

SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP DEAF SERVICES

DEAF LINE

SEPTEMBER, 2002

Schaumburg Township Deaf Services

Hosts an Educational Workshop for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing



"INTERNET TECHNOLOGIES & RELAY 711"

September 25, 2002

7 – 9 p.m.

Schaumburg Township

One Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates, IL.

Bill Stricklen, Sprint's Illinois Account Manager, will demonstrate the new Internet Technologies – Video Relay & Internet Relay Services. You will get a chance to try these exciting technologies.

Marion Dramin, ITAC's Outreach Manager, will talk about 711 Relay, and its system.

Video Relay Service – Is a video teleconferencing service, in which you communicate in ASL to a hearing person via a sign language interpreter on a computer.

Internet Relay – Allows you to call the relay service on a computer not a TTY.

There are no charges for using those services!

- Come check out the exciting technologies! Bring your family members & friends.
- There will be time for questions/answers.
- Refreshments will be served.

RVSP is required by September 23rd: Contact Sarita Phadke, Deaf Services Coordinator, at 847-884-1560 TTY; 847-884-0039 Fax; sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org Email.

DEAF AWARENESS WEEK

(SEPTEMBER 15 – 21, 2002)

- **Schaumburg Township** will have a display about Deaf Culture, including Internet technologies. Take a look in the Disabled Services office anytime between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. during Deaf Awareness week. For more information, contact Sarita Phadke at 847-884-1560 TTY.
- **Brookfield Zoo** will kick off Deaf Awareness Week by hosting two Deaf and Hard of Hearing days on September 13 & 14, 2002 at the Brookfield Zoo, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be several ASL interpreters throughout the zoo and assistive listening devices for many presentations. In addition, the dolphin presentations (2 shows a day), storytelling, Motor Safari Tram trip, hands on activities, animal interactions, etc. will be interpreted. The zoo is also offering free hearing screenings on Friday, September 13th, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the Discovery Center. For more information, contact Ann Roth, Access Coordinator, at 708-485-0263, ext. 229 V or Access@brookfieldzoo.org Email.
- **Cary Deaf Awareness Day** will be held on Sunday, September 15, 2002, 12 – 3 p.m., at the Lions Park, Cary. There will be free BBQ lunch, games, face painting, moonwalk and an animal show. Interpreters will be provided. RVSP by September 9th. For more information or rsvp, call Kara at 815-459-0737 V/TTY or Joe Siudzinski at 815-568-7647 Fax.
- **Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament** will have a signed performance for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing guests, using a sign language interpreter on Friday, September 20th, 2002, at 8 p.m., at the intersection of I-90 and Roselle Road in Schaumburg, IL. The audience will have the experience of being in the walls of a European-style castle. Enjoy dinner & the 2-hour live show of knights and stallions. Reservations are required. Be sure to mention that you would like to sit in the Deaf section when making your reservation. For more information or to make the reservation, call 1-888- 935-6878 Voice. Check www.medievaltimes.com/Chicago.htm
- **Illinois CODA/KODA** (Children of Deaf Adults and Kids of Deaf Adults) will be hosting its annual family picnic on Saturday, September 21st, 2002, 12 to 5 p.m. It will be held at the Burning Bush Community Center, 1313 Burning Bush Lane, Mt Prospect, IL. There will be raffles, bingo and kids' games. Bring a dessert to share. The admission costs are: \$5 (adults) and \$2.50 (children). For more information, contact Lisa Callsen at 847-537-5334 V/TTY; Carlisa57@attbi.com Email.
- **Illinois Department of Human Services' Office of Rehabilitation Services (ORS)' Services for Persons who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing** is hosting its 8th Annual Deaf Awareness Day & Employment Opportunity Expo on September 25, 2002, at the James Thompson Center's Atrium, 100 W. Randolph, Chicago, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is free and open to the public. There will be an employment expo, workshops and exhibitors from various human service agencies, businesses and employers. For more information, contact Ellen Roth at 312-814-3040 TTY; 312-814-1939 V; 312-814-2378 Fax; dhsdbh06@dhs.state.il.us (Email) or Jean Baker at 630-495-2022 TTY; 630-495-0500 V. Check the website: www.state.il.us/agency/dhs/dsdhnp.html.
- **Schaumburg Township Deaf Services** will host an educational workshop, "Internet Technologies & 711 Relay" on September 25, 2002, 7 to 9 p.m., at Schaumburg Township, One Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates, IL. The presenters, Bill Stricklen (Sprint) and Marion Dramin (ITAC), will talk about the Internet Technologies including Internet Relay & Video Relay Services, and 711 Relay respectively. It is free to anyone, but RVSP is required by September 23rd – call Sarita Phadke, Deaf Services Coordinator, at 847-884-1560 TTY or sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org Email.

