



DEAF LINE

DECEMBER 2015



DEAF SOCIAL/SUPPORT GROUP "HOLIDAY CELEBRATION"

Tuesday, December 15, 2015
11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

We will have a sloppy joe lunch. Thanks to Jane Delulio for offering the sloppy Joe meat and Annette Langston punch drinks!

Please bring according to the last name:

A - F ~ cookies or cupcakes

G - L ~ fruits or jello

M - R ~ potato salad or coleslaw

S - Z ~ olives or pickles

Let Sarita know what you will bring to avoid duplication.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION
TO SHARE**

FUN GAMES

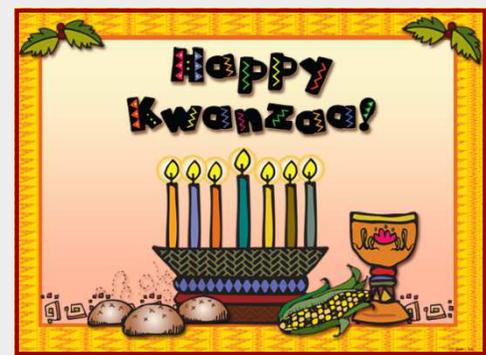


For more information or to RSVP:

- ◆ sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org Email
- ◆ 224-520-9763 VP

Deadline: December 10, 2015

Happy Hanukkah





Important Information

NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP

- ◆ The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is still ongoing. It provides financial assistance to help those with limited income pay their utility bills. Eligibility for this program is based on household income and size. This program will continue until May 31, 2016, or until funding is exhausted. For more information, income guideline, or an appointment for LIHEAP, please call 224-520-9763 VP or 847-884-0030 V.
- ◆ Open enrollment for Medicare Part D prescription drug plans is still ongoing until December 7th. This is a good time to review changes in co-pays, premiums, deductibles and medication tiers within your plan or to make a change to a different plan for the upcoming year. Any changes to your Part D plan will be in effect January 1, 2016. You do not have to change your plan, but it is recommended to check another plan for next year could be better for you. For more information or if you need help, please call Sarita: 224-520-9763 VP.

DEAF SOCIAL/SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS IN 2016

Here is a list of tentative dates for Deaf Social/Support Group Meetings in 2016. The group always meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month unless a different day is mentioned. It is from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Schaumburg Township, One Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates, IL.

The dates are:

- ◆ January 12th (2nd Tuesday)
- ◆ February 24th (Wednesday)
- ◆ March 16th (Wednesday)
- ◆ April 19th
- ◆ May 17th
- ◆ June 21st
- ◆ July 19th
- ◆ August 16th
- ◆ September 20th
- ◆ October 18th
- ◆ November 15th
- ◆ December 13th or 20th (undecided)

These dates are subject to change, so it is important to RSVP: 224-520-9763 VP; sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org Email.



WINTER SAFETY - Winter is here. Here are some helpful winter safety tips:

- ◆ Dress warmly in loose-fitting, layered clothes and wear hat, mittens and boots if you go outside. Cover your mouth with a scarf to protect your lungs.
- ◆ Seal drafts from doors and windows. Close off unused rooms. Keep heat sources at least 3 feet away from furniture and drapes. Never place a space heater on top of furniture or near water.
- ◆ Drink warm liquids - no caffeine or alcohol. Alcoholic drinks cause your body to lose heat faster.
- ◆ Pay attention to any travel warnings & avoid icy roads. Stay indoors and drive only if it is necessary. Walk slowly on snowy and icy walkways.
- ◆ Let someone know where you are going and when you expect to arrive.
- ◆ Be sure to have emergency supplies (water, canned/no-cook food, non-electric can opener, first-aid kit, flashlight/extra batteries, medicines, shovel, cell phone, road maps, emergency flares, extra clothes/blanket, etc.) in your car and home.
- ◆ Watch for signs of hypothermia (uncontrolled shivering, slow speech, memory loss, stumbling, sleepiness & extreme tiredness).
- ◆ Keep the gas tank full that will keep the fuel line from freezing.



