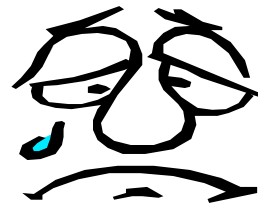


Deaf line

AUGUST, 2006



HEART/DEPRESSION CLASSES

Last chance to take free Heart & Depression Classes!

Schaumburg Township Deaf Services will host **Free Health Education Classes for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing** given by Mt. Sinai Hospital (Deaf Access Program) & Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center.

Learn about these important health issues in American Sign Language (ASL):

- **Heart** – How to lower your risk of heart attack & stroke
- **Depression** – How to control depression and feel

If interested, you will need to attend the Screening meeting on September 5, 2006, at 5 p.m., at Schaumburg Township. There will be a short interview and refreshments will be served.

After the screening meeting, the classes will begin on September 11th. They will meet every Monday for 8 weeks at Schaumburg Township.

The classes are FREE! You will be paid for participating in the classes.

To sign up for the screening, please RSVP: Teri Hedding at hedt@sinai.org Email or 773-257-6289 TTY.



DEAF SOCIAL/SUPPORT GROUP

Deaf Social/Support Group is back and will meet monthly. Bring any information you would like to share, as we will talk about issues & happenings. Bring ideas of what you would like to see in future meetings. Refreshments will be provided. For August, the group will meet on:

- Tuesday, August 15, 2006
- 1 to 3 p.m.
- Schaumburg Township, Room # 114, One Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates, IL

RSVP: 847-884-1560 TTY/VP, 847-884-0039 Fax, or sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org Email.

FREE SEPTEMBERFEST RIDES



Children with disabilities, their siblings, and adults with disabilities are invited to the Carnival Rides at no charge:

Saturday, September 2, 2006

10 a.m. to Noon

At Village of Schaumburg,

101 Schaumburg Court, Schaumburg, IL.

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

- The rides are not open to the public, but everyone must register with the Township. Enjoy this opportunity to ride without waiting in line.
- RSVP is required by August 30th: call 847-884-0030 V or 847-884-1560 TTY/VP.

WELCOME BONNIE!

Schaumburg Township is pleased to announce that **Bonnie Sargent** is the new Administrative Assistant at the Disability Services Office. Come meet Bonnie and get to know her.



IAD BOARD MEETING

Illinois Association of the Deaf will have its Board/General Meeting:

Saturday, August 12, 2006
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Schaumburg Township
One Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates, IL

It is open to the public. For more information, check the website: www.iadeaf.org

News Flash about IAD

- The date for the next (2007) IAD Conference has been set: **June 7 – 9, 2007**. It will be held at the Holiday Inn in Itasca, IL. Mark these dates on your calendars. Details will be announced at a later time.
- Illinois Association of the Deaf (IAD) received the State Association Expectation, Advocacy, and Service Award from National Association of the Deaf (NAD) at the NAD Conference. According to Bobbie Beth Scoggins (New NAD President), IAD was wonderfully organized and displayed strong spirit. IAD has changed many things, including more involvement in advocacy issues, increased open communication with NAD, and updating the website. Big applause (Deaf Waves) to Michael Berger, IAD President, his committees and the members for working hard to rebuild the organization. The award is a first for the Illinois Association of the Deaf in National Association of the Deaf history.

LIHEAP – ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Energy Assistance Program – Low-income households may qualify for assistance in paying winter energy costs. The Schaumburg Township Disability Services Dept. will begin processing applications for eligible disabled and senior residents after September 5th. Make sure that you have the following before your appointment.

- Original Social Security Cards for all household members
- Proof of all household income for the last 30 days
- Current Utility Bills
- If on Public Aid, monthly medical eligibility card/cards
- If on subsidized housing, a copy of your lease
- Income levels: 1 person = \$1,225; 2 people = \$1,650; 3 people = \$ 2,075; 4 people = \$2,500; 5 people = \$2,925; 6 people = \$3,350

To schedule an appointment, call 847-884-1560 TTY/VP or 847-884-0030 ext. 2025 V.

MEDICARE PART D MEETING

Kris Sadur from Life Options will be here at Schaumburg Township to speak on Medicare Part D and related issues. This meeting will be held on November 8, 2006, from 1 – 3 p.m.

A sign language interpreter will be provided. Please **RSVP** by November 7th, so you will be in the special seating. For more information, call 847-884-1560 TTY/VP or 847-884-0030 V.

ITAC PROGRAMS

Schaumburg Township is one of 31 ITAC (Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation) Selection Centers where you can view and try different amplified phones, the TTY, and the CapTel phone. ITAC distributes FREE phones and TTYs to any Illinois resident with a certified hearing loss, and local phone service. There are four different amplified phones from which to choose. In addition, there is the CapTel (captioned phone) that is on the loan program. For appointment to see the phone equipment, call 847-884-0030 Voice or 847-884-1560 TTY/VP. Check out www.itactty.org for additional information.



