

SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP DEAF SERVICES

DEAF LINE

DECEMBER 2001

OUR HOLIDAY PARTIES



- **Holiday Party for Disabled Adults** – “Winter Wonderland” on Friday, December 7th, 11:30 a.m. This party is sponsored by Heritage Bank. Reservations are necessary.



- **Holiday Party for Disabled Children and their Families** on Saturday, December 8th, 12 p.m. All disabled children and their siblings age 16 and under who are in attendance will receive a gift, so be sure to call in advance and give the kids’ ages by November 28th, 2001. Lunch is being served at noon sharp. Parkway Bank is sponsoring the Children’s Holiday Party. Reservations are necessary.



- **Special Education Teen Dance** on Saturday, December 15th, 7 – 10 p.m. LaSalle Bank is sponsoring the Teen Dance. Reservations are necessary.

All events will be at the Schaumburg Township Activity Center, One Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates, IL. There will be food, entertainment, and raffle prizes donated by local businesses. A special raffle will be held at those parties for those who make a donation to the Schaumburg Township Food Pantry. An ASL interpreter will be provided for the adult and children parties. **RSVP is required for all parties by November 28th**, so please call 847-884-1560 TTY; 847-884-0030 V; 847-884-0039 Fax.

HOLIDAY PARTIES ALL OVER CHICAGOLAND

- **West Suburban Association of the Deaf (WSAD)** is hosting a KODA Christmas Party on Saturday, December 1st, 2001, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at the Wyndham Hotel, 3000 Warrenville Road, Lisle. There will be free gifts for children ages 0 – 12 years, so email with kids' names and ages to Pam Clohesey: pamcloh@aol.com, Ed Glennon: eddiejr84@aol.com or call and leave a message at 630-924-7912 TTY. The deadline is November 25th. For more information, call 630-924-7912 TTY.
- **Joliet Deaf Senior Citizens** is hosting a Christmas party on December 5, 2001, 12 – 4 p.m., at the Ashton Place, 341 W. 75th Street, Willowbrook, IL (Across from Hinsdale South High School). There will be jackpots, door prizes, and a cash bar. The cost per member is \$25 and \$30 for non-member. For more information, contact Jim Dignan at 815-293-3311 TTY/Fax or Jim Smudzinski at 708-754-0855 TTY/Fax.
- **Lake County Center for Independent Living (LCCIL)** will have its Annual Meeting & Holiday Party on Wednesday, December 5, 2001, 4 – 6:30 p.m., at the LCCIL office, 377 N. Seymour Avenue, Mundelein, IL. There will be free food, and split-the-pot-affle. Bring a dish to share or non-perishable food for holiday basket. RSVP by November 30th to Mary Ann at 847-949-4440 V/TTY.
- **NW Suburban Deaf Seniors Club** is hosting a Christmas Luncheon on Thursday, December 6, 2001, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Episcopal Church of Our Saviors, 116 E. Church Street, Elmhurst, IL. There is no charge. For more information, call 630-469-2300 V/TTY.
- **Dupage Center for Independent Living (DCIL)** is having its Annual Holiday Party on Thursday, December 6, 2001, 3 – 7 p.m., at DCIL, 739 Roosevelt Road, Bldg. 8, Ste 109, Glen Ellyn, IL. Bring your family members. For more information or to RSVP, call 630-469-2300 V/TTY.
- **The American Sign Language Club at Harper College (SLC)** is having its Holiday Fun for Deaf, Hard of Hearing and KODA children & their families on Sunday, December 9th, 2 to 5 p.m. It will be held at Harper College, in the Administration Bldg, Palatine, IL. There will be a signing Santa, games & prizes, holiday crafts, face tattoos, moonwalk and light dinner. There is no admission fee. For RSVP, call ASL Club President, Gina Mulroy, at 847-298-9830 V and leave a message with name, phone number, email address, how many adults and how many children will attend. You can also email Gina at signedgina@aol.com.
- **St. Francis Deaf Senior Citizens** is hosting a Christmas party on Thursday, December 13, 2001, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Porrettas, 3718 N. Central Avenue, Chicago. There will be luncheon, jackpot cash and others. The donation is \$25 per person and the deadline is December 3rd. Make a check payable to St. Francis Deaf Senior Citizens and mail to Italo De Archangelis, 1656 N. Natoma Avenue, Chicago, IL 60707-3914. For more information, call 312-751-8368 TTY.
- **Chicago Club of the Deaf (CCD)** is having its annual Christmas party on Sunday, December 23, 2001, at CCD, 4221 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago, IL. There will be a signing Santa giving away gifts to Deaf & Hard of Hearing kids and their siblings and also Children of Deaf Parents (infants through 12 years). There will be refreshments, prizes, and face painting clowns. To get the time, deadline or register for free gifts for your kids, please call with full names, ages, and sexes at 773-545-2669 TTY.
- **West Suburban Association of the Deaf (WSAD)** is throwing a New Year's Eve 2001 Party on Monday, December 31, 2001, 6 p.m. to 1 a.m., at the Rosemont Suites (will change to Embassy Suites), across street from Rosemont Convention Center, 5500 N. River Road, Rosemont, IL. There will be an open bar, reception, dance and a buffet-style dinner, prepared by Embassy's Deaf Chef, Paul Hansen. The cost per person is \$75 and deadline is December 15th. Check the WSAD's website, www.wsadeaf.org, for more information and to download the flyer and form.

