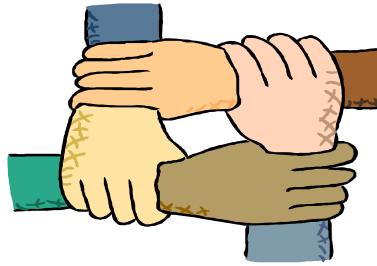


# DEAF LINE

JUNE, 2007



## Deaf Social/Support Group

(Last one before the summer starts)

- Talk about important issues
  - Play games
  - Trivia
- Laugh and enjoy being with friends (old & new)
  - Cool off with ice cream sundaes!

Tuesday, June 19, 2007

1 – 3:30 p.m.

Schaumburg Township, Board Room  
One Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates, IL

RSVP by June 18<sup>th</sup>: 847-884-1560 TTY/VP; 847-884-0039 Fax;  
[sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org](mailto:sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org) Email

## GREAT APPRECIATION

Schaumburg Township Deaf Services would like to thank **Kate Kubey** and **Maria Hernandez** from the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD) for their two wonderful and educational presentations:

- Alcohol Abuse on April 9, 2007
- Smoking on May 7, 2007

The presenters showed a lot of visual materials, and role-plays, which helped the audience understand the effects of alcohol abuse and smoking. Educational films were shown which were very touching. There was much valuable information about drinking and smoking issues!

*Thanks so much, Kate and Maria!*

## NEW! INCOME LIMITS INCREASE FOR PRESCRIPTION COVERAGE ONLY (ILLINOIS CARES RX)

Good news from Illinois Cares Rx! The income limits were increased for Prescription coverage.

Illinois Cares Rx Basic (Prescription Drugs coverage)

- \$22,793 for a household of one
- \$30,594 for a household of two
- \$38,393 for a household of three

Illinois Cares Rx Plus (Property Tax Grant + License Plate Discount) – Not included in increase.

- \$21,936 for a household of one
- \$29,412 for a household of two

You must re-apply each year. Internet filing is the fastest way to get these important benefits. If you do not have Internet access, Schaumburg Township can assist you. Appointments are necessary – call 847-884-1560 TTY/VP or 847-884-0030 V.

## 2 ILLINOISANS ON SORENSON'S WEBSITE

**Carmen Aguilar** of Fox River Valley Center for Independent Living and **Teri Hedding** of Mt. Sinai Hospital are on Sorenson's video testimonials showing how Sorenson Communications is revolutionizing communications and connecting VRS users.

Check [www.sorensonvrs.com/svrsvideos/](http://www.sorensonvrs.com/svrsvideos/)

## MEETING ABOUT DEAF BROADBAND ACCESS TASK FORCE

Deaf Social Services Providers (DSSP) will have an important meeting, which is open to everyone who wishes to learn about Illinois Deaf Broadband Access Task Force. The presenter is **Ryan Croke** who works in the Office of Lieutenant Governor Pat Quinn (Chair of the State Broadband Deployment Council). Ryan's presentation will invite the audience to share their thoughts regarding the quality of life and access to telecommunications tools like high-speed Internet, videophones, and relay services.

This meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 12, 2007, 9 a.m. to noon at Anixter Center, 2032 N. Clybourn Avenue, Chicago.

Interpreters and refreshments will be provided.

## NEW COMMISSIONERS

The Illinois Deaf & Hard of Hearing Commission (IDHHC) announced the appointment of five new Commissioners. They are:

Tina Childress  
Hershel Jackson  
Mindy Joy Mayer  
Benro Ogunyipe  
Lisa Sesko

*Congratulations!*

## ASL EXPO

It is not too late to register for the ASL Expo, which will be held on Saturday, June 16, 2007, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., at Hinkston Park Convention Center Field House, 800 Baldwin Avenue in Waukegan, IL. This expo targets the sign language community, with an emphasis on bringing together the deaf & the hearing communities. It is open to sign language users, friends, families, and those who know, teach, or work with the Deaf & Hard of Hearing individuals. There will be exhibits, entertainment, and activities for children. Several celebrities will be at the Expo for autographs and photos with attendees. Free admission, but you must sign up online: [www.aslexpo.com](http://www.aslexpo.com); otherwise, the tickets at the door are: \$10 (adults) and \$5 (children, 5 - 10 years). Deadline to sign up online is June 12, 2007.



