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APRIL, 2006

SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP'S ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Tuesday, April 11, 2006,
7:30 p.m.

At Schaumburg Township,
One Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates, IL.

Township Supervisor, Mary Wroblewski, the Township's Trustees, and key employees will provide the 2005 annual report information from each department. Come and find out what is planned for the future of the Township. A sign language interpreter will be provided. For more information, contact Sarita Phadke at 847-884-1560 TTY/VP, 847-884-0039 Fax or sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org Email.



NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK (April 23- 29, 2006)

Schaumburg Township Deaf Services would like to thank the following volunteers who have given generously of their time during 2005 to serve the needs of the community by assembling Deaf Line newsletters, and helping out during the picnic, holiday parties and meetings.

Phyllis Ackermann
Donald Balsitis
Marie Balsitis
Wanda Bjerregaard
Jenny Bratanach
Annie Brown
John Czajka

Jane Delulio
Jean Fitzpatrick
Cindy Kermath
Anil Phadke
Eileen Rozborski
Charlyne St. Leger
Diane Wilson



Thank you so much, Volunteers!

Schaumburg Township is always looking for volunteers to help with a variety of projects .You can volunteer a few hours per month. If interested, contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Kitty Molander, at 847-884-0030, ext. 2022 Voice, 847-884-1560 TTY, 847-884-0039 Fax or kmolander@schaumburgtownship.org Email.

WHAT IS CDHHCC?

Have you heard the word "**CDHHCC**" buzzing all over Chicago? If not, read on.

The acronym stands for Chicago Deaf & Hard of Hearing Cultural Center. The Cultural Center is a non-profit organization, planning a capital campaign that will promote and provide access to serve the individuals of the Deaf & Hard of Hearing community.

Its mission is to further enhance the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community's culture with the creation and expansion of opportunities in arts, social and recreational activities. They aim to encompass general public participation to recognize and be part of a culture that enriches the understanding / respect for the Deaf culture and to build a solid foundation for collaboration and mutual respect within the community.

Through education, awareness and preservation of Deaf culture, this also includes people who are Hard of Hearing, Deaf-Blind and late deafened. This will sponsor the artistic, social and recreational events of all classes and ages of Deaf & Hard of Hearing persons.

For the past two years, there were fundraising events that promoted cultural appreciation: Windy City Deaf Idol 2005, a Deaf version of the nationally aired TV show, "American Idol "; nationally known Deaf actor Terrylene's One-Woman Show titled "My Father's Hands: Touching Lives of Others through ABC Cards", and her film titled "After Image". Both of her solo performance and film have been receiving raving reviews.

The Cultural Center consists of the following specifically designated committees: building/programs, finance/operations, communications outreach, fundraising, and government relations. For further details, you may view our announcements usually posted via Deaf Illinois News (www.deafillinois.com) or deafillinois@yahoo.com.

Have you ever dreamed of such a place like this? Naturally, the only way to make the establishment of this culturally rich center is your involvement and help! If you are interested, please keep an eye out for our meeting date/time announcements via either stated websites.

The Steering Committee Members are:

- Marianne Jodie (Chair)
- Antoinette Plantinga,
- Raymond Rodgers
- Drucilla Ronchen
- SooHyun Tak
- Lynn Walter

For any questions/comments or about monetary donations to the Center, email: cdhhcc@yahoo.com

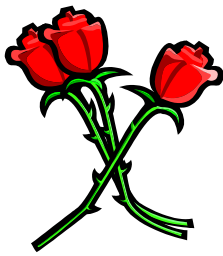
Remember, the Center is FOR YOU ALL!



UPDATES ON ILLINOIS CARES RX (CIRCUIT BREAKER)

- As of January 1, 2006, Illinois Cares Rx (formerly circuit breaker) and the new Medicare drug benefit changed how you get your prescriptions. To fill a prescription, bring your Illinois Cares Rx card and your new Medicare prescription drug plan card to the pharmacy. Through Illinois Cares Rx, you will pay \$2 for generics, \$5 for brand name medications, or \$15 for non-preferred brands and specialty drugs.
- The two plans working with Illinois Cares Rx are United's AARP MedicareRx and the PacifiCare Saver plan. WellCare is the only Medicare Advantage plan that is coordinating with Illinois Cares Rx.
- If you have not received your Illinois Cares Rx card, call 1-800-252-8966 Voice & TTY.

