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ATTENTION!!! DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ATTENTION!!!



Daylight Savings Time begins on March 14 of this year. It's always the second Sunday of March each year. Please replace batteries that needs to be replaced. Change your clocks and watches an hour forward on that day or you can change your time the night before.



Valentine's Party

Our party was a huge success with 56 members attending. We had 6 prizes going to the following people: First prize to Dennis Smith (He was the only man dressed for Valentine!) and in the women's category, 1st prize went to Linda Garcia, 2nd prize to Ann Wheeler, 3rd prize to Judy Lorenz, 4th prize to Linda Smith, and 5th prize to Julie Spaulding. Next year, we need more men to dress up for Valentine's Day! The luncheon was delicious as everyone enjoyed the meal.



NEWS

2010 DEAFNATION EXPO SCHEDULE

Make plans to attend this Expo in Ft. Worth, TX on April 24th from 9:00 am till 5:00 pm. It will be held at Will Rogers Memorial Center, Central Texas Room, 3401 West Lancaster Ave., Ft. Worth, TX 76107. Free admission and free parking. There will be free activities for children. This is sponsored by Sprint Relay and Sorenson Communications with The John Maucere Show for entertainment.

DeafNation World Expo

The 2010 DeafNation World Expo will be held at the Sands Expo Center, the perfect place to truly bring the Deaf together under one roof. It will take place at Sand Expo's 200,000 sq. feet exhibit hall, where exhibitions, workshops, entertainment, sporting activities, activities for the children and so on will come together to provide four full days' worth of many hours of presentations, education and socializing for the attendees. The best thing about the World Expo, aside from the socializing and cultural/language opportunities, will be the free admission to all events. This will begin July 18-23, 2010 from 9 AM till 5PM at 201 Sands Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89109. Please register on-line at www.deafnation.com and make a copy of the form to gain entrance to the Expo.

Stories from Grandparents

1. She was in the bathroom, putting on her makeup, under the watchful eyes of her young granddaughter, as she'd done many times before. After she applied her lipstick and started to leave, the little one said, "But Grandma, you forgot to kiss the toilet paper good-bye!" I will probably never put lipstick on again without thinking about kissing the toilet paper good-bye....
2. After putting her grandchildren to bed, a grandmother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. Finally, she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard the three-year-old say with a trembling voice, "Who was THAT?"
3. A little girl was diligently pounding away on her grandfather's word processor. She told him she was writing a story.
"What's it about?" he asked.
"I don't know," she replied. "I can't read."
4. When my grandson Billy and I entered our vacation cabin, we kept the lights off until we were inside to keep from attracting pesky insects. Still, a few fireflies followed us in. Noticing them before I did, Billy whispered, "It's no use Grandpa. Now the mosquitoes are coming after us with flashlights."
5. When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied, "I'm not sure." "Look in your underwear, Grandpa," he advised "Mine says I'm 4 to 6."
6. A second grader came home from school and said to her grandmother, "Grandma, guess what? We learned how to make babies today." The grandmother, more than a little surprised, tried to keep her cool. "That's interesting," she said. "How do you make babies?"
"It's simple," replied the girl. "You just change 'y' to 'i' and add 'es'."
7. Children's Logic: "Give me a sentence about a public servant," said a teacher. The small boy wrote: "The fireman came down the ladder pregnant." The teacher took the lad aside to correct him. "Don't you know what pregnant means?" she asked.
"Sure," said the young boy confidently. "It means carrying a child."
8. A 6-year-old was asked where his grandma lived. "Oh," he said, "she lives at the airport, and when we want her, we just go get her. Then, when we're done having her visit, we take her back to the airport."

9. A grandfather was delivering his grandchildren to their home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children started discussing the dog's duties.

"They use him to keep crowds back," said one child.

"No," said another. "He's just for good luck."

A third child brought the argument to a close. "They use the dogs," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrants."

64th Southwest Deaf Bowling Association, Inc.

