



DEAF LINE

FEBRUARY & MARCH, 2004

Schaumburg Township Deaf Services

Invites you to an Educational Workshop

“Victim Assistance Program”

By

Jenni Ewald

Monday, February 9, 2004

6:30 p.m.

Schaumburg Township

One Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates, IL

* Theft * Child Abuse * Rape * Hate Crime
* Break-In * Assault * Sexual Abuse * Robbery

**** More Violent Crimes ****

Jenni Ewald, Deaf, is a Victim Assistance Counselor for the Chicago Hearing Society (CHS), helping Deaf & Hard of Hearing victims of violent crimes. She will talk about what a violent crime is (will give examples), various types of abuse and crimes, and how the Victim Assistance Program at CHS can help a victim.

- ~ Free Admission.
- ~ Learn how to get free help for yourself or someone you know.
- ~ Find out what free services the Victim Assistance Program offers.
- ~ Refreshments will be served.
- ~ RSVP by February 9th morning – Contact Sarita Phadke, Deaf Services Coordinator, at 847-884-1560 TTY or sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org Email.

FROM THE DEAF SERVICES COORDINATOR

I would like to let you know that your next newsletter will be in April. This newsletter is for the months of February and March combined.

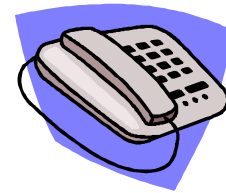


TAX HELP

- If you are 60 years or older, and if your income is low to moderate, you are eligible for free tax help from **Schaumburg Township's Senior Department**. Help is available every Tuesday and Friday until April 13th at the Township Hall, from 9 a.m. – 12 noon. The AARP trained volunteers can assist with all forms. This program is also available to disabled clients under the age of 65. Call the Senior Dept. at 847-884-0030 (Voice) for an appointment.
- The **Chicago Hearing Society (CHS)** offers free Income Tax Filing Assistance for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing every Saturday, from February 21st to March 27th, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., & every Wednesday from March 31st to April 14th, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., at the CHS office, 2001 N. Clybourn Ave., Chicago. Volunteers will assist deaf and hard of hearing people with filling out the following income tax forms only: 1040, 1040EZ, and 1040A. To make an appointment, call 773-248-9174 TTY or cfoster@anixter.org Email.

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 which is at Schaumburg Township on the 3rd Thursday of every month, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The next date for the Township location will be February 19th. If you have any questions, contact the Hoffman Estates Department of Health and Human Services at 847-882-4445 V/TTY.



CAPTEL

Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation (ITAC) now has **CapTel** as a part of the ITAC loan program. You can choose either a CapTel or a regular TTY. ITAC is contacting the trial participants to arrange for the CapTel switch for the updated models, and also to get application and certification information from those who are not in the ITAC program. For more information or to apply for a CapTel, call 1-800-841-6167 V/TTY.

**** CapTel** is a “captioned telephone” allowing a user to listen to the caller and at the same time read the written word-for-word captions on the display window. It is ideal for those who have hearing aids, or good speech skills.

You can find more information about CapTel on the Ultratec's website, www.ultratec.com.

NEWS FROM CSD

- Communication Services of the Deaf (CSD) launched its new service last fall – **CSD-TV**. It is a web-based venue comprised of programming for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing. There is no sign-up charge, but check www.csd.tv for viewing requirements.
- **SIGNews** by the CSD provides news regarding community, education, business, sports, youth, culture, and others. The cost of a subscription for one year is \$19.95 and for two years is \$36. If interested, check www.signews.org.
- CSD joined in partnership with Harris Communications last month for better service to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community. CSD has a new catalog providing assistive devices, novelties, pagers and other items. You can order from either CSD or Harris Communication. To request a free catalog from either CSD or Harris Communication or both, call 1-800-825-6758 V or 1-800-825-9187 TTY.

For more information, call CSD at 800-642-6410 V; 866-273-3323 TTY; 605-367-5958 Fax.



Deaf Way Illinois II – “Our Culture, Many Faces” will be held this year on May 20 – 23, 2004, at the Holiday Inn O’Hare International, 5440 N. River Road, Rosemont, IL. There will be several workshops, exhibits, a film festival, art gallery, a gala, entertainment, and children’s activities. The deadline for the early bird rate of \$150 has been extended to February 21st. There are combo packages, daily packages, and combo rates at the door. Check out www.deafwayillinois.org for more information. If you have no computer access, call Sara Bianco Riggio at 630-469-2300 TTY; sarabiancoriggio@aol.com Email or Joanne Murbach at 630-653-2024 TTY; smurbach@rcn.com Email. ** There will be a “Fundraiser” for Deaf Way Illinois II on the second Wednesday of every month. You can support the program by attending the party with the Deaf Way IL Committee at the Yorktown Pizza Hut located in the Yorktown Mall, Lombard, or by going to your local Pizza Hut. Be sure to mention you are supporting Deaf Way Illinois II, and Pizza Hut will donate 20% of your bill for the Deaf Way II Illinois. The next fundraising event will be held on February 11th at the Yorktown Pizza Hut in Lombard.



