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*Photograph by Jan Dermon*

**Front:** Troy Graham, Rochelle Simpson, Mary Ann Ryba, Dennis Smith  
**Middle:** Margaretta Graham, John Holland, Gertie Sessions, Margo Jarreau, Patsy Walker, Christine Johnson, Nancy Morris, Judy Lorenz, Nancy Owens, Rachelle Guidry  
**Back:** Cesar Torres, Paula Szablowski, Sheri Crabtree, Jim Dermon, Zane Owens, William Lambert



*Photograph by Larry Glasscock*



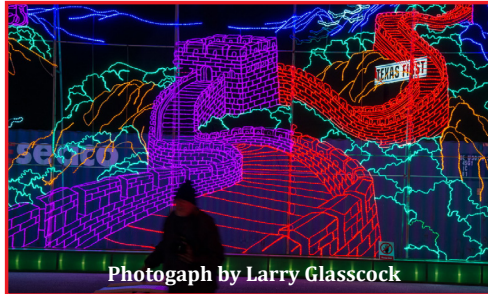
## HDSCLF'S Trip to Alvin (First Stop) and La Marque (Second Stop)

On December 8th, 25 seniors rode the bus to Joe's Barbeque Company in Alvin for an early dinner. The food was delicious! Everyone enjoyed their meals there. Then, we headed to Gulf Greyhound Park in La Marque to view Magical Winter Lights. This was a Chinese Lantern Festival, which began about 2,000 years ago, during the Han Dynasty. It's believed the festival was meant to celebrate the "declining darkness of winter," the ability to move through the dark with human-generated light. There were beautiful lights everywhere. The weather was in the 40's along with light rain. But we enjoyed the walk. Several other seniors arrived, too to join us. Then, we headed to Bucee's where we ordered Hot Chocolate or Coffee to warm us up.

*Submitted by Nancy Morris*



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Thank three guest speakers from Sorenson for coming by at the HDSCLF event on Wednesday, December 14th. Each of them explained what new product “nTouch VP 2” is about. Built specifically for Deaf communication, they have pushed the limits of imagination to bring you a videophone (VP) that offers dazzling design, remarkable clarity & brilliant technology. Also thank them for giving out some delicious pizzas.



Patsy Walker wants to thank patrons for bringing holiday cookies.

**Note:** If you already have an ntouch VP, you do not need to apply for an ntouch VP2 upgrade. We will contact you when the ntouch VP2 is being installed in your area.

Check out <http://www.sorensonvrs.com/ntouchvp2>



Thank HDSCLF for giving out sixty nine sets of oven mitt and pot holder to our HDSCLF patrons and visitors. Kathy Smith and I enjoyed helping like Santa’s elves. Thank Kathy.

*Submitted by Judy Becker*



# Registration Form

## 14th Biennial Deaf Seniors of America

### Houston, TX

### April 2—9, 2017

www.dsa2017houston.org



### Registration Policy and Information

**NOTE:** Please read the following policy and information carefully before signing.

**PAYMENTS:** You can register using a personal check, cashier's check or money order. Make checks payable to HDSCFL/ DSA 2017 Houston. After February 02, 2017, no personal checks will be accepted.

**DO NOT SEND CASH BY MAIL.**

**CONFIRMATION:** A confirmation letter with ID number assigned to you will be emailed or mailed after payments are received. Please indicate your ID number in all correspondence with Registration Coordinator. Driver's license or personal identification card is required to be presented at the conference registration booth.

**RETURNED (BOUNCED) CHECKS:** Service fee is \$30.00. Your registration will be processed after payment of the service fee and paid check.

**CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS DUE TO HOSPITALIZATION OR DEATH:** Registration form is non-refundable after February 02, 2017. There are two exceptions— hospitalization or death. In case of hospitalization after February 02, 2017, we will deduct 50% of your paid registration form and \$20 DSA membership dues for 2017-2019. We require an appropriate medical document. If you cancel before February 02, 2017 due to doctor's order, the regular cancellation refund formula as shown below will be used. In the event of registrant's death, we will refund registration in full to the family after we receive a copy of death certificate or an obituary notice. We must receive all requests for refund no later than May 09, 2017.

**NON-TRANSFERABLE:** Registration form is not transferable. If it is sold or exchanged by any unauthorized parties prior to or during the conference, it will not be honored.

**LOST BADGES/WRISTBANDS:** Processing fee for lost badges and/or wristbands is \$150. This fee is not refundable if found.