OUR THANKS

The Schaumburg Township Disabled Services Dept. is grateful to the following area businesses and individuals for their generous support and donations. We urge you to patronize the following businesses.

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Agnes Kisla
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Holiday Inn

Thanks to our many volunteers, both old and new. Their hard work and dedication made this picnic possible & successful.

Special Thanks to Bob Fecarotta, our Highway Commissioner, for getting all labor and supplies donated for our "picnic path".



NEXT DEAF MENTOR TRAININGS

Hearing and Vision Connections, an Early Intervention & Technical Assistance Program, will have Deaf Mentor trainings for those who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing and wish to work with families of infants and toddlers. Once they are trained, Deaf Mentors go into a family's home to share their personal experiences, teach sign language or the family's chosen method of communication and introduce Deaf Culture and Community.

Trainings are scheduled as follows:

- October 1 & 2, 2002 in Marion, IL
- February 18 & 19, 2003 in LaSalle/Peru, IL
- April 8 & 9, 2003 in Champaign, IL

For more information or to get an application, contact Nancy Scott at 217-479-4319 V/TTY or dhsrspd@dhs.state.il.us Email.

(Deaf Illinois News, August 19, 2002)

DEAF WORLDWIDE 2002

Deaf Worldwide 2002 (formerly known as "Deaf Fiesta") is coming to the Chicago area on Saturday, October 26, 2002, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., at the McCormick Place Convention Center, located at 2301 S. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL. This is the largest trade show in the deaf community and is open to anyone who is interested. In addition, it is the only event of its kind that travels to different cities, and will visit several more cities through the end of the year and in early 2003. There will be more than 75 booths, offering educational, financial, giftware, health information & human resources, as well as publications, recreation and technology exhibits pertaining to deafness. New this year are the activities for all ages, theatrical entertainment, and workshops. Tickets can be purchased in advance through the website: www.deafbuy.com and are \$10 (adults); \$8 (seniors, 55+); \$6 (children, 3-12). Tickets cost slightly higher at door.

Check the website: www.deafworldwide.com for more information.



DEAF KIDS FEST

Deaf Access Program of Mt. Sinai will host its annual "**Deaf Kids Fest**" – a festival for Deaf and hearing parents with Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Hearing children up to age 10. There will be games, storytelling, and free food. Jonalee, a Deaf clown, will be entertaining at 2:30 p.m. This free event will be held on Sunday, October 6, 2002, 1 to 4 p.m., at the Oakton Community center, 4701 Oakton Street, Skokie, IL. For more information, contact Suzanne Burley of Mt. Sinai at 773-257-6959 TTY/773-257-5300 V, Teri Hedding of Sinai Health System at 773-257-6289 TTY or Kjersti Usler of Jewish Family & Community Services at 847-568-5200 V/847-568-5240 TTY.

ALDA CON 2002

The Association of the Late Deafened Adults (ALDA) is hosting its conference, **ALDAcon 2002 – Smooth Sailing with ALDA**, on October 23-27, 2002, at Sheraton World Resort, Orlando, Florida. This conference will have workshops, receptions, banquet, entertainment and exhibits. The registration fee before October 11th is \$200 for ALDA members; \$230 for non-members. The registration fee onsite is \$220 for members and \$250 for non-members. Check the website: www.alda.org for more information on both the conference and the hotel.

SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION TRAINING

Rape Victim Advocates (RVA) will host a training on Sexual Assault Prevention every Tuesday and Thursday, from September 5th to October 22nd, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. It will be held at the RVA office, 228 S. Wabash, Suite 240, Chicago. In order to get a certification for Rape Crisis Counseling, one must complete about 45 hours of training. For more information, contact Kristin Grace at 312-935-3401 TTY; 312-663-6303 V or tergrace@mail.com Email.

