



Deaf line

JANUARY & FEBRUARY, 2005



“The Building Blocks of a Successful Financial Plan” (Educational Workshop)

By

David A. Frank, RFC, CSA, MBA & Scott A. Recht, RFC, MBA

Dave Frank & Scott Recht (Both Deaf) are Financial Consultants with Kramer Financial located in Frederick, Maryland. Kramer Financial has four Deaf Financial Consultants who offer the following financial services: retirement planning, college planning, investments, insurance, long term care, tax planning and estate planning.

Dave & Scott will talk mostly about the following financial topics:

- * Retirement planning
- * Tax planning
- * Investments
- * College planning
- * Estate planning
- * Insurance

**Wednesday, February 23, 2005
6:30 p.m.**

Schaumburg Township – Room #114 (lower level)
One Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates, IL

Free Admission to anyone, but RSVP by February 22nd – Contact Sarita Phadke, Deaf Services Coordinator, at 847-884-1560 TTY or sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org Email.



FROM THE DESK OF DEAF SERVICES COORDINATOR – *Sarita Phadke*

- Belated Happy New Year to you and your families! I would like to thank several people for their help while I was out of the office for a month:
 - **Eileen Rozborski** for covering for me. Eileen did a wonderful job - assisting clients in all ways and organizing the office.
 - **Yolanda Bartmin, Annie Brown, Charlyne St. Leger, and Diane Wilson** for their volunteer time. Yolanda helped out with the amplified phones, answering TTY calls and other office needs. Annie, Charlyne, and Diane helped out by decorating the Disability Services office during the holidays.
 - A Friendly Reminder: Deaf & Hard of Hearing Social Night on Thursday, January 27th, at 6:30 p.m. at Schaumburg Township. Please RSVP by January 25th.
 - Our ITAC Selection Center (formerly ITAC Distribution Center) is available for any TTY repair and exchange, CapTel viewing and testing and the newest program: Amplified phones. Applications and demonstrations are available at our center.
 - Keep in mind that Schaumburg Township is a designated heating center. If you experience severe cold this winter and/or a power outage, the Township is available Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.
 - For those who are receiving Deaf Line newsletters: If you have changed your address, please contact me at 847-884-1560 TTY to update your mailing address.
-



FREE AMPLIFIED PHONES

As you may know, ITAC (Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation) launched a new program in 2004: **Voucher Program**. Currently, the only equipment in this program is Amplified Phones. They are to help people with moderate to severe hearing loss successfully use the standard phone system. Under this program, a qualified person owns the equipment and is eligible for a “voucher” every 4 years. There are criteria in order to receive the free phone:

- A person must be a resident of Illinois
- He/she must have phone service
- A certifier (such as doctor, audiologist) must prove that the person has a hearing loss.

ITAC encourages people to go to a Selection Center which has a demonstration cart with the four available Amplified phones for people to use, compare and choose which phone is best for them. At this time, the models are Ameriphone XL40, Ameriphone XL50, ClearSounds 40XLC, and Williams Sound TeleTalker.

Schaumburg Township is one of the 17 Selection Centers in Illinois. You can call and make an appointment to test the phones and pick up an application. For more information or to get an application, call Schaumburg Township at 847-884-0030 Voice or 847-884-1560 TTY or ITAC at 1-800-841-6167 V/TTY.



BOWLING COMPETITIONS

- West Suburban Association of the Deaf (WSAD) is hosting its **11^h Individual Handicap Deaf Bowling Classic** on Saturday, February 5, 2005, 10.a.m., 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. The entry fee for men's division is \$46 and for women's division is \$40. There are prizes for the winners. The men's 1st place winner receives \$2,000 if there are 125 entries or more. Otherwise, the winner gets \$1,500 no matter how many entries. The women's 1st winner receives \$600 if there are 40 entries. Otherwise \$400. Fans are welcome to witness the competition at a \$6 admission fee including social night. There will be door prizes, raffles, and a jackpot. After bowling, the bowlers and fans can have a "night-out" at the same place from 7:30 p.m. till 2 a.m. In addition, there will be a buffet-style dinner that costs \$9 per person. For more information, contact Eileen Rozborski at 847-584-4112 TTY or esroz3@aol.com Email.
- WSAD will host **Great Lakes Deaf Bowling Association (GLDBA) Tournament** on April 20-23, 2006. The events will be held at Stardust Bowl in Addison for men and at Elk Grove Bowl in Elk Grove Village for women. There will be No Tap fun bowl (April 20th), Master & Queen Bowl (April 21st), Team Event (April 22nd), Entertainment (April 22nd), and Double and Single Events (April 23rd). The cost of early bird combo registration is \$30 before June 30, 2005. After June 30th, the registration fees will go up. If interested, send a cashier's check or money order payable to WSAD to Kathy Caron, 1480 Champagne Lane, South Elgin, IL 60177. For more information, a flyer, or rates after the early bird date, contact the chairpersons: Michael Mangialardo at italymm@juno.com Email or Eileen Rozborski at esroz3@aol.com Email. You can also view the website: www.wsadeaf.org.

