



DEAF LINE

APRIL, 2004

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

(April 18- 24, 2004)

Schaumburg Township Disability Services has volunteers helping our disabled residents year round. Deaf Services salutes the following volunteers who have given generously of their time during 2003 to serve the needs of the community by assembling Deaf Line newsletters, and helping out during the picnic, holiday parties and meetings.

- * Phyllis Ackermann
- * Annie Brown
- * Vicki Lynn Gratzke
- * Trisha Phadke
- * Diane Wilson
- * Rick Axelrod and Clients from Behavioral Health Services at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center, Chicago, IL
- * Wanda Bjerregaard
- * John Czajka
- * Cindy Kermath
- * Eileen Rozborski
- * Jenny Bratanch
- * Jan Dubberley
- * Anil Phadke
- * Charlyne St. Leger

Thank you so much, Volunteers!

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, ext. 2022 Voice, 847-884-1560 TTY, 847-884-0039 Fax or kmolander@schaumburgtownship.org Email.

TOWN HALL MEETING

Schaumburg Township's **Annual Town Meeting** will be held on Tuesday, April 13, 2004, 7:30 p.m., in the Activity Center. 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, 847-884-0039 Fax or sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org Email.

FROM THE DEAF SERVICES COORDINATOR

- Good news! I am now working full-time here at Schaumburg Township, effective March, 2004. To make an appointment, contact me at 847-884-1560 TTY, 847-884-0039 Fax, or sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org Email.
- I would like to thank **Eileen Rozborski** for taking over during my vacation in India. She did a wonderful job - assisting clients in all ways and organizing the office. Thanks, Eileen!

~ Sarita Phadke, Deaf Services Coordinator ~



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM ITAC

- If you are interested in getting a CapTel, call the ITAC (Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation) office at 1-800-841-6167 V/TTY to get an application.
- If a person, who is already in the ITAC program, wishes to change to a CapTel from a TTY, he/she should write a letter to ITAC saying "Change his/her certification from TTY to CapTel". He/she then signs and puts the date on the letter and send it to ITAC (no fax or email).
- CapTel Calling Tips:
 - * **Calling from TTY to CapTel** - Dial 711 and give the CA (Communications Assistant) the CapTel Service # 877-243-2823. Then give the CapTel user's phone number.
 - * **Calling from Voice to CapTel** - Dial 877-243-2823 and give the CapTel user's phone number.
 - * **Calling from CapTel to TTY** - Dial 711 and then give the TTY number to a CA.

Besides CapTel, ITAC will add amplified phones to the voucher program, which is expected to start in the July/August timeframe.

NEW IDHHC DIRECTOR

John Miller has been selected as the new Director of the Illinois Deaf & Hard of Hearing Commission (IDHHC) effective March 1, 2004. John brings to the Commission many years of knowledge and experience advocating for individuals with a hearing loss in both the public sector and state government. Prior to this job, John had worked for several agencies: Central Illinois Center for Independent Living (CICIL) as a Deaf Services Coordinator, Program Director, and Executive Director in Peoria; Jacksonville Community Center for the Deaf as a Executive Director in Jacksonville; Dept. of Human Services in the Division of Rehabilitation Services as the Manager of services for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing in Springfield. In addition, John has volunteered his time serving in many Deaf organizations, including being an IDHHC Commissioner for several years. Congratulations, John!

NEW ACCOUNTS MANAGER

In February, Sprint hired **Emma Danielson** from New Jersey as a new Accounts Manager for the Illinois Sprint Relay. Born Deaf, Emma attended the American School for the Deaf in CT, and then a mainstreamed school in Philadelphia. She graduated from Penn State University with a degree in Business Management. Emma worked at AT&T for eight years. She then worked at two different non-profit organizations serving Deaf & Hard of Hearing individuals before she became a case manager for a hospital in northern NJ. Emma can be reached at 1-877-698-5520 TTY, 217-698-3853 Fax, or emma.danielson@mail.sprint.com Email.



MOTHER FATHER DEAF DAY

Sunday, April 25, 2004, is **Mother Father Deaf Day** when the Children of Deaf Adults (CODA) honor their Deaf parents and recognize the gifts of culture and language they receive from them. For more details regarding the planned event on April 25th, contact the CODA President, Lisa Callsen, at 847-537-5334 V/TTY.

VRS STATION AT CHS

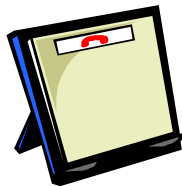
The Chicago Hearing Society opened a Video Relay Service (VRS) station at the CHS office in Chicago. Anyone is welcome to use the station to make any VRS call to anywhere in the United States, at no cost. The station hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The opening of the station is made possible through the generous support of Sprint, which donated the TV and i2eye web camera. For more information, contact Carrie Foster at 773-248-9174 TTY or cfoster@anixter.org Email.