ACHN'S DEAF SERVICES

Access Community Health Network (ACHN) now has Deaf Services and a Deaf Services Coordinator, **Susan Elizabeth Rangel**. They offer accessible healthcare services to Deaf/Hard of Hearing children, adolescents and parents with sign language interpretation and TTYs. Some doctors know sign language and some are taking sign language courses. Some clinics have their own TTYs. Susan is working on making other clinics accessible to Deaf people. Medicaid, Medicaid HMO, Medicare and most major health plans are accepted to cover the costs of medical care. For patients without insurance, a sliding-fee-scale is available based upon ability to pay. No one is ever turned away due to inability to pay. Sign language interpretation and case management services are provided at no charge to the patient.

For a complete listing of ACHN locations, check the website: www.accesscommunityhealth.net. For those who do not have Internet access, can call Susan Rangel at 773-404-6310 TTY or 773-404-8278 Fax. Her email address is ACHN_deafservices@yahoo.com.

WORDS FROM IDHHC

- The Illinois Deaf & Hard of Hearing Commission (IDHHC) meeting will be held on September 12, 2002, at the Commission's office in Springfield.
- Cory Parker, Community Education Specialist, is no longer with the Commission.
- IDHHC will be using the Satellite Program to communicate with members of the Illinois Alliance for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing (IADHH) at the meeting in Chicago.
- There is another email mailing list similar to Deaf Illinois News, [IDHHC-Link](mailto:IDHHC-Link@listserv.idhhc.state.il.us), which is useful for posting and receiving information from a wide range of people. If you are interested in a free membership, send a blank email to join-IDHHC-link@listserv.idhhc.state.il.us.

For more information, call 1-877-455-3323 V/TTY or 217-557-4492 Fax. Check the website: www.idhhc.state.il.us

WORKSHOP FOR INTERPRETERS

Lucas Interpreting, Inc. will host an interpreter workshop, "Frozen Text", by Diana Thorpe on Saturday, September 21st, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Columbia College in Chicago. Diana will be teaching interpreters how to correctly sign: The National Anthem, God Bless America, 12 Steps for AA, Pledge of Allegiance, Lord's Prayer, etc. Lunch will be provided. If you would like to sign up, send your name, address, phone number, any special nutritional needs and \$65 fee to Lucas Interpreting, Inc., P.O. Box 4202, Des Plaines, IL 60016. The deadline for sign-up is September 13th. For more information, call 847-854-2600 V/TTY.

DEAF-BLIND CLUB

The Deaf-Blind Club meets on the 2nd Saturday of every other month. The next meeting will be Saturday, September 14th, 2002, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. It will be held at the Chicago Lighthouse, 1850 W. Roosevelt Road, Chicago, IL. RVSP is required; contact Joann Rushing at 312-666-1331, ext. 3641 V or 312-666-8874 TTY.

BAD FORMS

If you receive IRS tax forms W-9095 or W-8888 in the mail, do not fill them out. They are SCAMS! Crooks are using the fake forms to commit identity theft and steal bank accounts. Call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 V for more information.
(AARP, September/October 2002)

ACCESS JOLIET

Will-Grundy Center for Independent Living (WGCIL) and Provena Saint Joseph Medical Center in Joliet will host **Access Joliet**, an event in which there will be displays and exhibits of the latest state of the art assistive devices for people with disabilities including deaf and hard of hearing. This free event will take place on Saturday, September 7, 2002, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Joliet Junior College, 1215 Houbolt Road in Joliet, IL. For more information, call 815-729-2085 TTY, 815-729-0162 Voice or will.grundy.c.i.l.@juno.com Email.

ULTRATEC'S NEW INNOVATIONS

- **CapTel** – Is a “captioned telephone” that allows a user to listen to the caller and at the same time read the written word-for-word captions of what the caller says on the display window. How it works: When the user dials, the CapTel automatically connects to a captioning service. When the other party answers, the user hears. If it is difficult to understand what is said, the user can read the captions for added clarity. Voice-recognition technology is used and is ideal for those with some degree of hearing loss, those with hearing aids or assistive listening devices or hard of hearing & late deafened people who use voice. Currently, the CapTel is undergoing consumer testing, and is only available to trial participants in selected states. Hopefully, the product will be on the market in the year of 2003.

