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JULY, 2005

20th Annual Disability Picnic

“SPORT THEME”

Saturday, August 6, 2005

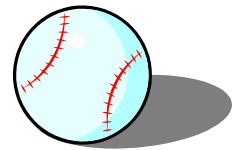
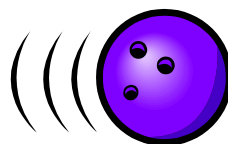
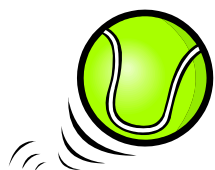
Noon – 3 p.m.

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

Co-sponsored by American Chartered Bank

- Free Admission
 - Bingo &
 - Door Prizes
 - Delicious Food & Drinks
 - Entertainment (DJ & Reggie the Reading Raccoon)
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- Schaumburg Township residents only.
 - A sign language interpreter will be provided.
 - Due to insurance restrictions, pets are not allowed.
 - Bring your lawn chairs if possible.

Reservations are required by July 29th - Call 847-884-0030, ext. 2025 Voice or 847-884-1560 TTY.



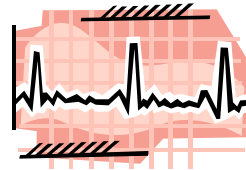
MANY THANKS

Schaumburg Township Deaf Services would like to thank:

- **Howard Rosenblum** for his great presentation on “Living Wills, Trusts, and Powers of Attorney”, on May 23, 2005. He explained all about Wills, Living Wills, Trusts, Guardianship, Powers of Attorney, and Representative Payee. There were numerous questions from the audience. He also talked about Equip for Equality (EFE) where he works and also Midwest Center on Law & the Deaf (MCLD) of which he is the chair. He encouraged the attendees to get wills as soon as possible and to contact MCLD at 1-800-894-3654 TTY or mclcd1@aol.com Email to get a list of probate lawyers who provide communication access and prepare the wills.
- **ITAC** for sponsoring the Ice Cream Social & Information Night on June 10, 2005, and also for providing the giveaways. Everyone had a great time – Learning about the new changes in the ITAC programs (Voucher TTY and Amplified Phones), enjoying the magic show, and yummy ice cream sundaes, and chatting with old and new friends. Special thanks go to:
 - **Robert Long**, a Magician from Wichita, KS, for performing the magic show at no charge – lots of laughs! Thanks, **Mona Morrison** (Township employee) for arranging a great & funny magician.
 - **Jessica & Karen Pfeiffer, Pauline Noe, & Megan Braden**, Girl’s Scout troops, for helping with the children’s activities and serving ice cream. Thanks, **Anna Klimkowicz** (Township employee) for getting the troops.
 - **Marie & Don Balsitis, Anil Phadke, and Diane Wilson**, volunteers, for working hard to make the party so successful.

SOCIAL/SUPPORT GROUP

The Schaumburg Township Deaf and Hard of Hearing Social/Support Group normally meet on 3rd Tuesday of each month. But for July, it will be held on July 12th, not 19th, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Schaumburg Township. Please RSVP for each month’s support group meeting: 847-884-1560 TTY or sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org Email.



HEALTH EDUCATION CLASSES

Mt. Sinai Hospital (Deaf Access Program) will give free health education classes for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing. The goal is to ensure classes in ASL to provide better understanding of specific health issues.

- **Heart** – How to lower your risk of heart attack & stroke
- **Depression** – How to control depression and feel better

Schaumburg Township Deaf Services is hosting the classes in September and October. Before the classes begin, there will be a screening on August 30th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Schaumburg Township. The educators will ask questions to determine if you are qualified to take one of the classes. It is confidential. After one week, classes will begin. They will be taught in ASL – once a week for 8 weeks for 2-3 hours.

If you are qualified, you will get paid a total of \$100 for participating in classes. The educators will explain how it works at the time of screening. If interested, call the following people for an appointment for the screening:

- Crystal Schwartz at 773-257-2887 TTY or schcr@sinai.org Email
- Lisa Foster at lisafosterlcpc@yahoo.com Email.

