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**Social Meeting
March 2023
St. Patrick's Day**



Front Row: Shirley Thornton, Dinah McKenzie, Jan Dermon, Wanda Andrew, Roselyn Johnson, Gertrude Sessions, Diane Finnegan, Margo Jarreau, Enedelia Gonzalez **Second Row:** Cathy Simerka, Joanie Stephens, Patsy Walker, Ruth Naquin, Patricia Sah, Marion McCreary, Jeannie Hilferty, Karen Hancock, Cristina Rodriguez, Brenda Lozano, Luci Ryan, Doina Langham, Fred Simerka **Third Row:** Troy Graham, Larry Hilferty, Jose Ybarra, Don Sah, Clyde Andrew, Deborah Daniels, Dennis Smith, Dominique Parisi, Denis Tucker, Jim Dermon, Tom Langham **Fourth Row:** Christine Johnson, Robert Bellard, Christine Klenert, Michael McKenzie, Tom Klenert, Lawrence Coleman, Kevin Finnegan, Elias Rodriguez, Andrea Smith, Eddie Naquin
Not in the Picture: Larry/Yvonne Butler, Nancy Morris



Left: ASL teacher, Sharon Hill, had her 11 students perform the skit about Goldilocks and the Three Bears with their different story.

Right: Special Thanks to Jan Dermon, Christine Johnson, Nancy Morris for serving lunch.

March 11, 2023 Field Trip—St. Francis Wolf Sanctuary—Navasota, TX



Photo taken by Robert Bellard

Sitting: Jeannie Hilferty, Christine Klenert, Tom Klenert Jan Dermon, Jim Dermon, Lawrence Coleman, Sidney Gilland, Judy Becker

Left to Right: Tom Langham, Doina Langham, Larry Hilferty, Clyde Andrew, Wanda Andrew, Dennis Smith, Patsy Walker, Eddie Naquin, Ruth Naquin, Darlene Gregory, Wendy Hunter, Christine Johnson, Deborah Wold, Janie Morales, Elias Rodriguez, Cristina Rodriguez, Karen Hancock, Dana Glasscock, John Holland, Marion McCreary



Saint Francis Wolf Sanctuary is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charity in Navasota, Texas, whose mission is to provide exceptional lifelong sanctuary to non-releasable wolves and wolfdogs while sharing a message of education and conservation.

What is the difference between wolf and wolfdog?

Wolves in the wild are elusive and dogs are generally friendly. Dog scat doesn't usually contain fur and is generally smaller than a wolf's. Wolves howl more than they bark, and for dogs, it is the other way around. Wolves are much larger with far less variety than dogs.

The head of a wolf is larger and longer than a dog and there is a gradual stop, or angle between the eyes and front of the skull, unlike what is seen in dogs.

Wolf paws are generally larger, averaging 4 1/2 to 5 inches in length and width, and legs are longer in relation to body size.

The chest of a wolf is narrow and deep and the front legs are relatively close together.

The tail of a wolf never curls upward or touches the ground.

A wolf usually has golden eyes, sometimes brown or green, but never blue like a husky's, although wolf pups have deep blue eyes. Pups are only born once a year between March and June, unlike dogs that can give birth at any time of the year.

Wolf coats are coarse and long, thicker in the winter. Wolves look thinner and kind of scruffy in the warmer months due to loss of their undercoat. Their coats do not show any sharp delineation in coat color or pattern.

<https://www.quora.com/How-can-you-tell-wolf-dogs-and-wolves-apart>

Quality Improvement (QI) Project Summary Need Volunteers



INTRODUCTION: Hello! My name is **Colleen Manning**, and I am a family nurse practitioner and doctoral student at UTHealth Cizik School of Nursing. I have chosen to work with the Deaf community at HDSCLF for my QI project (my parents, Kevin and Diane Finnegan, are members).

QI PROJECT GOAL: I will create an ASL video on advance care planning (ACP) to help teach and motivate you to participate in decision-making. I will show you how to use an easy online website to complete your advance directive (AD) if you want to - Texas Advance Health Directive.