FYI: The ITAC Board just agreed to be one of the participating states in the Ultratec trial phase for CapTel and will participate in a 9-month trial, beginning in the January-February 2003 time frame. The trial is limited to a specific number of users by Ultratec.

- **E-Turbo** (Enhanced Turbo Code) – Is a new technology for TTYs that simplifies calling through Sprint Relay Service. It allows TTY users to dial the number of the person directly, instead of first dialing the relay service. Also, relay-calling details can be set up automatically on the TTY based on your personal preferences, including your choice of a male or female CA, preferred long distance carrier, and option to use VCO. No explanation of relay to the hearing caller, no typing of recordings, and no relay announcement are other features. It makes relay calls faster and more efficient. This technology is available only in TTYs manufactured by Ultratec such as Superprint Pro80 Gold & Pro80 Gold with ASCII and models made after April, 2002. At this time, Sprint is the only relay service to support E-Turbo capabilities and is available in many states including Illinois.

For more information on either innovation, call Ultratec at 800-482-2424 V/TTY or check the website: www.ultratec.com.

PHIL MOOS GETS AWARD

Phil Moos, who is Deaf, received the “Knights of the Flying Fingers” Award at the National Association of the Deaf 2002 conference for his dedication to writing e-mail newsletters for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community. Knight of the Flying Fingers refers to sign language. He volunteers about 30 hours a week to recreate the newsletter at home. Approximately 3,800 people worldwide subscribe to his listserv. The newsletter contains news and information of, for and about the Deaf and Hard of Hearing around the world and includes job openings and updates on laws in different states of USA. Also, people can use the news service to locate old friends. If you are interested in subscribing, send an email to: USA-L_News-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

(USA-L News, August 1, 2002)

FEDERAL RELAY SERVICE

Federal Relay Service (FRS) is a Federal government service, which provides Federal employees who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Deaf-Blind and/or have speech disabilities equal communication access and allows them to make telephone calls to conduct duties and business with the government and its agencies. FRS is available in 50 states as well as Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Guam and the DC – 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. There are no restrictions on the number, length, or type of calls. All calls are strictly confidential and no records of any conversations are maintained.

FRS toll-free numbers are:

- 1-800-877-8339 V/TTY/ASCII/Spanish
- 1-877-877-6280 Voice Carry Over (VCO)
- 1-877-877-8982 Speech to Speech

For suggestions, comments, and complaints, call customer service at 1-800-877-0996

Voice/TTY/ASCII/Spanish. They can also provide FRS brochures, the U.S. Government TTY Directory, or any other additional relay information to customers. Check

www.gsa.gov/frs.

FEW WORDS FROM ITAC

- Relay users have been experiencing problems getting calls from businesses dialing 711. It was discovered that some PBX providers have not programmed their systems to accept 711 dialing such as large department stores, hotels, hospitals, state & local government offices. In PBX phone systems, one must dial 9 or another digit to get an outside line. If some businesses in your area have trouble returning your calls via 711, you can call ITAC's Outreach Manager, Marion Dramin, or Sprint Relay's Account Manager, Bill Stricklen.
- Speech-to-Speech relay posters are available. If you know of an organization that could benefit from a presentation or that would like to get posters, contact Bettie Johnson at the ITAC office. In addition, 711 Magnets and business cards are now available.

For more information, contact the ITAC office at 1-800-841-6167 V/TTY; 1-800-841-1055 TTY for Marion Dramin or Bill Stricklen of Illinois Sprint Relay 1-877-698-5520 TTY.

(ITAC Communicator, Summer 2002)

DOT AVIATION CONSUMER DISABILITY HOTLINE

Do you experience disability-related air service problems? There is a toll-free hotline that you can call to get information and assistance and to comment on the air services. The Department of Transportation (DOT)'s aviation consumer disability hotline is available from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. (Eastern Time), 7 days a week.

1-866-754-4368 TTY

1-866-266-1368 V.

CORRECTION

Our August Deaf Line newsletter mentioned Chicago Catholic Ephpheta (CCE)'s Annual Women Luncheon on October 6th. It is not limited to only women but men are also invited to this luncheon this year, because of dual anniversaries of both women luncheon and the ICDA Chapter 10. Thanks to Kathy Kush for the correction.

