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## HDSCF STRONG

March. April. May. Looking through January, February, and March 2020 HDSCF Tidbits newsletters. The first three months of 2020, we enjoyed our HDSCF gatherings at MMSC in January, February, and March and went on field trips to Fort Bend Museum and Houston Museum of Natural Science in January and to Montgomery to tour Montgomery Historical Society and Fernland Historical Park in February. After our last gathering at MMSC on March 11, we suddenly found ourselves being told to stay home, to work safe, and to practice social distancing because of the rapidly evolving Coronavirus Pandemic. We all remember too well about the Toilet Paper shortage, hand sanitizer shortage, meat shortage, and many more. Suddenly, Zoom and Skype meetings became popular resulting in most of us feeling isolated because we cannot have any in-person meetings. We would have gone to Brookwood Café on March 21, to an Astros game on April 23, and to Port Arthur & Nederland on May 16, but these trips were cancelled due to COVID-19 and to the City of Houston not allowing us to ride on the bus.

In this HDSCF Strong Tidbits special, it was Jim and Jan Dermon's brainchild to have the HDSCF Board Members become reporters to interview the HDSCF members with three questions: How are you feeling?, Stay-at-home?, and What did you do? The Dermons looked deeper into the HDSCF Archives and found that some people interviewed HDSCF members, so they had this idea to interview the members and report what they have felt and experienced through three months (March, April, and May) of not seeing our deaf and hard of hearing friends in person. This special will be our history of what our lives were like during the Coronavirus Pandemic, say, 10 or 20 years later, future HDSCF members would read about how we managed to remain strong and remain faithful in these trying times. Enjoy the next several pages of the HDSCF members' responses to being interviewed by the HDSCF Board members. Many thanks to the HDSCF Board Members for taking their time to interview many HDSCF members.



**Patsy  
Walker  
President**



**Brent  
Burns  
1st VP**



**Virendra  
Desai  
2nd VP**



**Nancy  
Morris  
Secretary**



**Jim  
Dermon  
Treasurer**

Name	How are you feeling?	Stayed-at-home?	What do you do?
<b>Andrew, Clyde/Wanda</b> We are fine.	We mostly stay home.	We go to some stores. We clean our house. Clyde: I keep myself busy, fixing cars. Wanda: I sew some masks for people.	
<b>Becker, Judy</b> I am good.	I stay home and go to the physical therapist twice a week for six weeks. I go out to the grocery.	I clean the house and water the yard.	
<b>Bellard, Robert</b> I am fine.	Yes, but go to the stores and restaurant.	I watch movies on TV.	
<b>Burns, Brent</b> I am fine.	I stay home and go to the grocery store and curbside for food.	I walk with my mom most mornings & clean inside the home.	
<b>Butler, Larry</b> I am fine.	I only go to the stores; errands and my wife keeps me busy.	Working on outside & inside projects. Dogs keep me busy.	
<b>Buza, Billy</b> He is feeling fine.	He stated that he can be restless and has been in and out of his house doing errands.	He visited his daughter and did some work in and around the house.	
<b>Coleman, Lawrence</b> I am fine.	Yes, I stay home and do some errands.	I clean the house and watch TV.	
<b>Daniels, Deborah</b> I am okay.	I stay home and go out to the grocery.	I cleaned and threw away junks.	
<b>Dermon, Jim/Jan</b> We are good.	We stay home most of the time, and we only go out to the grocery. Jim: Mostly, I went to Lowe's to get some materials and tools for yard work.	We walk the dog and bike. We watch Woodhaven Church service on ZOOM. Jim: I put the concrete squares for garbage pits and put the new floodlights. Jan: I just finished a baby quilt and crochet toys for the charities. I made masks for my family.	
<b>Desai, Virendra</b> I am fine.	I stay home and do some errands and go to the grocery.	I cook a lot and I cut my hair.	
<b>Dill, Carolyn</b> I am fine.	50% at home and 50% Freeport with my son.	I taught nature science lessons to my grandson; three years old. I watch TV a lot.	
<b>Glasscock, Dana</b> I am fine and stay home for the safety.	Larry and I stay home all the time.	We watch TV, go grocery shopping, cleaning up the house.	
<b>Graham, Troy/Margie</b> We are fine.	Stay at home all the time for the safety.	Grocery shopping, watching TV, cleaning up.	