For more information, call Sarita Phadke at 847-884-1560 TTY/VP.



MOTHER FATHER DEAF DAY

Sunday, April 30, 2006, 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.

In honor of this special event, Illinois CODA (Children of Deaf Adults) will host a performance, “**ABABABA – Think Easy**”, on Sunday, April 30, 2006, 2 p.m., at Hersey High School, 1900 E. Thomas Street, Arlington Heights. The two performers will be Alan Abarbanell (with a brand new show), and Dave Eklof (President of International CODA).

The cost of tickets is: \$15 (adults); \$10 (seniors, 60 + up) & children (4-12). All tickets will be \$20 at door. If interested, send the check (payable to Illinois CODA) to Ava Sterling, 777 Happfield Drive, Arlington Heights, IL 60004. Also, include your name and your email address/phone numbers. All tickets will be picked up at the door. For more information, email codainillinois@yahoo.com



ITAC PROGRAMS

Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation (ITAC) has a program that gives out FREE amplified phones/TTY to any Illinois resident with a certified hearing loss, and local phone service. There are four different phones that you can choose from. In addition, there is a CapTel (captioned telephone) that is in the loan program.

Schaumburg Township is one of the ITAC Selection Centers where you can view different phone equipment. Call 847-884-1560 TTY/VP or 847-884-0030 Voice for more information or to schedule an appointment to see a variety of phone equipment.



IDHHC NEWS

- On March 1, 2006, **Kent Schafer** (Deaf) has joined Illinois Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission (IDHHC) as our new Project Coordinator (Intern). Kent has taken 10 semesters at Gallaudet University and transferred to University of Illinois at Springfield to obtain his Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. He is currently working on his Master's of Arts degree at University of Illinois in Human Services with a concentration towards Alcohol and Substance Abuse. Kent has completed 500 hours of internship at Addiction Recovery for the Deaf in Chicago.
- **Tom Benziger** (Deaf) was appointed to serve on the commission by the Governor's office effective March 6, 2006, and expiring on November 14, 2008. Tom is currently working at Access living. He formerly served as IDHHC's Chairperson (1997- 1998) and was reappointed in July 1999 for a 2-year term. He replaced Dr. Loretta McKenzie's expired term.
- The **Commissioner Members** are:
 - Amy Blough (Peoria) – Chairperson
 - Sheri Cook (Murphysboro) – Vice Chairperson
 - Tom Benziger (Woodridge)
 - Jamie Gallo-Weinstein (Grayslake)
 - Jenny L. Singleton (Urbana)
 - Melvin Patterson (Chicago)
 - Ralph Sesko (Lake in the Hills)
 - Renda Gauwitz (Trivoli)
 - Leon R. Devriendt (Moline)
 - Ronald Sipek (Quincy)
 - Dennis O'Brien (Wheaton)
- The next **IDHHC Meeting** will be held on June 1st, 1 p.m., at the IDHHC office, 1630 S. Sixth Street in Springfield.

For more information, call the IDHHC office at 1-877-455-3323 V/TTY or check www.idhhc.state.il.us

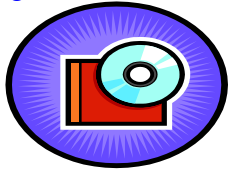


VICTIM RIGHTS AWARENESS NIGHT

Victim Assistance Program from the Chicago Hearing Society (CHS) invites you to **The Victim Rights Awareness Night** on April 25, 2006, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the CHS office, 2001 N. Clybourn, 3rd floor, Chicago. There will be two presenters:

- **Charlie Utz** (Police Officer from Chicago): “How the City of Chicago Police work with the Deaf community”
- **June Prusak** (Youth Services Manager from CHS): “Are you or your child in danger of becoming a victim of cyber crime?”

ASL will in use but there will be voice interpreters. Refreshments will be served. RSVP is needed by Friday, April 21st. For more information, contact Michele Cunningham at 773-248-9174 TTY; 773-248-9176 Fax; mcunningham@anixter.org Email.



20TH CENTURY DEAF CHICAGO STORIES

Bob Paul from Harper College has created **20th Century Stories – Deaf Lives & Experiences** by Deaf natives and recorded their rich stories, histories and memories into video books (DVD & videotape), so that they can be passed from generation to next generation for rich memories. It also includes talks on leadership, sports, employments, clubs and noteworthy events. Also, photos, newspaper clips, and additional information are added. The DVDs are in American Sign Language (ASL) and has English subtitles and no audio. There are 11 stories in 160 minutes.

