



Deaf line

FEBRUARY, 2006

HAPPY NEW YEAR – 2006!



FROM THE DESK OF THE DEAF SERVICES COORDINATOR

- Important announcement: We have a new **IP (Internet Protocol) Address** for the Videophone (VP) – **66.134.156.253**. It is for those who have computers or D-Link videophones and wish to contact me. If you have Sorenson VP-100, the number to contact me is the same as 847-884-1560. Please update the IP address.
- Our office is still a **VRS Station (Video Relay Service)** – You can come in during business hours (Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and use our Videophone (VP) to call a hearing person or business. Also, you can use VP to call your friend or loved one. If you need information on VRS or getting a VP, feel free to ask me.
- A Friendly Reminder: **Deaf Social/Support Group** will be held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, from 1 to 3 p.m., at Schaumburg Township, One Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates, IL. RSVP is needed.
- Our **ITAC Selection Center** is still available for any TTY, CapTel, and Amplified phone, help, viewing or testing. Applications and demonstrations are available at our center. Contact me to make an appointment.
- What **workshops** would you like to have in 2006? I need ideas. I will arrange workshops and speakers accordingly.
- Keep in mind that Schaumburg Township is a **designated heating center**. If you experience severe cold this winter and/or a power outage, you can come to the Township Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Call first to verify that we are open.
- For those who are receiving the Deaf Line newsletters: If you have **changed your address**, please contact me to update your mailing address to save postage.
- Deafline newsletters are available on Schaumburg Township website: www.schaumburgtownship.org
- For information, questions, or you want to contact me, here are the numbers: 847-884-1560 TTY/VP; 847-884-0039 Fax; sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org Email; IP Address: 66.134.156.253.

Sarita Phadke
Deaf Services Coordinator

EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR

Kitty Molander, Assistant Director of Schaumburg Township Disability Services, was chosen the Employer of the Year! Kitty has done a great job for her clients and also done very well in coordinating the Volunteer Program. Congratulations, Kitty!



SCHAUMBURG'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

The Village of Schaumburg is celebrating the 50th anniversary of its incorporation in 2006. Some special events & activities are planned throughout 2006. Some of the highlights include a historic digital scavenger hunt organized by the Schaumburg Library in March and April, the preview of a new documentary called, "Images of Schaumburg" to be screened at the Prairie Center on May 12th, and the dedication of Schaumburg's new Convention Center in July. Special anniversary merchandise will be for sale and a free calendar highlighting the community's growth will be available. You can view the history of Schaumburg and schedule of events online:

www.villageofschaumburg.com

MEDICARE PART D PRESENTATION

Schaumburg Township will sponsor a presentation on **Updates on Medicare Part D** given by Suburban Area Agency on Aging on Wednesday, February 22, 2006, 10 – 11:30 a.m., at Schaumburg Township, One Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates, IL. For more information or to RSVP, call 847-884-1560 TTY/VP or 847-884-0030 V.

NEW REVISED ITAC WEBSITE

Check the new revised website of ITAC (Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation) – www.itacty.com. The website has lots of information and is easy to use and surf around.

- Programs (voucher, loan, relay, etc)
- You can download an application form, print it, fill it out and mail to ITAC
- You can view a variety of equipment for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Late Deafened, and Deaf-Blind.
- You can check where the Selection centers are and check the closest center to your place.



DEAF SENIOR CITIZENS GATHERINGS IN 2006

Bene Shalom Deaf Senior Citizens: Meet at Congregation Bene Shalom of the Deaf, 4435 W. Oakton, Skokie, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost of lunch is \$3 per person. The dates are:

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| February 1 st | August 2nd |
| March 1 st | September 6th |
| April 5 th | November 1st |
| May 3 rd | December 6 th |
| June 7 th | |

Note: There will be no gatherings in July and October. For more information, call 847-674-0377 TTY/VP or hebrewsemdeaf@juno.com Email.

