

HOUSTON DEAF SENIOR CITIZENS NEWSLETTER

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Senior Citizens Trip on Friday, September 17th

Thirteen Senior Citizens went on a tour of Museum of Southern History at Houston Baptist University. This museum chronicles southern History from the Colonial Period through World War II. We learned that the Battle of Galveston was a Confederate victory on January 1, 1863. The exhibit includes artifacts related to the battle where the C. S. Bayou City rammed the U. S. Harriet Lane. The Museum of American Architecture and Decorative Arts contains items relating to the social history and material culture of people settling in Texas between 1820 and 1920. Sure to enchant the museum's visitors are the Theo Redwood Blank Doll Collection and the Schissler Miniature Furniture Collection. The doll collection shows the evolution of play dolls, from a rare Georgian period carved wooden doll, to 19th century paper mache dolls with molded hair, china and bisque dolls with leather bodies, wax over composition, fabric and many examples of 20th century dolls. The Schissler Miniature Furniture Collection consists of 23 pieces of antique miniature furniture dating back to the 1800s. We had a delicious lunch at the museum. Then, we took a tour of the Dunham Bible Museum where it creatively displays one of American's most distinctive collections of rare Bibles and manuscripts. After that, we headed to Houston Maritime Museum where it featured numerous ship models from around the world depicting ships from ancient history through our nation's modern navy. One of the highlights of the Museum is an exhibit on the Port of Houston. As the second largest port in terms of gross tonnage, the Port of Houston contributes significantly to both the local and national economy. Their Mission is to capture and preserve the wonder and influence of maritime history and the marine industry with focus on the development of Houston, the Texas Gulf Coast, and the State of Texas.

Larry Butler – 2nd Vice President



President Don Hahn announced that Larry Butler has been selected to become 2nd Vice President. He has begun handling the Business meetings beginning September 8th. Congrats to Larry on being appointed to the Board for Houston Deaf Senior Citizens Love Fund. Margie Graham, who was the 2nd Vice President, has handed in her resignation. President Don Hahn praised her for her work on the Board. She has become Travel Chairperson and will oversee the planning for our field trips each month.

Felix Guerra has accepted to become our Social Chairperson replacing Patsy Walker. The Board wants to thank Patsy for her hard work. Felix is already in the planning stage of many good events. Check the Calendar of Events to see what he has planned!

DONATIONS & NEWSLETTER DUES

DONATIONS:

Thanks to the following people for their thoughtful donations to Love Fund:

In memory of Karen Jackson: Gus & Zelma Curbello, Ann Edgley, Bonnie (Fischer) Harper (Karen's childhood friend), Audrey Leger, Robert & Shirley Montgomery, Ellen Sias, and Tommy & Jenice Wells.

In memory of Ernest Howard Morgeson: Gus & Zelma Curbello, Audrey Leger, Ellen Sias, and Tommy & Jenice Wells.

In memory of Lucille McAlister & Lowell Montgomery: Bobby J Griggs

Also thanks to the following people for their generous donation to Love Fund: Sidney J Braquet, Beatrice G Smith, Robert Stevens, and Betty Telfer.

Anyone who wishes to donate money to **Houston Deaf Senior Citizens Love Fund, Inc. (a 501©(3) non-profit corporation)**, 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!

WELCOME TO NEW SUBSCRIBERS: Joseph & Sheila Kennedy.

RENEWALS: Sidney J Braquet, Donnell Bryan, Alfred G Crager, Roland De Los Santos, Beverly Duncan, Larry & Sherrian Fewell, David & Linda Garcia, Joy M Gibson, Nathan S Hester, Peggy J Miller, James & Nadine Moore, Marian J Seale, Molly & Weldon Seely, Lewis & Joan Stovall, Miriam Thumann, and Dorisjean Williams.

NEWS

Received a message from Shirley (Morgeson) Courrege

Shirley called and she wants to inform the Senior Citizens that her father, Ernest Howard Morgeson, 82, passed away on August 27, 2010 in Santa Fe, TX. He attended Texas School for the Deaf and received Hall of Fame Football. On behalf of Houston Senior Citizens, our deepest sympathy goes to his family.