Lone Star Deaf Bowling is sponsoring a bowling tournament. It will be held on Thursday thru Saturday, May 6-8, 2010 at Diamond Lanes, 267 N. Forest Blvd., Houston, TX 77090. Combo price is \$25 per fan (age 18 and up) with an option of \$10 to play Hingo on Saturday night at Ramada Inn, Houston North. For those coming from out of town, Ramada Inn Houston-North is located at 16510 I-45 North, Houston, TX 77090. Cost per night is \$59 plus tax. Please mail Cashier Check or Money Order payable to SWDBA 2010/LSDB to SWDBA/LSDB 2010, c/o Lone Star Deaf Bowling, 3921 Eula Morgan Rd., Katy, TX 77493. Contact Chairperson, Jose G. Ybarra or Co-Chairperson, Donald Modisette at LSDB2010@gmail.com.

Milly the deaf vixen learns sign language

Submitted by Denis Tucker from Mail Online (Feb 19, 2010)

When animal rescue expert Beth Tyler-King was handed an orphan deaf fox cub to look after, she knew exactly what to do - teach it sign language. Now the 18-month-old animal is called "Milly". Milly was first spotted when she was a 6-year-old pup being chased down a country lane in North Devon by 3 yobs (individual or thug). A family stepped in and rescued the vixen, which was badly cut and traumatized. Ms. Tyler-King is profoundly deaf. She explained how she developed a signing system to communicate with the animal by using her hand and finger.



Deaf Teacher inspires her students

By Kathleen McGrory

When Cathy Oshrain first became a teacher, she wondered how she would communicate with her students. Oshrain, who was born deaf, had been hired to teach hearing students at North Miami Beach Senior High. She was one of only 6 deaf teachers at traditional public schools in South Florida. But for Oshrain, an expressive and energetic woman with an obvious passion for her craft, connecting with students was never a problem. Today, all of Oshrain's sign language classes are full and more than 50 students are active in the school's American Sign Language Club.

Makes sense to me!

This 83-year-old woman talked herself out of a speeding ticket by telling the young officer that she had to get there before she forgot where she was going!

Just remember: We'll be FRIENDS until we are old and senile. Then, we'll be NEW FRIENDS.



Thank you note received from Family of Ollie Lee Pool

Your words of comfort were very much appreciated. Thank you for remembering Ollie. Aida, Chris, and Demaris Pool

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 2, 2010 (Tuesday) = **Positive Interaction Program (PIP)** will have a presentation on "US Postal Police Inspector" given by the Houston Area Postal Police. The meeting is held at Woodhaven Baptist Church for the Deaf, 9920 Long Point, Houston, TX at 7:30 PM. Door prizes! Interpreter and captioning are provided. Officer James Sobota can be contacted at james.sobota@cityofhouston.net

March 5, 2010 (Friday) = **ASL Social** will meet at Jax Grill Restaurant, 1613 Shepherd Dr., Houston, TX 77007 from 4:00 PM till 9:00 PM. Let's meet and enjoy chatting with your old & new friends.

March 6, 2010 (Saturday) = Old Time Trade Days Flea Market, exit 829 on IH-10, Winniw, TX 77665 for shopping from 9 AM till 5 PM. Everyone should meet at Al-T's Seafood & Steakhouse, Hwy. 124/IH-10 W (Exit 829), Winniw, TX 77665 for dinner starting at 4 PM.

March 9, 2010 (Tuesday) = **Chief's Citywide PIP** will be held at 1602 State St., Houston, TX in the Auditorium. This meeting will begin at 7:00 pm. Office James Sobota can be reached at (V) 713-308-9079 or (TDD) 713-308-9071 or by email at james.sobota@cityofhouston.net. Interpreter & captioning will be provided.

March 10, 2010 (Wednesday) = **Houston Deaf Senior Citizens** will have their business/social meeting at West Gray Adaptive Recreation Center, 1475 West Gray, Houston, TX 77019 at 9:00 am till 1:00 pm. We will have a St. Patrick's Party. Please dress up for St. Patrick as prizes will be given out. If you wear green, you won't get pinched!

