

SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP DEAF SERVICES

DEAF LINE

NOVEMBER, 2002

"Victim Assistance Program" **by Jenni Ewald**

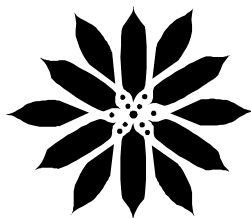
Wednesday, November 13, 2002
7 to 9 p.m.

Schaumburg Township, Room # 114 (lower level)
One Illinois Blvd, Hoffman Estates, IL

Jenni Ewald, who is Deaf, works for the Chicago Hearing Society (CHS) as a Victim Assistance Counselor to help Deaf and Hard of Hearing victims of violent crimes.

She will talk about:

- What is a Violent Crime
 - Various types of abuse and crimes
 - How the Victim Assistance Program at CHS can help a victim
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- Free admission.
 - Refreshments will be served.
 - RSVP is required by November 12th. Call Sarita Phadke at 847-884-1560 TTY; 847-884-0039 Fax; sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org Email.



SAVE DATES FOR OUR HOLIDAY PARTIES

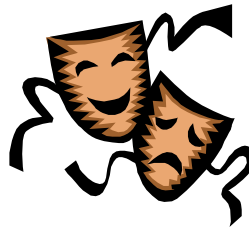
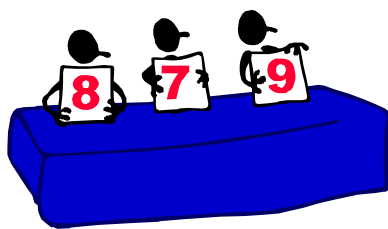
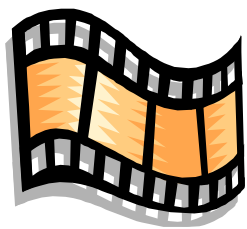
- **Thursday, December 5th** – Schaumburg Township Disabled Services' Holiday Party for Disabled Adults, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Saturday, December 7th** – Holiday Party for Disabled Children and their Families, 12 to 3 p.m. All disabled children and their siblings age 16 and under who are in attendance will receive a gift.
- **Saturday, January 17, 2003** – Special Education Teen Dance. More details will be available soon.

All events will be held at the Schaumburg Township Activity Center, One Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates, IL. There will be food, entertainment and raffle prizes. An ASL interpreter will be provided upon advance request. **RSVP is required for adult and children's' parties by November 25, 2002**, so please call 847-884-1560 TTY or 847-884-0030 Voice.

SPECIAL THANKS

Schaumburg Township Deaf Services would like to thank the following speakers who gave wonderful presentations at Schaumburg Township.

- **Bill Stricklen**, Sprint's Illinois Account Manager, talked about two new exciting Internet technologies – Video Relay & Internet Relay Services. Video Relay Service is a video teleconferencing service, in which a Deaf, Hard of Hearing or sign language user uses a sign language interpreter on a computer to relay calls to a hearing person without the use of a TTY. Internet Relay Service is a technology that allows you to call the relay service over the Internet instead of a TTY. Demonstrations of those technologies were displayed. Many audience members were excited to experience the technologies, and they appreciated that the technologies were available.
- **Marion Dramin**, ITAC's Outreach Manager, gave an informative talk on 711 Relay and its system. She then mentioned that some people had problems getting calls from businesses dialing 711. The reason was because some PBX providers have not programmed their systems to accept 711 dialing. Usually in PBX phone systems, one must dial 9 or another digit to get an outside line. She said if a business or company in your area has trouble returning your calls via 711, contact Marion at 1-800-841-1055 TTY. There were lots of questions asked by the audience.
- **Donald Moore** from the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago gave an informative workshop on "Financial Literacy" regarding two topics: "Internet Banking" and "Financial Exploitation of the Elderly and Disabled People". Many learned about internet banking as well as the warning signs of fraud and scams among the elders and disabled people and how to protect themselves from fraud and scams. If you would like more information, contact Sarita at 847-884-1560 TTY.



