

# DEAF LINE

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MAY, 2007



## “ALL ABOUT SMOKING”

by

**KATE KUBEY AND MARIA HERNANDEZ**

- What happens if you smoke too much
- How bodily functions are affected by smoking
- What is secondhand smoke and how does it affect non-smokers
- How to reduce or quit smoking

*Find out the answers at the educational workshop on:*

**Monday, May 7, 2007**

**6:30 p.m. sharp**

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

Kate Kubey and Maria Hernandez work for the Substance Abuse/AIDS Prevention Program for the Hearing Impaired (SAAPPHI) at the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD). They will explain all about Smoking and its consequences. In addition, they will talk briefly about drug abuse. There will be visual materials, activities, and role-plays.

- Come and learn all about Smoking, its consequences, and what smoking does to you and others.
- Bring your friends and family members (no children, please).

RSVP by May 4<sup>th</sup>:

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## **DEAF ILLINOIS AWARDS**

The **2007 Deaf Illinois Award Night** was held by the Deaf Communication by Innovation (DCI) on April 7<sup>th</sup> to recognize people and agencies/organizations with outstanding achievements in the Illinois Deaf community. It was the first time ever in Illinois!

The winners were...

- Best Accessibility Provider – **Sorenson’s Videophone**
- Best After School Program – **Anixter Center/Chicago Hearing Society’s Youth Program**
- Best Center for Independent Living – **Schaumburg Township**
- Best College – **William Rainy Harper College**
- Best Deaf Activist – **Howard Rosenblum**
- Best Deaf Day Event – **Harper College’s DeaFest**
- Best Governmental Agency/Department – **Mayor’s Office for People with Disabilities**
- Best Health Service – **Mt. Sinai Hospital’s Deaf Access Program**
- Best Hearing Advocate – **Father Joe Mulcrone**
- Best Interpreting Service – **Anixter Center/Chicago Hearing Society**
- Best Local Entertainer – **Peter Cook**
- Best Membership Organization – **Illinois Association of the Deaf**
- Best Mobile Device – **T-Mobile Sidekick 3**
- Best Monthly Social Event – **Duppies - Chicago**
- Best Politician – **Mayor Richard M. Daley**
- Best School – **Hinsdale South High School**
- Best Social Event – **DeafNation Expo**
- Best Social Service – **Anixter Center/Chicago Hearing Society**
- Best Theatre – **Marcus Cinema**
- Best Video Relay Service – **Sorenson VRS**

**Congratulations to both winners and nominees!**



The Illinois Association of the Deaf (IAD)’s 44<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference, “**Diversity Ethnicity Amalgamate Family**”, is approaching. It will be held on June 7 - 9, 2007, at the Holiday Inn in Itasca, IL. There will be exhibits, a forum, 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 before May 15<sup>th</sup> are: \$120 (members); \$100 (seniors/ college students); \$ 65 (youth 12 – 17 years). From May 16<sup>th</sup> – 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:

- \$30 (membership, workshops, & business meeting);
- \$20 (Diversity/Jr IAD Talent Show);
- \$15 (Friday’s luncheon);
- \$15 (Saturday’s luncheon);
- \$40 (Saturday’s Banquet);
- \$40 (Miss Deaf IL Pageant)

If interested, send a check/money order (payable to IAD – Fox Valley Chapter) to 2007 IAD Conference c/o Genny Bright, 612 Fairview Lane, Schaumburg, IL 60193. Check [www.iadeaf.org](http://www.iadeaf.org) for other information or contact Anil Phadke at [conference@iadeaf.org](mailto:conference@iadeaf.org) Email.

### **OUR NEXT DEAF SUPPORT GROUP**

Once again, we will have an outing for our next Deaf Social/Support Group on Tuesday, May 15, 2007. It will be “walking and enjoying the early summer” at the **Spring Valley Nature Sanctuary** in Schaumburg. It has 135 acres of restored prairies, woodlands, wetlands and trails. Meet at the center (1111 E. Schaumburg Road) at 1p.m. If the weather is bad, we will meet at Schaumburg Township. RSVP: 847-884-1560 TTY/VP or [spfadke@schaumburgtownship.org](mailto:spfadke@schaumburgtownship.org) Email.



## MOTHER FATHER DEAF DAY

**Mother Father Deaf Day** (April 29, 2007) is when the Children of Deaf Adults (CODA) honor their Deaf parents and recognize the gifts of culture and language they receive from them.

To honor this special day, Illinois CODA (Children of Deaf Adults) will host a performance, “**Two Worlds, One Heart**”, featuring storytelling from CODA and Deaf performers. The special performer is Arlene Malinowski, an actor, educator, and writer who has performed several solo shows about growing up hearing in a Deaf family and culture. The other performers are Max Spanjer, Norman Glazer, Father Joe Mulcrone, Marie Coppola, and The Little People.

