



DEAF LINE

JANUARY, 2004

“IP-RELAY.com & its Latest Programs & Services”

by
ANGELA TRULL

Rescheduled to Tuesday, January 20, 2004, 7 – 9 p.m.

Where: Schaumburg Township, One Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates, IL.

What: Angela Trull works as an Outreach & Education Specialist for MCI, based in Raleigh, North Carolina. Angela will talk about IP-Relay.com and will demonstrate some of the exciting Internet services that MCI-IP Relay offers – Nextalk.net & Wireless IP-Relay.com. You will also learn how to take full advantage of other services available on MCI Relay’s website.

~ **IP-Relay.com** – You can make either text relay calls or VRS (video relay service) calls. You can make several calls, surf the Internet, and read or write emails, all at the same time.

~ **Nextalk.Net** – Is a free, text-based communication service with several features, including the ability to call from a computer to a TTY. You can also receive calls at your computer, and get messages on your pager.

~ **Wireless IP-Relay.com** gives you freedom to call the relay on your wireless pager (Sidekick, & other portable pagers). It is 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

There is no charge for any local and long distance calls in the United States.

~ Free admission

~ Come check out the exciting technologies

~ Find out what other features are being offered

~ Bring your family members & friends.

~ There will be time for questions/answers.

~ Refreshments will be served.

RVSP by January 19th: Contact Sarita Phadke, Deaf Services Coordinator, at 847-884-1560 TTY or sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org Email.

Thanks for your understanding about this workshop being cancelled last month...



From the Deaf Services Coordinator

- Hi, & Happy New Year and Stay Healthy!
- What events and workshops you would like to see at the Township this year. Please let me know. Any suggestions would be appreciated.
- A friendly reminder – we are still one of the ITAC TTY Distribution Centers. If you have a TTY or any parts that are not working, contact us or any other center.
- If you are on our mailing list and you have changed your address or phone number, please contact Deaf Services at 847-884-1560 TTY, 847-884-0039 Fax, or sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org Email.

TOWNSHIP INFORMATION

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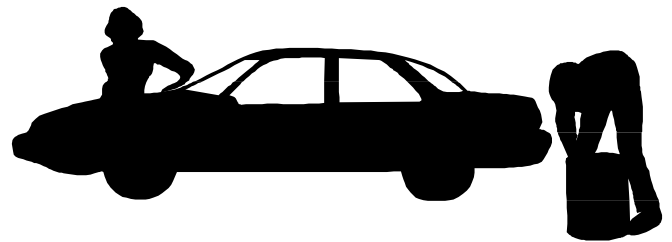
The Chicago Hearing Society (CHS) is offering Winter Sign Language classes at Schaumburg Township, for six weeks, beginning January 21, 2004. The Introduction to Sign Language will be taught every Wednesday and Sign Language I every Monday. These classes will be held from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Schaumburg Township building, One Illinois Blvd., Room 202, Hoffman Estates, IL. The course fee is \$95. If you are interested, try the fast and user-friendly online registration at www.chicagohearingociety.org or for more information, call Norma Englund at the CHS at 773-248-9121 ext. 300 Voice or 773-248-9174 TTY.

HEATING CENTER

Schaumburg Township is a designated heating center. If you experience severe cold this winter and/or power outages, the Township is available from 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday as an emergency-heating center.

NOTARY PUBLIC SERVICE

Notary public service is available free of charge to Schaumburg Township residents in the Disability Services Department.



CLEAR VISION PROGRAM

Schaumburg Township's Highway Department announced that it will continue the **Clear Vision Program** this year. This program offers free car washes to Schaumburg Township residents, seniors, and disabled. It is designed to create a safer situation out on the roads by removing the obstructions caused by the salt and snow built-up during the winter months. Last year, 1,198 cars used this program.

This event will be held:

When: Every Saturday in the month of January and February, 2004

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.,

Location: Township's Garage, One Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates, IL.

For more information, call 847-884-1560 TTY or 847-884-0030 Voice.

