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New Director Office of Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services

Lorraine (Lori) Breslow has been selected as the new Director for the Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services. She has over 15 years of senior and executive management experience in programs that serve individuals, who are deaf or hard of hearing. Most recently, Lorraine served as Director of Interpreting for Sorenson Communications. Her extensive experience also includes Senior Director of Programs for Communication Services for the Deaf in Sioux Falls, South Dakota as well as the Texas Division Director for the same organization. Lorraine holds a Master's Degree in Rehabilitation Counseling, with an undergraduate degree in Independent Studies with an emphasis on Psychology and Special Education. She believes strongly in the Serving Leadership philosophy embraced by our organization and has a strong knowledge of Vocational Rehabilitation and all the programs offered by the Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services. Lorraine begins her new role on February 1st. Please join me in welcoming her to DARS!

Jim Hanophy MS, CRC
Assistant Commissioner
DARS-Division for Rehabilitation Services

HDSC's Special Field Trip



Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Depart at 6:30 am from:
Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church
9920 Long Point
Houston, TX 77055

Tour Stop 1: Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, TX

Tour Stop 2: Heritage Square in Fort Worth, TX

Thursday, April 19, 2012

Tour Stop 3: Sixth Floor Museum in Dallas, TX

Tour Stop 4: Southfork Ranch in Parker, TX

CONTACT: Gertrude Sessions
VP: (281) 249-5284



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APRIL

BIRTHDAY

- 3 Dana Glasscock
- 6 Gus Curbello
- 9 Larry Fewell
- 13 Larry Butler
- 17 Carl Long
- 18 Floyd A. Wicker
- 23 Joe Kennedy, Jr.
Robert Small
- 25 Ann Edgley
- 27 Jan Dermon

ANNIVERSARY

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SENIOR CITIZENS' FIELD TRIP



Friday, April 13, 2012

Tour Stop: Sam Houston Boat Tour

Lunch on own: Cleburne Cafeteria

Tour Stop: Keggs Chocolate Factory

Please be there at 8:15 am

Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church

9920 Long Point

Houston, TX 77055

Bus Departs at 8:45 am

CONTACT: Gertrude Sessions

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CONTACT: Julie Spaulding

VP: (281) 249-5276

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Tuesday, April 3:

**"University Texas Health
Science"**

Positive Interaction Program

Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church

9920 Long Point

Houston, TX

7:30 pm

Wednesday, April 4:

Diabetes Workshop Session

The Lillian Beard Deaf

Connection Center

9920 Long Point Drive

Houston, TX 77055

10:00 am - 12:00 noon

Friday, April 6:

ASL Social

Spicy Pickle Sandwich Co.

1440 West Gray Street

Houston, TX 77019

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Wednesday, April 11:

Meeting / Social

HDSCLF

Metropolitan Multi-Service Ctr

1475 W. Gray Street

Houston, TX 77019

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Friday, April 13:

Deaf/ASL Social (Ft. Bend)

Chick-fil-A

20010 Southwest Freeway

Sugarland, TX 77022

4:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Wednesday, April 25:

"CSD: Project Endeavor"

HDSCLF

Metropolitan Multi-Service Ctr

1475 W. Gray Street

Houston, TX 77019

9:00 am - 1:00 pm



Meeting



Gertrude Sessions Felix Guerra

March Birthday



Contests



Tom Wells Best Male Costume Jenice Wells Best Female Costume Ann Wheeler Best Cake