The Illinois Association of the Deaf (IAD)'s 44<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference, “**Diversity Ethnicity Amalgamate Family**”, is approaching - June 7 - 9, 2007, at the Holiday Inn, 860 W. Irving Park Road, Itasca, IL. There will be exhibits, a forum, educational workshops, Jr. IAD activities, Diversity/Jr. IAD talent show, IAD general meeting, banquet, and pageant.

It is not too late to register. The combo rates until the Conference dates, the rates are: \$140 (members); \$120 (seniors/college students); \$ 75 (youth 12 – 17 years). These rates include registration fee, program book, new IAD membership or extension of current membership, workshops, exhibits, entertainment, Miss Deaf Illinois Pageant, and much more. There are also non-combo options available. Good news that the registration fee will be waived if you register for any evening event (forum, diversity/talent show, banquet, and pageant).

Check the website, [www.iadeaf.org](http://www.iadeaf.org), for other information.



### 4TH ANNUAL DISABILITY PRIDE PARADE

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Disability Pride Parade – “Celebrating Worldwide: Disabled, Proud, Present and Diverse” will be held on Saturday, July 21, 2007. The purpose is to organize a fully inclusive, annual event celebrating and strengthening the pride, power, and unity of people with disabilities, families, and allies and also to generate national visibility of the Disability community. The Grand Marshal will be Kathy Martinez, Executive Director of World Institute on Disability. The step-off is at 11 a.m.: Dearborn and Van Buren, marching north to Washington. The post-parade program will be at the Daley Plaza. ASL interpreters will be provided. For more information or to register online, go to [www.disabilityprideparade.com](http://www.disabilityprideparade.com) or call 773-218-1474 V.

## DEAF SWIMMER COMPETES IN CHINA

Will Landgren, Deaf teen, has recently earned a spot on the U.S. Deaf Swim Team representing his country at the 2007 World Deaf Swimming Championships in Taipei, Taiwan this August. Will (15) has been swimming competitively for six years and has been with the Palatine Park District Tigersharks Swim Team for the last three years. The Tigersharks is one of the area's top swim clubs with more than 260 swimmers.

Will is now a freshman at Conant High School in Hoffman Estates where he stepped in right away as one of the top members on the school's swim team. He uses a sign language interpreter for his classes, high school swim team, and the Tigersharks swim club. Also, he plays for the baseball team.

Although a member of USA Swimming, United States Deaf Swimming, and the USA Deaf Sports Federation, the burden of cost for training and international competition is entirely his. The estimated cost per athlete for World Deaf Swimming Championships is \$6,000 and training cost is \$1,500. Tax-deductible donations are being collected by the PPD Tigersharks. Information on how to contribute to the "Landgren USDS Fund" can be found at [www.ppdswim.org](http://www.ppdswim.org)

### NEWS FROM CDHHCC

Here is some news from the Chicago Deaf & Hard of Hearing Cultural Center (CDHHCC):

- The center is now officially a 501(c) 3. You can donate to CDHHCC, which is now tax-deductible.
- Michele Cunningham is a Windy City Deaf Idol show producer/chairperson. Last year, Michele was the contestant coordinator.
- The Steering Committee Officers for the year of 2007 are: Marianne Jodie (Chairperson); Lynn Walter (Vice Chairperson); Joe Obermaier (Treasurer); Amber Smock (Secretary). The other two Steering Committee members are Drucilla Ronchen and Kennedy Shenberg.
- If you would like to be involved and/or receive meeting minutes, send an email to [cdhhcc@yahoo.com](mailto:cdhhcc@yahoo.com).

## MORE TECHNOLOGY

- Sprint IP Relay gives hearing callers more ways to connect with Deaf or Hard of Hearing individuals via AOL's AIM Relay Services. How it works? The hearing person dials a toll-free number 877-866-8057 (English) or 877-866-8059 (Spanish) that is answered by a Sprint Relay operator. The operator will ask the caller for the AIM screen name of the Deaf or Hard of Hearing person they are trying to reach. If the AIM user is "away" or unavailable to get the call, the hearing caller is able to leave a brief message typed by the operator. First, the Deaf or Hard of Hearing AIM user must send an instant message to the AIM screen name (SprintIP) and type "Register" to begin receiving calls from hearing callers. The Sprint IP Relay service is available at no cost to users. The IP Relay and AIM Relay services are accessible on the web through the AIM service, which is available as a free download at [www.aim.com](http://www.aim.com), as well as through the Apple iChat client.
- i711 has a limited number of web cams available for registered i711 users. If you need a free web cam, visit [www.i711.com/freecam](http://www.i711.com/freecam) and fill out the form online. These webcams are available on a first come, first-served basis, so visit the site as soon as you can.
- Tired of looking for addresses and phone numbers online? Hands On Video Relay Service (HOVRS) introduces 411 VRS (Video Relay Service). 411 is a directory assistance service offering customers quick and easy access to phone numbers and addresses listed in white & yellow page directories. Deaf callers can use 411/directory assistance for free using 411VRS. You can use either videophone (VP) or web cam on a computer. For more information, check [www.hovrs.com](http://www.hovrs.com) (From HOVRS eNewsletter)

