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FEBRUARY 2017

DEAF SOCIAL/SUPPORT GROUP

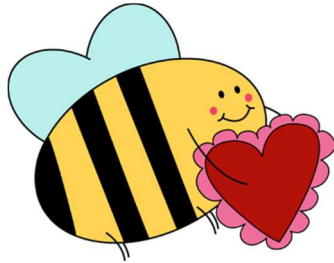
VALENTINE'S DAY LUNCHEON

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

Wednesday, February 15, 2017

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
- ◆ Vegetable Pasta

\$10 per person

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

Please bring any dessert or fruit to share.

- ◆ Games & door prizes
- ◆ Deadline: February 11, 2017
- ◆ No refunds after February 11th



Pay either in check or cash

* Mail a check or money order (payable to Schaumburg Township) to Sarita Phadke, Schaumburg Township Deaf Services, One Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates, IL 60169. Please include your choice of entree.

* If cash, please pay to Sarita at her office.

For more information, contact Sarita: sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org Email or 224-520-9763 VP.



Name: _____

Choose one:

- * Pot Roast
- * Chicken Asiago
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BENEFITS ACCESS PROGRAM

The Benefits 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. If you need to renew or apply (first-time applicants), call for an appointment at 224-520-9763 VP. If you are not sure about your status, please call, so we can check for you.

The eligibility requirements are:

1. Age 65 years or older or 16 years or older and permanently disabled before January 1, 2017.
2. Must live in Illinois at the time you file your application.
3. Incomes:

<u>Household</u>	<u>2016 Yearly Income</u>
1	\$27,610
2	\$36,635
3	\$45,657

****Effective January 1, 2017, if you apply between January 1, 2017 and April 18, 2017, you should bring your 2015 income to file.****

****Applications submitted on April 19, 2017 or after must use 2016 income to file. .****

*****Please be aware that ANY application that has had no activity for 90 days will be removed from the system and you will be required to file a new application.*****

*****If your application was “denied” using your 2015 income, you may re-apply online using your 2016 income on or after April 19, 2017.*****



OPEN CAPTION MOVIES

Open Caption movies will be shown every Saturday, 11 a.m., at AMC Street of Woodfield (601 N. Martingale Road, Schaumburg). They also have reserved seating. So it is recommended to purchase tickets online in advance.

The movies for February 2017 are:

- February 4th - The Space Between Us
- February 11th - John Wick 2
- February 18th - The Great Wall
- February 25th - Get Out

(Thanks, Fernando Ochoa, for this information)



LEGISLATIVE TRAINING

Illinois Association of the Deaf (IAD) will host a Legislative Training on Saturday, February 25, 2017, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Moraine Valley Community College, 9000 W. College Pkwy, The Fogelson Theatre & Foyer (Bldg. T), Palos Hills, IL.

The presenter, Jerry Covell, will talk about:

- ◆ Community advocacy
- ◆ Understanding the legislative bills
- ◆ Meeting with legislators
- ◆ Community collaboration
- ◆ Learning who your representatives are
- ◆ Web resources
- ◆ Much more

These workshops are free of charge. RSVP by February 11th. Food and drinks will be served during the lunch break. To sign up, please RSVP to Jason Altmann at legislative@iadeaf.org Email.



SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP CLOSED

Monday, February 20, 2017
(Presidents' Day)



METRA NEWS

Metra riders will see the fare increase beginning February 1, 2017.

Regular Fare Tickets

- ◆ One-way fare +.25 in all zones
- ◆ 10-ride fares +\$2.75 in all zones
- ◆ Monthly passes +\$11.75 in all zones

Reduced Fare Tickets

- ◆ One-way fare +.25
- ◆ 10-ride fares +\$1.50
- ◆ Monthly passes +\$7.50

FYI: Metra reminds drivers that the penalties will double for those who try to cross railroad tracks when there are activated railroad gates and warning lights. The fines are \$500 (1st offense); \$1,000 (2nd or subsequent offense).

For more information, visit www.metrarail.com



FREE INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

Chicago Hearing Society (CHS) offers free Income Tax Filing Assistance for the Deaf, DeafBlind and Hard of Hearing Individuals with low incomes. Volunteers will assist customers with filling out their income tax forms. All taxes will be submitted electronically via computer for faster processing. It is communication accessible at CHS unlike other tax places. CHS does not take payment or deduct any money from your tax refund.

The assistance dates are Saturdays, March 3, 11 & 18, 2017, at the CHS office, 2001 N. Clybourn Avenue, 2nd floor, Chicago. Good news that CHS will offer assistance during the weekdays and also at different locations. For more information or appointment, contact Kim Eischen: 773-904-0143 VP or keischen@anixter.org Email.