**MAILING ADDRESS/E-MAIL ADDRESS/VIDEOPHONE NUMBER/TEXT NUMBER:** If there are any changes to your contact address or numbers, please notify the Registration Coordinator as soon as possible.

### Cancellation Refund Formula

VALUE PRICE	BEFORE 03/02/16	BEFORE 09/02/16	BEFORE 02/02/17	AFTER 02/02/17
\$250	\$200	\$143	\$105	NO REFUND
\$300	\$250	\$175	\$130	NO REFUND
<del>\$250</del>	<del>\$200</del>	<del>\$143</del>	<del>\$105</del>	<del>NO REFUND</del>
\$400				NO REFUND

Note: The \$20 DSA membership dues for 2017-2019 are not part of your refund.

### Conference Registration Includes:

- Registration fee
- DSA Membership dues for 2017-2019
- Pre-conference information and updates
- Program book
- Admission to exhibits, workshops, meetings, reception and banquet (gala) with entertainment
- Daily conference newsletters

Date	Check/MO
Amount paid must match date amount due.	
<del>August 23, 2015 – December 31, 2015</del>	<del>\$250</del>
<del>January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016</del>	<del>\$300</del>
<del>July 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016</del>	<del>\$250</del>
January 1, 2017 — AT DOOR	\$400

Please print clearly. (one form per person)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

VP: \_\_\_\_\_ Text Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment Method and Checkout:

- Check  Cashier's Check  Money Order  
(Payable to HDSCFL/DSA 2017 Houston)

By signature, Registrant agrees to abide by Conference rules/regulations, and agrees HDSCFL & DSA are not responsible for safekeeping of, damage to, or loss of any personal property under control of Registrant. Registrant hereby agrees to hold harmless the HDSCFL and DSA, their contractors, their employees/volunteers from all cost, injury & damage incurred by any of the above, and from any other injury or damage to any person or property, any of which is caused by an activity, condition or event arising out of the performance, preparation for performance or nonperformance of any provision of this agreement by Houston Deaf Senior Citizens Love Fund, Inc. (HDSCFL) and Deaf Seniors of America, Inc. (DSA).

I have read and understand the terms outlined on this form.

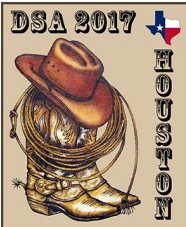
Signature (required): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I give DSA 2017 Houston conference committee permission to list my name on the website. Yes  No

For more information about registration, contact:  
Yvonne Butler  
DSA2017Reg@gmail.com

Mail this form with payment to HDSCFL/DSA 2017 Houston:  
P.O. Box 130705  
Houston, TX 77219-0705



# Events & Tours

## Order Form (Per Person)

**Deadline: February 2, 2017**

[www.dsa2017houston.org](http://www.dsa2017houston.org)



<b>Name:</b>	<b>ID #</b>
<b>Email:</b>	<b>VP:</b>
<b>Free Events:</b> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="width: 24%;"> <input type="radio"/> <b>Monday, April 3</b> Deaf Seniors Got Talent         </div> <div style="width: 24%;"> <input type="radio"/> <b>Tuesday, April 4</b> Welcome Reception         </div> <div style="width: 24%;"> <input type="radio"/> <b>Thursday, April 6</b> Country Dancing         </div> <div style="width: 24%;"> <input type="radio"/> <b>Friday, April 7</b> Comedy Show         </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="width: 24%;"> <input type="radio"/> <b>Wednesday, April 5</b> Fiesta &amp; Live Auction         </div> <div style="width: 24%;"> <input type="radio"/> <b>Thursday, April 6</b> Deafies in Drag Show         </div> <div style="width: 24%;"> <input type="radio"/> <b>Saturday, April 8</b> Gala Banquet         </div> </div>	
	<b>Total</b>
Golf (Monday)—\$55.00	
Red Hat Luncheon (Wednesday)—\$55.00 <input type="radio"/> Chicken <input type="radio"/> Vegan	
Sports Luncheon (Thursday)—\$55.00 <input type="radio"/> Beef Fajitas <input type="radio"/> Chicken Fajitas <input type="radio"/> Pulled Pork	
HOUgo (Friday)—\$20.00	
<b>Monday Tours</b>	
<input type="radio"/> Houston: Above & Below ..... 8:00 am—1:30 pm..... \$35.00	
<input type="radio"/> Austin: Capitol of Texas ..... 7:00 am—7:00 pm..... \$70.00	
<input type="radio"/> Casino Golden Nugget ..... 7:30 am—5:00 pm..... \$35.00	
<input type="radio"/> Galveston Pyramids ..... 8:00 am—5:00 pm..... \$95.00	
<input type="radio"/> Historical Galveston..... 7:30 am—4:30 pm..... \$95.00	
<input type="radio"/> NASA Space Center Immersion ..... 7:30 am—3:30 pm..... \$90.00	
<input type="radio"/> Beaumont: Oil Boomtown ..... 8:00 am—4:30 pm..... \$60.00	
<input type="radio"/> Texas Prairie Drive ..... 7:00 am—5:30 pm..... \$70.00	
<b>Tuesday Tours</b>	
<input type="radio"/> Houston: Above & Below ..... 8:00 am—1:30 pm..... \$35.00	
<input type="radio"/> Experience Sam Houston Life ..... 7:00 am—4:30 pm..... \$60.00	
<input type="radio"/> Galveston Pyramids ..... 8:00 am—5:00 pm..... \$95.00	
<input type="radio"/> George Ranch Historical Park ..... 8:00 am—2:00 pm..... \$75.00	
<input type="radio"/> Highlights of Houston ..... 9:30 am—2:30 pm..... \$55.00	
<input type="radio"/> Historical Galveston..... 7:30 am—4:30 pm..... \$95.00	
<input type="radio"/> NASA Space & Beyond..... 8:00 am—5:00 pm..... \$110.00	
<b>NO REFUNDS AFTER 2/2/2017</b>	<b>Total</b>

