

SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP DEAF SERVICES

DEAF LINE

FEBRUARY 2002

Schaumburg Township Invites you to a

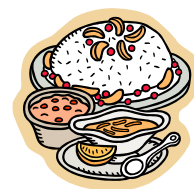
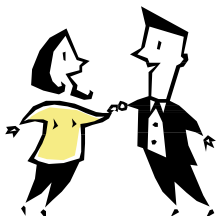
“Deaf/Hard of Hearing Social Night”

Friday, February 1, 2002
7 - 9 p.m.

Schaumburg Township Activity Center
One Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates, IL.

- *“Loud” Music, dancing, basketball shooting, door prizes & refreshments!*
- *An additional raffle will be held for those who make a donation to the Schaumburg Township Food Pantry.*
- *Free admission to anyone - children are welcome! Bring your family and friends!*
- *Beat the holiday blues. Let’s get together and have fun!*

RSVP - Call Sarita Phadke Deaf Services Coordinator, at 847-884-1560
TTY; 847-884-0039 Fax.



WORDS FROM IDHHC

- The Illinois Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission (IDHHC) held 17 town hall meetings around Illinois. There were 707 people in attendance (285 deaf, 31 hard of hearing and 391 hearing) and 206 provided comments (161 verbal, 41 written and 4 videotaped). A special meeting was held on November 9, 2001, to view all public comments and review each section of the draft. The Commission met again on December 6, 2001, to finalize the Interpreter Certification and Licensure draft.
- The finalization of the Interpreter Certification & Licensure draft can be viewed from the website: www.idhhc.state.il.us or you can call the office to get a copy.
- When you file any complaint with the Illinois Deaf & Hard of Hearing Commission office, the office sometimes has incorrect phone numbers or email addresses, which makes it impossible for them to contact you. If you do not hear from them within 15 days, notify them again; otherwise they will close the case.
- The Commission has written a proposal to the Illinois Department of Insurance regarding the inclusion of Hearing Aid Coverage for all Health Insurance programs that are offered in Illinois. But at this time the office is not pursuing any legislation. It is important for the Legislators and the Governor's office to know that this is a very costly out of pocket expense for anyone to purchase hearing aids. If you would like a copy of information to share with your Legislator, visit the website, www.idhhc.state.il.us and look under LEGISLATION.
- If you experience any problem with the court such as not receiving any interpreting service, FM system, not allowing you to have full access to the court or excluding you as a juror, call the Commission office.

- Future Commission meetings will be held at the Commission's office in Springfield. Interpreting services, Real-Time Captioning and FM System will be provided. Call in advance if you need other accommodations. Future meetings dates are:

March 14, 2002 June 6, 2002

The numbers to contact the IDHHC are:
1-877-455-3323 V/TTY; 217-557-4492 Fax.
(IDHHC Insider, December 2001)



INTERPRETERS AT CHICAGO AUTO SHOW

Pontiac and GMC Truck welcome Deaf and Hard of Hearing consumers to visit their displays at the 2002 Chicago Auto Show. The show will be held February 8 – 17, 2002, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., at McCormick Place South, Chicago. Sign language interpreters will be provided. For more information or to arrange an interpreted tour for deaf groups, contact Kim Willett at 1-877-674-5018 or carshowsfordeaf@aol.com Email.

OUTINGS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

The Youth Program of Chicago Hearing Society (CHS) is hosting two outings for Deaf and Hard of Hearing youths in February.

- See cool cars, SUVs, trucks, etc. at the **Chicago Auto Show** at McCormick Place, Chicago on Saturday, February 16th, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. It is for those in 3rd grade to 8th grade. Sign up by February 8th.
- Watch the **Volleyball Tournament** for Deaf and Hard of Hearing high school students on Saturday, February 23rd, at Waubensee Community College, Sugar Grove. It is only for 6th graders and up. The admission fee is \$5 per fan. Sign up by February 15th.

Bring your own lunch or money to buy lunch. Transportation will be provided. For location meetings, registration form or more information, contact June Prusak at 773-248-9174 TTY, 773-248-9176 Fax or Jprusak@anixter.org Email.

SPRINT RELAY OFFERS ASCII SPLIT SCREEN THROUGH RELAY

Sprint Relay is offering its new feature – **ASCII Split Screen** which allows faster, easier-to-follow phone conversations between the Deaf/Hard of Hearing and Hearing people on computers. Typed texts by both the caller and the Communications Assistant (CA) will appear in split windows on the CA's and the caller's screen. It will also allow the user to simultaneously read their own text and the party's text. The advantage is that both callers can interrupt one another at any time without pauses or "Go Ahead" (GA). To use ASCII Split Screen service, the relay users must have the following devices – personal computer with a high-speed modem, software that supports split-screen display, and a capability of transmission speeds at 1200 bauds or above using modem settings of Half Duplex, Chat, or Local-Echo-On mode.

