



# DEAF LINE

MARCH 2016

## DEAF SOCIAL/SUPPORT GROUP

### Is Tobacco Safe?



**MOPD/SAPPD will present:**

**“TOBACCO”**

**Presenter: Maria Hernandez**

- ♦ Important Information
- ♦ Fun Activities

**Wednesday, March 16, 2016**

**1 to 3 p.m.**

**At: Schaumburg Township  
One Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates, IL 60169**

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**Before the presentation, we will have lunch at 11:30 a.m.**

Please bring food for lunch according to last name:

- A - F: Dessert/Fruit
- G - L: Appetizer
- M - R: Salad (green or pasta)
- S - Z: Hot dish

**Please RSVP by March 14th:**

\* 224-520-9763 VP

\* sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org Email



## GREAT APPRECIATION

Schaumburg Township Deaf Services would like to thank **Pilot Pete's Restaurant** for their generous donation of

food and gift cards.

Also thanks go to the following businesses for their generous donations for our Valentine's Day Luncheon:

- ◆ Cheesecake Factory
- ◆ Harris Communications
- ◆ Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation (ITAC)
- ◆ Lettuce Entertain You
- ◆ Lynfred Winery
- ◆ Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center Hotel
- ◆ Schaumburg Marriott Hotel
- ◆ Village Tavern & Grill

Everyone enjoyed the delicious food from Pilot Pete's, chatting with old and new friends and playing trivia about ITAC & fun games. Thanks, everyone, for bringing delicious dessert and fruits. Our great appreciation goes to our wonderful volunteers, **Mary Ball, Carol Ban, Jane Delulio, Christina Galpern, Annette Langston & Anil Phadke** for their hard work in helping out with the event and making it a successful one.



## HARPER VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Harper College Deaf Institute will host their **12th Annual Co-Ed Deaf Volleyball Tournament For High**

**School & College Teams** on Saturday, April 16, 2016, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Harper College, Building M, in Palatine. There will be concessions selling food, snacks and beverages. The admission cost for fans is \$5 (adults); \$3 (students with ID); Free for children 12 and under, but must be accompanied by an adult. Sorenson Communications will be their Gold Sponsor.

For more information or interested coaches, referees and volunteers, contact Debby Sampson: 224-836-5051 VP or dsampson@harpercollege.edu Email. Check [www.harperevents.com](http://www.harperevents.com).

## LIHEAP AND BENEFIT ACCESS PROGRAM (CIRCUIT BREAKER)

It is not too late to apply for either Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) or Benefit Access Program if you have not done that.

- ◆ The **LIHEAP** 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. To find out the income eligibility or for more information, contact Sarita.
- ◆ The **Benefit Access Program** (formerly Circuit Breaker) offers a license plate discount and Seniors & Persons with Disabilities Ride Free Transit cards. You only have to apply once every two years. Applications submitted between January 1, 2016 and April 18, 2016 should use 2014 income to file, but if applications submitted on April 19, 2016 or after must use 2015 income to file. If you need to renew, apply (first-time applicants) or you are not sure about your status, please contact Sarita. She can check it out for you.

For an appointment for either LIHEAP or Benefit Access Program, please call Sarita at 224-520-9763 VP or sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org Email.

## CDS MEETING

Chicagoland Deaf Seniors (CDS) will have their general meeting on Saturday, March 19, 2016, 1:30 p.m. at Schaumburg Library, in the Rasmussen South room, 130 S. Roselle Road, Schaumburg, IL.

## CHS NOW OFFERS POCKET CARD

Chicago Hearing Society (CHS) now offers the Pocket Card (similar to yellow card provided by Midwest Center on Laws and the Deaf) at the cost of \$5. The card will explain your rights as a Deaf or Hard of Hearing person to anyone who you might encounter such as police, hospital, museum, hotel, etc. You will need to give your name, type of deafness, and communication preference on the form. This way, when you go to the hospital and show the card, the hospital will know you are Deaf and need an ASL interpreter. To request a form, contact Kim Eischen at keischen@anixter.org Email or 773-904-0143 VP.



