



DEAF LINE

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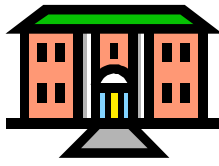


Ice Cream Social Night *for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing & their Families*

Thursday, June 26, 2003
7 - 9 p.m.

Schaumburg Township
Activity Center
One Illinois Blvd, Hoffman Estates, IL.

- Free Admission, but strictly for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community (both adults & children) and their families.
- Come and cool off with yummy ice cream sundaes!
- Enjoy meeting new and old friends.
- **RSVP by June 24, 2003:** Contact Sarita Phadke at 847-884-1560 TTY or sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org Email.



NEWS FROM SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP

SIGN LANGUAGE CLASS

American Sign Language is the third most commonly used language in the United States. The Chicago Hearing Society (CHS) has been providing sign language programs since 1970. There are several reasons for enrollment – Improving communication with Deaf friends and colleagues; having Deaf family members; wanting to learn ASL after learning a few basic signs; curious about visually expressive language; etc.

CHS is offering summer sign language classes at seven locations in the Chicagoland area for six weeks, beginning June 9th. Two new locations have been added - Schaumburg Township in Hoffman Estates and the National Lekotek Center in Evanston. As for the Township site, the Introduction to Sign Language classes will meet once a week on Thursdays, from 6:15 to 8:15 p.m. The address is One Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates, IL. The course fee is \$85 and the cost of the book required for the class is \$35. If you are interested in signing up, try the fast and user-friendly online registration at www.chicagohearingsociety.org or for more information or registration form, call Norma Englund at CHS at 773-248-9121 ext. 300 Voice or 773-248-9174 TTY.

SENIOR JOB CLUB

There is a newly formed Job Club at Schaumburg Township. Val Profit, Township's employment counselor, facilitates this support group for senior job seekers age 50 and over. The club meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month at the Township at 1 p.m. Every other month, a company comes to the meeting to recruit applicants for open positions. At the end of every job club, a copy of "Job Bank" is distributed, which is a listing of employment opportunities in the Northwest Suburbs. No appointment is needed. Val also meets with senior and disabled jobseekers weekly on an individual basis. An appointment is necessary. Call Val Profit at 847-884-0030 ext. 2016 Voice.

ANNUAL DISABILITY PICNIC

Schaumburg Township's 18th Annual Disability Picnic for disabled residents and their families will be held on Saturday, **August 2nd, from noon to 3 p.m.**, at Maple Park, next to the Township building. Mark your calendar and join the Disability staff for a day of fun, entertainment, food, and bingo! Reservations are required and the deadline is July 25th.

SAFETY

It has become necessary to heighten the security in the Schaumburg Township building. Please bring a picture identification with you and stop at our front desk and sign in. We appreciate your cooperation in these times of national alert.

PAINT-A-THON

The 16th annual community Paint-a-Thon program will be held on Saturday, September 6, 2003. This unique project utilizes volunteers to paint the homes of disabled or senior homeowners who are unable to do the work and whose annual income is under \$25,000. The painting is done only outside of the building. If you would like an application or for more information, call Kitty Molander at 847-884-0030 ext. 2022 Voice or 847-884-1560 TTY. The deadline for applications is July 1, 2003. If you like painting, and want to volunteer your time for the Paint-a-Thon, call the Volunteer Center at 847-228-1320 Voice.

COOLING CENTER

Schaumburg Township is a designated cooling center. So if you experience severe heat or do not have A/C, the Township is available from 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday as an emergency cooling center. For more information, call 847-884-1560 TTY or 884-0030 V.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF VRS

VRS is a service, which allows you to use American Sign Language (ASL) to make relay calls from home or work with a computer. The website is www.usavrs.com.

Video Relay Service (VRS) has completed one year of service for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing on May 1st, 2003. To celebrate the first anniversary of USA VRS, the first national video relay service, CSD and Sprint launched a newly redesigned web site with new features to improve the VRS experiences.