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<b>Guidry, Rachelle</b> I am fine.	Stay at home all the time.	Chatting through VP and Zoom with the friends, watching TV, grocery shopping, cleaning up.	
<b>Hahn, Don and Fung</b> We are fine.	We stay home all the time.	Don works online travel. Fung works at the department store.	
<b>Holland, John</b> I am okay. My pets are fine.	I stay home most of the time. I work at church sometimes.	I walk my dogs, watch TV, chat with families and friends.	
<b>Jarreau, Margo</b> I am fine.	Staying home for the safety.	Watching TV and grocery shopping.	
<b>Johnson, Christine</b> I am doing okay.	Grandson lives with me. He is fine. We stay home all the time.	I made many face masks for my family and friends. I painted the guest room. I mowed the lawn. I talked and texted with the friends.	
<b>Kilpatrick, Jacqueline/Brian</b> Jackie states that they were keeping healthy and keeping their sleep patterns stable. Brian said he needs to trust the Doctors and Medical people in helping them to avoid panic.	They stated that they stayed home, but did go to store for groceries, go to Hardware Store, and went to pick up foods from Restaurants. They refused to use Uber or other Delivery service.	Brian said that they are staying home till the percentage is up to 50% as they are not ready to go out. Jackie stated that they cannot see daughter as she does not want to come visit them yet. They all FaceTime each other. She stated that they have been cleaning up at home to get rid of things they do not need.	
<b>Langham, Doina/Thomas</b> They have been fine since Coronavirus started	Thomas has been busy with woodwork while Doina does watercolor painting of flowers for her daughter. Both were planning to go to Romania but had to cancel. So, Doina keeps busy with cleaning the house and cooking all the time	They both stated that they keep BUSY!	
<b>Leger, Audrey</b> She stated that she has been fine since Coronavirus started	She stayed home all the time till last week when she went to Margie Scribner's home to help her pack her things to move to New York. Margie left and arrived in New York on Sunday safely.	She was bored at first. Then, she takes care of pets – dog and cat. Said that they are her friends! She also worked on Internet.	
<b>Lorenz/Judy/William (Bubba)</b> Bubba says that it has been boring, wife must put up with him, and cooking. Judy states that she has so much on her mind but is fine.	They stayed home all the time till able to go to drive-ins to pick up foods and go home. Their daughter has been bringing them groceries.	Bubba states that he watches TV all day. Judy states that she cleans the house, catch up with different projects, going back to Old Fashion way of cooking by putting foods on table, makes "real" Banana Pudding, and makes masks by sewing them for friends. She also plays puzzles.	

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<p><b>Lynch, Patricia</b></p> <p>Pat stated that she is so bored at home from isolation. Larry Rice was in the Hospital and she has been taking care of him.</p>	<p>She and Larry go to the store for foods. She has been having a Therapist come on Tuesdays and Thursdays to work with her.</p>	<p>She stated that she is scared to go out right now. Also spends time cleaning house and washing clothes</p>	
<p><b>McKenzie, Dinah/Michael</b></p> <p>He said that he has been fine.</p>	<p>He stays home but takes the dog out on his walks to get exercise since gyms are closed.</p>	<p>He goes to the store for foods wearing a mask. He does not like it when his glasses get steamed up when wearing mask too long. When he arrives home, he sprays the mask with Lysol.</p>	
<p><b>Morris, Nancy</b></p> <p>I felt like I was in a prison because I am usually out of the house a lot before COVID-19 Pandemic hit last March.</p>	<p>Yes, I stayed home most of my time except to go food shopping, mostly curbside and then come home.</p>	<p>I watched a lot of day game shows on TV and chatted with friends on VP.</p>	
<p><b>Owens, Nancy/Zane</b></p> <p>Nancy: Doing good. Zane: Same, doing good</p>	<p>Stayed home most of the time. They learned using curbside or to-go services because they missed the most- going out to eat. They did visit their daughter once in League City.</p>	<p>Nancy: I did mostly crafts. Zane: I had bible study, did boat kit work, and garden work for his family and for his father, mostly in the mornings.</p>	
<p><b>Prescott, Dennis</b></p> <p>I am feeling good, but sad to see news about people getting sick with COVID-19.</p>	<p>I stayed home most of the time except to go to Lowe's for a short time and did some food shopping.</p>	<p>I did some woodwork, yard work and had VP chats. His wife stayed home but did schoolwork on Zoom.</p>	
<p><b>Rice, Larry</b></p> <p>I am feeling ok, and I had experienced some pain in my stomach two weeks ago. I am okay now because it appears like scar tissue. I still have my part time job at Pizza Hut.</p>	<p>I stayed home most of the time except to go food shopping for my girlfriend and for myself. I used my mask when I went food shopping.</p>	<p>I was involved in several Zoom meetings including church Sunday School and worship service; I watched a lot of videos involving deaf people from other states</p>	
<p><b>Rodriguez, Cristina/Elias</b></p> <p>Cristina: I am feeling good. Elias: I am feeling good, same as Cristina.</p>	<p>Cristina: I stayed home most of the time. Elias: I work at HEB and then come home.</p>	<p>Cristina: I washed clothes, cleaned house, and did some sewing. Elias: I run most of the time and kept my six feet distance.</p>	
<p><b>Ryba, Mary Ann</b></p> <p>I have been keeping the faith and am careful about watching and paying attention to the news about COVID-19</p>	<p>I mostly stayed home, but I had a few visits with my daughter. I shopped briefly at Target, Wal Mart, and Home Depot.</p>	<p>I watched some people put new grass in front of my house; I did some planting flowers, walked a lot, and setting up a new fence with someone's help.</p>	
<p><b>Sessions, Gertie</b></p> <p>I am fine. I always use the face mask when going grocery shopping.</p>	<p>Most of the time I stay home. Sometimes my sons stop and check on me. One or two of them take me to some stores.</p>	<p>I tidy up and clean out. I watch TV about the information on COVIN-19. I chat with some friends.</p>	

