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HDSCLF MEETING AUGUST—by Nancy Morris

On August 14th, Charis Mallory and Steven Morris, **DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING TECHNOLOGY SPECIALISTS**, came to speak to us about emergencies.

Steven Morris began discussing what happens when an ambulance takes you to the hospital. If you are Deaf, you need a Medic bracelet showing “Deaf” to inform paramedics that you cannot communicate with them or a card showing that you are DEAF. When you arrive at the hospital, the doctors and nurses will know how to handle the situation.

If you have a “My Chart” app, all your information should be in it. This app will list your medications and allergies, including contact names and phone numbers. Multiple contact names are best in case first person can’t be reached.

Charis Mallory stated it’s best to ask for an Interpreter and not use your own family or friends. These Interpreters are certified and are capable of interpreting medical terms.

She also did a drama presentation on “bluffing.” So, when the doctor or nurse is talking to the deaf person and asking questions, please do not nod “YES.” If you don’t understand what they are saying. Instead, ask for an Interpreter or ask them to write it down.

You can use Zoom to contact the Interpreter Agency for these meetings if you are the only Deaf person. Using Convo is only 15-minute limit; otherwise, charges will be added. It is free for those who prefer to use doctors on video calls. The doctor or nurse needs to call the VP # to connect. This is cheaper than going to the doctor’s office, where you must make a co-payment.

Officer James Sobota



Officer Sobota talked to us about the use of drones. There are negative and positive aspects to using them.

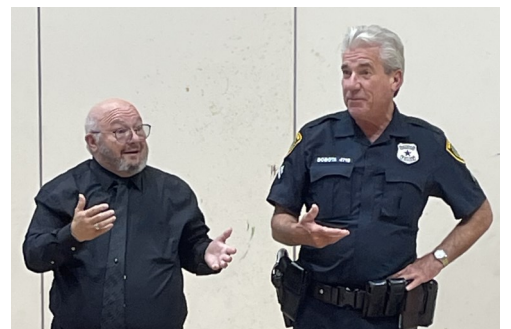
Some of these drones have cameras attached. They are also used as Peeping Toms to see into homes and peek in windows. If no one is home, the person can steal things, etc. That is legal, but police can’t arrest the person controlling that drone.

The drones can’t fly more than 400 feet high because of airplanes flying in the area. No one should operate these drones while drunk or high on drugs.

Sometimes, contractors use them to measure tall buildings’ roofs or broken windows.

Photographers use them to snap pictures of everyone who attends weddings, graduations, birthday parties, etc., instead of walking around and trying to get people to pose.

Officer Sobota also stated that some drones have “tracking devices” attached, and those can be followed. Rental cars, luggage, purses, etc., can also be easily tracked down.



Interpreter Zee and Officer Sobota
Taco Salad Luncheon Servers:
Deborah, Patti, Cristina, Christine





NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE OF HOUSTON/GALVESTON

On August 23rd, 28 seniors headed to the National Weather Service (NWS) to learn about their jobs and how they predict future storms.

Meteorologists Dan Reilly and Janice Maldonado explained all the studies and weather forecasts. The reason is to let the people know what kind of weather is coming so they can plan and stay safe.

Weather radar, satellites, measurements from ground instruments like thermometers, barometers, and anemometers, and radiosondes lifted by weather balloons are tools for observing the weather.

Weather Radar is the primary technology for evaluating storms, determining severity, and making warning decisions. This radar is made of rigid fiberglass and sits on a platform 28 feet high. It is 6 feet big and has been predicting weather reports since the 1950s.

NWS works with NASA, helping each other. The radiosondes are put in balloons and sent up about twice daily. Mr. Reilly stated that there was a band of 12+ inches of snow along the Gulf Coast on Valentine's Day in 1895. This service issued the Winter Storm Warning.

To connect with NWS, visit the Website weather.gov/Houston for more information. **We were pleased to have Kristie as our interpreter** for this wonderful meeting, which everyone enjoyed.