It is ideal for education, entertainment, linguistic or historical research, and literacy studies. The cost of a 2-DVD set is \$60 including shipping in USA and Canada. Tax is included for Illinois residents. You can mail a check or money order (payable to Bob Paul) to Bob Paul, P.O. Box 643, Streamwood, IL 60107-0643. Allow 4 to 6 weeks for delivery. For more information, contact Bob Paul: sales@chicagodeafstories.com Email.

DEAAC EVENTS

Deaf European American Association of Chicago (DEAAC) will host 2 events:



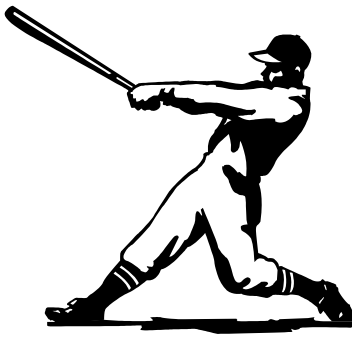
- **International Celebration** on Saturday, April 8, 2006, 6 p.m., at Edelweiss German American restaurant, 7650 W. Irving Park Road, Norridge, IL. The guest honor is Howard Rosenblum. There will be a cash bar (6 p.m.), followed by dinner (at 7 p.m.). In addition, there will be skits, games and door prizes. The cost per person is \$30 before April 2nd, but it will be \$35 after April 2nd. Send a check or money order to Demir Bekiri, 3032 N. New England, Chicago, IL 60634. Include your name, address, email address, and TTY/VP numbers.



- DEAAC has reserved 1st to 4th rows for the “**Blue Man Group**” performance on September 9, 2006, 4 p.m., at Briar Street theatre, 3133 N. Halsted Street, Chicago. The cost per person/child is \$65. There will be no interpreter but the show is full of funny actions. The deadline to submit the payment is May 5th. If interested, send a check or money order (payable to DEAAC) to Dan Vernetti, 4448 N. Newcastle, Harwood Heights, IL 60706. There will be no refunds. After the show, you can attend the **DEAAC Social Night** for free and be sure to show the ticket stub. The social night will be held at Quality Inn, 3801 N. Mannheim Road in Schiller Park.

For both events, proceeds go to the New Year’s party planning. For more information, contact the following people:

- Demir Bekiri: dbekiri7daeap@yahoo.com Email or 773-745-9788 TTY/VP.
- Dan Vernetti: gbp16@tmail.com Pager



Deaf Day at the Schaumburg Flyers Game

Blackwell School in Schaumburg and Schaumburg Township Deaf Services invite the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community to a **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 Friday, May 19, 2006, and will start at 7:05 p.m., at the Alexian Field, 1999 Springinsguth Road, Schaumburg, IL.

The cost for the tickets is \$7.50 per person/child over 3 years. Kids under 3 are free. If you are interested, send a check (payable to Blackwell School) to Sue Longo at Blackwell School, 345 N. Walnut Lane, Schaumburg, IL 60194. The deadline is April 14th. After April 14th, you can contact the Schaumburg Flyers office directly at 847-891-2255 Voice for tickets. The cost will differ and there will be no guarantee of seating in the Deaf section.

For more information or questions, contact Sarita Phadke at 847-884-1560 TTY or sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org Email or Joann Kort at Blackwell School at JoannKort@sd54.org Email.



(Tear off and return this with a check)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Amount Enclosed (\$7.50 per ticket): _____

(Tickets will be mailed to you prior to the game)

Come & Support Deaf Day.... Enjoy yourself!!!

NEW AMPLIFIED CORDLESS PHONE

There is a new Digital Clarity Power – 2.4 GHz cordless phone that provides amplification up to 40dB. Soft sounds are more audible while loud sounds are more bearable. Other features include: 3 customizable tone settings; call waiting and caller ID with 50 names and number history; bright visual ringer in handset and base; adjustable ringer volume; hearing aid compatible and much more. For more information, contact Harris Communications at 800-825-6758 V or 800-825-9187 TTY or check www.harriscomm.com



DEAF HOUSEKEEPERS

There are Deaf/Hard of Hearing housekeepers and some of them are mentioned below:

- **Adriana Lenis:** Can clean anywhere in the Northwest suburbs. For more information, contact Adriana at 847-855-7331 VP (for the deaf) or 866-327-8877 and then give Adriana's number (for hearing people).
- **Ildiko Nyuzo:** Can do the cleaning at your home or business on a weekly, bi-weekly or monthly basis in most of the Chicagoland areas such as Chicago, Schaumburg, Lisle, Wheeling, Lombard, Oak Park, etc. For more information on rates or areas, contact Ildiko at 708-681-6218 TTY/VP/FAX; ildiko68@hotmail.com Email; ildiko68@tmail.com Pager.
- **Bernanda Pava:** Can clean anywhere in the Northwest suburbs. For more information, call 847-342-0148 VP (for the deaf) or 866-327-8877 and then give Bernanda's number (for hearing people).
- **Vaneesa Lee Thurston:** Can do the outside-the-house job such as lawn mowing, taking out the weeds, etc. For more information or rates, contact Vaneesa at harleygirl@airmessage.net Pager.
- **Nelly Vasquez:** Can clean anywhere in the northwest suburbs only. In addition, she can do the manicure/pedicure and massaging. For more information, call Nelly at nellytavc22@tmail.com



HARPER'S 2ND ANNUAL VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

The Harper College Deaf & Hard of Hearing Program hosts its 2nd Annual Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament for High School & College Teams on Saturday, April 22, 2006, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. The cost of admission fees for fans are: \$5 (adults); \$3 (students with ID); Free for children 12 and under, but must be accompanied by an adult. There will be concession stand where food can be purchased.

For more information, contact Debby Sampson at 847-925-6662 TTY, 847-925-6266 Voice or Dsampson@harpercollege.edu Email.



GLDBA BOWLING TOURNAMENTS

The Great Lakes Deaf Bowling Association (GLDBA) Tournaments are approaching closer – April 20 - 23, 2006. Sponsored by the West Suburban Association of the Deaf (WSAD), the events will be held at Stardust Bowl in Addison for men and at Elk Grove Bowl in Elk Grove Village for women. There will be No Tap fun bowl (April 20th), Master & Queen Bowl (April 21st), Team Event (April 22nd), Entertainment (April 22nd), and Double and Single Events (April 23rd). The headquarters are at the Marriott Hotel, 50 N. Martingale Road in Schaumburg. The cost of a combo registration is \$50. The rate for seniors is \$30. If interested, send your payment to Kathy Caron, 1480 Champagne Lane, South Elgin, IL 60177 or pay at the door.

For more information, or a flyer, contact Mike Mangialardo at italymm@juno.com Email or Eileen Rozborski at 847-584-4112 TTY or esroz3@aol.com Email. Check the website: www.wsadeaf.org



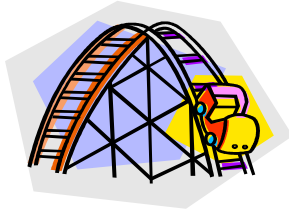
NAD MOVES TO A NEW LOCATION

National Association of the Deaf (NAD) has moved to a new place effective March 27th. The new address is:

NAD
8630 Fenton Street, Suite 820
Silver Spring, MD 20910

The phone numbers remain the same:
301-587-1789 TTY
301-587-1788 V
301-587-1791 FAX

Check the website for more information on political issues or membership: www.nad.org



ANNUAL DEAF & HARD OF HEARING DAY AT SIX FLAGS

The 11th Annual Six Flags Great America Deaf & Hard of Hearing Day, sponsored by Lake County Center for Independent Living (LCCIL) and Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation (ITAC), will be held on Saturday, June 10, 2006, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., at Great America in Gurnee. There will be sign language interpreters at specific shows at designated times.

There are three ways to buy tickets:

- You can order tickets online for \$27 per person. Log on to www.sixflags.com.
 - Enter promotional code “deafday”
 - “Pick a Park” choose: Great America & Hurricane Harbor
 - Enter the quantity and purchase tickets
 - Print the ticket.
- You can buy tickets on the day of the event at the door. Tickets will cost \$31 per person.
- You can buy tickets on any Tuesday or Thursday at the LCCIL office, 377 N. Seymour Avenue, Mundelein, IL.

For more information, contact Katy Yost at 847-949-4440 Voice; 847-949-0641 TTY/VP; katy@lccil.org Email.

DEAF SOCIAL/SUPPORT GROUP

Tuesday, April 18, 2006
1 – 3 p.m.