ABOUT CSD

Communication Service for the Deaf (CSD) is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to providing a variety of services ensuring public accessibility and increasing public awareness of issues affecting deaf, hard of hearing and speech impaired individuals. CSD was established in 1975, primarily to provide sign language interpreting services to deaf and hard of hearing citizens in South Dakota. Today, CSD employs over 2,000 individuals nationwide to provide assistance in 6 areas –human services, relay, interpreting, communications technology, media and community relations.

For more information, call CSD Headquarters at 1-866-273-3323 TTY; 1-800-642-6410 V; 605-367-5958 Fax. The address is 102 N. Krohn Place, Sioux Falls, SD 57103. Check www.c-s-d.org.

HEALTH FAIR

Mt. Sinai Hospital's Deaf Access Program (DAP) will have its very first Health Fair on Sunday, September 8, 2002, from 1 to 4 p.m. It will be held in the Glasser Auditorium, Mt. Sinai Hospital, Chicago, IL. There will be different exhibits on diabetes risk assessment, HIV/AIDS, breast & prostate cancers, child safety, Victim Assistance & Domestic Violence Services (from Chicago Hearing Society), Substance Abuse/Alcohol Prevention for Teenagers (from MOPD), Rape Victim Advocacy, free blood pressure checks & more. In addition, there will be fun activities for children, free refreshments, and mini workshops provided by doctors who are fluent in sign language. For more information, contact Teri Hedding at 773-257-6289 TTY or hedt@sinai.org Email.

SIGN LANGUAGE CLASS

Lake County Center for Independent Living (LCCIL) is offering a sign language class for adults every Monday for 8 weeks, from September 9th to October 28th, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the LCCIL office in Mundelein. The cost is \$20 per person. For more information, contact Chris Majeri at 847-949-4440 TTY or email: ChrisLCCIL@aol.com.

NEDSRA PROGRAMS

Northeast DuPage Special Recreation Association (NEDSRA) is offering activities for Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals such as:

- **Auto Maintenance for Women** (September 7, 2002, 1 – 3 p.m.) – A Deaf instructor will teach the basic knowledge of car care – how to change a flat tire, where to put oil and how to winterize your car. Bring your car and wear old clothes. It is 25 cents! Deadline is August 30th.
- **Fall Adventures in Camping** (October 11-13, 2002.) – For ages, 13-17years. Join for a weekend of camping, hiking, canoeing, and exploring the caves of the Galena Territory and Northern Illinois. Bring money for dinner and lunch. It is \$55. Deadline is September 19th.
- **Oak Park Historic Tours** (October 26, 2002, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.) – It is for those who are 50 years & older. See Frank Lloyd Wright Home & Studio and then explore the rest of historic Oak Park. First, meet at the Episcopal Church in Elmhurst. Bring money for lunch. It is \$27. Deadline is September 19th.
- **Holiday Creative Crafts** (November 16, 2002, 1 – 3 p.m.) – It is for Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Kodos whose ages are 6 to 12 years. Make holiday crafts (Thanksgiving & Christmas). It is \$7. Deadline is November 1st.

All NEDSRA programs are open to anyone, regardless of where they live. For more information or registration, contact Ann Roytek at 630-620-7477 TTY; 630-620-4500, ext. 133 V; 630-620-4598 Fax.

HEALTH CORNER

Diabetes Fighter – The Journal of the American Medical Association recently reported that drinking milk and eating cheese and yogurt might protect you from developing diabetes. In a 15-year study, overweight young adults who consumed the equivalent of 4 glasses of milk a day saw a dramatic decrease in incidence of “onset” diabetes. So choose dairy, but of course, make it low fat!

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

- Monday, September 2 – **Schaumburg Township Closed due to Labor Day**
- Wednesday, September 11 – **Diabetes Support Group** at SCH TWP, 1:30 - 3 p.m. (RSVP needed – Call 847-884-0030 V or 884-1560 TTY)
- Wednesday, September 11 – **Remembering our heroes, victims, and their families on the one-year anniversary of September 11, 2001.**
- September 15 to 21 – **Deaf Awareness Week**
- Wednesday, September 25 – **Township Board meeting** at SCH TWP, 7:15 p.m.
- Wednesday, September 25 – **“Internet Technologies & 711 Relay” Workshop** at SCH TWP, 7 p.m. (RSVP required: call 847-884-1560 TTY).

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