FYI - Schaumburg Township will host CHS's Income Tax Assistance on March 8th - Check pages 5 & 6 for details.



SUPER BOWL SOCIAL GATHERINGS

- McHenry County Deaf Club (MCDC) will host their Super Bowl gathering on Sunday, February 5, 2017, 4:30 p.m., at Rookies, 26440

Wooster Lake Drive, Ingleside, IL. Dinner and drinks will be on your own, but bring an appetizer, snack or dessert to share during the half-time period. There will be games. Socialize and watch the Super Bowl game.

- Swoboda Deaf Center (SDC) will host their Super Bowl Social on Sunday, February 5, 2017, 2 p.m., at SDC, 7050 W. Belmont Avenue, Chicago, IL. The cost is \$25 at the door including food and drink, but if you bring potluck dish, there is a \$5 discount. There will be Switch Card game and other games before the Super Bowl starts. Pay in person at SDC, mail a check to SDC or PayPal to swobodadeafcenter@gmail.com. Use "Family and Friends" option in PayPal.



ANNUAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

West Suburban Association of the Deaf (WSAD) will have their 20th Annual Invitational Basketball Tournament on Saturday, February 11, 2017, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., at Bethel

Baptist Church, 200 N. Roselle Road, Schaumburg. The admission cost for fans is \$10; free for children under 12. There will be food & drinks for sale. For more information, contact Bobby Rawalji: abcdrawalji@gmail.com Email. Check www.wsad1981.org



ITDHC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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Illinois Teachers of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (ITDHC) will have their 53rd Annual Conference on March 2 - 4, 2017, in Naperville, IL. For more information or to register, visit the website: www.ithi.org



BOWLING EVENTS



- ◆ West Suburban Association of the Deaf will host their **23rd Individual Handicap Deaf Bowling Classic Tournament** on Saturday, February 4, 2017, at Bowling Green, 30W 150 Roosevelt Road, West Chicago. There are 3 sessions for bowling: 9 a.m., 11:30 a.m. & 2:15 p.m. There will be a night-out event for both bowlers and fans at the same location at 7 p.m. The cost for fans is \$7 including admission and door prizes. Check www.wsad1981.org for flyer details. For questions, contact the Chairperson, Michael Mangialardo: gldba2015@gmail.com Email.
- ◆ The Illini Chapter of IAD (Illinois Association of the Deaf) will host their Annual **“Crazy Bowling”**, on Saturday, February 11, 2017, at Old Orchard Lanes, 901 N. Dunlap Avenue, Savoy, IL (near Champaign), from 1:30 to 5 p.m. Bowling starts at 2 p.m. Sharp! The cost per bowler is \$12 (2 games, shoe rental, admission and door prize). The cost per fan (age 6 and up) is \$6 (admission and door prize). For more information, contact either Minette Sternke: mksternke@gmail.com or Marietta Coufal: Marietta.Coufal@gmail.com Email.
- ◆ Springfield Deaf Club will host its **35th Annual Richard Koehne Memorial Individual Handicap Deaf Bowling Classic** on Saturday, March 11, 2017, at King Pin Lanes, 3115 E. Sangamon Avenue in Springfield. The entry fees for bowling are: \$60 (men) and \$50 (women). There are prizes for winners. The tournament times are 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. After the tournaments, there will be a social night at Gardner Township Hall (tentative), 1266 N. Bradfordton Road in Springfield. The cost is \$7 including admissions to the lanes and social night event. For more information, contact Pat Gurley: dpgurley@aol.com Email or 217-953-0808 VP.
- ◆ Chicago Club of the Deaf (CCD) will host the **81st Annual Great Lakes Deaf Bowling Association (GLDBA) & 70th Annual Great Lakes Deaf Women Bowling Association (GLDWBA) Tournaments** on April 6 - 9, 2017, at Stardust Bowl, 37 Lorraine Avenue, Addison, IL. The headquarter place is at Hyatt Regency Hotel in Schaumburg. The combo ticket is \$35 per person until March 20, 2017. The cost for seniors (55+) & college students (ID required) is \$20 (no deadline). The cost for children between 13-18 years with ID is \$10 (no deadline). It is free for children 12 & under. The cost at the door is \$50. The combo ticket includes admission to three-day access to bowling alley, entertainment, and program book. For more information, contact the co-chairpersons, Carol Nemecek-Kowalski and Gordon Senesac: 2017gldba@gmail.com Email. For the flyer details, please visit either www.chicagoclubdeaf.org or www.gldba-gldwba.org



“BEYOND THE BOOKS” SILENT WEEKEND

The Department of American Sign Language at Columbia College will host their “Beyond the Books Silent Weekend on April 21 - 23, 2017, at The Salvation Army Wonderland Camp & Conference Center, Camp Lake, WI. It is for Deaf Studies and ASL Interpreting students. This ASL Silent Weekend gives them the opportunity to go “Beyond the Books” to experience Deaf Culture, learn ASL and be immersed in a fun learning environment away from classroom. Also, it gives students the opportunity to enhance their ASL receptive and expressive skills, challenges them to be “silent” and have an ASL adventure. For more information about the weekend, registration fees, schedule, etc., visit the website: www.beyondthebookssilentweekend.weebly.com or contact Nina: ncampbell@colum.edu Email.



