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NASA Field Trip—October 23, 2015



1st Row: Ellen Sias, Gertie Sessions, Bertha Moses, Delma Long, Jane Morales, Kathy French, Doina Langham, Tom Langham, William Lambert
2nd Row: Nancy Morris, Zane Owens, Nancy Owens, Jim Dermon, Jan Dermon
3rd Row: Danny Hensley, Fred Simerka, Virendra Desai

On Friday, October 23rd, seventeen Deaf Senior Citizens arrived at NASA. The weather was good as it wasn't raining that day as predicted; however, it was windy. We rode a Tram to visit the Mission Operations Control Rooms. Many of us had to walk up 87 steps. Some of us were really huffing and puffing by the time we got to the top, but it was good exercise for us, too. For those that couldn't make that journey, there was an elevator for them to ride. We learned that there were ten Gemini Missions from 1965 to 1966; ten Apollo Missions from 1967 – 1972; and 21 Space Shuttle Missions from 1982 – 1992. Next we rode over to the building which houses the Mercury-Redstone. This is a one-man spacecraft-booster combination that propelled the first two American astronauts (Al Shepard and Gus Grissom) into Space in May and July of 1961.

- Apollo 7 through Apollo 10: The first manned Apollo missions, these flights tested the spacecraft's performance.
- Apollo 7 entered an Earth orbit for a few rotations before landing.
- Apollo 8 was the first manned spacecraft to enter a lunar orbit.
- During Apollo 9, astronauts tested the lunar module in space for the first time.
- Apollo 10 tested all of the systems and procedures necessary for a lunar landing, but didn't actually land on the moon.

- Apollo 11 marked **the first time a human set foot on the moon** "Houston, Tranquility Base here. The Eagle has landed" Astronaut Neil Armstrong.
- Apollo 12: The second lunar landing tested the spacecraft's ability to make a precise landing on the rocky lunar terrain.
- Apollo 13: This mission should have landed astronauts on the moon for the third time, but a malfunction 56 hours into the flight required the astronauts to abort the mission. Two of the spacecraft's oxygen tanks failed, and the Apollo's power system became unreliable. Remarkably, the astronauts onboard worked with mission operatives on Earth to land the spacecraft safely.
- Apollo 15 through Apollo 17: The final three Apollo missions tested the capabilities of astronauts and equipment in a more extensive stay on the moon's surface

More information about these Apollo missions, go to <http://science.howstuffworks.com/apollo-spacecraft1.htm>

When we arrived back to the NASA building, we made a choice to try their food served there. It was good. We even went to watch two movies and explore the building, learning so much. Finally we headed safely home. It was a trip enjoyed by all.

Written by Nancy Morris

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**Italian Dinner and
Houston Zoo Christmas Lighting
Thursday, December 3rd**



*Dinner and
Zoo Ticket
on Your Own
Approx.
\$25.00*

December 3rd
Meet at 4:00 PM
Woodhaven
9920 Long Point Rd, Houston, TX
Bus leaves at 4:30 PM
Arrive Woodhaven
Around 9 to 9:30 PM



Contact
Nancy Owens
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Deaf Seniors of Texas
eAnnouncement
www.deafseniorsoftexas.org
DSTSYMPO2016
Third Biennial Symposium for Texas Deaf Seniors 50+
Hosted by North Texas Deaf Senior Citizens
**IN PLANO
OCTOBER 2016**

**Update on
DSTSYMPO2016**
Official Announcement on
DSTSYMPO2016
For information on
registration
and partnership.

Go to

<http://www.deafseniorsoftexas.org/dstsympo.php>



Thanksgiving Luncheon
November 11th
Many thanks to chefs—
Nancy Owens, Jan Dermon,
and Zane Owens
And to Jim Dermon for
Trivia Game



NASA Highlight — October 23rd



Tram Ride to the Mission Operations Control Rooms



The Shuttle



NASA Cafeteria



The Astronaut Gallery Wall

Christmas Mason Jar Craft



1st row: Nancy Owens, Luci Ryan, Judy Becker
 2nd Row: Dana Glasscock, Judy Lorenz, Linda Smith, Diana Duncan
 3rd Row: Rose Ingram, Rochelle Simpson, Deborah Daniels



Fiesta Taco
October 14th Luncheon
 Chefs
 Jan Dermon, Nancy Owens



With an heavy heart,
 Judy Lorenz sold her precious
 2003 Calavier to Jo Ann Adkins.