10th ANNUAL DEAFEST 2002

Harper College in Palatine is hosting its 10th Annual DeaFest 2002 on November 21 - 23, 2002. The schedule of events will be:

Thursday, November 21st – “**Our Turn: Deaf in Films**”, 7 – 9 p.m., at the Theatre, J143/Business & Social Science Center. The presenters are Liz Tannebaum and Joshua Flanders, founders of Cinema for the Deaf, who will share exciting films about/for/by the Deaf, including premiere films. They will also talk about their experiences in establishing the festival for the Deaf and also their future vision. Interpreters and Real-Time Captioning are provided. Admission is free!

Friday, November 22nd – “**High School Academic Bowl**”, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., at the Theatre, J143/Business & Social Science Center. 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 the Hinsdale South High School team. Interpreters are provided.

Friday, November 22nd –The evening will be action-packed with two shows and a reception. These will be held at the Liberal Arts Center, Drama Lab, L109. The admission fees for the shows are \$4 (adults); \$3 (students with ID).

“**Jeremy’s Illusion of ASL**” from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Jeremy Quiroga from Rochester, NY will perform entertaining ASL stories and poetry. There will be an interactive ASL game with the audience.

“**The World of Whys**” from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. A cast of 5 deaf and hearing actors from Bailiwick Arts Center will share three Deaf Culture stories from around the world.

A **Reception** will be held from 9:30 to 11 p.m. to celebrate the 10th year anniversary of DeaFest and 30th year anniversary of Access and Disability Services.

Saturday, November 23rd - “**Deaf Magic for Children and Everyone**” with Matthew Morgan, 9 to 10 a.m., at the Theatre J143/Business & Social Science Center. Magic Morgan is an award-winning international deaf performer who will present many illusions. Interpreters and refreshments will be provided. There is no admission charge.

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

FIRST POCKET TTY/VCO

Compu-TTY, Inc. and Krown Mfg. Inc. has introduced a new product innovation called “**PocketComm**”, the first Pocket TTY/VCO that you can use with any phone and anywhere. Being a lightweight and compact device for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, PocketComm, is the smallest TTY which can be connected to a TTY compatible digital cell phone, cordless phone, payphone, or office phone. Either you can type and read (TTY) or speak and read (VCO). This product will be available in April, 2003. The retail price is \$249, but if you pre-order, it is \$179 (limited time only).

For more information, call 817-738-8993 TTY; 817-738-2485 V; 817-738-1970 Fax. Check the websites: www.computty.com or www.krowntty.com.



SENIOR CITIZEN EVENTS

All Angels Guild (Deaf Senior Citizens) will host a variety of events. Wheelchairs are available for all events. Reservations are required one week before all events. Contact Sara Bianco Riggio at 630-469-2300 TTY/V, 630-469-2606 Fax or sarabiancoriggio@aol.com Email.

- Thanksgiving Luncheon will be held on Thursday, November 7th, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Episcopal Church, Elmhurst, IL. There will be free lunch, activities and games. In addition, Dr. Kaufman will talk about health.
- There will be a field trip to the Museum of Science and Industry on Monday, November 18th, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Interpreters will be available. Meet at the Episcopal Church in Elmhurst and take the bus to the museum. The museum admission is free, but there will be a cost of \$10 for the bus. Bring extra money for lunch.
- Christmas Luncheon will be held on Thursday, December 5th, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be a celebration of different holidays – fellowship, games, singing, and a free lunch.

MCLD'S FUNDRAISING EVENT

Midwest Center on Law & the Deaf (MCLD) will have its fundraising event, "Day Before Thanksgiving Party", on Wednesday, November 27, 2002, 9 p.m. to 12 midnight, at Prairie Rock, 1385 N. Meacham Road, Schaumburg, IL. Donate \$25 to MCLD as an admission to the party with soda, beer, wine, liquor and appetizers. The proceeds will go to MCLD to help the Deaf community. If you plan to attend this event, email mcldturkey@aol.com. MCLD is an agency that educates the general public on the rights of the Deaf community, helps find attorneys willing to provide accessible legal services and assists attorneys in providing communication access (interpreters, real-time captioning, etc).



CORNER FOR KIDS, YOUTH & TEENS

Northeast Special Recreation Association (NEDSRA) will hold a "holiday creative crafts" program for Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Kotas (Kids of Deaf Adults) children, ages 6 to 12. Participants will make crafts for Thanksgiving & Christmas. This event will be held on Saturday, November 16th, 1 to 3 p.m., at the NEDSRA building in Addison. The cost is \$7 including a light snack. If interested or for more information, call Ann Roytek at 630-620-7477 TTY.