March 12, 2010 (Friday) = **Houston Deaf Senior Citizens** will take a trip to Giddings, TX. Everyone needs to be at Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church, 9920 Long Point Rd., Houston, TX by 8:00 AM as the Bus will leave by 8:30 AM. We will stop at Lee County Heritage Center (\$1 donation), old courthouse (free), and Texas Wendish Heritage Museum (\$2). We will eat German meal at Texas Wendish Heritage Museum (\$8.50). Please contact Gertie Sessions at 281-249-5284 (VP) or Julie Spaulding at 281-249-5276 (VP) for more information.

March 12, 2010 (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. This is a fun way to meet people that are learning ASL. Let's meet and enjoy chatting with old and new friends.

March 18, 2010 (Thursday) = **Houston Deaf Senior Citizens** will have a fellowship and potluck at Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church, 9920 Long Point Rd. from 9 am till 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 281-249-5251 VP and let them know what you plan to bring. If you do not bring food, please bring \$5 to help cover the cost of food.

March 19, 2010 (Friday) = **ASL Social** will meet at Five Guys Burger and Fries, 9762 Katy Freeway at Bunker Hill, Houston, TX 77055 from 4:00 till 9:00 PM. Let's meet and enjoy chatting with your old & new friends.

March 24, 2010 (Wednesday) = **Houston Deaf Senior Citizens** will have their business/social meeting at Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray, Houston, TX 77019 from 9:00 am till 1:00 pm. We will have a Speaker explain about "Living with Arthritis". Please bring your friends to hear this Speaker.

March 29, 2010 (Monday) = **Joe's Banquet Center**, 1300 East Hwy. 6, Alvin, TX 77511 will provide free meal for Seniors from 6 AM till 10 AM. It is free on the last Monday of each month. However, you have to pay for your drinks.

DONATIONS & NEWSLETTER DUES

Donations to Houston Deaf Senior Citizens Love Fund and Newsletter:

Thanks to these people for their generous donations -- Larry Butler, Larry & Ollie Flanagan, Felix Guerra, and Lennie Morton.

Anyone who wishes to donate money to **Houston Deaf Senior Citizens Love Fund, Inc. (a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation)** should please make check or money order payable to **Houston Deaf Senior Citizens Love Fund**. In the memo part of your check, please write down what the amount applies to or you can send a note. Please mail to address on back page. Thanks so much!

RENEWAL SUBSCRIBERS:

Thank you for your renewal: Dorotha Altom, Larry Butler, Pat & Richard Fair, Edie G. Feliciano, Larry & Ollie Flanagan, Manuel T. Garza, Bobby Joe Griggs, Melba Hallmark, Clifford Menard, Lennie Morton, Thomas Wade Penny, Nell Shanefield, Madeline Watkins, Weldon P Westmoreland, and Sue Wilkirson.

NEW SUBSCRIBER: Welcome to our new subscribers - Bad Bob & Virginia Barlow, Sharon Grizzaffi, Dominique Parisi, and Claude Wilson.

Howard College Honors Two Deaf Persons

“The Howard College Board of Trustees gave special recognition to Dr. Douglas and Beatrice Burke by naming buildings on the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf (SWCID) campus in their honor.” Dr. Douglas had passed away and Beatrice Burke still lives in Temple, TX. Dr. Douglas was the one who spearheaded the project that eventually launched SWCID. Beatrice spent many years teaching/working at SWCID. That’s why the naming of the buildings to these 2 deaf individuals. SWCID is located in Big Springs out in far west Texas. Congratulations to Beatrice and Dr. Douglas. Submitted by Ed Bosson.

Hamill - Based on a true Story

Submitted by Patsy Walker

Inspired by the life of deaf UPC fighter Matt Hamill, HAMILL tells the story of what it takes to be a champion, on and off the mat. Hamill is a sports-action, character-driven drama depicting the struggles and successes Matt faces on the way to becoming a champion. Raised among those with the ability to hear, Matt later finds himself no less an outsider amidst the Deaf Community. Through sheer determination, he uses his perceived disability as an asset and becomes both the first deaf wrestler to win a National Collegiate Championship and an inspirational force to the hearing and deaf alike. (Our CSD graduate, Sho Stern is also in this film. Russell Harvard who portrayed as Matt Hamill also was the star of the recent ASL Film GERALD.)

