklefsen, Steve Ricklefsen, and Terry Ricklefsen.



The Lord is my shepherd, I have everything I need. HE lets me rest in fields of green. HE leads me to quite pools of fresh water. HE gives me new strength. HE guides me in the right paths as He's promised. Even if I go through the deepest darkness I will not be afraid, LORD, for you are with me.

TO: Houston Deaf Senior Citizens  
From: Mary Ricklefsen

*The family of  
June Moore  
acknowledges with grateful  
appreciation your kind expression  
of sympathy*

*Mother truly enjoyed  
her time with you  
The plant is beautiful.  
Love you all  
Mary*

## HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM



To whom it may concern:

The Sign Language Club of Houston Community College System--Central College would like to invite you to participate in our ASL Day for Deaf Awareness Month on September 24, 1999. The Festival will showcase the Deaf community and its culture. HCCS Central is located at 1300 Holman, Houston, TX 77004.

Exhibits will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the 24th. There will be a vendor participation fee charged for 2 days of exhibits. Exhibits will include foods, art & crafts, items made by Deaf individuals and equipment for the Deaf. Please read the attached R.S.V.P. form and return it by Monday, September 13, 1999. Parking will be provided in the main parking lot in front of the San Jacinto Building.

Your active participation will be greatly appreciated for the success of our ASL Day. We feel that this festival will be highly informative and motivational.

Thank you,

Evon Goebel  
ASL Day Planning Committee

Dorothy Curry entered the Spring Branch Medical Center Aug. 12 again. She had a stroke at 10 a.m. and another stroke at 3:30 p.m. The next day doctor installed a pacemaker in Dot's heart. She is doing pretty good.

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
GENEROUS DONATIONS TO LOVE FUND**

David and Esteline Stewart, Billy and Barbara Corum, Estelle Cameron and Frank Clark

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH YOUR GENEROUS TO LOVE FUND IN MEMORY OF  
MURPHY BOURQUE AND DOROTHY McALISTER.**

Mable and Martin Bienvenu

Anyone of you wish to donate \$\$\$ to Love Fund.  
Please make the check or money order to  
Houston Deaf Senior Citizen Fund.  
Please mail to Mrs. Zelma Curbello  
9623 Tiltree  
Houston, TX 77075-4042.





Dorothy Goldsmith '38 rode with her son, James to Graham, Texas on June 16 to visit her best friend, Elisa Neve '38 and stayed with her for two weeks. They did enjoy playing "chicken foot" dominoes. Dorothy's another son picked her up to go home. She missed Elisa very much, because they have know each other for many years since they were students at the Texas School for the Deaf.

Estelle Heinstschel '40 and Geneivina Cummings flew to Reno, Nevada on July 11 and spent one week there. She attended the bowling tournament. She did enjoy talking to the deaf people from different states, She said that Reno was dull. Geneivine will arrive in Austin from Chicago, IL. on airplane on Aug. 17. Her son lives here. and will pick her up before she will move to La Vista Retirement Home in San Marcos later.

Margaret Joseph, Nisa Lester, Fannie and Bob Lindberg, Dorothy Goldsmith, Alama Scott and Allison Lewter visited antique stores, craft and art galleries at Wimberly near San Marcos last July. They went out to eat at a restaurant at 11:30 a.m. They surely enjoyed visiting the stores, but it was hot - 95 Wow!

Sammy '58 and Brenda Sampson Oates '60 welcomed their older daughter, Tonic back to Austin from Illinois. They gave a nice house to her because they love her very much. They are excited that Toni is expecting to have her sixth baby soon. God bless Sammy and Brenda for helping Toni and her children.

Travis and Gertie Sessions motored to South Carolina with Montie Strother of Baytown, Texas the end week of July 1999 and attended the Southern Baptist Conference of the Deaf. They stayed there for one week.

Alan Sessions and Billy Collins, Jr. flew to Boston, Mass. from Austin during the last week of July. They attended an interpreters Conference for the Deaf. After their meeting was over, they visited the old historical places there. They enjoyed meeting different people there.

Ruby Kleberg is very excited to move to La Vista Retirement Home next fall. Her house in Austin is for sale. now. She is planning to have her things to be shipped to La Vista later. She is looking for a new apartment there.

