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Left to Right

Marion McCreary, Lawrence Coleman, Jayne Leycock, Sidney Gilland, Christine Johnson, Dennis Smith, Nancy Morris, Elias Rodriguez, Cristina Rodriguez, Bill Hassan, Tracy Wold, Michael McKenzie, Deborah Wold, Dinah McKenzie, Wanda Andrew, Clyde Andrew, Deborah Daniels, Virendra Desai, Robert Bellard, Jim Dermon, Jan Dermon

## Our Trip to Bellville & Brenham, Texas

On a lovely and fabulous day of October 8<sup>th</sup>, 22 seniors met to board the Bus for our trip. We arrived at Newman's Bakery to get some bakery goods and drinks. Then, we headed to Newman's Castle for a tour. The castle features its moat, a massive working 3000 lb. drawbridge, a chapel, 5 round corner turrets, a courtyard, and a central keep with a dramatic view of the surrounding lands. Mike Newman built this castle with help from others. We had lunch served with your choice of meat, chips, and drinks. After eating that, we were able to pick out cookies, cakes, or donuts to munch on. They were delicious. Next, we went to Blue Bell Creameries & Ice Cream Parlor for a cup of ice cream for \$1. Then, we stopped at Buc-ee's in Waller, TX, before heading back home. It was a wonderful day enjoyed by all.

Written by Nancy Morris

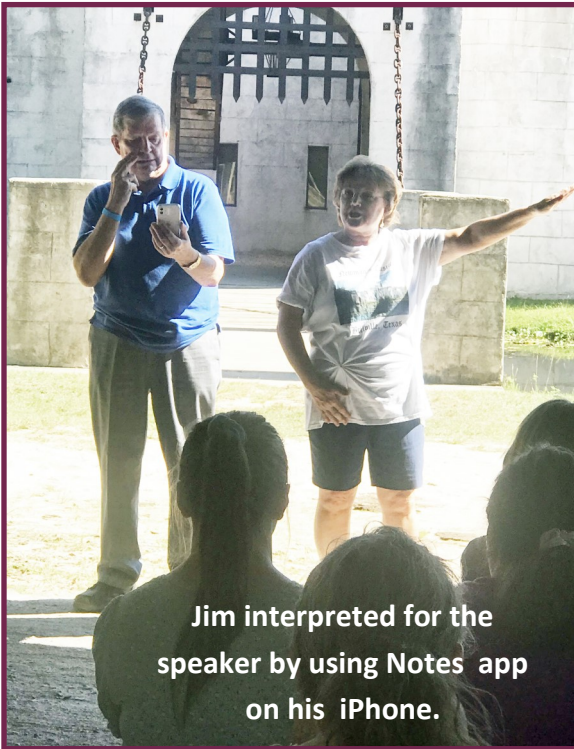


Dinah/Mikey  
McKenzie



Elias/Cristina  
Rodriguez





Jim interpreted for the speaker by using Notes app on his iPhone.



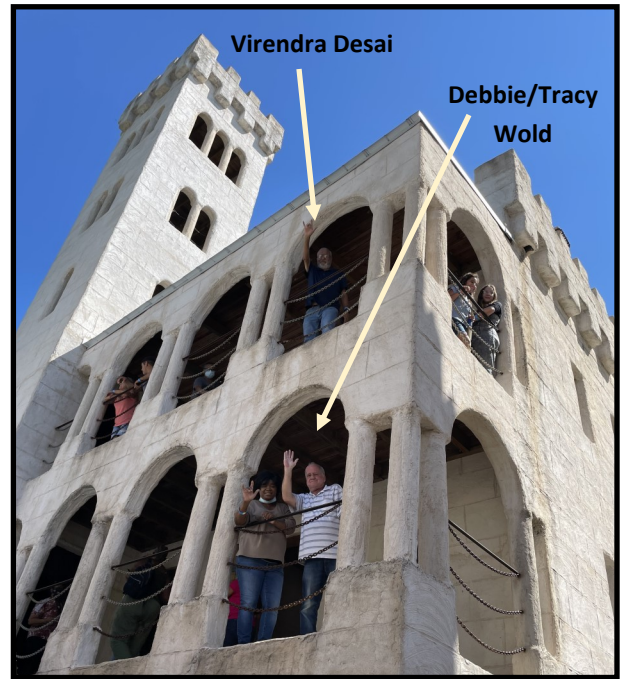
Virendra, Marion, Clyde, Cristina, Robert, Deborah, Lawrence



