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OCTOBER 2005

"On the Road to DeafNation Chicago"

With **Eric Emmons**

Sorenson VRS Outreach Manager

Come & join Eric Emmons and other Sorenson VRS representatives for a VP-100 workshop and community event.

The workshop will include:

- Short presentation about Sorenson and its VRS
- How to receive a FREE Sorenson VP-100 Videophone
- Product demonstration
- Any feedbacks about Sorenson VRS
- Ice Cream & beverages



Date: Friday, October 7, 2005

Time: 7 to 10 p.m.

Location: Schaumburg Township (Activity Center)
One Illinois, Blvd., Hoffman Estates, IL

Contact: Eric Emmons at emmons@sorenson.com Email
OR

Sarita Phadke, Deaf Services Coordinator at 847-884-1560 TTY, 847-884-0039 Fax or sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org Email.

Check for more information on Sorenson and its VRS:

www.sorensonvrs.com

MEDICARE PART D

What is Medicare Part D? Kris Sadur from the Suburban Area Agency on Aging will be here at the Township to explain the Medicare Part D program with all the latest updates. The Bloomingdale Social Security Administration office (SSA) will also be here to talk about extra help with the costs of Medicare D for low-income people. Sign language interpreters will be there. Come and learn about the new programs, which will be available on January 1, 2006.

October 18, 2005

10 – 11:30 a.m.

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For more information, call 847-884-0030 V or 847-884-1560 TTY.



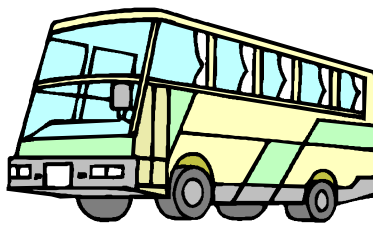
UPDATES ON DEAFNATION EXPO

Good News! As of September 22, 2005, there will be about 80 booths and over 3,000 people have signed up for the DeafNation Expo, which will be held on Saturday, October 8, 2005, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., at Prairie Stone Sports & Wellness Center, 5050 Sedge Blvd., Hoffman Estates, IL. It is sponsored by Sorenson VRS, Sprint, and T-Mobile. The schedule of events (workshops, seminars, entertainment) at the Expo is:

- 9 a.m. to Noon – DeafNation TV Preview
- 12 to 12:20 p.m. – “Illinois Association of the Deaf (IAD) and Deaf community” by Michael Berger
- 12:50 to 12:50 p.m. – Scuba Diving Experience by Nancy Boucha
- 12:50 to 1:20 p.m. – “Is Business For You?” by The National Deaf Business Institute (NDBI)
- 2 to 2:30 p.m. – Dating Game with Mary Monroe by Deafywood
- 2:30 to 4 p.m. – DeafNation TV Preview
- 4 to 4:10 p.m. – Door Prizes
- 4:10 to 4:45 p.m. – John Leno Show by Deafywood

In addition, there are children’s activities. Bring your whole family. It is not too late to register for the Expo. Admission is free, but pre-register now to avoid a long line by signing up online on www.deafnation.com. If you have no computer access, you can come to the Township and Sarita Phadke will help you.

A Special Announcement from Sorenson VRS: Sorenson VRS will present a captioned movie, “The Greatest Game Ever Played” on Thursday, October 6th, 7 p.m., at Showplace 16, 5000 W. Route 14, Crystal Lake, IL. To get free tickets, go to the website: www.sorensonvrs.com/company/movie_index.php. The first 200 people at the movie will be given a FREE Sorenson VRS T-shirt. Those who wear them at the expo will be eligible to enter a drawing to win a big screen TV.