ADA CELEBRATION

The Illinois Department of Human Services in cooperation with other State Agencies and Councils invite you to celebrate the 15th Anniversary of the Signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) on Thursday, July 21, 2005, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at James R. Thompson Center, 100 W. Randolph Street, Chicago.

Several events & activities are scheduled such as workshops, artworks by children and adults with disabilities, job readiness screening and workshop for job candidates for August 9th Job Match Fair, ADA help table, exhibits, and entertainment by persons with disabilities. Free admission and accessible.

For more information call: 312-793-0034 V, 312-793-3597 TTY, or 312-793-3917 Fax.



NEW MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLANS

Beginning January 1, 2006, new Medicare prescription drug plans will be available to people with Medicare. Insurance & other private companies will work with Medicare to offer these drug plans. Like other insurance, if you join, you will pay a monthly premium (generally around \$37 in 2006) and pay a share of the cost for the prescriptions. Costs will vary depending on the drug plan you choose.

If you have Medicare Part A and/or Medicare Part B, you can join a Medicare prescription drug plan between November 15, 2005 and May 15, 2006. If you join by December 31, 2005, your coverage will begin on January 1, 2006. If you join after that, the coverage will be effective the first day of the next month. If you join a drug plan after May 15, 2006, you will pay a higher premium.

Basic Benefits:

- The average monthly premium is expected to be around \$37
- There is a \$250 deductible
- If the drug costs are between \$250 and \$2,250, the plan pays 75% and you pay 25%
- If the drug costs are between \$2,251 & \$5,100, you pay all – no benefit
- After \$5,100, the plan pays 95%.

The Social Security Administration (SSA) will send letters, including an application (on special paper) to about 800,000 homes in Illinois between May 27th and August 15th. There is no need to send in any proof of income or resources. There are three ways to apply: The original written application; by phone; online beginning July 1st.

Medicaid coverage for drugs will end on January 1, 2006 when Medicare takes over. Medicaid will still cover other medical expenses.

IMPORTANT DATES:

January 1, 2006

- New drug plans are in effect
- People with both Medicare & Medicaid will get drug coverage through Medicare not Medicaid

January – May 15, 2006

- You can still apply for new plans without a penalty

After May 15, 2006

- The first open enrollment period ends. Higher premiums begin

The “Medicare & You 2006” handbook will be mailed to those with Medicare and Medicaid in the fall of 2005. It will explain how Medicare will pay for your drug costs, and how to choose and enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan.

If you have any questions, call 1-800-633-4227 V; 1-877-486-2048 TTY, visit the website: www.medicare.gov, or wait for the handbook this fall.



DEAF PICNICS IN ILLINOIS

- Saturday, July 2nd – **Annual Frat Picnic** hosted by Chicago Division 1, in memory of Joseph L. Schafer, from 11 a.m. to dusk, at Busse Forest Preserve (North), Grove # 4, off Higgins Road in Elk Grove. Everyone (both members and non members) is welcome. There will be 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 16th – **WSAD Annual Family Day Picnic** from 11 a.m. till dusk, at Deer Grove East #3 at Quentin & Dundee roads in Palatine. There will be food & drinks for sale. Do not bring food or beverages. Check www.wsadeaf.org.
- Sunday, July 31st – **Catholic Deaf Picnic**, from 10 a.m. to dusk, at Argonne Park, Darien (3 miles south of I-55). Free admission. There will be refreshments for sale. Pets are not allowed. Rain or Shine! For more information, call 312-655-7899 (V), 312-751-8368 (TTY), or 312-751-0394 (FAX).
- Saturday, August 6th – **Schaumburg Township's 20th 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 door prizes. In case of rain, the picnic will be inside the Township. RSVP by July 29th – call 847-884-0030, ext. 2025 V or 847-884-1560 TTY.
- Saturday, August 6th – **2nd Annual Deaf European American Association Picnic**, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., at Labagh Woods, Cicero & Foster, Chicago. Free admission. There will be several games including water games, raffles, auction, and much more. For more information, contact Demir Bekiri: dbekiri7daeap@yahoo.com
- Saturday, August 27th – **Annual Picnic hosted by the Illinois Deaf Latino Association (IDLA)**, at the Burnham Park near Lake Shore Drive, Chicago. For more information, contact Iris Martinez at fideliris@comcast.net Email.

