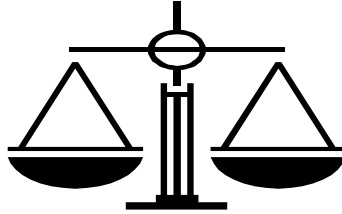


Deadline

OCTOBER, 2006



“The Legislative Process in Illinois”

by Sara Bianco

Disability Community Organizer for Equip for Equality

**Tuesday, October 10, 2006
7 p.m.**

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

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At the legislative workshop, you will learn:

- Why one vote is so important
- How a bill becomes law and how to find your legislators
- How to find who your legislators are and how to influence decision makers
- Much more...

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- Come & learn about the legislative process before the elections in November.
  - Come earlier to socialize and have refreshments before the workshop.
  - RSVP needed by October 6<sup>th</sup>: Contact Sarita Phadke at 847-884-1560 TTY/VP, 847-884-0039 Fax, or [sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org](mailto:sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org) Email.



## DEAF SOCIAL/SUPPORT GROUP

The Deaf Social/Support Group will not have its meeting at the Township but will have a Field Trip to the Schaumburg 911 Center/Police Department on Friday, October 20, 2006, at 1:15 p.m. Sharp. You will tour both the 911 Center and Police Department. If you have concerns/questions, bring them on that day. A sign language interpreter will be provided. There is a limit of 15 people. First come first served. Hurry to RSVP before it is full: 847-884-1560 TTY/VP, 847-884-0039 Fax or [sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org](mailto:sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org) Email.

## MEDICARE PART D MEETING

Kris Sadur from Life Options will be giving a presentation on Medicare Part D and related issues at Schaumburg Township. This meeting will be held on 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.

## GREAT APPRECIATION

Schaumburg Township Deaf Services would like to thank **Barry Jensen** of Sorenson Communications for giving a wonderful presentation and demonstration of a newer model of videophone, VP-200, on September 22, 2006. The newer model, VP-200, has cool features including the highest video quality, visual Caller ID, expanded contacts list, screen saver missed calls display, and much more. There was a good crowd who were brave in attending during the tornado-warning weather! Thanks, Sorenson, for providing free pizza for the audience and also VP-200 for Schaumburg Township.



## IAD'S 44<sup>TH</sup> BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

The Fox Valley Chapter of Illinois Association of the Deaf (IAD) will host its 44<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference, "Diversity Ethnicity Amalgamate Family", on June 7 – 9, 2007, at Holiday Inn in Itasca. There will be exhibits, forum, workshops, Jr. IAD activities, Diversity/Jr. IAD talent show, IAD general meeting, banquet, and pageant.

The early bird registration before October 31<sup>st</sup> is \$100 (members); \$80 (seniors/college students); \$60 (youth 12-17 years). There are other rates after the early bird registration. The registration includes fee, program book, new IAD membership or extension of current membership, workshops, exhibits, entertainment, Miss Deaf Illinois Pageant, and much more.

For a flyer, rates, or registration form, check the website: [www.iadeaf.org](http://www.iadeaf.org). You may pre-register online. For more information, check the website or contact the chairperson, Anil Phadke, at [conference@iadeaf.org](mailto:conference@iadeaf.org) Email.



## REGISTER TO VOTE

You can register at any Township, Village hall, and many governmental agencies. Take two forms of identification, at least one of which must show your current address. You must be a U.S. citizen and 18 years of age or older by Election Day on November 7, 2006, in order to register. The last day to register to vote is October 10, 2006.

## 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, check the website: [www.iadeaf.org](http://www.iadeaf.org)

## PARLIAMENTARIAN WORKSHOP FOR THE DEAF & HARD OF HEARING

Do you want your meeting run smoothly? Do you want to learn parliamentary procedure better? 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).

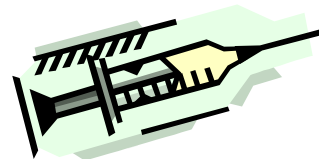
It is sponsored by Illinois Association of the Deaf (IAD), West Suburban Association of the Deaf (WSAD), and Illinois Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (IRID). For more information or RSVP, contact Michael Berger – [president@iadeaf.org](mailto:president@iadeaf.org); Dennis O'Brien – [dobwsad@comcast.net](mailto:dobwsad@comcast.net); Sara Lucas – [president@ilrid.org](mailto:president@ilrid.org)

## NEW INFORMATION ON MEDICARE PART B

For the first time ever, the 2007 premiums for Medicare Part B will be based on your income. The monthly cost won't change significantly for most people. Couples and/or single filers earning \$80,000 or less will pay \$93.50 per month for Medicare Part B, which covers physician services and outpatient hospital visits. For income above 80K, the cost of Part B will gradually increase.