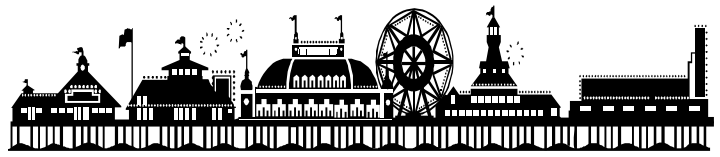
New features are:

- Direct dial from the home page without having to first log on
- Video window now incorporated into the home page, no need to launch separately
- Alphabetized phone book that is easier to edit
- New dialing instruction box, allowing users to provide specific details up front for the video interpreter
- There is a "Voice Carry Over" (VCO) button
- Addition of a Video Café feature allowing you to easily connect with others online via a direct video connection, email, AOL instant Messenger or pager
- Access to user listings at ils.usavrs.com for a faster and easier calling experience

POCKET TTY/VCO

A new innovative product from Krown Manufacturing, Inc. and Compu-TTY, "PocketComm", is ready to be on the market sometime in June, 2003. It is the first Pocket TTY/VCO that you can use with any phone, anywhere. A lightweight, compact device for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, PocketComm, is the smallest TTY which can be connected to a TTY compatible digital cell phone, cordless phone, payphone, or office phone. Either you can type and read (TTY) or speak and read (VCO). The retail price is \$249.

For more information, call 817-738-8993 TTY; 817-738-2485 V; 817-738-1970 Fax. Visit the website: www.pocketcomm.info for more information.



DEAF & HARD OF HEARING DAY AT SIX FLAGS

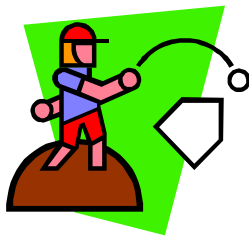
The 8th Deaf & Hard of Hearing Day will be held at Six Flags Great America in Gurnee on Saturday, July 12, 2003, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

- Sign language interpreters are available at specific shows at designated times. Pick up the schedule of shows at the Deaf Event Booth or Guest Relations. There will be interpreters for the train ride and others.
- Tickets are \$23.75 per person. Hearing friends and family can also buy tickets for \$23.75.
- You can buy tickets at Lake County CIL or order them by calling Chris Majeri for the order form.
- You can also buy tickets on the day of the event at the Deaf Event Booth near Guest Relations between 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.
- For your convenience, there will be TTYs at Guest Relations, the First Cross Aid Area, and the paybooth at Southwest Territory near the restrooms.

For more information, contact Chris Majeri at 847-949-4440 TTY or ChrisLCCIL@aol.com (Email).

VACATION WATCH

Both Schaumburg & Hoffman Estates Police Departments have a "Vacation Watch" Service available for Schaumburg & Hoffman Estates residents at no charge. Police officers will check or patrol your house on a regular basis when you go on vacation or are out of town for a few days or weeks. All a resident has to do is to call the police department in advance and let them know when you will leave and when you will return. If you are interested, call the Schaumburg Police Dept. at 847-882-3586 V/TTY or the Hoffman Estates Police Dept. at 847 882 1818 V/TTY.



DEAF DAY AT THE SCHAUMBURG FLYERS GAME

Tuesday, June 10th, 2003, is Deaf day at the Schaumburg Flyers game in which Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Hearing students from Blackwell School in Schaumburg will be singing and signing the National Anthem at 7:05 p.m. It will be held at Alexian Field, 1999 Springinsguth Road in Schaumburg. Call and find out if there are tickets available at 847-891-2255 Voice. The cost is \$8 and there is no guarantee of seating in the Deaf section. For more information, call Sarita Phadke at 847-884-1560 TTY.

LICA'S NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Low Incidence Cooperative Agreement (LICA) announced the appointment of a new Executive Director, **Rebecca (Becki) Streit**, after the retirement of Jacki Kimel. LICA is an agency made up of 45 local school districts in the north and northwest suburbs of Chicago. Becki has degrees in Deaf Education and Educational Administration. She taught for 9 years including a position at the Lab School at Illinois State University. For the last 15 years, she has been a program administrator for the LaGrange Area Dept. of Special Education (LADSE). Congratulations, Becki, and good luck for your future, Jacki.

