



DEAF LINE

MARCH, 2007



Schaumburg Township Deaf Services
Deaf Social/Support Group

FIELD TRIP TO
SCHAUMBURG FIRE STATION #1
(New station)

Tuesday, April 17, 2007
At 1:15 p.m.

(Meet at 1 p.m. at Schaumburg Fire Station # 1,
950 W. Schaumburg Road, Schaumburg – across from Schaumburg Police Dept.)

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- You will tour the new fire station (about 45 minutes) – See the equipment, and talk about fire safety. You can ask as many questions as you wish.
 - A Sign Language Interpreter will be provided.
 - Free...but is limited to 15 people – first come, first served: RSVP by April 10th.

To RSVP, contact Sarita Phadke at 847-884-1560 TTY/VP, 847-884-0039 Fax, or
sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org Email.



INFORMATION FROM ITAC

- If you have an old TTY from ITAC's Loan Program, you may benefit from the new Voucher Program. You may keep the old TTY for FREE and get a new free TTY from the Voucher Program. If you get a Voucher TTY, you get a new signaler, too. You own both TTYs not ITAC. You can get a free new TTY or Amplified phone every 4 years!
- Equipment in the Voucher Program (TTYs or Amplified phones) will be shipped directly to you from the vendor and will come with the vendor's warranty. You will contact the vendor directly not ITAC if the equipment needs repairs.
- If you have a CapTel phone, you can switch to the Amplified phone program if you think you may benefit from it. But you need to try 4 phones before picking the correct phone and then return the CapTel to ITAC since it is in the Loan Program.
- If you choose a CapTel or already have one, it is important to know you pay for any long distance charges that are associated with relay service phone calls. CapTel has no way of knowing the long distance company that you have chosen. So it is necessary to contact CapTel customer service to register your long distance company. Call 1-888-269-7477 or register online: www.captionedtelephone.com
- Tips from the Tech: If you have a Voucher TTY or amplified phone that suddenly is not working, try the tips before you call the vendors.
 - Check the power source connection
 - Check the phone line
 - Unplug the adapter from phone or TTY and the wall outlet
 - Unplug the phone cord from the wall outlet
 - Plug the adapter back into the phone/TTY and wall outlet
 - Plug the phone cord back into the wall.

If these steps do not work, call the vendors for assistance. If you have an Amplified phone, call Teltex at 1-888-515-8120 and if you have an Ultratec 4425 TTY, call Ultratec at 1-800-482-2424.

200 YEARS OF DEAF LIFE ON PBS

“**Through Deaf Eyes**”, a 2-hour PBS documentary about 200 years of Deaf life in America, will air nationally on PBS on Wednesday, March 21, 2007, at 9 p.m. ET (check local listings).

The film was inspired by the exhibition, “History Through Deaf Eyes”, organized by Jack R. Gannon of Gallaudet University. The film will show the shared experiences of Deaf citizens throughout American history including family life, education, work, and community connections. Also, there will be interviews among community leaders, historians, and Deaf Americans with diverse views on language use, technology and identity. For more information, you can check www.pbs.org

FYI: If you miss the documentary, do not fret, because Schaumburg Township may host a viewing of that documentary after March 21st. Details will come soon.

2007 DEAF ILLINOIS AWARDS

It is not too late to sign up for the **2007 Deaf Illinois Award Night** sponsored by Deaf Communication by Innovation (DCI) which is to honor people with outstanding achievements in the Illinois Deaf community. This event will be held on Saturday, April 7, 2007, at Park West, 322 W. Armitage Avenue, Chicago. The reception begins at 6:30 p.m. followed by the ceremony at 8 p.m. The tickets are as follows: Before March 31, 2007 - VIP Reception & Ceremony: \$40; Ceremony only: \$15. At Door - VIP Reception & Ceremony: \$45; Ceremony only: \$20. If interested, mail a check (payable to Deaf Communication by Innovation) to: Deaf Communication by Innovation, Attn: Deaf Illinois Awards, PO Box 13246, Chicago, IL 60613. For more information, call 773-857-7709 V; 773-857-6913 TTY or email info@deafillinois.com

DEAFDOC.ORG WEBSITE

Dr. Carolyn Stern, MD, a former Illinoisan, has created a website with free healthcare information for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing community.

- It has a medical video dictionary – a source of medical information in ASL and texts.
- You can learn about health issues by watching videos and asking questions from “Ask the Doc”.
- There are resources and links to other healthcare information.

