

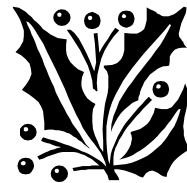
SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP DEAF SERVICES

DEAF LINE

DECEMBER, 2002



Holiday Parties



- **Thursday, December 5th** - Schaumburg Township Disabled Services' Holiday Party for Disabled Adults, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is co-sponsored by Heritage Bank.
- **Saturday, December 7th** - Holiday Party for Disabled Children and their Families, 12 to 3 p.m. All disabled children and their siblings age 16 and under who are in attendance will receive a gift. It is co-sponsored by Parkway Bank.
- **Saturday, January 17, 2003** - "Winter Holiday Hop" for Special Education Teens and Young Adults, 7 to 9:30 p.m. There will be DJ music by Eric Brandt. Bring a donation for Schaumburg Township's Food Pantry. RSVP to 847-884-0030 ext. 2024 V by January 9th, 2003. For more information, call Micki Coppel at 847-519-1664 or Bernadette Marcis at 847-240-0566 V.

Join in the holiday fun! There will be food, entertainment and raffle prizes donated by local businesses. All events will be held at the Schaumburg Township Activity Center, One Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates, IL. An ASL interpreter will be provided upon advance request.

RSVP is required for adult and children's' parties by November 25, 2002, so please call 847-884-1560 TTY or 847-884-0030 Voice.

In addition, we thank Schaumburg/Hoffman Lions Club for their generous support of all our Holiday Parties.

HOLIDAY INFORMATION

TOWNSHIP INFORMATION

- Schaumburg Township will be closed on the following days: **December 25 and January 1, 2003**. 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.



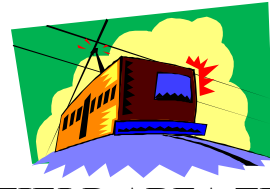
SIGNING ELF HELPING SANTA

Santa will have a signing elf helping out at the Woodfield Mall in Schaumburg on two dates:
Sunday, December 15th – 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Saturday, December 21st – 12 p.m. 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 SHOPPING

Target Stores in Schaumburg are offering a special Holiday Discount shopping and gift-wrapping day for the people with disabilities and senior citizens on Tuesday, December 3rd, 8 to 10 a.m. 10% discount on purchases will be offered and volunteers will assist customers with gift-wrapping. The stores in Schaumburg are located at 1235 East Higgins Road and 2621 West Schaumburg Road.
Call 847-884-1560 TTY or 847-884-0030 ext. 2025 V for more information.



WOODFIELD AREA TROLLEY

Take advantage of the free accessible shuttle service, Woodfield Area Trolley, to go between Woodfield area retail centers, especially when the holidays are around the corner. Trolley is every 15 minutes at stops such as IKEA, Roosevelt University, Costco, Marshalls, Borders, two mall entrances, Galyan's, Carson Pirie Scott, Lowes Theaters, and Pace Transportation Center. The hours are Monday through Friday, 12 - 9pm; Saturday, 10am – 9pm; Sunday, 11am – 6pm. The Village of Schaumburg sponsors the free rides. For more information, call 847-923-3880.



DO YOU LIKE THE COLD?

Schaumburg Township is in need of individuals who are willing to either snow blow or shovel driveways and sidewalks for our disabled clients. You can either volunteer your time or work out a fee schedule with the person. If you are interested, call 847-884-0030 ext. 2025 V.



RECYCLE YOUR HOLIDAY CARDS

Don't know what to do with the holiday cards or other cards that you get throughout the year? You can recycle them. All you need to do is to 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 cards and glue them onto pre-printed card backs and then sell them to the public through their newsletter.

USE VCO WITH VRS

Video Relay Service (VRS) is becoming more popular among the Deaf community. There is an option for Hard of Hearing people to use Voice Carry Over (VCO) on VRS. A VCO user speaks directly to the called party using his/her own voice and a standard phone and he/she views the Video Interpreter (VI) signing the hearing person's conversation. It is more beneficial to hard of hearing people as it allows the VCO user to see expression and gestures during the call. Using VCO VRS is easy to set up at home or workplace. All you need is a computer, a video camera, high-speed Internet access and a standard phone.

To make a VCO VRS call:

- Go into www.usavrs.com
- Tell the VI you would like to use VCO and provide the number you are calling and your standard phone number.
- The VI will call your standard phone first, and then connect you to a hearing caller.
- The person you are calling will be able to hear your voice while you use the standard phone to talk to the hearing person. The VI will sign everything the hearing caller is saying to you.

For more information, check www.usavrs.com.

ALLIANCE INFORMATION

Illinois Alliance of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (IADHH) is an "organization of organizations" dedicated to promoting the interests of Illinois citizens who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or Deaf-Blind, in all aspects of Illinois government and society. The next Alliance meeting will take place on January 27th, 2003, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Details will be available as time gets closer. The membership fees are \$40 (organizations and governments) and \$15 (individual).