ILLINOIS CODA

Illinois CODA (Children of Deaf Adults) has a new website: www.geocities.com/Illinoiscoda. This organization is to support, educate and act as an advocate on behalf of hearing children (18 years and older) of Deaf adults. There are meetings and events as well. The membership costs \$15 for a hearing person whose parents are deaf or hard of hearing. If you are not a CODA, you can pay \$10 as a supporting member. If interested, go to its website, download the membership application and follow instructions.

FYI: Illinois CODA is hosting another evening of exciting entertainment: **CODAZZLE II** – a show with comedy, music in sign & exciting storytelling in celebration of CODA/Deaf Heritage by two CODA performers: Keith Wann from California and Dr. Arlene Malinowski from Chicago. This show will be held on Saturday, February 12, 2005, 8 p.m., at John Hersey High School Auditorium, 1900 E. Thomas in Arlington Heights, IL. The cost of tickets is \$20 if purchased from January 16th to February 11th. 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. For more information, contact Lisa: carlisa57@comcast.net.

CIRCUIT BREAKER

The Illinois Circuit Breaker 2005 Program provides assistance for eligible senior citizens & persons with disabilities (property tax relief & assistance in paying for prescription medicines). Eligibility requirements are:

- Age 65 or over or age 16 or over and totally disabled
- Resident of Illinois
- Total gross annual income is \$21,218 (1 person)
- Total gross annual income is \$28,480 (2 persons)
- Total gross annual income is \$35,740 (3 persons)
- The total income is based on your 2004 income.

In addition, participants will get a \$54 discount on their license plate fees once they are approved. You must re-apply each year. If you have applied before, a new application will be mailed to your home. If you do not get one in the mail, pick one at Schaumburg Township after February 1st.

PASSPORTS AVAILABLE AT TOWNSHIP

Schaumburg Township now processes passport applications that can be picked up in the Clerk's Office during business hours. It normally takes six weeks to get a passport. You will need to bring the following to the Township:

- Completed application (Do not sign).
- Original or certified copy of birth certificate from the county or state you were born in (Not the one from the hospital). If you are a naturalized citizen, you must bring your original certificate of naturalization.
- Proof of identity (driver's license or a state ID).
- Your Social Security card.
- Two passport photos, each 2" by 2".
- Bring the previous expired passport if you have one.
- Passport fees are \$55 (adults) and \$40 (children 15 years or under) and must be paid in the form of a check or money order. In addition, there is a \$30 handling fee per application payable by cash or check to the Township of Schaumburg.

Children do not need to be present, but both parents must appear. If one person cannot come to the Township, a consent form must be submitted.

There is an extra charge for expediting a passport of \$60 (adults & children). Bring 2 overnight express envelopes from the post office, 2 labels, and 2 stamps (each \$13.65). This process has your passport back to you within 10 working days.

For more information, call 847-884-0030 V and ask for the Clerk's office. For additional information, check <http://travel.state.gov/index.html>

GREAT APPRECIATION

Schaumburg Township Disability Services thanks **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.

Massage Therapy, Ltd.
Schaumburg Toyota
Ala Carte Entertainment
Embassy Suites
Hooters
Carpenters Union
MB Financial Bank
Melting Pot Restaurant
Second City
John's Garage
Medieval Times
Senator Rauschenberger
Barbara Steele
Jim & Vicki Kaminski

Pilot Pete Restaurant
Terry Parke
Chicago Prime Steakhouse
The Great Frame Up
Loews Cineplex
Sunshine Gutter Co.
Palm Court Restaurant
Lynfred Winery
Prairie Rock
Deerfield's
Container Store
Lillian Churchill
Schaumburg Flyers
American Enterprise Bank

In addition, Great Appreciation goes to many volunteers for their hard work in making the parties so successful!