VIDEO MAIL IS AVAILABLE NOW!

The Sprint’s newest addition to its Video Relay Service (VRS) is **VRS Mail** – a new way for hearing callers (family members, friends, co-workers) to call and leave a video recorded message via VRS. All you need to do is give the VRS phone number, **866-410-5787**, with your extension number. In order to get the extension number, you need to go to www.sprintvrs.com and sign up. Any hearing person can leave a message with the video interpreter (VI). The VI immediately makes a video recording of the message using sign language and sends it to the Deaf person via email. When the Deaf person opens his/her email, s/he gets a video message from the Media Player – In other words, a VI will sign the message to you!

CDI WORKSHOPS

The Illinois Registry of Interpreting for the Deaf (IRID), Illinois School for the Deaf (ISD), and Chicago Club of the Deaf (CCD) are hosting a workshop on “Certified Deaf Interpreting (CDI): Issues & Information”, by Steven Walker, CDI-P. Steven Walker has been a staff interpreter at Gallaudet University for the past 12 years. All are welcome to attend the workshop, especially Deaf people, who are interested in becoming interpreters, hearing interpreters who want to work with CDIs, coordinators of Interpreter Education Programs or Interpreter Referral Services. Those workshops are conducted in ASL. You will also get the latest news on what is happening in the field of CDI interpreting and have the opportunity to ask questions. You can pick the location: either Chicago or Jacksonville. Here are details on the workshops:

* Saturday, February 28, 2004, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Illinois School of the Deaf, Conference Room, 125 Webster Avenue, Jacksonville, IL.
For housing information, contact Delynn Saunders at deafaslty@aol.com

* Sunday, February 29, 2004, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Chicago Club for the Deaf (CCD), 4221 W. Irving Park, Chicago, IL.
For housing information, contact Donna Reiter Brandwein at dbrandwein@aol.com Email.

The cost of the workshop before February 21st is \$25 and \$20 (full time students). The cost at the door is \$35 and \$30 (full time students). You can send a check (payable to IRID) to Rita Taccona, 331 Jennifer Lane, Roselle, IL 60172.

(Deaf Illinois News, January 5, 2004)

GOODWILL INDUSTRIES UPDATES

Here are the new telephone numbers for Goodwill Industries of Metropolitan Chicago, Inc.:

312-212-2223 TTY
312-212-1290 Voice
312-212-1263 Fax.
www.goodwillsew.com Website

(Sent by Gaetano “Tom” Adamo via Deaf Illinois News, January 9, 2004)

GREAT SHOWS

- Illinois CODA (Children of Deaf Adults) will host its first evening of entertainment: **CODAZZLE** – a show with comedy, music in sign & exciting “true-business” storytelling in celebration of CODA/Deaf Heritage by three CODA performers: Dale Dyal, Maria Ruiz-Williams, and Alan R. Abarbanell. This exiting show will be held on Saturday, February 7, 2004, 7 p.m., at John Hersey High School Auditorium, 1900 E. Thomas in Arlington Heights, IL. The cost of tickets before February 6th, 2004, is \$20. At the door, the cost will be \$25. There are reduced fees: \$10 (senior citizens & students with ID); \$5 (children 12 and under). If interested, send a check or money order (made out to Illinois CODA) to Lisa Callsen, 811 N. Maple, Prospect Heights, IL 60070.
- Peter Cook will host “**The Eyes of Deaf World**” by a well-known performer, Ben Bahan, co-author of the popular book, A Journey into the Deaf-World. Ben will perform many of his favorite ASL stories. It is a must for anyone who is involved in Deaf Studies. Voice interpretation is provided. Sponsored by PC Productions, this show will be held on Friday, February 13th, at 7 p.m., at the Columbia College, Getz Theater, 72 E. 11th Street, Chicago. The ticket cost is \$10 per person & free for Columbia students with ID. For more information, call 312-344-8499 TTY; 312-344-7837 V; 10yrseducating@columbia.edu Email.



