

SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP DEAF SERVICES

DEAF LINE

FEBRUARY, 2003



COUNTRY WESTERN LINE DANCING IS BACK!

Due to popular demand, Schaumburg Township Deaf Services will host Country Western Line Dancing lessons for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing by a great teacher, **Eileen Rozborski**, who is Deaf.

When: February 21, 2003

Time: 7 to 9 p.m.

Where: Schaumburg Township (Activity Center)

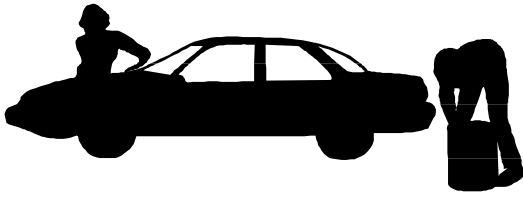
One Illinois Blvd.

Hoffman Estates, IL 60194

- Admission is FREE!
- All are welcome - bring friends and children and enjoy new and old friends.
- Refreshments will be served.

RSVP is required by February 19th - contact Sarita Phadke, Deaf Services Coordinator, at 847-884-1560 TTY, 847-884-0039 Fax or sphadke@schaumburgtownship Email.





CLEAR VISION PROGRAM

Schaumburg Township's Highway Department has a new program called "**Clear Vision Program**", which offers free car washes to Schaumburg Township residents, especially the seniors, disabled people and veterans. This program is designed to create a safer situation out on the roads, and to remove the obstructions caused by dirty windshields in the winter time. The car washes are not fancy – no waxing or vacuuming of the interior. The service, with labor provided by the Cook County Sheriff's Work Alternative Program (SWAP), will be held every Saturday in the month of February, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the Township's Garage, One Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates, IL. For more information, call 847-884-1560 TTY or 847-884-0030 Voice.



MONTHLY HEALTH CLINIC

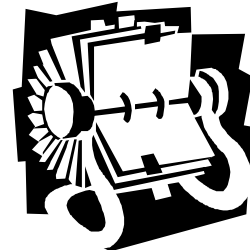
Hoffman Estates Department of Health & Human Services hosts monthly Community Adult Health Clinics for Hoffman Estates residents. These clinics provide free testing for blood pressure, diabetes, hemoglobin and urinalysis. Adult Hepatitis A and B shots are available per request for a reduced fee. They are at various locations. One of them is at Schaumburg Township 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 20th.

If you have any questions, contact the Hoffman Estates Department of Health and Human Services at 847-882-4445 V/TTY.

FROM THE DESK OF IDHHC

- There are 6 vacant positions on the IDHHC (Illinois Deaf & Hard of Hearing Commission) Commission. If you are interested in serving, send a resume and letter of interest to IDHHC's Director, Gerald Covell, 1630 South 6th Street, Springfield, IL 62703.
- There is a new addition to the IDHHC website. The Educational Corner will include the following areas: Featured Book Bi-Monthly (excerpt and commentary); IEP Team Assistance (with a communication checklist for IEP teams to follow); The Forum (Public opinions, essays, viewpoints relating to education and children with hearing loss); Future Teachers of Children with a Hearing Loss; School Programs & Resources in Illinois; Parents' Page.
- The next Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, March 13, 2003, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Commission office in Springfield.

For more information, call IDHHC at 1-877-455-3323 V/TTY or 217-557-4492 Fax.



DID YOU KNOW?

If you are an ITAC TTY recipient, and move to a different address in Illinois or change your name or phone number, it is your responsibility to let ITAC know of the new changes. You can do it two ways:

- You can go to the ITAC's website: www.itactty.org. This information is confidential and secure.
- If you have no computer access, contact ITAC at 1-800-841-6167 V/TTY or 217-698-0942 Fax.

DFI GRANT AVAILABLE FOR FREE INTERPRETER SERVICES

The Chicago Hearing Society (CHS) has funding from the state called **Direct Funds Initiative – DFI Grant** to help with the funding of interpreting and CART (Communication Access Real-time Translation) services. This service is for any Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Deaf-Blind or Late Deafened person who is a resident of Illinois. The maximum hours per month is three (except for two hours for a wedding). The funds can be used for events that are NOT covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) such as:

- Weddings
- Funerals
- Baby showers
- Private parties
- Job interviews (small businesses) depending on size
- Small business meetings
- Non-profit organizational meetings
- Self-help group meetings
- Boy/girl scout meetings
- Religious services
- More...

For more information or to request a free interpreter, call 773-248-9174 TTY or 773-248-9121 ext. 311 or 312 Voice.



SPECIAL COMBO FOR WSAD/GLDBA BOWLING TOURNAMENT 2006

In 2006, there will be a bowling tournament hosted by West Suburban Association of the Deaf (WSAD) and Great Lakes Deaf Bowling Association (GLDBA) in Chicago area. It is to celebrate the 70th Annual GLDBA and 59th Annual Great Lakes Deaf Women Bowling Association (GLDWBA). To save \$\$\$, there is a special combo ticket for \$25 dollars if you buy it before June 1, 2003. If you are interested, write a check payable to WSAD/GLDBA and mail to Kathy Caron, 1480 Champagne Lane, South Elgin, IL 60177. For more information, contact the GLDWBA Chairlady, Eileen Rozborski, at 847-584-4112 TTY or ESROZ3@aol.com Email.