AIRLINE SECURITY & DISABILITY RIGHTS

Since the terrorist hijackings and tragic events of September 11th and with the holidays coming up, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has issued several security measures at the airline checkpoints and passenger screening locations. The FAA also ensures that the new security procedures preserve and respect the civil rights of Passengers with Disabilities. There are some examples below:

- Individuals assisting passengers with disabilities are allowed beyond the screener checkpoints. They may be required to present themselves at the airlines' check-in desk and receive a "pass" allowing them to go through the screener checkpoint without a ticket.
- Ticketed passengers with their own oxygen for use on the ground are allowed beyond the screener checkpoints with their oxygen canisters once the canisters have been thoroughly inspected. If there is a request for oxygen at the gate for a qualified passenger with a disability, commercial oxygen providers are allowed beyond the screener checkpoint with oxygen canisters once they have been thoroughly inspected. Those oxygen providers must again get a "pass".
- The limit of one carry-on bag and one personal bag (e.g., purse or briefcase) for each traveler does not apply to medical supplies and/or assistive devices. Passengers with disabilities generally may carry medical equipment, medications, and assistive devices on board the aircraft.
- All persons allowed beyond the screener checkpoints may be searched. This will usually be done through the use of a hand-held metal detector. The passengers may also be patted down during the security screenings, and this is even more likely if the passenger uses a wheelchair and is unable to stand up. Private screenings remain an option for persons in wheelchairs.
- Service animals, once inspected, are permitted on board the aircraft. Any backpack or sidepack that is carried on the animal will be manually inspected or put through the X-ray machines. The service animal's halter may also be removed for inspection.
- Assistive devices like walking canes, once inspected, are permitted on board. Devices like augmentative communication devices and Braille 'N Speaks will go through the same sort of security screening process as used for personal computers.
- Syringes are permitted on board once it is determined that the person has a documented medical need for the syringe.
- Personal wheelchairs and battery-powered scooters may still be used to reach departure gates after they are inspected. Any backpack or sidepack on the wheelchair will be manually inspected or put through the X-ray machines.
- Personal wheelchairs will still be allowed to be stowed on board an aircraft.
- All carriers must ensure that qualified individuals with a disability, including those with vision or hearing impairments, have timely access to information, such as new security measures, the carriers provide to other passengers. For example, on flights to Reagan Washington National Airport, persons are verbally warned to use the restrooms more than a half an hour before arrival since after that point in time, passengers are required to remain in their seats. Alternative formats are necessary to ensure that all passengers, especially deaf persons, understand new security measures.

Air Carrier Access Act (ACAA) requires that passengers with disabilities should expect nondiscriminatory treatments. If you encounter a violation, you should talk to a Complaints Resolution Official (CRO) for the airline. If the problem is not resolved, you may file a complaint by sending an email, a letter, or a completed complaint form to the Aviation Consumer Protection Division (ACPD). The email address is airconsumer@ost.dot.gov and the mailing address is: Aviation Consumer Protection Division, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room 4107, C-75, Washington, DC 20590. Complaint forms that consumers can download and/or print are available at: <http://www.dot.gov/airconsumer/problems.html>. If you have any questions or need more information on the ACAA, contact Maureen McCloskey at 202-416-7696 V.

