

SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP DEAF SERVICES

DEAF LINE

MARCH 2002

Schaumburg Township Deaf Services

Hosts an Educational Workshop

“Domestic Violence”

by

Kathy Dmochowski

Friday, March 8, 2002

7 – 9 p.m.

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

Kathy Dmochowski, who is Deaf, is an Education/Outreach Specialist from the Chicago Hearing Society (CHS). She will address a variety of topics related to Domestic Violence:

- Various types of abuse
- How to set up a safety plan – how to get out of a dangerous situation
- Free services that CHS provides

In addition, there will be a showing of the ADWAS video, “Anywhere, to Anyone” in American Sign Language and captions which tells the story of 4 deaf couples in various abusive relationships with an explanation of each situation and options for solutions.

- Free admission.
- Free pizza and pop/coffee will be provided.

RSVP by March 5th - Call Sarita Phadke, Deaf Services Coordinator, at 847-884-1560
TTY; 847-884-0039 Fax; sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org Email.



GREAT APPRECIATION

Schaumburg Township Deaf Services wants to thank the following area businesses for their generous donations of gift certificates that made the "Deaf and Hard of Hearing Social Night" more enjoyable.

- Baker's Square
- Barnaby's Restaurant
- Chipotle restaurant on Schaumburg Road
- Gameworks
- Garibaldi Restaurant
- Medieval Times
- Sweet Tomatoes
- Valli Produce in Hoffman Estates

We urge you to patronize the above businesses.

DIABETES CLASS FOR THE DEAF

Mt. Sinai Hospital is having a **Diabetes Class** on April 16th, 2002, 1 to 3 p.m., at Mt. Sinai Hospital, in the Conference Room B, California Avenue, at 15th Street, Chicago. It is for Deaf and Hard of Hearing people who have diabetes. They will learn the causes of Diabetes, how to take care of themselves and how to eat better. Since space is limited and is filling up fast, please RVSP as soon as you can at 773-257-6289 TTY or HEDETS@Sinai.org Email.

NEWSWAVES IS BACK

Newswaves has started up again with the January 2002 edition. This is a national monthly newspaper for deaf and hard of hearing people. Previous subscribers will get the newspaper automatically for free. A subscription is \$20 a year. The new address and phone numbers are:

Newswaves
P.O. Box 41-347
Los Angeles, CA 90041
Phone: 323-254-6764 TTY/FAX
Email: Newswaves@aol.com
Website: www.newswavesonline.com



ALDA'S ANNUAL CELEBRATION

Association of Late Deafened Adults (ALDA) Chicago is having its 14th Annual Birthday Celebration on Saturday, April 20, 2002, 6 p.m. It will be held at the Old Barn, 8100 S. Parkside Avenue, Burbank, IL. It is \$20 per person. If interested, send a check payable to: ALDA Chicago and mail to Jean Richards, 361 Bryant, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137. RSVP by April 1st. For more information, call 708-422-1214 TTY.

NEW WEBSITE

Lucas Interpreting, Inc. has a new website: www.lucasinterpreting.com. So check it out for information for clients and interpreters, such as policies, rate sheet, making a request for an interpreter, workshops, etc. The phone numbers and address remain the same.
(Deaf IL News, January 29, 2002)



WALLYBALL TOURNAMENT

West Suburban Association of the Deaf (WSAD) hosts its 13th Annual Wallyball Tournament for the Deaf on March 15th (6:30 to 11 p.m.) & 16th (8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.). It will be held at Schaumburg Tennis Plus, 1415 North Payne Drive, Schaumburg. There are entry fees for the players, but no admission fees for the fans. The deadline for the entry fees is March 11th. To find out entry fees or for more information, contact T.K. Hill at 847-844-7570 TTY or wackyta284@aol.com Email. Check the website: www.wsadeaf.org.



ORANGE CARD

GlacoSmithKline (GSK) has introduced an innovative program, “**Orange Card**”, that is designed to help seniors, disabled and other Medicare eligible people with limited incomes save 30% on all GSK outpatient prescription medicines. In some cases, savings may be 40% or greater. The requirements are:

- Senior or other person eligible for Medicare
- Annual income must be at or below 300% of federal poverty levels based on your income tax statement (\$26,000 if you are single or \$35,000 as a couple)
- You must have no private or public insurance coverage for prescription medicines

The Orange Card is free and there is no charge to join or use the card. Applications are available through healthcare providers or by calling a toll-free number: 1-888-672-6436 V. Schaumburg Township Disabled Services has a list of prescriptions. Call 847-884-1560 TTY or 847-884-0030 V.

DEVICES FOR FREE

We have had some devices donated to the Township: Sears Telecaption II with remote, phone handset with amplifier, Fone Flasher and vibrator. If you are interested in any of them, please contact Sarita at 847-884-1560 TTY or spfadke@schaumburgtownship.org Email.