If you would like to request a brochure and membership form, contact Sara Bianco Riggio at 630-469-2300 TTY; 630-469-2606 Fax; SaraBiancoRiggio@aol.com Email.

GOOD NEWS

Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation (ITAC) & Sprint agreed to be one of the participating states in the Ultratec trial phase for CapTel and will participate in a 9-month trial, from January to September, 2003. They have chosen participants for the trial period. CapTel is a "captioned telephone" that allows a user to listen to the caller and at the same time read the written word-for-word captions of what the caller says on the display window. How it works: When the user dials, the CapTel automatically connects to a captioning service. When the other party answers, the user hears. If it is difficult to understand what is said, the user can read the captions for added clarity. Voice-recognition technology is used and is ideal for those with some degree of hearing loss, those with hearing aids or assistive listening devices or hard of hearing & late deafened people who use voice.



CANDLELIGHT BOWL FOR FUN

West Suburban Association of the Deaf (WSAD) will host its pre-New Year's Eve, "Candlelight Bowl" where couples can bowl three games, have dinner, and prizes will be given. This social event will be held on Saturday, December 28, 2002, at the Stardust Bowl, 37 E. Lorraine Avenue, Addison, IL. The dinner will start at 7:30 p.m., followed by bowling at 10 p.m. The cost before December 7th is \$35 per couple, but after December 7th and before 21st, the cost will be \$40 per couple. At the door, the cost will be \$45. Proceeds go to WSAD/GLDBA 2006 Funds. If interested, write a check or money order payable to WSAD and mail to Dennis Russell, 425 S. Lincoln Avenue, Addison, IL. 60101. For more information, call Eileen Rozborski, at 847-584-4112 TTY.

HOLIDAY PARTIES ALL OVER CHICAGOLAND

- **Joliet Deaf Senior Citizens** is hosting a Christmas party for Deaf Seniors on Wednesday, December 4, 2002, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. It will be held at Al's Steak House, 1990 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, IL. There will be a buffet style luncheon, jackpots, door prizes, and a cash bar. The cost per member is \$25, \$30 for non-member and \$40 for couples. For more information, call Lee Husted at 815-729-4047 TTY/Fax or Lhusted@webtv.net Email.
- **NW Suburban Deaf Seniors Club** is hosting a Christmas Luncheon on Thursday, December 5th, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Episcopal Church of Our Saviors, 116 E. Church Street, Elmhurst, IL. There will be a celebration of different holidays – fellowship, games, singing, and a free lunch. There is no charge. For more information, call 630-469-2300 V/TTY.
- **West Suburban Association of the Deaf (WSAD)** is hosting a Christmas Party for KODA, Deaf & Hard of Hearing Children on Saturday, December 7, 2002, 3 to 7 p.m., at the NEDSRA building, 1770 W. Centennial Place, Addison, IL. There will be free gifts for children ages 0 – 12 years, so email with kids' names, their ages, boy or girl and parents' names to Pam Clohesey: pamcloh@aol.com or Nanette: WSADSecretary@yahoo.com. The deadline is November 30th.
- **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 8th, 3 to 6 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 painting & tattoos, moonwalk and light dinner. There is no admission fee. For RSVP, call ASL Club President, Gina Mulroy, at 847-298-9830 Voicemail (use relay) 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 12, 2002, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Porrettas Restaurant, 3718 N. Central Avenue, Chicago. There will be luncheon, jackpot cash and others. The donation is \$30 per person and the deadline is December 2nd. For more information, call 312-751-8368 TTY.
- **Association of Late Deafened Adults (ALDA)** will have its Holiday Party on Saturday, December 14th, at 6 p.m., at Mary Clark's house, 401 Forest, Oak Park, IL. It costs \$10 per person including food & drinks. RSVP by December 7th. For more information, call Mary at 708-524-0144 TTY; LDMPOppins@aol.com Email or Jean at 630-469-6627 TTY; JRicha9938@aol.com Email.
- **Chicago Club of the Deaf (CCD)** is having its annual Christmas party on Sunday, December 22, 2002, at CCD, 4221 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago, IL. There will be a signing Santa giving 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 to register for free gifts for your kids, please call with full names, ages, and sexes at 773-545-2669 TTY.
- **Catholic Church of the Deaf** will host a Reunion Party for Deaf and Hard of Hearing teens and college students, their siblings & kids of deaf adults (KODA) on Saturday, December 28, 2002, from 6 to 11 p.m., at St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center, 8025 W. Addison, Chicago. There will be a DJ, pizza, pop drinks, snacks, etc. There will be a small fee to cover the cost of the food. For more information, call 312-751-8368 TTY or 312-655-7899 V.

