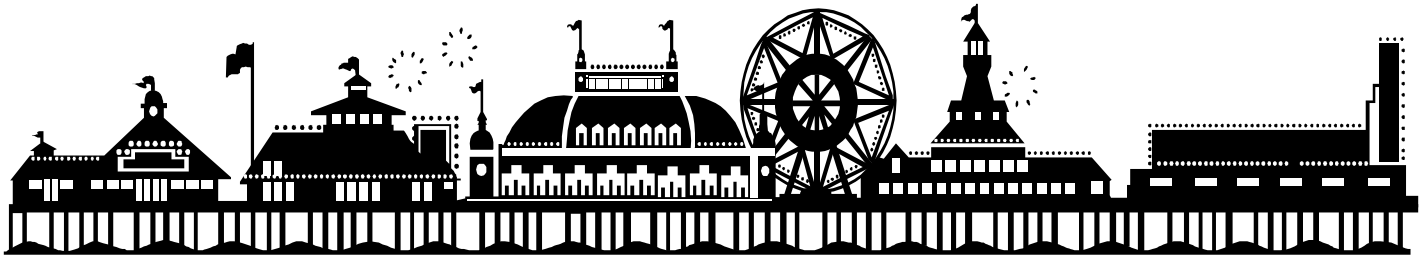




DEAF LINE

AUGUST, 2003



FREE CARNIVAL RIDES

At Schaumburg's Septemberfest
Municipal Center,
101 Schaumburg Court, Schaumburg, IL.

Saturday, August 30th, 2003
10 a.m. - Noon

Hosted by the Village of Schaumburg &
coordinated by Schaumburg Township Disability & Deaf Services

- Free rides for disabled children, their families & disabled adults.
- The rides will NOT be open to the public.
- Take advantage of this opportunity to ride without waiting in line.
- Volunteers will be there to assist children.
- Reservations are required. To register, call 847-884-0030, ext. 2025 Voice or 847-884-1560 TTY.

SRO'S NEW FEATURES

Two new features are added to the Sprint Relay Online (SRO):

- If you need help, go to “Need help? View in American Sign Language (ASL)”. There is a table of contents that you can choose and view in ASL for better understanding.
- By adding “Smart Button” to your browser’s toolbar, you can make calls using the Sprint Relay Online (SRO) service by highlighting a phone number anywhere in any browser window & clicking on the “Smart Button”. This will initiate a call to the highlighted number without any additional interaction.

Go to www.springrelayonline.com and click on either the “Get SRO Smart Button” or “Need help? View in ASL” button.

NEW INPATIENT PROGRAM

The Inpatient Psychiatric Program for Children & Adolescents who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing is now open. It is operated by Mental Health & Deafness Resources, Inc. and is housed at the Scott Nolan Center Psychiatric Hospital in Des Plaines. It is designed for those who benefit from a signing and nonverbal communication environment. For more information, page 847-820-1145 or 847-820-4126 or email Gordon McCoy: GrmChiTown@aol.com

CAREER CONNECTORS

CareerConnectors, funded by Workforce Development, Inc., is a program of Jewish Vocational Services (JVS) of Chicago that serves the youth of Northern Cook County by working with area schools, and community agencies. It is designed for young people between the ages of 14 and 21 who have a disability that may affect their ability to gain or keep employment. Services provided are case management, career counseling, vocational assessments, job readiness training and development, placement & retention services, college counseling, skills training programs, supported employment opportunities, internship experiences, and leadership development skills. CareerConnectors will go to your area school upon request. For more information, call JVS Youth Career Coordinator at 847-412-4300 V, 847-412-4316 TTY or jvsnb@jvschicago.org Email.

AIDS RUN & WALK!

