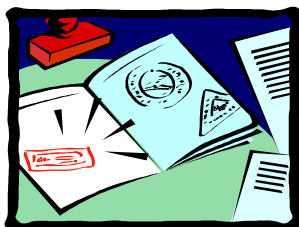




DEAF LINE

APRIL, 2008

Schaumburg Township Deaf Services Educational Workshop



"Immigration Policy/Procedures"

Presented by:

Carmen Aguilar (FITE CIL) & **Haydee Garcia** (Illinois Deaf Latinos Association – IDLA)

This workshop will include:

- What is the difference between INS & USCIS?
- How to get a Green Card?
- When to apply for US Citizenship?
- What is Student Visa?
- Etc...

Date: Monday, April 21, 2008

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Schaumburg Township, Board Room, One Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates, IL

RSVP: Please contact Sarita Phadke by April 18th: 847-884-1560 TTY/VP; 847-884-0039 Fax; sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org Email.

Come and learn new things. Bring Friends!

SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP'S ANNUAL TOWN HALL MEETING

**Tuesday, April 8, 2008
7 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 2007 annual report 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 27 – May 3, 2008)

Schaumburg Township Deaf Services would like to thank the following volunteers who have given generously of their time during 2007 to serve the needs of the community by assembling Deaf Line newsletters, and helping out with the picnic, holiday parties and meetings.

**Phyllis Ackermann
Priscilla Anderson
Donald Balsitis
Marie Balsitis
Jennie Bratanach
Annie Brown
John Czajka
Jean Fitzpatrick
Anil Phadke
Charlyne St. Leger
Diane Wilson**

Schaumburg Township is always looking for volunteers to help with a variety of projects. If interested, contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Bonnie Sargent, at 847-884-0030, ext. 2022 Voice, 847-884-1560 TTY, 847-884-0039 Fax or bsargent@schaumburgtownship.org Email.

ITAC PROGRAM

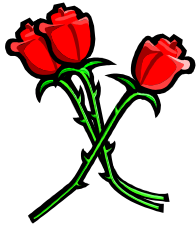
Our ITAC Selection Center, Schaumburg Township, is available for the Amplified phone, CapTel phone, and TTY viewing or testing. ITAC's program distributes FREE phones and TTYs to any Illinois resident with a certified hearing loss, and local residential phone service. There are four different amplified phones from which to choose. In addition, there is the CapTel (captioned phone) loan program.

For more information, call 847-884-0030 ext. 2025 V or 847-884-1560 TTY/VP. You can browse website: www.itactty.org



IDHHC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Illinois Deaf & Hard of Hearing Commission (IDHHC) will host its 11th Annual Conference, "Communication Leads to Community", on April 25 – 26, 2008, in Springfield. There will be a Statewide Deaf Finger Spelling Bee and several workshops. The conference is targeted for teachers, interpreters, Deaf & Hearing parents, Hard of Hearing, Deaf/Blind, and students. Registration is required and can be done online: www.idhhc.state.il.us. The deadline to register is April 11th. You can also obtain other information online (details on workshops, location and time).



MOTHER FATHER DEAF DAY

Sunday, April 27, 2008, 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 event, Illinois CODA (Children of Deaf Adults) may have a special event. For more information, send an email to: codainillinois@yahoo.com



ASL Expo will be held on Saturday, April 26, 2008, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., at DuPage County Fairgrounds, Exhibit Building #1, 2015 W. Manchester Road in Wheaton, IL. There will be several exhibits, entertainment, game show, activities for kids, raffles, and much more. It is open to anyone. Admission fees: Online order - \$5 (adult); \$3 (child 3-12 years). At door, \$10 (adult); \$5 (child). The fee also includes an ASL Expo 2008 t-shirt, a silicone wristband, and a raffle ticket to win \$5,000.

For more information or to register online, check www.aslexpo.com

FIRST DEAF-BLIND WEEKEND RETREAT

The Chicago Lighthouse, Illinois School for the Visually Impaired and Helen Keller National Center will host the Annual Deaf-Blind Weekend Retreat June 26 – 29, 2008, at the Illinois School for the Visually Impaired in Jacksonville, IL. This retreat is for Deaf-Blind consumers, interpreters, and Interpreter Training Program (ITP) students. It is designed to provide the participants with learning opportunities through lecture and hands-on experience. The participants will learn a variety of skills necessary when working with a person who has both vision and hearing losses. They will also learn sighted guide techniques, how to work with a Deaf-Blind individual using a guide dog, interpreting techniques for Deaf-Blind participants who have vision loss (restricted field and tracking), and tactile interpreting strategies.