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<b>Sias, Ellen</b> I am good. I still have G.I. problem. I have seen the doctor. I must watch what I eat. Three weeks ago, my family gave me a birthday surprise.		I always stay at home. My daughter comes and check on me. Sometimes she takes me to the grocery stores.	I clean and tidy up. I walk to the nearby store. I chat with my friends through VP. I watch Deaf church services from over the USA.
<b>Simpson, Rochelle</b> I am fine. I think positively.		I stay home most of the time.	On a beautiful day, I walk, work outdoors, and plant the new flowers. I play puzzle. I chat with my friends with VP.
<b>Smith, Dennis/Linda</b> Dennis: I am fine. I always wear the face mask wherever I go. Linda: I am getting better.		Dennis: I stay home 90%, taking care of my wife.	Dennis: I work on the garden and go grocery shopping. We chat with our families in the different states.
<b>Tucker, Denis</b> I am fine. I live in a small town wet of Houston. I have one dog and one cat.		90%; just me and my pets.	I walk my dog, read books at the library, browse on the computer about COVIN-19 updates.
<b>Walker, Patsy</b> I am fine and always wear my face mask when going out.		I usually stay home. I go grocery shopping and pick up my medicine.	I work on the yard with my daughter and clean my house.
<b>Williams, Sharon</b> I am fine and isolated. I use my face mask when going out.		I always stay home because of no transportation. My son stops by and check on me. Sometimes he takes me to the grocery store.	I play the games on the computer and chat with my family and friends (VP).
<b>Yost, Robert</b> Scared and concern because people are not using common sense.		90% stay home.	I do a lot of brain puzzles and educational research.

<p><b>Tentative June Field Trip</b></p> <p>Brookwood Community and Café</p> <p>Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>—Meet at Woodhaven at 10:00 am Contact Jim Dermon—936-828-4013</p>	 <p>July 11<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) August 15<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) September 12<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)</p>	<p>Field Trip Details will be on the next issue.</p> <p><b>Jim Dermon</b></p>
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# Highlights

**Brian/Jackie New  
Coronavirus Hairdo!!!**



**Keep Our Deaf Senior  
Citizens Strong!!!  
Give Us a Big Smile!!!**



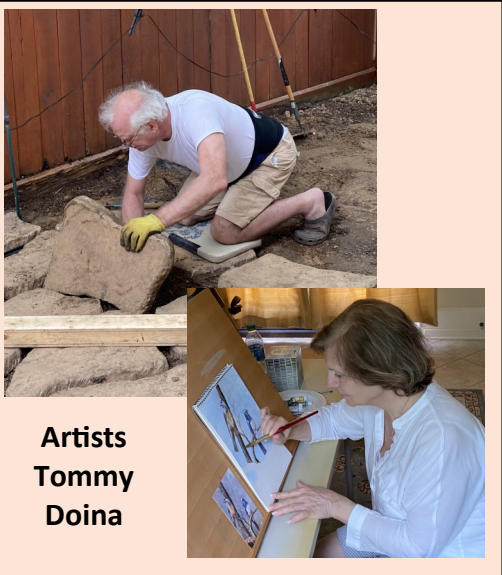
**“Looky, looky, looky...My new haircut!  
I did it by myself” —Christine and Virendra**



**Jim/Jan, Judy/Bubba,  
Deer  
We are wearing  
masks!!!**



**.....and bleach  
....and hand sanitizer!!!**



**Artists  
Tommy  
Doina**



**Nature Science  
Lesson  
Carolyn/Grandson**

**“Oh my!!! We are  
overwhelmed with boxes,  
boxes, boxes from shopping  
online!!!” —Nancy/Zane**