Here are some websites that may interest kids, youth and teens:

- www.storystones.com will give you information on sign language, kids' stories, games and other information.
- www.deafkids.com - Is for young Deaf and Hard of Hearing people ages 17 and under. It is networking for those around the world.
- www.ssa.gov/kids - Is for kids and teens and is an animated explanation of social security.
- <http://bensguide.gpo.gov> - A guide to US Government for kids, youth and teens.
- www.usdoj.gov/kidspage - It provides information for kids, youth and teens on different aspects of justice such as Internet crimes, drug prevention & laws that protect your rights.

RTA TRAVEL INFO CENTER

RTA (Regional Transportation Authority) Travel Information Center (TIC) offers:

- Information in reference to accessible fixed routes for buses, trains and stations.
- CTA and Pace time tables
- Metra schedules and fares
- RTA program information
- Regional maps

For more information, call (Any area code) 836-7000 V; 800-439-2202 TTY; 312-836-4949 TTY.

IDHHC CORNER

- The next meeting of Illinois Deaf & Hard of Hearing Commission (IDHHC) will be held on December 5, 2002, at the Commission's Office in Springfield.
 - IDHHC has a lot of materials from the lending library and you can borrow up to 5 items for 30 days at no cost. Check the website for a complete listing of items available.
 - IDHHC has new brochures for information purposes that are available upon request.
- For more information, call IDHHC at 877-455-3323 V/TTY, 217-557-4492 Fax or check www.iddhc.state.il.us.



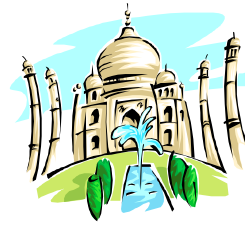
CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR DEAF SENIORS

Joliet Deaf Seniors Club is hosting a Christmas Party for Deaf Seniors on Wednesday, December 4, 2002, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. It will be held at Al's Steak House, 1990 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, IL. There will be a buffet style luncheon, jackpots, door prizes, and a cash bar. The cost per member is \$25, \$30 for non-member and \$40 for couples. The deadline is November 24th. If interested, write a check payable to J.D.S.C. and mail it to Walter Niesluchowski, 3418 Cleary Avenue, Joliet, IL 60431-2810. For more information, call Lee Husted at 815-729-4047 TTY/Fax or Lhusted@webtv.net Email.

ALERTS TO YOUR PAGER

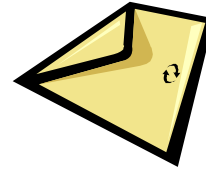
You can get warnings or alerts on your pager such as weather, national security, or natural or man-made disasters. All you have to do is to go into www.emergencye.com and put in your personal profile. Whenever an emergency occurs in your zip code or county, the pager will beep or vibrate and send out the message.

(Marion Dramin of ITAC)



CADA'S EVENT

Chicagoland Asian Deaf Association (CADA) will have a gathering to celebrate Indian New Year at India House restaurant, 1521 W. Schaumburg Road in Schaumburg, on Sunday, November 10th, from noon to 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come. The cost for the buffet lunch will be \$10 per person; \$12 per non-member; \$7 per child (ages 5 to 12); free (under 5). To RSVP by November 8th or for more information, contact Ramesh Phadke at 630-416-1277 TTY or rphadke@express56.com Email.



UNWANTED CALLS

Do you get many telemarketing calls that annoy you? Do you want to stop them? You can send a letter requesting your name and phone number be removed from any and all lists generated for telemarketing purposes and other phone solicitors. Include your name and phone number in the letter and mail to Telephone Preference Service, Direct Marketing Association, P.O. Box 9014, Farmingdale, NY 11735-9014. The Schaumburg Township Disabled Services office has postcards for the same purpose that you can come in and pick up. Keep in mind - It won't stop all unwanted phone calls to your home, but it should decrease the number you may currently be getting.

ESCORTED TRANSPORTATION

Escorted Transportation Service (ETS) provides a volunteer based transportation service for older adults needing transportation for their medical and dental visits; while insuring peace of mind for their employed family members. For more information, contact Lutheran Home Services coordinator, Kim, at 847-368-7365 Voice.