## NEW WEBSITE

The Chicago Lighthouse unveiled a new state-of-the-art website to better serve its program participants, increase its visibility and attract new donor and volunteer support. The website's enhanced features are video presentations, colorful graphics, informative articles and greater accessibility for individuals who are blind or visually impaired. Visit the website: [www.chicagolighthouse.org](http://www.chicagolighthouse.org)



## MIDWEST ICDA CONFERENCE

The Midwest ICDA (International Catholic Deaf Association) Conference will be held on April 22 & 23, 2016, at Marriott Chicago Northwest Hotel in Hoffman Estates, IL. There will be several workshops including one given by a Deaf pastor, Father Bruce, banquet, cocktails, and much more. For details or registration, visit [www.icda-us.org](http://www.icda-us.org) and then select 2016 Chicago MWR Conference tab or email: [midwesticdaus2016@yahoo.com](mailto:midwesticdaus2016@yahoo.com)

## ATTENTION - DATE CHANGE

Due to Good Friday/Easter, St. Francis Borgia Deaf Senior Citizens will meet on Thursday, March 17, 2016 instead of March 24th. The time and location remain the same as usual. If you have any questions, please contact Annette: 708-223-2125 VP or [langstonannette@gmail.com](mailto:langstonannette@gmail.com) Email.



## NEED HOUSE CLEANING?

A Deaf Housekeeper, **Joanna Balcarcel**, can clean your house, condo or apartment anywhere in the North-West Suburbs.

For more information or rates, contact Joanna at 224-532-2000 VP or 224-558-3541 Text.

## CCD MEETINGS

Chicago Club of the Deaf (CCD) will host their general meetings at Swoboda Deaf Center, 7050 W. Belmont Ave, Chicago:

- ◆ March 19th at 5 p.m.
- ◆ May 21st at 5 p.m.
- ◆ September 24th at 5 p.m.
- ◆ November 19th at 3 p.m. (Election Day & Thanksgiving Dinner)

Visit [www.chicagoclubdeaf.org](http://www.chicagoclubdeaf.org)

FYI: CCD will have their fundraising event - Card games (Chingo, Switch Cards and Poker) on Saturday, March 19th after the general meeting from 7 to 11 p.m. at the same place. There will be pizza and raffles. The admission cost is \$2 (CCD member); \$4 (CCD non-member). Proceeds go to the GLDBA/GLDWBA 2017. For more information, contact Kirk Myers: 708-761-6038 VP or 708-567-3573 Text.



## INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

- ◆ Chicago Hearing Society (CHS) offers free Income Tax Filing Assistance for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing with low incomes, on Saturdays, March 5, 12 & 19, 2016, at the CHS office, 2001 N. Clybourn Avenue, Chicago. Volunteers will assist customers with filling out their income tax forms. An appointment is required. For an appointment or more information on what to bring, contact Kim Eischen: 773-904-0143 VP or [keischen@anixter.org](mailto:keischen@anixter.org) Email.
- ◆ Steve Trapp, Deaf licensed certified public accountant (CPA) with the State of Illinois, can assist Deaf & Hard of Hearing people by preparing federal and all state tax returns. Contact him for more information or fees: [deaf-taxcpa@gmail.com](mailto:deaf-taxcpa@gmail.com) Email or 630-812-1596 VP..

## REMEMBER?



Set Your Clocks Ahead!



## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Do not forget to set your clocks/watches one hour ahead on Sunday, March 13, 2016. It is also a good time to make sure that your smoke and CO detectors are working.



## **PAINTING PARTY WITH A DEAF ARTIST**

There will be a Painting Party with Deaf Artist, Julie Stromme on Saturday, March 19, 2016, 1 to 4 p.m., at UNO Pizzeria & Grill, 1160 Plaza

Drive, Schaumburg, IL . The cost per person is \$25 (PayPal only), but it is \$30 (cash only) at the door (first come, first served). It covers all painting materials. Seats are limited so please RSVP with payments.