Schaumburg Township Supervisor Mary Wroblewski and the Township Officials wish you Happy Holidays!

GREETINGS FROM DEAF SERVICES COORDINATOR

- ◆ From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank everyone who attended our Deaf Support Group meetings all this year and brought their delicious food to share with others.
- ◆ Special appreciation goes to all the hard-working volunteers who are dedicated to making the events smooth and successful! If you or know someone who may be interested in volunteering, let me know.
- ◆ The next newsletter will have the combined months of January and February 2016 and will be out around 3rd week of January 2016.
- ◆ If you would like specific events, presentations, or field trips for 2016, please let me know.
- ◆ Have a wonderful and safe holiday!

Thank you so much, Sarita



ITAC'S NEW PHONE

ITAC introduced a new phone added to a line of amplified phones - Clarity BT914. The features are: Bluetooth for connecting to assistive listening devices, digital answering machine, amplification of incoming calls, louder and clearer

sounds, louder ringer and much more.

Our ITAC Selection Center is available for Amplified phone, CapTel phone, and TTY viewing or testing. ITAC's program distributes FREE phones and TTYs to any Illinois resident with a certified hearing loss, and local residential phone service.

There are 5 different amplified phones from which to choose. Also available is the CapTel (captioned phone) loan program. For more information, please call 847-884-0030 ext. 2025 V, 847-884-1560 TTY or 224-520-9763 VP.



LICENSE PLATE RENEWAL REMINDER

Check your license plate renewal sticker.

You will not be getting any license plate sticker renewal reminder in the mail this year.

**** Avoid the \$50 Ticket** by signing up for email reminder.

To Sign Up for Email Reminders:

- ◆ Go to www.ilsos.gov/greenmail
- ◆ Type in your Registration ID and PIN number that is printed on your current registration card.
- ◆ Follow directions on the screen and verify your information.
- ◆ Use a VISA, MasterCard, Diner-s Club, Discover Card or American Express for payment.
- ◆ Print your receipt.
- ◆ New stickers will be mailed to your house. It takes 5 to 10 business days. As the license plate, it takes 2 to 4 weeks.

FREE PRESCRIPTION DISCOUNT CARD

Schaumburg Township residents may be able to save money on prescriptions, lab work and imaging tests with the free Coast2Coast Rx prescription discount card. The Coast2Coast card is available to all township residents—even those who have health insurance—and offers discounts on over 60,000 prescription drugs. Most major chain and independent pharmacies accept the card, which can save residents up to 65 percent on brand name and generic drugs. The card may even offer better pricing than certain health insurance plans; residents should compare pricing even if they have insurance. Other benefits the card offers: No expiration date, good for pet prescriptions when filled at the pharmacy and anyone can use it as often as needed. Either stop by our Township to pick up the card or visit coast2coastrx.com to download and print the Township of Schaumburg card. The Coast2Coast Rx card is not insurance and is not intended to replace insurance.

VALENTINE'S DAY LUNCHEON



Celebrate Valentine's day with the Luncheon at
Schaumburg Township!

Wednesday, February 24, 2016

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

Door opens: 11 a.m.

Lunch: 11:45 a.m.

Luncheon: Choose one meal below:

* Pot Roast

* Chicken Asiago

Plus: Mashed potatoes, salad, and roll. Water, pop drinks and coffee will be provided.

Please bring any dessert or fruits.



- ◆ Games & door prizes
- ◆ Deadline: February 11, 2016
- ◆ No refunds after February 11th
- ◆ Please pay cash at the Deaf Support Group meetings on December 15, 2015, January 12, 2016, or mail the check (payable to Annette Langston) to Annette Langston, 1705 N. 21st Avenue, Melrose Park, IL 60160. Please include your choice-of-meal form below along with the payment.