DEAF AWARENESS WEEK AT NIU

Northern Illinois University (NIU) in DeKalb will host its Deaf Awareness week, "Deaf Technology: Communication is the Key", from November 4th to 8th evenings, at the NIU campus. The events scheduled will be: Demonstration of Video Relay Service (VRS); Deaf & the City; Integrating Technology into the Classroom; CyberSign Sync; Turning a Deaf Ear to Negativity (comedy performance). Sign Language and Voice Interpreters will be provided. To request other accommodations, contact the Center for Access-Ability Resources at 815-753-1694 V/TTY. For more information, call 815-753-6527 V/TTY; mcormier@niu.edu or jmontag@niu.edu Email. Check the website: www.niu.edu.

(Deaf Illinois News, October 24, 2002)



SIGNING SANTA

There will be a signing Santa Claus at the Woodfield Mall in Schaumburg in November and December. The dates and times are not available yet. To get the dates & times, call Woodfield Mall early November at 847-330-0220 V or 847-330-9721 TTY.

"PETER PAN" PLAY

CenterLight Theatre will host a signed & voiced performance, "**Peter Pan**", which runs from November 15 through December 15, 2002, Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 3 and 8 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: \$15 (adults); \$12 (students & seniors,); \$10 (children); \$12 (group rate for 10 and more). For more information, contact 847-559-9493 TTY; 847-559-0110, ext. 237; 847-559-8199 FAX.



CLOTHING NEEDED

The Chicago Children's Advocacy Center (CCAC) provides services for many children who are sexually abused. Usually, these children come with the clothes they are wearing and do not have extra or winter clothes. St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center in Chicago steps in to help the CCAC and is asking for your help in donating new or handmade mittens, scarves, hats, and sweaters for those children whose ages are 3 to 14. St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center is collecting those clothes from now on until December 1st. For more information, contact Father Joe Mulcrone at 312 751-8368 TTY or 312-655-7899 Voice.

NFSS COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

As of August, 29, 2002, NFSS Communications, Inc. has new owners, Michael and Diana Tischler from Lake Villa in Illinois. NFSS, one of the oldest assistive devices vendors, originally was from Silver Spring, MD. NFSS has a variety of assistive devices for sale and is also a repair center for TTYs, alert devices, decoders, etc. All correspondence (orders, paperwork, or inquiries) should go to: NFSS Communications, Inc., P.O. Box 230, Lake Villa, IL 60046-0230 The shipping address is: NFSS Communications, Inc., 822 Preston Ct, Lake Villa, IL 60046
The contact information: 1-888-589-6670 V/TTY; 847-265-8070 V/TTY (local); Fax: 847-265-8044; info@nfss.com Email. Check www.nfss.com for a complete listing of assistive devices.

CORRECTION

The Deadline, October 2002, mentioned CJC Woodworking. The correct information is: Carl Callsen partners with Kevin Ryan in CR Construction. They do general remodeling, custom work, carpentry work, etc. Contact them at 847-947-2717; 847-537-5326 Fax; crconstr@crconstruction.com Email. Check www.crconstruction.com



“HUNGRY EYES” FESTIVAL

If you want to see, look, watch, and observe something new, fun, exciting, then try the “Hungry Eyes” festival. It will feature two of the world’s top Deaf performers, **Peter Cook** and **Manny Hernandez**. The performance will be held on two dates: Friday, November 1st, at 7:30 p.m. at the Harper College in Palatine and Saturday, November 2nd, at 2 p.m., at the Theater Building, 1400 W. Belmont Avenue in Chicago. A voice interpreter will be provided. Tickets cost \$15 per person and will be sold at the door. This event is sponsored by Peter Cook Productions and co-sponsored by the ASL Club of Harper College. A percentage of the proceeds will be donated to fund activities for Deaf youth through the Harper ASL Club & WSAD programs. For reservations or questions, send an email to Colette: ASLBOXOFFICE@aol.com.

In addition, Peter and Manny will also host a workshop held on Saturday, November 2nd on the Narrative Development of ASL Storytelling from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Theater Building, 1224 W. Belmont Avenue, Chicago. The cost is \$75 including admission to the 2 p.m. Saturday performance. Advanced reservations for the workshop are required and can be made by ASLBOXOFFICE@aol.com Email.

