



DEAF LINE

JULY, 2004



Celebrating Our Community Picnic

Saturday, August 7, 2004

Noon – 3 p.m.

Maple Park, One Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates, IL
(In case of rain, it will be at the Township building)

Join us for Schaumburg Township Disability Services 19th Annual Picnic
Co-sponsored by American Chartered Bank

We will have:

A Cookout

Entertainment

Bingo & raffle prizes, donated by local area businesses

- Schaumburg Township residents only.
- See your old friends and meet new friends.
- A sign language interpreter will be provided.
- Due to insurance restrictions, pets are not allowed.
 - Bring your lawn chairs if possible.

Reservations are required. Please call 847-884-0030, ext. 2025 V or 847-884-1560 TTY for a reservation by July 30th.



MEDICARE DRUG PRESENTATION

The Illinois Department of Insurance will present a program on Medicare's Modernization Act.

Topics to be discussed are:

- Medicare-approved prescriptions drug discount cards
- State prescription assistance programs
- Medicare Part D (the Medicare drug benefit coming in 2006)
- New preventive services
- Medicare's Advantage plans

The presentation will be held:

Tuesday, July 20, 2004
1 p.m. Sharp
Schaumburg Township
One Illinois Blvd.
Hoffman Estates, IL

The SHIP (Senior Health Insurance Program) is designed to educate the citizens of Illinois about Medicare, Medicare supplements, managed care, and long term insurance.

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This presentation is free and open to the public.



FROM THE DESK OF DEAF SERVICES COORDINATOR

- Schaumburg Township Deaf Services would like to thank **ITAC** for sponsoring the Ice Cream Social & Information Night on June 11, 2004, and also for providing the giveaways. Thanks to **Illinois Sprint Relay** for its giveaways, as well. Everyone had a great time – Learning about the new changes in the ITAC program, trying out the CapTel phone, enjoying yummy ice cream sundaes and floats, and chatting with old and new friends. Special thanks go to the volunteers who made the party so enjoyable: **Don & Marie Balsitis, Yolanda Bartmin, Wanda Bjerregaard, Jenny Bratanch, Alex Maliwanag, and Charlyne St. Leger.**
- There are several ways to contact me:
 - 847-884-1560 TTY
 - Call 711 (Voice user)
 - 847-884-0039 Fax
 - sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org Email
 - sphadke9 – AIM screen name (only for business-related issues)



DEADLINE FOR PAINT-A-THON

The deadline for applications for the 17th annual community Paint-a-Thon program is July 1, 2004. This unique project utilizes volunteers to paint the outside of homes of disabled or senior homeowners who are unable to do the work and whose annual income is under \$30,000. This event will be held on Saturday, September 11, 2004. In the event of bad weather, it will be held on September 18th. For more information, call 847-884-0030 Voice or 847-884-1560 TTY.

ACCESSCHICAGO & EMPLOYMENT FAIR

The Chicago Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD) is having its **8th Annual AccessChicago Expo 2004** which will be held on Wednesday, July 21, 2004, 12 to 7 p.m., at Navy Pier, 600 E. Grand, Festival Hall A, Chicago. You will find new and innovative products for people with disabilities at more than 100 disability-related service providers' and vendors' booths. You will also find more than 50 booths in the Deaf section.

In addition, the **4th Annual MOPD Employment Fair for People with Disabilities** will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Leading Chicagoland employers will be accepting resumes from job seekers with disabilities and discussing available positions. There will also be four free employment-related workshops – "Free to Work" (9:30 a.m.), "Writing Effective Resumes" (10:30 a.m.), "Put your Rights to Work" (11:30 a.m.), and "Internet Job Search Made Easy" (12:30 p.m.). Sign language interpreters will be available.

For more information, call 312-744-4964 TTY or 312-744-7410 Voice. Check the website: www.cityofchicago.org/disabilities.



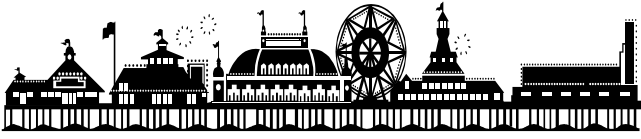
ARE YOU REGISTERED?

Exercise your right to vote! You cannot vote if you are not registered by October 5, 2005. It is very important to vote in every election. This year, you vote for the next President on November 2, 2004. It is not too late to register if you have not.