Come and join the Deaf Team at the AIDS Run and Walk! This event will be held on Saturday, September 20, 2003, at Chicago’s Grant Park at the corner of Columbus and Roosevelt (Avery Field). 5K Run & Walk (3.1 miles) starts at 10 a.m. There will be free breakfast for the Deaf Team at the Deaf CAN (Chicagoland AIDS Network) booth. After the event, there will be a raffle drawing from Deaf CAN (gift certificate up to \$50). The registration fee is \$20 before September 15th, and \$25 at the event. For more information or to get the registration form, contact Lynn Walter or Toby Perlman at 773-296-3737 TTY or 773-296-3220 Voice. You can email either one at lynn.walter@advocatehealth.com or toby.perlman@advocatehealth.com.

EFE WILL RELOCATE

Starting late August, 2003, the Equip for Equality office will relocate to the new place:

**20 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 300
Chicago, IL 60602**

The phone and fax numbers will remain the same:
312-341-0022 V; 800-537-2632 V; 800-610-2779
TTY; 312-341-0295 Fax.

DEAFNATION ONLINE NOW

DeafNation is online now. OneDayTV and deafbuy.com have become one name – **DeafNation**. It is a one stop news center of what is happening in the deaf and hard of hearing community. It also keeps you updated with world news, job market, Deaf sports, and video clips in Sign Language. All you have to do is go to www.deafnation.com and sign up. For more information, contact Joel Barish at joel@webbynation.com Email.

ABILITIES EXPO

The Annual Abilities Expo will be held August 15th - 16th, 2003, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and August 17th from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 N. River Road, Rosemont, IL. Learn about new products and services from computers to athletic equipment and mobility products to daily living aids. Check the website for more information: www.abilitiesexpo.com.



UPCOMING PICNICS

- Saturday, August 9th – **2nd Annual Wilderness Snowmobilers Club of the Deaf Picnic**, at 11 a.m., at Wokini's Lakeside Inn, 135 Manor Lane, Fox Lake, IL. There will be door prizes, a jackpot, children's games, darts, etc. The admission fee, including food, is: \$6 (adult); \$5 (senior citizen); \$3 (children under 12); free (under 4 years). Bring your lawn chairs. For more information, call 815-485-6820 Fax or cjlegrand68@sbcglobal.net Email.
- Saturday, August 16th – **10th Annual CODA Picnic** at Burning Bush Park District, Mt. Prospect, 12 to 4 p.m. Great Park for children. Food will be catered. The costs are: \$5 (members); \$6 (non-members); \$3 (children ages 3 to 12); Free for children 2 and under. To RSVP (by August 7th), call Barb Derengowski at 847-836-7232 V or barbder@netzero.com Email.
- Saturday, August 16th – **15th Annual Picnic by Illini Chapter of IAD** at the Lake of the Woods Park, Elk's Lake Pavilion, Mahomet, IL, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. There will be games, door prizes, and much more. The admission fees, including lunch, dinner, and door prize, are \$8 (adult); \$6 (senior citizens); \$6 (children, ages 6 to 10). Sodas & lemonade will be for sale.
- Saturday, August 23rd – **DuPage Center for Independent Living (DCIL)'s Annual Picnic**, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., at the Kiwanis Shelter, 1000 W. Wood Street, Bensenville. There will be free food, and a split-the-pot raffle. A sign language interpreter will be provided. Bring a dish to share. To RSVP (by August 15th) or for more information, call 630-469-2300 V/TTY.
- Saturday, August 23rd – **HANDS Picnic**, from noon to dusk. Contact Michelle Mendiolla at melalem19@yahoo.com Email for the location and more information.

- Saturday, August 23rd – **ALDA's (Association of Late Deafened Adults) Summer Luau**, 2 p.m., at Linda Belice's house in Westchester. The cost to cover food and soft drinks is \$7 for ALDA Chicago member; \$10 for non-members. Reservations are required before August 17th. For more information, contact Linda at 708-409-9024 TTY or Mary Clark at 708-524-0144 TTY.
- Sunday, August 24th – **Chicagoland Illinois School for the Deaf Alumni Association (CISDAA) Picnic** at Argonne National Park, Darien, on Cass near I-55, 10am till 7 p.m. Rain or Shine! Free admission! There will be food and drinks for sale. No pets, please. For more information, contact Charles Bright at 847-301-2942 TTY.
- Saturday, September 13th – **IAD Annual Family Day** hosted by the Fox Valley & Chicago Chapters of Illinois Association of the Deaf (IAD), at Hawthorne Grove Blackwell Forest Park, Warrenville, 10 a.m. to dusk. Free Admission! For more information, contact Kevin Ryan at wrestkpt42@aol.com Email.