NEW TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FOR SENIORS & PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

In October 2005, the new transportation program, **TRIP**, will be introduced. TRIP stands for The Township Riders Initiative Pilot. It is state funded pilot program that will cover much of Northwest Suburban Cook County. It will provide transportation across township lines for medical reasons for seniors (age 60 and up) and persons with disabilities (age 18 and up). This is limited to residents of the following Townships – Elk Grove, Hanover, Palatine, Schaumburg, and Wheeling. They may go anywhere within seven townships (Barrington, Elk Grove, Hanover, Maine, Palatine, Schaumburg, and Wheeling). They also can go to Stroger Cook County Hospital, Hines Veterans Hospital in Maywood and the Veterans Administration Hospital in Elgin.

PACE is the transit carrier and will provide a lift equipped van or small bus. The one-way cost is \$5 per township line crossed with a maximum of \$10 per one way. The riders must not duplicate existing services. They can bring a personal caregiver or attendant, as well as a service animal. Personal care attendants must be listed as passengers when reservation is made. The operation hours are Monday through Friday, 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., but to reserve, they must call between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Riders must register for the program on a special form (TRIP registration form), available at their townships.

For more information, contact Schaumburg Township Transportation Department at 847-882-1929 Voice or 847-884-1560 TTY.

FRIENDLY REMINDER

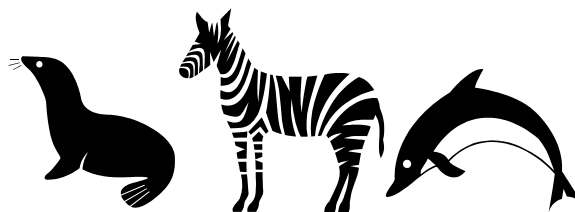
DEAF & HARD OF HEARING SOCIAL/SUPPORT GROUP

- Monday, October 17th (changed date)
- 1 – 3 p.m. (changed time)
- Schaumburg Township (Room #114),
One Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates, IL

Note: The date above is the new date that has been changed due to health classes.

Also, notice the new time is 1 p.m. not 1:30 p.m. and will be effective for all support group dates.

RSVP to Sarita Phadke at 847-884-1560 TTY, 847-884-0039 Fax or sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org Email.



DEAF & HARD OF HEARING DAY AT BROOKFIELD ZOO

In honor of Deaf Awareness Week, Brookfield Zoo is hosting its **4th Annual Deaf & Hard of Hearing Day** on Friday, October 7, 2005, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. ASL interpreters will be stationed at the 11:30a.m. & 2:30 p.m. dolphin shows. At noon and 3 p.m., interpreters will be present for special talks about Harley, a 4-year old Deaf sea lion. You will learn what special techniques the zookeepers use to train Harley. They will also be available on the Motor Safari tram rides. Assistive listening devices are available at the Administration building near the south gate. The general zoo admission fees are: \$8 (adult); \$4 (children 3-11 & seniors 65 & over); free for children under 2, zoo members, and Illinois school groups. For more information, contact Ann Roth at 708-485-0263 ext 229 Voice. You can browse the zoo's website:

www.brookfieldzoo.com

GALLAUDET PRESIDENT WILL RETIRE

Gallaudet University President, Dr. I. King Jordan, who was first Deaf Gallaudet University President in 1988, has announced that he will retire on December 31, 2006.

Dr. I. King Jordan made history in 1988 when he became the first Deaf president of Gallaudet University. Gallaudet students, alumni, faculty, staff, and friends of the University protested the Board of Trustees' appointment of a hearing person to the presidency. The week-long protest, known as Deaf President Now (DPN), was a memorable event for the Deaf community all over the world. It resulted in naming Dr. I. King Jordan, one of the three finalists for the position, the eighth president of Gallaudet and the first Deaf president.

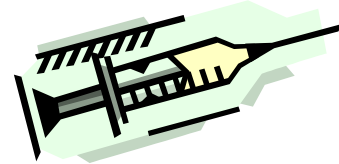
During his presidency, some of Dr. Jordan's achievements are: He increased the endowments from \$5 million to \$150 million; added new facilities and strengthened academic programs; grew the operating budget and University offerings without incurring debt; recruited administrators and faculty members; increased the size and quality of the student body; etc.