Nell and Gene Davis got home at New Braunfels, Texas from Alaska the last week of July 1999. They took a cruise on a passage to Alaska. Their son, Carey met them. They had two wonderful weeks there. They are retired but Nell is interpreting for deaf pupils at San Marcos and New Braunfels now. Carey still lives in Alaska till his retirement and then he will move back home to Texas.

Aline Hoes - Foster went to South Austin Hospital again last May because her pulse was very low. Three doctors examined her and found out that her illness was due to wrong pills. Then she changed the medication and is now better. She has not gone to the Senior Citizen events for more than two months. She feels a lot better now and will go back there on Aug. 17. We will be glad to see her again.

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**THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR RENEWALS!!**

Miriam Thumann, Harry Richard, Nathan Wallace, L. V. Thornton, Helen Sellers, Ralph Jordan, Ellen Konoski, Oecal Lamb, David Bunch, Shirley Jackson, Ann Frazier, Harold Kee, Emitte Corley, Donnell Bryan, Jeanette Chatelain, and Rose Warchesick

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## Letter to the Editor

From Miriam Thumann

I really like La Vista the community for retired deaf persons in San Marcos very much. I am very happy here. I enjoyed meeting people from different states and make friends with them. Wow! Activities at the community center keep me busy every day. I'm enclosing a copy of the activities.

I miss my friends in Houston. Give everyone of them my love for me!

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## La Vista Activities At the Cabana

### Mondays

10:30 AM - 11:15 AM

Exercise Class

begin 6/21

### Tuesdays

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Art & Crafts Class

begin 6/22

### Wednesdays

10:30 AM - 11:15 AM

Exercise Class

began today

### Thursdays

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Computer Class

begins tomorrow

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Games

begins tomorrow

### Fridays

10:30 AM - 11:15 AM

Exercise Class

begins 6/18

*La Vista* - America's Retirement Community for Deaf Senior Citizens

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## Letter to the Editor

From Rosie & Joe Katz

Greetings to all, We celebrated our 60th Wedding Anniversary by taking a tour in Europe with our son, Jerry and his wife Carrin. Of course Ray Kirkland was with us.

We toured Italy, Frances, Switzerland and England and stayed in the cities of Rome, Florence, Verier, Lucerene, Paris and London. Wow, it was an eye opener for us, as it was our first trip aboard.

We enjoyed the sights, learning the history and having wonderful meals with a nice group of 36 people on our trip.

Thinking of you all as always.

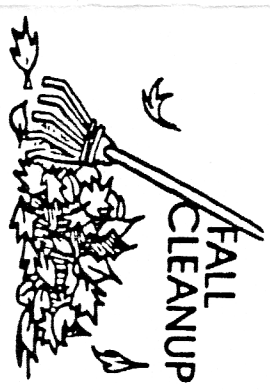
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Wave farewell to hot August and greet September with a big smile!

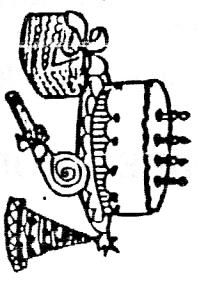


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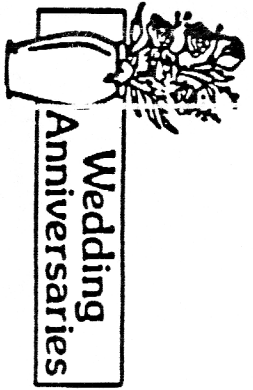
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Hello! Welcome to our Senior Citizen Fellowship at City of Houston Metropolitan Multi-Service Center at 1475 West Gray from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. on second and fourth Wednesday. There are plenty of safe parking spaces.  
Come on and join Happy Fellowship.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- 3..... Ethel Chapple
- 9..... Lennie Morton  
Beatrice Smith
- 14..... Mary Redman
- 21..... Barbara Corum  
Billie Mangum
- 22..... Roy Adams  
Beatrice Wischkaemper
- 23..... James Moore
- 24..... Glynn Whittemore  
Darl Williamson
- 29..... Travis Sessions



- Billy & Barbara Corum  
Sept. 1, 1950.....49 yrs.
- Richard & Joan Brubaker  
Sept. 5, 1958.....41 yrs.



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