GREAT APPRECIATION

Schaumburg Township Disability Services thanks **Heritage Bank, Parkway Bank, & Hoffman Estates Park District** for sponsoring the Holiday Parties for Disabled Adults and Children & their Families. Many thanks go to the area businesses, public officials, and individuals for their generous donations that made these Holiday parties more enjoyable. We urge you to patronize the businesses below:

Great Frame Up	Dooley's
Second City	Pilot Pete's
State Rep. Terry Parke	Deerfields
Hooters	Embassy Suites
Target on Higgins Rd	Holiday Inn
Ala Carte Entertainment	Radisson
Bob Evans	Lynfred Winery
Max & Erma's	Palm Court
Loews Cineplex	Rainforest Café
Carpenters Union #839	Culvers
MB Financial Bank	Home Instead
Dominick's Town Square	Absolute Vending
John's Garage	Game Works
CoVest Banc	Bob Chinn's
Schaumburg Flyers	AMC Theatres
Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen	Country Donuts

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

GOOD NEWS FROM ITAC

Good news! Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation (ITAC) signed a contract for Sprint to provide CapTel service as part of the Relay Service. It will begin the FCC fully compliant service February 1, 2004. In addition, ITAC has a contract with Ultratec for the purchase of CapTel phones that will be part of the ITAC loan program. ITAC will contact the trial participants to arrange for the CapTel switch for the updated models, and also to get application/certification information from those who are not in the ITAC program. More good news is that ITAC hopes to have the amplified phone program in July/August, but the phones will be issued through a "voucher" system. For more information or to apply for a CapTel, call 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.

UPDATES ON SPRINT & SORENSON

VRS

Updates on Sprint and Sorenson Video Relay Services (VRS):

SPRINT:

- Sprint VRS now has a new website – you need to go to www.sprintvrs.com, instead of www.usavrs.com.
- A new feature, the VRS **Web Flasher**, is added. It allows you to multi-task with other window applications while you are on hold during your VRS call. The flasher will alert you when your VRS caller is back or the Video Interpreter may try to get your attention.
- Coming soon - VRS will offer **Video Mail** – a new way for hearing callers to call and leave a video recorded message via VRS. A hearing caller calls the Sprint VRS (866-410-5787) and gives the Deaf person's email address and message to the video interpreter. The interpreter then 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.

SORENSON VRS:

- Sorenson VRS is now open on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Mountain Time Zone). For a complete list of hours, check www.sorensonvrs.com/vrs_hours.php
- There is a new **dual window view option** allowing Deaf and Hard of Hearing users to see the video interpreter and themselves in two windows at the same time on their TV screens. Before, users were able to see one or the other image. Now, through the dual window view, they are able to make sure that their video image is centered, that their hands are visible, and not off the screen, and that the lighting is correct.
- There is a new **VCO (Voice Carry Over) option** that allows deaf or hard of hearing users to use their voices to the hearing party via a telephone as they conduct a video call using the Sorenson VP-100 videophone.

For more information on Sorenson's enhancements, visit www.sorensonvrs.com/vp100_update.php (Permission from the USA-L, News, December 3, 2003)

GARBAGE PROGRAM

Hoffman Estates has established a **Senior Hardship Rate** for seniors and low-income residents. Sponsored by the Commission for Disabled and Seniors, this program is for Hoffman Estates residents only – for all seniors (65+) and anyone who holds a valid and current Illinois Circuit Breaker Program ID card. Starting January 1, 2004, the Village of Hoffman Estates will have a flat-fee garbage program and all households will be charged a flat rate. For the seniors or hardship eligible residents, the rate is \$6 per month. It is important to sign-up for the rate with the Village as soon as possible. Residents who qualify for the senior rate must show a photo ID and copies of a current property tax bill or lease agreement. Those who qualify for the hardship rate must show a valid Illinois Circuit Breaker Program ID in addition to a photo ID card and copies of a current property tax bill or lease agreement. For questions, call 847-882-9100 Voice.



