

SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP DEAF SERVICES

DEAF LINE

JANUARY, 2003



Happy New Year – 2003!

From the Disabled Services Dept.

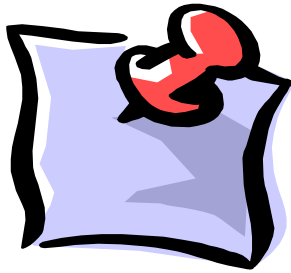
Gerry, Kitty, Rose & Sarita

From the Deaf Services Coordinator

- Hi, & Happy New Year! Hope you had a wonderful holiday!
- I need help from you! What **events and workshops** would you see at the Township this year? Please let me know. By popular demand, Schaumburg Township Deaf Services will host **Country Western Line Dancing** sometimes in the early spring. Eileen Rozborski, Deaf teacher, is happy to teach interested people. This is a social get together to learn, enjoy, and meet new friends. Stay tuned for the dates and times!
- A friendly reminder – we are still one of the **ITAC TTY Distribution Centers**. If you have a TTY or any part that is not working, contact us or any other center.
- If you would like to get the **Deaf Line newsletter via email**, let me know.
- If you are on our mailing list and you have changed your address or phone number, please contact our office at 847-884-1560 TTY or 847-884-0039 Fax to **update your mailing address**.

If you need anything, feel free to contact me at 847-884-1560 TTY, 847-884-0039 Fax, or sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org Email.

Thanks,
Sarita Phadke
Deaf Services Coordinator



MCLD YELLOW POCKET CARDS

As you may know, the Midwest Center on Law and the Deaf (MCLD) has been giving out free yellow **Pocket Cards** for the past three years to Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals who reside in Illinois. But starting on January 1st, 2003, MCLD will require people pay at least \$20 for the card.

The Pocket Card explains your rights as a Deaf or Hard of Hearing person to anyone who you might encounter in your daily life such as hospitals, hotels, police, restaurants, schools, museums, government agencies, etc. All you need for the form is your name, whether you are deaf or hard of hearing or late deafened or deaf-blind or another category, your preference for an interpreter and a referral agency (CHS, CAIRS, Lucas Interpreting, etc). In this way, whenever you go to the hospital or anywhere and show the card, they will know you are Deaf, need an interpreter and call the agency of your choice. For more information, or to get a form, contact MCLD at 800-894-3654 TTY; 800-894-3653 V; 312-726-7182 Fax; MCLD1@aol.com Email. You can view the card on website:

www.mclid.org.

IAD CONFERENCE

Illinois Association of the Deaf (IAD) will host its 42nd Biennial Conference 2003, "Reach for the Stars", on June 19 – 21, 2003. It will be held at the Holiday Inn Brandywine, in Peoria, Illinois. There is a combo price that includes the registration fee, program book, workshops, Miss Deaf IL Pageant, Banquet, entertainment, Friday and Saturday's breakfasts and Saturday's lunch. Check the website: www.iadeaf.org to get more information on rates and other information. For those who have no Internet access, contact Teri-Lyn Calhoun at 309-697-8280 Fax.



OUR CONDOLENCES

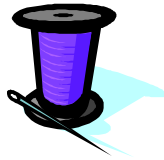
- **Brian Bjerregaard** (Deaf) died on December 8, 2002, at the age of 59. He lived in Schaumburg for many years. He had a good heart and helped other people by providing transportation and recently, brought someone to Schaumburg Township for help.
- **Alma Ullrich** (Deaf) passed away on December 14, 2002, at the age of 81. Alma had attended Township events in the past, including the holiday parties for disabled adults.

Our condolences go to their family members. They will be missed by many people.



BOWLING COMPETITION

West Suburban Association of the Deaf (WSAD) is hosting the 9th Individual Handicap Deaf Bowling Classic on Saturday, February 1, 2003, from 12 to 2:30 p.m. It will be at Bowling Green, 30W150 Roosevelt Road, West Chicago, IL. (1/4 mile west of Rt. 59). It is for any Deaf or Hard of Hearing person who wants to compete in the 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. 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, call contact Eileen Rozborski at 847-584-4112 TTY.



DEAF EMBROIDERY SPECIALIST

Carla Nedved of Carla's Threads and More specializes embroidering on a variety of items such as caps, shirts, sweatshirts, aprons, towels, tote bags, bibs, and many more. She uses a computerized sewing machine. Being Deaf herself, she is able to communicate with the Deaf community easily. Also, she sponsors embroidery home parties. For more information, contact Carla Nedved at 847-289-4836 TTY, 847-289-4790 Fax, or carlathreads@aol.com Email.

SOCCER TEAM FOR THE DEAF

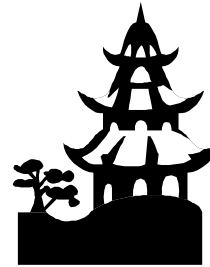
If you or anyone you know is interested in playing on a soccer team this summer, St. Francis Borgia Center will sponsor a Deaf team for those who are 18 years and older. Experience is not necessary. There will be an organizational meeting on Sunday, January 5, 2003, at noon, at St. Francis Borgia Center, 8025 W. Addison in Chicago. For more information, contact Chris Majeri at chrislccil@aol.com or Father Joe Mulcrone at 312-751-8368 TTY.