Medford Magill

I would like for everyone to keep Medford Magill in your prayers. He fell on Saturday and broke his hip. He is in OLOL Hospital in Baton Rouge, LA. We also ask for prayers for his wife, Gertrude, who could use some company these days or perhaps just a friend to lean on. We all know how wonderful it is when a friend shows up at just the right time in our lives. Please keep this couple and their family in your prayers. Should you need to get in touch with Gertrude, please call the CDC office for more information before visiting. The VP number is 225-241-6482. The TTY/V number is 225-766-9320. Have a wonderful day and don't forget to count your blessings, our God is so Amazing! Carole B. Montgomery Executive Director, CDC

Sammy Oates

For nearly 20 years, with the radiation and chemotherapy treatments, Sammy Oates Sr. has fought and defeated prostate cancer. Unfortunately, this time, cancer has the upper hand. The last several months, Sammy's health has take a turn for the worse so he is currently no longer strong enough to sit and talk with people who are thinking of him and wanting to chat with him on the videophone. Thanks to the CaringBridge website, it enables people to check on Sammy's progress as well as share their support. The family has created it to keep people updated about him. They will try to do the journals on a daily basis. Please take a moment to sign up the guestbook and you can also add any well wishes and words of encouragement. That would be greatly appreciated by us all. Thank you. This was sent by Jeff Farley.



Deaf Achievements – Gymnast competes while deaf and blind in one eye

This story follows Aimee Walker Pond, a gymnast who grew up competing while deaf and blind in one eye and eventually competed at the Division 1 collegiate level. The story is told by freelance reporter Sammy Linebaugh and was broadcast on the MTN sports network. The story won an Emmy from the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences in the Pacific Southwest Chapter for Best Sports/Feature Story.

2010 TSD Homecoming:

The Booth Festival will be held on October 9th from 10:00 am till 4:00 pm at the Clock Tower Area. Check out the website at www.tsd.state.tx.us for more information. The events being held will have merchandise, food, arts and crafts, moonwalk, games, and prizes. The proceeds will go to Student Life Activity Fund. The Homecoming game will begin at 5:00 pm. TSD will be playing Indiana that evening in Austin.

Exciting Information to Share!

Wow about Oregon School for Deaf. I know the deafies are very excited about Extreme Makeover. I sure enjoyed visiting with my 2 daughters there. I came home last Sunday night and missed them. In Salem, weather was very nice and cool. I love the weather up there. Written by Yvonne Killebrew.

'Extreme Makeover: Home Edition' begins rebuilding project at Oregon School for the Deaf in Salem

Students attending a back-to-school picnic at **Oregon School for the Deaf** in Salem were expected to be greeted this afternoon by the crew of the feel-good ABC reality show "**Extreme Makeover: Home Edition**," which selected OSD for a renovation to its basement for an episode that will air in late October. Every fall, the 140-year-old residential school holds a haunted-house fundraiser in the basement of its boys' dormitory, but the 12,000-square-foot space has become unsafe. The "Extreme Makeover" team, lead by series star Ty Pennington, will renovate the basement over the next seven days. While the makeover takes place, more than 100 students and parents from the school will travel to the **Starkey Hearing Foundation** in Eden Prairie, MN. This was written by Rob Owen.

Houston Bass Club of the Deaf

Christmas Party and dinner will be held on December 4, 2010 from 11:00 am till 5:00 pm at Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray, Houston, TX 77019. Admission is \$10 per Adult and \$5 for each child under age of 12. There will be door prizes and silent auction. Please bring a wrapped Christmas gift under \$15. Gifts could be crafts, fishing, or various items. For information, please contact Danny Hensley VP 832-413-5580.

The fundraising will go to 2011 National Bass Association of the Deaf Team Tournament and Houston Bass Club of the Deaf.

National Bass Association of the Deaf

This organization will have their 36th annual team tournament at Lake Sam Rayburn, TX on June 12 – 16, 2011. Check out Rayburn Country Resort at www.rayburnresort.com or call 409-698-2444 or Sam Rayburn Marina Resort at www.samrayburnmarinaresort.com or call 409-698-5696 to make your reservation. For further information, please contact General Chairman, Juan Carrizales at 281-712-8605 VP or Vice Chairman, Billy Buza at 832-413-5746 VP. Check out www.nbad.org for more information.