For more information, contact Sarita Phadke:

224-520-9763 VP or sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org Email

Name: _____

Spouse: _____

Pick one:

Pot Roast

Chicken Asiago

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Chicken Asiago



HOLIDAY PARTIES AROUND CHICAGOLAND



- ◆ **Rockford Senior Citizens** will hold a *Christmas Party* on Thursday, December 10, 2015, 11 a.m., at Hoffman House (Holiday Inn), 7550 E. State Street, Rockford, IL. The cost is \$25 per person including luncheon. If interested, send payment to Joseph Siudzinski at: 605 Randall Ct, Marengo, IL 60152. Deadline is December 3rd.
- ◆ **Schaumburg Township Disabled Services** will host a *Holiday Party for Disabled Children and their Families* who are residents of Schaumburg Township on Saturday, December 12, 2015, 12 p.m., at Schaumburg Township in Hoffman Estates, IL. There will be food, entertainment, door prizes, and gifts for disabled children and their siblings age 16 and under who are in attendance. For more information, call 847-884-0030 V or 224-520-9763 VP.
- ◆ **Association of Late Deafened Adults (ALDA) Chicago** will host its *Annual Holiday Party* on Saturday, December 12, 2015, 4:30 p.m., at Coleen Hogan's condo clubhouse, 242 Clubhouse Drive, Palatine, IL. There will be dinner catered by Buona Beef (5:30 p.m.). The cost per person is \$20. Please bring something according to your last name: A-G (appetizers); H-R (dessert); S-Z (soda/wine). Please let Donna know what you will bring—donnapunz@gmail.com Email. There will be a white elephant grab bag (optional), so please bring a fun wrapped gift (\$5-\$10). RSVP by December 9th - www.aldachicago.org.
- ◆ **Deaf European American Association of Chicago (DEAAC)** is hosting its *Christmas Dinner* on Saturday, December 12, 2015, 5 p.m., at Swoboda Deaf Center, 7050 W. Belmont Avenue, Chicago, IL. There will be Italian buffet dinner (6 p.m.). Please bring your own beverage. The cost before December 5, 2015 is \$25 (member); \$30 (non-member); \$10 (children ages 12-17); Free for children under 11, but after December 5th, the cost is \$30 (member); \$35 (non member). Mail a check (payable to DEAAC) to Joe Nyuzo, 1414 N. 46th Court, Melrose Park, IL 60160 or Marcin Papciak, 9831 S. Nottingham Avenue 16, Chicago Ridge, IL 60415. For more information, call 708-223-7383 VP or 708-572-6622 VP.
- ◆ **Illinois Deaf Latinos Association (IDLA)** is hosting an event - "*Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe*" on Saturday, December 12, 2015, 6 to 10 p.m.. There will be Mass at St. Francis Borgia, 8033 W. Addison Street, Chicago, IL. There will be Spanish music and Fiesta food. So please bring a potluck food to share. For more information, email: IDLA.response@gmail.com
- ◆ **West Suburban Association of the Deaf (WSAD)** will host its *Family Holiday Party* on Sunday, December 20, 2015, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Safari Land Indoor Amusement Park, 701 W. North Avenue, Villa Park, IL. There will be Deaf Mr. & Mrs. Santa. Cost: \$5 (WSAD member); \$8 (non-member); Free for children under 3. For more information or to RSVP by December 12th - Contact Juan Bernal: mrjuanbernal@aol.com Email.
- ◆ **Chicagoland Deaf Seniors (CDS)** will host their *Holiday Luncheon* on Sunday, December 20, 2015, 12 to 4 p.m., at Manzo's Banquet, 1571 S. Elmhurst Road, Des Plaines, IL. There will be a family style lunch and a cash bar. The cost is \$25 per person. Deadline: December 12th. If interested, send your money (payable to CDS) to CDS, 407 W. Clarendon Street, Prospect Heights, IL 60070. For more information, contact Ellen Cooke: ecqqke@aol.com Email.
- ◆ **Swoboda Deaf Center (SDC) & Illinois KODA** will host their *New Year's Eve Bash* on December 31, 2015, 6 p.m. to 1 a.m., at SDC, 7050 W. Belmont, Chicago, IL. There will be a dinner (7 p.m.), DJ/dancing, fun games, raffles and door prizes. Cost: \$25 (55 years & older); \$35 (adults 18-54); \$20 (children 13-17); \$15 (children 7-12); Free (under 6 years). RSVP by December 21st. There are ways to pay: Pay in person at SDC; mail a check to SDC; Pay via PayPal to swobodadeafcenter@gmail.com Email. ** There will be Mass at St. Francis Borgia Center, 8025 W. Addison, Chicago before the event.