December 5, 2015 — 4:00 PM

6101 East Mt Houston
Houston, TX 77050

LSDB will have a L I N G O/Poker Party

Play for \$10.00 Per Person
Admission: \$3.00 and 13 Age + Up
12 FREE UNDER AGE

LSDB Sells \$\$ Plate for Fundraiser SWDBA 2016

Require Proof of Age 21 ID for Alcohol at VFW

Come Play Games and Have a Fun Time

Dominique Parisi :281-712-8611
Nancy Morris: nmorris726@gmail.com



*Happy
Christmas
Holiday*

Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church

Presents

Christmas Drama 2015

*Hope
Faith &
Giving*



Friday
December 11th—7:00 PM

Saturday
December 12th—2:00 PM

Sunday
December 13th—10:30 AM

Free Performances
Donations Accepted

Performed in American Sign Language and Voiced for the Hearing

Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church • 9920 Long Point • Houston, TX 77055

VP—832-431-3811

Voice—713-467-3325



Happy December!!!

December has arrived and Houston Bass Club of the Deaf, Inc. knows that “December Month” is a very important month to enjoy being with families and friends. HBCD is very much alive for another round of fishing come December 19, 2015. This is a rescheduled event that was postponed due to the weather back in October 2015. Make plans to attend our First Annual Charity Bass Banquet come January 30, 2016 at VFW on Mt. Houston Road. This is a charity event to support the Jr. Anglers and the Annual Tournament. Please visit our website (www.hbcd1968.org) for more information.

December 2015 / January 2016 Upcoming Events!

- December 5, 2015 - General Meeting and Election of new Officers (location to be determined)
- December 19, 2015 - HBCD Local Tournament at Sam Rayburn Lake
- January 9, 2016 - HBCD First General Meeting of the Year & Oath of New Officers
- January 30, 2016 - HBCD 1st Annual Charity Bass Banquet (12:00 pm to 5:00 pm)

**On behalf of HBCD and its members,
we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!**

Houston Bass Club of the Deaf, Inc. • PO Box 841557 • Pearland, TX 77584
Email: hbcd68@gmail.com • www.hbcd1968.org



Our Cruise Vacation — November 1—8, 2015

by Jan Dermon



Jim and Jan Dermon

On Jim’s birthday, November 1st, Jim and I got on a cruise ship to Cozumel and Jamaica. Our best time was when we took a salsa cooking class tour at Cozumel which is located at a 4 star beach front resort with stunning beach views. We learned to make a variety of salsas...spicy red salsa, tangy green salsa, guacamole, Pico de Gallo and dessert salsa. After class, the chef taught us the salsa dancing. After several tries, we managed to follow the steps. What a surprise...we were chosen for most tenacious award. We think that the people were amazed that Deaf can dance!!!



Salsa Dancing



Here below is a recipe. Enjoy!



Most Tenacious Award

Spicy Red Salsa

- 1-3 cloves roasted garlic
- 1/4 white onion roasted and chopped
- 1/2-2 roasted jalapeno or serrano chiles
(remove seeds for milder salsa)
- 2 roasted roma tomatoes

Salud, Dinero y Mucho Mucho Amor!!

(Health, Wealth & Much Much Love!!)

For the roasted ingredients in Red Salsa, brush the vegetables with olive oil and place on a baking tray. Roast in oven for 25-30 minutes at 350 degrees

- Pinch of cilantro, lime juice, salt to taste
- Grind the garlic in the moleajete, add chile, onions, tomatoes, a pinch of cilantro, salt and a few drops of lime juice.
- Continue mashing until well blended.

<p>See how many of these words you can find in the puzzle. The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Happy 2. Holidays 3. Christmas 4. Vacation 5. Family 6. Friends 7. Presents 8. Decorations 9. Shopping 10. Candy canes 11. Cookies 12. Milk 13. Santa 14. Songs 15. Movies 16. Fun 	<p>P O S J A H S E N A C Y D N A A C R S S J A H O P P I N G M F F K A S E E I W L J B F L X N M A F F L H S S V R E I R D L K C F I N M A P F F G S N O T U Y S B L M O L W H T I O L N T A T M O L U S T V K M A A S T I O L N T A S O R L U S T V K M A A S T I O L N T A C H R I S T M A S T I O L N T A M P J O P I S W L Q A C O L A T O K I J A S A R J A N P Q I C L A Q C O L A T O K I J A S A R B G N G Z S V Z M P A H I E W M D S X N M Z S V Z M P A H I E W M D L U D J K Y P P A H I E W M D F M S K Y P P A H I E W M D</p>
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Registration Form

14th Biennial Deaf Seniors of America
Houston, TX
April 2—9, 2017



www.dsa2017houston.org

Registration Policy and Information

NOTE: Please read the following policy and information carefully before signing.