**Payment Method and Checkout:**

- Check     Cashier's Check     Money Order  
(Payable to HDSC/LF/DSA 2017 Houston)

Any Questions: [dsa2017business@gmail.com](mailto:dsa2017business@gmail.com)

**Mail this form with payment to**

**HDSC/LF/DSA 2017 Houston**  
**ATTN: EVENTS & TOURS**  
P.O. Box 130705  
Houston, TX 77219-0705



# Craft Classes

**Deadline: March 2nd**



www.dsa2017houston.org

ID#:	Name:
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<p><b>Sip &amp; Paint</b></p> <p>Wednesday, April 5 9:00 AM— 11:00 PM</p>		<p>Cost:</p> <p>\$30.00</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p>\$</p>
<p><b>Iris Folding Card</b></p> <p>Thursday, April 6 9:00 AM—11:00 AM</p>		<p>Cost:</p> <p>\$10.00</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p>\$</p>
<p><b>Two Candle Holders</b></p> <p>Thursday, April 6 2:00 PM— 4:00 PM</p>		<p>Cost:</p> <p>\$20.00</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p>\$</p>
<p><b>Ripple Afghan</b></p> <p>Friday, April 7 2:00 PM — 4:00 PM</p>		<p>Cost:</p> <p>\$15.00</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p>	<p>\$</p>
<b>Total</b>			<p>\$</p>

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  Cashier's Check  
  Money Order  
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 Any Questions: [dsa2017business@gmail.com](mailto:dsa2017business@gmail.com)

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**ATTN: CRAFTS**  
 P.O. Box 130705  
 Houston, TX 77219-0705



# Day Pass Registration Form

## 14th Biennial Deaf Seniors of America

### Houston, TX

### April 3—8, 2017

www.dsa2017houston.org



Please print clearly. (one form per person)

Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
E-Mail Address:		
VP:	Text Number:	
<b>Payment Method and Checkout:</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Cashier's Check <input type="checkbox"/> Money Order <input type="checkbox"/> Cash (Payable to HDSCFL/DSA 2017 Houston)		
By signature, Registrant agrees to abide by Conference rules/regulations, and agrees HDSCFL & DSA are not responsible for safekeeping of, damage to, or loss of any personal property under control of Registrant. Registrant hereby agrees to hold harmless the HDSCFL and DSA, their contractors, their employees/volunteers from all cost, injury & damage incurred by any of the above, and from any other injury or damage to any person or property, any of which is caused by an activity, condition or event arising out of the performance, preparation for performance or nonperformance of any provision of this agreement by Houston Deaf Senior Citizens Love Fund, Inc. (HDSCFL) and Deaf Seniors of America, Inc. (DSA).		
I have read and understand the terms outlined on this form.		
Signature (required): _____		
Date: _____		
I give DSA 2017 Houston conference committee permission to list my name on the website. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		