Check out the website: www.deafdoc.org



INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

- Chicago Hearing Society (CHS): The CHS offers free Income Tax Filing Assistance for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing on Saturday, March 10th, 17th, and 24th, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the CHS office, 2001 N. Clybourn Avenue, Chicago. Volunteers will assist Deaf & Hard of Hearing people with filling out only the following income tax forms: 1040, 1040EZ, and 1040A. An appointment is required; so contact the CHS as soon as possible before the schedule is full, at 773-248-9174 TTY, 773-248-9176 Fax, or keischen@anixter.org Email. Bring copies of last year's completed state and federal tax forms, 2006 W-2 forms, and 2006 alimony receipts/payments.
- Local IRS offices in Illinois (Face-to-Face Tax Help): IRS offices accept walk-ins and appointments for assistance in completing your Income Tax Return. You can request a sign language interpreter in advance. Check www.irs.gov/localcontacts
- TTY Line: If you do not have access to the Internet, you may call the IRS at the 1-800-829-4059 TTY or use the Relay/Video Relay Service (VRS) to call 1-800-829-1040 V. Hours are 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday. During the tax-filing season, the IRS will include a 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday service.
- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA): The VITA Program offers free help to low-to-moderate-income people (\$36,000 or below) who cannot prepare their tax returns. Call 1-800-829-1040 V to find out the VITA sites. Usually, the VITA sites are located at community and neighborhood centers, libraries, malls, etc.
- Websites for Tax Help:
 - www.irs.gov
 - www.irs.com
 - www.1040.com

ACCESS LIVING RELOCATES

Access Living of Metropolitan Chicago is relocating to a new office starting March 5, 2007. It is located in the heart of downtown Chicago and is easily accessible by public transportation. The office has a few limited parking spaces available for visitors on a first-come, first-serve basis. This agency assists people with disabilities regarding civil rights, transportation, peer support, housing, information/referral, & much more.

New address:

Access Living of Metropolitan Chicago
115 West Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60610-3209

Phone:

312-640-2100 V; 312-640-2102 TTY; 312-640-2101 Fax

Toll-free phone numbers remain the same:

1-800-613-8549 V and 1-888-253-7003 TTY

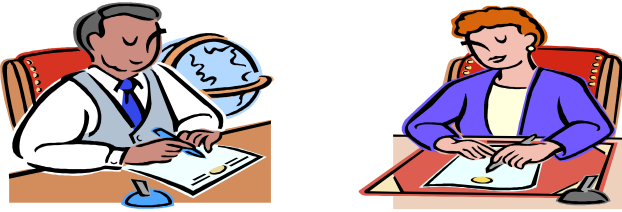
"GIVE & RECEIVE" PROMOTION

Dlink Videophone (VP) gathering dust? CSDVRS (Communication Service of the Deaf Video Relay Service) is redistributing Dlink videophones to people in need of a videophone. You can donate your Dlink and you will get \$25 from CSDVRS as a bonus for your generosity. If you do not use the Dlink anymore, and are interested in helping someone, fill out the form online: www.csdvrs.com/dlinkfor25.asp. They will send you a prepaid DHL label & instructions to use when sending your Dlink. For more information, contact the customer support at help@csdvrs.com

HAZARDOUS WASTES FACILITIES

There is a new permanent facility in Chicago that will accept household chemical wastes, computers & related equipment, batteries, old medicines, paints, etc. It is at the **Goose Island Facility**, 1150 N. Branch St., Chicago. Hours are: Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m.; Thursday from 2 to 7 p.m.; First Saturday of the month from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The other facilities are:

- ❑ **Naperville Fire Station #1**, 1971 Brookdale Road in Naperville and the hours are: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The phone is 630-420-6700 ext. 7559 V.
- ❑ **Rockford Rock River Reclamation District**, 3333 Kishwaukee in Rockford. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Saturdays) and 12 to 4 p.m. (Sundays). The phone number is 815-967-6737 V. Check www.swancc.org/hcw/hcwcollection.html



YOUR AREA LEGISLATORS

You may contact your state and federal legislators if you have any issues & concerns or if you want to show appreciation. Listed below are the addresses and telephone numbers for area legislators.

