



Non-Profit Organization

Tidbits

Volume 23—Issue 4

www.hdsclf.org

April 2022



March 9, 2022



Happy St. Patrick's Day

First Row: Judy Riddle, Karl Riddle, Margo Jarreau, Doina Langham, Tom Langham, Patricia Sah, Don Sah, Sidney Gilland

Second Row: Winford Riddle, Patsy Walker, Carolyn Dill, Cristina Rodriguez, Dinah McKenzie, Ana Hassan, Deborah Daniels

Third Row: Jan Dermon, Jim Dermon, Mary Ann Ryba, Christine Johnson, Elias Rodriguez, Lawrence Coleman, Michael McKenzie, Bill Hassan



Dinah Tells Her Favorite Irish Poems



Yummy!
Irish Luncheon



Deborah Daniels
First Place
Costume

Social Meeting PIP — by Carolyn Dill



At our regular March meeting, we had our favorite police officer, James Sobota, discuss ATM Safety. Hurrah!

He said we might not notice that someone could be watching you when you walk up to an ATM or in your car. However, they may want your money after you withdraw. So

here are some tips to follow to make this errand safer.

- The favorite time of the day for bad guys to attempt ATM theft is the afternoon
- If at night, go only to an ATM in a lighted area.
- Sometimes a bad guy may try to act friendly or need something, but he is only trying to get close and may have a hidden gun. If this ever happens to you, give him what he wants. Your life is far more critical than your cash, no matter how much.
- Try to notice your surroundings. Don't be busy on your phone.

- Sometimes a thief may try to use their car to block yours, either in the parking lot or as you are driving away. If someone is doing this, you may honk loudly to attract the attention of others and scare him away.
- Don't write the password on the ATM card jacket, the little envelope you save your ATM card in. (Debit card, too, if you have this.) Your stolen purse or wallet makes it too easy for the thief to get even more money from your bank account.
- Count your cash at home. Don't stop in public, including in front of the ATM, to count your money.
- If you must withdraw a large amount of cash, it is better to enter the bank than walk up to an ATM.
- Keep your ATM receipt. Please don't throw it away. Instead, shred it later at home.

Billy Buza shared his story of withdrawing \$1,500 in cash and then left it in the money envelope under his visor. He felt it was well hidden, and it was only a minute to stop by a convenience store for a snack. But, when he returned to his truck, the glass window was smashed everywhere, and his cash was gone.



Tom Langham, Jan/Jim Derron,
 Donna Langham, Cristina Rodriguez, Margo
 Jarred, Patsy Walker, Elisa Rodriguez,
 Sidney Gilland, Wanda/Clyde Andrew,
 Christine Johnson, Deborah Wold, Carolyn Dill
 Five Interpreters

Caribbean Cruise Feb 18 -23, 2022 — Costa Maya and Cozumel

By Carolyn Dill and Jan Derron

Day 1- Getting on board was a real challenge, at least for first-time cruise riders. First, we had numerous stops to show over and over all our IDs—passports, drivers' license, vaccination cards, and proof of negative COVID test, which we all took on Wednesday, and all were negative.

Unfortunately, four shocked and disappointed friends could not board due to the ship's strict Covid policy. Fourteen of us continued, sad for our dismissed friends. They are going on another cruise later.

We met our five interpreters (Jamy, Stacie, Kathleen, April, Jeffery) and enjoyed our first French fancy dinner at the Sapphire. We ate dinner there every day, so amazingly good! The boys explored the whole ship, 14 floors. We soon figured out what we wanted to do the next day. Some went to bed early, so tired! And some watched a stand-up comedy show.



Day 2—Sunrise was so memorable today! Our rooms had windows or balconies—breakfast and lunch each day, usually at the Windjammer, a cafeteria-style place.

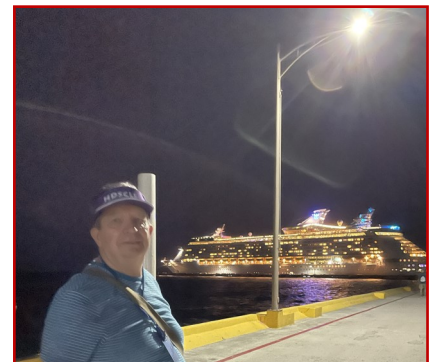
We played a mini putt-putt game. Sometimes the ball moved because of the strong wind, and sometimes the wind stopped the ball. So funny!