FREE Income Tax Assistance

For Deaf, DeafBlind and Hard of Hearing Individuals



CHS will be at Schaumburg Township:

Wednesday March 8, 2017, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

At: One Illinois Boulevard, Hoffman Estates, IL. 60169

Appointments are REQUIRED. To schedule an appointment, please call, email or stop by to see Kim Eischen.

**Kim Eischen
Chicago Hearing Society
2001 N. Clybourn Ave., 2nd Floor
Chicago, IL. 60614
(773)904-0143 VPE
Email: keischen@anixter.org**

Our tax assistance is FREE for Deaf, DeafBlind and Hard of Hearing individuals with low income.

Check the next page for things to bring and important information.

**Earned Income Tax Credit is an extra credit for most individuals.
We will make sure you file for EITC!**

Please Note: If you do not bring all of the required information to file your taxes to your appointment, then your appointment will be rescheduled for a later date.

CHS is an E-File site. All taxes will be submitted electronically via computer for faster processing.

REQUIRED Items- We CANNOT do your taxes and your appointment will be rescheduled if you do not bring the following information:

- State ID or Driver's License
- Social Security Card or letter from Social Security with your name and SS number (copies are acceptable) (ITIN's are acceptable)
- Social Security cards for **ALL** your children, if you are planning to claim them on taxes
- W-2 forms from **ALL** jobs worked in 2016 (MUST BRING W-2s for ALL jobs)

IMPORTANT to bring:

- Copy of completed 2016 Tax Papers (We cannot get copies of your taxes the day of your appointment)
- Bank information—cancelled check or account number and routing number (if you want direct deposit of your refund)
- SSA-1099 forms
- INT-1099 forms OR any papers that say "1099" on top
- 2016 alimony payments/receipts
- Real estate tax information (if you owned a house or condo & paid house/condo taxes in 2016) and for house/condo, please bring tax bill with Property Index Number for IL taxes
- Medical/Dental/Medical insurance bills and charity donations if you want to deduct these from taxes
- Any papers you received in the mail that say "**IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION**" on it
- New this year, proof of insurance form 1095 or 1095-B (you will receive in mail)

Other Important Information:

- Everyone who wants their taxes done at Schaumburg Township, must come to their appointment. We will not do taxes for anyone **NOT** present at Township for the appointment. **If filing together, Husband and Wife or Partner (spouse) must come to the appointment together.**
- We prepare some **limited** Schedule C (self-employed or independent contractor) forms.
- We do **NOT** prepare Schedule E (rental income) forms. We do **NOT** prepare complicated taxes.



DEAF SENIOR GATHERINGS IN 2017



All Angels Guild Senior Citizens: Meet on the 1st Thursday of the month, at the Episcopal Church of Our Savior, 116 E. Church Street in Elmhurst, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free lunch, but donations are accepted. The dates are: February 2nd, March 2nd, April 6th, May 4th (Spring luncheon), June 1st, August 3rd, September 7th, October

5th, November 2nd & December 7th (Christmas luncheon). No gatherings in July. For more information or to get the list of meetings/events, contact Laura Thompson: 630-984-4251 VP or lthompson@aim-cil.org Email.

CDS (Chicagoland Deaf Seniors): There is no monthly gathering, but there is a meeting every 2 months except summer (March, May, September and November). For meeting dates/locations, events or membership, contact the CDS' President, Jim Lomanto: jimactor@sbcglobal.net Email.

CBS/HAD (Congregation Bene Shalom/Hebrew Association of the Deaf) Senior Citizens: Meet on the 1st Wednesday of the month, at Congregation Bene Shalom of the Deaf, 4435 W. Oakton, Skokie, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost of lunch is \$3 per person. The dates are: March 1st, April 5th, May 3rd, June 7th, August 2nd, September 6th, October 4th, November 8th & December 6th. For more information, contact Nona Balk: nbalk72@gmail.com Email.

