

SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP DEAF SERVICES

DEAF LINE

APRIL 2002



NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK (April 21 - 27, 2002)

Schaumburg Township Disabled Services has volunteers helping our disabled residents year round. Deaf Services salutes the following Deaf volunteers who have given generously of their time to serve the needs of the community by volunteering to grocery shop for a Deaf senior couple, assembling Deaf Line newsletters, and helping out during the picnic and holiday parties.

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Schaumburg Township is always looking for volunteers to do a variety of duties like folding newsletters and flyers, helping during the events/parties, and much more. You can volunteer a few hours per month. If you would like to volunteer, contact Kitty Molander, Volunteer Coordinator, at 847-884-0030 V or 847-884-1560 TTY.



SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP'S ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

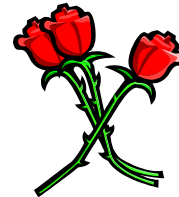
Schaumburg Township's Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2002, in the Activity Center. It will include the final public hearing on the Road and Bridge budget at 7 p.m. The Town & General Assistance public hearings will be at 7:15 p.m., followed by the Annual Town meeting at 8 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend and a sign language interpreter will be provided. For more information, contact Sarita Phadke at 847-884-1560 TTY or sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org Email.



EMERGENCY LIGHT BULB

The Schaumburg Township Human Services Fund (HSF) is making available to the Township's disabled and senior households a special light bulb, **Emergency Beacon**, which can be used to signal a need for help in the home. This bulb will function as a regular one in the porch or yard light fixture, but becomes a flashing light with two flips of the light switch. When it flashes, it alerts the neighbors of an emergency situation and helps to pinpoint the location of the home for police, fire, and rescue personnel. The HSF is working with the Township's Disabled Services and Senior Services Departments in the distribution of the Emergency Beacon. It will be sold at a cost of \$5 each (suggested retail price is \$19.95). If interested, make the check payable to the Schaumburg Township Human Services Fund. All proceeds go to the HSF Senior/Disabled Bus Replacement Fund.

Important: The Emergency Beacon is NOT a substitute for dialing 9-1-1 and should not be used in non-emergency situations. For more information, call 847-884-1560 TTY or 847-884-0030 V.



OUR CONDOLENCES

Fred Ullrich (Deaf) passed away on February 28th, 2002, at the age of 90. Fred had attended some Township events – the last one was the holiday party for the disabled adults in December 2001. Our condolences go to his wife, Alma Ullrich, children, grandchildren, and a great grandchild. Fred will be missed by many people.

NEW COMMISSION MEMBERS

Three new members were chosen for the Illinois Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission, appointed by the Governor. They are: Ronald Delvisco of Springfield, Todd Hlavacek of St. Charles and Ronald Sipek of Quincy. They replaced Tom Benziger, John Miller and Barb Sims who finished their terms in November 2001. Other commission members are Marion Dramin, Loretta McKenzie, Harmon Menkis, Jill Sahakian, Amy Blough, Mary Clark, Ralph Sesko and Darrell Washington.

OUR THANKS

Schaumburg Township Deaf Services would like to thank **Kathy Dmochowski**, Education & Outreach Specialist of Chicago Hearing Society, for her wonderful presentation on Domestic Violence on March 8th. Kathy explained many issues on Domestic Violence and showed the videotape, "Anywhere, to Anyone" which explained the story of 4 deaf couples in different abusive relationships. Many people learned a lot. Thanks, Kathy!



MOTHER FATHER DEAF DAY

Children of Deaf Adults (CODA) celebrate Mother Father Deaf Day by honoring their Deaf parents and recognizing the gifts of culture and language they get. That day falls on Sunday, April 28th, 2002.

CHS' NEW VICTIM ASSISTANCE COUNSELOR

Chicago Hearing Society (CHS) has a new Victim Assistance Counselor, **Jenni Ewald**. Prior to this job, Jenni worked for Addiction Recovery of the Deaf (ARD) for 2 years and Thresholds Bridge for 3 years. Her BA degree in Psychology is from Northern Illinois University. There are a variety of violent crimes - rape, sexual abuse, robbery, mugging, assault, break-in, child abuse, domestic violence, neglect and abuse. If you or someone you know is Deaf or Hard of Hearing and has been a victim of any crime, contact Jenni at CHS. Jenni provides free and confidential services such as counseling, crisis intervention, assistance with reporting the crime to authorities, advocacy and assistance in locating a shelter, etc. Jenni can be reached at 773-248-9174 TTY; 773-248-9121 V; JEwald@anixter.org Email.



HINSDALE SOUTH EVENTS

Hinsdale South High School is hosting two events:

- **College & Transition Night** will be held on Wednesday, April 3, 2002, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. There will be representatives from major colleges, universities and Chicago Area Deaf Agencies and Services. The keynote session will be "ADA – 10 Years Later" by Bob Mather who is an Attorney. In addition, there will be other sessions – "What is O.R.S.?" and "Your Rights as a Deaf Adult".
- There will be a play about **the "Deaf President Now"**. The students will perform a play about the first Deaf president of Gallaudet University in 124 years. This show will be held on Friday, April 19th and Saturday, April 20th, at 7:30 p.m., at the High School Auditorium. The admission fees are \$5 (adults) and \$3 (students). Tickets are sold at the door.