A native of Pennsylvania, Dr. Jordan earned a B.A. in psychology from Gallaudet University and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Psychology from the University of Tennessee. Upon receiving his doctorate, Dr. Jordan joined the faculty of Gallaudet's Department of Psychology and then served as a Chair of Psychology Department and as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Jordan holds 11 honorary degrees and numerous awards including the Presidential Citizen's Medal, presented by Bill Clinton in 2001. President George H. W. Bush appointed Dr. Jordan Vice Chair of the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities in 1990, and President Clinton reappointed Dr. Jordan to that role in 1993. In the summer of 2005, Dr. Jordan was awarded the George Bush Medal for the Empowerment of People with Disabilities from President George H. W. Bush.

Upon his retirement, Dr. Jordan plans to travel with his wife, Linda, spend more time with his family, continue to run ultra marathons, teach scuba diving, & continue to be a voice for Deaf empowerment and achievement at Gallaudet University and across the country.

IAD BOARD MEETING

The IAD (Illinois Association of the Deaf) Board Meeting with the new Board members will be held on Saturday, October 15, 2005. It is from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at Gardner Township Hall, 1266 N. Bradfordton Road in Springfield. All are welcome to attend the meeting. Check www.iadeaf.org for agenda. For more information, contact Michael Berger, IAD President, at president@iadeaf.org Email.



FLU SHOTS

Flu shots are recommended especially for high-risk people of all ages and for people over 50 years of age. Both Villages of Hoffman Estates and Schaumburg will be offering flu shots to their residents sometimes in October or November. They will set up their clinics with dates, times, and locations as soon as the flu vaccines become available.

Schaumburg residents should check the Schaumburg Flu Hotline at 847-923-3762 Voice and Hoffman Estates residents can call the Hoffman Estates Health Department at 847-882-4445 Voice after October 1st week. They can also check their village newsletters and newspapers.



THE ABABABA SHOW

In light of Disability Awareness Month in October, Deaf Access Program from Mt Sinai Hospital will host "The Abababa Road Tour", by Alan Abarbanell, highlighting the hilarious and touching tales of his youth as a hearing son of Deaf parents. This comedy show will be held on Thursday, October 20, 2005, 7 p.m., at Mt. Sinai Hospital, Glasser Auditorium, California Avenue at 15th Street, Chicago. The cost per person is \$15 (in advance) and \$20 at door. It will include refreshments.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Terri Hedding at 773-257-6289 TTY; 773-257-5125 V; hedt@sinai.org Email.

DEAFEST 2005

Harper College will host its **Annual DeaFest 2005** on November 17, 18 & 19, 2005. Here is a schedule of events is:

- Thursday, November 17th – **“Top 10 Things Deaf & Hard of Hearing College Students Would Like Teachers to Do”**, at Building E, Room 107. Questions are created by Deaf & Hard of Hearing students from Harper College to help teachers understand daily challenges, effective teaching strategies & communication choices.
- Friday, November 18th – **“High School Academic Bowl”**, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., at 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 Hersey High School.
- Friday, November 19th – **“The Deaf Quiz Show”**, 7 to 10 p.m., at Building J, Room 143 (Theatre). It is for non-profit organizations in the Deaf Community to compete with each other. The show includes formats from different TV game shows and question-and-answer categories. The admission is \$4 (adults); \$2 (students with ID). Proceeds go to the organizations of the top three winners.
- Saturday, November 19th – **“ASL Activities for Children and Everyone with The Four Jacks from Washington, DC”**, 2 to 3 p.m., at Student Center Lounge at Building A. Fun filled activities include ASL stories and hands on experience with Drum songs. Rules will be shared with the participants to better understand how the “counts” and rhythm works.
- Saturday, November 19th – **“The Four Jacks Performance”** by Jonathan Kovacs, Jessica Von Garrell, Jesse Jones and JoAnn Benfield, 7:30 to 9 p.m., at Building J Theatre. These performers from Washington, DC, will dazzle you with the superb blend of ASL song, dance, music, and percussion. They will do a 10-minute pirate-themed skit. The admission is \$7 (adults); \$4 (students with ID).