Start thinking about your Part D prescription drug coverage for next year. Open enrollment runs from November 15th to December 31st and it's your only opportunity to change drug plans before you're locked in for the new year. Even if you are happy with your plan, review your options. Several new choices may be a better deal than your current coverage, especially if you have been prescribed new drugs over the past year. The private insurance companies that offer Part D coverage will start to advertise their 2007 prices and policies on October 1st and the new pricing information will be listed on [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) by mid-October. Because of the administrative problems last January, the government is recommending that people switch plans by December 8th to allow enough time to process the paperwork before the new plan takes effect on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

(Excerpt from Kiplinger Magazine)



## FLU SHOTS

The flu season is approaching soon. It may be necessary for some people to have flu shots. They are recommended especially for high-risk people of all ages and for people over 50 years of age.

Both the 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 V. Hoffman Estates residents can call the Hoffman Estates Flu Hotline at 847-843-4848 V. They can also check their village newsletters, newspapers, or local pharmacies for flu clinics.

## 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 different kinds of phone equipment at one of ITAC Selection Centers, Schaumburg Township. For more information, call 847-884-0030 Voice or 847-884-1560 TTY/VP.

## DEAF LATINO AWARENESS DAY

Illinois Deaf Latino Association (IDLA) presents 5<sup>th</sup> Annual **Deaf Latino Awareness Day** on Saturday, October 14, 2006, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., at St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center, 8025 W. Addison Street in Chicago. There will be several presentations, panel workshops, and entertainment. Lunch will be for sale. Free admission! For more information, contact Carmen Aguilar at [caguilar@frvcil.net](mailto:caguilar@frvcil.net) Email; 847-695-5868 TTY. Also, save the date of November 18, 2006, for the Post-Celebration banquet. There is a special \$5 discount if you purchase the banquet ticket at the workshop on October 14<sup>th</sup>.

## DEAFEST 2006

Harper College will host its **Annual DeaFest 2006** on November 17, & 18, 2006. Here is a schedule of events:

### 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 from Portland, Oregon, who 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.

## CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM DETECTOR ACT

The Carbon Monoxide Alarm Detector Act, which will become effective January 1, 2007, states that all residences, including apartments, will be required by the state of Illinois to have at least one approved carbon monoxide alarm in operating condition within 15 feet of every room used for sleeping purposes. The CO detector which is similar to a smoke detector, will sound an alarm or flash if the CO level is dangerous. Carbon Monoxide (CO) is an odorless, colorless, tasteless, and potentially deadly gas, which is made when any fossil fuel, including natural gas, is burned. Here are steps if your CO detector goes off:

- If you feel sick, leave the house and call 911 or the local fire department.
- If you are not sick, push the detector’s reset button. If it goes off again after a few minutes, open the windows, leave the house, and call 911.

For a copy of the public act and for more information, visit [www.nicorgas.com](http://www.nicorgas.com). As for the CO detector for the Deaf, check with any vendor or visit the website: [www.harriscomm.com](http://www.harriscomm.com)

## IDHHC’S NEW EMAILS

Illinois Deaf & Hard of Hearing Commission (IDHHC) has converted their emails to ...@[Illinois.gov](mailto:Illinois.gov) from ..@[idhhc.state.il.us](mailto:idhhc.state.il.us). If you would like to get email addresses of the IDHHC staff, go to the IDHHC’s website: [www.idhhc.state.il.us](http://www.idhhc.state.il.us)



## **BREAST CANCER AWARENESS DAY**

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. There will be an event on Sunday, October 29, 2006, at St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center, 8025 W. Addison Street, Chicago. First, there will be a special prayer at 10:30 a.m. for breast cancer victims and survivors. From noon to 3 p.m., there will be videotapes about breast cancer. In addition, there will be a luncheon. It is suggested that people bring small dishes to share according to their last names:

A-D: Casserole                      E-H: Appetizers  
I-L: Fruits &/or Vegetables      M-P: Pasta or Salad  
Q-T: Desserts                        U-Z: Soda

Monetary donations are appreciated and all profits will go to the Breast Cancer Foundation. For more information, contact Patty Koras: [smiley56@tmail.com](mailto:smiley56@tmail.com) Email.