You can register at any following places:

- Schaumburg Township
- Your Township, or Village
- You can download the voter application form from www.elections.state.il.us and print, fill out and mail the form.

Don't forget, the deadline to register is October 5, 2004.



DEAF & HARD OF HEARING DAY

The 9th Annual Deaf & Hard of Hearing Day will be held at Six Flags Great America in Gurnee on Saturday, July 10, 2004, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. There will be interpreters at specific shows at designated times. You can pick up the list of scheduled shows at the Deaf Event Booth or Guest Relations. You can also find TTYs at the Guest Relations, First Aid Office, and Southwest Territory near restrooms.

There are two ways to buy tickets:

- You can buy tickets on the day of the event at the Deaf Event Booth from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$24 per person. Children under the age of 3 are free.
- You can also order tickets online. All you have to do is to log on to www.sixflags.com and choose Six Flags Great America – Chicago. Click “Print-N-Go” icon and then “Buy Tickets Now”. Click “Daily Tickets”. Click on the “Continue” bar. Enter the promotional code: LCCIL. Print the ticket. Tickets cost \$25 per person.

For more information, contact Lalaine Albert at 847-949-4440 V/TTY, 847-949-4445 Fax or deafadvo@lccil.org (Email).

SPRINT’S RELAY WIRELESSSM

Sprint launches **Sprint Relay WirelessSM** – a new service to make mobile access to Sprint Relay Online quick and easy. Based on technology developed by GoAmerica, the provider of Wyndtell Service, Sprint Relay Wireless enables users to connect to Sprint Relay OnlineSM from anywhere using a choice of wireless handheld devices and pagers. This service is accessible through the RIM 950, RIM 850 and RIM 857 pagers with the Wyndtell or Deafwireless services. It will add another device soon. For more information, visit www.goamerica.com or call 201-527-1520 TTY or 201-996-1717 Voice.

(Thanks, Kim Bianco Majeri, for passing this on this information from Deaf Illinois News on June 4th)

CHANGES IN THE CHS STAFF

SooHyun Tak now is the Manager of Social Services and Advocacy at the Chicago Hearing Society (CHS). SooHyun was previously a Domestic Violence Counselor before Carrie Foster resigned. Her duties include supervising & monitoring Hearing Loss Link, Victim Assistance Program, Domestic Violence Program, & ITAC TTY Distribution. In addition, she is in charge of coordinating community education efforts related to human rights, accessibility and compliance with local, state, and national mandates; providing advocacy, crisis intervention and problem solving counseling to Deaf or hard of hearing clients on various issues; providing information and referral to clients and the general public. Contact SooHyun at 773-248-9174 TTY or stak@anixter.org Email.

Michele Cunningham is a new Victim Assistance Counselor replacing Jenni Ewald. Prior to this job, Michele worked for UPS and also worked with emotionally disturbed Deaf high school girls in a residential school. Michele has a BA degree in Sociology/Criminal Justice from Central Connecticut State University. Michele provides free and confidential services such as short-term counseling, crisis intervention, assistance with filling out police reports and reporting the crime to authorities, advocacy, assistance in locating a shelter, victim compensation, etc. to victims of violent crimes. Violent crimes include rape, sexual abuse, robbery, mugging, assault, break-in, child abuse, domestic violence, neglect, elder abuse, hate crime, etc. If you or someone you know is Deaf or Hard of Hearing and has been a victim of any violent crime, or for more information, contact Michele at 773-248-9174 TTY or mcunningham@anixter.org Email.

ANSWERING MACHINE RETRIEVAL

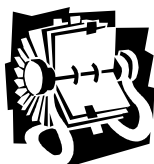
TTY users can request Sprint Relay to retrieve messages from their voice answering machines or voicemail. To request it, type “AMR” with instructions or password. The relay operator will then type, “Please place your handset next to your answering machine and turn on GA”. You will need to put your handset on the speaker part of the answering machine till all messages have been played. Place the handset back on the TTY and type “GA”. The relay operator will type your messages.

