



DEAF LINE

SEPTEMBER, 2003

Schaumburg Township Deaf Services

Hosts an Educational Workshop

“Domestic Violence”

by

SooHyun Tak

Wednesday, September 17, 2003

7 – 9 p.m.

Schaumburg Township, Board Room
One Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates, IL

SooHyun Tak works as a Domestic Violence Counselor at the Chicago Hearing Society (CHS). SooHyun, Deaf, will talk about a variety of topics related to Domestic Violence (DV):

- Four primary aspects that constitute domestic violence
 - Patterns of abuse involved
 - How to set up a safety plan – how to get out of a dangerous situation
 - Free services that CHS provides
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- Free admission
 - Come & learn all about DV for yourself, your family, or friends, and how to defend yourself in a DV situation.
 - Refreshments will be served

RSVP by September 16th - Call Sarita Phadke, Deaf Services Coordinator, at 847-884-1560
TTY; 847-884-0039 Fax; sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org Email.

NEWS ABOUT IADHH & IAD

HISTORY:

- **Illinois Alliance of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing** – Was first established in 1986 as a statewide coalition of Deaf & Hard of Hearing people to represent their interests before the Illinois Commerce Commission. Since then, the Alliance has grown into an “organization of organizations” dedicated to promoting the interests of Illinois Citizens who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Late-Deafened, or Deaf-Blind, in all aspects of Illinois government and society.
- **Illinois Association of the Deaf** - Was incorporated in 1905 as a non-profit organization under the state of Illinois. There are 5 chapters: Chicago, Fox Valley, Heartland (Peoria), Illini (Champaign/Danville), & Springfield/Jacksonville.

GOALS:

- **IADHH** – Its goals are to promote legislation in the interest of the Deaf & Hard of Hearing; to encourage research into the needs & issues facing the Deaf & Hard of Hearing communities; to facilitate the exchange of information within and without the Deaf & Hard of Hearing communities; to expand & enhance services for Deaf & Hard of Hearing people.
- **IAD** – Its mission states the IAD strives to promote advancement of the social, educational, and economic well being of the Deaf & Hard of Hearing citizens of Illinois. Its primary goal is to provide activities available and accessible to the Deaf & Hard of Hearing community as well as hearing community.

NEW OFFICERS:

- The **IADHH** has new officers for 2003-2005:
Devon Whitmore – Chairperson
Melvin Patterson – Assistant Chairperson
Sylvia Orozco – Secretary
Sarita Phadke – Treasurer/Membership Director

- The **IAD** has new officers for 2003-2005:
Gary Etkie – President
Todd Hlavacek – Vice President
Susan Dramin-Weiss – Secretary
Ramesh Phadke – Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP RATES:

- **IADHH**: \$ 40 (organizational membership – one vote per member); \$40 (governmental organization – non voting); \$15 (individual – non voting). To get a membership form, contact Sarita Phadke at 847-884-1560 TTY or to download the form from www.deaf-center.org/iadhh.htm. You can send the form and payment to: IADHH, P.O. Box 4654, Chicago, IL 60680-4654.
- **IAD** – \$15 (individual); \$13 (senior citizen, 62 years and up); \$10 (college/k-12 students); \$50 (agency/organization). For the membership form, contact Janice Mancill at 847-740-2319 TTY/Fax or you can download the form from www.iadeaf.org. You can send the form and payment to: Janice Mancill, 1034 Crescent Ct., Round Lake Beach, IL 60073.

WEBSITES:

- **IADHH**: www.deaf-center.org/iadhh.htm
- **IAD**: www.iadeaf.org

CONTACT PERSONS:

- **IADHH** – dwhitmore@accessliving.org (Devon Whitmore)
- **IAD** – etkie8@cs.com (Gary Etkie)

Both IADHH and IAD chose their top recommendation goals at separate meetings based on four issues (Accessibility, Education, Human Services, and Operations). They will meet in the future to discuss and work on their goals. Find out the IADHH's top eleven goals on Alliance's website. To get the IAD's top goals, contact the IAD's Secretary, Susan Dramin-Weiss at sweiss5@aol.com Email.

MCLD'S NEXT FUNDRAISING EVENT

The Midwest Center on Law & the Deaf (MCLD) will kick off Deaf Awareness Week by hosting a golf fundraiser event on Monday, September 22, 2003, from 1:30 to 8 p.m. This event will be held at the Glencoe Golf Club, 621 Westley Road, Glencoe, IL. The day will include a full round of golf, followed by dinner and prizes. The cost per person is \$150. The cost for dinner only is \$75. Proceeds will help MCLD continue its services to Deaf and Hard of Hearing people. 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). For more information, call MCLD at 800-894-3654 TTY, 800-894-3653 Voice or mclld@mclld.org Email.

STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

For the first time, the 20th Annual Illinois Storytelling Festival will be held this fall instead of summer. It will be September 20 & 21, 2003, at Village Park on Main Street, Sugar Grove, IL. There will be several interpreters at all times. Tickets per day are \$10 (adults); \$5 (children 9-15 years); free for children under 8. For more information, call 815-344-0181 Voice; 815-344-5725 Fax or info@storytelling.org Email. You can check out the website also: www.storytelling.org

** A special Storytelling Festival for Students will be held on Thursday, September 18th in Crystal Lake and Friday, September 19th in Spring Grove. This two-day event is designed for students from KG through 12th grade. The admission fee is \$5 per person to see & hear some of the best tellers in the world, including Deaf performance artist, Peter Cook, on September 18th. Interpreters will be provided for both dates.

ACCESS LIVING GOES ONLINE

Access Living in Chicago now has a website: www.accessliving.org. Check it out!

DEAFNATION EXPO

DeafNation Expo will be held on Saturday, September 27, 2003, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. This event is sponsored by Hamilton Internet Relay and will be held at the Midwest Airlines Center, Exhibition Hall B, 400 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The event includes exhibitions, workshops, entertainment, Deaf Film & Video Festival, and special guest speakers. Admission is free, but pre-registration is required and you can do it online at www.deafnation.com. If you have no access to a computer, fill out the form and fax it to 301-682-7529 or mail to DeafNation, 7310 Grove Road, Suite 110, Frederick, MD 21704. You will pick up the tickets at the door.

DEAF MENTOR TRAINING

Hearing and Vision Connections will have its next Deaf Mentor training for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing who 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. The training will be held on October 28th & 29th in Naperville, with the follow-up training for both old and new mentors on October 30th. For more information, call 217-479-4319 V/TTY.

JOB NEEDED

The Families One Program at Little City Foundation is seeking to hire someone to work with a 12 year old boy in Hanover Park who is Deaf, and has Down Syndrome. He/she will work with him on communication & social skills, tutoring, behavior issues, and take him on community outings. The hours will be: Tuesdays/Thursdays & Fridays, 4:30 to 8 p.m. and weekends for a total of 15 hours per week. The required criteria are: Knowledge of sign language, experience working with DD, 21 years of age or older, must have a driver's license and car insurance. If interested, contact Jeanette Noga at 773-265-1539 V, 773-265-1755 Fax or Jnoga@littlecity.org Email.

OUR THANKS

The Schaumburg Township Disability Services Dept. thanks the following area businesses and individuals for their generous support and many gifts. We urge you to patronize the following businesses and community organizations.

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Thanks to our many volunteers for their hard work and dedication, which made our picnic successful and fun.

SIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES

Chicago Hearing Society (CHS) is offering Fall Sign Language classes at 11 locations in the Chicagoland area for six weeks, beginning September 8th.

As for the Township site, there will be two sign language classes, from 6:15 to 8:15 p.m.:

- Introduction to Sign Language – Mondays, September 8 to October 20, 2003 (no class on Oct. 13th)
- Sign Language I – Thursdays, September 11 to October 16, 2003

The address is One Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates, IL. The course fee is \$95. If you are interested, try the fast and user-friendly online registration at www.chicagohearingociety.org or for more information or registration form, call Norma Englund at CHS at 773-248-9121 ext. 300 Voice or 773-248-9174 TTY.

FYI: The first “Mom & Baby” Sign Language class was very popular. Babies as young as 6 months old can learn simple signs like ‘milk’ and ‘mama’ after sufficient repetition. This class, **“Sign with Your Baby”** will be offered again – Tuesdays, October 7, 14, & 21, 2003, 10 – 11 a.m. at the CHS office. It costs \$75.

JOB FAIR

Five local Townships (Schaumburg, Elk Grove, Maine, Palatine, and Wheeling) will be hosting its **10th Annual 5-Township Senior Job Fair**, which will have over 40 area companies who want to hire job seekers age 50 and older. This job fair provides job seekers with the opportunity to meet local employers offering positions from entry level to professional, both part and full time. This event, free of charge, will be held on Friday, September 19, 2003, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Cotillion, 360 Creekside Drive, Palatine. For the most up-to-date information, check www.5townshipsseniorjobfair.com or call the dedicated phone line, 847-884-0030, ext. 2018 Voice.