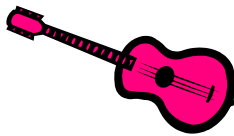


DEAF SENIORS OF AMERICA (NATIONAL LEVEL)

There is a non-profit organization for Deaf Senior Citizens called “**Deaf Seniors of America**” (DSA). DSA was established in 1992 and originally was called the National Association of the Deaf Senior Citizens (NADSC). The name of DSA was adopted in 1997. Anyone 50 years and older can join the membership for \$15 (2 years) which includes DSA quarterly newsletter, New Horizons.

DSA hosts its conference every 2 years. The 8th Biennial conference will be held August 31 – September 5, 2005, in San Francisco. The conference features exhibits, educational workshops, entertainment, banquet, awards, tours, and much more.

For more information or membership, contact Joseph S. Rose (Treasurer) at 301-572-4478 TTY, 310-572-2213 Fax, or jsrose2003@aol.com Email. You can browse the website: www.deafseniors.org



TWO “ELVIS” IMPERSONATORS

There are two Deaf and Hard of Hearing men who do an Elvis Presley Impersonation.

- **Gaetano “Tom” Adamo** (Deaf) - Known as **Deaf Elvis**. Gaetano was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, to Italian parents. When he was 6 years old, he became Deaf. He then moved to Chicago with his family to get a better life & education. In 1988, he received a B.A. degree from Gallaudet University in Washington, DC, where he developed his love for the theater, starred in many productions, and was honored with the award for outstanding performer of the year in 1987 & 1988. During his entire life, Gaetano has admired Elvis Presley and has been playing to Elvis’s records (feeling vibrations and beat of the music). He also saw Elvis on TV with captions and immersed himself in Elvis’s life (read books and bought Elvis’s movies). He has performed several Elvis shows in ASL in several states & on 4 TV channels, including Wild Chicago Show. His goal is to make the music of Elvis Presley accessible to all audiences and to show the Deaf world the magic of the King of Rock and Roll! If you would like Gaetano to do the show in ASL, contact Gaetano at ASLDeafElvis@yahoo.com Email.
- **Jack Yates** (Hard of Hearing) – Known as **Jack Elvis**. Jack was born and raised on the south side of Chicago for almost 53 years. At the age of 3, he lost his hearing. He attended different schools and graduated at 8th grade. His family moved a lot, so Jack lost contacts with Deaf/Hard of Hearing friends and had not been signing for over 30 years till he met Tom Adamo in 1999. Tom has been a big help to Jack in every way. Jack did the Elvis performance at Tom’s wedding. Jack has been a big fan of Elvis since he was 7 years old. He had been paying attention in reading the lip movements of Elvis’ singing words and also following the song lyrics. Jack can do the Elvis show, using lip synch while his Deaf fiancée, Anita Cervantes, will sign for him. Jack can perform for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing communities except Deaf club bars at no charge. For more information, email: jackelvis1@hotmail.com, or jackelvis@tmail.com Pager.

ACCESSCHICAGO

The Mayor’s Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD) will not host AccessChicago this year, but will host AccessChicago next year – **July 12, 2006.**



GOLF TOURNAMENTS

Illinois Deaf Golf Association (IDGA) will celebrate its 25th anniversary by hosting 2-day events.

September 23rd: There will be a golf outing, “All You Can Eat” Cookout & Indoor Pool Party.

September 24th: There will be golf tournaments during the day and banquet buffet dinner plus open bar, entertainment, and silent auction during the evening.