(Sent by Thomas Benziger via Deaf IL News, November 11, 2001)

NEED YOUR HELP/INPUT!

I would like to know what programs you would like to see at Schaumburg Township in the year, 2002. What events/workshops would interest you? Please check as many as you can and write in suggestions.

EVENTS:

- Deaf Social (Adult) – what kind? _____
- Support Group – what kind? _____
- Game Night
- Ice Cream Social
- Country Western Line Dancing
- Bingo
- Deaf Senior Citizen Social
- Crafts/cooking
- Movie once a month or every 2 months
- Any field trips? Where? _____

WORKSHOPS:

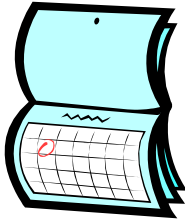
- ADA Laws/Deaf Rights/Advocacy
 - Domestic Violence
 - Deaf-Blind Issues
 - Mental Health Services
 - Interpreting Services or Issues
 - CODA/KODA Panel
 - SSI/SSDI
 - Health issues – what kind? _____
 - Retirement & Financial Services
 - Living Will/Trust
 - Addiction Recovery of the Deaf (ARD)
 - Any workshop you want to see: _____
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Any suggestions: _____

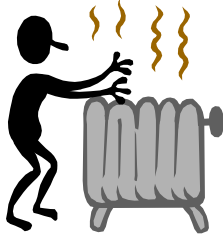
Please fill out and mail/fax this form to: Sarita Phadke
Schaumburg Township Deaf Services
One Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates, IL 60194
847-884-0039 Fax

Thank you!

TOWNSHIP INFORMATION



- Schaumburg Township will be closed on the following days: **December 24, 25, 31, 2001 and January 1, 2002.** Be sure to mark them down on your calendars.



- Schaumburg Township is a designated heating center. If you experience severe cold this winter and/or power outages, the Township is available from 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday as an emergency heating center.



- Sarita Phadke, Deaf Services Coordinator, has her own email address: **sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org**
Email her only for business related matters. Also, there is a Disabled Services E-mail box: **Disabled@schaumburgtownship.org**

SIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES

National Center for Latinos with Disabilities (NCLD) is offering another American Sign Language/English class free of charge to anyone interested. Classes will take place every Friday, from November 30th to January 11, 2002, 6 to 8 p.m. at Schaumburg Township, Blackhawk Room, One Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates, IL. Contact Carmen Aguilar of NCLD for RVSP and other locations and dates/times at 312-666-1788 TTY; 312-666-3393 V; nclld@nclld.com Email.



SIGNING SANTA

There will be a signing Santa Claus at the Woodfield Mall in Schaumburg on the following dates:

December 10th – 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.
December 15th – 8 a.m. – noon
December 20th – 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.
December 23rd – Noon to 5 p.m.

This may change without notice. So call Woodfield Mall at 847-330-0035 V or 847-330-9721 TTY before going there.

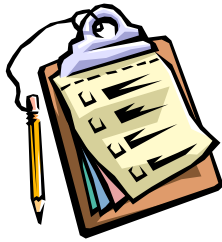


HOLIDAY GIFTS

The holidays are just around the corner and here are some ideas for gifts: TTYs, signalers, sign language books & videos, novelties, rubber stamps, etc. You may want to call vendors selling assistive devices and novelties and check if they have any discounts. Schaumburg Township Deaf Services has a list of vendors, so call Sarita Phadke at 847-884-1560 TTY or 847-884-0030 Fax to get a copy.

DISCOUNT ON YOUR LOCAL PHONE SERVICES

Lifeline Service offers a discount of \$8.35 to \$10.20 per month on local Ameritech phone service. To qualify, you must receive benefits from Food Stamps, LIHEAP, Medicaid, SSI or the Federal Public Housing Assistance Program. **You must reapply for this program every year.** For more information, call 1-888-256-5378 Voice.