“DEAF FRIDAY NIGHT” PLAY

Deaf Bailiwick Artists (DBA) will present “**Deaf Friday Night**”, an evening of late-night comedy, directed by Ronald Jiu. Similar to Saturday Night Live & Second City, this show will be performed by the following actors/actresses, Paul Bernella, Cizzy Boggan, Norman Glazer, Ron Jiu, Maxine Roin, Drucilla Ronchen, and Cherie Saenz. They will perform a variety of talents - deaf folk tales, poetry, pantomime skits, and others. It will be held on January 16 & February 20, 2004, at 10:30 p.m., at the Bailiwick Arts Center, 1229 W. Belmont, Chicago, IL. The show lasts about 90 minutes. The cost of the ticket per person is \$10. For more information, call the Box Office at 773-883-1090 V or email: dbailiwick@yahoo.com.

INSIGHT CINEMA’S WEBSITE

Due to popular demands, the InSight Cinema now adds to its website the listings of the open captioned movies by state and city. Check www.insightcinema.org/films_states.html (Deaf Illinois News, December 11, 2003)

ALLIANCE INFORMATION

Illinois Alliance of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (IADHH) is an “organization of organizations” dedicated to promoting the interests of Illinois citizens who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or Deaf-Blind, in all aspects of Illinois government and society. The membership fees are \$40 (organizations and governments) and \$15 (individual). If you would like to request a brochure and membership form, contact the membership chair/treasurer, Sarita Phadke, at 847-884-1560 TTY or sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org Email. Check the website: www.deaf-center.org/iadhh.htm FYI: The next Alliance meeting & videoconference will take place on Monday, January 26th 2004, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at 401 S. Clinton, Chicago, for the Chicago attendees and at 400 W. Lawrence in Springfield. Come, join, get involved, and support the Alliance!

NWSRA PROGRAMS

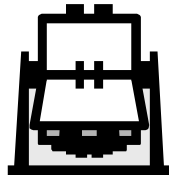
Northwest Special Recreation Association (NWSRA) is offering winter & spring activities for Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals as follows:

- **Ladies Night for Deaf, Hard of Hearing & those with other disabilities** (Wednesdays, Jan. 28 – March 10, 2004, & April 14 – May 5, 2004, 5-6:30 p.m.) – 13-23 years. Socialize and do things such as play games and have makeovers as well as learn simple meal preparation, at Pioneer Park, Arlington Heights. The cost is \$57.75 for both sessions.
- **On the Go** (Saturdays, Jan 31 – March 13, 2004, & April 17 – May 8, 2004, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.) – A program 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. The cost is \$99 for both sessions.
- **A Taste of Italy** (January 19, 2004, 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.) – For Deaf/Hard of Hearing and those with other disabilities (13-21 years). Enjoy lunch at Pompei Restaurant. After lunch, get ready for Boccia Ball. It costs \$23.

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 or 847-392-2848 Voice.

IDHHC UPDATES

- The Illinois Deaf & Hard of Hearing Commission (IDHHC) board members re-elected Harmon Menkis (Deaf) for the second term as the Chairperson for the Commission. The current commissioners are Todd Hlavacek, Amy Blough, Ralph Sesko, Ronald Sipek, Lori McKenzie, Jamie Gallo-Weinstein, Jenny Singleton, Leon Devriendt, Melvin Patterson, & Renda Gauwitz.
- IDHHC has just updated its website (www.idhhc.state.il.us) for better coordination between its mandates and the program and services they offer. If you are looking for the Statewide Calendar, click on "Information for Families, Professionals, & Citizens". For Educational Programs, look under "State & Local Services".



GOODWILL INDUSTRIES MOVING

On January 5, 2004, Goodwill Industries of Metropolitan Chicago, Inc. will relocate. The new, clean and bright facility offers a great atmosphere overlooking Grant Park. There is train access (few blocks away) - Red Line to Harrison or Green Line to Roosevelt. The new address is Goodwill Industries of Metropolitan Chicago, Inc. 819 South Wabash Avenue, 4th floor, Chicago, IL 60605. The new phone numbers will be announced at a later time after the move. (Sent by Gaetano "Tom" Adamo via Deaf Illinois News, December 5, 2003)

CODA PANEL

Illinois Children of Deaf Adults (CODA) will host a CODA Panel, "Growing Up CODA" in which three CODA adults and 3 Deaf parents will share their experiences as CODAs and Deaf parents with hearing children, respectively, regarding to growing up in a world of Deaf and Hearing. It is a good chance to ask questions. This panel workshop will be held on Saturday, January 10, 2004, 12 to 2 p.m., at Lake County Center for Independent Living (LCCIL), 377 N. Seymour, Mundelein, IL. Snacks will be provided. If you need special accommodations, call LCCIL at 847-949-4440 V/TTY.