Robert, Jim, Marion, Lawrence, Clyde



Dennis Smith

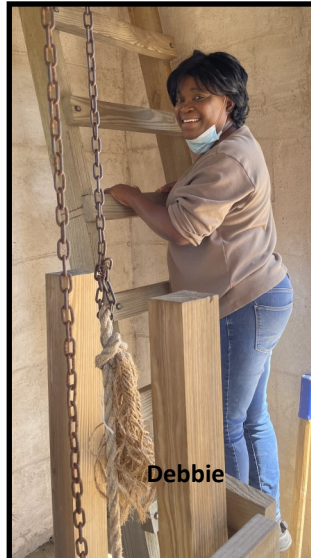


Virendra Desai

Debbie/Tracy Wold



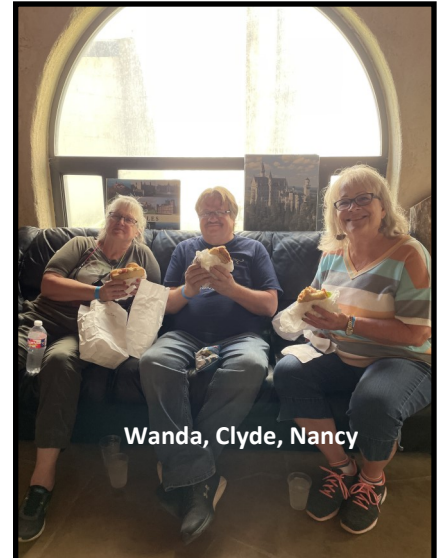
Jayne



Debbie



Bill



Wanda, Clyde, Nancy



After visiting the castle, we stopped at Blue Bell Creameries & Ice Cream Parlor.



**Kneeling:** Robert Bellard, Marion McCreary, Dennis Smith  
**Sitting:** Dinah McKenzie, Ana Hassan, Clyde Andrew, Sidney Gilland, Deborah Wold, Virendra Desal, Jim Dermon  
**Standing:** Michael McKenzie, Nancy Morris, Lawrence Coleman, Jan Dermon, Christine Johnson, Jayne Leycock, Eddie Naquin, Elias Rodriguez, Tracy Wold, Deborah Daniels, Cristina Rodriguez



Ruthie Naquin and I have not seen each other for 41 years, and I am so glad to get together again!

Sidney Gilland



### Our Relaxing Cruise Trip—October 10-17

By Jan Dermon

After an entire year of not going anywhere, Jim and I finally got brave enough to go out on a cruise (Royal Caribbean—Liberty of the Seas). Ann and Bill Hornbeak were with us. To prepare for the trip, we took a PCR test, filled out the health form and showed vaccine proof. We were given a green bracelet which showed that we were vaccinated. Inside the ship, we were required to always wear masks. We had to check in and check out of the cafeteria. We followed the CDC guideline.

We had a very relaxing “Do-Nothing” trip. We just stayed on the ship most of the time...eating, reading, napping, swimming. There was a small crowd which was nice.

One neat thing, we watched our grandson playing football live. See the photo on the left. The trip was what we needed...to get out of the house!







Interpreter, Keyona Severson, Ana Arredondo, Pasty Walker

## HARRIS COUNTY OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Ana Arredondo spoke to the HDSCLF on October 13<sup>th</sup> to explain a new program in Harris County to prepare everyone for emergencies. There are 35 cities in Harris County that this program is reaching out to. She explained that she is the first person to respond to the emergency.

To protect yourself in flood areas, it is important to get flood insurance. She stated the fundamentals to be prepared such as: (1) Get a kit, (2) Make a plan, (3) Stay informed, and (4) Be involved. Any time a storm is going to hit Harris County, everyone needs to buy supplies 5 days before it happens. Generators are good, but make sure you have gas to keep it running. Call 2-1-1 if you are affected in any way. This new program is different from Houston's Alerts. So, it's best to sign up with Harris County.

Whenever we are told to evacuate, be sure to put a note on the wall to let the Police know that you have left the house. If anyone stays home, please keep an outlook for other people driving around slowly as they may be looking for houses that are vacant to rob. Notify the police or sheriff in your area. Do not call 911.

Ana Arredondo suggests that everyone signs up at [HarrisCountyFWS.org](http://HarrisCountyFWS.org). This new program will send the alerts to you when a Tornado, Hurricane, heavy rainfall, or other weather hazards are happening. It is also connected to social media. You need to click on which social media you belong to.

Everyone can sign up with Harris County Citizen Corps for a class of 24 hours broken into 3 hours per session for 8 weeks. Ana Arredondo will send an announcement about the program to Nancy Morris to pass on to all the senior citizens. There will be an ASL video in it.