Submitted by Nancy Morris

1st Row: Mary Cager, Jan Dermon, Sidney Gilland, Celia Lasry, Deborah Wold, Troy Graham, Susie Mouat, Jose Ybarra **2nd Row:** Marion McCreary, Robert Bellard, Jim Dermon, Dom Parisi, Carolyn Dill, Maddie Thenus, Nancy Morris, Mary Ann Ryba **3rd Row:** Dennis Smith, Christine Johnson, Lee Morgan, Chris Kelley, Tammie Mitchell, Deborah Daniels **4th Row:** Thomas Klenert, Christine Klenert, Kathy Laws **5th Row:** Jorge Enriquez, Lawrence Coleman, Robby Laws



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2nd Wednesday of the Month:

**In the next meeting,
the Speakers are as follows:**

On September 11, no speaker for that date. Bring your favorite games.

Everyone needs to bring their own lunch or join others at restaurants.

On October 9th, Officer James Sobota will speak at 1:00 pm. Celia Lasry will discuss what good healthy food is.

There are no speakers for November and December due to the holidays. Instead, we will have a great luncheon.

Address: MMSC
1475 W Gray St
Houston, TX, 77019

September 14, 2024 (Saturday)
Field Trip to Independence, TX \$5.00

The town of Independence, Texas was founded in the 1820s and became a Baptist stronghold when selected to be the site of Baylor University in 1845. Reaching its peak during the 1850s, the town was recognized as an educational, economic and religious center.



Antique Rose Emporium



Independence Baptist Church & Texas Baptist Museum

Lunch on
Your
Own



**Meet at the South Parking Lot
behind Memorial City Mall at 8:30 am**

Bus leaves at 8:45 am

DEADLINE: SEPT. 11TH

Please Contact Nancy Morris at 281-815-4033



Mark Your Field Trip Calendar

September 14, 2024 (Saturday)

October 12, 2024 (Saturday)

November 16, 2024 (Saturday)

December 14, 2024 (Saturday)

Fall 2024 Field Trips—Tentative

- Wild Animal Safari (Bryan, TX)
- Hempstead Flea Markets
- Visiting Historical Nacogdoches, TX

PLEASE Contact Jim Dermon 936-828-4013



We have a new jacket for the trip and are ready to go on our Canada cruise on September 7th.



Front Row: Luci Ryan, Cristina Rodriguez, Patti Sah, Wanda Andrew, Ruth Billiot, Jan Dermon, Jeanne Hilferty, Sidney Gilland, Marion McCreary. **Second Row:** Karen Hancock, Dominique Parisi, Christine Johnson, Don Sah, Clyde Andrew, Deborah Wold, Bill Hornbeak, Ann Hornbeak, Jim Dermon. **Back Row:** Thurman Amerson, Elias Rodriguez, Jose Ybarra, Chris Kelley, Eddie Billiot, Robert Bellard

Not in the Picture: Doina/Tom Langham, Julie Lotz, Sheryl Meador, Larry Hilferty, Tom/Christine Klenert, Celia Lasry, Judy Lorenz, Lori Davis, Brenda Lozano, Frank/Jennifer Kuo



Mary Ann Ryba volunteers at the cake booth during the Praha Picnic. This is the 169th annual Praha Picnic, held every year on August 15th! This picnic raises money for the altar society for St. Mary's. She helped raise over \$4,000!!

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What we learned about the Doppler Weather Radars and Radiosonde--

The radiosonde is a small instrument package that is **suspended below balloon filled with either hydrogen or helium**. As the radiosonde is carried aloft, it measures pressure, temperature, and relative humidity.



The Doppler radar uses what is known as the Doppler effect. In essence, **the frequency of the radar signal increases when precipitation is moving towards the radar and decreases when precipitation is moving away from the radar**. This can be vital in predicting tornadoes or gusts of wind.

Tidbit Newsletter

Renewals: Eddie/Ruth Billiot, Thelma Covello, Deborah Daniels, Marvin/Bonnie Deckert, Sheila Kennedy, Wally Mallay, Rose Saucedo

New Subscribers: LeAnn Cayer, Ann Cuervo, Rita Wedgeworth

Gift Subscription: Sue Ramirez (Thelma Covello)

Donation to Project Love Fund: Sharon Williams

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!

Jan Dermon Editor of HDSCLF Tidbits
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