DEAF WAY II DVD & VHS FOR SALE

Deaf Way II Opening Celebration and Highlights on DVD and VHS tapes and other DWII merchandise items are for sale. For more information, contact Laura Brown, at 202-651-6119 TTY or merch@deafway.org Email. You can check www.deafway.org/store.

HEARING HEALTH MAGAZINE

Hearing Health Magazine has been sold to the Deafness Research Foundation (DRF) based in Washington, DC. The new address and phone numbers are: Hearing Health, 1050 17th Street, NW, Suite 701, Washington, DC 20036; 202-289-5850 x1004; info@hearinghealthmag.com Email; www.hearinghealthmag.com.



NATIONAL ASIAN DEAF CONGRESS CONFERENCE 2003

The Deaf of the Pacific Rim & the National Asian Deaf Congress (NADC) will be hosting its NADC 2003 Conference, "Asian-Pacific Island Deaf & Hard of Hearing Perspectives in the 21st Century". There will be several workshops, storytelling, a comedy night, Miss NADC Pageant, class reunion, and much more. This conference will take place during the week of June 24 – 29, 2003 in Honolulu, Hawaii. Check the website for more information on registration fees, and others: www.nadc-usa.org.

WINTER HOLIDAY HOP

There will be a "Winter Holiday Hop" for Special Education Teens and Young Adults on Friday, January 17, 2003, 7 to 9:30 p.m., at the Schaumburg Township Activity Center, One Illinois Blvd, Schaumburg, IL. LaSalle Bank is sponsoring the dance. There will be DJ music by Eric Brandt. Bring a donation for Schaumburg Township's Food Pantry. RSVP is required by January 9th - call 847-884-0030 ext. 2024 V. For more information, call Micki Coppel at 847-519-1664 or Bernadette Marcis at 847-240-0566 V.

CAPTIONING HELP DESK

The National Captioning Institute (NCI) opened a new department, "National Help Desk". It offers a free service to answer your questions and help solve problems with captioning and described video. If you want to know who to contact to get your favorite TV shows captioned, what to do about the technical difficulties, or where to get your captioning equipment serviced, repaired or replaced, the toll-free number is: **1-800-950-0958 TTY**. You can also email: mail@ncihelpdesk.org. (DeafDigest Gold from HANDS, December, 2002)

GREAT APPRECIATION

Schaumburg Township Disabled Services wants to thank **Heritage Bank** and **Parkway Bank** for sponsoring the Holiday Parties for Disabled Adults and Children & their Families respectively. Many thanks go to the following area businesses, public officials, and individuals for their generous donations that made the Holiday parties for disabled adults and children & their families more enjoyable. We urge you to patronize the businesses below.

Claire's
Schaumburg Park district
Marriott
Village Tavern
Lynfred Winery
Sunshine Gutter
Holiday Inn
Hoffman Estates Park District
Terry Parke
Great Frame Up
Target on Higgins Road
Melting Pot
Ala Carte Entertainment
Mia Cucina
California Pizza Kitchen
Timer Lodge
Bank Financial
Loews Cineplex
Dooley's
Champs
Second City
La Magdalena
Schaumburg Golf Club
Deerfield's

Pilot Pete's
Lettuce Entertain You
Absolute Vending Service
Bob Chin's
Schaumburg/Hoffman Lions
Game Works
Embassy Suites Hotel
Corrine Morris
Josephine Simone
MB Financial Bank
Levi Strauss & Co
John's Garage
Alphagraphics
Schaumburg Flyers
Laura Vaccaro
J C Penny
American Enterprise Bank
St. Alexis Hospital
Jane Addams
Kay Wojcik
Doris Karpiel
Embassy Suites
Palm Court

A special thanks to our many volunteers for their hard work in making the parties so successful!

SPECIAL THANKS

Schaumburg Township Deaf Services would like to thank **Jenni Ewald** of Chicago Hearing Society, for her wonderful presentation on "Victim Assistance Program" at Schaumburg Township in November, 2002. Jenni gave several examples of what a violent crime was and explained what a victim can do, and how CHS can help the victim. Thanks, Jenni, for the wonderful workshop!

DIABETES PRESENTATION

Schaumburg Township's Diabetes Support Group will have a special program by Roberta Piorkowski, St. Alexius' Diabetes Educator, on Wednesday, January 8, 2003, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at Schaumburg Township. "Bert" will talk about how to deal with Diabetes and the latest information on Diabetes. Reservations are required – call 847-884-0030 ext. 2022 V or 847-884-1560 TTY.