We dressed up for formalwear night and got our group picture taken by the ship photographer. The best part of any day was the constant chatter. We love “hanging out” together—a big-screen movie at night for those who are not too sleepy.



Day 3—Costa Maya! We visited a mangrove beach by bus with our tour guide, relaxed in the calm bay water, and enjoyed authentic local area lunch food. Afterward, most listened to the area's history, but Carolyn and Tom were bird-watching. There was a fruiting tree behind the house that served snacks. Many tropical birds, including two toucans, were there. Some of us played bingo and Christine won the game.

We were the last group to get back on the ship and it was dark. What a sight—there was our boat lighted up like a Christmas tree.





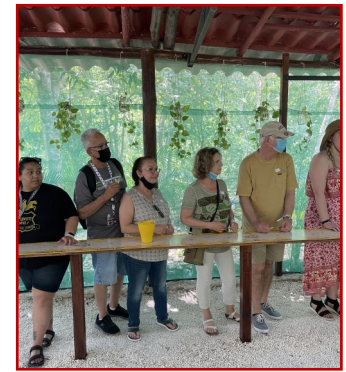
Day 4—Cozumel! Some of us went

on an excursion to taste Mexican foods and learn how to serve them up fancy. Others went on the chocolate and honey tour. The first one had several giant colorful macaws. Next, we learned about cacao that turned into chocolate. Finally, we got to taste the cacao. Next was a tequila station, so we got to taste the three primary flavors by tiny sips.



Interesting Mayan culture details for both the cacao place and the next one, a bee sanctuary. Here are a few Mayan facts— The Mayans used a number system based on base 20, counting fingers and toes. They have two calendars that follow the sun and moon cycles. Cacao is ground up and mixed by pouring into bowls over and over. The bride and groom each make their cacao separately and then run their bowls together. This tradition is part of their weddings and funerals.

The bee sanctuary had tiny stingless bees, quite cute. They make less honey than the regular honeybee, but the taste was better. After all the tasting, we shopped at the local markets.



Day 5—On ship all day! The best part of this day was an international team of excellent ice skaters who amazed us with the graceful moves they could do on skates.

Special thanks to the ship coordinator, who provided us with a room for our social time. We played a card game. We gave our group leader, Jim, a thank you gift—Royal Caribbean Cap for planning a great trip.



Day 6 – We arrived at Galveston the following day before the sun was up. Getting off was smooth. Shock after 82 degrees in Mexico, we needed winter coats. ha



Day Trip at Seguin, TX

3/12/2022

First Row:

Janie Morales, Cristina Rodriguez, Jan Dermon, Don Sah, Jayne Leycock, Marion McCreary, Judy Becker

Second Row:

Patsy Walker, Doina Langham, Sidney Gilland, Wanda Andrew, Christine Johnson, Dana Glasscock

Third Row:

Tom Langham, Jim Dermon, Elias Rodriguez, Clyde Andrew, Deborah Daniels, Lawrence Coleman

Special Thanks to:

Tour Guide—Myra Salinas
Interpreters
Houston C.
Julie C.



Historic Sebastopol House

A Greek Revival mansion built in 1856, the Sebastopol is one of the finest surviving 19th century limecrete buildings in America and is also home to the Wilson Pottery Museum.



Seguin's First Church and Bell Tower

Interest Fact: there are two doors—the left entrance for women and children, and the right for the men. A number of denominations got their beginnings and the first was the Methodists.



Campbell-Hoermann Log Cabin



Pape Pecan House and Nutcracker Museum

Pape Pecan is home to one of the world's largest collections of nutcrackers...over 8,000!



Dietz Doll House



On Our Way Back Home



Power Plant Texas Grill





**FIELD TRIP TO ROSENBERG
APRIL 6, 2022 (WEDNESDAY)
Free Admission**

**MEET AT THE SOUTH PARKING OF
MEMORIAL CITY MALL AT 8:30 AM
THE BUS LEAVES AT 9:00 AM.**

**LUNCH ON YOUR OWN
Ol' Railroad Cafe**

Interested?...Contact Jim Dermon—936-828-4013

HDSCLF Field Trip—ASTROS BASEBALL GAMES



June 10th
Cost: \$10.00
Miami Marlins

August 11th
Cost: \$10.00
Texas Rangers



Payment in Advance Is Required.
The ticket is non-refundable.