Have a *great and safe summer* from the Disability & Deaf Services Department:  
*Gerry, Kitty, Bonnie, Jeanette & Sarita*

## ALL ABOUT DFI GRANT

The Chicago Hearing Society (CHS) receives a Donated Funds Initiative Grant (DFI) from the State of Illinois, to provide free interpreter services for situations that are NOT covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

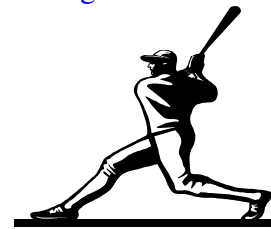
To use the grant, several rules must be followed:

- Request must be made by the Deaf/Hard of Hearing person using the services.
- The person must reside in the Metropolitan Chicago area and the event must also take place in the Chicago area.
- Requests are on a first come first serve basis.

Examples of situations where the DFI grant can be used (but not limited to):

- Assist a Deaf person who is self employed
- Job related training if the provider is not covered by ADA
- 12-step programs/support groups
- Funerals/wakes
- Family meetings
- Church/religious services
- Wedding/social events

For more information, or to request free interpreter services, contact CHS at 773-248-9174 TTY, 773-248-9121 Voice, 773-248-9173 Fax, or [chsinterp@anixter.org](mailto:chsinterp@anixter.org) Email.



## OUTINGS TO BASEBALL GAMES

CISDAA (Chapter Illinois School of the Deaf Alumni Association) & West Suburban Association of the Deaf (WSAD) will host several outings to baseball games:

- June 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. – NY Yankees at Chicago White Sox; Cost - \$35 per person
- August 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m. – Philadelphia Phillies at Chicago Cubs; Cost - \$40 per person
- September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3 p.m. – Los Angeles Dodgers at Chicago Cubs; Cost - \$30 per person

If interested, send a check or money order (payable to WSAD) to Dennis Russell, PO Box 172, Addison, IL 60101-0172. For more information, email: [wsadgold@yahoo.com](mailto:wsadgold@yahoo.com)

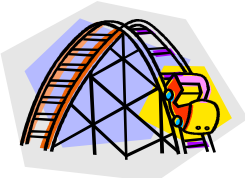


## 5<sup>th</sup> MIDWEST TIMBERFEST OF THE DEAF

The 5th Midwest Timberfest of the Deaf (MTD) will be held August 30<sup>th</sup> – September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007, at Camp Lakodia in Madison, South Dakota. There will be many kinds of lumberjack contests such as ax throwing, log splitting, single bucking, and much more. There will be vendors selling or advertising products and services. The rates per person are: \$75 (Now until July 31, 2007) and \$85 (August 1, 2007 – Door). The rate for teenagers (13-18) is \$25 and free for children 12 and under.

If interested, send a check (payable to MTD 2007) to Gary Etkie, MTD 2007 Registration, 1040 Independence Avenue, St. Charles, IL 60174. Be sure to write your name, address, and all names of people attending and the type of RV.

For more information, contact Kevin Ryan: [wrestkpt42@aol.com](mailto:wrestkpt42@aol.com) Email. Check [www.mtdeaf.org](http://www.mtdeaf.org)



## ANNUAL DEAF & HARD OF HEARING DAY AT SIX FLAGS

The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Six Flags Great America Deaf & Hard of Hearing Awareness Day will be held on Saturday, July 7, 2007, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., at Great America in Gurnee. There will be special entertainment by Keith Wann (an ASL performing artist and a CODA – Children of Deaf Adults) who will perform in two shows of 90 minutes of storytelling about the CODA-Deaf Culture. His buddy, Juggy, will open the shows with 15 minutes of ASL stories. Tickets will be \$28 online (use promotional code: deafday on [www.sixflags.com](http://www.sixflags.com)) and \$31 at the gate. They include admissions to Six Flags Great America, Hurricane Harbor, Keith's shows, and many other interpreted performances. For more information, call Diana Nelson at 847-949-4440 ext 25 Voice or 847-949-0641 TTY/VP.