(Deaf News from WGCIL, March/April 2004)

SHIP PROGRAM

Schaumburg Township's Senior & Disability Services Departments now have trained SHIP (Senior Health Insurance Program) volunteers who can do individual health insurance counseling sessions with Township residents only. This program is sponsored by the Illinois Dept. of Insurance.

- They can organize and assist you with Medicare & Medicare Supplement claims and paperwork.
- They can educate you about Medicare, Medicare Supplement Policies, Long Term Care Insurance, and other insurance issues.
- They are prepared to assist you in making an informed decision about purchasing a Medicare Supplement insurance policy.
- Counselors are available by appointment – call 847-884-0030 ext. 2025 V or 847-884-1560 TTY.
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VIDEOPHONE DIRECTORY

DeafVP.com is a videophone directory, which has a listing of videophone users in USA. It is an easy way to find other videophone users to communicate with. You can browse the listing of videophone users by the person's last name. In addition, there is a map showing how many users have signed up in each state. If you already have a videophone (Sorenson, D-Link, or any other videophone) and would like to get your name on the listing, go to the website: www.deafvp.com and sign up for free. For more information, you can email mfoster@servworks.com.



UPCOMING CONFERENCES

- Chicago Catholic Ephpheta (Chapter 10) will host the **Midwest Regional Conference of the International Catholic Deaf Association** on April 23 – 24, 2004, at the Ramada Plaza O'Hare Hotel, 6600 N. Mannheim Road, Rosemont, IL. There will be a general meeting, workshops, and a banquet. For more information, contact the following people: Brian Swatek – 847-259-0672 TTY; 847-259-0651 Fax; bri88usa@aol.com Email or Kathleen Kush – 630-887-9472 TTY; 630-887-8850 Fax; kush8002@aol.com Email
- **Deaf Way Illinois II – “Our Culture, Many Faces”** will be held this year on May 20 – 23, 2004, at the Holiday Inn O'Hare International, 5440 N. River Road, Rosemont, IL. There will be several workshops, exhibits, a film festival, art gallery, a gala, entertainment, and children's activities. There are combo packages, daily packages, and combo rates at the door. Check out www.deafwayillinois.org for more information. If you have no computer access, call Sara Bianco Riggio at 630-469-2300 TTY; sarabiancoriggio@aol.com Email or Joanne Murbach at 630-653-2024 TTY; smurbach@rcn.com Email.
- The **3rd Biennial Great Lakes Deaf-Blind Conference (GLADB)** will be held on June 14-18, 2004, on the campus of the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota. This conference is open to all Deaf-Blind delegates, support service providers, observers, family members, local workers, and exhibitors of USA, Canada, and other International countries. Priority will be given to Deaf-Blind delegates from the following states: MN, WI, MI, IL, IN and OH. There will be meetings, workshops, exhibits, a banquet, silent auctions, tours, and much more. There are registration fees for different people. For more information on early bird rates and others, contact Lynette Boyer or Kathie Anderson at GLADBMN2004@peoplepc.com Email.