The cost for Deaf-Blind Persons is \$25 (training, meals, lodging, crafts, & leisure activities). The cost for Interpreters & ITP students is \$85 (4 days training, meals, lodging, and materials).

Space is limited and the registration deadline is April 4th. Registration will not be accepted at the door.

For more information or to request a registration form, contact the following people:

- Mindy Joy Mayer: 312-666-8875 VP; 312-666-8874 TTY; mindy.mayer@chicagolighthouse.org Email
- Joann Rushing: 312-666-1331, ext. 3415 V; joann.rushing@chicagolighthouse.org Email
- Laura Thomas: 309-755-0018 V/TTY/VP; hknc5ljt@aol.com Email

For detailed information, check the website:

www.deaf-center.org/ildbw.htm

NEWS FROM AARP

As of January 1, 2008, AARP is expanding its existing relationship with UnitedHealth Group and beginning a new relationship with Aetna to offer an array of health products and services, including a health care plan for those 50 through 64 years of age. Many of them are underinsured or have no health insurance at all. In addition to covering medical care, this plan will provide programs for wellness, disease prevention, and depression treatment. For more information, call 866-844-0888 V.

(AARP Magazine, July & August, 2007)



VICTIM RIGHTS AWARENESS NIGHT

April 13 – 19, 2008 is the National Crime Victims' Rights Awareness Week. The Victim Assistance Program Dept. from the Chicago Hearing Society (CHS) invites you to **The Victim Rights Awareness Night** on Tuesday, April 22, 2008, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the CHS, 2001 N. Clybourn, 3rd floor Classroom, Chicago. There will be two Deaf presenters:

- **June Prusak** (Chicago Hearing Society): "CDI For-For?"
- **Karen Putz** (Deaf Mom Activist): "Advocating for Access on her experience with Steak-n-Shake drive thru"

Voice interpreters will be provided. A light dinner will be served. RSVP deadline is April 21st. To RSVP or for more information, contact Michele Cunningham at 773-248-9106 VP; mcunningham@anixter.org Email.



RESOURCES LISTING FOR SENIORS

The National Association of the Deaf (NAD) and Deaf Seniors of America (DSA) have jointly launched a resources listing of, by, and for older Deaf Americans. This first-ever and comprehensive listing contains items of interest to older Deaf persons and their families or caregivers. The first half provides useful names, addresses, phone numbers, and websites for various types of senior housing facilities (e.g., independent/retirement, assisted living, nursing, and others of a specialized nature). The second half focuses on senior clubs for Deaf seniors who travel extensively.

You can see the Senior Resources listing on:

www.nad.org/SeniorResources

If you wish to add a senior housing facility or social club to this listing, or if you wish to make corrections, please send email to www.nad.org/contactus and be sure to mention 'Senior Resources Listing updates'.

NEW - CAPTEL CALL VIA THE WEB

New technology!! There is a web-based service, **WebCapTel**, which allows individuals (who can speak, but have difficulty hearing) to read word-for-word captions on their computer screen. A user makes and receives calls when logged into the website and hears the person on the other line using their own phone. You can save or print conversations. There is no charge to use the WebCapTel service. No special equipment is needed – just a standard or mobile phone and a computer with Internet access and web browser. Check for more information on Sprint Relay website: www.sprintrelay.com/captel



HARPER COLLEGE'S EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

The International Studies Committee from Harper College will host two events at Harper College, Palatine:

April 24th: Deaf author, Dr. Madan Vasishtha, will talk about his own experiences being Deaf in both the United States and India. Madan is an Associate Professor in the Dept of Administration and Supervision at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. This free presentation will be voiced-interpreted for those who do not know sign language. It will be in the Black Box (L109) located in Building L, from 7 to 9 p.m. RSVP is not required.

April 25th: Dr. Vasishtha will follow-up with a book reading discussion of his memoir, "Deaf in Delhi" which tells his story of growing up Deaf in India and also his journey to the United States and compares Deaf cultures in India and the United States. It is from 12 to 2 p.m. in the Y-106. A bag lunch will be provided. Registration is required. To register, contact the Continuing Ed Registration at 847-925-6300 to register for course # LFD0333-001.