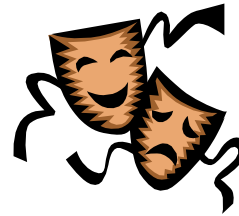


FAMILIES NEEDED FOR DEAF CHILDREN

There are many deaf and hard of hearing children (birth to 17 years of ages in the United States and other countries who are waiting to be adopted. For more information, check the website:

www.erols.com/berke/deafchildren.html

(HANDS, February 2002)



SHOWS & FESTIVAL

- Deaf Bailiwick Artists presents “**A World of Whys**”, directed by Ronald Jiu. It will be held at the Bailiwick Arts Center, 1229 W. Belmont, Chicago, each weekend in March at noon. Tickets are: \$10 (adults) and \$5 (children). For more information, call 773-883-1090 V; Email: dbailiwick@yahoo.com; www.bailiwick.org (Website).
- “**As You Like It**” (interpreted show) will be shown on Tuesday, March 5, 2002, at 7:30 p.m., at the Chicago Shakespeare Theater on Navy Pier, Chicago. There will be two interpreters (Will Lee and Liz Bartlow Breslin). The ticket price is \$29. For more information, call 312-595-5699 TTY or 312-595-5600 V.
- Chicagoland American Sign Language Teachers Association (CASLTA) and Deaf Bailiwick Artists (DBA) are sponsoring an annual deaf comedy contest, “**The Deaf Gong Show**” which includes ASL storytelling, jokes or riddles, creative stories, pantomimes, and dances. It will be held on Saturday, March 9th, 2 p.m., at the Bailiwick Arts Center, 1229 W. Belmont in Chicago. Tickets: \$10 each. For more information, call 773-883-1090 V or email DBA: dbailiwick@yahoo.com or CASLTA: LKCach@aol.com.
- **Storytelling Festival at the Prairie Center** will be held on Saturday, March 9, 2002, at the Prairie Center for the Arts, 201 Schaumburg Court, Schaumburg, IL. Many events throughout the day are family story sampler, storytelling for adults, an afternoon with the storytellers, etc. The interpreters will be Liz Bartlow Breslin & Donna Reiter Brandwein and. For more information and ticket prices, check the website: www.prairiecenter.org. If you do not have access to the internet, call 847-895-3638 TTY; 847-895-3600 V; 847-895-1837 Fax.



DEAF & HIV+ SUPPORT GROUP

Deaf Chicagoland AIDS Network (CAN) is hosting a **Deaf and HIV+ Support Group** every Tuesday, running from March 19th through May 7th, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. It will be held at Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge, IL. This support group is open only to Deaf and Hard of Hearing people with HIV. Participants will learn about HIV medical choices, discuss safe sex and dating, share feelings about HIV, receive HIV case management and have refreshments. The facilitators are Lisa Foster, MA, LCPC and Raymond Rodgers, MSW Intern. To register, call 773-279-5724 TTY or email RRodgers@rhmc.com.
(Deaf IL News, January 22, 2002)

HANDHELD DEVICE AT DISNEY

Walt Disney World Resort has enhanced its services for guests with hearing losses by providing captions via wireless technology at theme park attractions in Florida. Guests are able to use a handheld captioning device at each theme park attraction to read captions. They now can participate in rides that send them through multiple show scenes, or outdoor environments. This technology will be available at more than 20 Walt Disney World Attractions, with expansion planned at both the World and the Disneyland Resorts.

(Permission from Silent News, February 2002)

BELL SCHOOL'S 85TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION

A.G. Bell School with a deaf program in Chicago will celebrate its 85th Anniversary reunion on April 6th. If you would like to attend the reunion or get more information, email Terry Lewensky (1965): TJLewensky@aol.com.

TELECONFERENCE

The Postsecondary Education Programs Network/Midwest Center for Postsecondary Outreach Site at Harper College is hosting a **Teleconference: Serving Consumers who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing in Community Based Rehabilitation Agencies** on Thursday, March 14th, 1 to 3 p.m. It will be held at the Academic Resource Center, Room F-12, Harper College, 1200 W. Algonquin Road, Palatine, IL. This teleconference is free of charge and designed for Administrators, Program Managers, Counselors, Case Managers, Vocational Specialists, Educators and other professionals who work within the vocational rehabilitation process. The meeting will address critical issues in serving Deaf and Hard of Hearing consumers in community based rehabilitation agencies and will provide professional development opportunities for rehabilitation professionals. Viewers will understand better how to provide and create access to community rehabilitation services leading to competitive and supportive employment for consumers who are deaf and hard of hearing. **RSVP** – contact Beth Bortolotti at 847-925-6369 V; 847-397-7600 TTY; ebortolo@harper.cc.il.us Email.



FREE “RULES OF THE ROAD” CLASS

There will be a free “**Rules of the Road**” review class for seniors on March 4, 2002, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., at the Village of Hoffman Estates, 1900 Hassell Road, Hoffman Estates. Senior citizens will have the opportunity to review safe driving techniques and learn what to expect when they renew their driver’s license. This course is designed for seniors but open to anyone who wants to attend. If you cannot attend on March 4th, there are other dates scheduled: May 6th, July 22nd and October 21st. Refreshments will be served. To **RSVP**, call 847-781-2606 V. If you need a sign language interpreter, call a week in advance.



