

# DEAF LINE

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NOVEMBER, 2006



## TIPS/TRICKS & how to use a blackberry Pager PRESENTATION

Given by: **Andrew Leffler**

A special presentation at Schaumburg Township

*You should attend if:*

- *You have a blackberry pager or purchased a blackberry pager at a DeafNation Expo;*
- *You do not know how to use the pager;*
- *You do not understand different features in the pager.*

Andrew (Deaf), Sprint Accounts Manager, will show you tips and tricks of using a blackberry pager and hands on experience of using it. Bring your pager if you have one. Learn about pager if you do not have one.

When: Friday, November 10, 2006

Time: 6 – 8 p.m.

Where: Schaumburg Township, Board Room (upper level),  
One Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates, IL.

RSVP: Sarita Phadke at [sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org](mailto:sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org) Email or 847-884-1560  
TTY/VP.



## HOLIDAY PARTY FOR DISABLED CHILDREN & THEIR FAMILIES

Co-Sponsored by Parkway Bank

Saturday, December 2, 2006

12 – 3 p.m.

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

- It is only for Schaumburg Township residents.
- Join in the holiday fun. There will be food, fun, entertainment, and prizes donated by local businesses.
- Disabled children and their siblings age 16 and under who are in attendance will receive a gift from a featured guest, Santa.
- A sign language interpreter will be there.

Reservations are required by November 23rd. Please call 847-884-0030 ext. 2025 Voice or 847-884-1560 TTY for a reservation.



Deaf Social/Support Group

Tuesday, November 21, 2006

1 – 3 p.m.

Schaumburg Township, Room # 114 (lower level)

- You will get an opportunity to make a holiday greeting card using rubber-stamping technique at no charge.
- We will play games.
- We will share any important information.

RSVP by November 20<sup>th</sup>: Contact Sarita Phadke at 847-884-1560 TTY/VP, 847-884-0039 Fax, or sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org Email.

## FROM THE DESK OF DEAF SERVICES COORDINATOR

- I would like to thank Sara Bianco from Equip for Equality for her wonderful, informative presentation on “The Legislative Process in Illinois”. Sara explained why one vote is important; how a bill becomes law; how to find your legislators; etc. Browse [www.ilga.gov](http://www.ilga.gov) for more information on bills/laws, House/Senate, legislators, voting information, etc. Also you can find the legislative process on [www.idhnc.state.il.us/legprocess.htm](http://www.idhnc.state.il.us/legprocess.htm)
- I would like to thank Paula Emerson from the Schaumburg Police Department for the wonderful tour at the Schaumburg Police/911 Center on October 20<sup>th</sup>.
- I have taken a training on Domestic Violence. If you or someone you know is a victim of Domestic Violence and needs assistance, contact me at 847-884-1560 TTY/VP.
- ITAC Bulletin: The ITAC loan program is ending. ITAC will no longer be exchanging TTY “loan” equipment. If you take your “loaned” TTY that is broken to a Selection Center, you will immediately transfer into the TTY voucher program, unless you prefer other ITAC equipment such as CapTel or Amplified phones. You may keep the old or existing TTY at no charge after getting a new TTY (voucher). For more information, contact ITAC at 800-841-6167 V/TTY or me.
- Schaumburg Township is a designated heating center. If you experience severe cold this winter and/or power outages, you can come to the Township, which is open from 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- The Township will be closed on the following days: November 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> due

to Thanksgiving holidays; November 29<sup>th</sup> at noon due to the employee program.

Sarita Phadke



### MEDICARE PART D MEETING

Kris Sadur from Age Options will be presenting Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Program’s latest information at Schaumburg Township. Also, in attendance will be representatives from the Social Security Office. It will be held on Wednesday, November 8, 2006, from 1 – 3 p.m. A sign language interpreter will be provided. Please RSVP by November 6<sup>th</sup>, so you will be in the special seating for the Deaf. For more information, call 847-884-1560 TTY/VP or 847-884-0030 V.

