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SAN ANTONIO TRIP ON DECEMBER 2ND & 3RD

Our first bus had problems and we had to wait for another bus to arrive. Finally, we left around 8:30 and headed to San Antonio for a great time. First stop was at El Mercado Market Square where we had lunch and explored the many shops there. Then, we headed to Best Western Alamo to check in. Our rooms were huge and we had king size beds. We even had couches to sit on to watch TV or just to relax. Then, our bus dropped us off at Marriott River Center for river cruise and mall shopping. We selected a place of our own preference for dinner. After meeting at the Marriott River Center, the bus departed at 8:30 pm to bring us back to our Hotel. The next morning, we had a delicious breakfast. Then, we departed at 8:45 am for Witte Museum. We explored all the floors and it was very interesting. There were beautiful pictures on display showing what life was like back in the old days. Also, we saw Mummies. It was very interesting reading about them. Many of us went to the H-E-B Science Tree House. That is where we learned about science and had fun experimenting with simple machines. LASERs, sound, water power, and weather. Then, we went on to Waterworks & Little Tree House where we explore the environment. We learned how to move and divert water, one of the most important resources in South Central Texas. Some of us went into "Circus Folk: Secrets Behind the Big Top". The exhibit drawn from the Witte's famous Hertzberg Circus Collection is one of the largest and most impressive collections of circus art and artifacts in the world. They came from every corner of the world--some were born into it, others ran away to join it--but no matter the reason, they became circus folk, a family creating magic in a traveling tent show. We arrived safely home after a very enjoyable trip.

The top 3 pictures and first picture on bottom left below are from the River Center's cruise. The bottom 3 pictures on the right are from Witte's Museum.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 1, 2010 (Friday)



Happy New Year in 2010 to all our members. The board wishes you a Healthy New Year, too. Be sure to take precautions if attending a party on December 31st. Have a great time at the parties! If you plan to drink, please make sure you limit the amount and/or have someone else who doesn't drink drive you safely home. Do be careful driving out after midnight as we never know if there is a Drunk Driver out on the road or not.

January 5, 2010 (Tuesday)



Positive Interaction Program (PIP) will have a presentation on "Family Violence, Domestic Abuse". The meeting is held at Woodhaven Baptist Church for the Deaf, 9920 Long Point, Houston, TX at 7:30 PM. Door prizes! Interpreter and captioning are provided. Officer James Sobota is responsible to set these meetings up to benefit us. Anyone can contact him at james.sobota@cityofhouston.net.

January 8, 2010 (Friday)



Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will take a trip here in Houston, TX. Everyone needs to be at Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church, 9920 Long Point Rd., Houston, TX by 8:15 AM as the Bus will leave by 8:45 AM. We will stop at John P. M. Govern Museum of Health and Medical Science (\$7) and Holocaust Museum (\$1 for donation). Please contact Gertie Sessions at 281-249-5284 (VP) or Julie Spaulding at 281-249-5276 (VP) for more information.

January 8, 2010 (Friday)



ASL Social will meet at Old Hickory Inn Barbecue, 5427 S. Braeswood Blvd. @ Chimney Rock, Houston, TX 77096 from 4:00 PM till 9:00 PM. Let's meet and enjoy chatting with your old & new friends. Check their website at www.sweettomatoes.com. Any questions, please e-mail to Ear' Johnson at ejohnson127@comcast.net for more information.

January 8, 2010 (Friday)



Houston Hand Talk Social will be at First Colony Mall in Food Court, 16535 Southwest Fwy., Sugarland, TX 77479 from 5 PM till 9 PM. This is a fun way to meet people that are learning ASL. Let's meet and enjoy chatting with old and new friends. Any questions, please e-mail Roger Spivey at spivey39@yahoo.com.

January 9, 2010 (Saturday)



Deaf Houston Latino will meet at Memorial City Mall in the Food Court, 900 South Gessner, Houston, TX 77007 from 4 PM till 9 PM. For more information, please contact Rafael Gonzalez at lalacake25@tmail.com. Come and chat with old and new friends.

January 12, 2010 (Tuesday)



Chief's Citywide "PIP" will be held at 1600 State St. 4th Floor, Houston, TX. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM. Interpreter and captioning will be provided. Contact Officer James Sobota at 713-308-9079 (Voice), 713-308-9073 (FAX), or 713-308-9071 (TDD). His email address is james.sobota@cityofhouston.net

January 13, 2010 (Wednesday)



Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will have their business/social meeting at West Gray Adaptive Recreation Center, 1475 West Gray, Houston, TX 77019 at 9:00 am till 1:00 pm. Please bring your games to play or play our games and bring your friends to have a great time. To become a member of our organization, you must be 60 years old and fill in a form with Rochelle Simpson.