CCIAD'S ANNUAL LUNCHEON **RESCHEDULED: MARCH 13, 2005**

The Chicago Chapter of Illinois Association of the Deaf (CCIAD) has rescheduled a new date for its **11th Annual Luncheon** after it was cancelled in November, 2004. The new date is Sunday, March 13, 2005. This luncheon will be held at Poretta's Elegant Banquets, 3718 N. Central Avenue, Chicago, IL, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The guest speaker will be John Miller, Director of the Illinois Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission (IDHHC). The cost before February 25th is \$30 per person, but the cost will be \$35 after February 25th. If interested, mail a check or money order (payable to CCIAD) to Vicki Lynn Gratzke, CCIAD Luncheon, 260 Washington Blvd., Hoffman Estates, IL 60194-3046.

For more information, contact Janice Mancill at 847-740-2319 TTY/VP-100, DeafJan2@aol.com Email or DeafJan@tmail.com Pager.

NEWS FROM NFSD

National Fraternal Society of the Deaf (NFSD), Deaf Life Insurance Company, announced that after 103 years of its services, it would no longer provide life insurance benefits to Deaf and Hard of Hearing people and their extended families. Effective January 1, 2005, the Frat (another name for NFSD) transferred all of its insurance operations to the Catholic Order of Foresters (COF), a Naperville, Illinois based Fraternal Society. All insurance policies will be fully covered with no reduction in value by the COF.

NFSD will continue operations but without insurance benefits. It will focus on the fraternal and charitable aspects of a fraternal society. The office facility remains the same, which is located in Springfield. The Board of Directors, officers, and representatives from local Divisions remain unchanged. Membership dues will be \$25 annually and NFSD will continue to publish "The Frat" on a quarterly basis.

For more information, contact NFSD at 217-789-7438 TTY or thefrat@nfsd.com Email.

NEW TOLL FREE NUMBER

Illinois Hands & Voices has a new toll-free number for parents of Deaf and Hard of Hearing children: **1-888-482-4281 V/TTY**.

For more information about this organization, check www.ilhandsandvoices.org

NATIONAL DO NOT CALL REGISTRY

Starting January 1, 2005, all cell phone numbers will be made public to telemarketing firms. It means that your cell phone may start ringing off the hook with the telemarketers, but unlike your home phone, most of you pay for your incoming calls. These telemarketers will eat up your free minutes and end up costing you money in the long run. Managed by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), the National Do Not Call Registry was created to offer you a choice about whether to receive telemarketing calls at home or cell phone. If you do not wish to get these calls, there are two ways that you can do: Call 1-888-382-1222 (Voice) or register online for free at www.donotcall.gov. Telemarketers have up to 31 days to remove your phone number from their call lists. If they still call, you can file a complaint at the website or by calling 1-888-382-1222 V or 1-866-290-4236 TTY. Your registration will be effective for 5 years and will possibly save your money and frustration, too.

DEAF SCRAPBOOK NIGHT

There will be a Night of Scrapbooking exclusively for Deaf and Hard of Hearing scrapppers at Archiver's where you can crop and use their equipments at no cost. In addition, there will be a short class with a holiday theme. A sign language interpreter and snacks/refreshments will be provided. All these are for free! This event will be held on Saturday, February 19, 2005, 5 to 9:30 p.m. at Archiver's (Inside Gurnee Mills – use entrance F near Saks), 6170 W. Grand Avenue, Gurnee. For more information, contact Lalaine Albert by email at lalbert4@aol.com.

SBC'S OFFERS FOR THE DEAF

SBC offers discounts on local toll calls to qualified TTY customers (Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Late Deafened, Deaf-Blind) since TTY calls usually take longer than voice calls. To see if you qualify or to get more information, contact SBC at 1-800-651-5111. Also, SBC offers directory listings for TTY users. It allows customers who use a TTY to include this information as part of their directory listing at no additional cost; for example: Smith, TTY only ###-###-####; or Smith TTY & Voice ###-###-####. Call SBC if you want to order or change your directory listing to show a TTY.