Senior Trip to John P. M. Govern Museum of Health & Medical Science & Holocaust Museum



We had a great trip with lovely weather on February 12th. Our first stop was to the Health & Medical Science to learn more about how to take care of our bodies and the organs. It was fun to see what our bodies looked like inside and how each organ functions. We also had challenges to figure out and that was fun. Then, we stopped for lunch at Godo’s. Afterwards, we went to Holocaust Museum. That was sad in many ways, but we learned so much what the Jewish people went through in those days. At the end of the tour, we watched a movie (20 minutes) with different people sharing their experiences and what they went through. It was very interesting and emotional.



REST IN PEACE

OBITUARY



Gilbert M Rangel Sr. passed away on Dec. 25, 2009 and was buried in San Angelo, TX where he was born. A memorial service was held for him on Saturday, Jan. 30th at 3 pm. The service was held at Jesus Lutheran Church-the Deaf located at 1307 Newton Street, Austin, TX 78704 across the street from Texas School for the Deaf. Survivors include his wife, Diana Rangel; sons Gilbert Rangel Jr. and Miguel Rangel; daughters Gilda Dominguez, Gibana Aguilar, Gilrena Rangel and Aurora Rangel, all of Austin; and sisters Gracie Serna of Eagle Pass and Elsa M. Salas and Elizabeth M. Salas, both of San Angelo.

I just want to let you know that my husband, **Robert Fenske**, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 5 around 5:30 pm. I found him not breathing on the couch in the living room here at Deaf Action Center. The memorial service for him and his mother was held on Saturday, Feb. 20 at 2:00 pm at Berean Baptist Church, 302 N. Town East Blvd., Mesquite, Texas 75235. Thank you, Linda Fenske (Email: lilywon7@hotmail.com)

Diana Minerva Stanger, 45, born Dec. 8, 1964, went to be with the Lord on Jan. 16. She is preceded in death by her father Daniel Diaz and her beloved dog Apple. She is survived by her husband David Paul Stanger, mother Raquel Diaz, mother-in-law Yvonne Sessions, 3 brothers, brother-in-law Mark Stanger and wife Tracy, sister Rachel Esther Villanueva and husband Mago, as well as her beloved cat Orange. Diana was an avid animal lover, and attended both the Sunshine Cottage School for the Deaf in San Antonio, TX and the Texas School for the Deaf in Austin, TX. She worked for the IRS field office in Austin. Visitation was held on Tuesday, Jan. 19th at 1 pm with a prayer service held at 7 pm. A chapel service was held Wednesday, Jan. 20th at Castillo Mission Funeral Home at 9 am with interment at Earthman Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Baytown, TX.

Martin L. Bienvenu Jr., 94, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 31 at 4:45 am at Lakewood Quarters. He was a native of St. Martinville and a resident of Baton Rouge, LA. He was a retired photo engraver with The Morning Advocate. He is survived by his wife, Mable O. Bienvenu; three daughters and a son-in-law, Jo Bienvenu, Pauline and Edward Wood, and M.J. Bienvenu; sister, Evelyn Castex; four grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren. He was a member of the graduating Class of 1939 of Louisiana School for the Deaf, Louisiana Association of the Deaf, Baton Rouge Association of the Deaf and National Fraternity Society of the Deaf.

Leland Sherman (Ace) Robertson, 75, passed away on Feb. 12, after suffering a brief illness. Leland has been a resident of San Angelo for 2 years and recently joined the Calvary Chapel. He was previously a long time resident of San Antonio where he was a member of San Antonio Deaf Mission and attended Trinity Baptist Church. Ace was often asked to teach Sunday School and it was clear he loved Jesus. He was a very active member of S.A. Community Services for the Deaf. He was an honor graduate of the Alabama School for the Deaf in Talladega and attended Gallaudet College in Washington, DC. Leland is survived by his daughter Kerri E. Robertson, son Sean M. Robertson, 2 Granddaughters, Sister Ann R. Kiempisty, brothers, David H., James L., and Dennis E. Robertson. He is predeceased by his Mother, Father, and Brother.