FYI: You will receive information in the mail from your Plan, Social Security or Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) regarding your options. Open enrollment will begin on November 15<sup>th</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>. This is the time to make plan changes, if you wish, or to enroll in a prescription plan.

### PARLIAMENTARIAN WORKSHOP FOR THE DEAF & HARD OF HEARING

Do you want your meeting to run smoothly? Do you want to improve your knowledge of parliamentary procedure? Come to a free workshop, “**Parliamentary Procedures**” which is designed for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. The presenter is Elizabeth “Libby” Pollard (Deaf) who was a former National Association of the Deaf (NAD) President. This educational workshop will be held on Saturday, November 11, 2006, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., at the Holiday Inn, 860 W. Irving Park Road in Itasca, IL. Sprint will provide a free lunch limited to 100 people (first come, first served).

For more information or RSVP, contact:

- Michael Berger – [president@iadeaf.org](mailto:president@iadeaf.org)
- Dennis O’Brien – [dobwsad@comcast.net](mailto:dobwsad@comcast.net)
- Sara Lucas – [president@ilrid.org](mailto:president@ilrid.org)

# HARPER COLLEGE'S ANNUAL DEAFEST

November 17, & 18, 2006

## Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>

- **“High School Academic Bowl”**, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., at Building J Theatre. Several high schools will compete in the mental-sharpening competition, covering Art/Literature, Deaf Studies, Entertainment, Math, Technology, Science and Social Studies. The defending champion is Hersey High School while the runner up is Hinsdale South. Interpreting services will be donated by CAIRS. It is sponsored by Chicago Hearing Society, Harper Deaf Club and Sorenson Video Relay Service.
- **New ASL Film: Forget Me Not**, 8 – 10 p.m., at Building J Theater. This movie (only in ASL; no audio) explores the conflicts facing the Deaf family who wins the lottery and escapes to a cabin. While they are at the cabin, they are unexpectedly introduced to a mysterious stranger. Join the family as they go on a suspense-filled journey to the past. Admission: \$10. Visit [www.aslfilms.com](http://www.aslfilms.com) Refreshments will be provided by Harper ASL Club. Interpreting Services is donated by CAIRS. It is sponsored by Chicago American Sign Language Teachers Association and Sorenson Video Relay Service.

## Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>

- **Pinky, the First Deaf Woman Professional Juggler** for children and adults, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., at Building J Theater. Pinky, who lives in Portland, Oregon, recently performed at Las Vegas’ Circus Hotel, will juggle a variety of multiple objects. She will also perform fun interactive activities. Check [www.pinkythejuggler.com](http://www.pinkythejuggler.com) Interpreting services will be donated by Chicago Hearing Society (CHS). Refreshments will be provided. It is sponsored by Harper College Student Activities Office (Deaf & ASL Clubs) & Sorenson Video Relay Service.
- **New ASL Film: Forget Me Not** will be repeated from 3 to 5 p.m., at Building J Theater. Admission: \$10 per person.
- **Action-packed Evening with Pinky**, 7:30 – 9 p.m., at Building J Theater. In this series of dramatized vignettes, Pinky explores the world of videophone and video relay interpreting from both the Deaf and interpreter perspectives with her own special brand of humor. She will also dazzle you with her juggling performance! Admission: \$5 Adults; \$3 Students with ID. Interpreting services will be donated by CHS. It is sponsored by Harper College Student Activities Office (Harper Deaf Club and American Sign Language Club) and Sorenson Video Relay Service.

For more information, call 847-397-7600 TTY or 847-925-6266 V.