U.S. Senator Richard J. Durbin

230 S. Dearborn St., Suite 3892, Chicago, IL 60604
312-353-4952; 202-224-2152

U.S. Senator Barack Obama

230 S. Dearborn St., Suite 3900, Chicago, IL 60604
312-886-3506; 202-224-2854

Congressman Melissa Bean

1430 Meacham Road, Schaumburg, IL 60173
847-519-3434; 202-225-3711

State Rep. Peter J. Roskam

150 S. Bloomingdale Road, Bloomingdale, IL 60108
630-893-9670; 630-893-3735 Fax; 202-225-4561

State Rep. Carolyn H. Krause

200 E. Evergreen, Suite 130, Mt. Prospect, IL 60056
847-255-3100; 217-782-3739

State Rep. Fred Crespo

837 W. Higgins Road, Schaumburg, IL 60195
847-882-0270; 847-884-6885

State Rep. Paul Froehlich

15 W. Weathersfield Way, Schaumburg, IL 60193
847-985-9210; 217-782-3725

State Sen. John J. Millner

2580 Foxfield Road, St. Charles, IL 60174
630-524-9250; 630-524-9251 Fax; 217-558-1037

State Sen. Michael Noland

1112 South Street, Elgin, IL 60123
847-622-1049; 847-622-0948 Fax

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COORDINATOR

Sarah's Inn in Oak Park hired Christy Albert as a part time Deaf Services Professional to assist Deaf & Hard of Hearing victims of Domestic Violence. Sarah's Inn provides counseling, advocacy, emergency housing/ financial assistance, parenting & education support groups, teen dating violence prevention, community outreach, and a 24-hour crisis line which is 708-386-4225 V. For more information, or assistance, contact Christy at 708-386-3305 VP, 773-261-5611 TTY, 773-261-0755 Fax, 708-386-3305 ext. 1016 (use relay), or christya@sarahsinn.org Email.

DEAF AWARENESS DAY

Mike Dikta and his Chicago Rush Arena Football team will celebrate a **Deaf Awareness Day** by hosting a game between Chicago Rush & Los Angeles Avengers on April 1, 2007, at the Allstate Arena in Rosemont, 12:30 p.m. Come 2 hours before the kickoff to enjoy the free Dominick's FamilyFest (music, games, and activities for all ages). Stay after the game for free autographs. Tickets are \$8 per person. If interested, mail a check/money order (payable to Chicago Rush) to: Chicago Rush Arena Football, 1041 E. Touhy Avenue, Suite 450, Des Plaines, IL 60016. Be sure to write your name, address, phone number, and email address. To order by phone, by credit card, or for more information, contact Shannon Allen at 773-243-3436 V or sallen@chicagorush.com Email.

ASL EXPO

ASL Expo 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. Three Deaf celebrities will be at the Expo for autographs and photos. The celebrities are CJ Jones (Comedian of California), Matt "The Hammer" Hamill (UFC boxer), and Phillip "Phil" Janes (Extreme Makeover). Free admission, but you must sign up online: 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 1, 2007.



MORE SUMMER CAMPS

- **International Center on Deafness & the Arts (ICODA)** – There will be a week long overnight camp for Deaf and Hard of Hearing students (grades 8-12) who are interested in Art, Dance, or Drama. This camp will run June 16 – 23, 2007, in Oregon, IL. If interested or to get an application form, contact Carolyn Kalina at 847-509-8257 TTY, 847-509-8260 x234 V or icoda@aol.com Email. You need to complete the application, have a current photo & 2 letters of recommendation from a teacher, coach, etc to send with your check of \$15 for the application fee. If you are accepted, there is a \$200 material fee, which will cover all materials for daytime workshops, group social activities, and a camp T-shirt. The ICODA pays for your travel expenses, lodging, and meals. The deadline for the application is March 16th.
- **Illinois School for the Deaf (ISD)** – ISD will be hosting its Sports Camp for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children from June 17th to 22nd at the ISD, 125 Webster Avenue, Jacksonville, IL. Campers will have the opportunity to improve communication and socialization skills and practice good sportsmanship while improving their sports skills in various games and activities. It is limited to the first 30 students in grades 5 to 8. There is a \$10 fee to cover the cost of a camp T-shirt. ISD will provide free transportation for campers going to the camp on June 17th if parents have previously requested it on the application, but parents will need to pick them up by 3 p.m. on the last day. Parents are invited to an awards program on June 22nd at 1 p.m. before they pick up their children. For more information or for an application, contact Wendy Daniel, Athletic Director, at 217-479-4214 V/TTY; 217-479-4244 Fax; dhsrspb@dhs.state.il.us Email.
- **Aspen Camp School for the Deaf** – The camp will be held in Old Snowmass, Colorado. The camp helps build skills and provide quality experiences for personal growth in the areas of responsibility, leadership, decision-making, independence, and self-esteem. There are summer sessions for those ages 8 through high school: –
 - **Mountain Bound**: 11 to 14 years; June 17-July 5, 2007
 - **Kids of Deaf Adults (KODA)**: June 23-29, 2007
 - **Peak Experience**: 14-18 years; July 8-26, 2007
 - **Wilderness Adventure**: 8-12 years; July 29-August 11, 2007