DEAF PICNICS IN ILLINOIS

- Saturday, July 3rd – **Annual Frat Picnic** hosted by Chicago Division 1, in memory of Joseph L. Schafer, from 11 a.m. to dusk, at Busse Forest Preserve, Grove # 2, Elk Grove. Everyone (both members and non members) is welcome. There will be cash raffles, food, and beverages. Bring your own lawn chair. For more information, contact Charles & Genny Bright at 847-301-2942 TTY or bripogo75@yahoo.com Email.
- Saturday, July 10th – **Chicagoland Black Deaf Advocates Picnic**, from 9 a.m. till dusk, at Dan Ryan Woods, Grove # 9, 87th & Western, Chicago. All are welcome. There will be games, music, and other activities. Bring your own food and beverages. Check www.clbda.org.
- Saturday, July 10th – **Softball Tournament & Picnic** hosted by Chicago Catholic Ephpheta (CCE) & Chicago Club of the Deaf (CCD), from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Shephard School, 440 Grove Avenue, Deerfield. Free admission. After that, there will be a social night and DJ at the CCD, 4221 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago, from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Admission is \$6 per person. For more information, contact Charles Bright at Cbright@ora.fda.gov Email.
- Saturday, July 17th – **WSAD (West Suburban Association of the Deaf) Annual Family Day Picnic** from 11 a.m. till dusk, at Busse Woods, Grove # 18, Elk Grove Village. Some activities include golf disc for adults at 12 p.m. and games for children at 1 p.m. There will be food & drinks for sale. Do not bring food or beverages. Check www.wsadeaf.org.
- Sunday, July 25th – **Catholic Deaf Picnic**, from 11 a.m. to dusk, at Argonne Park, Darien (3 miles south of I-55). Free admission. There will be a jackpot and refreshments for sale. Pets are not allowed. Rain or Shine! For more information, call 312-655-7899 (V), 312-751-8368 (TTY), 312-751-0394 (FAX), or check www.deafchurchchicago.parishesonline.com
- Saturday, August 7th – **Schaumburg Township's 19th Annual Disability Picnic for Schaumburg Township Residents**, from noon to 3 p.m., at Maple Park, One Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates. There will be lunch, entertainment, bingo, and raffles. In case of rain, the picnic will be inside the Township. RSVP by July 25th – call 847-884-0030, ext. 2025 V or 847-884-1560 TTY.
- Saturday, August 7th – **3rd Annual Wilderness Snowmobilers Club of the Deaf Picnic**, 12 p.m., at Wokini S. Lakeside Inn, 135 Manor Lane, Fox Lake. There will be jackpots, door prizes, and games. For more information on admission costs or directions, contact Carol Le Grand at 815-485-6820 Fax; cjlegrand68@sbcglobal.net Email or Richard Lewis at kayrichlew@comcast.net Email.
- Saturday, August 14th – **Deaf European American Association Picnic**, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., at Labagh Woods, Cicero & Foster, Area 3, Chicago. Free admission. There will be several games, raffles, and much more. For more information, contact Demir Bekiri at dbekiri7daeap@yahoo.com Email.
- Saturday, August 21st – **16th Annual Picnic hosted by the Illini Chapter of IAD (Illinois Association of the Deaf)**, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., at Lake of the Woods Park, Elk's Lake Pavilion in Mahomet, IL. There will be games and door prizes. There is an air-conditioned hall. The admission cost (lunch, dinner and door prize) is \$8 (adult); \$6 (senior citizen – 65 & up); \$6 (children ages 6 to 10). Sodas and lemonade will be for sale. Check www.deaf-center.org/illini_picnic.htm
- Saturday, September 11th – **IAD's 2nd Annual Family Day** hosted by Chicago/Fox Valley Chapters of Illinois Association of the Deaf (IAD), from 10 a.m. till dusk, at Busse Woods Grove # 18, Elk Grove Village. Free Admission. There will be refreshments for sale. Do not bring food or beverages. Bring your lawn chairs. Proceeds go to the Chicago & Fox Valley chapters. For more information, contact Janice Mancill at 847-740-2319 TTY or deafjan2@aol.com Email.