For more information or RSVP, please contact Julie: [jsdeafartist@gmail.com](mailto:jsdeafartist@gmail.com) Email.

## **ST. JOSEPH TABLE CELEBRATION**

St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center will host a St. Joseph Table celebration on March 13, 2016, after 10:30 a.m. mass, at St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center, 8025 W. Addison, Chicago. Italian lunch (pasta, salad, bread, dessert & drinks) will be served at 12 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person; \$7 (children 5 to 10 years); \$25 at the door. Also, there will be bake sale and cash/door prizes. Deadline: March 6th. Mail your payment (payable to St. Francis Borgia Deaf) to Deaf Catholic Committee, C/O Patty Jo Koras, 8033 W. Addison, Chicago, IL 60634-2006. No refunds!



## **COMEDY SHOW**

There will be a Comedy Show featuring Debbie Fink as “D-Ellen” and Antonia Polke as “The Old Lady” on April 9, 2016, 8 p.m., at Swoboda Deaf Center, 7050 W. Belmont Avenue, Chicago, IL.

Tickets (admission, pop drink, water and snacks): \$20 (prepay); \$25 at the door.. Either order tickets using PayPal ([herseydeafalumni@gmail.com](mailto:herseydeafalumni@gmail.com)) or mail a check (payable to Hersey Deaf Alumni Association) to Hersey Deaf Association, 358 Meadow Green Drive, Naperville, IL 60565.



## **WCRAD COFFEE CHAT SOCIAL**

WCRAD (Windy City Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf) host monthly Coffee Chat Social from 6 to 9 p.m., at the following locations and dates:

- ◆ **At Peet’s Coffee & Tea** (3025 N. Clark Street, Chicago, IL) on March 11th, May 13th, July 8th, September 9th & November 11th.
- ◆ **At Starbucks** (4753 N. Broadway, Chicago, IL) on April 8th, June 10th, August 12th, October 14th & December 9th



## **ST. PATRICK’S DAY EVENTS**

\* **KODA Illinois** is hosting a St.Patrick’s Day Party on March 12, 2016, 12 to 5 p.m., at Swoboda Deaf Center, 7050 W. Belmont Avenue, Chicago, IL. There will be lunch, games, crafts, costume contest, and much more. Lunch includes corned beef, fried chicken, baby red potatoes, cabbage, carrots, salad, bread and homemade desserts. The cost is \$20 (adults 13 years and up); \$15 (5 to 12 years); free for 4 years and under. All proceeds go in support of KODA Camp registration. RSVP by March 5th. Cash, checks and money orders are accepted—mail to KODA IL, P.O. Box 122, 15811 Central Avenue, Oak Forest, IL 60452. You can pay via PayPal by emailing to [kodaillinois@gmail.com](mailto:kodaillinois@gmail.com) (use friend and family option). For more information, send an email to [kodaillinois@gmail.com](mailto:kodaillinois@gmail.com)

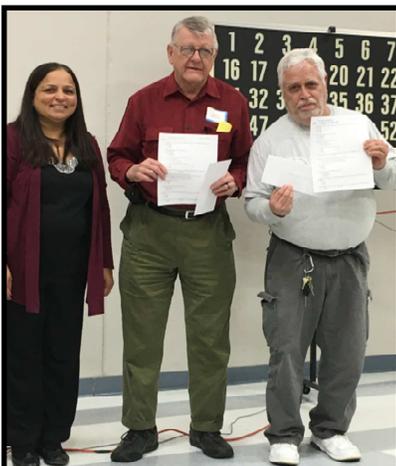
\* **McHenry County Deaf Club (MCDC)** will host their St. Patrick’s Day Social Night on Saturday, March 12, 2016, 7 p.m. to 1 a.m., at Rookies, 26400 Wooster Lake Drive, Ingleside, IL. There will be games, best costume contest, jackpot and much more. The admission cost is \$3 (members); \$5 (non-members). You can order dinner at that restaurant if you wish.



