

# SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP DEAF SERVICES



# DEAF LINE

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MAY, 2003

## Deaf Day at the Schaumburg Flyers Game

Blackwell School in Schaumburg and Schaumburg Township Deaf Services invite the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community to Deaf Day at the Schaumburg Flyers Baseball game. Deaf, Hard of Hearing & Hearing students from Blackwell School will have an exciting opportunity to sign and sing the National Anthem.

The game will be held on Tuesday, June 10, 2003, and will start at 7:05 p.m., at Alexian Field, 1999 Springinsguth Road, Schaumburg, IL.

The cost for the tickets is \$7 per person/child over 3 years. Kids under 3 are free. If you are interested, send a check (payable to Blackwell School) to Schaumburg Township Deaf Services, Attn: Sarita Phadke, One Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates, IL 60194. The deadline is May 12<sup>th</sup>. After May 12<sup>th</sup>, you can contact the Schaumburg Flyers office directly at 847-891-2255 Voice for tickets. It will cost \$8 and there will be no guarantee of seating in the Deaf section.

For more information or questions, contact Sarita Phadke at 847/884-1560 TTY or [sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org](mailto:sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org) Email or Joann Kort at Blackwell School at [JoannKort@sd54.k12.il.us](mailto:JoannKort@sd54.k12.il.us) Email.



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(Tear off and return with your check)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed (\$7 per ticket): \_\_\_\_\_

(Tickets will be mailed to you prior to the game)

## SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP INFORMATION

- The Illinois Department of Insurance Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) and Schaumburg Township's Disability and Senior Departments are in need of volunteers who like working with people and like to do paperwork. You would be educating Township residents about Medicare, Medicare Supplements, and long term care insurance. Training is done by the Illinois Dept. of Insurance, and your volunteer work would be at Schaumburg Township. If you would like to be a certified counselor, or for more information, contact Rose Szyszka at 847-884-0030 ext. 2025 Voice.
- There is a new Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Open Discussion Meeting for anyone who is addicted to chemicals of any sort. This is for Schaumburg Township residents only but may include spouses, parents and relatives of Alcoholics. The meeting meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, from 7 to 9 p.m., at Schaumburg Township, Room # 202. The dates are: May 15<sup>th</sup>, June 19<sup>th</sup>, July 17<sup>th</sup>, August 21<sup>st</sup>, September 18<sup>th</sup>, October 16<sup>th</sup>, November 20<sup>th</sup> and December 18<sup>th</sup>. For more information, call 847-884-0030 Voice or 847-884-1560 TTY.
- Our famous Ice Cream Social Night for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing & their Families is coming up sometime in June. Details will be announced at a later time. If you want to volunteer at this event, please let Sarita Phadke know at 847-884-1560 TTY.

### TTY FROM A COMPUTER

There is a neat service called **Nextalk. Net** (Internet-based, Live Text Communication) in which you can call any TTY from your browser on a computer. You can receive calls from a TTY or anyone on a browser can call you.

All you need to do is to log onto [www.nextalk.net](http://www.nextalk.net) and follow instructions on how to download the software, which takes only a few minutes.

This service is free and there are no long distance charges for calling a TTY anywhere in the United States.

Visit the website mentioned above to get more details.

### ANOTHER INTERNET RELAY

Another Internet relay service is Hamilton Relay Service (HIP), a 24-hour service which allows you to use a computer to make a relay call to a hearing person. The website to the Internet Relay is [www.hiprelay.com](http://www.hiprelay.com).