(Deaf Illinois News, October 8, 2002)

HOLIDAY GIFTS

The holidays are coming soon and you may want to plan ahead to buy gifts for your loved ones! Here are some ideas for gifts: Pagers, TTYs & alerting signalers, sign language books & videos, novelties, rubber stamps, etc. You may want to call vendors selling assistive devices and novelties and check if they have any discounts. Schaumburg Township Deaf Services has a list of vendors, so call Sarita Phadke at 847-884-1560 TTY or 847-884-0030 Fax to get a copy.



COME OUT AND SKATE!

The American Sign Language Club (Harper College) and West Suburban Association of the Deaf (WSAD) is having a roller-skating party for Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and KODA and their families. Deaf/Hard of Hearing teens and adults are welcome to skate. There is no entry fee, but the skate rental is \$2 (regular skates) and \$4 (in-lines). Goody bags and a Halloween craft will be provided for the children. In addition, some snacks and juices will be served. This fun time will be held on Saturday, November 2nd, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., at the Orbit Skate Center, 615 Consumers Avenue in Palatine. The skate center will be closed to the general public. RSVP is important, so call Gina Mulroy at 847-298-9830 Voicemail (use relay) or signedgina@aol.com Email.



AVOID HOLIDAY OVERLOAD

- **Don’t overextend** – Try to plan a few special activities rather than commit to too much.
 - **Don’t overspend** – Stick to a budget if you can. If you must use a credit card, charge only what you can pay off on your next statement.
 - **Don’t overeat** – Enjoy eating, but avoid “supersizing” portions.
 - **Don’t overindulge** – Keep alcohol to a minimum over the holidays, especially if you are doing a lot of driving.
 - **Don’t overlook** – Remember the needy at the holidays, and consider volunteering to help those less fortunate. Also, give yourself at least a half-hour a day to relax, reflect and cherish the memories of holidays gone by.
- (TopHealth, November 2002)

BLOOD DRIVE

Schaumburg Township will be conducting a **Blood Drive** with Life Source on Friday, November 8, 2002, from 2 to 7 p.m., at Schaumburg Township, One Illinois Blvd, Hoffman Estates, IL. It will be open to the public. Bring an identification showing your name, date of birth and one of the following numbers: social security number, driver's license/state ID or passport. Appointments are recommended, but walk ins are welcome. For more information, call 847-884-0030 Voice.

HEALTH CORNER

Desktop Ergonomics – Adjust your workstation to be more comfortable:

- Make sure your computer monitor screen is below eye level by about 20 degrees. This will reduce neck strain and fatigue.
- Minimize screen glare by switching off overhead lights or making a monitor hood out of a binder.
- Keep your keyboard and mouse flat and roughly parallel to the floor, allowing your wrists to remain in line with your forearms.
- Take frequent mini-breaks by getting up and moving around. You will break the cycle of repeated motion that can lead to repetitive stress injuries. Experts say frequent movement increases productivity and helps people work more efficiently.

The Cholesterol Low Down – You can join “The Cholesterol Low Down” by enrolling at www.cholesterollowdown.org. It is a free program, which helps motivate people with high cholesterol to take action, reach their cholesterol goal and improve their heart health.



**Schaumburg Township
Disabled Services Staff
Wishes you a very
*Happy Thanksgiving!***

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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SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP DEAF SERVICES
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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Tuesday, November 5 – **General Election**
- Wednesday, November 13 – **Diabetes Support Group** at SCH TWP, 1:30 - 3 p.m.
(RSVP needed – Call 847-884-0030 V or 884-1560 TTY)
- Wednesday, November 13 – **“Victim Assistance Program”** Workshop at SCH TWP, 7 to 9 p.m. (RSVP needed – call 847-884-1560 TTY)
- Wednesday, November 20 – **Township Board meeting** at SCH TWP, 7:15 p.m.
- Monday, November 25 – Deadline to RSVP for the **Holiday Party for Disabled Adults & Holiday Party for Disabled Children & Families**
- Thursday & Friday, November 28 & 29 – **Schaumburg Township Closed for Thanksgiving**

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