TRY FREE TROLLEY DURING THE SUMMER TIME

Heavy traffic? Parking problems? Bad weather? Avoid those hassles and try the **Schaumburg Woodfield Trolley Service** to shuttle you between the Woodfield area retail centers for FREE! The stops are Woodfield Mall, the Streets of Woodfield, Woodfield Village Green, Roosevelt University, Costco, Expo, IKEA and the Northwest Transportation Center. This free Trolley Shuttle Service runs every 15 minutes – 7 days a week; Monday through Friday, Noon to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call 847-923-3880 Voice.

SCHAUMBURG FIRE ID UPDATE

June is the month for updating 911 information for disabled residents living in the Village of Schaumburg. If you previously completed a Fire ID form, you will be mailed another form on which you must indicate any changes or corrections. These forms are forwarded to the Schaumburg Police Department and entered into the 911 systems. All information is kept strictly confidential. Additional forms are available by calling Disability Services at 847-884-0030 ext. 2025 V or 847-884-1560 TTY. Residents of Hoffman Estates may obtain ID forms from the Village of Hoffman Estates, and residents in other communities are asked to call their local police departments for information on their 911 systems.

CCE/CAAD TOURNAMENT

Chicago Catholic Ephpheta (CCE) will be hosting its 60th Annual Central Athletic Association of the Deaf (CAAD) Slo-Pitch Softball Tournament on August 1-3, 2003. The headquarters will be the Marriott Inn, 50 N. Martingale Road, Schaumburg, IL. and the tournament site will be Veteran's Park, 2500 Holmes Way, Schaumburg.

The rates for the early bird combo ticket (Deadline: July 15th) are:

- For adults: \$30
- For Senior Citizens & students with ID: \$25
- 13-17 years old - \$20
- Under 12 years old – Free

Mail a check (payable to CCE/CAAD 2003) to Genevieve Bright, 612 Fairview Lane, Schaumburg, IL. 60193. Be sure to write your name, address, and email address. For more information, call Charles Bright at 847-301-2942 or bripogo75@yahoo.com Email.

2003 RID CONFERENCE

The Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID) will have its 2003 Conference, which runs July 27th through August 1st, at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers, 301 E. North Water Street, Chicago. There will be an opening ceremony, workshops, sessions, reception, banquet, entertainment, exhibits, and much more. For more information on rates, check the website: www.rid.org. In addition, you can call 703-838-0030 Voice, 703-838-0459 TTY, 703-838-0454 Fax or conference@rid.org Email.



TORNADO SAFETY

A tornado is perhaps nature's most destructive storm and develops during severe thunderstorms. Tornadoes can bring danger to life and damage to property from violently whirling winds and debris hurled through the air by winds. By following some safety rules, lives can be saved and injuries prevented.

The National Weather Service has a **WATCH and WARNING** program:

- **WATCH** – Tornado development is possible in your area. Prepare yourself and be alert.
- **WARNING** – A tornado has been sighted or indicated by radar. It is time for you to take shelter.

Where to go if you are:

- **At Home:** Move to the lowest level in a central portion of your home or building in a small room, basement, closet, or hallway. Stay away from windows, fireplace chimneys and other large items like refrigerator. Cover your head with soft pillows. If you have no basement, go to the center hallway or bathroom with no windows.
- **In Buildings and Public Places:** Move to designated shelter areas. Interior hallways on the lowest level are best. Stay away from windows, out of auditoriums, gymnasiums, shopping mall or other structures with wide-span roofs. Get under sturdy furniture like a heavy table or desk and hold on to it.
- **In Vehicles:** Do not try to outrun a tornado in a car or truck. Leave your car or van and go to the nearest building. If there is no building, lie flat in a nearby ditch or low-lying area and cover your head.