Joliet Deaf Senior Citizens: Meet at St. Anne Parish Hall, Dearborn & Ludwig Street, Crest Hill, IL, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bring your own lunch, but drinks and sweet rolls will be provided. The admission fee is \$7 per person. The dates are:

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| February 8 th | August 9 th |
| March 8 th | September 13 th |
| April 12 th | October 11 th |
| May 10 th | November 8 th |
| June 14 th | December 6 th (Party) |
| July 12 th | |

For more information, contact Rose Hombaker at 815-744-3610 Fax or rosemae42@aol.com Email.

St. Francis Borgia Deaf Senior Citizens: Meet at Stokes Hall, 8025 W. Addison Street, Chicago, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There is no admission cost but donations are welcome. Bring desserts to share. The dates are:

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| January 26 th | July 27 th |
| February 23 rd | August 24 th |
| March 23 rd | September 21 st |
| April 27 th | October 19 th |
| May 25 th | November 16 th |
| June 22 nd | December 14 th |

For more information, call 312-751-8368 TTY or 312-655-7899 Voice.

2006 DEAF SOCIAL/SUPPORT GROUP

Deaf Social/Support Group meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month from 1 to 3 p.m., at Schaumburg Township, Room #114 (lower level). Here are the tentative dates for the Deaf Social/Support Group for the first 6 months of 2006:

January 17th
February 21st
March 21st

April 18th
May 16th
June 20th

These dates are subject to change if there is a conflict. RSVP to Sarita Phadke for each meeting at 847-884-1560 TTY/VP, 847-884-0039 Fax or sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org Email

NEW LONG DISTANCE CHARGES FOR CAPTEL USERS

There is an important change starting January 12, 2006 – The FCC now requires that long distance calls by relay services must be billed to the customer. Before, there was no cost for long distance calls made through the CapTel service, but now all long distance calls must be billed to the CapTel users as well as regular relay users.

A long distance billing notice will appear on the CapTel display screen and below is an example:

CapTel CA # 1234
Dialing 6082385400
NEW FCC RULES
Long distance calls
Will now be billed

A CapTel Database Profile can be set up for those wishing to specify a preferred phone carrier, Spanish to Spanish service, or other services. Any charges will appear on the customer's monthly phone bill. If you need a copy of the Profile Request Form, call Schaumburg Township Deaf Services at 847-884-1560 TTY/VP or ITAC at 1-800-841-6167 V/TTY.

Also, you can make CapTel calls using a Calling Card. You can buy a card at any discount store that sells calling cards with different minute amounts. Below is the procedure of how to make a CapTel call using a calling card:

1. Dial the calling card's 800 # using your CapTel.
2. CapTel service connects you to the calling card's 800 #.
3. Type the calling card information directly as instructed on the phone keypad.
4. You will then be instructed to type the number you wish to call.
5. Your conversation will be paid for via the calling card.

Exception:

Calling an 800 calling card number, then dialing our 800 CapTel Service number. You may get a message saying your call cannot be completed as dialed because it recognizes there is no billing needed for an 800 to 800 number. In this case, you should dial the call without the card, or try dialing the Captioning Service FIRST, the calling card SECOND, and then the number you are calling.

If you have any questions about the new FCC rule or regarding this change, contact Pam Holmes at 1-888-269-7477 V/CapTel, 800-482-2424 TTY, 608-238-3008 Fax, or pam.holmes@captelmail.com Email.

(Thanks Sharon Reese for this information)