This show will be held on Sunday, May 6, 2007, 2 p.m., at Hersey High School, 1900 E. Thomas Street, Arlington Heights. The cost of tickets before April 30<sup>th</sup> is: \$15 (adults); \$10 (seniors 62 + up & students with ID); \$5 (children 12 & under). After April 30<sup>th</sup>, tickets will be \$20. If interested, send a check (payable to Illinois CODA) to Nancy Miller, 5517 Hillcrest Avenue, Downers Grove, IL 60515. Include your name, email, & address/phone numbers. Tickets will be mailed to you, but for orders received after April 25<sup>th</sup>, tickets will be held at the door.

For more information, visit [www.illinoiscoda.com](http://www.illinoiscoda.com) or call Barbara Derengowski at 847-836-7232.

## 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)



## 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL COMMUNITY PAINT-A-THON

Schaumburg Township is one of the sponsors of the Community Paint-A-Thon, which will take place on September 8, 2007.

- Does the outside of your home need to be painted?
- Are you the homeowner, who is at least 60 years of age, or have a permanent disability, and are unable to paint yourself?
- Is your annual income \$30,000 or less?

Volunteers will paint only a home’s exterior in a 10 Township area of the Northwest Suburbs.

The deadline for applications is July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Schaumburg Township has the application forms available for you to pick up.

Volunteers are needed to prep, paint, run errands, deliver paint, brushes, etc. If interested, call The Volunteer Center at 847-228-1320 Voice by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

For more information, call Schaumburg Township at 847-884-0030 V; 847-884-1560 TTY or Catholic Charities at 847-253-5500 V.



## HOUSEHOLD HAZAROUS WASTE COLLECTION

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) of Greater Chicago, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Village of Schaumburg will collect household hazardous wastes on Saturday, May 5, 2007, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The collection will take place at Schaumburg High School, 1100 W. Schaumburg Road in Schaumburg. Industrial, commercial, and agricultural wastes will not be accepted.

For more information, contact Brian Levy from MWRD at 312-751-6571 V.

## Protecting Your Identity: When Thieves Go "Phishing" for Information

An increasing number of Illinoisans have been on the receiving end of a new high-tech scam called "**Phishing**". In this scam, con artists pose as your financial institution, your credit card provider, or even a government agency and send spam e-mails or pop-up messages designed to trick you into giving your account information, credit card numbers, Social Security number, or other confidential information. Once thieves have this information, you may quickly find yourself a victim of identity theft.

Keep in mind that companies and banks will not ask you for personal or financial information via email. If you get an email or pop-up message asking for your personal information, **do not reply** to the message or click on any links in the message. If you are not sure, call your bank or credit card provider using a phone number or website that you know is legitimate. You can look up your most recent bank statement or credit card bill, which will include the business's customer service number. If you think you may be the victim of a phishing scam, contact your financial institutions immediately and close your affected accounts. You also should contact one of the three credit reporting agencies (**Equifax: 1-800-525-6285, Experian: 1-888-397-3742, TransUnion: 1-800-680-7289**) to request that an initial fraud alert be placed on your account and ask for a free copy of your credit report so you can review it for unauthorized charges or credit accounts.



## ACCESSCHICAGO

Save the date for AccessChicago 2007: July 25, 2007. The Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities will host AccessChicago that is the Midwest's largest exposition of products and services for people with disabilities. It will be at Navy Pier, Festive Hall A, 600 E. Grand Avenue, Chicago, from 12 to 7 p.m. For more information, call 312-746-5773 Voice or 312-744-7833 TTY.

## ASL EXPO

ASL Expo is approaching and 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](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.



## HEARING AID ASSISTANCE

The Hear Now Program of the Starkey Hearing Foundation is a national, non-profit, program providing hearing aids to low income individuals living permanently in the US. All applicants must meet the program's financial criteria. To find out the criteria or for an application, go to [www.sotheworldmayhear.org](http://www.sotheworldmayhear.org) and click Hear Now. For more information, call 1-800-328-8602 ext. 2358 V.

In addition, Hear Now collects hearing aids for recycling purposes. Any make or model (age does not matter), can be donated. All donations are tax deductible and a letter will be sent to donors. If interested, mail a hearing aid or other assistive device to Hear Now, 6700 Washington Avenue South, Eden Prairie, MN 55344.

(Sent by Sara Bianco via Deaf Illinois News)



Illinois Deaf Latino Association (IDLA) will host its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cinco De Mayo on Saturday, May 5, 2007, 4 to 9 p.m., at St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center, 8025 W. Addison in Chicago. It is a fun-filled fiesta for the whole family – Games, trivia, colorful costume contest, piñatas, folkdance, dancing, traditional food, and a special guest. The admission is \$7 per member; \$10 per non-member. For more information, email [mabelmih@hotmail.com](mailto:mabelmih@hotmail.com) or call 773-284-2621 V.

