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ATTENTION, PLEASE!! ATTENTION, PLEASE!! ATTENTION, PLEASE!!

We are very sorry to inform everyone that our 25th Anniversary Party has been postponed to **November 12th** from 9:00 AM till 4:00 PM. Please post this on your Calendar. Due to Hurricane Ike arriving in Galveston and going through Houston on September 12th and 13th, many buildings and homes have lost power and/or have had damages. We are unable to get everything fixed in time. Therefore, we have re-scheduled the party. We will still hold your name and money for the event.

By now, those that had already paid for their meals should have received a letter, Email, or phone call from Patsy Walker, Audrey Leger, and others of the postponement. For those that have not paid for their meals, you can still submit the form to reserve your meal. Please be sure to send in the form as we need to know how many are coming to make sure we have enough food and drinks for everyone.

We have great plans for this party. So, we do appreciate your patience in waiting till November.

Please mail order form with check/money order to HDST Fund, P. O. Box 664, Missouri City, TX 77459.

Enclosed is \$ _____ for _____ non-refundable ticket(s). Cost is \$10 per person.

Name: _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____



CHRISTMAS IN GRAPEVINE, TX



Please reserve November 19th for a trip to Grapevine, TX to see Gaylord Texas Lone Star Christmas Ice. Need to wear warm clothes with gloves and hat or scarf. The Event will provide heavy jackets for us to wear as we view these ice sculptures. We will stop for lunch. Then, we will be staying at Super 8 Motel, 250 E. State Hwy 114, Grapevine, TX. Call 817-329-7222 for your reservations as we are staying one night there. After viewing the ice sculptures, we will go to a Mall close by for dinner and shopping. Any questions, please feel free to contact Gertie Sessions (VP 281-447-7575), Julie Spaulding (VP 281-445-1072), or Nancy Morris (VP 281-656-2576). Please call them after you have made your reservations as they need to know how many are going.

The Bus has been reserved to hold up to 50 people. Therefore, we need to know how many are going.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 2, 2008 (Thursday)



Positive Interaction Program (PIP) will be from the Mayor's Anti-Gang Office. This will be a very informative presentation that will educate our members in regards to gangs in the Houston area. The meeting is held at Woodhaven Church for the Deaf, 9920 Long Point, Houston, TX at 7:30 PM. Please notice that this is on a THURSDAY! We will also celebrate our 21st Anniversary with food and cake. Door prizes! Interpreter and captioning provided.

October 3, 2008 (Friday)



ASL Social will be at America Buffet, 12815 Southwest Freeway, Stafford, TX 77477 from 4 till 9:30 PM. Let's come to meet and enjoy chatting with your old and new friends. Any questions, please e-mail to Earl Johnson at ejohnson127@comcast.net

October 8, 2008 (Wednesday)



Houston Deaf Seniors of Texas will have a regular business meeting at West Gray Adaptive Recreation Center, 1475 West Gray, Houston, TX 77019 at 9:00 am till 1:00 pm. Please attend to vote for the new Officers for 2009. The 25th Anniversary Banquet Committee will have a meeting after our Business meeting. Patsy Walker requests that those on the Committee to please plan to stay to finalize the plans for the party that is postponed to November 12th.

October 10, 2008 (Friday)



Houston Deaf Seniors of Texas will have their field trip to Beaumont, TX. Everyone needs to be at Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church, 9920 Long Point Rd. at 7:30 AM as Bus will be leaving by 8:00 AM. We will visit Spindletop-Gladys City Boomtown Museum (\$2) and Texas Energy Museum (\$1). If you sign up and can not make it on the trip at last minute, please call Gertie or Julie to cancel. Please contact Gertie Sessions by VP 281-447-7575 or Julie Spaulding by VP 281-445-1072 if you have questions.

October 10, 2008 (Friday)



Houston Hand Talk Social will be at Pappas BBQ Restaurant, 7007 Hwy. 59 South at Bellaire, Houston, TX 77074 from 5 PM till 9 PM. Let's come to meet and enjoy chatting with your old and new friends. For those that will be on the Senior Citizen field trip, this BBQ place is not too far from Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church. Any questions, please e-mail to Roger Spivey at spivey39@yahoo.com.

October 16, 2008 (Thursday)



Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will have a fellowship and potluck at Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church at 9920 Long Point Rd. from 9 AM to 1 PM. If you wish to bring a covered dish, contact Evelyn Autry at 713-984-8186 TTY or Jenice Wells 281-442-8015 TTY or 281-442-8016 VP and let them know what you plan to bring.

October 17, 2008 (Friday)



ASL Social will be Jax Grill, 6510 S. Rice, Bellaire, TX 77401 from 4 PM till 9 PM. Let's come to meet and enjoy chatting with your old and new friends. Any questions, please e-mail to Earl Johnson at ejohnson127@comcast.net.

October 18, 2008 (Saturday)



Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church will have a huge Fall Festival. Free admission. There will be games, booths, food, great door prizes, entertainment, and much more. We will Dunk the Pastors and have a Pet Zoo. Come join the fun at 9920 Long Point, Houston, TX 77055. It will begin at 10:00 AM till 3:00 PM.