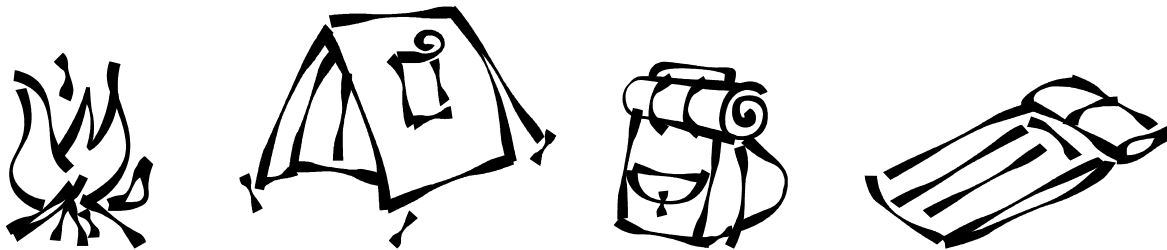


Schaumburg Township Disability/Senior Services want to thank **Heritage Bank** for sponsoring the Holiday Party for Seniors and Disabled Adults. Disability Services wants to thank **Parkway Bank** for sponsoring the Holiday Party for Disabled Children & their families. Many thanks go to the following area businesses, public officials, and individuals for their generous donations.

Village Tavern
Rep. Terry Park
Rep. Steve Rauschenberger
Trustee Scott Kegaris
Loews Cineplex
Schaumburg-Hoffman Lions
Lynfred Winery
Midwest Mobility
Poplar Creek Country Club
Schaumburg Flyers
Chicago White Sox
Absolute Vending
Lillian Churchill
Barbara Steel
American United Bank & Trust
Arlington Park Race Track
Claire's Accessories
Garibaldi's
International House of Pancakes
MB Financial Bank
Richard Walker's
Roselle International Food Market
Schaumburg Prairie Center for the Arts
Thai Garden
Port Edward Restaurant
Crochet Group

Pilot Pete Restaurant
Star
The Great Frame Up
Schaumburg Toyota
Ala Carte Entertainment
Carpenter's Union 839
La Magdalena
Chicago Bulls
Chicago Wolves
Sunshine Gutter Co.
UPS
Bob Chinn's Crab House
Gail Edgren
Alexian Village
Amerisuites Schaumburg
Asha Salon & Spa
Costco
Grand Victoria Casino
Lalo's Hospitality Group
Prairie Rock Brewing Co.
Rosati's
Shaw's Crab House
Shilo-D Hair Studio
Toma-Rosa Pizza & Pasta
Schaumburg Marriott

In addition, Great Appreciation goes to the many volunteers for their hard work in making the Children's party smooth & successful!



SUMMER CAMPS FOR THE DEAF & HARD OF HEARING

- **Indiana Deaf Camps Foundation** - There will be two camps which will be held at Camp Alexander Mack on beautiful Lake Waukee, Indiana:
 - Deaf & Hard of Hearing Children (4 - 15 years) on July 9 - 15, 2006; \$265 per camper; Registration deadline is June 11th.
 - Family Camp on September 23-25, 2006; \$15 registration fee per person is due September 1st; \$70 per adult upon arrival; \$25 per child upon arrival.

For more information, or to get a registration form, check www.deafcamps.org or call 317-846-3404, ext. 305 V; 317-571-4258 TTY; deafcamps@hotmail.com Email.
- **Camp Mark 7** - Located in Old Forge, NY. It offers several diverse programs for Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Hearing individuals of all ages:
 - **Bible Camp** (18 years and above) on June 18 - 24
 - **KODA Children** (ages 9 - 12) on June 25 - July 7
 - **KODA Youth** (ages 13 - 16) on July 9 - 21
 - **Deaf Youth** (ages 12 - 16) on July 23 - August 4
 - **Deaf Children** (ages 9 - 12) on August 6 - 12
 - **Silent/Elder Week** on August 13 - 19
 - **Sober Week** on August 20 - 26

To check the rates or for more information, call 585-381-5930 TTY/Fax (Until May). After that, call 315-357-6089 TTY/V; 315-357-6403 FAX; davebusy@aol.com Email. Check the website: www.campmark7.org.
- **Holley Family Village** - Located in a beautiful country setting on a lake in Brooklyn, Michigan. There are different sessions for Deaf and Hard of Hearing children, Hearing siblings, Deaf children with one or more disabilities and families:
 - **Deaf Youth Leadership Week** (June 25th - 30th); grades 9 - 12; \$200
 - **Family Literacy Week** (July 2nd - 7th or 9th - 14th); \$200 per adult; \$100 per child
 - **ASL Week** (July 16th - 21st); \$350 per person
 - **Religious ASL Week** (July 23rd - 28th); \$350 per person
 - **Art Workshop** (July 30th - August 4th); \$100 for Deaf teens
 - **Deaf-Blind Workshop** (August 10th - 13th); \$15 per Deaf-Blind teen or adult