Sam Derstine, 75, formerly of Merkel, died Saturday, Feb. 13, from complications of Parkinson's disease at his home in Lubbock. Memorial services was held at 11:00 am on Saturday, Feb. 20th at Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel in Merkel. Sam was born Dec. 7, 1934 in Merkel to Wesley Joel "Dub" and Opal Ida (Vick) Derstine. He attended Texas School for the Deaf where he met his wife, Doralene Tyler. They married March 17, 1957 in Austin. She preceded him in death on Feb. 8, 2004. Sam was highly admired as a master and finish carpenter. He was an avid and spontaneous outdoorsman who loved camping, fishing and dirt biking. He loved telling stories with friends and make others laugh. He attended Grace Presbyterian Church in Merkel. Survivors include his son, Don Derstine; two daughters, Debra Derstine & husband Lonny Yeatts and Dorothy Derstine Nance; and his mother Opal Derstine all of Lubbock; 3 grandchildren, and 1 great grandchild. Memorials may be made to Merkel Cemetery Association, 201 Edwards, Merkel, TX 79536



Michael Lee Scribner, 74, a former resident of Shawnee Mission, KS; Carl Junction, MO; and Pearland, TX (resident for 3 years), passed away on Feb. 15th. He was born in Cassville, MO on Feb. 23, 1935. He attended Missouri School for the Deaf in Fulton from 1941 to 1952 & 1953 to 1955 and Kansas School for the Deaf in Olathe from 1952 to 1953. He was employed as a cabinet maker and retired after 41 years. Michael was preceded in death by his parents, Floyd and Beulah Scribner; three brothers, Edward, Delmar and Cecil; sister-in-law Carole Anne Scribner; and a granddaughter, Nika Kasarda. He is survived by his wife, Margie Ida (Nolte); two children, Martha Ida Scribner & her husband, James Northcutt, and Thomas Lee Scribner; one grandson, Cody Northcutt; 3 brothers, Frank, Darrell & Curtis; sister, Connie Day; and many nieces and nephews. He was cremated and his ashes will be buried in Exeter, MO sometime in late Spring. There will be three memorial services for Michael Lee – Pearland, TX; Olathe, KS; and Joplin, MO. The dates for the services are to be announced at a later date.



Does anyone recognize these guys? This picture was submitted by Patsy Walker. Give up??? The man in the front sitting is Jack Autry. The man behind Jack is Fernest Braquet. The back row are from left to right - Murphy Bourque, Early McVey, and Martin Bienvenu. Did you get them right???? Smiling.....

Pumpkin cake with cream cheese frosting

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| 2 cups sugar | 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger |
| 1 cup vegetable oil | 1 teaspoon baking powder |
| 4 large eggs | 1/2 teaspoon salt |
| 2 cups all-purpose flour | 2 cups pumpkin puree or cooked mashed pumpkin |
| 2 teaspoons baking soda | cream cheese frosting, below |
| 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon | 1/2 cup chopped pecans |

Combine sugar, vegetable oil, and eggs in a large mixing bowl; mix well. Sift dry ingredients into a separate bowl; stir into oil mixture, beating well. Stir in pumpkin puree. Pour batter into two greased and floured 9-inch round layer cake pans. Bake at 350° for 35 to 40 minutes. Turn out onto racks to cool. Frost pumpkin cake with cream cheese frosting and sprinkle with chopped pecans.

Cream Cheese Frosting

- 1/4 cup butter
- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, room temperature
- 1 pound confectioners' sugar, sifted
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract

Combine all ingredients in large mixing bowl; beat well until smooth. Makes enough for 2-layer pumpkin cake. Submitted by Yvonne Butler.

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

ATTENTION: The Board has decided to reduce the subscription fee to \$10 per year. If you have already paid for January and February, we will add 1 or 2 months extra to your subscription. Audrey Leger handles that and will make the adjustments. Thanks!

I have so much news to put in the Newsletter, but will put them in the future editions.

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. My E-mail address is nmorris726@gmail.com or you can mail to me at 15335 Falmouth Ave., Houston, TX 77084-1412.



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HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

Nancy Morris, Editor

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