October 19, 2008 (Sunday)



Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church at 9920 Long Point will have a dedication for The Lillian Beard Deaf Connection Center at 11:00 AM. There will be a birthday party for Lillian Beard becoming 100 years old. There will be cover dish meal and cake.

October 22, 2008 (Wednesday)



Houston Deaf Seniors of Texas will have Brian Determan of CAAG come to speak to us at West Gray Adaptive Recreation Center, 1475 West Gray, Houston, TX 77019. He will help us to understand how to get help when we have a Hurricane, Tornado, or bad storm hit us. This will be very informative. Therefore, I recommend that we try to attend this meeting.

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LOVE FUND

Zelma Curbello wants to thank the following people for their donations:

- Lavern and James Fair -- in memory of all their friends that passed away recently.
- Melvia and Ron Nomeland -- in memory of Dewana Collins
- Bobby Joe Griggs -- in memory of Dewana Collins
- Jenice and Tommy Wells -- in memory of Dewana Collins
- Judy and William Lorenz -- in memory of Dewana Collins and Matthew Boer
- Zelma and Gus Curbello -- in memory of Dewana Collins and Matthew Boer



She also wants to thank Floyd Wicker and Delma & Carl Long for their donations to the Love Fund.

Anyone who wishes to donate money to HDSC Love Fund, Inc. (a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation) or HDST Newsletter should please make check or money order payable to either **Houston Deaf Senior Citizens - Love Fund** or **HDST Newsletter Fund**. And mail to:

HDSC Love Fund, Inc.
c/o Mrs. Zelma Curbello
9623 Tiltree
Houston, TX 77075-4042

OR

HDST Newsletter
c/o Audrey Leger
P. O. Box 664
Missouri City, TX 77459

NEW SUBSCRIBER: Marvin Perkins. Marvin's gift subscription was given by Robert Southwell. Robert, thank you for your thoughtful gift.

RENEWAL SUBSCRIBERS:

Thank you for your renewal: Dinah Anderson, Donnell Bryan, Patsy Bunch, Deaf Action Center - Lafayette, Beverly Duncan, Gertrude Galloway, Trevelyn Green, Paula Harris, Shirley Jackson, Peggy J. Miller, Charlene Mullenix, Malcolm Pace Jr., Fred & Helen Sellars, Francis Sevier, Ophelia Simpson, and Miriam Thumann.

NEWS

5 Natural Pest Repellents

Given by Lavern Fair

Here are safer alternatives to commercial pesticides:

ANTS: Sprinkle Cinnamon, bay leaves, cayenne pepper, or baby powder in problem areas and along baseboards and windowsills.

COCKROACHES: Sprinkle equal parts of baking soda and confectioners' sugar in problem areas.

MICE: Place cotton dipped in peppermint oil near problem areas. Used kitty litter is another repellent (Pregnant women should not use this).

MOSQUITOES: Mix 2 teaspoons of apple cider vinegar in a glass of water placed on your deck or balcony or dab lavender oil on your wrists and elbows.

FLIES: Small sachets of crushed mint placed around the home will discourage flies. So will a potted sweet basil plant.

Written by Sid Kirchheimer

The Lillian Beard Deaf Connection Center

Sent by Linda Smith from Deaf Network.com Website

God has blessed us with The Lillian Beard Deaf Connection Center. The entire east wing of Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church at 9920 Long Point, Houston, TX has been converted in a multi-service center for the deaf community. We want to share this blessing and gift with the Deaf community of Houston. These are the services included:

1. Life Management Skills -- meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 AM till 3 PM.
2. Addiction Recovery and Support -- meets every Wednesday at 6:30 PM.
3. Ex-Offender Service -- Probation Office in the Church.
4. Food and Clothing Bank -- will open soon.
5. Sign Language and Interpreter Training -- every Monday from 10 AM till 12 Noon.
6. Self Help Center and Referral Services
7. Community and Organizational Meeting Facilities
8. Coffee House/Deaf Theater

We will have a huge Fall Festival on Saturday, October 18th to honor Miss Lillian Beard who will turn 100 years old. There will be games, booths, food, great door prizes, entertainment, and much more. Then, on Sunday, October 19th, Woodhaven will have a great birthday party for Miss Lillian. There will be a cover dish meal, cake cutting, great workshop, and dedication of The Lillian Beard Deaf Connection Center.

Please check our Website at www.woodhavendeaf.org or call 713-467-3325 (voice) or 713-467-2255 (VP/TDD) for more information. We pray that you will join us for all these exciting events!

By Pastor Arthur Craig

Texas Deaf Scrapbooking Retreat

Email received from Kim Hooten-Bond

Retreat is at Our House in Milford, 1077 Cosby Road, Milford, TX 76670. The dates are October 16th to 19th. Fees are \$175 for 2 nights/3 days weekend or \$225 for 3 nights/4 days weekend. The fees cover lodging and meals. Limited up to 30 people. They will provide bed linens, towels, washclothes, soap, and pillow (bring your own if you prefer). Also, they will have bottled water, coffee, and hot teas available throughout the weekend. Bring your own sodas and snacks. Be sure to bring your scrap booking supplies and PICTURES! Contact Kim at txdeafscrapbooking@verizon.net for the registration form. Deadline is October 3rd.

