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Jim Dermon as the Field Trip Director

Special thanks to Patti Sah, Mary Ann Ryba, Cathy Simerka, Yvonne Butler for serving Christmas luncheon.



HDSCLF Christmas Lunch December 13, 2023 By Yvonne Butler

Wednesday, December 13. HDSCLF began with a video presentation compiled by Colleen Manning, daughter of Diane and Kevin Finnegan. She has been working as a FNP (Family Nurse Practitioner). Her video was for her quality improvement project to fulfill her doctoral degree at the Cizik School of Nursing. She is enrolled for her Doctor of Nursing Practice degree (DNP). She chose to help the deaf community understand the importance of Advanced Directives to protect our rights to our preferred medical treatments when we cannot make decisions. We do appreciate the work she is doing for the deaf community. She will graduate in December 2024.

Congratulations to Colleen!

We had a nice lunch catered by Olive Gardens and delicious cake. The day was lovely with a lot of people. I think there were about 60 people there. Some of them wore cute Christmas shirts. The board members passed out Solar Lantern/flashlights to us. Thank you, board members, for the beautiful lunch and gifts.

There was a raffle for several "I Love You" shaped hand sculptures and one Santa Claus shirt. The winners are Dennis Smith, Rosa Saucedo (she got two of them at different times), Thurman Amerson, Patsy Walker, Lee Morgan, Jorge Enriquez, Yvonne Butler, Crystal Jackson, and MaryAnn Ryba (she got the Santa Claus shirt). Congratulations to all of them!

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Field Trip to Danevang, TX, December 5, 2023

By Yvonne Butler



On Tuesday, December 5, 2023, on a beautiful and good day, we went to Danevang, TX; Danevang is located about 8 miles southeast of El Campo. The Danish people founded it many years ago. Danevang means "Danish Fields."

On a personal note, Larry and I enjoyed it so much because it was all about the history of the Danish people. My husband's paternal grandmother was Danish, and his paternal grandfather was Norwegian. I do love true history stories.

When we arrived, we were escorted to the beautiful and aged Lutheran Church building to sit on the wooden pews. This speaker introduced himself and explained that he was, in fact, half Danish. In the 1850s, he explained how about 150,000 Danish people migrated to North America to escape war and look for better economic opportunities. A group of them later moved down to where they founded Danevang. These people were farmers. They started farming grain, but it was unsuccessful, so they tried cotton, which was a success.

They started a community center by having each farmer donate one bale of cotton. Later, they built a Lutheran Church. The church

there now has only five Danish people left. Many moved away for different reasons. The church building now allows people from other denominations to worship there.

1945 a hurricane destroyed the church, and the heavy bell on top fell on the floor. It was rebuilt. The community center was blown about 30-40 feet away. The people in Danevang had to go to Palacios, TX, where a military base was located, to ask them for help to rebuild the community center.

Next, after this History lecture, we went to the Heritage Museum, where they served us a delicious meal of Danish food: meatballs, carrots, potatoes, beets, cucumber, bread, and gravy. They also served us dessert, which was different but still good. Then, we moved to another area to watch a 15-minute video about Danish history. Then we were allowed to look around the museum. Some of us bought some stuff from there.

Overall, it was a lovely day, peaceful and enlightening.



<u>Sitting</u>: LeRoy Bookman, Patti Sah, Jeanne Hilferty, Larry Hilferty, Celia Lasry, Dominique Parisi, Fred Simerka <u>First Row</u>: Lee Morgan, Susie Mouat, Dennis Smith, Wanda Andrew, Christine Johnson, Yvonne Butler, Nancy Morris, Jose Ybarra, Bernadette Duffey, Cristina Rodriguez, Lee Rodriguez, Christine Klenert

<u>Back Row</u>: Jorge Enriquez, Jan Dermon, Jim Dermon, Sidney Gilland, Robby Laws, Kathy Laws, Ann Hornbeak, Bill Hornbeak, Larry Butler, Lawrence Coleman









several "I Love You" shaped hand sculptures and one Santa Claus shirt. Delicious Olive Garden Buffet

Field Trip—Saturday, January 20, 2024







Crocodile Encounter—
 Angleton, TX

- Sea Center-Texas— Lake Jackson, TX
- Lunch at Dairy Bar—On Your Own

Cost: \$10 (60 & Up) \$15 (59 & Under)

Meet at the South Parking Lot behind Memorial City Mall at **8:45 am** Bus leaves at **9:00 am**

