



DEAF LINE

NOVEMBER, 2003

SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP DEAF SERVICES



“MAKE & TAKE”

(CRAFT-MAKING CLASS)

- ***Lynn Walter and Sarita Phadke will demonstrate how to make greeting cards & other projects, using rubber-stamping techniques.***
- ***You will make cards and take them home!***
- ***There is a minimal charge for the materials: \$5 - \$7 approx.***

Wednesday, November 19, 2003

6:30 – 9 p.m.

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

- ~ It is limited to 25 people. First come first served.
- ~ RSVP is required by November 12th to reserve a place.
- ~ Learn to make beautiful cards and other projects.
- ~ Bring exact money (cash only) on the day of the class.
- ~ Refreshments will be served.

Contact Sarita Phadke, Deaf Services Coordinator, at 847-884-1560 TTY or sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org Email.



SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP HOLIDAY PARTIES

This year, Schaumburg Township will combine the **Disability and Senior Holiday parties** into one big party. Co-sponsored by Heritage Bank and Hoffman Estates Park District, this party will be held on Wednesday, December 3, 2003, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Poplar Creek Country Club, 1400 Poplar Creek Drive, Hoffman Estates, IL. There will be lunch, entertainment, and raffle prizes. An ASL interpreter will be provided upon advance request. No reservations will be taken before November 3rd.

The **Holiday Party for Disabled Children and their Families** will be held on Saturday, December 6th, 12 to 3 p.m., at the Schaumburg Township Activity Center, One Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates, IL. This party is co-sponsored by Parkway Bank. All disabled children and their siblings age 16 and under who are in attendance will receive a gift. There will be lunch, entertainment, and raffle prizes. An ASL interpreter will be provided upon advance request.

RSVP is required for both adult and children's parties by November 26, 2003, so please call 847-884-1560 TTY or 847-884-0030, ext. 2025 Voice.



WEATHER ALERT 2000 DEVICE

There is a new personal emergency warning device from Page Update, Inc., **Weather Alert 2000**, which provides notification about local weather emergencies as well as alerts about potential terrorism attacks against the United States. It displays all urgent weather watches & warnings within 90 seconds of their being issued by the National Weather Service for up to 16 different counties anywhere in the U.S., as well as critical messages from the U.S. Emergency Alert System. It gives a loud alert tone, but for deaf people, Sonic Alert's WA500 unit (included with Weather Alert 2000) is plugged into the back of the WA2000 and a lamp or vibrator plugs into the WA500 that transmits to all sonic alert receivers, providing vibration or flashing notification. Call Harris Communications at 1-800-825-9187, 800-825-6758 Voice, or www.harriscomm.com.



FREE STROLLERS

Access Community Health Network (ACHN) is giving away free strollers to new moms! To qualify for the free stroller:

- You must be a patient of any of 44 ACCESS clinics.
- You get prenatal care and deliver your baby with an ACCESS provider.
- Bring your baby for a visit within 2 weeks of delivery.

For more information about the clinics or their locations, or to set up an appointment to begin your care, call 773-257-2887 TTY or access_deafservices@yahoo.com Email.

(Sent by Susan E. Rangel via Deaf Illinois News, Sept. 22, 2003)

11th ANNUAL DEAFEST 2003

Harper College in Palatine is hosting its **11th Annual DeaFest 2003** on November 20 - 22, 2003. The schedule of events will be:

Thursday, November 20th – “**Managing a Successful Deaf Organization**”, a panel workshop, 7 – 9 p.m., at the Building J, Room 143 (Theatre). The Deaf panelists are Kim Bianco Majeri (Chicago Hearing Society and Sprint), Brandi Rarus (Communication Service of the Deaf in South Dakota), and Howard Rosenblum (Midwest Center on Deafness & the Deaf). The panelists will share their experiences in founding and maintaining their successful organizations. Denise Kavin will be the moderator. There will be interpreters and Real-Time Captioning. Admission is free!

Friday, November 21st – “**High School Academic Bowl**”, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., at the Building J, Room 143 (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 the Tinley Park High School team. Interpreters are provided.

Friday, November 21st – **A Deaf Japanese film: “I LoveYou”**, 7 to 9 p.m., at the Building J, Room 143 (Theatre). Co-directed by a deaf artist, this Japanese film is all about issues between deaf and hearing societies and is told in Japanese Sign Language with spoken dialogue and subtitles in English.

Saturday, November 22nd - “**TOYS Theater**”, 4 to 6 p.m., at the Building J, Room 143 (Theatre). This performance is by an internationally renowned Deaf Russian theater for all ages. It is a mixture of various kinds of visual theatre images (mime, dances, clown, drama). These images are clear and accessible to all theatergoers, and do not need any words to tell their story, so nothing “gets lost in the translation”. The admission fees are: If purchased in advance, \$20 (general admission); \$15 (students/seniors); \$10 (children under 12 years); free (children under 3 years). At door, the cost is \$25; \$20 (students and seniors); \$15 (children under 12 years). A 10 percent discount is available for groups of 10 or more. If you want to purchase earlier, call the box office at 847-925-6100 Voice or 847-397-7600 TTY or check www.toystheater.com.