Interpreters will be provided at all shows. For more information, call Debby Sampson at 847-397-7600 TTY or 847-925-6266 Voice.



DV AWARENESS NIGHT

October is Domestic Violence month. The Chicago Hearing Society (CHS) will host a **Domestic Violence (DV) Awareness Night** on Wednesday, October 19, 2005, from 5 to 9 p.m., at Anixter Center, Polk Conference Room, 2032 N. Clybourn Avenue in Chicago. There will be different events on that night:

- 5 to 6 p.m.** – Light supper will be provided.
- 6 to 6:30 p.m.** – Icebreaker
- 6:30 – 8 p.m.** – Presentations
- 8 to 8:30 p.m.** – Candlelight Ceremony in honor of Deaf & Hard of Hearing Survivors/Victims.
- 8:30 to 9 p.m.** – Wrap-Up

RSVP is required: Contact Jennifer Hart by October 17th at 774-248-9174 TTY or jhart@anixter.org Email. Due to the sensitivity of the activities involved, this invitation is extended to those who are survivors as well as those who know of or work with survivors of domestic violence. **No children, please!** Interpreters will be provided.

HELP NEEDED

A Deaf woman has a 9-year-old child who has multiple handicaps & needs medicare care and is seeking a Registered Nurse (RN) and Deaf or Hard of Hearing volunteer caregivers (Home Care):

- RN Nurse: Every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights for 9 hours from 11:15 p.m. to 8:15 a.m. This is a paid job. If interested, call 847-312-6331 (cell phone) to make an appointment for a home visit and interview or for more information.
- Volunteer Caregivers: Anytime during the week and weekends - 4 to 6 hours a day. They are needed to take care of the child, and accompany the child for hospital or clinic visits, or any special events. Expenses will be covered for admission to zoo, camping, pools, museums, amusement parks, etc. Must provide own transportation to get to the child's house and must keep everything confidential. If interested, call 630-483-0405 TTY.

Keep Everything

You may receive lots of mails regarding prescription drug coverage (Medicare Part D). We suggest you **Keep Everything** in a folder or envelope until the effects of this program are settled.

FREE HIGH SPEED INTERNET

LifeLinks, LLC is a proposed new VRS (video relay service) service that is offering FREE high speed broadband and web cam to Deaf & Hard of Hearing people in the United States. If you already have high speed Internet, they will pay your bills for one year. If this company continues to be successful, they may continue paying for your Internet even after one year. If you do not have high speed Internet, they may pay for the installation costs. You may continue to use any other VRS that you currently use. Here are some other features of LifeLinks:

- Lifelinks accepts calls from VP (videophone) as well as computer users.
- You can use the AIM service and place a relay call. The screen name is aimlifelinks
- Free international calls
- The staff is fluent in other languages beside ASL and English. They provide interpretation from Spanish to ASL and vice versa and also other languages too.
- The response time is faster than the usual time.
- It provides video mail.
- Much more...

In order to get the highest audio/video quality, the minimum requirements your computer should have:

- Window 200, XP
- 1.8GHz or higher
- 256MB Memory
- 150 MB of available Hard Drive space
- CD-ROM drive
- USB Port
- Internet Explorer 6.0 SP1 or better

If interested, or to get free high speed Internet, send an email to Margo at margo@lifelinks.net and she will give you further instructions on how to get your Internet and a web cam installed for you. You can also call 1-866-4-LIFELINKS (1-866-454-335-4657) Voice. This number may appear to have too many digits, but it is correct.