CUED SPEECH CLASSES

READ Educational Center will have monthly Cued Language classes (Beginning & Intermediate levels) for those who are interested to learn how to use Cued Speech. It is for parents, families, professionals, Cued Language transliterators (interpreters), and Deaf & Hard of Hearing individuals. These classes will be held on January 10, February 7, March 13, April 17, May 8, & June 12, 2004, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Each class will be held at the READ Educational Center in the Lachman Education Center, 2020 E. Camp McDonald Road, Mt. Prospect, IL. The non-refundable fee for each class is \$75 per person (professionals) and \$60 per person. The cost includes instruction in Cued Language, all materials, practice workbooks, and general information about Cued Language. Attending at least two classes is recommended, as mastery of basic cueing requires 10 to 20 hours of instruction and additional practice hours. The registration is needed two weeks before the class. For more information, call 847-297-3206 V/TTY or 847-297-4704 Fax.

FYI – **Cued Language** is a communication system, which makes spoken English completely visually accessible to a Deaf & Hard of Hearing child or person. It uses eight hand shapes representing consonant sounds, and four locations near the mouth representing vowel sounds.



FAMILIES FOR HANDS & VOICES

A state chapter of **Families for Hands & Voices** is being organized in Illinois. As a parent driven, & non-profit organization, it provides support to families with Deaf or Hard of Hearing children providing information & activities concerning Deaf and Hard of Hearing issues for parents and professionals that may include outreach events, educational seminars, advocacy, lobbying efforts, parent to parent networking, and a newsletter. If you are interested in getting involved, contact Karen Putz at 630-378-1346 TTY; parentsofdeafhoh@aol.com Email, Sue Thompson (Deaf-Blind connection) at suemary64@aol.com Email, or Jane Holtz at 847-808-8253 Voice. Check the national website: www.handsandvoices.org

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BOWLING COMPETITION

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.

"DIA DE LOS REYES MAGOS"

Illinois Deaf Latino Association (IDLA) and ACCESS for Kids Club (Deaf Access Program) invite you and your children to "Dia De Los Reyes Magos" (Three Wise Kings Day) – A Mexican Tradition. There will be gifts for children (0 – 10 years), a potluck dinner, a drama of a story of 3 wise men, a performance by Deaf Sabor, games & activities for children, and much more. Bring a potluck or donate \$3. Children 10 and under are free. This event will be held on Saturday, January 10, 2004, 3 – 7 p.m., at Mt. Sinai Hospital, Glasser Auditorium, 15th Street & California Avenue, Chicago, IL. For more information, contact Susan Elizabeth Rangel at 773-257-2887 TTY. (Deaf Illinois News, November 18, 2003)

The Deaf Line newsletter is free. If you, or someone you know, would like to receive this monthly newsletter, contact Sarita Phadke at 847-884-1560 TTY, 847-884-0039 Fax, or sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org Email.

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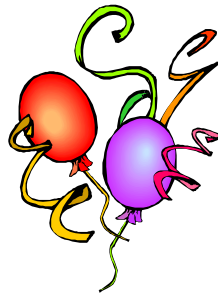
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Schaumburg Township is a Full Service TTY Regional Center for the Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation (ITAC) Program (Distribution, Training, Repair & Exchange)

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DATES TO REMEMBER



Happy New Year - 2004!

- Thursday, January 1, 2004 – **Schaumburg Township Closed due to Holiday**
- Wednesday, January 14 – **Diabetes Support Group** at SCH TWP, 1:30 - 3 p.m. (RSVP – Call 847-884-0030 V or 884-1560 TTY)
- Tuesday, January 20 – **IP-Relay Workshop** at SCH TWP, 7 p.m. (RSVP – Call 847-884-1560 TTY)
- Wednesday, January 28 – **Township Board meeting** at SCH TWP, 7:15 p.m.