WINDY CITY DEAF IDOL

Chicago Deaf & Hard of Hearing Cultural Center (CDHHCC) will host its 2nd Annual Fundraising event: **“Windy City Deaf Idol”** in which the participants use their talents and the audience vote for their favorite person. It will be held on Saturday, October 7, 2006, 7:30 p.m., at Harper College, Building A, in Palatine, IL. The Master of Ceremony is Gaetano Adamo (Known as Deaf Elvis). Refreshments will be served after the show. This event is also sponsored by Sign Language Interpreting Program from Harper College. The admission fees are:

Before September 30th: \$12 (adults); \$8 (senior citizens & students with ID); Free for children 10 years and under.

After September 30th and at door: \$15 (adults); \$10 (seniors and students with ID).

If interested, send a check or money order (payable to CDHHCC) to CDHHCC, P. O. Box 13246, Chicago, IL 60613.

The CDHHCC is looking for Deaf & Hard of Hearing contestants who are 18 years old and up. If interested, email: cdhhcc@yahoo.com. You will then receive an information packet and a contract. The deadline is September 8th.

Two weeks before the show, there will be a workshop provided by Antoinette Plantinga (renowned deaf actress) who will give tips of how to improve your talents.

ARD RELOCATES

Addiction Recovery of the Deaf (ARD) has relocated to a new office:

ARD

2001 N. Clybourn Avenue, Suite 301
Chicago, IL 60614-4036

The phone numbers remain the same: 773-227-8562 TTY; 773-227-8530 V; 773-227-8569 Fax.

You can check www.anixter.org/ARD/Index.htm for more information.



INSURANCE FOR UNINSURED CHILDREN

All Kids Health Insurance is a new health insurance plan for all uninsured children under 18 in Illinois and has been in effect since July 1, 2006. It will help families of children with special needs. The qualifications are:

- For children through the age of 18
- Available to families who are residents of Illinois
- No income limit but parents who enroll their children will be able to pay monthly premiums and co-payments on a sliding scale (based on their income) at rates they can afford.

Healthcare coverage includes doctor visits, vision & dental benefits, hospital services, prescription drugs, and mental health services. Children can go to almost any hospital or pharmacy in Illinois, as well as community health centers or health departments. Families can choose a primary care physician who they will see for regular doctor visits and for referrals.

If interested, you can pre-register at 1-866-255-5437 Voice, 877-204-1012 TTY, or online:

www.allkidscovered.com



NEW DEAF CHAT COFFEE GROUP

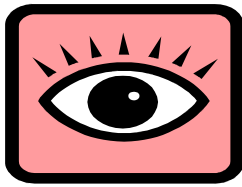
Deaf Chat Coffee Group is for getting together and having fun with old and new friends.

There is a new Deaf Chat Coffee group starting on August 25th that will meet every 4th Friday of the month at Caribou Coffee, 201 N. Randall Road in Batavia, from 7 to 11 p.m. Everyone is welcome (Deaf, Hard of Hearing, ASL students, Interpreters, family members). Check www.deafcoffee.com for more information on other locations in the USA & Canada.