UPCOMING DANCE SHOW

ICODance Company will present a dance concert, “Sensations” with different types of dances performed by Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Hearing dancers. The performance dates are March 25th – 28th (Friday & Saturday at 8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 3 p.m.) There will be one daytime performance for school groups to attend on Thursday, March 25th. For more information on tickets and location, contact Christine Strejc at 847-509-8257 TTY; 847-509-8260 x229 Voice; caschris@aol.com Email

ALDA’S CONFERENCE

It is not too late to register for the Chicago Chapter of ALDA (Association of Late Deafened Adults)’s one-day conference, “**Deaf Sense & Sensibility**”. There will be workshops, and exhibits. The keynote speaker will be Howard Rosenblum (Midwest Center for Law & the Deaf). The workshops and general session will be real-time captioned.

This mini conference will be held on Saturday, February 28, 2004, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel, 17 W. 350-22nd Street, Oakbrook Terrace, IL. The registration fee (choice of workshops, exhibits, general session, and lunch) is \$45 (ALDA Chicago member) and \$50 (non-member). If you want to become a member, you can pay \$9 plus registration fee. The deadline for the registration is February 14, 2004.

For more information or to receive a registration form, contact Heidi Adams at 630-232-8218 Voicemail; adams45h@earthlink.net Email or Karen Krull at 708-422-1214 TTY (24 hours TTY Auto-Answer).

**** Note:** ALDA Inc. has a new address and phone numbers - ALDA Inc., 1131 Lake St., # 204, Oak Park, IL 60301. The new numbers are 1-877-907-1738 (Voice/Fax) and 708-358-0135 (TTY). The website for ALDA, Inc. is www.alda.org, but the website for the Chicago Chapter of ALDA is www.deafvision.net/aldachicago/.

MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION

Deaf Adults Education Access Program (DAEAP) & West Suburban Association of the Deaf (WSAD) will host a Mardi Gras Celebration on Saturday, February 21, 2004, 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 mask/hat or outfit and \$8 without a special 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
 - Bob Paul: 847-925-6602 TTY or bpaul@harpercollege.edu Email
- Maureen Philbin at 312-245-0997 V/TTY.

GREAT APPRECIATION

I would like to thank **Angela Trull** and **Mark Lofgren** from MCI IP-Relay, for their wonderful workshop on “IP-Relay.com and its Latest Programs and Services” on January 20, 2004. Mark talked about IP-Relay.com – Relay options, Video Relay Service (VRS), Nexttalk, and Relay on the Sidekick pager. There was a huge crowd who enjoyed learning about IP-Relay.

A limited amount of brochures and calendars about the IP-Relay services are available at the Township. Angela will be sending disks and other materials that were run out during the meeting.

Please call in advance for our programs so we have enough handouts and a room large enough for all.

Thanks, Angela and Mark!



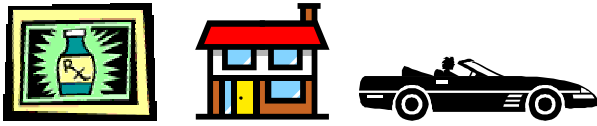
STATE PHARMACEUTICAL PROGRAMS

Illinois has unveiled a new drug discount plan called the **Illinois Rx Buying Club**. There are several plans that needed to be clarified:

- **New Illinois Rx Card plan** – Any Medicare beneficiary can complete an application and get the card. You can purchase any drug, at any pharmacy, and discounts are expected to be up to 20%. There will also be a mail order option. You will need to reapply yearly. The cost of Illinois Rx Card plan is \$25 annually. The card is white plastic with black lettering and a red logo.
- **Illinois SeniorCare program** – Sponsored by the Illinois Dept. of Public Aid, it provides comprehensive pharmacy benefits to seniors whose income is at or below 200% of the federal poverty level. This program covers almost all prescription drugs, including some over-the-counter drugs with a doctor’s prescription. To qualify, you must be 65 years or older, a US citizen, or qualified legal immigrant, and if single, your income is no more than \$17,960 a year and if married, your income can be no more than \$24,240 a year. Note: These dollar figures are based on information for the year of 2003. You must reapply each year. The card is blue.
- **Circuit Breaker Program** – It provides drug cost assistance for low to middle income seniors and people with disabilities. To qualify, you must be 65 years or older, or be 16 years of age and totally disabled. If single, your income can be no more than \$21,218 and no more than \$28,480 for households of 2 people. There are guidelines for more people. Note: These dollar figures are based on information for the year of 2003. You must reapply each year. This card is tan.

A Note on the New Federal Medicare Drug Plan

The Medicare Modernization bill will provide more choices in managed care, improvements to preventive care benefits, increases to both the Medicare Part B premiums and deductibles, and prescription drug coverage for Medicare beneficiaries, beginning in 2006. In addition, the bill also authorizes a new federal discount drug card that will be available in May 2004 reported to cost \$30. At this time, no further details have been made available about this temporary, interim drug discount card. (SHIP, December 2003).



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 **2003**. 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
- You total income in 2003 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, 2004.