January 21, 2010 (Thursday)



Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will have a fellowship and potluck at Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church at 9920 Long Point Rd. from 9 am till 1 pm. If you wish to bring a covered dish, contact Evelyn Autry at 713-984-8186 TTY or Jenice Wells 281-442-8015 TTY or 281-249-5251 VP and let them know what you plan to bring. If you do not bring food, please bring \$5 to help cover the cost of providing food.

January 22, 2010 (Friday)



ASL Social will be at Lucky Village Chinese Restaurant, 10755 Westheimer, Houston, TX 77042 from 4:00 till 9:00 PM. Check out the website at www.romanoshouston.com for menu and directions. Let's meet and enjoy chatting with your old & new friends. Any questions, please e-mail to Earl Johnson at ejohnson127@comcast.net.

January 23, 2010 (Saturday)



Deaf Houston Latino will meet at Steakcountry Buffet, 1010 Antoine Dr., Houston, TX 77055-7607 from 4 PM till 9 PM. For information, please contact Rafael Gonzalez at lalacake25@tmail.com. Come and chat with old and new friends.

January 25, 2010 (Monday)



Joe's Banquet Center, 1300 East Hwy. 6, Alvin, TX 77511 will provide free meal for Seniors from 6 AM till 10 AM. It is free on the last Monday of each month. However, you have to pay for your drinks.

January 27, 2010 (Wednesday)



Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will have their business/social meeting at West Gray Adaptive Recreation Center, 1475 West Gray, Houston, TX 77019 at 9:00 am till 1:00 pm. We will have Kathy Walters back from CRR to speak to us. Please bring your friends to hear this Speaker.

DONATIONS & NEWSLETTER DUES

Donations to Houston Deaf Senior Citizens Love Fund and Newsletter:

Melvia Nomeland, thanks for your generous donation to HDSCLF.

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

RENEWAL SUBSCRIBERS:

Thank you for your renewal: M/M A. B. Beckham, Earl & Melva June David, Carroll Frazier, M/M Gordon Gibbons, Rennie & Marcia Green, Doris Mae Jameson, Brenda Mills, Melvia Nomeland, Doris Roswell, Tennie Sessions, Marchie Settles, Steve Sirois, Phyllis Smith, and Billie Jean Strickland.

NEW SUBSCRIBER: Welcome to our new subscribers - Cynthia Graham, a gift subscription from Zelma Curbello, Houston Center for Independent Living, and Judy Roe, a gift subscription from her mother, Lorena Bubeck.

Zelma and Lorena, thank you for your generous gifts.

NEWS

Nathan Pustka, Brenham Boy With Autism is A Musical Genius

Received email from his Father, Stephen Pustka

My son is amazing! He is playing piano and a song. CBS network contacted us and wants me, my son Nathan, and my daughter Vickie to fly out to New York on Dec. 19th to film Nathan playing piano on The Early Show !!! This is AMAZING!! Thank you, Stephen Pustka

Wanda Carr

Submitted by Lavern Fair



Wanda Carr from Brandon, Fl is visiting with her daughter Sally in the Woodlands, TX. They came to Woodhaven Baptist Church for the Christmas play. Her husband RALPH was deceased a few years. She plans to stay with her children a few months before she go home in Fl next summer. She has 4 children.



How Many of These Did YOU Know About?

Submitted by friend, Irma Mills

(1) Use Empty toilet paper roll to store appliance cords. It keeps them neat and you can write on the roll what appliance it belongs to. (2) For icy door steps in freezing temperatures: Get warm water and put Dawn dish washing liquid in it. Pour it all over the steps. They won't refreeze. (Wish I had known this!). (3) Permanent marker on appliances/counter tops (like store receipt BLUE!): try rubbing alcohol on paper towel. (4) Whenever I purchase a box of S.O.S Pads, I immediately take a pair of scissors and cut each pad into halves. After years of having to throw away rusted and unused and smelly pads, I finally decided that this would be much more economical. Now a box of S.O.S pads last me indefinitely! In fact, I have noticed that the scissors get 'sharpened' this way! (5) Blood stains on clothes? Not to worry! Just pour a little Hydrogen Peroxide on a cloth and proceed to wipe off every drop of blood. (6) Spray a bit of perfume on the light bulb in any room to create a lovely light scent in each room when the light is turned on. (7) Spray your TUPPERWARE with nonstick cooking spray before pouring in tomato based sauces and there won't be any stains. (8) When boiling corn on the cob, add a pinch of sugar to help bring out the corn's' natural sweetness. (9) Cure for headaches: Take a lime, cut it in half, and rub it on your forehead. (10) Now look what you can do with Alka Seltzer...(a) Clean a toilet by dropping in two Alka Seltzer tablets. After twenty minutes, brush and flush. (b) Clean a vase to remove a stain from the bottom of a glass vase or cruet. Fill with water and drop in two Alka Seltzer tablets. (c) Polish jewelry. Drop two Alka Seltzer tablets into a glass of water and immerse the jewelry for two minutes. (d) Clean a thermos bottle. Fill the bottle with water and drop in four Alka Seltzer tablets. Let soak for an hour (Or longer, if necessary). Baking Soda works just as well! (e) Unclog a drain. Clear the sink drain by dropping three Alka Seltzer tablets down the drain followed by a cup of Heinz White Vinegar. Wait a few minutes and then, run the hot water.