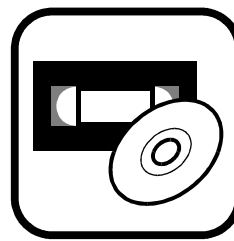
For more information, call Sprint Relay Customer Service at 1-800-676-3777 V/TTY or 1-800-676-4290 (Spanish). You can also contact Bill Stricklen, Accounts Manager for Illinois, at 1-877-698-5520 TTY.

(Sprint Relay Today, Summer/Fall 2001)



RTA FORMS AVAILABLE AT SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP

If you do not have an RTA reduced fare card or if you have lost your RTA card, Schaumburg Township Disabled Services has forms for both new applications and replacement application. You can come in and fill out the forms at the Disabled office. Contact Sarita Phadke at 847-884-1560 TTY.



TAPE/DVD AVAILABLE

Some of you may have seen "Sound and Fury" on TV last month. This movie, a 2001 Academy Award Nominee for Best Documentary Feature, is about a family's struggle over whether or not to provide two deaf children cochlear implants. This movie is available on VHS for \$19.95 or DVD for \$24.95 plus shipping. If interested, call 1-800-336-1917 or write to: Sound and Fury, P.O. Box 2284, South Burlington, VT 05407.



MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION

Deaf International American Club welcomes everyone to attend a Mardi Gras Celebration on Saturday, February 2, 2002, 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. It will be held at the Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Avenue, Chicago, IL. There will be a Mardi Gras style mask/hat contest, an ASL storytelling contest, games with prizes and raffles. The admission fees, including one free drink, beads and door prizes, are: \$10 (Mardi Gras Style Mask/Hat); \$15 (No mask/hat). All profits go to Deaf Adults Education Access Program (DAEAP). For more information, contact Demir Bekiri at 847-537-1437 TTY or dbekiri@yahoo.com; Bob Paul at 847-925-6602 TTY or bpaul@harper.cc.il.us; Maureen Philbin at 312-493-9632 V.

(Sent by Gina Mulroy via Deaf Illinois News, December 29, 2001).



LCDA'S ASL STORYHOUR IS BACK!

Laurent Clerc Deaf Academy (LCDA) will host an ASL Storyhour every second Saturday of the month at different locations with different storytellers. The next one will be held on Saturday, February 9, 2002, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., at the Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar lane, Northbrook. Chris Majeri will be the storyteller.

For more information, contact the storyhour coordinator, Sara Bianco Riggio, at 630-469-2300 TTY; 630-469-2606 Fax; sarabiancoriggio@aol.com Email. You can check the website: www.lcda.org

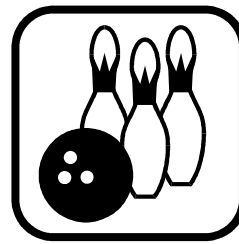
(Sent by Sara Bianco Riggio via Deaf Illinois News, January 2, 2002)

PRESENTATION ON HEALTHY FEET & MEDICARE

Schaumburg Township's Diabetes Support Group is having a presentation on **Healthy Feet and Medicare** on Wednesday, February 13, 2002, 1:30 to 3 p.m., at Schaumburg Township, Hoffman Estates. Dr. George Carioscia, a podiatrist, will talk about how to care for your feet and what foot services Medicare will pay for. Reservations are required, so call 847-884-0030 ext. 2022 V or 847-884-1560 TTY.

WINTER PARTY 2002

Deaf Bailiwick Artists is having a Winter Party 2002 on Friday, February 8, 2002, at 8 p.m., at Grizzly Lodge, 3832 N. Lincoln Avenue, Chicago. It costs \$20 per person and includes food, drinks, and door prizes. Proceeds go to the Chicago Deaf Theater. For more information, email: dbailiwick@yahoo.com. (Deaf Illinois News, January 7, 2002)



BOWLING COMPETITION

West Suburban Association of the Deaf (WSAD) is hosting the 8th Individual Handicap Deaf Bowling Classic on Saturday, February 2, 2002, from 12 to 2:30 p.m. It will be at Brunswick Woodridge Entertainment, 1555 W. 75th Street, Woodridge, IL. It is for any Deaf or Hard of Hearing person who wants to compete in bowling. There are prizes for the winners. The entry fee for men's division is \$42 and for women's division is \$36. Fans are welcome to witness the competition. There will be door prizes, a jackpot, and raffles. After bowling, the bowlers and fans can have a "night-out" at the Wyndham Hotel in Lisle at 7:30 p.m. which costs \$6. If you would like to participate, you can check www.wsadeaf.org and download the form. For more information, call Mike Mangialardo at 847-301-3540 TTY.

EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS

- The Association of Late Deafened Adults (ALDA) and the Chicago Hearing Society (CHS) will be hosting a **Technology Workshop** in which Michelle DeBoer from HITEC will be demonstrating many technology items. This workshop will be held on Saturday, February 23rd, 2002, 1 p.m., at the Sulzer Library, 4455 N. Lincoln Chicago. There will be time for questions & answers. RSVP- call 708-422-1214 TTY or email: hmadams@interaccess.com.
- DuPage Center for Independent Living (DCIL) is hosting an educational workshop, "**Parents' Rights during the IEP Process**" on Monday, February 25th, 7 to 9 p.m., at the DCIL office, 739 Roosevelt Road, Bldg, 8, Suite 109, Glen Ellyn. Refreshments will be provided. RSVP one week in advance - call Sara Bianco Riggio at 630-469-2300 TTY or email sarabiancoriggio@aol.com.