Those golfing events will be held at the Red Tail Golf Course, 7900 Red Tail Drive in Lakewood, IL. The other events will be at the Holiday Inn, Hwy 31 & Three Oaks Road in Crystal Lake, IL.

The early bird golfer registration fee is \$185 before July 16th. It includes 2-day of cart, lunches, golf shirt, balls, unlimited golf range use, cookout & indoor pool party, banquet, and registration fee). After July 17th through August 1st, it is \$205. After August 1st, the fee is \$225 including a \$20 late fee and shirt will not be provided. As for the fans, the fees are: \$65 (adults) before August 1st; \$70 before September 1st; \$15 (children under 12).

To get the registration form, go to www.idga25.com and download the form. For more information, contact IDGA at IDGA25@aol.com Email or 815-455-5753 Fax.

IDGA’S Fundraising Event: Will be held on Saturday, August 13, 2005, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at SideOuts Bar & Eatery, Route 176 & Roberts Road in Island Lake, IL. This event includes sand volleyball, horseshoe and bocce tournaments, and door & cash prizes. Tournaments begin at 11 a.m. The admission is \$5 (adults); \$3 (children under age 12). There will be unlimited drinks from 1 to 4 p.m. at a cost of \$15 (Picture ID will be required). Proceeds go to IDGA’s 25th Anniversary and Golf Outing.



DEAF ACCESS PROGRAM DAY

Mt. Sinai Hospital's Deaf Access Program will celebrate its 10th anniversary of its services with Deaf Access Program Day on July 16, 2005, 1 to 4 p.m., at Mt. Sinai Hospital (Glasser Auditorium) in Chicago. There will be entertainment, food, and children's activities. Everyone is invited to participate in the celebration, but RSVP is a MUST - Contact Crystal Schwartz at schcr@sinai.org.

CODA'S NEW BOARD

Children of Deaf Adults (CODA) has a new selected board:

President: Ava Sterling

Secretary: Nancy miller

Treasurer and Membership: Shirley Galvin

For more information, contact Ava Sterling at avasterling@aol.com Email. Check the CODA's website: www.geocities.com/illinoisCODA

ALDA BOARD MEETINGS

The Association of Late Deafened Adults (ALDA) of Chicago has scheduled its Board Meeting: August 6, 2005, October 1st, December 3rd, February 4, 2006, & April 1st. It is open to anyone interested. All meetings are held from noon to 2 p.m. at Progress Center for Independent Living (PCIL), 7521 Madison Street, Forest Park. Check www.deafvision.net/alda-chicago for more information on ALDA.

COUNSELING SERVICES

Cheri Sinnott, LCSW, has a new private counseling practice. She specializes in:

- Families of children with disabilities
 - Behavior Invention Plans
 - Transitions
 - Clients who communicate in sign language
- Cheri's sign language skills include advanced CASE (not expert) and immediate ASL. CASE stands Conceptually Accurate Signed English. Her practice is located in Northbrook. She accepts any insurance, Medicaid, & Medicare. For more information or an appointment, contact Cheri at 847-602-1102 Voice or cheris@isrc.us Email.

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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Susan Giannone – Trustee

Richard Taccini – Trustee

Scott Kegarise – 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)

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SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP DEAF SERVICES
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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Monday, July 4 – **SCH TWP CLOSED** (INDEPENDENCE DAY)
- Tuesday, July 12 – **Social/Support Group for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing** at SCH TWP, Room #114, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. (RSVP: 847-884-1560 TTY)
- Wednesday, July 13 – **Diabetes Support Group** at SCH TWP, 1:30 - 3 p.m. (RSVP – Call 847-884-0030 V or 847-884-1560 TTY)
- Wednesday, July 27 – **Township Board meeting** at SCH TWP, 7:15 p.m.
- Looking Ahead: **Township's Annual Disability Picnic** for Schaumburg Township residents on August 6th, Noon – 3 p.m. **RSVP** by July 29th – Call 847-884-0030 ext 2020 V or 847-884-1560 TTY.



HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!