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 if you did not receive one in the mail.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MIDWEST ACADEMIC BOWL

The High School Academic Bowl, sponsored by Gallaudet University, will be held on April 1-3, 2004, at Hinsdale South High School in Darien, IL. Kate Kubey is the Bowl Volunteer Coordinator and is seeking volunteers, especially Gallaudet Alumni, to help with the Bowl. For more information, or if interested, email Kate as soon as possible at kkubey@cityofchicago.org. Once you are selected, there will be training on March 3rd. Check the website: <http://academicbowl.gallaudet.edu>

(Sent by Kate Kubey via Deaf Illinois News, January 22, 2004)



TELECONFERENCE

The Midwest Center for Postsecondary Outreach at Harper College is hosting a Teleconference on “**Emerging Legal Trends: Impact on Services for Postsecondary Students who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing**” on Thursday, February 19, 2004, 1 to 3 p.m. It will be held at Harper College, Room F-127 (library), 1200 W. Algonquin Road, Palatine, IL. The live teleconference will address issues currently facing colleges and universities throughout the nation. Ms. Jeanne Kincaid, a nationally recognized disability rights attorney, will review recent case rulings and current legal issues and offer guidance to college/university personnel responsible for ensuring compliance.

For RSVP, contact Beth Bortolotti at 847-925-6369 V; 847-397-7600 TTY; ebortolo@harpercollege.edu Email.

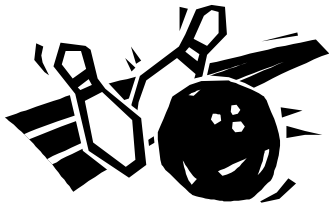
DEAF VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

West Suburban Association of the Deaf (WSAD) will host its 2004 Open Invitational Deaf Volleyball Tournament on May 14 & 15, 2004. This tournament will be held at the Schaumburg Park District Sports Center, 1141 Irving Park Road, Schaumburg, IL. You can form your own team and if you have trouble recruiting Deaf players, 2 hearing people per team are allowed. The cost of the early bird combo special (before February 6th) is \$20 (adult), & \$15 (senior citizen). Between February 7th and April 1st, the cost is \$25 (adult) & \$20 (senior citizen).

For more information on team & fan registrations, and others, check www.wsadeaf.org/volleyball.htm.

DEAF CLUB IS BACK!

After several years of inactivity, Aurora Club of the Deaf is beginning again. The first social night will be held on March 13, 2004, 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the North End Tap Bar, 83 Hanks Avenue in Aurora. There will be free appetizers, a jackpot, and door prizes. The admission fee is \$2 per person. For more information, email at dickieowl@yahoo.com.



BOWLING COMPETITIONS

- West Suburban Association of the Deaf (WSAD) is hosting the 10th Individual Handicap Deaf Bowling Classic on Saturday, February 7, 2004. It will be held at the Bowling Green, 30W150 Roosevelt Road, West Chicago, 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 \$45 and for women's division is \$39. Fans are welcome to witness the competition, which costs \$6 per person. There will be door prizes, a jackpot, and raffles. After bowling, the bowlers and fans can have a "night-out" at the same place at 7:30 p.m., which costs \$6. For more information, contact Eileen Rozborski at 847-584-4112 TTY.
- Chicago Club of the Deaf (CCD) will host its 43rd Annual Burriss Individual Handicap Deaf Bowling Classic on Saturday, March 27, 2004, at Stardust Bowl, 37 E. Lorraine Avenue, Addison. It is open to all Deaf and Hard of Hearing bowlers and prizes will be awarded for the winners. The entry fee for men's division is \$50 and for women's division is \$45. After bowling, the bowlers and fans can have a "night-out" from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m., at the CCD, 4221 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago, IL. For more information, contact Charles Bright at charles.bright@comcast.net Email, Marilyn Okabe at okabewink@wyndtell.com Pager, or CCD at 773-545-2669 TTY.

SURFING AROUND

- www.clbda.org - Chicagoland Black Deaf Advocates
- www.groups.yahoo.com/group/LDAchat/ - An online discussion group for Late Deafened Adults.
- www.marleonline.com - Marlee Matlin's homepage

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Monday, February 9 – **“Victim Assistance Program” Workshop** at SCH TWP, 6:30 p.m. (RSVP: 847-884-1560 TTY)
- Wednesday, February 11 & March 10 – **Diabetes Support Group** at SCH TWP, 1:30 - 3 p.m. (RSVP – Call 847-884-0030 V or 847-884-1560 TTY)
- Saturday, February 14 – **Valentine’s Day**
- Monday, February 16 – **Schaumburg Township Closed (President’s Day Holiday)**
- Wednesday, February 25 & March 24 – **Township Board meeting** at SCH TWP, 7:15 p.m.