Both events will be held at the Hinsdale South High School, 7401 Clarendon Hills Road, Darien, IL. For more information, contact Candy Butler at 630-887-1730 x340 V; 630-887-7366 TTY; cbutler@district86.k12.il.us Email.



DANCE CONCERT

ICODance (International Center on Deafness & the Arts) presents "Emotions", a dance concert with interpreted song and dance. It runs April 5-7, 2002, at CenterLight Theatre, 3444 Dundee Road, Northbrook, and April 12-14, 2002, at the Vittum Theater, 1012 N. Noble, Chicago. This concert will be held on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 3 p.m. The rates are: \$10 (adults); \$9 (seniors & students); \$8 (child). For more information, call 847-559-9493 TTY; 847-559-0110 x237 V; 847-559-8199 Fax.



DEAF ACCESS PROGRAM AT SINAI HOSPITAL

Deaf Access Program at Mt. Sinai Hospital in Chicago, is the program that ensures the Deaf and Hard of Hearing accessibility to the hospital. There are doctors who can sign and interpreters are available when one goes for specialty care like lab tests or X-ray. In addition, there is a public TTY in the hospital lobby and all televisions are equipped with closed captioning.

- **Teri Hedding:** Is Deaf and works as a Manager of the Deaf Access Program. She makes sure that the Deaf community has full access to the hospital and educates the staff about Deafness and its culture.
- **Dr. David Ebert:** Is an Internal Medicine Doctor who knows sign language and works with Deaf and Hard of Hearing adults. He works at Mt. Sinai Hospital and also Schwab Center (Anixter Center). He also has an office on 55th and Grand Boulevard.
- **Dr. Michael Lotke:** Is a Pediatrician who works with Deaf and Hard of Hearing children and also sees hearing children of deaf parents. He works in the Kling Building.
- **Dr. Gary Kaufman:** Is a signing doctor who works with both deaf and hard of hearing adults and children and also hearing children of deaf parents. He shares the office with Dr. Ebert in the Kling building.

Mt. Sinai Hospital opened a new clinic for the Deaf on the north side of Chicago. **Dr. Gary Kaufman** is the doctor for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing patients and is at that clinic every Tuesday. His office will be at Health First Medical Centers, 2655 Peterson Avenue, Chicago. To make an appointment, call 773-271-7730 TTY or 773-271-8880 V. All insurance programs are accepted (HMO, PPO, Medicare and Medicaid).

The following numbers to call for making an appointment are:

- Internal Medicine - 773-257-5040 TTY; 773-257-6840 V
- Pediatrics – 773-257-6060 TTY; 773-257-6892 V

There are 2 full-time interpreters on site:

Cinderella Branch and **Tracy Duffing**. They are available whenever a deaf patient needs X-ray or any specialized service. If you need an interpreter, call 773-257-6289 TTY.

There are mental health services for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing.

- **Catherine Ortiz:** Is a Manager of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program in Sinai Psychiatry and Behavioral Health.
- **Dr. Suzanne Burley:** Is a Deaf Psychologist who works with both adults and children.
- **Denise Klibanow (Pip):** A Hearing mental health therapist who knows sign language.
- **Meredith Kiss:** A Hard of Hearing therapist working with deaf people.

To make an appointment to see a therapist, call 773-257-6959 TTY; 773-257-5300 V.

Mt. Sinai Hospital now has a **Deaf Senior Club** for those ages 55 and up. This club meets every month with Dr. Gary Kaufman who talks about different medical topics like flu, heart attacks, strokes, diabetes, cancer, etc. The seniors get to meet old and new friends and refreshments are served. If you are interested in joining the club, call Teri Hedding at 773-257-6289 TTY.

If you are interested in getting a free Deaf Access Program quarterly newsletter, call 773-257-6289 TTY and leave your name and address.

NEW MAILING ADDRESSES

Chicagoland Black Deaf Advocates (CLBDA) has a new mailing address:
P.O. Box 7840
Chicago, IL 60680-7840

Email: chicagolandbda@aol.com

TDI'S 2002 BLUE BOOK

Telecommunications for the Deaf, Inc. (TDI)'s 2002 National TTY Directory and Resource Guide book or the Blue Book is out. This book has many TTY listings from the United States, Canada, Europe, Asia and South America. In addition, it includes fax numbers, email addresses, websites, pagers and instant messaging. This book also has useful information about telecommunications Access, Media Access and Policy/Advocacy. The 2002 Blue Book is available for sale at the price of \$20 plus shipping. For more information, call TDI at 301-589-3006 TTY; 301-589-3786 V; 301-589-3797 Fax. Check the website: www.tdi-online.org



DCIL'S WORKSHOPS

DuPage Center for Independent Living (DCIL) is hosting **educational monthly workshops** at the DCIL office, 739 Roosevelt Road, Building 8, Suite 109, Glen Ellyn, IL., 7 to 9 p.m.