For other information, call 517-592-2389 TTY; 517-592-8218 V/Fax; Margaret@desales.org Email or check www.desales.org
- **NAD Youth Leadership Camp (YLC)** - This camp is for Deaf & Hard of Hearing students (10th - 11th grades). The camp offers leadership skills, team building, outdoor activities and group dynamics and also focuses on literacy, social studies, health, drama, deaf culture, language, heritage, & current issues. In addition, there will be guest speakers who will be talking about leadership, advocacy, & parliamentary procedures. This camp will be held July 19th to August 15th, at Camp Talooli in Stayton, Oregon. The camp cost is \$1,325 including application fee, field trips, ground transportation, shirt, and others. Deadline is March 1st. For more information, check www.nad.org/YLC or contact Jennifer Yost, NAD Youth Programs Coordinator, at 301-587-1789 TTY; 301-587-1788 V; 301-587-1791 Fax; youth@nad.org Email.

- **National Leadership & Literacy Camp (NLLC)** - This camp is for Deaf, Hard of Hearing, KODA, and Siblings of Deaf Children (fluent in ASL) and will be held at Camp Lakodia on the shores of Lake Herman in Madison, South Dakota. Campers will learn the fundamentals of leadership. Also, the camp offers a wide range of activities such as canoeing, paddleboat, kayaking, volleyball, bocce, and field trips to famous landmarks (Mt. Rushmore, Crazy Horse Memorial, Wild Water West, Black Hills National Forest, CSD Headquarters, etc).
 - July 2 - 16: Middle school students (5th - 8th grades); The cost is \$400
 - July 16 - 23: Basketball Camp (5th - 12 grades); The cost is \$250
 - July 23 - August 5: High school students (9th - 12th grades); The cost is \$400

Deadline is May 15th. For more information, check www.nllcamp.com or call 800-642-6410 V, 866-273-3323 TTY, 605-731-7875 TTY or 605-367-4979 Fax.

- **Young Scholar's Program (YSP)** - Gallaudet University offers programs for talented and gifted Deaf, and Hard of Hearing high school students (grades 9-12). These programs will be held at Gallaudet University, Washington, DC, and each session costs \$1,200.
 - o Camp Media (July 9th - 21st)
 - o LEADAmerica: Leadership University (July 11th - 16th)
 - o Crimes & Clues (July 16th - 28th)
 - o Camp Gallaudet (July 16th - 28th)

In addition, there are other summer programs such as Summer Science Program, ACT/SAT Preparation Workshop; Sports Camp, Bridge Program, etc. For more information or to request a summer catalog, call 800-383-9931 TTY/V; 202-448-6933 Fax; summer@gallaudet.edu Email. Check www.summer.gallaudet.edu

GUAA CHAPTER

Gallaudet University Alumni Association (GUAA) Chapter is being re-established after having been in inactive status for several years. The interim (acting) officers are:

- President – **Sandra Goldstein**
- Vice President – **Donald Moore**
- Secretary/Treasurer – **June Prusak**

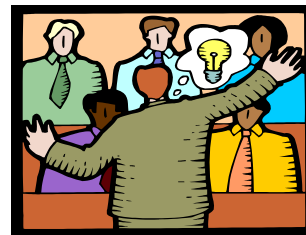
The GUAA's forthcoming events are:

- **Pot Luck Party** on Saturday, April 8, 2006. It is a perfect day, because April 8, 1864 was the Charter Day in which the US President, Abraham Lincoln signed the Charter, authorizing the Columbia Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and Blind (now Gallaudet University) to grant undergraduate degrees to Deaf students. June Prusak is the chairperson for this event.
- **Get Together** on Wednesday, July 12th after AccessChicago at Navy Pier, Chicago. At the same time, enjoy watching the fireworks. The chairperson for this event is Tom Benziger.