WEBSITES FOR OLDER ADULTS & FAMILY CAREGIVERS

- www.suburban-age.org - Suburban Area Agency on Aging covers suburban Cook County. It has information about HealthCare Choices Program, Benefits Checkup, nutrition, transportation, housekeeping, etc.
- www.state.il.us/aging/ - Illinois Department of Aging that covers senior programs in Illinois and has links to the SeniorCare Program and Circuit Breaker Pharmaceutical Assistance Program, and others.
- www.aoa.gov - Administration on Aging. It helps older adults and their caregivers to enhance and support their independence. It lists many resources.
- www.medicare.gov - Medicare Hotline & Nursing Home Compare. This website has links to compare the performance of nursing homes, Medicare benefits, claims, premiums, and participating physicians.
- www.cms.hhs.gov - Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services has information about Medicare, Medicaid, State Children's Health Insurance programs, etc.
- www.medicarerights.com - Medicare Rights Center that helps ensure that older adults and people with disabilities get good affordable health care.
- www.aarp.org - American Association of Retired Persons offers advocacy, information, benefits, discounts, etc.
- www.socialsecurity.gov - Social Security Administration. It is a link to Social Security & Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and has information on Medicare eligibility, enrollment and replacement cards.
- www.eldercare.gov - Eldercare Locator to identify appropriate community services and resources in the area where you and your family member reside.
- www.elderlawanswers.com - Elder Law Answers provides answers to legal questions related to aging, disability, estate planning, finding an attorney, nursing home care, and advanced directives.
- www.healthfinder.gov - Healthfinder that has consumer health & human services information, online publications, databases, support & self-help groups and government agencies.
- www.benefitscheckup.org - Benefits Checkup. It is a comprehensive online service to screen for federal, state, and local, private & public benefits for older adults. It contains over 1,100 different programs from all fifty states.
- www.caregiver.org - Family Caregiver Alliance. It provides information on caregiver support, advocacy, research, and resources.
- www.familycareamerica.com - Family Care America provides resources and templates to help organize family caregivers.
- www.caregiving.org - National Alliance for Caregiving. It offers tips for caregivers and also offers a resource connection to link caregivers to helpful books, databases, and websites.
- www.careplanner.org - Care Planner. It is a tool to assist seniors & family caregivers to make decisions regarding health, living arrangements, and finances. It also provides several worksheets and forms to assist with planning & organization.



LUCAS' NEW ADDRESS

Lucas Interpreting, Inc. has a new mailing address and phone numbers:

Address: 575 Tollgate Road, Suite A, Elgin, IL 60123

Phone: 1-866-275-8377 V/TTY

847-931-9200 V/TTY (Illinois)

847-931-9209 Fax

608-277-8377 V/TTY (Wisc)

Email: Joe@lucasinterpreting.com

Website: www.lucasinterpreting.com (Check the website for more information on interpreting service, request form to request an interpreter, rates, policies/procedures, etc.)

FRAT NEWS

The National Fraternal Society of the Deaf (NFSD), established in 1901, signed a merger agreement with the Catholic Order of Foresters. It means that the Frat is getting out of the insurance business, but will continue in a new direction, as a fraternal society.

Customers are advised not to worry about losing their insurance, as they are "safe". Stay tuned for further announcements. For more information, call the NFSD at 217-789-7438 TTY or 217-789-7429 V.

ABILITIES EXPO

Abilities Expo is a show dedicated to educating & improving the lives of people with disabilities, senior citizens, their families & caregivers, as well as healthcare and education professionals. You will find new products and services - all conveniently displayed for you to see, test and compare. This Expo will be held August 13th & 14th, 2004, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and August 15th from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 N. River Road, Rosemont, IL. In addition, there will be free workshops and seminars. The cost of on-site admission to the expo is \$5; children under 12 are free. But you can check the website, www.abilitiesexpo.com, and print a certain page that has questions and coupon, take it to the show for free admission. The Schaumburg Township Disability office has coupons for free admission to the Expo. For more information, call 800-385-3085 V.

12 STEP MEETINGS IN ASL

There are 12 step meetings (Alcoholics Anonymous & Cocaine Anonymous) in American Sign Language (ASL) at the following locations:

- AA meeting (open) on Mondays, 6:30 p.m., at the Addiction Recovery of the Deaf, 1706 N. Kenzie, Chicago. (Deaf Meeting)
- AA meeting (open) on Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m., at St. John United Church of Christ, 2442 W. Moffat, Chicago. (Deaf group involved)
- AA meeting (closed) on Wednesdays, 7 p.m., at Episcopal Church of Our Savoir, 116 E. Church Street in Elmhurst. (Deaf group involved)
- CA meeting (open) on Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., at Lutheran General Hospital, 1775 Dempster Street, 10th floor, east cafeteria, in Park Ridge. (Hearing meeting with interpreter)
- AA meeting (open) on Fridays, 7:30 p.m., at Haymarket House, 943 W. Washington, Chicago. (Deaf group involved)
- AA meeting (open) pm Saturdays, 8 p.m., at Mustard Seed, 507 W. North Avenue, Chicago. (Deaf group involved)