MONTHLY HEALTH CLINIC

Hoffman Estates Department of Health & Human Services hosts monthly Community Adult Health Clinics for Hoffman Estates residents. These clinics provide free testing for blood pressure, diabetes, hemoglobin and urinalysis. Adult Hepatitis A and B shots are available per request for a reduced fee. They are at various locations. One of them is at Schaumburg Township, which is held on the 3rd Thursday of every month, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. (There will be no clinic in the months of July and December). The next date for the Township location will be on February 21st. If you have any questions, contact the Hoffman Estates Department of Health and Human Services at 847-882-4445 V/TTY.

FESTIVAL OF CINEMA FOR THE DEAF

Chicago Institute for the Moving Image (CIMI) is hosting **Festival of Cinema for the Deaf** set for February 28th through March 4th. It will be held at Claridge Hotel, 1244 Dearborn Parkway, Chicago. This five-day event will feature:

- International films created for a deaf audience
- Historically significant and silent films
- Prominent speakers from deaf and hearing communities
- Student outreach programs and workshops
- Presentations of new technologies
- ASL interpreters and captioning will be available on site

For more information, call 847-922-0767 TTY or check the website:

www.cinemaforthedeaf.org.



CIRCUIT BREAKER

The Illinois Circuit Breaker Program provides eligible senior citizens and persons with disabilities property tax relief and assistance in paying for prescription medicines. The Secretary of State's Office urges all senior citizens and persons with disabilities to find out if they are qualified for the program. Eligibility requirements are:

- Age 65 or over, or
- Age 16 or over and totally disabled
- Live in Illinois at the time you file the claim
- The Circuit Breaker applications are based on your 2001 income.
- Total annual income for a one-person household is \$21,218
- Total annual income for a two-person household is \$28,480
- Total annual income for a three-person household is \$35,740

The Secretary of State's office is also part of this program. They provide participants a \$54 discount on their license plate fees.

These are the correct Dollar figures for the year 2001; other publications may be incorrect.

For more information, call 1-800-544-5304 TTY or 1-800-624-2459 V. You can visit the website: www.iltax.com. The Schaumburg Township Disabled Services and Senior Offices have application forms and can also answer your questions. You can pick up the form at either office.

WALLYBALL OUTING

West Suburban Association of the Deaf (WSAD) is having an open recreational Wallyball outing every first and third Friday of the month from 6:30 to 9 p.m., at the Schaumburg Tennis Plus, 1520 Payne Drive, Schaumburg. Next one will be on February 1st and 15th. The admission fee is \$5.

For more information, contact T.K. Hill at wackyta84@aol.com Email.

(Deaf Illinois News, January 7, 2002)

DIAL-A-RIDE BUS FARES

Schaumburg's Dial-A-Ride bus fares will increase, starting in April, 2002. Full fares will increase from \$1.30 per ride to \$1.60 and half fares from \$0.65 to \$0.80. Transfers will also increase from 10 cents to 30 cents. Seniors and disabled residents of Schaumburg heavily use this service, but anyone can use the service as well. You can call DART to schedule a pickup at 847-352-8097 V.

SIGNED PERFORMANCE

CenterLight's Young Performers will have a play in American Sign Language and spoken English, "**The Snow Queen**", February 8th through 17th, Fridays at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays at 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., & Sundays at 3 p.m. It will be held at the Center on Deafness, 3444 Dundee Road, Northbrook, IL. Tickets are: \$10 adults; \$9 seniors/students; \$8 children. For more information, call 847-559-9493 TTY; 847-559-0110 V.

ALL ABOUT ICIC

Illinois Cochlear Implant Club (ICIC) is a support group that offers help to individuals with Cochlear Implants (CI) who face a common challenge, seek out emotional support and deal with a major life change. In addition, ICIC provides information resources, support, advocacy, referral information, current research and technologies, coping techniques, insurance information etc.

The members meet 4 times a year at College of DuPage, Building K, Room 161, Glen Ellyn. They learn current information on CI, share their experiences and support each other. ICIC secures speakers to talk about many things related to CI. The meeting dates in 2002 are March 16th, June 15th, September 28th and November 16th. Real-Time Captioning is provided at all meetings. You can browse <http://web.wva.com/~wizsandt/icic>

The membership fee is \$20 per year. If interested or for more information, contact Hanna Benioff, ICIC's President, at 630-964-1229 or benioff@megsinet.net 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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- Thursday, February 14 – Valentine’s Day
- Monday, February 18 – SCH TWP CLOSED DUE TO HOLIDAY
- Wednesday, February 27 – Township Board meeting at SCH TWP, 7:15 p.m.

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