DEAF AWARENESS DAY

The Illinois Department of Human Services' Office of Rehabilitation Services (ORS)' Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is hosting its **9th Annual Deaf Awareness Day & Employment Opportunities Expo** on Wednesday, September 24, 2003, at the James Thompson Center's Atrium, 100 W. Randolph, Chicago, from 10 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 social service agencies, businesses and community resources focusing on services & products for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Late Deafened. For more information, contact John Miller at 217-785-9304 V/TTY; dhsvr61@dhs.state.il.us Email or Jean Baker at 630-495-2022 TTY; 630-495-0500 Voice.

LIHEAP – ENERGY ASSISTANCE

Energy Assistance Program – Low-income households may qualify for assistance in paying winter energy costs. The Schaumburg Township Disability Services Department will begin processing applications for eligible disabled and senior residents after September 1st. For more information, call 847-884-1560 TTY or 884-0030 Voice.



ANNUAL WOMEN LUNCHEON

The Chicago Catholic Ephpheta (CCE) is hosting its **26th Annual Women's Luncheon: Hawaiian Luau**, on Sunday, October 19th, 2002, 12:30 – 4 p.m. It will be held at Victoria's Banquet, 7000 Irving Park Road, Norridge, IL. There will be a family style lunch as well as entertainment, door prizes, raffles, and a cash bar. The cost is \$25 per person. The deadline is October 5th. Send a check or money order payable to CCE and mail to Eileen Rozborski, 1705 Winchester Lane, Schaumburg, IL 60193. For general information, contact the Chairperson, Marilyn Okabe, at 773-262-4993 TTY.

DEAF-BLIND CLUB

The Deaf-Blind Club will meet on the 2nd Saturday of every other month. The next meeting will be Saturday, September 13th, 2003, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. It will be held at the Chicago Lighthouse, 1850 West Roosevelt Road, Chicago, IL. There will be two presentations given by Susan Rangel of Deaf Access and SooHyun Tak with the Deaf Way Illinois II committee. Lunch will be provided, but please bring a side dish or dessert. For RSVP and what food you will bring, contact Joann Rushing at 312-666-1331, ext. 3415 Voice or 312-666-8874 TTY.

REALTORS WHO CAN SIGN

- **Jennifer Morawski (St. Leger)** is now working for Keller Williams Realty as a realtor. Her office is at 301 W. Main Street, Barrington, IL. For more information, contact Jennifer at 847-483-5557 Voice, 847-304-5558 TTY or Jmorawski@kw.com Email.
- **Mary Wallace** – Works for Coldwell Banker and she can be reached at 708-203-1412 Voice or mary@illinoisrealtor.net Email. You can view her website: www.MyillinoisRealtor.net

ALERT FOR VRS USERS

Due to the drastic decrease in the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) reimbursement rates to compensate VRS (Video Relay Service), all VRS providers cut their operating hours. The new hours based on Central Standard Time (CST) are:

- AT & T VRS (www.relaycall.com/vrs) - Monday – Friday, 6 a.m. to 12 a.m.; Weekend/holidays, 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Spanish VRS is available, Monday – Friday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- CAC VRC (www.cacdhh.org) - Monday – Friday, 5 a.m. – 7 p.m. No Spanish VRS is available.
- Hamilton VRS (www.hipvrs.com) will be available soon.
- Hands On VRS (www.hovrs.com) - Monday – Friday, 6 a.m. to 12 a.m.; Weekend/holidays, 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Spanish VRS is available, Monday – Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- IP-Relay VRS (www.ip-vrs.com) - Monday – Friday, 6 a.m. to 12 a.m.; Weekend, 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Spanish VRS is available from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- Sorenson VRS (www.sorensonvrs.com) - Monday – Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- USAVRS (www.usavrs.com) no longer provides VRS 24 hours/day, 7 days/week. New hours are: 6 a.m. - 12 a.m., Monday - Friday; 7 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., weekend & holiday hours. It no longer provides Spanish to Spanish VRS.

You can send your comments/complaints to Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554 with copies mailed to Thomas Chandler, Chief of the FCC's Disability Rights Office, at the same address.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Monday, September 2 – **Schaumburg Township Closed due to Labor Day**
- Wednesday, September 10 – **Diabetes Support Group** at SCH TWP, 1:30 - 3 p.m. (RSVP – Call 847-884-0030 V or 884-1560 TTY)
- Wednesday, September 17 – **“Domestic Violence” Workshop** at SCH TWP, 7 p.m. (RSVP: 847-884-1560 TTY)
- September 21 to 27 – **Deaf Awareness Week**
- Wednesday, September 24 – **Township Board meeting** at SCH TWP, 7:15 p.m.

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