SUMMER CAMPS FOR THE DEAF & HARD OF HEARING

- **Sports Camp for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing:** Sponsored by the Illinois School for the Deaf, this camp is limited to the first 30 students in grades 5 to 8. The campers will have the opportunity to improve communication and in socialization skills and practice good sportsmanship while improving their skills in various games and activities. It will be held June 20 – 25, 2004, at the Illinois School for the Deaf (ISD) in Jacksonville, IL. For an application, contact Wendy Daniel, Athletic Director, at 217-479-4214 V/TTY; 217-479-4244 Fax; dhsrspb@dhs.state.il.us (Email).
- **Camp Sign** – The Chicago Park District offers a 6-week summer day camp program for Deaf and Hard of Hearing children, ages 6 – 12. Activities will include swimming, indoor ice-skating, arts and crafts, field trips, fishing, games & sports, cook-outs, and much more. It will be held June 28th to August 6th, 11am – 6pm. For more information, contact Sarah Faber at 773-478-2609 V or 773-478-3374 TTY.
- **47th Annual Camp Lions**– Hosted by Lions of Illinois Foundation. Will be held at various places: East Bay, near Bloomington, Dixon, and DuBois, IL. The camps are for Vision & Hearing Impaired: Helen Keller Adult Camp (June 13-19); Hearing Loss Camp ages 7-17 (June 27-July 3); Youth Camps for various locations and for ages 7-17 (July 11-17; July 18-24; July 25-31; August 1-7). All camps offer horseback riding, swimming, archery, water & team sports, hiking, crafts, and other activities. There is no cost, but a refundable deposit of \$15 is required. The application deadline is May 30th. For more information, call Alan Wilson of the Lions of Illinois Foundation at 1-800-955-5466 V, 1-800-933-3937 TTY, or adwilson@tbc.net Email.
- **Indiana Deaf Camps Foundation** – There are three different camps for Deaf & Hard of Hearing Children, Teens and Families. These will be held at the Camp Alexander Mack on a beautiful Lake Waukee, Indiana. For more information, call 317-571-4258 TTY; 317-846-3404, ext. 305 V; deafcamps@hotmail.com Email. You can view www.deafcamps.org
- **Camp Mark 7** - Camp Mark 7, located in Old Forge, NY, offers many diverse programs for Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Hearing individuals of all ages. There are several programs: July 25 to August 6 for Deaf Youth & Children (ages 9 - 15); June 27 – July 9 for Hearing Youth of Deaf Adults (ages 13 - 16); July 11 - 23 for Hearing Children of Deaf Adults (ages 9 - 12). There are also programs for adults and senior citizens such as Silent Week, Family Week & ElderCamp. For more information, call 585-381-5930 TTY/Fax (Until May). After that, call 315-357-6089 TTY/V; 315-357-6403 FAX. Check the website: www.campmark7.org.
- **NAD Youth Leadership Camp (YLC)** – This camp is for Deaf & Hard of Hearing students (9th-11th grades). The camp offers leadership skills, team building, outdoor activities and group dynamics. It also focuses on literacy, social studies, health, drama, deaf culture, language, heritage, current issues, & much more. It will be held July 18 - August 15, 2004, at Sertoma Camp Endeavor in Dundee, Florida. For fees, deadlines, and more information, contact Jennifer Yost, Youth Programs Coordinator, at 301-587-1789 TTY; 301-587-1788 V; 301-587-1791 Fax; Nadyouth@nad.org Email. Check the website: www.nad.org/YLC
- **Aspen Camp School for the Deaf** – There are four summer sessions for those aged 8 to high school – Discovery & Fun, Exploration & Cooperation, Arts & Innovations and Adventure & Leadership. These help build skills and provide quality experiences for personal growth in the areas of responsibility, leadership, decision-making, independence, and self-esteem. For more information, call 970-923-2511 V/Fax; 970-923-6609 TTY; camp@acsd.org Email. Check its website: www.acsd.org for dates of sessions, fees, and registration deadline.
- **Holley Family Village** – Located in a country setting on a lake in Brooklyn, Michigan. There are camp sessions for Deaf and Hard of Hearing children, Hearing siblings, Deaf children with one or more disabilities and families. For more information, call 517-592-2389 TTY or 517-592-8218 V/Fax. Check www.desales.org.



DEAF DAY AT THE FLYERS GAME

Blackwell School in Schaumburg invites the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community to Deaf Day at the Schaumburg Flyers Baseball game. Deaf, Hard of Hearing & Hearing students from Blackwell School will have an exciting opportunity to sign and sing the National Anthem. The game will be held on May 21, 2004, and will start at 7:05 p.m., at the Alexian Field, 1999 Springinsguth Road, Schaumburg, IL. The cost for the tickets is \$6.50 per person/child over 3 years. Kids under 3 are free. If you are interested, contact JoAnn Kort: JoannKort@sd54.k12.il.us Email.

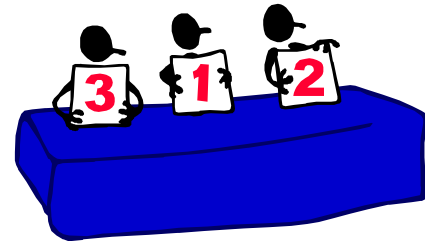


FUN EVENTS

The Chicago Hearing Society Youth Program is hosting two events for Deaf and Hard of Hearing children and high school students

- **“Save A Life” Course** for Deaf & Hard of Hearing kids, ages 11 – 16 years, on Saturday, April 17th, 10 am to noon, at the CHS office, 2001 N. Clybourn Ave., 3rd Floor, Chicago. They will learn how to identify common safety hazards, do CPR, the Heimlich maneuver, basic First Aid, & how to interview for babysitting jobs. The cost per child is \$10. The deadline to sign up is April 9th.
- **“Friday Night Open Gym”** for High School students only, on Friday, April 16th, 6:30 – 10 p.m., at Hersey High School, 1900 E. Thomas, Arlington Heights. They will play basketball games, other sports, and meet new and old friends. The cost per student is \$5 including pizza/pop/snack. The deadline to sign up is April 12th.