About Sorenson...follow the instruction like I did

We are receiving an unusual high call volume because Sorenson is responding to VRS users who received spam calls to their VPs throughout the day. For example, XXXXXXX, ??????8M???, 202.71.111.5, etc., these are spam calls coming from an unknown source. There are spammers out there snooping random IP addresses and this will not harm your VP. Please delete the call and ignore any suspicious calls. Please do the following:

1. Press Enter on the dial screen. Select the spam call and delete each one. Then, select close.
2. Select Call History. Open Received calls or Missed calls and select the Spam number one at a time. Then, select Delete. Then, click on Close.
3. Please unplug VP200 for 10 seconds (reboot).
4. Please inform all your friends and family.
5. Please DO NOT try to answer or call these numbers back.
6. VRS VP to VP support is affected too, and may not be able to reach us or make outgoing calls. Hearing technical support is available by calling 866-496-6111 option 2. However, call volumes are really high for the next several days until this clears up. Let us know if you need anything further. Email: support@sorenson.com.



OBITUARY



Glynn Arvin Whittemore passed away peacefully in Austin, TX on August 20 after a long post-stroke period. Glynn was born in Waco, TX, to Ethyl and Jesse Calvin Whittemore. At an early age, Glynn suffered meningitis that eventually left him deaf. His parents moved their family to Austin, home of the Texas School for the Deaf. In high school, he met his future wife, Alma Aydelotte. After graduating from TSD, Glynn attended Gallaudet University in Washington, DC for a year. He returned to Austin to marry Alma. They started their family and eventually settled in Houston where he worked in the printing business--a career that eventually brought him 30+ years of employment at the Houston Post. At age 42, Glynn found his way back to college and began working on a bachelor's degree at the University of Houston. He completed his education in 1977. Throughout his life, Glynn served in different capacities for several organizations: Houston Association of the Deaf, Texas Association for the Deaf, National Association for the Deaf, Texas Commission for the Deaf, Texas Society of Interpreters for the Deaf, and Captioned Films for the Deaf. He was also Chairman of the Board for Texas School for the Deaf for several years. He is survived by his wife Alma, his 3 children, 7 grandchildren, and one great granddaughter. The family will make arrangements for a memorial service at a later time.

Julie Ann Mowad, 55, of Oakdale, LA died on September 1, 2010 after a courageous and optimistic battle with breast cancer. She was born on December 31, 1954, in Alexandria, LA to Anthony and Mary Ann Mowad. Julie is survived by her two sisters, Toni Mowad Cameron & her husband Don of Shreveport and Beth Mowad Strother & her husband Scotty of Baton Rouge. She is also survived by 3 nephews and 3 nieces, as well as many children in her family that affectionately called her "Aunt Julie". Julie is a graduate of Oakdale High School, the University of New Orleans, and McNeese State University where she earned her Master's Degree in Education. She was an educator and administrator in Allen Parish at Oakdale Middle and High Schools. She was an avid sports fan and coached girls' high school softball for many years. Her friends fondly recall her passionate love for LSU sports, particularly football. Even during the time of her illness, her faith and optimism were always exhibited in her courageous fight with cancer.

On September 6, 2010, a brilliant ray of sunshine burst through the kingdom of merciful heaven to announce the arrival of our beloved sister, cousin, and friend, **Karen Maude Jackson**. Karen was born on May 27th, 1950, in Bloomington, IL, to Selda Macke and Wilmer Jackson. She grew up in Jacksonville, IL where she attended Illinois School for the Deaf and graduated. She followed her sister Susan's steps by attending Gallaudet College in Washington D.C. She received her B.A. degree in biology. She was a member of Phi Kappa Zeta sorority. She then attended Western Maryland College in MD and got her Masters in Deaf Education. Karen taught in schools in the Virgin Islands and in Colorado before moving to Houston, TX. Her sister Susan and cousins from IL are comforted that Karen was received in heaven by her parents and her precious previous lover, Lois Lee. She was at home, surrounded by her sister, cousins and a few close friends when she passed away. There will be no memorial service in Houston. Her sister will take Karen's ashes to her family members' hometown, Marshall, IL, to be with her deceased family members. She will be sorely missed by all those who knew and loved her. Memorial contributions may be sent to: Houston Deaf Senior Citizens Love Fund, In memory of Karen Jackson, P. O. Box 664, Missouri City, TX 77459. Submitted by Larry Pike.