## **DV AWARENESS NIGHT**

October is Domestic Violence month. The Chicago Hearing Society (CHS) will host its **Domestic Violence (DV) Awareness Night** on Wednesday, October 25, 2006, from 5 to 8 p.m., at the Chicago Hearing Society, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Classroom, 2001 N. Clybourn Avenue in Chicago. The program is outlined as below:

**5 to 5:45 p.m.** –Refreshments will be provided.  
**5:45 to 6 p.m.** – Icebreaker  
**6 – 7:30 p.m.** – Presentations  
**7:30 – 8 p.m.** – Vigil/Wrap-up

Interpreters will be provided. **RSVP** to Michelle Mendiola by October 20<sup>th</sup> at 774-248-9174 TTY or [mmendiola@anixter.org](mailto:mmendiola@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.



## **DEAF KIDS FEST**

“**Deaf Kids Fest**” is a festival for Deaf and hearing parents with Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Hearing children up to age 10. This free event will be held on Sunday, October 22, 2006, 1 to 4 p.m., at the Oakton Community center, 4701 Oakton Street, Skokie, IL. It is sponsored by Sinai Deaf Access Program, Choices For Parents, and Jewish Family & Community Services. There will be games, storytelling, arts/crafts, face painting, Bob the Balloon Man, entertainment, and free food.

For more information, contact the following people:

- Teri Hedding (Mt. Sinai) at [hedt@sinai.org](mailto:hedt@sinai.org) Email or 773-257-6289 TTY
- Karen Aguilar (Choices for Parents) at 312-523-6400 V/TTY or [choicesforparents@yahoo.com](mailto:choicesforparents@yahoo.com) Email
- Kjersti Usler (Jewish Child & Family Services) at 847-568-5200 V or 847-568-5240 TTY.



## **FUNDRAISING EVENT**

The Catholic Office of the Deaf will host its fundraising event, “A Day at the Races” on Saturday, October 21, 2006, 12 p.m. It will be held at the Hawthorn Race Course in the Turf Club Room, 3501 S. Laramie Avenue, Stickney. The event includes a buffet (from 1:30 to 5 p.m.), a cash bar, live racing program, group photo, clubhouse admission, raffles, and auction. A sign language interpreter will be provided. It is open to the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Hearing communities. The ticket is \$30 per person. For more information, contact Catholic Office of the Deaf at 312-751-8368 TTY, 312-655-7899 Voice or 312-751-0394 Fax.



## 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) and the guest speaker will be Marianne Jodie. The fee per person is \$35. Deadline is November 1<sup>st</sup>. 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.



## HALLOWEEN PARTY

Windy City Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf (WCRAD) will have its Halloween Party on Saturday, October 21, 2006, 6 p.m., at Sidetrack, 3349 N. Halsted Street, Chicago. There will be hors d'oeuvres, drinks, raffles & door prizes. Also, there will be costume contests. The admission fee is \$15 (with costume) and \$20 (without costume). Funds will benefit Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf (RAD) 2009 Conference. For more information, email: [windycityrad@sbcglobal.net](mailto:windycityrad@sbcglobal.net)

## "COMEBACK NIGHT" EVENT

Chicago Club of the Deaf (CCD) will host a social event, "Comeback Night" on October 28, 2006, from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. There will be games, skits, comedy show, and much more. Meet old and new friends. This event will be held at Edison Park Inn, 6715 N. Olmsted, Chicago. The admission fee per person is \$5. It is limited to 225 people. If interested, send a check to Chicago Club of the Deaf, P.O. Box 411318, Chicago, IL and mention your name and email address. An email will be sent for confirmation and as your ticket. Bring that to the event.

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## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> – **SCH TWP CLOSED** (Columbus Day)
- Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> – **Legislative Process in Illinois** Presentation by Sara Bianco at SCH TWP, 7 p.m. (RSVP: 847-884-1560 TTY/VP)
- Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> – **No Deaf Social/Support Group**
- Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> – **Deaf Social/Support Group – Field Trip to Schaumburg PoliceDept/911 Center**, Schaumburg, 1:15 p.m. (RSVP is required: 847-884-1560 TTY/VP)
- Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> – **TWP Board meeting** at SCH TWP, 7:15 p.m.
- Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> – **Daylight Saving Time** (Change clocks/watches 1 hour back)
- Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> – **Happy Halloween!**