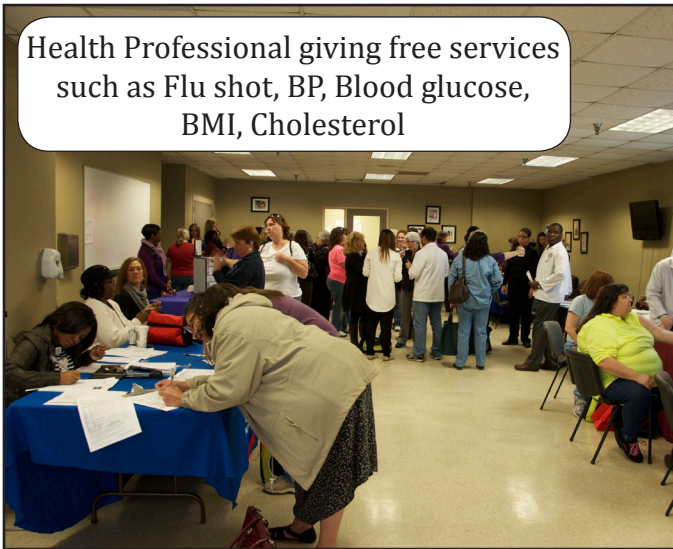
**Rex & Luci Ryan
4th Anniversary**



March 14, 2012

Deaf Women's Health and Empowerment Fair

Health Professional giving free services such as Flu shot, BP, Blood glucose, BMI, Cholesterol



Diana DeLeon
Deaf Businesswoman

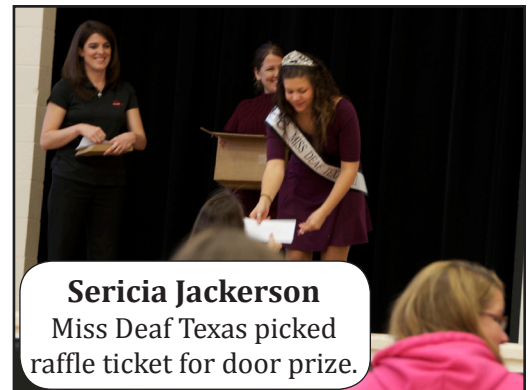
Over 140 women attended *Deaf Women's Health & Empowerment Fair* on February 11th at MMSC. It was HUGE SUCCESS!! We had over 15 vendors showing their business/service. We had Health Service people coming to give free flu shot, free blood pressure test, free cholesterol test, free blood glucose test, and free BMI.

We had Key Speaker, Lisa Gomme from New Mexico who spoke about Domestic Violence. Many women learned a lot from Lisa. It taught us how to be empower ourselves.

There were many door prizes given away through raffle tickets.

Many of the women want this fair again for next year. We are listening to them and will have our 2nd Annual Deaf Women's Health & Empowerment Fair in February 2013.

It was exciting experience for all of us. Thank you to all the volunteers, committees, and interpreters to make this happen.



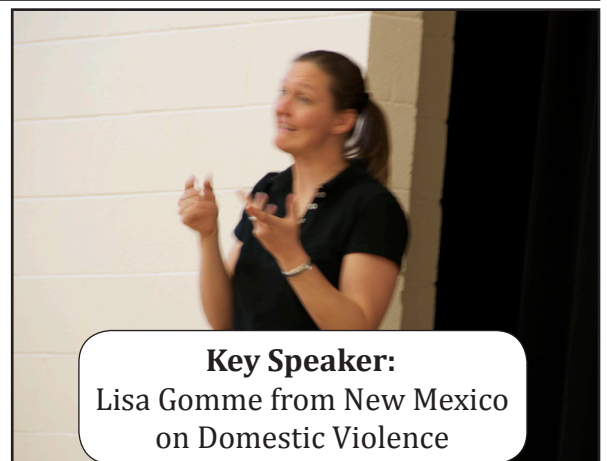
Sericia Jackerson
Miss Deaf Texas picked raffle ticket for door prize.



Deaf Women chatting during break.

Wrote by Cynthia Stevens, GHDC's hostess
Photograph by Judy Becker

Jana Bielfeldt shared experience on Domestic Violence.



Key Speaker:
Lisa Gomme from New Mexico on Domestic Violence

Free Visual Fire Alarms

Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD) is partnering with Houston Fire Department (HFD) to provide Free Visual Fire Alarms to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in Houston. We will have 2,000 alarms to give out. One to each house/apartment.