**\*Tours and Events, please use Tour Order Form**

	Total
<b>Monday, April 3</b>	
Registration	○
Talent Show	\$50.00
*Tours (Extra)	
<b>Tuesday, April 4</b>	
Registration	○
Exhibits	\$100.00
Welcome Reception	
*Tours (Extra)	
<b>Wednesday, April 5</b>	
Registration	○
Exhibits & Workshops	\$100.00
*Red Hat Luncheon (Extra)	
Fiesta & Live Auction	
<b>Thursday, April 6</b>	
Registration	○
Exhibits & Workshops	\$100.00
*Sports Luncheon (Extra)	
Drag Show or Dancing	
<b>Friday, April 7</b>	
Registration	○
Exhibits & Workshops	\$100.00
*HOUGO (Extra)	
Comedy Show	
<b>Saturday, April 8</b>	
DSA Forum	○
DSA General Meeting	Free
<b>Saturday, April 8</b>	
Registration	○
Happy Hour Cocktail	\$150.00
Gala Banquet (Deadline: March 2nd)	
DSA Membership (2017—2019)	\$20.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	

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Day Pass Registration  
PO Box 130705  
Houston, TX 77219—0705**

**Renewals**

Judy Becker, Barbara Carter, Barbara Davis, Karon Dugan, Don/Fung Hahn, Marlene Hanks, Nancy Morris, Steven Sirois

**In Memory of:**

Christine McKinnion (Nancy Morris)  
Gus Curbello (Nancy Morris)

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

Thanks again for your kindness.

Jim Dermon  
HDSCFLF Treasurer



**Board of Directors**

Don Hahn, Larry Butler, Jim Dermon  
Judy Becker, Patsy Walker

**HDSCFLF MEETING/SOCIAL**

@ Metropolitan Multi-Service Ctr.

The HDSCFLF meeting will be held on second Wednesday every month, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

For more information, contact:  
Larry Butler  
HDSCFLF President

**Board of Directors:**

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Check one of the following:

**e-Subscription:** \$10.00 per year X \_\_\_\_\_ year(s) = \$\_\_\_\_\_.00  New  Renewal

Gift subscription from (who) \_\_\_\_\_ (\$10.00 per person for 1 year)

Donation to HDSCFLF \$\_\_\_\_\_ in memory of \_\_\_\_\_ (Tax deductible)

Donation: \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the Houston Deaf Senior Citizens Love Fund. (Tax deductible)

**PLEASE PRINT:**  **CURRENT ADDRESS**  **NEW ADDRESS**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (DOB: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_)

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ (DOB: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_  VP,  TTY or  Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Require)

Anniversary:  
\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Make payable to **HDSCFLF** and mail this form with personal check or money order to Houston Deaf Senior Citizens Love Fund, Attn: Treasurer, P. O. Box 130705, Houston, TX 77219-0705. Thank you.

**OFFICE USE ONLY:**  Cash  Money Order  Check  
(in a person) # \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_  
Receipt # \_\_\_\_\_





### HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAY

Eric Emmons  
Paula Szablowski  
Virendra Desai  
Kathy French



**Roger J. Spivey**  
1939 – 2016

**Jenice Wells**  
1942 – 2016

### January Birthday

- 2 Dinah McKenzie
- 7 Virginia D. Duncan
- 8 Patsy Walker
- 21 Mickey McKenzie  
Dennis Smith
- 28 Bubba Lorenz
- 31 David Garcia

*Thank You!*  
*Patrons, donors, and volunteers*  
*for generous contributions in 2016.*

**Happy New Year!**

Greetings Folks,

I want to wish you all a happy holiday and a Happy New Year!

This year we have been getting more and more busy with DSA planning. The DSA 2017 Houston Conference will happen on April 2-9, 2017.

As you all know Jan Dermon has retired from being our Tidbits Editor and we appreciate all the work she has done for us. I am now happy to announce that Judy Becker has agreed to be our new editor. I am confident that Judy will do an excellent job as our Tidbit Editor. Thank you Judy for taking up this BIG responsibility of gathering news to keep us informed about various things.

**IMPORTANT REMINDER!!!** We will not have our usual monthly meeting in January because so many will be gone on the cruise. We will continue meeting monthly in February.

During our February 8 meeting, Purple will be presenting to us about their VP products. They will also provide lunch for us.

Larry Butler  
HDSCLF President

Send some news, an announcement (newborn baby, birthday, anniversary, obituary), and color photos to me before or on 15th day of each month. Thanks!

**Judy Becker**, Editor of HDSCLF Tidbits

**Email:** [hdsclf8web@gmail.com](mailto:hdsclf8web@gmail.com)