MOUNTAINEERING LESSONS

Colorado Outward Bound School (COBS) is offering two mountaineering courses for Deaf/Hard of Hearing and Signing individuals:

- **Technical Skills Course – 10-day course** through the Outward Bound School Programs, May 27 – June 5, 2003, at the Leadville Mountain Center, Leadville, Colorado. This course will provide a hands-on approach to learning the technical outdoor skills necessary for safe mountaineering. The course includes 4 days of snow skills and 4 days of technical rock. Participants may bring their personal equipment (not including clothing & boots); however, all group gear and technical equipment will be provided. The cost is \$1,600, but scholarships are available based on financial needs.
- **14-Day Classic Mountain Course** for those who are 18 years and older, July 7 – 20, 2003, at San Juan Mountains, Colorado. The cost is \$2,195 and there are partial and full scholarships available based on financial needs.

For more information, call Sue Nikolai or Sian Hauver at COBS at 1-888-837-5211, ext. 1 (Voice), sueniko@cobs.edu or sian@cobs.edu Email.

(Sent by June Prusak on Deaf Illinois News, December 26, 2002)

AA MEETING

DuPage Center for Independent Living (DCIL) hosts weekly Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meetings for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. It will be held every Wednesday, from 7 to 8 p.m., at the Episcopal Church of our Savior, 116 E. Church Street, Elmhurst. For more information, contact Sara Bianco Riggio at 630-469-2300 TTY or sarabiancoriggio@aol.com Email.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS

DEMOCRACY IN ACTION – DuPage Center For Independent Living (DCIL) will have a workshop on “Democracy in Action” on February 12, 2003, 3 to 5 p.m., at DCIL, 739 Roosevelt Road, Building 8, Suite 109, Glen Ellyn, IL. Learn who the elected officials are where you live and how to make elected officials aware of what is important to you. You will get a better understanding of your federal, state, and local government and who to contact and how to contact them. An interpreter will be provided upon request. RSVP is required by February 5, 2003 - call Kristin Wick at 630-469-2300 V/TTY.

COMMUNICATION IN GESTURE SERIES WORKSHOPS - Johnson County Community College (Gallaudet University Regional Center) will offer two workshops - Communication in Gestures I & II at Harper College, Palatine, IL. The first workshop will be held February 28 to March 2, 2003 and the second one April 4 – 6, 2003. For more information on registration fees and deadlines, call 913-469-3872 V/TTY or email Marsha Garrett at mgarrett@jccc.net. Check <http://web.jccc.net/academic/gurc>

ILLINOIS TEACHERS OF HARD OF HEARING /DEAF INDIVIDUALS (ITHI)'S 39TH

ANNUAL CONFERENCE - “Exceeding the Standards” conference will be held on February 28th and March 1st, 2003, at Indian Lakes Resorts, Bloomingdale, IL. There will be workshops, concurrent breakouts, general meeting, luncheon & breakfast, and entertainment. For more information on rates and workshops, check www.ithi.org.

9TH NATIONAL DEAF WOMEN UNITED (DWU) CONFERENCE – “Women Beeing Together” conference will be held on June 28 – July 1, 2003, at Holiday Inn City Centre, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. There will be workshops, general meeting, silent auction, reception, entertainment, and much more. For more information, contact Heidi Branch at HeiJef@aol.com Email. Check for rates and workshops on www.dwu.org/conference

2003 RID CONFERENCE (REGISTRY OF INTERPRETERS FOR THE DEAF) – “Our Nation and Profession: Working Together” conference will be held on July 27 – August 1, 2003, at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers, Chicago, IL. For more information on rates and others, call 703-838-0030 V or 703-838-0459 TTY. Check www.rid.org.

NSCD MEMBERSHIP

North Suburban Club of the Deaf (NSCD) offers membership rates for anyone interested in joining.

The rates are:

Single - \$12

Senior 60 and up - \$7

Student with ID - \$7

If you are interested and would like to get an application form, contact either Chris Majeri at 847-949-4440 TTY or Lalaine Albert at 847-265-9957

TTY; heavenlyangels101@yahoo.com Email.

DANCE SHOW

CenterLight Theater will have a dance show called “**Momentum**”, featuring dancers who are deaf, hard of hearing and hearing. It will run February 7th through 9th, Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 3 p.m. & 8 p.m., and Sunday 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 Voice.

DEAF WOMAN ON “SURVIVOR: THE AMAZON”

Christy Smith, a Deaf woman from Colorado, will be one of the 16 people on the CBS program, “Survivor: The Amazon”, in which they will be stranded for 40 days in a remote section of the Amazon River in Brazil. They will learn to cope with natural and man-made calamities. They are competing for 1 million dollars. This show will be scheduled to begin on **Thursday, February 13th**. Christy, who has some residual hearing, has good lip-reading skills. She received her B.A. degree from Gallaudet University in 2000 and she recently worked as a children’s adventure guide for the Aspen Camp School for the Deaf in Colorado. Good luck, Christy!