**Save the date:** Tuesday, April 12, 2016 for the Victim Rights Awareness Night (Presentation & Light Dinner) hosted by the Victim Assistance Program from Chicago Hearing Society (CHS).

# VALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATION

Our Valentine's Day Luncheon/Celebration was a big hit in spite of the snowy weather. Everyone had a blast!





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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 4pm (nbalk72@gmail.com)	3 All Angels gathering at Episcopal Church of Our Savior in Elmhurst, IL; 10am to 3pm	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 Rockford Senior Citizen Gathering at CSH in Rockford; 9am to 3pm	11 Deaf Chat Coffee at Starbucks in Streets of Woodfield, 601 North Martingale Rd, Schaumburg; 7-11pm	12 ** "10 Clovefield Lane" movie at AMC Randhurst 12 in Mt. Prospect
13 Daylight Saving Time begins (1 hour ahead) * "42nd Street" at Cadillac Palace Theatre, Chicago; 2pm (312-977-1700)	14	15 Primary Election - Be sure to vote!	16 Deaf Social/Support Group - Tobacco Presentation at SCH TWP; 11:30am (RSVP: 224-520-9763 VP)	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 ** "Othello" at Chicago Shakespeare Theater, Chicago; 7:30 p.m. (312-595-5600 V)	19 Spring begins!  Painting Party with Deaf Artist at UNO Pizzeria & Grill, Schaumburg; 1 to 4pm; (For rates, see page 4)
20	21	22	23 * "The Matchmaker" at Goodman Theatre, Chicago; 7:30pm (312-443-3800 V)	24 St. Francis Deaf Seniors at 8025 W. Addison Street, Chicago; 10am to 3pm	25 Good Friday  Deaf Chat Coffee at Starbucks, 1441 S. Randall Road, Geneva, IL; 7 to 10 p.m.	26 ** "Batman v Superman" movie at AMC Randhurst 12 in Mt. Prospect
27 Happy Easter!  * "Matilda The Musical" at Oriental Theatre, Chicago; 7:30pm (312-977-1700 #5)	28	29	30	31 ** "Blood Wedding" at LookingGlass Theatre, Chicago; 7:30pm (773-477-9257 x125)	 * Interpreted Show	 ** Open Captioned



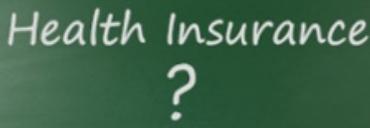
**SAVE THE DATE**

Schaumburg Township is proud to be an organizational sponsor for the Abilities Expo, coming to the Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center (1551 Thoreau Drive N. in Schaumburg) on June 24 - 26, 2016. The Expo will bring the disability marketplace to see new products and state-of-the-art technology. There will be informational, educational, and interactive events, exhibits, and sessions. Free admission. The show hours are Friday 11am-5 pm, Saturday 11am- 5pm and Sunday 11am – 4pm. For the latest updates on special events, the conference program, and exhibitors, visit the website: [www.abilitiesexpo.com](http://www.abilitiesexpo.com)

**ITAC PROGRAM**

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.

Visit [www.itactty.org](http://www.itactty.org)



**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.**



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## **MARCH, 2016**

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- ◆ Monday, March 7 - **Deaf President Now (Remembrance Day)**
  - ◆ Sunday, March 13 - **Daylight Saving Time Begins** (Adjust watches/clocks one hour ahead)
  - ◆ Wednesday, March 16, - **Deaf Social/Support Group - "Tobacco" Presentation** at SCH TWP, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
  - ◆ Thursday, March 17 - **St. Patrick's Day!**
  - ◆ Sunday, March 20 - **Spring Begins**
  - ◆ Wednesday, March 23 - **SCH TWP Board meeting**, 7 p.m.
  - ◆ Sunday, March 27 - **Happy Easter!**

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