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### IAD BOARD MEETING

Illinois Association of the Deaf will have its Board/General Meeting on Saturday, November 4, 2006, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., at IL/IA Center For Independent Living (IICIL), 3708 – 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Rock Island, IL. It is open to the public. For more information or an agenda, check the website: [www.iadeaf.org](http://www.iadeaf.org)

### DEAAC’S NEW WEBSITE

Deaf European American Association of Chicago (DEAAC) has a new website: [www.deaac.org](http://www.deaac.org) You will find all information such as events, meetings, photo gallery, membership, officers, links, and much more.



## THANKSGIVING PARTIES

- Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>: Deaf European American Association of Chicago (DEAAC) will host its **Thanksgiving Party** at 8 p.m., at City Lights, 3809 N. Harlem Avenue, Chicago. There will be games and door prizes. The admission fee is \$3 (member) and \$5 (non-member). For more information, contact Demir Bekiri at 773-745-9788 TTY or [dbekiri7daeap@yahoo.com](mailto:dbekiri7daeap@yahoo.com) Email.
  - Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>: West Suburban Association of the Deaf (WSAD) will have its **Social Night, "Let's Gobble-Gobble Together!"** from 7 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. There will be a buffet-style dinner and door prizes. The admission fee is \$3 (member) and \$5 (non-member). Bring canned food for needy families. Contact David Redfield: [davidredfield21@tmail.com](mailto:davidredfield21@tmail.com) Email.
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## HOLIDAY PARTIES

- Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>: Schaumburg Township will host a **Holiday Party for Disabled Children & their Families** who are residents of Schaumburg Township, from 12 to 3 p.m., at Schaumburg Township, Hoffman Estates. There will be food, entertainment, door prizes and gifts for disabled children and their siblings age 16 and under who are in attendance. RSVP by November 23<sup>rd</sup> – Call 847-884-0030 ext. 2025 V or 847-884-1560 TTY.
- Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>: Harper College's ASL Club, and WSAD will host its **Annual Holiday Party for Deaf, Hard of Hearing and KODA Children**, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Harper College, Building A, Palatine. There will be pizza, crafts/games, and a Deaf Santa. Gifts will be given out to children up to 12 years old. RSVP by November 26<sup>th</sup>: Email Juan Bernal: [bernalbugsbunny@aol.com](mailto:bernalbugsbunny@aol.com)

- Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>: Joliet Deaf Seniors Club is hosting a **Christmas Party for Deaf Seniors**, from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., at Republic Banquet Hall, 113 Republic Avenue, Joliet, IL. There will be a buffet style luncheon, jackpots, door prizes, and a cash bar. The cost per person is \$30. Deadline is November 23<sup>rd</sup>. If interested, send a check (payable to J.D.S.C) to Barbara Hucek, 1010 Westminster Road, Joliet, IL 60435 or Marian Klbecka at 20904 W. Chinaberry, Plainfield, IL 60544. For more information, call 815-741-0783; 815-372-3098 TTY/Fax; [hucek3@aol.com](mailto:hucek3@aol.com) Email.
- Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>: St. Francis Deaf Senior Citizens is hosting its **Annual Christmas Party**, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Poretta's Banquet, 3718 N. Central Avenue, Chicago. There will be a luncheon, gifts, jackpots, door prizes, and a cash bar. The cost per person is \$30 & the deadline is December 4<sup>th</sup>. If interested, mail a check (payable to St. Francis Deaf Senior Citizens) to Thomas Sisk, 981 Manchester Circle, Grayslake, IL 60030. For more information, call 847-548-0037 TTY or 847-223-7405 Fax.
- Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>: WSAD will host its **Holiday Social Party**, from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m., at the Best Western Inn, 1600 Oakton Street, Elk Grove Village, IL. There will be raffles. The admission fee is \$3 per WSAD member and \$5 per non-member. Proceeds go to Wallyball funds. Bring donations of unwrapped and unopened gifts for needy families especially children. Check [www.wsadeaf.org](http://www.wsadeaf.org)
- Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>: DEAAC will host a **New Year's Eve Party** at European Crystal, 519 W. Algonquin Road, Arlington Heights, IL. Cocktails begin at 7 p.m., followed by dinner at 8 p.m. There will be dancing, games, and door prizes. The cost, including cocktail drinks, dinner, and champagne, is \$75 per person before December 5<sup>th</sup>. After that, the cost is \$100 per person. Tickets are non-refundable. If interested, mail a check or money order (payable to DEAAC) to: Demir Bekiri, 3032 N. New England, Chicago, IL 60634. For more information, contact Danny Verneti at 708-867-7353 TTY/VP. You can check the website: [www.deaac.org](http://www.deaac.org)