After the tornado, stay tuned to a local TV or radio to get an all-clear signal tornado report before leaving your shelter. Also, be alert to fire hazards such as broken electric wires or damaged electrical equipment, gas, or oil leaks, or piles of debris.

IRID'S SOCIAL NIGHT

The Illinois Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (IRID) will host its Interpreter's social night. All are welcome - Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Interpreters, Signers, and Students. It is the last chance to buy raffle tickets for the RID 2003 National Conference. The drawing will be held at 10 p.m. If you do not want to buy tickets, just come and hang out for fun. This social event will be held on Saturday, June 14, 2003, at 7 p.m., at the Brew Street Chop House in the Radisson Hotel, 75 W. Algonquin Road in Arlington Heights, IL. Admission is free.

For more information, contact Brooke Macnamara at Delphi_inc@mac.com Email or Michele Jendreas at vicepresident@ilrid.org Email. Check the website: www.ilrid.org.

WALK-A-THON

In 1973, Harper College in Palatine established an office to serve students with disabilities on campus – **Access and Disability Services**. Now the staff of the Access & Disability Services is celebrating its 30th anniversary by hosting a **Walk/Roll-a-Thon**. They are hoping to raise funds, which will be used as scholarships for future students. This event will be held on Sunday, August 24, 2003, from 1 to 4 p.m., on the Campus Track (southwest corner).

If you are interested in pledging or collecting pledges for walking, or for more information, call 847-397-7600 TTY, or 847-925-6266 Voice.

SHABBAT SERVICES

The Congregation Bene Shalom/Hebrew Association of the Deaf (CBS/HAD) offer Shabbat services that are both voiced and interpreted in sign language. Rabbi Douglas Goldhamer knows sign language and is leading the services. These services are held every Friday at 8:15 p.m., at CBS, 4435 W. Oakton Street in Skokie. For more information, call 847-674-0374 TTY, 847-677-3330 Voice or infor@beneshalom.org Email. Check the website: www.beneshalom.org. (Deaf Illinois News, May 20, 2003)

SENIOR & DISABLED HEALTH & RESOURCE FAIR

This fair will be held on Wednesday, August 6, 2003, at the Alfred Campanelli YMCA, 300 W. Wise Road, Schaumburg, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. It is open to adults 55+, disabled, caregivers, families, and friends. There will be a free continental breakfast, health screenings, presentations, community resources, demonstrations, raffles, state ID cards and more. This fair is co-sponsored by State Senator, Kay Wojcik, Schaumburg Township, the Village of Schaumburg, the Alfred Campanelli YMCA, Friendship Village, the Kenneth Young Center, the Schaumburg Library, and Brighton Gardens by Sunrise.

MUSEUM ON DEAFNESS

The Children's Museum on Deafness offers the opportunity for Deaf and Hearing children in grades 1 to 8 to learn about deafness, deaf culture and contributions of those who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Tours are made by appointment only from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. A minimum of 25 people must be guaranteed to schedule a tour. It costs \$10 per person and there are group rates available. The museum is located at 3444 Dundee Road in Northbrook. For more information, call 847-559-0110, ext. 237 V or 847-559-9493 TTY.



Have a great & safe summer!

From the Disability & Deaf Services Dept:
Gerry, Kitty, Rose & Sarita

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Tuesday, June 10 – **Deaf Day at Schaumburg Flyers Game**, 7:05 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 11 – **Diabetes Support Group** at SCH TWP, 1:30 - 3 p.m. (RSVP needed – Call 847-884-0030 V or 884-1560 TTY)
- Wednesday, June 25 – **Township Board meeting** at SCH TWP, 7:15 p.m.
- Thursday, June 26 – **Ice Cream Social Night** at SCH TWP, 7 p.m. RSVP is needed – Call 847-884-1560 TTY.
- Upcoming: **Schaumburg Township Disability Picnic** on August 2nd, 12 to 3 p.m. RVSP is required and deadline is July 25th.

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