To qualify for a free visual fire alarm, you must:

- Live in city of Houston
- Have a LOW or FIXED income
- Have a substantial Hearing Loss in which you will need a visual fire alarm

Anyone interested in receiving one can contact me.

Please Contact: *Kaitlyn Tracy*

Email: kaithlyn.tracy@houstontx.gov

Phone: 281.936.0770 (VP)

Free Legal Assistance

Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD) has partnered with South Texas College of Law in providing Free Legal Assistance for people with Disabilities. They will come to the Metropolitan Multi-Service Center on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

For the month of March, the lawyer will be here on Tuesday, March 13th, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

*** It is encouraged that anyone interested in attending should contact me first ***

*** If client needs accommodation, please kindly request at least a week in advance ***

In collaboration with the MOPD, we will be conducting intake and screening for new cases at the Multipurpose Center on 1475 West Gray St. on the third Thursday of each month from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Our Practice Areas:

Family Law
Probate
Estate Planning
Guardianship
Community Education

Real People, Real Problems, Real Solutions.

Contact *Kaitlyn Tracy* at 281.936.0770 (VP) or kaithlyn.tracy@houstontx.gov at least 2 days prior to interview if you need accommodations for a disability.



Deaf Seniors of Texas
PRESS RELEASE

Deaf Seniors of Texas (DST) is official as of January 11, 2012 as a non-profit information resources agency serving all deaf/hard-of-hearing senior citizens in the State of Texas without regard to race, religion, sex, disability or nationality.

The purpose of the DST is to provide central, cooperative and coordinated assistance and services and to assist with the independent living and promote the overall well-being of all deaf/hard-of-hearing senior citizens:

1. To promote awareness of special needs for deaf/hard-of-hearing senior citizens in the State of Texas.
2. To encourage/coordinate with the establishment of local deaf/hard-of-hearing senior-citizen organizations.
3. To promote the overall well-being of deaf/hard-of-hearing senior citizens through local organizations:
 - a. To keep them from being isolated or homebound.
 - b. To assist them with the independent living.
 - c. To promote leisure activities for challenging mental alertness.
 - d. To give them opportunities for social interaction and enjoyment.
4. To sponsor/host symposium whenever possible dealing with issues impacting their well-being and safety.
5. To acquaint those deaf/hard-of-hearing senior citizens with national, state, and local resources that will contribute to their positive image and fuller participation in the mainstream society.
6. To advocate the rights of deaf/hard-of-hearing senior citizens.

The initial DST directors are Don Hahn of Houston, Mack Harris of Arlington and Earl Day of Buda. The board size will grow to nine when the drafted bylaws is adopted.

There will be no members and only the board will run and make all decisions.

There will be no newsletter but periodic press release will be used.

www.deafseniorsoftexas.org

March 1, 2012

This is Lennie Morton's daughter Lena Glover. I just wanted to ask for prayer for my Mom. The aortic valve in her heart is closing up and she did not want surgery to replace the valve. According to the cardiologist last Friday, the valve is now 0.3 cm. He tells us that the blood is just barely going into her heart. She looks ok, but very weak and not able to walk very far. I am having to push her in the wheelchair in the house. The doctor has ordered palliative care for her and so this week Hospice came and will be monitoring her here in my home in Pasadena. We would appreciate you remembering our family during this time.

Thank you,

Lena Glover
3415 Dry Creek Drive
Pasadena TX 77505
(281-998-8300)

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Be sure to make a copy for your record. An advertiser will get a complimentary copy of issue. Thank you!



Switched wins Awards

The Alliance for Women is giving ABC Family's Switched At Birth two Gracie Awards. Lizzy Weiss,





Creator & Executive Producer, is being honored as Outstanding Producer-Entertainment and Constance Marie as Outstanding Female Actor in a Supporting

Role in a Drama Series or Special. Marie plays Regina Vasquez on Switched. Both women will be honored in a ceremony May 22 in Los Angeles. The Alliance for Women in Media Foundation supports educational programs, charitable activities, public service campaigns and scholarships to benefit the public and women in the media.