41ST CHICAGO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

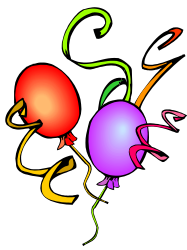
The 41st Chicago International Film Festival is around the corner: October 6th through 20th. Many of the films for this year are subtitled foreign films from 32 different countries and are meant for Deaf and Hard of Hearing viewers. ASL interpreters will be provided with 72 hours notice if you plan to attend a screening at which a guest speaker will be present. You can order tickets online at www.chicagofilmfestival.com and look for News & Information and then Tickets/Passes.

For more information on what films and their descriptions and screening times and locations, go to the website mentioned above. You can also pick the Festival Schedule at Cinema/Chicago office, 30 East Adams Street, Suite 800, Chicago. If you have any questions, contact Cinema/Chicago at 312-683-0121 Voice, 312-683-0122 Fax, or hotline@chicagofilmfestival.com Email.

VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Are you Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Late Deafened, or Deaf-Blind, and a victim of any violent crimes (rape, sexual abuse, robbery, mugging, assault, break-in, child abuse, domestic violence, neglect, elder abuse, hate crime, etc.)? If yes, you do not know whom to turn to for help?

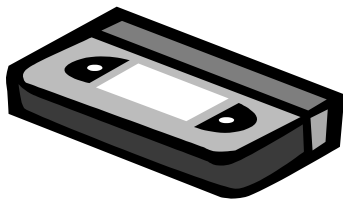
You can get assistance from **Michele Cunningham**, a Victim Assistance Counselor from the Chicago Hearing Society. Michele provides free and confidential services such as short-term counseling, crisis intervention, assistance with filling out police reports and reporting the crime to authorities, advocacy, assistance in locating a shelter, victim compensation, etc. to victims of violent crimes. She can meet you at a neutral place near your area. If you or someone you know is Deaf or Hard of Hearing and has been a victim of any violent crime, or for more information, contact Michele at 773-248-9174 TTY or mcunningham@anixter.org Email.



CHANGE OF LOCATION/TIME FOR WSAD 25TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

West Suburban Association of the Deaf (WSAD) will celebrate its 25th anniversary by hosting a Gala at Embassy Suites Hotel (Schaumburg/Woodfield), 1939 N. Meacham Road, Schaumburg, not Ramada Plaza Hotel (O'Hare) as mentioned in the previous newsletter. It will be held on Saturday, December 31, 2005. Cocktails begin at 5 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m. Attendees must be at least 21 years old. The cost, including appetizers, dinner, and champagne, is \$75 per person until November 30th. Postmarked December 1st to December 17th, it is \$100 per person. The event is limited to 300 people; first come, first serve. Tickets will not be available at the door and are non-refundable. The deadline is December 17th. If interested, mail a check (payable to WSAD) and mail to: WSAD-25th Gala; P.O. Box 3712; Oak Brook, IL 60522. Be sure to include your name, return address and email address to confirm your reservation. FYI: WSAD has reserved all suite rooms in the same hotel, so you can reserve a room, but be sure to mention "WSAD" for the discount. The cost of a room is \$119 plus taxes. The deadline is December 10, 2005.

(Thanks, Phyllis Ackermann, for this new information)



TAPE ON "ELVIS DANCES"

There is videotape called "JackElvis Show for 50th Birthday Party Bash" in which Jack Yates (Hard of Hearing Elvis impersonator) does the Elvis dances to 10 Elvis songs while Anita Cervantes (Deaf) signs the songs. The tape is 30 minutes long. The cost of the tape is \$5 and there is no shipping charge. If interested to purchase or for more information, contact Jack at jackelvis@tmail.com (Pager); jackelvis2001@yahoo.com Email.



VIDEO RELAY SERVICE IN UK

On August 23, 2005, the British Deaf Association (BDA) launched the first Video Relay Service (VRS) Center in the United Kingdom (UK). BDS partnered with Communication Service for the Deaf (CSD) from USA. Deaf consumers who use British Sign Language (BSL) can now communicate with hearing people through this video relay service, using a D-Link videophone, or web cam and an Internet connection. The BDA-CSD Video Relay Service will be available Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. D-Link users can reach BDA-CSD VRS at BSLVRS.ORG. For information on this service, send an email to john.brownlie@gmail.com Email.