Picnics

- Saturday, August 5th – **Schaumburg Township's 21st Annual Disability Picnic** for Schaumburg Township residents, from noon to 3 p.m., at Maple Park, One Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates. There will be lunch, entertainment, bingo, and door prizes. In case of rain, the picnic will be held inside the Township. **RESERVATIONS ARE NECESSARY BY JULY 28th** – Be sure to call 847-884-0030, ext. 2025 V or 847-884-1560 TTY/VP.
- Saturday, August 5th – **3rd Annual Deaf European American Association Picnic**, 10 a.m., at Labagh Woods (North Branch Division), Grove # 4, Cicero & Foster, Chicago. Free admission. There will be water games, raffles, prizes, and much more. For more information, contact Demir Bekiri at 773-745-9788 TTY/VP or dbekiri7daeap@yahoo.com Email.
- Saturday, August 12th – **Annual CODA Picnic (Illinois Children of Deaf Adults)** from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Wooddale Grove, South Shelter, Forest Preserve of DuPage County in Addison (Off Wooddale Road and north of Lake Street). For more information, contact by email: codainillinois@yahoo.com
- Saturday, August 12th – **IDLA's 5th Annual Family Picnic (Illinois Deaf Latino Association)**, from 10 a.m. to dusk, at Horner Park, 2741 W. Montrose Avenue, Chicago (Montrose & California). Free parking. There will be games, raffles, piñata, and much more. Food (tacos, hot dogs & drinks) will be for sale. Bring your lawn chairs. For more information, contact Maria Hernandez: mabelmih@hotmail.com email or Miguel at 847-298-7477 TTY/VP.
- Sunday, August 20th – **Chicagoland Illinois School for the Deaf Alumni Association (CISDAA) Picnic**, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., at Argonne National Laboratory Park, Darien, IL. Free Admission. There will be food and drinks for sale. Rain or Shine! Do not bring pets. For more information, contact John McDonough at pineland2@comcast.net Email.
- Saturday, August 19th – **18th Annual Illini Chapter of IAD Picnic**, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., at Elk's Lake Pavilion in Lake of the Woods Park in Mahomet, IL. Rain or shine! The hall is air-conditioned. There will be games, door prizes, races, washer tournament, and much more. Sodas and lemonade will be for sale. The costs (lunch, dinner, and door prizes) are \$9 (adults); \$7 (seniors 65 and up); \$7 (children 6 to 10 years). For more information on the park, check www.cfpd.org/lowpark.htm. For more information, contact Susan Weiss at 217-351-8621 TTY/VP or 217-344-5024 TTY (work).
- Saturday, August 26th – **2nd Annual McHenry County Deaf Club Picnic**, from 11 a.m. to dusk, at Veteran Acres Park, corner of Route 176 and Walkup Avenue, Crystal Lake, IL. Free Admission. There will be games, door prizes, raffles, and dunking tank. The cost of food (including one free drink) is \$6 (adults); \$3 (children 3 -12 years); free (children under 3 years). Contact Madelyn Suiter at maddie47@aol.com Email.
- Saturday, September 16th – **Fox Valley Chapter of Illinois Association of the Deaf Picnic**, from 11 a.m. till dusk, at Labagh Woods (North Branch Division), Grove # 3, Cicero & Foster, Chicago. Free admission. There will be games, raffles, prizes, and much more. There will be food/beverages for sale. Proceeds go to the 2007 IAD conference. Do not bring any food or drink, but bring your lawn chairs. For more information, contact the Fundraising Chairperson, Demir Bekiri, at 773-745-9788 TTY/VP or dbekiri7daeap@yahoo.com Email.
- Saturday, September 23rd – **Rockford Family Picnic by Northern Illinois Club for the Deaf**, from 11 a.m. to dusk, at Blackhawk Springs Forest Preserve, 5301 S. Mulford Road, Rockford, IL. Free admission. Rain or Shine! Food and refreshments will be for sale. Do not bring food or beverage. Bring your own lawn chairs. For more information, email: purplerosey62@yahoo.com

HEALTH CORNER



CATARACT AWARENESS MONTH

There are about 20.5 million American age 40 and older with cataracts and it is the leading cause of blindness in the world.

What is Cataract? It occurs when the normally clear lens in your eyes become cloudy, often impairing vision. It tends to grow slowly, so vision gets worse gradually. Some people find that their close-up vision improves as the cataract matures, but this is only temporary. Vision usually worsens as the cataract matures. Age is the most common risk factor for developing cataracts – between ages 65 and 75 years of age.

Factors that increase the risks of developing cataracts are: Diabetes, medical conditions that require you to take steroids for an extended period of time, and certain infections. Genetic factors, smoking, excessive alcohol consumption, radiation exposure, excessive exposure to sunlight and certain types of eye injuries, may all be contributing risk factors.

Symptoms may include: Blurry or cloudy vision, poor night vision, difficulty in reading, double vision, faded color, images appear with a yellow tint, increased nearsightedness that require frequent prescription changes, problems with light including headlights which seem too bright, glare from lamps, halo around lights, problems when moving from dark areas to bright areas.

If the cataract does not bother your vision, a change in your eyeglass prescription may be all that you need. Surgery is the only way that your eye doctor can remove a cataract.

ICE CREAM PARTY

There will be an “Ice Cream Party” on Sunday, August 27, 2006, 11:45 a.m., at St. Francis Borgia Center, 8025 W. Addison Street in Chicago. Ice cream sundaes will be for sale. There will be raffles/prizes. Proceeds go to the Ministry Formation Program for Catholic Deaf Adults. For more information, contact Christine Bonk: CMBONK3@aol.com Email.

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- Tuesday, August 15 – **Deaf Social/Support Group** at SCH TWP, 1 – 3 p.m. (RSVP: 847-884-1560 TTY/VP)
- Wednesday, August 23 – **TWP Board meeting** at SCH TWP, 7:15 p.m.

Looking ahead:

- Saturday, September 2nd – **Free Carnival Rides** for Disabled Children/Adults & their Families from 10 a.m. to Noon (RSVP By August 30th: 847-884-0030 ext 2025 V or 847-884-1560 TTY/VP)
- Tuesday, September 5th – **Heart/Depression Class Screening Meeting** at SCH TWP, 5 p.m. (RSVP is needed: 773-257-6289 TTY or hedt@sinai.org Email)