## **25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF IMMC'S DEAF & HARD OF HEARING PROGRAM**

Come and celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> birthday anniversary of Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center (IMMC)'s Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program on Sunday, November 5, 2006, 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm, at Illinois Masonic Medical Center, Olson Auditorium, 836 W. Wellington, Chicago, IL. A new ASL film on Diabetes and Anxiety will be shown. Free refreshments will be available. For more information, contact Lynn Walter at [cmesign@tmail.com](mailto:cmesign@tmail.com) Pager or [lynn.walter@advocatehealth.com](mailto:lynn.walter@advocatehealth.com) Email.

### **MOBILE TB CLINIC**

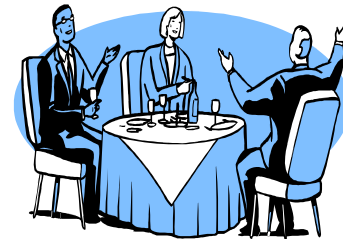
The Suburban Cook County Tuberculosis (TB) District in conjunction with the Hoffman Estates Health & Human Services Department will have its TB mobile clinic on the third Tuesday and Friday of the month from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Dates in 2006 are November 21<sup>st</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> and December 19<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>. It will be at the village parking lot on the north side of the municipal building at 1900 Hassell Road, Hoffman Estates, IL.

The purpose is to prevent TB cases. The Mantoux skin test will be available on Tuesdays only since the patient must return 72 hours later on Friday of the same week to have the results read by the nurse. Chest x-rays will be available for those who have had a previous reaction to the skin test upon referral from a health care provider.

All services are offered at no cost to any resident of Suburban Cook County. Appointments will be coordinated through the District headquarters in Forest Park by calling 708-497-5000 Voice.

### **ITAC PROGRAMS**

Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation (ITAC) has a program that distributes FREE phones and TTYs to any Illinois resident with a certified hearing loss, and local phone service. There are four different amplified phones from which to choose. In addition, there is the CapTel (captioned phone) that is on the loan program. You can view and try the different phones at any ITAC Selection Center, including Schaumburg Township. For more information, call 847-884-0030 Voice or 847-884-1560 TTY/VP.



### **CCIAD'S ANNUAL LUNCHEON**

Chicago Chapter of Illinois Association of the Deaf (CCIAD) will have its Annual Luncheon, "Chicago Chapter Cherishes Deaf Community" on Sunday, November 12, 2006, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Porretta's Elegant Banquets, 3718 N. Central Avenue, Chicago. The master of ceremony will be Michael Berger (IAD President) while the guest speaker will be Marianne Jodie. The fee per person is \$35. Deadline is November 1<sup>st</sup>. If interested, send your check/money order (payable to CCIAD) to: Mary Ann Campo, 235 Fairway Road, Carpentersville, IL 60110. Proceeds go to the CCIAD Funds. For more information, contact Peggy Franco at 708-366-6369 TTY/Fax/VP or [franco1@tmail.com](mailto:franco1@tmail.com) Pager.