FYI:

- **The British Deaf Association (BDA)** is an organization, run by Deaf British Sign Language (BSL) users. There are about 250,000 Deaf people in the UK as well as approximately 300,000 non-Deaf BSL users.
- **Communication Service for the Deaf (CSD) Inc.** is a private, nonprofit organization based in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. It offers telecommunications relay services, video relay services, equipment distribution programs & sign language interpreting services. It has its own VRS, CSDVRS. It also manages over 20 call centers in USA.

For more information, contact the following people: Doug Alker (BDA) at dougalker@yahoo.com or Tim Rarus (CSD) at trarus@c-s-d.org.

"WILLS" WORKSHOP

The Chicago Hearing Society (CHS) will have an educational workshop, "Wills", presented by Howard Rosenblum from Equip for Equality. Howard will talk about living wills, power of attorney, guardianship, representative payee, and trusts. This workshop is held on October 11, 2005, 3-5 p.m. at CHS, 2001 N. Clybourn Avenue, 3rd floor, Chicago. Refreshments will be provided. Free admission, but RVSP is needed by October 10th: Contact SooHyun Tak at 773-248-9174 TTY or stak@anixter.org Email.



HOLIDAY BAZAAR

An Annual Christmas Bazaar will be held on November 6, 2005, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center, 8025 W. Addison, Chicago. There will be crafts, and gift baskets as well as cash raffles (\$100, \$75, \$50, and \$25), a bake sale and children's games. In addition, Santa Claus will come from 12 to 1 p.m. Proceeds go to the Catholic Office of the Deaf and to the Ministry Formation Program (MFP). For more information, call the Catholic Church of the Deaf at 312-751-8368 TTY or 312-655-7899 Voice.

(Thanks, Josie Lowery, for this information)



2ND ANNUAL TIGERLAND SCRAPBOOKING RETREAT

2nd Annual Tigerland Scrapbooking Retreat for the Deaf will be held on November 18th (6 p.m. – 12 a.m.) and 19th (8 a.m. – 10 p.m.) at Holiday Inn-Bloomington/Normal (8 Traders Circle, Normal). The retreat offers you the opportunity to learn all the newest scrapbooking techniques. Also, there will be make and takes, contests, workshops/basic classes taught by experts, and much more. Snacks and lunch will be provided. The cost before November 4th is \$25 for both days. The cost after November 4th or at door is \$35. All proceeds go to Illinois School for the Deaf. Ten rooms have been blocked for those who attend. To reserve a room, call 309-452-8300 V and mention "Tigerland Scrapbook Party" to get a discounted rate of \$69 per night. The deadline is November 4th. If interested, send a check (payable to Susan Dramin-Weiss) to 604 Brittany Drive, Champaign, IL 61822. For more information, contact Carol Nemecek-Kowalski at CASNemecek@aol.com or Susan Dramin-Weiss at sweiss5@aol.com Email.

(Sent by Carol Nemecek-Kowalski via Deaf Illinois News, October 19, 2005)

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Friday, October 7 – **Sorenson VRS Workshop** at SCH TWP, 7-10 p.m. (RSVP – Call 847-884-1560 TTY)
- Monday, October 10 – **SCH TWP CLOSED** (COLUMBUS DAY)
- Wednesday, October 12 – **Diabetes Support Group** at SCH TWP, 1:30 - 3 p.m. (RSVP – Call 847-884-0030 V or 847-884-1560 TTY)
- Monday, October 17 – **Social/Support Group for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing** at SCH TWP, Room #114, 1 – 3 p.m. (RSVP: 847-884-1560 TTY)
- Wednesday, October 26 – **Township Board meeting** at SCH TWP, 7:15 p.m.
- Sunday, October 30 – **Daylight Saving Time Ends** (Adjust clocks/watches one hour back)
- Monday, October 31 – **Happy Halloween Day!**