UNIVERSAL NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING DAY

Governor Rod Blagojevich has declared Friday, April 11, 2008, Universal Newborn Hearing Screening Day. Join CHOICES for Parents on April 11th in honoring:

- Carrie Balian, Parent Liaison
- Ann DeBattista, Developmental Therapist
- Illinois Deaf Latino Association (IDLA)

The program will begin at 2:30 p.m. followed by the reception at Marcello's Father & Son restaurant, 645 W. North Avenue in Chicago. Free parking on site is available. Sign language interpreters and CART will be provided.

RSVP to Karen Aguilar: 312-523-6400 V 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 loss.



ANNUAL DEAF & HARD OF HEARING DAY AT SIX FLAGS

Save the date: July 12, 2008 for the 13th Annual Six Flags Great America Deaf & Hard of Hearing Awareness Day! It will be from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., at Great America in Gurnee. Tickets will be \$28 online and \$31 at the gate. Details will be announced soon. For more information, call Diana Nelson at 847-949-4440 ext 23 Voice, 847-949-0641 TTY, or Diana@lccil.org Email.



ANNUAL VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

The Harper College Deaf & Hard of Hearing Program hosts its 4th Annual Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament for High School & College Teams on Saturday, April 19, 2008, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. It will be held at Harper College, Building M (Gym). The cost of admission for fans is: \$5 (adults); \$3 (students with ID); Free for children 12 and under, but must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, contact Debby Sampson at 847-925-6662 TTY or dsampson@harpercollege.edu Email. Check www.harperevents.com

CDHHCC'S NEXT PRESENTATION

After the first successful presentation, Chicago Deaf & Hard of Hearing Cultural Center (CDHHCC) will host its second presentation, which is part of the year-long presentation series focusing on the inspiration, success, achievements and leadership of Deaf & Hard of Hearing people.

Robert Schleifer (Deaf) who is a prominent actor & acting coach, will talk about his experience and achievements on Saturday, May 10, 2008, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The location in Chicago will be announced soon. Voicing will be interpreted for hearing families and captioning will be provided for hard of hearing attendees. It is a free presentation.

For more information, contact Michele Cunningham: cdhhcc@yahoo.com Email or check the website: www.embracedeafculture.org



FOREVER STAMPS

Postage stamps will increase to 42 cents on May 12, 2008. Forever stamps purchased before May 12th are valid after the price change. Hurry, get your Forever stamps now!

STIMULUS PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Here is the schedule of economic stimulus payments related to tax returns processed by April 15, 2008.

Direct Deposit Payments

<u>If the last two digits of your SS # are:</u>	<u>Payment should be sent to your bank account by:</u>
00 – 20	May 2
21 – 75	May 9
76 – 99	May 16

Paper Check

<u>If the last two digits of your SS # are:</u>	<u>Your check should be in the mail by:</u>
00 – 09	May 16
10 – 18	May 23
19 – 25	May 30
26 – 38	June 6
39 – 51	June 13
52 – 63	June 20
64 – 75	June 27
76 – 87	July 4
88 – 99	July 11

GENERAL SAFETY

- When walking, at night, always be aware of your surroundings. Carry a safety device like a whistle or car alarm. Another good trick which works like pepper spray is a trial size hair spray bottle.
- Remember to turn your porch light on at night. Not only does it provide safety for walkers, but it also provides safety for the homeowner from would-be prowlers.
- When mailing letters, never leave them in your mailbox for the carrier to pick up. It is better if you drop off letters in the blue US Postal boxes.
- Never leave your car running while unattended. Lock your car when it is unoccupied. Cars warming up in driveways and parking lots are easy targets for car thieves.
- Leave vehicle title at home in a secure location. Don't leave personal identification or valuables in your car. (If you must keep valuables, hide them in the trunk or glove compartment). Things that thieves look for are GPS units, laptops, purses/wallets, and stereos.



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Robert Fecarotta – Highway Commissioner

Margaret (Peggy) Franklin – Collector

Schaumburg Township is a Selection Center for the Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation (ITAC) Program (TTYs, CapTel Phone, and Amplified Phones)

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- Friday, April 11 – **Deaf Chat Coffee Gathering** at Starbucks, Streets of Woodfield, Schaumburg, 7 – 11 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 15 – **Last day** to file for Income Tax
- Tuesday, April 15 – **Deaf Social/Support Group** at SCH TWP, 1p.m.
- Monday, April 21 – **Educational Workshop, Immigration Policy/Procedures**, at SCH TWP; 6:30 p.m. Sharp
- Wednesday, April 23 – **Township Board meeting** at SCH TWP, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, April 26 – **ASL Expo in Wheaton**, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Sunday, April 27 – **Mother Father Deaf Day!**