Written by Nancy Morris

## Happy Halloween Social

October 13<sup>th</sup>



Witch Carolyn Dill—1st Place Costume



### Costume Contest

Carolyn Dill, Cristina Rodriguez, Elias Rodriguez, Janie Morales, Nancy Morris, Deborah Daniels, Virendra Desai  
Sitting: Patsy Walker, Dennis Smith

Judges: Patsy Walker, Wanda Andrew, Doina Langham  
Winners:

First Place: Carolyn Dill—The Witch  
2nd Place: Nancy Morris  
3rd Place: Janie Morales

Carolyn Dill also received a pretty autumn wreath.



# Bill Hassan The Flying Fox

**Editor Note:** Copy the poster for easier reading.

When can a disability prove to be an asset? If one's job involves working with loud machinery as does Bill Hassan's propmaker work, the benefits of his hearing loss are obvious. Bill has been deaf since he was three months old, so the loud drone of the planer and shaper and the overbearing scream of the molding cutter in the mill doesn't bother him. And because he feels the vibration generated when the machinery is in use, he is ever aware of the danger this equipment poses.

Bill began life at Fox in 1999. His father, William, who was here from 1939 to 1963 was Bill's mentor. Starting in the labor department, then working his way up to propmaker, Bill fondly remembers working on his first show, "The fly". Later he helped build sets for "The towering Inferno," "Alien 2" and "Toys." he also acted as foreman when the difficult circular stair set, a stairway without a fixed wall, was built for the TV show, "The Love Boat."

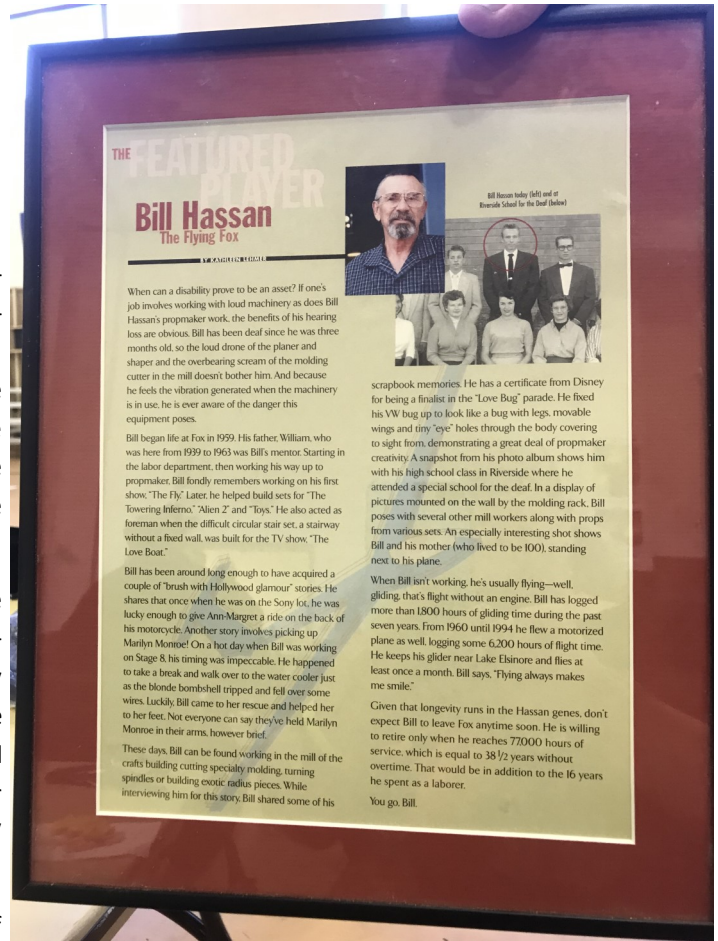
Bill has been around long enough to have acquired a couple of "brush with Hollywood glamour" stories. He shares that once when he was on the Sony lot, he was lucky enough to give Ann-Margret a ride on the back of his motorcycle. Another story involves picking up Marilyn Monroe! On a hot day when Bill was working on Stage 8, his timing was impeccable. He happened to take a break and walk over to the water cooler just as the blonde bombshell tripped and fell over some wires. Luckily, Bill came to her rescue and helped her to her feet. Not everyone can say they've held Marilyn Monroe in their arms, however brief.

These days, Bill can be found working in the mill of the crafts building cutting specialty molding, turning spindles or building exotic radius pieces. While interviewing him for this story, Bill shared some of his scrapbook memories. He has a certificate from Disney for being a finalist in the "Love Bug" parade. He fixed his VW bug up to look like a bug with legs, movable wings and tiny "eye" holes through the body covering to sight from demonstrating a great deal of propmaker creativity. A snapshot from his photo album shows him with his high school class in Riverside where he attended a special school for the deaf. In a display of pictures mounted on the wall by the molding rack. Bill poses with several other mill workers along with props from various sets. An especially interesting shot shows Bill and his mother (who lived to be 100), standing next to his plane.