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**PLAYGROUND,
1967**

**PLAYGROUND,
2011**

Don't Mess With Seniors.

A lawyer and a senior citizen are sitting next to each other on a long flight. The lawyer is thinking that seniors are so dumb that he could get one over on them easily. So, the lawyer asks if the senior would like to play a fun game. The senior is tired and just wants to take a nap, so he politely declines and tries to catch a few winks. The lawyer persists, saying that the game is a lot of fun. "I ask you a question, and if you don't know the answer, you pay me only \$5.00. Then you ask me one, and if I don't know the answer, I will pay you \$500.00," he says. This catches the senior's attention and, to keep the lawyer quiet, he agrees to play the game. The lawyer asks the first question, "What's the distance from the Earth to the Moon?" The senior doesn't say a word, but reaches

into his pocket, pulls out a five-dollar bill, and hands it to the lawyer. Now, it's the senior's turn. He asks the lawyer, "What goes up a hill with three legs, and comes down with four?" The lawyer uses his laptop to search all references he can find on the Net. He sends emails to all the smart friends he knows; all to no avail. After an hour of searching, he finally gives up. He wakes the senior and hands him \$500.00. The senior pockets the \$500.00 and goes right back to sleep. The lawyer is going nuts not knowing the answer. He wakes the senior up and asks, "Well, so what goes up a hill with three legs and comes down with four?" The senior reaches into his pocket, hands the lawyer \$5.00, and goes back to sleep. Don't mess with seniors!



OBITUARIES



Diane Denise Mobley was attended school at Fort Worth Regional Day School for the Deaf in Fort Worth, Texas. Diane Denise Mobley, 50, passed away on Saturday, February 25, 2012. Funeral: Saturday, March 3, at Greater Antioch Baptist Church. Burial: Skyvue Memorial Gardens. Survivors: Son, Fredrick Mobley; father, Thriekield Thompson; brother, Gregory Mobley (Delicia); sister, Jennifer Mobley-Hinton (Kenny); and numerous other relatives and friends.

- Partly published in Star-Telegram on March 1, 2012



Effie Mae Miller, 91, of Pineville, passed away Sunday, March 4, 2012, at Rapides Regional Medical Center. She was a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church. She retired as a bank key punch/verifier with Rapides Bank. She was a co-founder and honorary member of the Alexandria Association of the Deaf, a member of the Louisiana Association of the Deaf, and the Lafayette Athletic Association of the Deaf. She is survived by her children, Wanda L. Miller of Pineville, LA; Garlan W. Miller of Pleasanton, CA, Sheila M. Miller of Austin, TX, Sharon S. Smith of Friendswood, TX, and Delores A. Miller of Austin, TX; five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Deloy L. Miller; her parents, L.M. & Addnie Hill; and her brother, Everette Hill.

Interment was at Alexandria Memorial Gardens, Woodworth.

- Published in Kramer Funeral Home on March 5, 2012

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Thanks to those people for their generous donations for luncheon on 14 Mar 2012: Gertrude Sessions, Barbara (Fair) Sutherland, James/Lavern Fair, Gus/Zelma Curbello, Audrey Leger, Jim/Jan Dermon, Don/Fung Hahn, Ann Wheeler/Marie Hays.

Thank you for your continuing support our HDSCLF.

Audrey Leger
Treasurer

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Easter Day is on
Sunday, April 8th.



Reminder:

Information of Free Tax Preparation for the Deaf & Hard-of-Hearing is shown on Volume 13 - March 2012 - Issue 03. To schedule an appointment, please contact Kaitlyn Tracy at 281.936.0770 (VP) or kaitlyn.tracy@houstontx.gov. The program runs until April 13th.

Don't forget to send me some news, anniversary, birthday, obituary and color photos (4" X 6"; high resolution like 150 dpi) before or on 15th day of each month.

Thanks,
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