WHAT IS ACP? This is when you discuss and prepare for future decisions about your medical care IF you become seriously ill or unable to communicate your wishes (for example, if you suffered a bad heart attack and you have a breathing tube and medicine to keep you asleep—you cannot communicate for yourself because you are sleeping).

WHAT IS AN AD? Advance directives are official papers or legal documents you share with your healthcare team. The AD will have the contact information of your chosen 'decision maker.' The person you are allowing to speak on your behalf only IF you cannot communicate.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE? Any Deaf adults who use sign language to communicate. You will need to attend monthly meetings (approximately 4-6 meetings) and be willing to complete short surveys evaluating the ASL video I made.

Before the project starts, I will collect your age and gender and ask you to answer yes or no- Do you already have an advance directive? I will NEVER use or share your name or email with anyone else to communicate with you about this project. I will not ask for a copy of your AD; it is up to you if you want to complete one during the project.

WHEN? The project will start in August once UTHealth approves. The project should end in January 2024 or earlier.

WHERE? I want to meet with the project members monthly at MMSC on the same day as HDSCLF meetings (2nd Wednesday of each month). The group will decide the time. I expect project meetings will be at most 30 minutes.

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Social Meeting—April 12, 2023 “Month to Speak”



Guest Speakers
Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Access Specialists

Ricky Harris and Charis Mallory

The summer is coming around the corner and preparing for travel; our guest speakers will present the topic—of **travel accessibility**.

Lunch Provided—Bring Drink

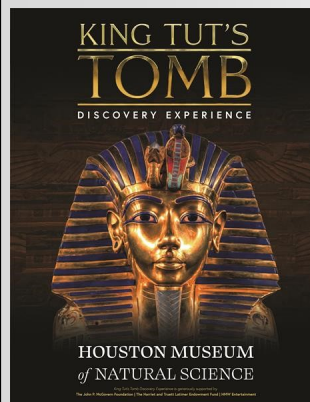
A Day at Post Houston—May 23, 2023



Meet at the South Parking Lot
behind Memorial City Mall at **10:00 am**
Bus leaves at **10:30 am**
Contact Christine Johnson—979-413-5014

Deadline: 05/10/2023

King Tut's Tomb—June 3, 2023



Cost: Over 60—\$10
Under 59—\$15

Meet at the South Parking Lot
behind Memorial City Mall
at **9:00 am**
Bus leaves at **9:30 am**

**Contact Christine Johnson—
979-413-5014**

Deadline: 05/10/2023

Lunch on Your Own—Fuddruckers

Mark Your Field Trip Calendar
4/1/2023 (Sold Out) 5/23/2023 (Tuesday)
6/3/2023 (Saturday)

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WHY? There is insufficient ASL healthcare information for Deaf people to access, use, and learn from. Most ACP and AD material is written at an 11th-grade reading level; this is too high for the general public to use. I am a medical professional and have a tough time reading the language. Previous studies show that it is essential to work with Deaf people when creating anything new that they will use – this way, the information you are learning about has been developed and reviewed by Deaf people and meets their satisfaction.

PROJECT TIME

March/April: I attend HDSCLF meetings to inform and sign up members to join.

August: My project can start after approval by UTHealth.

August/November: I meet with you monthly to review the ASL video and collect survey information.

November/December: the ASL interpreter approves the final video, and CC is added; I will analyze the survey data.

January: Share the final video and present the project video and results with HDSCLF at an upcoming meeting.

If you would like to join my project and still need to sign up, please send me an email with your include your name to colleenaf@gmail.com, and I will add you to my list. You will hear from me through email about every two weeks so I can give you regular project updates.

Thank you for your time! Colleen Manning, FNP-C

Tidbit Newsletter

Renewals:

Linda Ainsworth, Troy/Margie Graham, Winona Heniz, Margo Jarreau, Clifford Menard, Vincent Pix, Tracy/Deborah Wold, Abel Yarrito

Gift Subscription: Lavern Fair (Michael/Dinah McKenzie)

Donation in Memory of: Mary Jo Stevens (Audrey Leger)

Donation to Project Love Fund: Vincent Pix

New Subscriber: Roselyn Johnson



Send some news, your trip, an announcement (newborn baby, birthday, anniversary, craft, obituary, and color photos to me before or on **15th day of each month**. Thanks!

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