- April 29th – Alcohol Awareness Month by Joseph Riggio, Assistant Manager of Addiction Recovery for the Deaf (ARD).
- May 20th – ASL Linguistics Programs by Edna Johnston, Professor at Columbia College, Chicago.



In addition, DCIL has started its **monthly craft workshop** – last Wednesday of the month at the Episcopal Church of Our Savior, Elmhurst, 7 to 9 p.m. There is a minimal cost for materials, anywhere from free to \$5. Participants must RSVP one week before the workshop to ensure enough materials. RSVP with a telephone number and request for a sign language interpreter to call Sara Bianco Riggio at 630-469-2300 V/TTY or email her: sarabiancoriggio@aol.com.

CHECK OUT LICA'S WEBSITE

Low Incidence Cooperative Agreement (LICA)'s website is up and running. The address is www.lica.k12.il.us

You can find information on:

- LICA program in general
- Literacy for deaf and hard of hearing kids
- Email addresses of LICA staff
- Dates of upcoming Friends of LICA events, board meeting, etc.
- Links to other deaf/hard of hearing-related sites.
- Much more...

(The LICA Chronicle, February 2002)

NEDSRA'S NEXT PROGRAMS

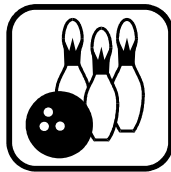
Northeast DuPage Special Recreation Association (NEDSRA) is offering activities for Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals such as:

- **Splashtastic Fun** (Saturday, April 6th, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.) – For ages 4 to 12 years Deaf, Hard of Hearing, their families & friends. Swim at the indoor Schaumburg Waterworks with 3 large pools, and 4 water slides. Meet at NEDSRA in Addison. The cost is \$14. Deadline is March 22nd.
- **Morton Arboretum** (Sunday, May 5th, 1 to 5 p.m.) – For all ages Deaf, Hard of Hearing & families. Spend the afternoon walking through the wooded trails and open prairies in the fresh air. Meet at NEDSRA, Addison. The cost is \$5. Deadline is April 19th.
- **Chicago Sightseeing Tour** (Thursday, May 16th, 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.) – It is for those who are 50 years & older. Take a Chicago skyline architectural cruise for 90 minutes. After the cruise, head to Water Tower Place and explore the city skyline. First, meet at the Episcopal Church in Elmhurst. The cost is \$35 including transportation and boat tour ticket. Bring extra money for lunch. Deadline is April 26th.

All NEDSRA programs are open to anyone, regardless of where they live. For more information or to get a free catalog, call Pam Clohesy at 630-620-7477 TTY; 630-620-4500 V; 630-620-4598 Fax; pamcloh@aol.com Email.

EVENTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

- **Open Gym** – on Friday, April 12th, 4 to 9 p.m., at Hersey High School, Arlington Heights. Play sports and meet old and new friends. Cost is \$5 including pizza. If interested, send the registration form and money by April 5th – no late registration is accepted. To get a form or for more information, contact June Prusak at 773-248-9174 TTY or Jprusak@anixter.org Email.
- **4th Annual Transition and Leadership Workshop** – on Friday, April 26th, at Wheaton Park District Community Center. Edna Johnston will speak on “Your Identity as a Deaf Person” from 8:45 to 11 a.m. Then there will be team course activities, including a lunch cook out, from 11 am to 3 p.m. It is sponsored by Chicago Hearing Society and Midwest Center for Postsecondary Outreach site at Harper College. For more information, contact Denise Kavin at 847-925-6424 TTY; dkavin@harper.cc.il.us Email or June Prusak at 773-248-9174 TTY; Jprusak@anixter.org Email.



BI-ANNUAL DEAF BOWLING CLASSIC

Chicagoland Illinois School for the Deaf Alumni Association (CISDAA) will host its Bi-Annual Handicap Deaf Bowling Classic (tournament event) on Saturday, May 18, 2002. It will be held at the Brunswick Zone/Brunswick Woodridge Entertainment, 1555 W. 75th Street, Woodridge, IL. It is for any Deaf or Hard of Hearing person who wants to compete in bowling. There are prizes for the winners. The entry fee for men's division is \$42 and for women's division is \$40. To get the entry form or for more information, contact Pamela Wojcik at 773-589-9764 Fax or jinx23@aol.com Email.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sunday, April 7 – **Daylight Saving Time** begins (Adjust your clocks & watches one hour ahead)
- Tuesday, April 9 – **Annual Town Meeting** at SCH TWP Activity Center, 8 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 10 – **Diabetes Support Group** at SCH TWP, 1:30 - 3 p.m. (RSVP needed – Call 847-884-0030 V or 884-1560 TTY)
- Monday, April 15 – **Last day** to file for Income Tax
- Wednesday, April 24 – **Township Board meeting** at SCH TWP, 7:15 p.m.

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