Chief's Citywide - "Positive Interaction Program"

Sent by Officer James Sobota

No meeting in October. Our next citywide meeting will be our 25th year Anniversary Meeting. It will be held on Tuesday, November 18th at 7:00 PM at 1500 Louisiana St 40th Floor. Contact Office James Sobota through Email at james.sobota@cityofhouston.net for my information.



REST IN PEACE

OBITUARY



LORENA MARY BLOMDAHL, 90, was born on May 9, 1918 to Dewey and Mary Page, and passed away August 28, 2008. Lorena was active in the Houston Association of the Deaf, National Fraternal Society of the Deaf and had been an officer in the Houston Deaf Senior Citizen's group. She was preceded in death by her husband of 35 years, Berndt Blomdahl and is survived by her daughter, Letha Kelly Guy and husband, Jim of Lago Vista, Texas; granddaughter, Kim Everett and husband, Mike; great-granddaughter, Brooke Everett and extended family including numerous nieces and nephews. Graveside services were held at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, September 2, 2008 at Austin Memorial Park in Austin, Texas.

LOYD R. WILLIAMS, 79, missionary and preacher to the deaf and hearing for more than 55 years, passed away on August 30, 2008 in Concan, TX. He was born April 3, 1929, in Fairbanks, TX. He was preceded in death by his parents, Jethro and Emily Henry Williams. He is survived by his loving wife, Dorisgean Mears Williams; children: Cathy Williams, Sam Williams, Matt Williams & wife, Dana, and Caroline Lawson & husband, Rodger; brother, Harvey Williams; twin brother, Loys Williams; grandchildren: Aimee, Jennifer, Reese, Jessica, Jared, and Maddy; great-grandchildren: Caitlin, Bryonna, and Sean Paul. Friends visited with the family from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, September 4th, at Klein Funeral Home, 1400 West Main St., Tomball, TX. Funeral services was held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, the 5th at Champions Church of Christ, 13902 Cutten Road, Houston, TX 77069. Burial was followed in Perry Cemetery.

Dorothy Mae Krystyniak, 75, of Brashear, TX, died of a heart attack on September 12, 2008. She was born in New Waverly, TX on October 4, 1932. She attended Texas School for the Deaf. She was involved in the Catholic Deaf community in the Dallas/Fort Worth area during the year of 1965 through 1975. She was secretary of Mother Mary Society of Deaf Chapter 51, affiliated with the International Catholic Deaf Association (ICDA). She became a born-again Christian on December 23, 1976. Dorothy Mae was a former employee of Liberty Mutual Insurance Co. of Dallas, TX. She divorced Otho Penix, a former TSD student (now deceased) and is survived by her son, Johnny Penix and wife, Delene and a daughter, Jenny Dahlen and husband, Eric. She had 4 grandchildren.

On September 16, Dorothy Mae's body was brought to Cathedral Praise Church in Mesquite, TX for a funeral service. Later, her body was brought to New Waverly, TX and was buried at Elmina Cemetery, next to her father, on Friday, September 19, at 2 PM. Written by Herbert Picou (Email: reddyjo@sbcglobal.net).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU! HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DEAR NELLI! HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!



Heights Tower celebrates birthdays of those 90-plus



The Houston Heights Tower continued one of its traditions by recently hosting a community birthday party for all its residents age 90 and older. The big party was hosted by the Council. Rounding out the list of birthday celebrants were Josephine Glasco, who turned 90 on July 17th; **Nellie Bishop**, whose 90th birthday was Aug. 14th; Leroy Cotton, who celebrates his 90th year on Nov. 12; Lena Martin, who turns 90 on Nov. 23; and Mary Overton, whose 90th birthday is Dec. 11th.

This was published in The Leader on August 21, 2008. Congratulations and Happy Birthday to Nellie!

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Houston got hit by Hurricane Ike on September 12th and 13th. Sure hope everyone didn't have much damage and that everything is back to normal. Some of us got our electricity back on within 2 days after we were hit. Others didn't get there till much later or they still don't have power till a few more days/weeks. We are grateful that we survived through it. Thanks for all the prayers for us in Texas.

Brian Determan from CAAG will be our Speaker on October 22nd. I encourage you to attend this meeting as it is very informative in helping up prepare for Hurricanes, Tornados, and Storms that hit our city. Please make an effort to come. You will be glad you did! Smiling.....

If you have any information, jokes, recipes, event, pictures, sports, or news that you want me to publish, please send them to me by the 15th of each month. Please keep articles to less than 300 words, due to limited space on the newsletter. My E-mail address is nmorris726@comcast.net or you can mail to me at 15335 Falmouth Ave., Houston, TX 77084-1412.



Please note that Editor may, at her discretion, edit articles or news items for brevity and to correct errors.

Nancy Morris

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