### **Clearbrook's Wonderland of Lights** ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆

Drive through 1.6 miles of animated winterland scenes, featuring millions of dazzling lights. See all new displays such as Twelve Days of Christmas, Night Before Christmas, Reindeer Flight School, Snowman Land, Candy Land, Enchanted Fountain, Victorian Holidays and much more. Marvel at the world's largest light tunnel of 150,000 lights measuring 600 ft. by 300 ft., in addition to 12 animated light bulb arches. Fun for the whole family, it will run every night, starting November 2<sup>nd</sup>, including all holidays, until January 1, 2007, at the Arlington Park Race Track. The times are Sunday to Thursday, 5:30 – 9 p.m. and Friday & Saturday, 5:30 – 10 p.m. The admission cost is \$10 per car (Monday through Thursday) and \$12 per car (Friday through Sunday). There is a \$2 of coupon, which is valid Monday through Thursday only. You can pick it up at the Township Disability office. Proceeds help illuminate the lives of people with developmental disabilities supported by Clearbrook. Check [www.clearbrook.org](http://www.clearbrook.org) for more information or to print the coupon. For volunteer and other information, call 847-577-HOHO (4646).

## IDLA'S DEAF LATINO AWARENESS NIGHT

Illinois Deaf Latino Association presents the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Post-Celebration Deaf Latino Awareness Night on Saturday, November 18, 2006, 5:30 - 10:30 pm, at Chantilly Banquet, 5412 S. LaGrange Rd in Countryside, IL. There will be a 4-hour open bar, dinner, entertainment/DJ music, Miss Deaf Latina Pageant, and door prizes/raffles. The cost is \$45 (adults with membership); \$40 (seniors/students with membership); \$55 (adults without membership); \$50 (seniors/students without membership); \$20 (children ages 3-12). RSVP by November 10<sup>th</sup> – Send a check (payable to IDLA) to IDLA, P.O. Box 8625, Chicago, IL 60680-8625. No refund. Tickets will not be sold at the door. You can pick your tickets up at the door on November 18<sup>th</sup>. For more information, contact Carmen Aguilar at 847-695-5868 TTY or [carmita08@hotmail.com](mailto:carmita08@hotmail.com) Email or Iris Martinez at 312-421-7830 TTY or [fideliris@comcast.net](mailto:fideliris@comcast.net) Email.

## VLI & CAPTION FIRST MERGE

Visual Language Interpreting (VLI), a sign language interpreting services provider, has announced that it will merge with Caption First, a CART/captioning company. The merged company will become the first full-service provider of communication access services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing communities, offering expertise in the provision of both sign language interpreting and CART (Communication Access Realtime Translation)/captioning services. With offices in Washington DC, Chicago, and Denver, and a coast-to-coast network of nationally certified sign language interpreters and realtime writers, the combined company will provide quality-centered communication access services nationwide. It is anticipated that the transaction will be completed in January 2007. For more information contact: [info@vli-dc.com](mailto:info@vli-dc.com) or [info@captionfirst.com](mailto:info@captionfirst.com).

(Press Release by VLI, October 17, 2006)

**Schaumburg Township Disability  
Services Staff wishes you a very  
Happy Thanksgiving!**

*The monthly Deaf Line newsletter is free for Schaumburg Township residents and all agencies & organizations serving the Deaf and Hard of Hearing consumers. 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**

- Wednesday, November 8 – **Medicare Part D Presentation** at SCH TWP, 1- 3 p.m. RSVP: 847-884-1560 TTY/VP
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- Wednesday, November 8 – **Pizza Night** (sponsored by Sprint, ITAC, & SCH TWP) at Barnaby's Family Inn, Schaumburg, 6 to 9 p.m. (RSVP by November 6<sup>th</sup>: 847-884-1560 TTY/VP)
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- Tuesday, November 21 – **Deaf Social/Support Group** at SCH TWP, 1 – 3 p.m. (RSVP is required: 847-884-1560 TTY/VP)
- Wednesday, November 22 – **TWP Board meeting** at SCH TWP, 7:15 p.m.
- Thursday & Friday, November 23 & 24 – **SCH TWP CLOSED** (Thanksgiving Holidays)
- Wednesday, November 29 – **SCH TWP CLOSED** at Noon (Employee Program)

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