NEW HOUSING

A dream is becoming a reality when the Federal Department of Housing & Urban Development awarded two grants to Jacksonville Community Center for the Deaf (JCCD) and National Benevolent Association (NBA) in Jacksonville, Illinois. The first grant (Section 811) is to build 15 independent unit apartments for deaf and hard of hearing individuals with additional disabilities who are 18 and older. The other grant (Section 202) is to construct 35 one-bedroom units for deaf and hard of hearing adults, 62 and older. This housing is not only for Jacksonville citizens but also for those from all over Illinois. Both grants target persons of low incomes. The project is to be completed hopefully in the early spring of 2004. JCCD is taking names of those interested in living in these apartments. For more information, contact JCCD at 1-800-468-9211 V/TTY; 217-243-4052 Fax; jccd@csj.net Email.

DEAF SERVICE COORDINATORS

- Access Living (AL) has a new Deaf Services Coordinator, **Devon Whitmore**. The phone number is 312-253-7002 TTY.
- Progress Center on Independent Living (PCIL) has a new Deaf Services Coordinator, **Carol Nemecek**. The number is 708-209-1826 TTY.

NEW NAME FOR AEHI

READ Educational Center is a new name for Alternatives in Education for the Hearing Impaired (AEHI). The change was due in part to an evolution in the language used to describe people who are deaf or hard of hearing, but also to stress the mission of the organization which is to help children who are challenged by hearing loss to learn to read up to their full potential. In this school in Mt. Prospect, children ages 3 to 12 are educated in a Montessori environment in a mainstream population with their hearing peers. The school uses Cued Speech, a spoken language with manual phonemic “cues”, giving the child complete visual access to the sounds of spoken language. For more information, call 847-297-3206. Check www.aehi.org.

T-MOBILE SIDEKICK

There is a new exciting wireless product: T-Mobile Sidekick or Deaf Mobile. It includes:

- Unlimited Internet browsing
- Unlimited Emails
- Cell phone
- AOL Instant Messenger
- Two-way text messaging
- Snapshots – Take and email photos with a free camera attachment
- Games
- Much more

For more information, check the websites:

www.deafmobile.com or www.deafbuy.com.

HIV/AIDS TTY HOTLINE

There is a national HIV/AIDS TTY hotline that one can call to get free information & education about HIV infection, AIDS, STDs and vaccines and also to get referral and information about places to go for help such as HIV test sites & local support services. Health Communication Specialists (HCS) are trained in STDs, AIDS, vaccine information, communication skills, and Deaf Culture. The TTY Service Hotline number is **1-800-243-7889** and is in operation from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. (EST), Monday through Friday. It is available in the United States, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. All calls are confidential. You can browse two websites:

www.ashastd.org/nah/tty.html and www.vaccinesashastd.org, which include signed answers to the most frequently, asked questions about HIV/AIDS and immunizations.

(Sent by Carrie Foster, via Deaf Illinois News, October 30, 2002)

NEW NAME

Tripod Captioned Films is no longer in existence. Now Insight Cinema is responsible for bringing captioned movies to local theaters throughout the USA. Open Captioned movies show captions right there on the movie and there is no need to have any special equipment to view them. Check www.insightcinema.org.

EMERGENCY WEATHER PAGERS

The Village of Hoffman Estates is still giving out free emergency weather notification pagers to Hoffman Estates residents who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing. Notification comes through a specially coded, alphanumeric vibrating pager.

To be eligible, one must be a resident of Hoffman Estates and must have a hearing loss of 65 DB or greater in both ears. There is no cost for the pager, which can only be used for this purpose. For more information, call 847-882-4445.

WALLYBALL FOR FUN

Do you want to burn calories, build up your body through workouts or have fun? There will be an open recreational Wallyball every other Friday from 6:30 to 10 p.m. The following dates are:

December 6th and 20th
January 3rd & 17th, 2003
February 7th & 21st
March 7th

It will be held at Schaumburg Tennis Plus, 1415 N. Payne Road, Schaumburg, IL. The cost is \$4 (Schaumburg resident) and \$5 (non-Schaumburg resident). You get access to a locker room after payment and use towel, sauna, whirlpool and shower. For more information, contact T.K. Hill at wackyfaz84@aol.com Email.



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Disabled Services Staff
Wishes you a very
Happy Hanukkah
Merry Christmas
Happy Kwanzaa
Happy New Year

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- **Saturday, December 7** – Holiday Party for Disabled Children & their Families, 12 – 3 p.m. (RSVP needed).
- **Wednesday, December 11** – Diabetes Support Group at SCH TWP, 1:30 – 3 p.m. (RSVP needed).
- **Wednesday, December 18** – Board Meeting at SCH TWP, 7:15 p.m.
- **Wednesday, December 25** – SCH TWP CLOSED DUE TO CHRISTMAS.
- **Wednesday, January 1, 2003** – SCH TWP CLOSED DUE TO NEW YEAR.

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