DeafNation Expo in Dallas/Fort Worth

From their Website at deafnation.com

This event will be held on Saturday, April 24, 2010 at Will Rogers Memorial Center in Central Texas Room, 3401 W Lancaster Ave., Fort Worth, TX 76107. Free Admission. It will be opened from 9:00 am till 6:00 pm.

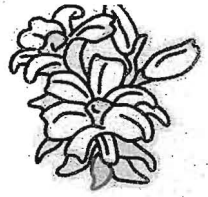
Almond Bark Cookies by Margie Scribner

In the microwave, melt 2 packages of white almond bark. Add 1 cup of creamy peanut butter. In a separate large bowl, mix together 4 cups of Rice Krispies, 2 cups of mini marshmallows, and 2 cups of chopped nuts. Pour melted almond bark in the mixture. Drop by teaspoonful into waxed paper. Leave until set. Make approximately 6 doz. You may freeze them if you want to.



REST IN PEACE

OBITUARY



Helmut Carl Quiram Jr. was a member of Dallas Deaf Seniors (Dallas Action Center) for many years. He was a member of Lutheran church for many years. He was vice president of deaf seniors of Dallas Action Center. He was born on October 13, 1933 and passed away on December 10, 2009. Preceded in death by parents, Helmut & Amanda Quiram. Survived by Wife, Erna; Daughters, Taffy Patison & husband Mark, Linda Daniels, Tammy Steward & husband Jerry, Dorothy Mollins & husband Clyde, Karla Brower & husband John; Sons Gary Ewing, Tony Quiram & wife Teri; Grandchildren, Nelson Kieffer, Jr., Mindy Corson & husband Mark, Liana Daniels, Brian Mairret & wife Haidy, Matthew Mairret, Bryce Leigh, Laura Leigh,

Brandi Quiram, Olivia Mollins, Karlissa, Krista & John Kaleb Brower; Great-grandchildren, Trey, Micheal, Jessie & Alyssa Corson, Thanos Mariet; Sisters, Nathalie Smith & Dolores Reed & husband Herb. Services were held at 2:00 pm on 12/12 at David Clayton & Sons Funeral Home. Interment was followed at Little Bethel Memorial Park. Submitted by Roger Williamson (Email: rogerella8@aol.com)

PICTURES

Texas School for the Deaf track team went to Louisiana School for the Deaf for the track meet in Spring 1964. Here's the picture of four TSD girls' maiden name: Cynthia Graham, Mary Jo Boeer, Mamie Atkins, and Monica Ulkie. They got award for first place in the 440 relay



And here's another picture: (TSD) Mary Jo Boeer, (LSD) Collin Wax, (TSD) Monica Ulkie, and (LSD) Thelma Scanlan (head bent down) at the campus of LSD track meet in Spring 1964.

Submitted by: Thelma (Scanlan) Covello



I wonder how many of you can guess who this young lady is. Can you guess? She is someone that is very involved with the Houston Deaf Senior Citizens. She has 4 children and 7 grandchildren. See the answer in the "Editor's Message".

JOKE

Two elderly ladies had been friends for many decades. Over the years, they had shared all kinds of activities and adventures. Lately, their activities had been limited to meeting a few times a week to play cards. One day, they were playing cards when one looked at the other and said, "Now don't get mad at me....I know we've been friends for a long time, but I just can't think of your name! I'vee thought and thought, but I can't remember it."

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

I made an error in the December newsletter when I announced who won first and second places in the Costumes judging for the men. First place was Earl Coleman and second place was Bubba Lorenz. Sorry for the confusion. Smiling.....

If you guessed Audrey Leger, pat yourself on the back! Smiling.....

If you have any information, jokes, recipes, event, pictures, sports, or news that you want me to publish, please send them to me by the 15th of each month. My E-mail address is nmorris726@gmail.com or you can mail to me at 15335 Falmouth Ave., Houston, TX 77084-1412.

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I wish you and your families a HEALTHY & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Nancy Morris, Editor



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