At Schaumburg Township (room # 114)
One Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates, IL

- We will talk about many important issues & happenings, and at the same time, we will learn important information from each other. Bring any information you would like to share with us.
- Refreshments will be provided.

RSVP: Sarita Phadke at 847-884-1560 TTY/VP; 847-884-0039 Fax; sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org Email.

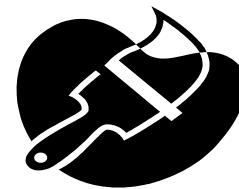


FUTURE IAD BOARD MEETINGS

The IAD (Illinois Association of the Deaf) Board meetings will be held on the following dates:

- May 7th, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., at Great Oaks Camp, Lacon, IL.
- August 12th, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., in Schaumburg (location to be announced)

For more information, to become members, or to read the meeting minutes, check www.iadeaf.org



COMMUNITY PAINT-A-THON

Who qualifies for a house painting? Homeowners, who are financially disadvantaged, and who are physically unable to paint the outside of their homes. The single-family homes must be owner-occupied and in sufficient condition so that scraping and spot priming are the only preparations needed. The Paint-A-Thon takes place in September & volunteers paint the outside of homes. The application deadline is July 1, 2006. For an application, call 847-884-0030 ext. 2025 or 847-884-1560 TTY/VP.

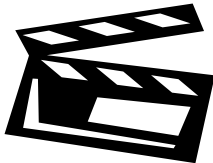
UNIVERSAL NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING

Governor Rod Blagojevich has declared April 11, 2006 for **Universal Newborn Hearing Screening Day**. CHOICES for Parents invites you to celebrate the Universal Newborn Hearing Screening Day on Tuesday, April 11, 2006, 2:30 p.m., at Marcello's Father & Son Restaurant, 645 W. North Avenue in Chicago. Join and honor the following people:

- Gail Tanner (Illinois Department of Public Health, Newborn Hearing Screening Program)
- Connie Bazil (Illinois Department of Public Health, Newborn Hearing Screening Program)
- Tracy Meehan (Developmental Therapist/Hearing, Hearing and Vision Connections)

Reception will follow. A sign language interpreter and CART will be provided. RSVP: Karen Aguilar at 312-523-6400, 866-733-8729 (outside Chicago area) or choicesforparents@yahoo.com Email.

FYI: CHOICES for Parents is a statewide coalition of parents and professionals providing immediate access to support, information, and resources to families of children with newly identified hearing loss. You may check www.choicesforparents.org for more information.



ANOTHER WEBSITE TO FIND CAPTIONED MOVIES

Besides www.insightcinema.org, there is another website to search and bring you the most up-to-date listings of captioned movies in the United States: www.fomdi.com. It uses the latest web technology to search and list all types of captioned movies in less than 10 seconds. Simply enter your zip code or city and state on the website to start your search. Fomdi displays all show times for the day you want to watch. Clicking on listed show times takes you to a page to buy tickets. Clicking on the theater name will show information about the theater and clicking on the movie title shows information about the movie.

FYI: Fomdi is developed and operated by a Deaf man, Tayler Mayer, who owns Taylerinfomedia (A Los Angeles web development company).

(Deaf Professional Network Newsletter)

The monthly Deaf Line newsletter is free for Schaumburg Township residents and all agencies & organizations serving the Deaf, and Hard of Hearing consumers. Deaf Line and Ablegram newsletters can be viewed on Schaumburg Township's website.

Deaf Line is published monthly. Any agency, organization, or group may reprint any of our articles provided proper credit is given by name of newsletter & date.

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Timothy Heneghan – Clerk

Diane Dunham – Trustee

Susan Giannone – Trustee

Richard Taccini – Trustee

Scott Kegarise – Trustee

John Lawson – Assessor

Robert Fecarotta – Highway Commissioner

Margaret (Peggy) Franklin – Collector

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**DEAFLINE
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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sunday, April 2 – **Daylight Saving Time** begins (Turn your clocks & watches one hour ahead)
- Tuesday, April 11 – **Annual Town Meeting** at SCH TWP, 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, April 16 - **Happy Easter**
- Monday, April 17 – **Last day** to file for Income Tax
- Tuesday, April 18 – **Deaf Social/Support Group** at SCH TWP, 1 – 3 p.m. (RSVP: 847-884-1560 TTY/VP)
- Wednesday, April 26 – **Township Board meeting** at SCH TWP, 7:15 p.m.
- Sunday, April 30 – **Mother Father Deaf Day!**