2ND ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF CINEMA FOR THE DEAF

Chicago Institute for the Moving Image (CIMI) is hosting its 2nd Annual **Festival of Cinema for the Deaf** set for February 27th through March 3rd. This year, for the first time, there will be films shown both in Chicago and Evanston. 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. There will be ASL interpreters and captioning services available at both sites. For more information, call 847-322-2464 V/ TTY or check www.cinemaforthedeaf.org or www.cimi.ws.

DEAF SUCCESS MAGAZINE LAUNCHED

There is a new magazine called “**Deaf Success**” featuring interviews with deaf pioneers, stories around the globe, information for parents of the deaf, business & finance, arts and entertainment, and much more. This magazine is dedicated to discovering and sharing inspirational educational stories about deaf and hard of hearing people, companies, technologies, opportunities and ideas that can transform our lives. The cost of subscription is \$14.95 for one year. Check www.deafsuccess.com. (Deaf Illinois News, January 19, 2003)



MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION

Deaf Adults Education Access Program (DAEAP) and West Suburban Association of the Deaf (WSAD) welcome everyone to attend a **Mardi Gras Celebration** on Saturday, February 15, 2003, 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. It will be held at the Best Western Midway Hotel in Elk Grove Village, IL. There will be Mardi Gras style hors d’oeuvres, mask/hat contest, an ASL storytelling contest and door prizes. The admission fees are: \$6 with Mardi Gras outfit and \$8 without outfit. Proceeds will go to DAEAP & WSAD. For more information, contact the following chairpersons:

- Kevin Ryan: wrestkpt42@aol.com Email
- Demir Bekiri: 847-537-1437 TTY or dbekiri7DAEAP@yahoo.com Email
- Maureen Philbin at 312-245-0997 V/TTY



DEAF COMIC BOOK

There is a new Deaf comic book, “**PAH-CHAMP**”, which is now available. This new comic book is dedicated to recognition and appreciation of comics as an art form, education of youth and the hearing who are interested in Deaf culture and sign language, and a showcase of Deaf art. It is for all ages and is family-friendly. Dan McClintock, graduate of Rochester Institute of Technology, is the creator and artist and is currently preparing the second and third issues, which will be released consecutively this spring and summer. PAH-CHAMP welcomes submissions from Deaf artists. For guidelines and deadline information, contact Dan at pahchamp@yahoo.com. To order the first issue of the comic book, or to view, check www.aslstamp.com. The new homepage, www.pahchamp.com, will be available soon.

CIRCUIT BREAKER FORMS

New Circuit Breaker forms are now available. The Illinois Department of Revenue programs offers a grant, pharmaceutical card, and a discount on one license plate renewal each year. The grant is based on total income and property tax or rent paid in **2002**. Nursing home residents may also file. The pharmaceutical assistance card or Senior Care card cover many prescriptions. To be eligible for this program, you must:

- Be 65 years of age, **or** a widow or widower who was 63 or 64 years of age before the death of a spouse; **or** be at least 16 years old and totally disabled; **and**
- Be a resident of Illinois at the time you file your application; and
- Your total income in 2002 must have been less than \$21,218 if filing for one, less than \$28,480 if filing for a married couple, or less than 35,740 if filing an application for three people.
- An application must be filed every year before December 31, 2003.

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 Disability Services and Senior Offices have the new application booklets that you can pick up.

TRANSPORTATION COMMENTS

Do you have an RTA Reduced Fare card? It is offered by the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) to allow senior citizens and qualified persons with disabilities to ride all RTA services (CTA, DART & Pace buses and Metra trains) at a reduced rate. These services cover 6 counties including Cook. For more information, call the RTA Travel Information Center at 312-836-4949 TTY. Schaumburg Township has both the RTA application and renewal forms.

You can file a commendation or complaint regarding CTA, Pace or Metra.

CTA – Chicago Transit Authority, 120 N. Racine Ave., Chicago, IL 60607. The phone numbers are 312-733-7000 ext. 6776 V and 312-432-7140 TTY.

Pace – Pace Passenger Services, 550 W. Algonquin Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005. The number is 847-364-7223 V.

Metra – Metra, 457 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL. The number is 312-322-6900 V.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Wednesday, February 12 – **Diabetes Support Group** at SCH TWP, 1:30 - 3 p.m. (RSVP needed – Call 847-884-0030 V or 884-1560 TTY)
- Friday, February 14 – **Valentine's Day**
- Monday, February 17 – **SCH TWP CLOSED DUE TO PRESIDENTS' DAY**
- Friday, February 21 – **Country Western Line Dancing Lesson** at SCH TWP, 7 p.m. (RSVP by Feb. 19th – call 847-884-1560 TTY)
- Wednesday, February 26 – **Township Board meeting** at SCH TWP, 7:15 p.m.

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