For more information, call the DeaFest '03 Committee – Debby Sampson (Chair), Denise Kavin, Marcie Sacks-Botto, Susan Teplinsky or Christy Albert at 847-397-7600 TTY or 847-925-6266 V.

THE TOMATO CHEF

Chef Jeff Perri of Tomato Chef is the first Deaf person to graduate from the world-renowned Scottsdale Culinary Institute with top honors. Jeff is available to give presentations at conferences, school “career day”, and also cooking workshops for children and adults. He has his own website, www.tomatochef.com, on which there is more information about Jeff, recipes, and a line of videos, CDs, and kitchen accessories that can be ordered. In addition, you can sign up for free Tomato Chef newsletter by sending an email to news@tomatochef.com.

For more information, contact Chef Perri at chefjperri@tomatochef.com or Larry at 602-867-4572 Voice.

ILLINOIS FAMILIES FOR HANDS & VOICES

A state chapter of Families for Hands & Voices is being organized in Illinois. It is a parent driven, non-profit organization dedicated to providing unbiased support to families with children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing. It provides support activities & information concerning Deaf and Hard of Hearing issues to parents and professionals that may include outreach events, educational seminars, advocacy, lobbying efforts, parent to parent networking, and a newsletter. If you are interested in getting involved, contact Karen Putz at 630-378-1346 TTY or parentsofdeafhoh@aol.com Email. Check the national website: www.handsandvoice.org

PARTIES PARTIES PARTIES

Chicago Club of the Deaf (CCD) will host its annual **Christmas Party** on Saturday, November 29, 2003, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the CCD, 4221 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago, IL. There will be a signing Santa giving gifts to Deaf & Hard of Hearing children and their siblings and children of Deaf Parents (infants through 11 years). There will be refreshments, raffle prizes, face painting, and clowns also. Email chicagoclubdeaf@aol.com for more information.

Joliet Deaf Seniors Club is hosting a **Christmas Party for Deaf Seniors** on Wednesday, December 3, 2003, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. It will be held at Salerno's Banquets, 1804 N. Larkin Avenue, Crest Hill, IL. There will be a family style luncheon, jackpots, door prizes, and a cash bar. The cost per member is \$25, and \$30 for non-member. The deadline is November 12th. If interested, write a check payable to J.D.S.C. and mail it to Myrtle Crawford, 617 E. Victoria Circle, North Aurora, IL 60542. For more information, call Myrtle Crawford at 630-907-1846 TTY, 907-1870 Fax or mluci33@aol.com Email.

St. Francis Deaf Senior Citizens is hosting a **Christmas Party** on Thursday, December 11, 2003, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Poretta's Banquet, 3718 N. Central Avenue, Chicago, IL. There will be a luncheon, cash bar, Christmas gifts, jackpot cash and door prizes. The cost per person is \$30. The deadline is December 1st. Write a check payable to St. Francis Deaf Senior Citizens and mail it to Edward Schultz, 4715 N. Octavia Avenue, Harwood Heights, IL 60656.

WSAD/GLDBA will host a **Christmas Social Party** on December 20, 2003, 7 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., at the Best Western Midway Hotel, 1600 Oakton Street, Elk Grove Village, IL. There will be dancing, hot food (after 9 p.m.), drinks, and raffles. The cost per WSAD member is \$3 and \$5 for non-member.

West Suburban Association of the Deaf (WSAD) will host its **Pre-New Year's Eve, "Candlelight Bowl"** on Saturday, December 27, 2003, 7:30 p.m., at the Stardust Bowl, 37 E. Lorraine Avenue, Addison, IL. Couples can bowl three games, have dinner, and prizes will be given. The cost before November 15th is \$35 per couple, but between November 15th and December 20th, the cost will be \$45 per couple. At the door, the cost will be \$50. Proceeds go to WSAD/GLDBA 2006 Funds. If interested, write a check or money order payable to WSAD and mail to Dennis Russell, 425 S. Lincoln Avenue, Addison, IL. 60101. For more information, call Eileen Rozborski, at 847-584-4112 TTY.