There are other Internet relay services besides HIP relay that you can try:

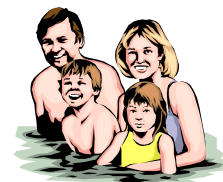
Sprint – [www.sprintrelayonline.com](http://www.sprintrelayonline.com)

AT & T – [www.relay.att.com](http://www.relay.att.com)

MCI - [www.ip-relay.com](http://www.ip-relay.com)

### CAAD/CCE TOURNAMENT

Chicago Catholic Ephpheta (CCE) hosts the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Central Athletic Association of the Deaf (CAAD) Slo-Pitch Softball Tournament on August 1 – 3, 2003. The headquarters will be the Marriott Inn in Schaumburg, and the tournament site will be Veteran's Park, 2500 Holmes Way, Schaumburg, IL. For more information, contact Charles Bright at [bripogo75@yahoo.com](mailto:bripogo75@yahoo.com) or for a flyer, email Sarita Phadke at [spfadke@schaumburgtownship.org](mailto:spfadke@schaumburgtownship.org).



### OPEN FAMILY SWIM

Northwest Special Recreation Association (NWSRA) offers Open Swim for individuals with disabilities and their immediate family members living at the same address within an NWSRA member park district. Call to find out what pools are included. If you are registering for Open Swim only, the cost is \$60 for up to five immediate family members from June 1, 2003 to May 31, 2004. If registering for other NWSRA programs, the fee is \$40. If interested, call at 847-392-2855 TTY or 847-392-2848 V and ask for the registration form.

## FOR VCO USERS

VCO (Voice Carry Over) is a service that allows a Deaf, Hard of Hearing or Late-Deafened person to use his/her voice to speak directly to a hearing person via the relay service. A relay operator types what the hearing person says to your TTY for you to read.

VCO users can now use 711 # to make a relay call. Just mention to the Communications Assistant (CA) that you want VCO. The CA will transfer you to the VCO department. A dedicated VCO #, 1-877-826-1130, is still available for use. The operators in the VCO department specialize in all types of VCO calls, such as: VCO to Voice, VCO to TTY, VCO to VCO, or VCO to HCO (Hearing Carry Over).

In addition, the VCO users can use the Video Relay Service (VRS) to call a hearing person. All you have to do is to give your phone number to the Video Interpreter (VI) who will call you back. The VI will then call the hearing person you want to call. The hearing person will be able to hear you and the VI will sign everything the hearing person is saying to you. Log onto [www.usavrs.com](http://www.usavrs.com).

## CAMP SIGN

The Chicago Park District is hosting “Camp Sign” – a day camp for Deaf and Hard of Hearing children, ages 6 to 15. This day camp involves many activities such as swimming, sports, fishing, nature exploration, bowling, field trips, and much more. The camp will be held June 30 to August 8, 2003, Monday through Friday, from 11:30 am to 6 p.m. The fee is \$150 for Chicago residents. For more information, or to find out the fee for non-residents, contact Sarah Faber at 312-742-8711 TTY, 312-742-7585 Voice or [sarah.faber@chicagoparkdistrict.com](mailto:sarah.faber@chicagoparkdistrict.com) Email.

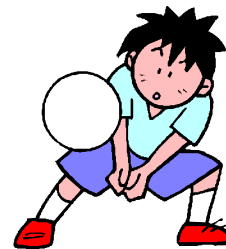
## NEW ORGANIZATION

There is a new organization called **Deaf European American Association of Chicago**. The new president is Demir Bekiri and the vice president is Yelena Rumyantseva. There will be a meeting on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, at the Chicago Club of the Deaf (CCD), 4221 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago, at 1:30 p.m. For more information, contact Demir Bekiri at 847-537-1437 TTY or [dbekiri7daeap@yahoo.com](mailto:dbekiri7daeap@yahoo.com) Email.



## CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

The Chicago Hearing Society's Youth Program will award **two free Silberman Family Camp Scholarships** to attend the Aspen Camp School for the Deaf, in Colorado, from July 5<sup>th</sup> to July 16<sup>th</sup>. This scholarship includes camp tuition and round-trip airfare. To qualify for the scholarship, applicants must be 12 to 15 years old; be deaf or hard of hearing; live in Chicago or Cook, DuPage, Lake, McHenry or Will counties. The deadline to apply for free scholarships is May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2003. To obtain an application, contact June Prusak at 773-248-9174 TTY or [Jprusak@anixter.org](mailto:Jprusak@anixter.org) Email.