When Bill isn't working, he usually flying—well, gliding, that's flight without an engine. Bill has logged more than 1800 hours of gliding time during the past seven years. From 1960 until 1994 he flew a motorized plane as well, logging some 6,200 hours of flight time. He keeps his glider near Lake Elsinore and flies at least once a month. Bill says, "flying always makes me smile."

Given that longevity runs in the Hassan genes, don't expect Bill to leave fox anytime soon. He is willing to retire only when he reaches 77,000 hours of service, which is equal to 38 1/2 years without overtime. That would be in addition to the 16 years he spent as a laborer.

You go, Bill.







Saturday, November 13, 2021

Farmers Market  
Shenandoah, TX

**Free Admission**

Restaurant Luncheon  
at Sun Moon Shopping Center  
on Your Own

Black Bear      Dave & Buster's  
EAD Vietnamese      Jax Burgers Shakes  
Sharetea      Top Sushi

Meet at South Parking Lot behind  
Memorial City Mall  
at 8:30 AM

Bus Departs at 9:00 AM

**Deadline October 13, 2021**

Contact Patsy Walker  
281-973-2242

**Bring Your Own Shopping Bag**

## Guadalajara Dinner and Houston Zoo Christmas Lighting Wednesday, December 15th

Meet at South Parking Lot behind Memorial City Mall  
at 5:00 PM

Bus Departs at 5:30 PM

Deadline November 10th, 2021

Contact Jim Dermon for Head Count

936-828-4013

Cost: \$20.00 Per Person



Social Thanksgiving Luncheon  
November 10th  
Contact Mary Ann Ryba  
832-413-6975

**RSVP  
Please**



Robert Yost, Regina Castillo, Lawrence Coleman,  
Rosa Saucedo, Elias Rodriguez, (not in the picture, Deborah Daniels)

### Social Meeting

(2nd Wednesday)

November 10th  
December 8th

### Social Games

(4th Wednesday)

November 24th

**Where: MMSC, 1475 West Gray St**

**Time: 9:00 am—3:00 pm**

Please Note: Schedules are subject to change.



**Zelma Curbello**  
**Her Daughter Judella**  
**Granddaughter Michelle**  
**Great Granddaughter Riva**  
**Great Great Granddaughter**  
**Everly**







Houston Association of the Deaf  
Invites you to a Christmas Party  
Held on Saturday, December 11, 2021  
At Metro Multi-Service Center  
11:00 am -5:00 pm  
1475 West Gray  
Houston, Texas 77019



**ADMISSION:** \$10.00 per Adult and \$5.00 per child under 12

Dinner will be served with side dishes.

Door Prizes and Silent Auctions

Please bring a wrapped Christmas gift under \$15. Ideas for gifts can be crafts, gift baskets, fishing gear or any items.



For information, please contact Billy Buza by email at [Bbbuza@aol.com](mailto:Bbbuza@aol.com) or 832-413-5146

Fundraising will go to Houston Association of the Deaf Rental Housing in Need.  
Please come and show your support for the organization.  
Donations accepted.

Submitted by Billy Buza

**Renewals:**

Helen Sellars

**New Subscriber:**

Ellis B Johnson Jr  
Thomas/Christine Klenert

**Donation to HDSCFLF:**

Bill/Ana Hassan

**Gift Subscription**

Amy Millar  
(Michael/Dinah McKenzie)

**Donations in Memory of:**

John/Clara Empson  
(Helen Sellars)



On behalf of HDSCFLF 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

**Some Good Advice For Those Over 65 Years Old (Part 5)**

(edited by Larryonne)



13. Try not to live with your children or grandchildren if possible. We all need our privacy. They also need their own privacy. If you feel lonely try to have a roommate or live where other older people live. Make sure you enjoy living where you live.

14. Do not stop your hobbies. If you don't have a hobby, try to start new ones. You can travel, hike, cook, read, dance. You can adopt a pet, grow a garden, play cards etc. You can paint, volunteer, etc. Find something you like and have fun with it. If you can't afford to travel, go visit different places around the city or close by.

15. Sometimes you may get invitations to baptism, graduations birthdays, weddings, and conferences. Try to go to some of them to mingle with other people. It is important to be around people. One good and positive place can be at church, temple, etc. The more you go out the less, you will feel lonely or sad, or depressed. Go to museums or walk through a field. Just get out and move around.

*Happy Thanksgiving*



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!

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