MEDICARE **INFORMATION**

Here is the updated 2016 Medicare Information:

- * **Part A** Deductible - \$1,288
 - * Part A Monthly Premium (40 quarters of coverage) - 0
 - * Part A Monthly Premium (30-39 quarters) - \$226
 - * Part A Monthly Premium (Less than 30 quarters) - \$411
- * **Part B** Annual Deductible - \$166
 - * Part B Monthly Premium - \$104.90 (for beneficiaries subject to the “hold harmless” provision)
 - * Part B Monthly Premium - \$121.80 (for not beneficiaries subject to the “hold harmless” provision)

The “**hold harmless provision**” in the Social Security Act disallows an increase in the Medicare Part B premium for qualifying Social Security recipients if their COLA is not large enough to cover the increase in the Part B premium.

Who can see an increase in their 2016 premium?

- ◆ Anyone new to Medicare
- ◆ Those with income related premium
- ◆ Those not having premiums deducted from Social Security check
- ◆ Anyone who loses their Medicare Savings Program

For details, check www.medicare.gov or www.socialsecurity.gov

FREE WOODFIELD TROLLEY

Schaumburg’s Woodfield Trolley provides the public with easy & fun access to all of Greater Woodfield’s shopping and entertainment destinations. Park once and take the trolley the rest of the day to any one of its 9 destinations. During the special holiday service before the new year, the trolley will run:

- ◆ Monday - Friday: 12 to 9 p.m. - Every 20 minutes
- ◆ Saturday: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. - Every 15 - 20 minutes
- ◆ Sunday: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. - Every 30 minutes

There is no service on Christmas Day. The service ends at 6 p.m. on Christmas’ and New Year’s Eves. For more information, call 847-923-3880/847-923-3861 Voice or check www.villageofschaumburg.com

OUR **CONDOLENCES**



One of our Schaumburg Township residents, **Richard Gratzke**, passed away on November 19, 2015. Richard had been attending our

monthly Deaf Social/Support group meetings several times. He was one of the founders of monthly Deaf Chat Coffee gathering in Schaumburg starting in 2007 and had been preserving this monthly gathering until he died.

Richard will be missed by a lot of people. Our condolences go to Richard’s family members.

THE DAY OF THREE **WISE KINGS**



Illinois Deaf Latino Association (IDLA) will host an event, “The Day of Three

Wise Kings”, on Saturday, January 9, 2016, 4 to 9 p.m., at Anixter Center (Polk Conference Room, 3rd Floor), 2032 N. Clybourn Avenue, Chicago, IL. There will be crafts/games activities, ASL storytelling, Latin foods, raffle prizes, piñata and gifts for children under 12 years. The admission cost is \$5 (IDLA member); \$7 (non-member); \$2 (child under 12 years). RSVP is a must by January 5, 2016 or for more information, contact - idla.response@gmail.com or 773-273-6477 VP.



HEALTH **INFORMATION**

November is the Diabetes Month. Did you know?

- ◆ 1 out of every 4 people do not know they have Diabetes Mellitus Type 2.
- ◆ 1 out of every 2 people will develop Diabetes Mellitus Type 2 in their lifetime.

Check out the ASL video on www.deafhealth.org and learn how you can manage/prevent Diabetes.

This website has informative videos explaining different diseases and tests in ASL! So you will have a better understanding of health.

THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

Our Thanksgiving Celebration was a huge success with more attendees this year than the previous years. We had a special guest – Kiowa, a Therapy Dog, brought by the owners, Nick & Coleen Breheny. The purpose of a therapy dog is to provide affection and comfort to people in hospitals, retirement or nursing homes, schools, etc. Everyone had a wonderful time with Kiowa who is so affectionate and so happy to see everyone by wagging tail a lot! As always, thanks to everyone who brought delicious desserts. Thanks, Mark Coleman, for interpreting for Nick for a short time! Special appreciation goes to our hard-working volunteers, Carmen Aguilar, Mary Ball, Jane Delulio and Anil Phadke.



The special highlight was the Therapy Dog, Kiowa. Everyone had a great time with the adorable dog!





DECEMBER 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
SCH TWP refers to Schaumburg Township SDC - Swoboda Deaf Center		1	2 CBS/HAD Senior gathering at Congregation Bene Shalom, Skokie; 10am to 4:30pm (nbalk72@gmail.com)	3	4	5 CCIAD's Holiday Bazaar at SDC, Chicago; 10am to 11pm
6 Hanukkah begins at sunset	7 Medicare Part D Open Enrollment ends	8	9	10 Rockford Senior Citizens' Christmas Party at Hoffman House in Rockford; 11am	11 Deaf Chat Coffee at Starbucks in Streets of Woodfield, 601 North Martingale Rd, Schaumburg; 7-11pm	12 DEAAC's Christmas Dinner at SDC in Chicago; 5 p.m. (www.deaac.org for prices)
13	14	15 Deaf Social/Support Group – Holiday Celebration at SCH TWP; 11:30am (RSVP: 224-520-9763 VP)	16 SCH TWP Board Meeting at SCH TWP, Hoffman Estates, IL; 7pm	17	18	19
20 CDS' Holiday Luncheon at Manzo's Banquet, Des Plaines; 12 to 4pm; \$25 before December 12th	21 Winter begins!	22	23	24	25 SCH TWP CLOSED (Christmas Holiday) Merry Christmas!	26 Kwanzaa begins!
27	28	29	30	31 SDC/Illinois KODA's NYC Bash Party at SDC, Chicago; 6pm to 1am	 * Interpreted Show	 ** Open Captioned



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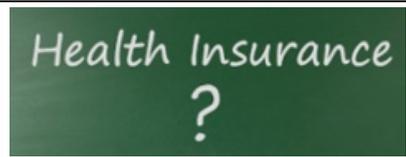
Schaumburg Township is a Selection Center for the Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation (ITAC) Program (Amplified Phones, CapTel Phone and TTYs).



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Schaumburg Township will be closed on the following dates:

- ◆ Thursday, December 24th at noon.
- ◆ Friday, December 25th
- ◆ Thursday, December 31st at noon.
- ◆ Friday, January 1, 2016



SHIP PROGRAM

The Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) offers free individual counseling services at local sites throughout Illinois. There are trained volunteers who can assist with various Medicare issues. There are several SHIP counselors at Schaumburg Township who can assist you in any way. Sarita Phadke is one of the SHIP counselors. For an appointment, call 847-884-0030 V; 224-520-9763 VP

SHIP is not affiliated with any insurance company. SHIP counselors do not sell or solicit any type of insurance.



Have a Wonderful & Safe Holiday!

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

December 2015

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- ◆ **Sunday, December 6 - Hanukkah begins at sundown**
 - ◆ **Tuesday, December 15 - Deaf Social/Support Group - "Holiday Celebration"** at SCH TWP, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (RSVP by December 12th)
 - ◆ **Wednesday, December 16- SCH TWP Board meeting, 7 p.m.**
 - ◆ **Monday, December 21 - Winter Begins!**
 - ◆ **Thursday, December 24 - SCH TWP Closed at Noon**
 - ◆ **Friday, December 25 - SCH TWP Closed** (Christmas Day holiday)
 - ◆ **Thursday, December 31 - SCH TWP Closed at Noon**
 - ◆ **Friday, January 1, 2016 - SCH TWP Closed** (New Year holiday)

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