The registration forms can be found under www.chicagohearingociety.org (Youth Program). For more information, contact June Prusak at 773-248-9174 TTY or Jprusak@anixter.org Email.



MIDWEST ACADEMIC BOWL

The High School Academic Bowl, sponsored by Gallaudet University, will be held April 1-3, 2004, at Hinsdale South High School, 7401 Clarendon Hills Road, Darien, IL. During the Academic Bowl, teams compete against each other in answering questions on a wide variety of subjects. The participating teams from Illinois are: Hinsdale South High School (Darien), Illinois School for the Deaf (Jacksonville), John Hersey High School (Arlington Heights), Tinley Park High School (Tinley Park), and Whitney Young High School (Chicago). The states included are Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and Wisconsin. You can find the teams from other states on the website: <http://academicbowl.gallaudet.edu>. For general information, contact Kate Kubey at kkubey@cityofchicago.org

NEW ADDRESS

Illinois Families for Hands & Voices now has a new mailing address and email address:

Illinois Families for Hands & Voices
P.O. Box 9366
Naperville, IL 60567-9366
Email: support@ilhandsandvoices.org
Brochures and a website will be available soon.

There will be a Parent Night - “Experiencing the Journey of Raising Deaf & Hard of Hearing Children” - where parents meet for a night of open discussion and socializing. This event will be held on April 3, 2004, 7 – 9 p.m., at Will Grundy Center for Independent Living, 2415-A West Jefferson Street in Joliet. If you would like to be added to the mailing list for any upcoming events, send an email with your name, address, phone number and email address.

(Sent by Karen Putz, via Deaf Illinois News, February 26, & March 2, 2004)

TERRYLENE'S SHOWS

Terrylene's shows are coming to Chicago. Terrylene is a famous actress in films, tv, and theater. Her signed story about her real life keeps you on the edge of your chair. You can choose from the following dates:

April 15th – "Afterimage" film, 7 p.m. (release date is July 17, 2004)

April 16 – "In the Now" – One woman Deaf show at 8 p.m.

April 17 – "Afterimage" at 3 p.m. and "In the Now" at 8 p.m.

Tickets for "Afterimage" screening: \$15 for general audience & \$10 for students/senior citizens.

Tickets for "In the Now": \$20 for general audience & \$15 for students/ senior citizens.

For tickets or location, contact Melvin Patterson at deafmickey@mac.com Email. You can also contact Antoinella Abbamonte-Plantinga, Gary Etkie, Tim Mahoney, Drucilla Ronchen, Raymond Rodgers, or Debby Sampson.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNIES

Want to help people? Mental Health & Deafness Rec., Inc., located in the northern suburbs, works with children and adolescents who are Deaf and have emotional and behavioral difficulties. They are looking for motivated people to work full-time or part-time evenings, weekends, and overnight shifts in their group homes and hospital programs. Among the requirements are sign language skills and transportation. If interested, fax your resume to Gail Fisher at 847-509-8157 or email: mhdrinc@earthlink.net.

LOGOS NEEDED

Two clubs are sponsoring logo contests to create a logo for their clubs.

Chicago Club of the Deaf (CCD) - Bring your artwork to the CCD Board meeting in Chicago on April 9th, 6:30 p.m. in which the board will select three finalists. The members will vote on one at the general meeting on April 27th. The winner will be awarded \$200.

Aurora Club of the Deaf (ACD) – Bring your artwork on April 10th at 7 p.m. to the North End Tap, 83 Hankes Avenue, Aurora. The artwork must include "ACD". The winner will win a prize.

The Deaf Line newsletter is free. If you, or someone you know, would like to receive this monthly newsletter, contact Sarita Phadke at 847-884-1560 TTY, 847-884-0039 Fax, or sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org Email.

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Schaumburg Township is a Full Service TTY Regional Center for the Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation (ITAC) Program (Distribution, Training, Repair & Exchange)

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sunday, April 4 – **Daylight Saving Time** begins (Turn your clocks & watches one hour ahead)
- Tuesday, April 13 – **Annual Town Meeting** at SCH TWP, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 14 – **Diabetes Support Group** at SCH TWP, 1:30 - 3 p.m. (RSVP – Call 847-884-0030 V or 847-884-1560 TTY)
- Thursday, April 15 – **Last day** to file for Income Tax
- Sunday, April 25 – **Mother Father Deaf Day!**
- Wednesday, April 28 – **Township Board meeting** at SCH TWP, 7:15 p.m.