PAYMENTS: You can register using a personal check, cashier's check or money order. Make checks payable to HDSCLF/DSA 2017 Houston. After February 02, 2017, no personal checks will be accepted.

DO NOT SEND CASH BY MAIL.

CONFIRMATION: A confirmation letter with ID number assigned to you will be emailed or mailed after payments are received. Please indicate your ID number in all correspondence with Registration Coordinator. Driver's license or personal identification card is required to be presented at the conference registration booth.

RETURNED (BOUNCED) CHECKS: Service fee is \$30.00. Your registration will be processed after payment of the service fee and paid check.

CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS DUE TO HOSPITALIZATION OR DEATH: Registration form is non-refundable after February 02, 2017. There are two exceptions— hospitalization or death. In case of hospitalization after February 02, 2017, we will deduct 50% of your paid registration form and \$20 DSA membership dues for 2017-2019. We require an appropriate medical document. If you cancel before February 02, 2017 due to doctor's order, the regular cancellation refund formula as shown below will be used. In the event of registrant's death, we will refund registration in full to the family after we receive a copy of death certificate or an obituary notice. We must receive all requests for refund no later than May 09, 2017.

NON-TRANSFERABLE Registration form is not transferable. If it is sold or exchanged by any unauthorized parties prior to or during the conference, it will not be honored.

LOST BADGES/WRISTBANDS: Processing fee for lost badges and/or wristbands is \$150. This fee is not refundable if found.

MAILING ADDRESS/E-MAIL ADDRESS/VIDEOPHONE NUMBER/TEXT NUMBER: If there are any changes to your contact address or numbers, please notify the Registration Coordinator as soon as possible.

Cancellation Refund Formula

VALUE PRICE	BEFORE 03/02/16	BEFORE 09/02/16	BEFORE 02/02/17	AFTER 02/02/17
\$250	\$200	\$143	\$105	NO REFUND
\$300	\$250	\$175	\$130	NO REFUND
\$350	\$300	\$208	\$155	NO REFUND
\$400				NO REFUND

Note: The \$20 DSA membership dues for 2017-2019 are not part of your refund.

Conference Registration Includes:

- Registration fee
- DSA Membership dues for 2017-2019
- Pre-conference information and updates
- Program book
- Admission to exhibits, workshops, meetings, reception and banquet (gala) with entertainment
- Daily conference newsletters

Date	Check/MO
Amount paid must match date amount due.	
August 23, 2015 — December 31, 2015	\$250
January 1, 2016 — June 30, 2016	\$300
July 1, 2016 — December 31, 2016	\$350
January 1, 2017 — AT DOOR	\$400

Please print clearly. (one form per person)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

VP: _____ Text Number: _____

Payment Method and Checkout:

- Check Cashier's Check Money Order
(Payable to HDSCLF/DSA 2017 Houston)

By signature, Registrant agrees to abide by Conference rules/regulations, and agrees HDSCLF & DSA are not responsible for safekeeping of, damage to, or loss of any personal property under control of Registrant. Registrant hereby agrees to hold harmless the HDSCLF and DSA, their contractors, their employees/volunteers from all cost, injury & damage incurred by any of the above, and from any other injury or damage to any person or property, any of which is caused by an activity, condition or event arising out of the performance, preparation for performance or nonperformance of any provision of this agreement by Houston Deaf Senior Citizens Love Fund, Inc. (HDSCLF) and Deaf Seniors of America, Inc. (DSA).

I have read and understand the terms outlined on this form.

Signature (required): _____

Date: _____

I give DSA 2017 Houston conference committee permission to list my name on the website. Yes No

For more information about registration, contact:

Yvonne Butler
DSA2017Reg@gmail.com

Mail this form with payment to HDSCLF/DSA 2017 Houston:

P.O. Box 130705
Houston, TX 77219-0705

Renewals

Glenn/Barbara Brunson,
Lawrence Coleman Sr,
Rennon/Marcia Green,
Doris Jameson, Margo
Jarreau, Jennie Lee
Jordan, Shirley C Miller,
Dennis/Linda Smith

New Subscribers

Karon Dugan, Larry Rice

On the behalf of
HDSCLF board, we want
to thank you for your kind
donation. Your generosi-
ty makes a difference in
the lives of Houston Deaf
Senior Citizens.