For more information, call 970-923-6609 TTY, 970-923-2511 Fax, or camp@acsd.org Email. Check www.acsd.org

- **Camp Lions of Illinois** – The Lions of Illinois Foundation offers unique free summer camp experiences especially for boys/girls, age 7-17, with significant vision and/or hearing loss. All camps offer a variety of activities such as boat rides, horseback riding, swimming, archery, fishing, canoeing, nature hikes, talent shows, dance, arts & crafts, cookouts, and much more. The camps will be on the following dates:
 1. June 24th – 30th at Camp Reynoldswood, Dixon, IL
 2. July 8th – 14th at Dubois Center in DuBois, IL
 3. July 15th – 21st at East Bay Camp in Bloomingdale, IL
 4. July 22nd – 28th at East Bay Camp in Bloomingdale, IL.
 5. July 29th – August 4th at Camp Reynoldswood, Dixon, IL
 6. June 10 – 16, 2007 for adults who are 18 years old and older.

There is no cost, but a refundable deposit of \$15 is required. The application deadline is June 1st. For more information or to download the application form, go to: www.lionsofillinoisfoundation.org or call Alan Wilson at 1-800-955-5466 V, 1-800-933-3937 TTY, or 815-748-9087 Fax.

SPORTS CORNER

- **Deaf Bowling Classic Tournaments:** The Springfield Deaf Club will host its 25th Annual Richard Koehne Memorial Individual Handicap Deaf Bowling Classic on March 10, 2007, at Laketown Lanes, 3220 Stanton Avenue, Springfield. The entry fee for the men's division is \$55 and for the women's division is \$45. There are prizes for the winners. The admission fee for all bowlers and fans is \$7. After bowling, the bowlers and fans can have a "night-out" at The Field House Pizza & Pub on Sangamon Avenue (near I-55). For more information, contact David Gurley at 217-789-0139 TTY/Fax; dpgurley@aol.com Email or Linda Early at 217-425-4920 TTY/Fax. www.iadeaf.org/events.htm
- **Wallyball Tournaments:** Sponsored by the West Suburban Association of the Deaf (WSAD), the 18th annual Wallyball Tournaments will be held on Saturday, March 31, 2007, at Schaumburg Tennis Plus (STP), 1416 N. Payne Road, in Schaumburg. It is for Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Hearing players who are interested in participating. The entry fee is \$15 per event, but free for the fans. For more information, contact T.K. Hill at 847-844-7570 TTY or wackytag84@aol.com Email. You can visit or to download an application form: www.wsadeaf.org
- **Help Needed:** The Harper College Deaf & Hard of Hearing Program will host its 3rd Annual Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament for High School & College Teams on Saturday, April 21, 2007, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. They need interested coaches, referees, and volunteers. If interested in helping out, email Debby Sampson: dsampson@harpercollege.edu

ONLINE LISTING OF SEX OFFENDERS

Do you know if a sex offender lives in your neighborhood? The Illinois State Police provides an online listing of sex offenders required to register in the State of Illinois. The database is updated daily and allows searching by name, city, county, zip code, compliance status, or any combination. To view the Illinois Sex Offender Registry in your area, visit www.isp.state.il.us/sor/ (Schaumburg Police Dept. Crime Prevention Newsletter, January 2007)

The monthly Deaf Line newsletter is free for Schaumburg Township residents and all agencies & organizations serving the Deaf and Hard of Hearing consumers. Subscription (11 issues) for non-residents - \$22. Deaf Line and Ablegram newsletters can be viewed on Schaumburg Township's website.

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Richard Taccini – Trustee

Scott Kegarise – Trustee

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Margaret (Peggy) Franklin – 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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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sunday, March 11 – **Daylight Savings Time Begins** (Adjust clocks/watches one hour ahead)
- Saturday, March 17 – **St. Patrick's Day**
- Tuesday, March 20 – **Deaf Social/Support Group** at SCH TWP, 1 – 3 p.m. (RSVP: 847-884-1560 TTY/VP)
- Wednesday, March 21 – **“Through Deaf Eyes” Documentary** on PBS Channel at 9 p.m. ET (Check local listings)
- Wednesday, March 28 – **TWP Board meeting** at SCH TWP, 7:15 p.m.

Happy  St. Patrick's Day