FOR ITAC TTY RECIPIENTS

Here is a friendly reminder of some obligations and responsibilities for the ITAC TTY recipients:

- The recipients must inform ITAC if they change their address, phone number or area code.
- They must also inform ITAC if there is a change in name due to marital status or other circumstances.
- If a recipient moves out of Illinois, all the equipment and parts must be returned to ITAC or any regional center before leaving Illinois.
- They must immediately contact ITAC or any regional center if the TTY is stolen. Report to the local police and get a copy of the report showing that the TTY or part is stolen. After that, give the police report number to either ITAC or the regional center within 5 days and send the official report to ITAC.
- If the recipient passes away, the executor or other responsible person must return the TTY and all parts to ITAC or any regional center within 30 days.
- If the recipient dies and there is still a deaf family member living in the same house who wishes to keep the TTY, that person must file a new application form with ITAC within 10 days.
- If you don't have telephone service for at least 45 days (due to disconnection because you have moved or not paid your phone bill), the TTY and parts must be returned to ITAC. But if the service is reconnected, you may apply for reinstatement to the program by contacting ITAC.

If you have any questions, contact ITAC at 1-800-841-6167 V/TTY or your closest regional center.

FREE WORKSHOPS

The Midwest Center for Postsecondary Outreach at Harper College will be hosting two workshops.

- **Interpreting 101 Workshop** – Kim Bianco Majeri, Director of Interpreting Services at Chicago Hearing Society, will be talking about many issues - current laws that ensure provision of quality interpreter services, Illinois Deaf & Hard of Hearing Commission's proposal to establish licensing procedures and enforcement of interpreters working in the state, how it will impact the future of using interpreters, costs, and availability, and quality of interpreter services & how to provide them. It will be held on December 3rd, 1 to 4 p.m., at Harper College, in the Student and Administration center, Room A-242, 1200 W. Algonquin Road, Palatine, IL.
- **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Workshop** – This workshop is for service providers working with Deaf and Hard of Hearing students in higher education. Karen Aguilar, Program Manager of Midwest Center on Law & the Deaf (MCLD) will be the presenter who will talk about the ADA laws and rights for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. It will be held on December 10, 2001, 9 a.m. to noon, at Harper College, in the Student & Administration Center, Room A-238.

Refreshments will be served and interpreters will be provided for both workshops. There is no charge, but RSVP is required for both workshops. To RVSP, contact Beth Bortolotti at 847-925-6369 V; 847-397-7600 TTY; ebortolo@harper.cc.il.us Email.

TDI'S NEW BOARD MEMBER

Ellen Roth of Chicago was elected to serve the Midwest Region for Telecommunications for the Deaf, Inc (TDI). This covers Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Tennessee, and Wisconsin. Ellen works as the Statewide Coordinator for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in the Illinois Office of Rehabilitation Service, Chicago. She can be reached at her email: EllenRoth@tdi-online.org. Congratulations, Ellen!
(The GA-SK Magazine)



GAIA AND JONNIE SHOW AT SCHAUMBURG LIBRARY

Schaumburg Township District Library is hosting an event for children of all ages, **Sing N' Sign Holiday Time with Gaia and Jonnie**. Gaia, is a three-time Emmy Award winning PBS performer while Jonnie is a multi-award winning Deaf actress and director of a children's theatre. Both performers will use music and sign language to present fun interactive programs celebrating the holidays of Christmas, Kwanzaa and Hanukkah. They also will bring an inspiring message to children to "have fun in life and never give up, no matter what your challenge is". This free show will be held on Thursday, December 27th, 2 - 3 p.m., at the Schaumburg Library, Rasmussen Room, 130 S. Roselle Road, Schaumburg, IL. For more information, call the library at 847-985-4000 Voice or 847-985-1462 TTY.



CARD RECYCLING PROGRAM

Don't know what to do with the Holiday cards you receive, or cards you receive throughout the year? You can recycle them.

- Send your used cards (fronts only) to St. Jude's Ranch for Children, 100 St. Jude's Street, Boulder City, NV 89005-1618. The children precision trim the cards and glue them onto pre-printed card backs and then sell them to the public through their newsletter.
- You can also send your used cards to Clearbrook Center, 2800 W. Central Road, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008.