Thanks again for your
kindness.



Jim Dermon
HDSCLF Treasurer

A Timeline of the History of Christmas

354 AD 25 December is made the official birthday of Jesus

11th Century The word Christmas is first used (previously it was called Yule). However Christmas is just one of many festivals and is not particularly important.

16th Century In Central Europe Christmas trees are decorated with candles, wax ornaments and gingerbread. In England people eat mince pies at Christmas. (Originally they actually were made with mince).

17th Century In Europe Christmas trees are decorated with tinsel

1752 New Years Day is moved from 25 March to 1 January

1800 Christmas trees are first recorded in England

1843 The first Christmas card is designed by John Horsley

1847 Christmas crackers are made for the first time by a confectioner named Tom Smith

1848 Victoria and Albert are shown in a picture in the Illustrated London New with a Christmas tree. As a result Christmas trees become common in England

1860 The 'bang' is added to Christmas crackers

1862 Cartoonist Thomas Nast creates our modern image of Santa Claus

1871 Christmas Day is made a bank holiday

1882 Christmas tree lights are invented

Late 19th Century Christmas cake was originally eaten on 6 January but at this time people began to eat it at Christmas

1974 New Years Day is made a bank holiday in Britain

<http://www.localhistories.org/festivaltime.html>

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Check one of the following:

Newsletter subscription: \$10.00 per year X _____ year(s) = \$_____.00 New Renewal

Gift subscription from (who) _____ (\$10.00 per person for 1 year)

Donation to HDSCLF \$_____ in memory of _____ (Tax deductible)

Donation: \$_____ to the Houston Deaf Senior Citizens Love Fund. (Tax deductible)

PLEASE PRINT: **CURRENT ADDRESS** **NEW ADDRESS**

Name: _____ (DOB: ____ / ____ / ____)

Spouse: _____ (DOB: ____ / ____ / ____)

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____ VP, TTY or Fax: _____

Anniversary:

____ / ____ / ____

Make payable to **HDSCLF** and mail this form with personal check or money order to Houston Deaf Senior Citizens Love Fund, Attn: Treasurer, P. O. Box 130705, Houston, TX 77219-0705. Thank you.

OFFICE USE ONLY: Cash Money Order Check

Receipt # _____ (in a person) # _____ # _____

Community Events

Thursday, December 3

HDSCLF Field Trip

See page 2

Friday, December 4

ASL Social

Thai Spice Buffet

2520 South Voss @ Westheimer

Houston, TX 77057

4:00 pm to 9 pm

Wednesday, December 9

Holiday Gathering

Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church

9920 Long Point

Houston, TX 77055

9:00 am—2:00 pm

Friday, December 11

Deaf/ASL Social—Ft. Bend

Chick-fil-A

20010 Southwest Freeway

Sugar Land, TX 77479

5:00 pm—9:00 pm

Friday, December 18

Baybrook Mall Silent Dinner

Baybrook Mall—Food Court

500 Baybrook Mall

Friendswood, TX 77546

6:30 pm—9:00 pm

December Birthday!

- 8 Joe Ybarra
- 11 Billy Buza
- 12 Cynthia Clifton
- 15 Marie Hays
- 20 Vern Sonnier
- 22 Sandra Manley
- 25 Kathy French
- 26 Virendra Desai
- 27 Fred Simerka

December Anniversary

- 14 Jim/Martha Quinn
1966
- 25 Tom/Billie Hallway
1963





HDSCLF

Holiday Gathering

December 9, 2015—9:00 am

Woodhaven

9920 Long Point Rd, Houston, TX

Bring Your Favorite Goodies



Happy
November Birthday



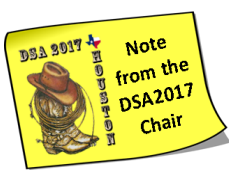
Bertha Moses, Jim Dermon, Linda Smith

**PUT THIS
on YOUR
CALENDAR!**




Field Trip

January 11, 2016
February 4, 2016
March 3, 2016



Message from DSA2017Houston

\$250 Registration for DSA 2017 is coming to end as of December 31, 2015. This conference is not for seniors (60+) only. All ages over 25 are welcome! It can benefit you in many ways – volunteering service for elders, preparing your golden age and finding resources where you need. By January 1, 2016, registration will go up to \$300. Now is your chance to send in your reservation – see page 6 or contact Yvonne Butler at dsa2017reg@gmail.com.



HDSCLF

Wish You All a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays



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

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