Roger Alexander Sellers, 72, passed away September 16, 2010 in McGehee, AR. He was born in Blaine, MS on July 3, 1938 and graduated from Mississippi School for the Deaf in 1956 at Jackson, MS. He is survived by wife, Virginia; two daughters, Ginger Sellers-Blankenship (Darin) of Arlington, TX and Mae Sellers (Roseann) of Austin, TX; sister, Amy Wickham of Belen, NM; stepmom, Climbree Stone of Madison, MS. He was preceded in death by his mother and father Mary Lee and Gaddis Sellers; two sisters, Alzera McGaugh and Sarah Champagne; and several nephews. No Memorial or Funeral will be held.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, October 1 = ASL Social will meet at Pronto Cucinino Mandola's Casual Italian, 1401 Montrose, Houston, TX 77019 from 4:00 pm till 9:00 pm. Check out their website at www.pronto-2-go.com. Let's meet and enjoy chatting with your old & new friends.

Tuesday, October 5 = Positive Interaction Program (PIP) will have a presentation on "Bureau of Animal Regulation and Care". Jarrad Mears, Animal Control Supervisor from the City of Houston, will present this informative presentation. Door prizes! Interpreter and captioning are provided. The meeting is held at Woodhaven Baptist Church for the Deaf, 9920 Long Point, Houston, TX at 7:30 pm. You can contact Officer James Sobota at james.sobota@cityofhouston.net for information and if you plan to bring a dish or chips or soft drinks.

Friday, October 8 = Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will take a trip to Port Arthur, TX to visit Sabine Pass Battleground State Historic Site and Museum of the Gulf Coast. Lunch will be at King Buffet. Everyone needs to be at Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church, 9920 Long Point Rd., Houston, TX by 7:00 am as Bus will leave at 7:30 am. Please contact Margie Graham at 281-552-8321 (OJO) or Julie Spaulding at 281-249-5276 (VP) for more information.

Friday, October 8 = Houston Hand Talk Social will be at Pappas BBQ Restaurant, 7007 Hwy. 59 South at Bellaire, Houston, TX 77074. It will be from 5:00 pm till 9:00 pm. Come and observe different ASL and learn more about the Deaf language. This is a great way to enjoy chatting in ASL.

Wednesday, October 13 = 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. Games will be provided for those that want to play. Come and have a great time with friends.

Friday, October 15 = ASL Social will meet at Chacho's, 5350 North Freeway @ Tidwell, Houston, TX 77022 from 4:00 pm till 9:00 pm. Let's meet and enjoy chatting with your old & new friends.

Thursday, October 21 = Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will have a fellowship and potluck at Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church, 9920 Long Point Rd., Houston, TX from 9:00 am till 1:00 pm. If you wish to bring a covered dish, contact Jenice Wells 281-442-8015 TTY or 281-249-5251 VP and let her know what you plan to bring. If you do not bring food, please bring \$5 to help cover the cost of food.

Wednesday, October 27 = Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will have a Halloween Party. Purple is providing the food for our luncheon. Please come in your costumes as we will have 6 prizes – 3 for best dressed women and 3 for best dressed men. This party will be held at Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray, Houston, TX from 9:00 am till 1:00 pm. Please bring your friends to have a great time.

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Believe it or not, I'm back to handling this Newsletter for October. The Board was not able to find another Editor, but they are still working on finding someone. So, please send any news to me at the address shown below. Audrey Leger will give me the mail. As soon as we find someone, we will make the announcement.

If you have any information, jokes, recipes, events, pictures, sports, or news that you want to have publish, please send them by the 15th of each month to hdsnews@yahoo.com or mail to Houston Deaf Senior Citizens Love Fund, P. O. Box 664, Missouri City, TX 77459. Please note that the new Editor may, at her/his discretion, edit articles or news items for brevity and to correct errors.

Thank you,

Nancy Morris

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