HEARING LOSS LINK COUNSELOR

Lori Niemann is the new Hearing Loss Link counselor at Chicago Hearing Society in Chicago and she will provide counseling, advocacy, information and referrals to Late-Deafened individuals. In addition, Lori will be educating employers about accommodations that can be made in the workplace. Deaf since birth, Lori grew up "oral". She learned to communicate primarily by speaking and reading lips. Later during the college year, she learned sign language. Lori earned her bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Michigan. It was at that university where she taught sign language classes to many students who were Late-Deafened. It led to the formation of a support group. In addition, Lori did post-graduate work at Rochester Institute of Technology and Gallaudet University. She has experience in mental health and vocational counseling also.

Lori can be reached at 773-248-9174 TTY; 773-248-9121 V; Lniemann@anixter.org Email. (CHS Communicator, Fall, 2001)



HARRIS COMMUNICATIONS

Harris Communications is celebrating 20 years in business as a nationwide retailer of products for Deaf & Hard of Hearing consumers. There is a new logo, which can be seen on the cover of Harris' 2002 catalog showing assistive devices, books, videotapes, and novelties. You can view those products on Harris' website. Customers who complete an online questionnaire can get a 10% coupon on products. To get a free catalog, call the catalog department at 1-800-825-0564 V or 1-800-551-4118 TTY.

Harris Communications has a new address and phone numbers:

Address: 15155 Technology Drive

Eden Prairie, MN 55344-2277

Toll-free: 1-800-825-9187 TTY; 800-825-6758 V

Local: 952-906-1198 TTY; 952-906-1180 V

Fax: 952-906-1099

Email: mail@harriscomm.com

Website: www.harriscomm.com

NEW GROUP ONLINE

Karen Putz started a new group online for parents of Deaf and Hard of Hearing children in Illinois. This group is open to anyone who is seeking support, information, or resources for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children. The link to join is:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ILParentsofDeafHOHChildren>

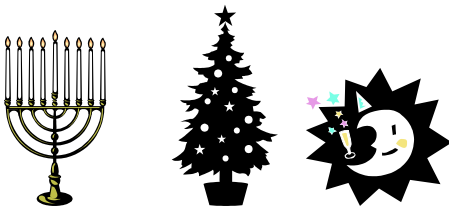
(Deaf IL News, November 7, 2001)

HOLIDAY SHOPPING

Target Stores in Schaumburg are offering a special Holiday Discount shopping and gift-wrapping day for the Disabled persons and Senior Citizens on Tuesday, December 4th, 8 to 10 a.m. They will get a 10% discount on purchases. There will be volunteers will assist customers with gift-wrapping. The stores in Schaumburg are located at 1235 E. Higgins Road and 2621 W. Schaumburg Road.

CHRISTMAS CAROL PLAY

CenterLight Theatre will have a play in American Sign Language and spoken English, "A Christmas Carol", on December 7th at 8 p.m., 8th at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m., & 9th at 3 p.m. It will be held at the Center on Deafness, 3444 Dundee Road, Northbrook, IL. Tickets are: \$15 (adults); \$12 (seniors/students); \$10 (children). For more information, call 847-559-9493 TTY; 847-559-0110, ext. 237; 847-559-8199 Fax.



**HAPPY HANUKKAH
MERRY CHRISTMAS
HAPPY KWANZAA
HAPPY NEW YEAR**

*Gerry, Kitty,
Sarita & Rose*

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Timothy Heneghan - Trustee

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Frank Oliver – Collector (Through 2001)

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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- **Saturday, December 8** – Holiday Party for Disabled Children & their Families, 12 – 3 p.m. (RSVP needed).
- **Wednesday, December 12** – Diabetes Support Group at SCH TWP, 1:30 – 3 p.m. (RSVP needed).
- **Saturday, December 15** - Multiple Sclerosis Support Group at SCH TWP, 12 - 2 p.m. (RSVP needed)
- **Saturday, December 15** – Special Ed Teen Dance, 7 – 10 p.m. (RSVP needed).
- **Wednesday, December 19** – Board Meeting at SCH TWP, 7:15 p.m.
- **Monday & Tuesday, December 24 & 25** – SCH TWP CLOSED DUE TO CHRISTMAS.
- **Monday & Tuesday, December 31 & January 1, 2002** – SCH TWP CLOSED DUE TO NEW YEAR.

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