FYI: Addiction Recovery of the Deaf (ARD) does not run those meetings. The meetings are run by recovering addicts who want to help others who are addicted. ARD is a treatment facility for the Deaf community with a substance abuse problem and provides therapies. The staff consists of a Manager (Charlotte Buehling), Assistant Manager (Vivi Bitsiaras), and two counselors (Kim Senter & Amanda Chavez). For more information, call Addiction Recovery of the Deaf (ARD) at 773-227-8562 TTY or 773-227-8530 V.

DUPPIES NIGHT

Duppies Night is a social event in which both Deaf and Hard of Hearing professionals and non-professionals meet to interact with each other once a month.

The following dates are:

- July 9th – Yak-Zies Bars & Grill, 2710 N. Clark Street, Chicago
- August 13th – Justin Bar, 3358 N. Southport Avenue, Chicago
- September 10th – Justin Bar in Chicago

For more information, contact Michael Berger at mberger641@aol.com Email.



FUN TIME AT MEDIEVAL TIMES

Deaf European American Association Chicago (DEAAC) will host its fundraising event on Saturday, September 4, 2004, at Medieval Times, 2001 N. Roselle Road in Schaumburg. It will start at 7 p.m. The cost is \$50 (adult) and \$35 (children 12 and under). If interested, send your check or money order (payable to DEAAC) to Demir Bekiri, 3032 N. New England, Chicago, IL 60634. The deadline to mail is July 14th. There will be no refunds. For more information, contact Demir Bekiri at 773-745-9788 TTY; dbekiri7daeap@yahoo.com Email or Danny Verneti at 708-867-7353 TTY; 708-867-1001 Fax.

ISD'S 165TH ANNIVERSARY

Illinois School of the Deaf (ISD) will celebrate its 165th Anniversary by having a reunion celebration on July 16-18, 2004, at the ISD in Jacksonville. There will be museum tours, social party, a banquet, general meeting, brief talk about ISD history, picnic, group photo taking, etc. The combo fee is \$50 per person; \$45 per senior citizen (60 and up); \$25 per student (ages 12-19 with school ID). If interested, mail a check (payable to ISDAA) and mail it with your name, address, class year, and phone number to Ellen Thing, 1016 S. East Street, Jacksonville, IL 62650. The deadline is July 10th. For more information, contact the chairperson, Iris Casey at isdaa@aol.com Email.

FREE DISH EQUIPMENT

Davideo Productions is offering Dish Network equipment and satellite programming to its Deaf and Hard of Hearing customers nationwide. The equipment is distributed FREE to customers who sign up for the monthly service. DISH Network satellite TV has movies, news, sports and International entertainment. For more information, check www.davideo.tv or send an email to davideo@satx.rr.com.

The Deaf Line newsletter is free. If you, or someone you know, would like to receive this monthly newsletter, contact Sarita Phadke, DEAFLINE, and ABLEGRAM newsletters, & The Town Crier can be viewed on Schaumburg Township's website.

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Timothy Heneghan – Trustee

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Jim Litwin – Collector

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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SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP DEAF SERVICES
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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sunday, July 4 – **Independence Day**
- Monday, July 5 – **SCH TWP CLOSED** (Independence Day)
- Wednesday, July 14 – **Diabetes Support Group** at SCH TWP, 1:30 - 3 p.m. (RSVP – Call 847-884-0030 V or 847-884-1560 TTY)
- Tuesday, July 20 – **Medicare Drug Presentation** at SCH TWP, 1 p.m. Sharp (RSVP – Call 847-884-0030 ext. 2025 V or 847-884-1560 TTY).
- Wednesday, July 28 – **Township Board meeting** at SCH TWP, 7:15 p.m.
- Friday, July 30 – **Last day to RSVP for the Schaumburg Township Disability Picnic on August 7th**, 12 – 3 p.m. (847-884-0030 ext. 2025 V or 847-884-1560 TTY)