WALK/ROLL-A-THON

In 1973, Harper College in Palatine established an office to serve students with disabilities on campus – **Access and Disability Services**. Now the staff of the Access & Disability Services is celebrating its 30th anniversary by hosting a **Walk/Roll-a-Thon**. They are hoping to raise funds which will be used for scholarships for future students. This event will be held on Sunday, August 24, 2003, from 1 to 4 p.m., on the Campus Track (southwest corner). If you are interested in pledging or collecting pledges for walking, or for more information, call 847-397-7600 TTY, or 847-925-6266 Voice.

SOCIAL SECURITY E-NEWS

E-News, Social Security's Electronic Newsletter, keeps you informed with the latest Social Security developments. Each month, you will get a free newsletter via email with news and information from Social Security. If interested in subscribing, sign up on the web site: www.socialsecurity.gov.

VIDEO RELAY SERVICE (VRS)

Video Relay Service (VRS) is a service, which allows you to use American Sign Language (ASL) to make relay calls from home or work with a computer. VRS is free to all users and requires a computer, a web camera and high speed Internet (DSL or cable modem).

There are three websites that you can go into:

- www.usavrs.com
- www.ip-vrs.com
- www.relaycall.com/vrs

NEW VRS SERVICE

There is another new VRS service – **Sorenson Video Relay Service**. Sorenson Media is in partnership with Gallaudet University Interpreting Services. Both Deaf and Hard of Hearing users can use free video relay calls to anyone in the United States, through an ASL interpreter. It can be done in 2 ways:

- Sorenson VP-100 Videophone appliance and a TV. It requires high speed Internet, and TV with video input.
- Computer with Sorenson EnVision SL Video relay software or Microsoft NetMeeting. It requires a computer with 333 MHz or above, high speed Internet, and a web camera.

In addition, hearing people can place a video relay call through a standard phone line to a deaf or hard of hearing person by calling the toll free number: 1-866-327-8877 and giving the contact information (name, videophone #, or IP address) to the video relay interpreter.

For more information or for a free videophone appliance, go to www.sorensonvrs.com.

GOLF OUTING

The West Suburban Association of the Deaf (WSAD) will host a Golf Outing on Saturday, August 30, 2003, at 10.am., at the Bliss Creek Golf Course, Sugar Grove, IL. The entry fee (including golf, cart, prizes, and luncheon) is \$55 for WSAD members & \$65 (non members). The deadline to mail the payment is August 20th. If interested, send a check (payable to WSAD) to Ron Busse, 163 Winchester Drive, Streamwood, IL 60107. For more information, contact Ron at RBB1215@aol.com Email.

The Deaf Line newsletter is free. If you, or someone you know, would like to receive this monthly newsletter, call Sarita Phadke at 847-884-1560 TTY or 847-884-0039 FAX.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Saturday, August 2 – **Schaumburg Township Disability Picnic for Township residents**, 12 to 3 p.m. Bring folding chairs.
- Wednesday, August 13 – **Diabetes Support Group** at SCH TWP, 1:30 - 3 p.m. (RSVP needed – Call 847-884-0030 V or 884-1560 TTY)
- Wednesday, August 27 – **Township Board meeting** at SCH TWP, 7:15 p.m.
- Saturday, August 30 – **Free Carnival Rides** at Septemberfest in Schaumburg, 10 a.m. to Noon (RSVP needed: 847-884-1560 TTY or 847-884-0030 Voice).

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