FREE TAX HELP

- **Senior Tax Program:** Trained AARP volunteers will be at Schaumburg Township to provide state and federal tax return preparation assistance to seniors age 60 and over at no charge. You must be a Schaumburg Township resident. Appointments are required and are available on Tuesdays and Fridays, 9 a.m. – noon. Call Ann of Senior Services at 847-884-0030 Ext. 2015 Voice.
- **Chicago Hearing Society:** Offers free Income Tax Filing Assistance for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing every Saturday, starting March 2nd to April 13th, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. It will be at CHS, 2001 N. Clybourn Ave., 2nd floor, Chicago. IRS VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) people will help you fill out your income tax forms: 1040, 1040EZ, and 1040A. Sign language interpreters will be provided. Bring last year's completed state and federal tax return, W-2 forms, 1099 forms, retirement plan contribution, alimony receipt/payment, stocks gain/loss, and other financial papers & receipts. Call CHS to make an appointment as soon as possible at 773-248-9174 TTY or 773-248-9176 FAX.
- **Websites for Tax Help:**
 - www.irs.gov
 - www.irs.com
 - www.1040.com
 - www.moneyinmypocket.com
- **TTY Line:** If you do not have access to the Internet, you can call the IRS at the 1-800-829-4059 TTY or use the Relay to call 1-800-829-1040 Voice. Hours are 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday. During the tax-filing season, the IRS will include a 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday service.



SCUBA CLASS FOR THE DEAF

Northeast DuPage Special Recreation Association (NEDSRA) and the Sea Lions Dive Center of Bartlett will be teaching a 7-week SCUBA class for those who are deaf, hard of hearing and hearing who have deaf parents. You must be 18 years or older to participate. It is imperative that you have a medical release for diving. The first night is a classroom session and the next five nights are in the pool training. The last night will be a written test to pass the "classroom" section of the certification. In order to complete the certification, you must attend classes and pass the certification. There is an independent fee varying by location. The classes will be held on March 22nd, April 12th, 26th, May 10th, 31st, June 14th & 28th (not May 24th), from 7 to 10 p.m., at Bartlett Park District. The cost is \$245, but \$50 deposit is due March 15th. If interested, or to get the necessary waivers and diving book, contact Donna Sebok or Pam Clohesey at 630-620-7477 TTY or nedsra@mcleodusa.net Email.

DEAFWAY II

Deaf Way II is an International Conference & Festival to be held July 8 – 13, 2002, in Washington, DC. The registration is \$350 before March 31st. After that, it will be \$400. For more information or rates, call 202-651-6112 TTY; 202-651-6064 V; 202-651-6113 Fax; info@deafway.org Email. Check the website: www.deafway.org

EMERGENCY OR WEATHER ALERTS TO YOUR PAGER

You can use the following links to register for services to receive emergency or weather alerts on your pager:

- www.emergencyemailnetwork.com (free)
- www.accuweather.com (monthly fee)
- www.ealertusa.com (monthly fee)
- www.pageupdate.com (monthly fee)

EQUIP FOR EQUALITY

Equip for Equality is a private, nonprofit organization designated by the Governor to implement the federal protection and advocacy system for people with physical and mental disabilities, including developmental disabilities and mental illness, in Illinois. It is the only statewide advocacy organization providing self-advocacy assistance, legal services, education, public policy advocacy and systems monitoring. This agency serves individuals statewide at no charge and through three regional offices in Chicago (main office), Springfield and Rock Island. There are few staff members who know sign language. If you experience any discrimination, contact Equip for Equality at 1-800-537-2632 Voice or 1-800-610-2779 TTY. The Chicago address is:
11 E. Adams Street, Suite 1200
Chicago, IL 60603

LCDA'S NEXT STORYHOUR

Laurent Clerc Deaf Academy (LCDA) will host its ASL Storyhour on Saturday, March 9th, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., at the Glen Ellyn Public Library, 400 Duane Street, Glen Ellyn. Elzbieta Dynda, Miss Deaf Illinois, will be the storyteller. For more information, contact the storyhour coordinator, Sara Bianco Riggio, at 630-469-2300 TTY; sarabiancoriggio@aol.com Email. You can check the website: www.lcda.org

SAVE THIS DATE

IDARA (Old name for Illinois Deafness & Rehabilitation Association) will host its Spring Conference, "**Living in the New World: Terrorism, Survival, and the Deaf Community**" on Wednesday, April 24, 2002. It will be at the Northern Illinois University's Hoffman Estates Campus. The keynote speaker will be Jay Readon, Fire Chief of Northbrook, will talk about "Emergency Preparedness" within government and community agencies. There will be several breakouts. For more information, check the website: www.idarasite.com

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Friday, March 8 – Domestic Violence Presentation by Kathy Dmochowski at Schaumburg Township, Activity Center, 7 – 9 p.m. (RSVP needed by March 5th – Call 847-884-1560 TTY)**
- **Wednesday, March 13 – Diabetes Support Group at SCH TWP, 1:30 - 3 p.m. (RSVP needed – Call 847-884-0030 V or 884-1560 TTY)**
- **Tuesday, March 19 – Primary Election Day. Vote!**
- **Wednesday, March 27 – Township Board meeting at SCH TWP, 7:15 p.m.**

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