> <u>Contact Jim Dermon</u> <u>936-828-4013</u>

Deadline: 1/10/2024

Field Trip—Monday, February 12, 2024



Alley Log Cabin & Tool Museum

- Colorado Courthouse
- Dilue Rose Harris House
- Water Tower
- Santa Clause Museum
- Largest Live Oak in Texas



Lunch on Your Own

Cost: \$5

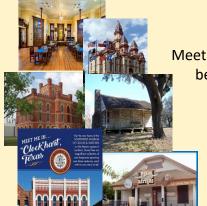
Meet at the South Parking Lot behind Memorial City Mall at 8:30 am Bus leaves at 9:00 am

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All Day Field Trip—Visiting Lockhart, TX—Saturday May 11, 2024

- Dr Eugene Clark Library
- Caldwell County
 Courthouse
- Caldwell County Jail Museum
- Brock Cabin
- The Southwest Museum of Clocks & Watches
- Texas Hatters



Cost: \$5

Meet at the South Parking Lot

behind Memorial City Mall at **6:00 am** Bus leaves at **6:30 am**

> Contact Jim Dermon 936-828-4013

Deadline: 5/1/2024



Lunch On Your Own

Social Meeting — 2nd Wednesday of the month: 01/10

Field Trip 2024: Saturdays—1/20, 2/12, 3/16, 4/13, 5/11, 6/15

For Social Meeting:

The Area Agency on Aging will come on January 10, 2024, and speak to us at 10:00 AM. Then, Officer James Sobota will arrive at 1:00 PM to talk to us for 30 minutes.

On February 14th, Rick Harris will be speaking at 10:00 AM.

HDSCLF OVERNIGHT TRIP—Corpus Christi

April 16 & 17, 2024

Cost: \$140 Per Person* — Lunch and Dinner On Your Own

Price Includes:



USS Lexington Museum



Texas State Aquarium



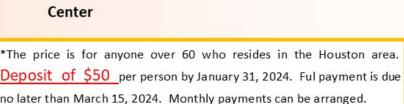
USS Lexington Museum

Best Western Corpus Christi

· Texas State Aquarium

After April 1, 2024 is non-refundable.

 South Texas Botanical Gardens and Nature Center





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Padre Island National Seashore

Check, money order, or **Zelle** (through your bank)
Payable to HDSCLF, Memo: "Overnight Trip 2024"
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 131072, Spring, TX 77393
Credit Card payment would be arranged, preferably through VP.

Anyone under 60 is to contact Jim Dermon at 936.828.4013 for pricing. For reservation, call Christine Johnson at 979.413.5014.



To all Deaf Senior Citizens:

If you want a Fire Alarm for your home or apartment, please attend our meeting on **Wednesday, January 10, 2024**. I will pass out the fill-in application for you to complete and give to me. I will turn in all the applications at once that day.

Thanks, Nancy Morris



Houston's First Deaf Church will celebrate 100 years of Deaf ministry on March 9th, 2024. The guest speaker will be Donnie Wiltshire. Please join us in celebrating with our former pastors.

When:

Saturday, March 9, 2024 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Where:

Houston's First Baptist Church 7401 Katy Fwy Houston, TX 77024



To register online, please go to tinyurl.com/hfbc100 or fill out the form below and mail it to HFDC.

100TH Anniversary Semi-Formal Luncheon—1924—2024 Registration Per Person								
Address:	City/Zip:							
Phone/VP	Email:							
HFDC Luncheon — Early Bird Due: January 31, 2024 \$30.00								
HFDC Luncheon — Final Cost Due: Mar	ch 2, 2024 \$40.00							
Memory Book—\$30.00								
Memory Book at the Door—\$50.00 including shipping								
Mail this form with a check or money ord Houston's First Deaf Church, 946 W 17th S MEMO: 100TH Registration	. ·							
For more information contact Chairperson John F or Christine Johnson—christenej								



Houston's First Deaf Church had its annual Christmas drama "That Special Night" on December 2nd and 3rd, written and directed by **Kathy Adegboye and Abel Yarrito!** Great job by the cast and directors!

Our senior citizens were in the drama—Tommy Langham as the shepherd, Debra Wolds as the angel, Christine Johnson as the innkeeper/angel, and Ann Hornbeak as the angel.





Tidbit Newsletter



Renewals:

Wilbur Wright, Bernadette Duffy, Robert/Linda Purvis, Brian/Jackie Kilpatrick, Sidney Gilland, Enedelia Gonzalez

New Subscribers: Jorge Enriquez, Tammie Mitchell **Donations to Project Love Fund:** Jorge Engiquez, Margo Jarreau

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

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