Details for these events will be announced at a later time. If you want to help the chairpersons, contact:

- June at outdoorjune@yahoo.com
- Tom at tbenziger@accessliving.org

For general information, contact Sandra Goldstein at sandygoldstein2000@yahoo.com Email.



ALDA'S MINI CONFERENCE

It is not too late to register for the Association of Late-Deafened Adults (ALDA)'s one-day Mini Conference, **“Developing Our Strengths, Finding Our Voices”**.

There will be 2 presentations: “How to Listen to Your Heart’s Desire... Even When You Can’t Hear Anymore” by Erika Lohmiller, and “The Emotional Issues Dealing with a Hearing Loss and How to Self-Advocate” by Laurieann Chutis. This conference will be held on Saturday, February 25, 2006, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at Holiday Inn, 17 W 350 22nd Street, Oakbrook Terrace, IL.

The registration fees, including a luncheon, exhibits, and presentations, are:

- \$50 (ALDA Chicago Members);
- \$55 (Non Members and Guests);
- \$35 (Luncheon Only)

You can request the registration form from Laird Mintz at lairguitar@juno.com Email or 773-871-3216 Voicemail. Check www.deafvision.net/alda-chicago



ZIP CODE CHANGES SET FOR JULY 2006

The ZIP Code changes, requested by the Village of Hoffman Estates, will be put into effect July 1, 2006. The US Postal Service will release the new ZIP Code – 601## in the spring of 2006. The following points summarize the planned changes:

- Hoffman Estates addresses with ZIP Code of 60192 will keep the 60192 ZIP Code.
- Hoffman Estates addresses (east of Bartlett Road & south of I-90) with ZIP Codes of 60172, 60194, & 60195, will be given a new ZIP Code.
- Schaumburg residents and businesses, which have 60194 and 60195, will keep those ZIP Codes.
- Hoffman Estates addresses with 60195 north of I-90 will switch to 60192.
- Hoffman Estates addresses with 60067 and 60010 will keep their current ZIP Codes.
- Hoffman Estates businesses that have 60120 will switch to 60192.

All addresses that are changing ZIP Codes will get official notification from the USPS before changes are implemented in July 2006. If you have any questions related to the upcoming changes, contact the Village Manager's office at 847-781-2605 V.



CISDA MEETING

Chicagoland Illinois School for the Deaf Alumni (CISDA) will have its general meeting on Saturday, February 11, 2006, at Hillside Bowling Alley, 4545 W. Harrison, Hillside, from 3 to 6 p.m.

The new officers (2006-2008) are: Charles Bright (President); Pamela Wojcik (Vice President); Janice Mancill (Secretary); Barbara Husted (Treasurer); Walter Niesluchowski (Board of Director); John McDonough (Athletic Director). There are 2 openings for board of directors' positions. If interested, come to the meeting. All are welcome to the meeting. For more information, email: deafjan2@aol.com

MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION

West Suburban Association of the Deaf (WSAD) & Deaf Adults Education Access Program (DAEAP) will host an Annual Mardi Gras Celebration on Saturday, February 18, 2006, 7 p.m. to 1 a.m., at Best Western Inn, 1600 Oakton Street, Elk Grove Village. There will be a Mardi Gras style mask/hat and ASL (American Sign Language) Storytelling contests, and door prizes. The admission fees are \$6 with mask/hat or costume and \$8 without a special costume. Proceeds will go to DAEAP & WSAD. For more information, contact Bob Paul: bpaul@harpercollege.edu Email.