### STROKE WARNING SIGNS

#### *May is National Stroke Awareness Month.*

Stroke is the 3<sup>rd</sup> leading cause of death in America and the number one cause of adult disability. One in three Americans cannot identify any of the symptoms. That can lead to dangerous delays in getting care. Use this **F.A.S.T.** action plan to tell if someone may be having a stroke. You could save a life.

**Face** – Ask the person to smile. A stroke can cause one side of the face to droop. Dimming of vision or a sudden, severe headache with no known cause are also warning signs.

**Arms** – Ask the person to raise both arms. If one arm drifts downward, that could signal a stroke that can trigger weakness, numbness, or paralysis of an arm or leg on one side. The person may have a balance loss or sudden fall.

**Speech** – Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence. The person may slur the words, have trouble speaking or understanding speech, or not be able to talk at all.

**Time** – If the person has any of these symptoms, call 911. It is a life-or-death emergency in which every minute counts.

For more information about strokes, visit the following websites:  
[www.stroke.org](http://www.stroke.org), [www.concentric-medical.com](http://www.concentric-medical.com)

### ILLINOIS YOUTH WITH DISABILITIES LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

The Statewide Independent Living Council of Illinois (SILC) will host its Illinois Youth with Disabilities Leadership Summit which takes place July 23 to 25, 2007, at the University of Illinois in Springfield. The Summit includes many exciting informative activities to help young people with disabilities develop leadership skills. There is no cost to attend. All expenses (lodging, food, interpreters for the Deaf, and personal care attendants for those with physical disabilities or other necessary accommodations) will be paid by the SILC. Only 30 young adults with disabilities (ages 17 – 24) who demonstrate or have a desire for leadership development in their schools and communities will be selected. If interested, apply by May 18<sup>th</sup>. Applications can be found online – [www.silcofillinois.org](http://www.silcofillinois.org). You can either call 217-744-7777 V/TTY or email: [tara@silcofillinois.org](mailto:tara@silcofillinois.org) for more information or an application form. (Sent by Sara Bianco via Deaf Illinois News)

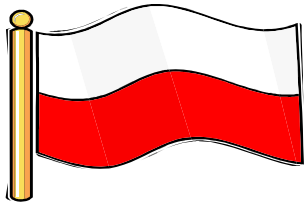
### OPEN FAMILY SWIM

Northwest Special Recreation Association (NWSRA) is offering Open Family Swim for individuals with disabilities and their immediate family members living at the same address within an NWSRA member park district. You should call first to find out what pools are included before you register. If you are registering for Open Family Swim only, the cost is \$80 for up to five immediate family members from June 1, 2007 to May 31, 2008. If registering for other NWSRA programs, the fee is \$60. If interested, call NWSRA at 847-392-2855 TTY or 847-392-2848 Voice and ask for the brochure and registration form.

### LICA RELOCATES

Starting May 2, 2007, LICA (Low Incidence Cooperative Agreement) will relocate to a new place: **1601 Feehanville Drive, Suite 400 Mt. Prospect, IL 60056-6016**

The phone numbers remain the same: 847-803-9444 V; 847-803-9472 TTY; 847-803-9480 Fax.



## POLISH DAY

Deaf European American Association of Chicago (DEAAC) will host an event – **Polish Day** – on May 5, 2007, from 3:30 to 6 p.m., at Jolly Inn, 6501 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago. Dinner will be served. The cost per adult (including admission to DEAAC social night at 8 p.m.) is \$15 and the cost per child (11 and younger) is \$7.50. If interested, send a check/money order (payable to DEAAC) to Mark Wisniewski, 815 Brentwood Dr, Cary, IL 60013. RSVP by May 3<sup>rd</sup> – [mewis@comcast.net](mailto:mewis@comcast.net) Email or [astranz@comcast.net](mailto:astranz@comcast.net) Email

### FRIENDLY REMINDER

Summer is around the corner! So here are some things to keep in mind:

#### Dos/Don'ts

- Drink plenty of water & juices and avoid coffee, cola, and alcoholic beverages that are dehydrating. Also, avoid heavy food.
- Stay indoors as much as possible and limit exposure to the sun.
- Use air conditioning and keep the blinds closed; take cool showers.
- Wear loose, light cotton clothes.
- Never leave children or pets alone in cars.
- Check on family, friends, and neighbors who do not have air conditioning and/or live alone.

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

*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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**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**

- Monday, May 7 – **Smoking Workshop** at SCH TWP, 6:30 p.m. (RSVP: 847-884-1560 TTY/VP)
- Friday, May 11 – **Deaf Chat Coffee Gathering** at Starbucks, Streets of Woodfield, Schaumburg, 7 – 11 p.m.
- Sunday, May 13 – **Mother's Day**
- Tuesday, May 15 – **Deaf Social/Support Group** at Spring Valley Nature Sanctuary, Schaumburg, 1p.m. If bad weather, meet at SCH TWP at 1 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 23 – **Township Board meeting** at SCH TWP, 7:15 p.m.
- Monday, May 28 – **SCH TWP CLOSED (Memorial Day)**