## WSAD VOLLEYBALL FUNDRAISING EVENT

The West Suburban Association of the Deaf (WSAD) Volleyball Team will have its fundraising event on May 31<sup>st</sup>, 7 p.m. to Midnight, at North Beach, Hoffman Estates, IL. There will be a 5-hour free play – sand volleyball and bowling and also an open bar. The cost is \$25 (by May 23<sup>rd</sup>) and \$30 cash at the door. Donations will defray expenses for the 2004 Open Deaf Volleyball Tournament in Schaumburg on May 14 & 15, 2004. If interested, send a check/money order payable to WSAD Volleyball, and mail it to the address: P.O. Box 3712, Oak Brook, IL 60522-3712. RSVP to Mike Glennon: [defmikey11@yahoo.com](mailto:defmikey11@yahoo.com) Email.

In addition, WSAD will be hosting the 2004 National Volleyball Tournament on May 14 & 15, 2004, at Schaumburg Park District, Schaumburg. WSAD is looking for volunteers to help out. If you are interested in working on the committees, let Mike Glennon know or email Brian Doane (Chairperson) at [bridoane@aol.com](mailto:bridoane@aol.com) Email.

## PRESENTATIONS

Chicagoland Deaf Parent-to-Parent Project, Jewish Family & Community Service and the Deaf Access Program of Mt. Sinai Hospital are hosting two presentations.

- **“Medical Facts of Deafness You Should Be Aware of: How Deafness Affects Overall Health”** by Michael Lotke, MD. Dr. Lotke is a pediatrician who has many years of experience working with Deaf and Hard of Hearing children. This workshop will be held on Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.
- **“The Cochlear Implants: Maximizing the Benefits for Children”** by Susan Erler, Ph.D. Dr. Erler is a research audiologist at Northwestern University. This workshop will be held on Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>.

Both workshops will be held from 7 to 9 p.m., at Jewish Family & Community Service, Goldie Bachmann Luftig Building, 5150 Golf Road in Skokie. For more information, call Teri Hedding at 773-257-5125 TTY or Kjersti Usler at 847-568-5200 V; 847-568-5240 TTY.

## “PINOCCHIO”

CenterLight Theatre for Young Performers will host a signed & voiced performance, **“Pinocchio”**, which runs from May 2 through 11, 2003, Fridays at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays at 3 and 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. It will be held at the CenterLight Theatre, 3444 Dundee Road, Northbrook, IL. The cost will be \$10 (adults); \$9 (students & seniors); \$8 (children). For more information, contact 847-559-9493 TTY; 847-559-0110, ext. 237; 847-559-8199 FAX.

## NEED HELP

A Hard of Hearing person, who has cerebral palsy, needs someone to help him with some chores such as washing clothes, shopping for him, and walking with him. He lives in Schaumburg and needs assistance two times a month on Mondays, for four hours. He will pay for \$7 to \$8 an hour. The following requirements are: Must provide transportation; must be either a hard of hearing or hearing person who knows sign language. If interested, or for more information, contact Sarita Phadke at 847-884-1560 TTY or [sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org](mailto:sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org) Email.

The Deaf Line newsletter is free. If you, or someone you know, would like to receive this monthly newsletter, call Sarita Phadke at 847-884-1560 TTY or 847-884-0039 FAX.

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

- Monday, May 12 – **Deadline to purchase tickets for the Schaumburg Flyers Game** (Info: 847-884-1560 TTY or look at the front page of this newsletter)
- Wednesday, May 14 – **Diabetes Support Group** at SCH TWP, 1:30 - 3 p.m. (RSVP needed – Call 847-884-0030 V or 884-1560 TTY)
- Monday, May 26 – **SCH TWP Closed Due to Memorial Day**
- Wednesday, May 28 – **Township Board meeting** at SCH TWP, 7:15 p.m.
- Upcoming: June 10<sup>th</sup> – is **Deaf Day at Schaumburg Flyers Game**, 7:05 p.m.

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