## GOLF OUTING

Illinois Deaf Golfers Association (IDGA) will host its 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing on Saturday, June 23, 2007, at 11 a.m. It will be held at Settler's Hill Golf Course, 919 E. Fabyan Parkway, Batavia, IL. The cost per golfer is \$70 that includes 18 hole green fee, cart fee and lunch. It is limited to 40 golfers. First come, first serve! The deadline is June 13<sup>th</sup>. If you register before June 1<sup>st</sup>, you will be entered for the \$25 drawing.

Visit [www.ildga.org](http://www.ildga.org) for detailed information on this event, registration and other information.

Contact Lisa Roth at [treasurer@ildga.org](mailto:treasurer@ildga.org) Email.

## CLBDA'S DINNER/DANCE GALA

Chicagoland Black Deaf Advocates (CLBDA) will host an "All White Ball Affair" – Summer Evening of Extravagance. It is a dinner/dance Gala which will be held on August 4, 2007, 6:30 – 11:30 p.m., at Marriott Chicago Midway Hotel, 6520 S. Cicero Avenue, Chicago. There will be a keynote speaker, entertainment, dance, dinner, and much more.

White semi-formal attire is required. The cost per person is \$60. Mail a money order/cashier's check (payable to CLBDA) to P. O. Box 7840, Chicago, IL 60680-7840. Deadline is June 14<sup>th</sup>. No refunds or cancellations.

For more information, contact Brenda Gates at 773-291-0890 V/TTY or 773-785-2482 VP.



## NEED HELP WITH GARDENING?

Need help with gardening? Vanessa Lee Thurston (Deaf) is happy to do the outside-the-house job such as lawn mowing, taking out the weeds, planting flowers, etc. FYI: Vanessa is Vicki Lynn Graztke's sister. For more information or rates, contact Vanessa by pager: [lekalee@sprint.blackberry.net](mailto:lekalee@sprint.blackberry.net)



## DEAF CAMPING OUTING

Illinois Deaf Campers will have an outing on June 21 – 23, 2007, at Evening Star Camping Resort, 23049 US Highway 136, Topeka, IL. There will be several events/activities such as bingo, door prizes, children, teens', and adults' games, horseshoe tournaments, Harley Bike Parade, Texas Hold'Em Poker, and much more. The admission fee is \$3 per member, \$5 per non-member, & \$4 for visitors (each day). Check the following websites:

- [www.deaf-center.org/idc07.htm](http://www.deaf-center.org/idc07.htm) (flyers)
- [www.eveningstarcamp.com](http://www.eveningstarcamp.com) (campsite)
- For more information, email: [illinoisdeafcampers@yahoo.com](mailto:illinoisdeafcampers@yahoo.com) or [idcsecretary@yahoo.com](mailto:idcsecretary@yahoo.com)

## ITAC PROGRAMS

Our ITAC Selection Center is still available for Amplified phone, CapTel phone, and TTY viewing or testing. ITAC's program distributes FREE phones and TTYs to any Illinois resident with a certified hearing loss, and local residential phone service. There are four different amplified phones from which to choose. In addition, there is the CapTel (captioned phone) loan program. For more information, call 847-884-0030 Voice or 847-884-1560 TTY/VP or visit ITAC's website:

[www.itactty.org](http://www.itactty.org)

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Schaumburg Township is a designated Cooling Center available from 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Thursday – Saturday, June 7 – 9 – **IAD's 44<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference** at Holiday Inn, Itasca ([www.iadeaf.org](http://www.iadeaf.org))
- Saturday, June 16 – **ASL Expo** at Hinkston Park Convention Center in Waukegan; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. ([www.aslexpo.com](http://www.aslexpo.com))
- Tuesday, June 19– **Deaf Social/Support Group** at SCH TWP, Schaumburg, 1 – 3:30 p.m. (RSVP needed: 847-884-1560 TTY/VP)
- Wednesday, June 27 – Township **Board meeting** at SCH TWP, 7:15 p.m.

**Friendly Reminder: No Deaf Social/Support Group in July & August, 2007**