(ALDA Chicago Style, November-December 2004)

INTERESTING WEBSITES TO BROWSE

- www.sorensonvrs.com/newsletter - Sorenson VRS Messenger Newsletter
- www.2005deaflympics.com - Deaf Olympics in Australia
- www.deafquotes.com - Automobile insurances
- www.deafmortgage.net - Mortgages

NEW BOARD & OFFICERS

- **Chicagoland Black Deaf Advocates (CLBDA)** elected a new Board of Directors: Rochelle Doss (President); Crystal Schwartz (Vice President); William Ortiga (Treasurer); Brenda Gate (Asst. Treasurer); Marvis Durr (Secretary); Hershella Ashford (Asst. Secretary); Jeanette Slone (Chapter Representative). For more information about this organization, check the website: www.clbda.org
- A new chapter of **Rainbow Alliance for the Deaf (RAD)** has been formed called Windy City Rainbow Alliance for the Deaf (WCRAD). It is for Deaf Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning and Straight. The new board members selected are: Taki Harris (Co-President); Jim Maloney (Co-President); James Williamson (Secretary); Tom Valentino (Treasurer); Maxine Roin & Gary Vance (Trustees). For more information, contact Maria Hernandez at mabelmih@hotmail.com Email.

CAAD BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

West Suburban Association of the Deaf (WSAD) is hosting the 6th Annual Central Athletic Association of the Deaf (CAAD) Basketball Tournament on March 4-6, 2005, at The Sport Center (Schaumburg Park District) at 1141 W. Irving Park Road in Schaumburg. There will be games, entertainment, award presentation, etc. The special combo rate is \$45 including program book before February 1, 2005. The special rate for Senior Citizens (55 and up) is \$35. There is no charge for children under 12. Send a money order (payable to WSAD/CAAD 2005) to Marilyn Okabe, P.O. Box 172, Addison, IL 60101-0172.

For more information, contact Susan Rangel at 773-734-0861 TTY; WSADbasketballdirector@yahoo.com Email or Ed Glennon at EddieJr84@aol.com Email. Check out the website: www.wsadeaf.org

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.

Deaf Line is published monthly. Any agency, organization, or group may reprint any of our articles provided proper credit is given by name of newsletter & date.

Address: Schaumburg Township Deaf Services, One Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates, IL 60194-3399.

Phone: 847-884-1560 TTY; 847-884-0030 V;
847-884-0039 FAX

Email: sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org
gbartnicke@schaumburgtownship.org
kmolander@schaumburgtownship.org
rszyszk@schau mburgtownship.org

AIM: sphadke9

Website: www.schaumburgtownship.org

DISABILITY SERVICES

Gerry Bartnicke – Director: 884-0030 ext. 2020

Kitty Molander – Assistant Director: 884-0030 ext. 2022

Sarita Phadke – Deaf Services Coordinator/
Editor: 884-1560 TTY

Rose Szyszka – Executive Assistant: 884-0030 ext. 2025

Township Officials

Mary Wroblewski – Supervisor

Wendell C. Howell – Clerk

Diane Dunham – Trustee

Pete Patel – Trustee

John Caporale – Trustee

Timothy Heneghan – Trustee

John Lawson – Assessor

Robert Fecarotta – Highway Commissioner

Jim Litwin – 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
ONE ILLINOIS BLVD.
HOFFMAN ESTATES, IL 60194**



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Wednesday, January 26 & February 23 – **Township Board meeting** at SCH TWP, 7:15 p.m.
- Thursday, January 27 – **Deaf & Hard of Hearing Social Night** at SCH TWP, 6:30 – 9 p.m. (RSVP by January 25th: 847-884-1560 TTY)
- Wednesday, February 9 – **Diabetes Support Group** at SCH TWP, 1:30 - 3 p.m. (RSVP – Call 847-884-0030 V or 847-884-1560 TTY)
- Monday, February 14 – **Valentine's Day**
- Monday, February 21 – **Schaumburg Township Closed** (President's Day Holiday)
- Wednesday, February 23 – **Financial Planning Workshop** at SCH TWP, 6:30 p.m. (RSVP by February 22nd: 847-884-1560 TTY)