Deaf Way IL II will host a **New Year's Eve Gala** on December 31, 2003, 7 p.m. to 2 a.m., at the Holiday Inn O'Hare International, 5440 N. River Road, Rosemont, IL. There will be entertainment (dancing, music and shows by Jeremy Quiroga & Wild Zappers), party favors, champagne toast, hors d'oeuvres, sweet table, DJ band, silent auction, and much more. The cost per person is \$75. There is a block of rooms reserved for anyone who wishes to stay overnight under the name Deaf Way IL II. The room rate is \$89 per night (single/double occupancy, plus tax). For more information, call Sara Bianco Riggio at 630-469-2300 V/TTY. Check the website: www.deafwayillinois.org

HIP VRS NOW AVAILABLE

Effective October 20th, Hamilton Video Relay Service (HIP VRS) is now available to all relay users at www.hipvrs.com. It is a free service that allows you to use American Sign Language (ASL) to make a relay call to a hearing person anywhere in the United States. It requires a web camera, or videophone device, and high-speed Internet. The VRS hours are: Monday to Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, 4 to 8 p.m. (Central time).

(Sent by Beth Slough of Hamilton Relay Service)

HOLIDAY INFORMATION

HEATING CENTER

Schaumburg Township is a designated heating center. If you experience severe cold this winter and/or power outages, the Township is available from 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday as an emergency-heating center. For more information, call 847-884-1560 TTY.

WOODFIELD AREA TROLLEY

Take advantage of the free accessible shuttle service, Woodfield Area Trolley, to go between Woodfield area retail centers, especially when the holidays are around the corner. Trolley is every 30 minutes at the following stops such as IKEA, Roosevelt University, Costco, Marshalls, Borders, two mall entrances, Galyan's, Carson Pirie Scott, Lowes Theaters, and Pace Transportation Center. The hours are Monday through Friday, 12 - 9pm; Saturday, 10am – 9pm; Sunday, 11am – 6pm. The Village of Schaumburg sponsors the free rides. For more information, call 847-923-3880 Voice.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING DATE

Target stores (1235 E. Higgins Rd and 2621 W. Schaumburg Rd in Schaumburg) will once again open their doors exclusively to senior citizens and people with disabilities, giving them the opportunity to do their holiday shopping in a relaxed atmosphere on a special day. They will receive a discount on purchases that day only. Call 847-8841560 TTY or 847-884-0030 ext. 2025 after December 1st to find out the exact date and time.

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 offer any discounts. To get a list of vendors, call Sarita Phadke at 847-884-1560 TTY.

SIGNING ELF

There will be a signing Elf 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 after November 15th at 847-330-0220 V or 847-330-9721 TTY.

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.

DAILY NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENT

To have energy to do shopping, preparing for parties, and other holiday activities, experts suggest:

- Eat more nuts, fruits, vegetables, whole-grains, beans, olive oil and cold-water fish.
- Drink plenty of fresh water each day.
- Increase activity levels.
- Limit caffeine and alcohol consumption.
- Avoid sugary, refined and fried food.
- Avoid smoking.

IDHHC'S NEW LINK

A new link has been added to the website of the Illinois Deaf & Hard of Hearing Commission (IDHHC) - **Deaf and Hard of Hearing Statewide Organization Calendar of Events**. This calendar consists of upcoming meetings or events with dates, times and locations, being offered statewide for deaf and hard of hearing individuals in Illinois. If you are involved with a statewide not-for-profit organization related to deaf and hard of hearing issues and would like IDHHC to post your upcoming meetings, be sure to provide the information requested below and send it to Patty Greene, Public Information Coordinator, by email at pgreene@idhhc.state.il.us or by mail at 1630 South 6th Street, Springfield, IL 62703.

The following information is:

Name of organization

Meeting date, time, & location

Cost (if any)

Members only? Yes or no

Contact person & phone number and email address.

HALL RENTAL AVAILABLE AT CCD

The Chicago Club of the Deaf (CCD) has two halls for rent. They can be used for any workshop, training, meeting, family event, party, social event, etc. Kitchens are available to use. There is a special rate for organizations of/for the Deaf. For more information on rates, contact Tim Mahoney, Business Manager, at 773-545-9596 TTY/Fax, 773-725-7305 Voice, or chicagoclubdeaf@aol.com Email. Check www.hometown.aol.com/chicagoclubdeaf.

WEBSITES TO BROWSE

- www.deaftech.info - Technology reviews and latest technology news for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing.
- www.deaflympics.com - All about Deaf Olympics games.
- www.deafcinema.org - Festival of Cinema for the Deaf.

Schaumburg Township Disability 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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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Wednesday, November 12 – **Diabetes Support Group** at SCH TWP, 1:30 - 3 p.m. (RSVP – Call 847-884-0030 V or 884-1560 TTY)
- Wednesday, November 19 – **Township Board meeting** at SCH TWP, 7:15 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 19 – **Make & Take Craft Class** at SCH TWP, 6:30 p.m. (RSVP needed by November 12th – 847-884-1560 TTY)
- Wednesday, November 26 – Deadline to RSVP for the **Holiday Party for Disabled Adults & Holiday Party for Disabled Children & Families**
- Thursday & Friday, November 27 & 28 – **Schaumburg Township Closed due to Thanksgiving Holiday**

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