PROGRAMS FOR THE DEAF & HARD OF HEARING

Northwest Special Recreation Association (NWSRA) and Northeast DuPage Special Recreation Association (NEDSRA) are offering winter activities for Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals as follows:

NEDSRA

- **Outdoor Adventure** (February 23, 2003, 11 am. – 3 p.m.) – For Deaf and Hard of Hearing, ages 18 and older. The snow has fallen so let the fun begin at Arrowhead Country Club in Wheaton with cross country skiing, snowshoeing, or both, followed by lunch at the dining room at Arrowhead. Meet at NEDSRA first. Wear warm clothes and bring money for lunch. Deadline is February 3rd.
- **Home Maintenance for Women** (March 2, 2003, 1 to 3 p.m.) – A Deaf instructor will teach basic knowledge of home maintenance. Deadline is February 14th.
- **Playtime with Friends** (March 2, 2002, 10 a.m. – noon) – It is for children (2-6 years) and their parents for a fun morning of activities at NEDSRA facility. Deadline is February 22nd.

All NEDSRA programs are open to anyone, regardless of where they live. For more information or to get a free catalog, call Pam Clohesy at 630-620-7477 TTY; 630-620-4500 V; 630-620-4598 Fax.

NWSRA:

- **Ladies Night for Deaf, Hard of Hearing & those with other disabilities** (Wednesdays, Jan. 29 – March 12, 2003, & April 16 – May 7, 2003, 5-6:30 p.m.) – Get together to practice manners, social skills, and grooming as well as to learn simple meal preparation. It is at Pioneer Park, Arlington Heights and it costs \$55 for both sessions.

- **On the Go Too** (Saturdays, Feb 1 – March 15, 2003, & April 26 – May 10, 2003, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.) – It is for Deaf/Hard of Hearing and those with other disabilities (13-21 years) who will socialize with friends and visit certain attractions in the Chicagoland area. It costs \$87.75 for both sessions.
- **Teen Scene On the Move** (January 20, 2003, 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.) – It is for Teen Deaf/Hard of Hearing and those with other disabilities. Have fun, taking part in a scavenger hunt for prizes at Randhurst Mall. After lunch, you will learn how chocolates are created at the Morkes Chocolate Factory. It costs \$20.

The NWSRA programs above are for those who live in the 16 park district areas. If anyone is from out of these areas, she/he will have to pay an additional of 50% more. For more information on the 16 park districts or to get a free catalog, call 847-392-2855 TTY; 392-2848 V.



INTERNET BASICS CLASSES

Woodson Regional Library will be having free Internet Basics Classes for anyone who is interested in learning basics of Internet such as browsers and how they work, what a web address is, how search engines work, how to search the web and more.

You can choose any of the following dates:

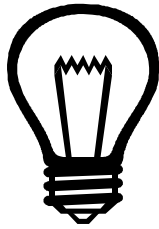
January 7th & 14th, 2003

February 4th & 11th

March 4th & 11th

The class is from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (lecture) and then from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (hands on). All classes will be held at the library, 9525 South Halsted Street, Chicago. For more information or to register, call Lisa Burwell at 312-747-6921 Voice or LaBurw@netscape.net Email.

(Deaf Illinois News, December 3, 2002)



EMERGENCY LIGHT BULB

The Schaumburg Township Human Services Fund (HSF) has **Emergency Beacons** for the Township's disabled and senior households, which can be used to signal a need for help in the home. This special light bulb will function as a regular one in the porch or yard light fixture, but becomes a flashing light with two flips of the light switch. When it flashes, it alerts the neighbors of an emergency situation and helps to pinpoint the location of the home after you have called 911 for police, fire, and rescue personnel. The Emergency Beacon is **NOT** a substitute for dialing 9-1-1 and should not be used in non-emergency situations. In addition, it is important to let your neighbors know that the flashing light indicates an emergency situation. The HSF is working with the Township's Disabled Services and Senior Services Departments in the distribution of the Emergency Beacon. The Emergency Beacon is **FREE** to Schaumburg Township residents only. Emergency Beacon Facts are: 60 watts bulb; installs like a regular light bulb; bulb instantly becomes flashing signal for help; easy to use; guaranteed to last 2,000 hours, normal use; recognized by the National Crime Prevention Council. For more information, call 847-884-1560 TTY or 847-884-0030 V.

NO MORE SERVICES

As of January 1st, 2003, the National Center on Latinos with Disabilities (NCLD) will no longer provide services to any individuals or clients because the State of Illinois has not provided funding promised to NCLD. If you or you know someone are in need of assistance, and live in Chicago, you can go to three places:

- Access Living: 312-253-7002 TTY; 312-253-7000 V
- Chicago Hearing Society: 773-248-9174 TTY; 773-248-9121 V
- El Valor: 312-666-4511 and 312-666-3260 (both voice)

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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John Caporale – Trustee

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Wednesday, January 1, 2003 – Happy New Year! SCH TWP CLOSED
- Wednesday, January 8 – **Diabetes Support Group** at SCH TWP, 1:30 - 3 p.m. (RSVP needed – Call 847-884-0030 V or 884-1560 TTY)
- Wednesday, January 22 – **Township Board meeting** at SCH TWP, 7:15 p.m.

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