BOWLING EVENTS

- West Suburban Association of the Deaf (WSAD) will host the **12th Individual Handicap Deaf Bowling Classic** on Saturday, February 4, 2006, 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 the men's division is \$50 and for the women's division is \$43. There are time slots that you can choose for bowling: 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. or 2 p.m. Fans are welcome to watch the competition for a minimal admission fee. Free for children under 12. There will be door prizes, a jackpot, and raffles. After bowling, the bowlers and fans can have a "night-out" at the same place from 6 p.m. till 2 a.m., which costs \$6. For more information, contact Eileen Rozborski at 847-584-4112 TTY or esroz3@aol.com Email. Check www.wsadeaf.org
- Illini Chapter of IAD (Illinois Association of the Deaf) will host its **Crazy Bowling Event** on Saturday, February 11, 2006, at Western Bowl Lanes on Francis Drive, Champaign, at 12:30 p.m. sharp. The cost per bowler is \$12 including admission, bowling fee, shoe rentals, and door prizes. The cost for fans is \$6 including admission and door prizes. After bowling, there will be dinner (chili soup and others) provided by the Fox Valley Chapter of IAD and proceeds go to the 101st IAD conference. Dinner will be held in the basement of the Western Bowl at 5 p.m. and the cost is to be announced soon. After dinner, there will be a social event. For more information or to get a flyer or directions, contact Susan Weiss at 217-351-8621 TTY or sweiss5@aol.com Email.

NEW LOCATION FOR NEXT CHICAGO'S DEAFNATION EXPO

The next DeafNation Expo for the Chicago area, will be held at a new location – Harper College, Building M, Wellness & Sports Center, in Palatine. It will be held on Saturday, October 7, 2006, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. There will be several exhibits, booths, seminars, workshops, presentations, entertainment, and children's activities. There will be plenty of parking places. Admission is free, but pre-register to avoid a long line at door. To sign up, go to the website: www.deafnation.com. If you have no computer, you can come to the Township and Sarita Phadke will help you register to get free tickets.

SHHH CHANGES ITS NAME

Self Help for Hard of Hearing People (SHHH) has a new name – **Hearing Loss Association of America**. The change of name reflects the needs of a new generation of people with hearing loss and a new image. The population of people with hearing loss in the United States has grown from an estimated 28 million in 1989 to over 31 million in 2004. This organization expects to complete the transition to the new name in March, 2006. Hearing Loss Association of America opens the world of communication to people with hearing loss through information, education, advocacy, and support. It has several chapters including Chicagoland and other places in Illinois. Check the website for more details. The new website is www.hearingloss.org.

The address and phone numbers are the same:
7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 1200
Bethesda, MD 20814
301-657-2248 V & 301-657-2249 TTY

DEAFNATION ROAD TRIP

The 40,000-mile DEAFNATION Road Trip by RV is officially scheduled to begin on February 1, 2006. It will tour throughout 2006 and the crews will meet many people as they travel to 12 DeafNation Expos in USA. The purpose of this tour is to bring Deaf awareness, events, news, and entertainment to people. If you have any stories to share, or if you have any comments, ideas, or suggestions, email: info@deafnation.com. Check for more details on www.deafnation.com

The monthly Deaf Line newsletter is free for Schaumburg Township residents and all agencies & organizations serving the Deaf, and Hard of Hearing consumers. Deaf Line and Ablegram newsletters can be viewed on Schaumburg Township's website.

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Richard Taccini – Trustee

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John Lawson – Assessor

Robert Fecarotta – Highway Commissioner

Margaret (Peggy) Franklin – Collector

Schaumburg Township is a Selection Center for the Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation (ITAC) Program (TTYs, CapTel Phone, and Amplified Phones)

**DEAFLINE
SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP DEAF SERVICES
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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Tuesday, February 14 – **Valentine's Day**
- Monday, February 20 – **Schaumburg Township Closed** (President's Day Holiday)
- Tuesday, February 21 – **Social/Support Group for the Deaf** at SCH TWP, 1 – 3 p.m. (RSVP: 847-884-1560 TTY/VP)
- Wednesday, February 22 – **Medicare Part D Presentation** at SCH TWP, 10 – 11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, February 22 – **TWP Board meeting** at SCH TWP, 7:15 p.m.