**Meet at the South Parking Lot
behind Memorial City Mall at 11:00 am.
Bus leaves at 11:30 am.
Contact Christine Johnson—979-413-5014**

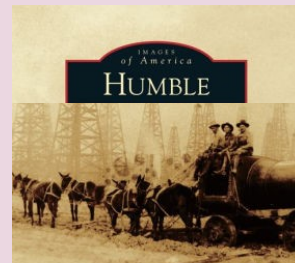
houston botanic garden



Tentative
May 14, 2022
Houston Botanic
Garden



Tentative—July 16, 2022
Linh Son Buddhist Temple
HAAK Vineyard Winery



Tentative
September 17, 2022
Humble Texas
Historical Tour



**Social Gathering at MMSC
April 13th—9:00 AM
Luncheon Provided
Bring Your Own Drink
Bring Your Favorite Game!**

RSVP for Headcount
Contact:
Jan Dermon—936-828-4013
Christine Johnson—979-413-5014

Tentative
October 26,
2022
Round Top
Antiques
Fair



New Subscriber:

Vicki Anderson, Jeff/Alecia Boutte Bergeron, Shirley Lane, Shirley Thornton

Renewals:

Troy/Margarette Graham, John/Cynthia Wunsch

Gift Subscription:

Robert/Leslie Wong (Don/Patricia Sah)



Donation to Project Love Fund:

AmazonSmile Foundation

On behalf of HDSCLF board, we want to thank you for your kind donation. Your generosity makes a difference in the lives of Houston Deaf Citizens. Thank you again for your kindness.

Jim Dermon, Treasurer

Cruise Highlight



Cristine Johnson: Before attending Carnival and Norwegian cruises, the Royal Caribbean cruise was my first time. This cruise was beautiful fun to walk around inside the ship.



Johnny Rockets Burger Place serves a delicious, greasy old-fashioned ham-burger that reminded me of when I was young.



Sidney Gilland: We went to Costa Maya and Chocolate Honey Harvest in Cozumel. I took a picture of a beautiful red parrot behind me. I went to a restaurant, and I saw the statue of margarita. Then, I went inside to eat queso chip and margarita. The server gave us a complimentary glass to take home..

2nd Night Before Formal Dinner



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
Email: jdermon.senior@gmail.com

Board of Directors and Committees



Patsy Walker
President



Christine Johnson
1st VP



Nancy Morris
Secretary



Jim Dermon
Treasurer

Newsletter Editor

Jan Dermon

Webmaster

Judy Becker

Travel

Jim Dermon,
Chairperson

Photography

Robert Bellard

Event Planner

Christine Johnson

Field Trips

Patsy Walker

Subscription

Jim Dermon

Refreshments

Lee Morgan
Rochelle Simpson

Annual Trip

Jim Dermon

Day Games

Deborah Daniels
Paula Szablowski

<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal		<input type="checkbox"/> \$5.00 per year-Electronic <input type="checkbox"/> \$12.00 per year-Paper	X Year(s) = \$ _____.00	SUBSCRIPTION	DONATION
Houston Deaf Senior Citizens Love Fund, Inc. Non-profit, 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization					
Please Print Clearly					
Name:		OFFICE USE ONLY			
Spouse:		<input type="checkbox"/> Money Order <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Cash			
Address:		Receipt #			
City/State/Zip:		Receipt #			
Email (Required):		VP/Phone			
		Fax			
Donation/Gift Subscription					
<input type="checkbox"/> Gift Subscription from (Giver) _____		in memory of _____ (tax deductible)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Donation to HDSCLF \$ _____		to the Houston Deaf Senior Citizens Love Fund (tax deductible)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Donation \$ _____		_____ (tax deductible)			
Make payable to HDSCLF and mail this form with personal check or money order to Houston Deaf Senior Citizens Love Fund, Attn: Treasurer, PO Box 131072, Spring, TX 77393. Thank you.					