Joliet Deaf Senior Citizens: Meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, at Croatian Cultural Club, 1503 Clement Street, Joliet, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (door will open at 9 a.m.). The admission fee is \$8. Bring your own lunch or buy at the club. Do not bring any drink from outside as water, soda and coffee will be available for sale. The dates are: February 8th, March 8th, April 12th, May 10th, June 14th, July 12th, August 9th, September 13th, October 11th, November 8th, and December 6th (Christmas party). For more information, contact Marian Klbecka: 815-306-0549 VP.

Rockford Senior Citizen for the Deaf: Meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month, at Center for Sight & Hearing, 8038 MacIntosh Lane, Rockford, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The dates are: February 9th, March 9th, April 13th, May 11th, June 8th, July 13th, August 10th, September 14th, October 12th, November 9th, & December 14th (Christmas party). For more information or cost, contact Joseph Siudzinski: 815-572-4819 VP.

St. Francis Borgia Deaf Senior Citizens: Meet on the 4th Thursday of the month. The dates are: February 23rd, March 23rd, April 27th, May 25th, June 22nd, July 27th, August 24th, September 28th, October 26th, November 16th and December 14th (Christmas luncheon). The location is at Stokes Hall, 8025 W. Addison Street, Chicago, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (door will open at 9 a.m.). The admission cost is \$2. Bring your own lunch. There will be bingo, jackpots, and raffles. For more information, contact Annette Langston: 708-223-2125 VP or langstonannette@gmail.com Email.



ALL ANGELS'S FIELD TRIP

All Angels Deaf Seniors will have their field trip - Trolley Ride in Downtown Chicago on June 1, 2017, 10 a.m. You will hop on the tour bus and explore a variety of landmarks. An ASL interpreter will be provided. Meet at Church of Our Savior in Elmhurst, IL by 9:45

a.m. to hop onto a rented bus. There will be only 32 seats available, so first come, first served! The cost is \$25 per person and the payment is due by May 4th. If interested, or for more information, contact Laura Thompson: 630-984-4251 VP or lthompson@aim-cil.org Email.

IDHHC MEETING

Illinois Deaf & Hard of Hearing Commission (IDHHC) will have their meeting on February 9, 2017, 1 p.m., at Swoboda Deaf Center, 7050 W. Belmont Avenue, Chicago, IL. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting. For agenda or information, visit www.idhhc.state.il.us



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 All Angels gathering at Episcopal Church of Our Savior in Elmhurst, IL; 10am to 3pm	3	4 WSAD's Individual Handicap Deaf Bowling Classic at Bowling Green, West Chicago (www.wsad1981.org)
5 Super Bowl Game	6	7	8 Joliet Deaf Senior gathering at Croatian Cultural Club in Joliet; 9am to 4pm (815-306-0549 VP)	9 Rockford Senior Citizen gathering in CHS in Rockford; 9am to 3pm	10 * "Night Runner" at Merle Reskin Theatre at DePaul University, Chicago; 10am	11 WSAD's Annual Basketball Tournament at BBC, Schaumburg; 9am to 9pm; \$10 per fan (www.wsad1981.org)
12 ** "Beowulf" at Red Theater, Chicago; 7:30pm	13	14 Valentine's Day!	15 Deaf Social/Support Group - Valentine's Day Luncheon at SCH TWP; 11:30am RSVP: 224-520-9763 VP	16	17	18 ** "Gloria" at Goodman Theatre, Chicago; 2 to 4pm (312-443-3800 V)
19 * "We are Proud to Present..." at The Theatre School at DePaul University; 2pm (773-325-7900 V)	20 SCH TWP CLOSED (Presidents' Day)	21	22 SCH TWP Board Meeting at SCH TWP, Hoffman Estates, IL; 7pm	23 St. Francis Deaf Seniors at 8025 W. Addison Street, Chicago; 10am to 2pm	24 ** "The Book of Joseph" at Chicago Shakespeare Theater, Chicago; 7:30pm (312-595-5600 V)	25 IAD Legislative Training Session at Moraine Valley Comm College, Palos Hills; 9am to 5pm (RSVP by Feb 11th - legislative@iadeaf.org)
26 * "Straight White Men" at Steppenwolf Theatre, Chicago; 7:30pm (312-335-1650 V)	27	28		 * ASL Interpreted Show	 ** Open Captioned	SCH TWP - Schaumburg Township SDC - Swoboda Deaf Center



VALENTINE'S DAY EVENT

McHenry County Deaf Club will host their Valentine's Day event on Saturday, February 11, 2017, 7 p.m., at Rookies, 26440 Wooster Lake Drive, Ingleside,

IL. There will be games and door prizes. Wear something red. The admission cost is \$3 (member); \$5 (non-member).

Before that, there will be an officer oath ceremony and general meeting at 4 p.m., at the same location. Dinner is on your own.

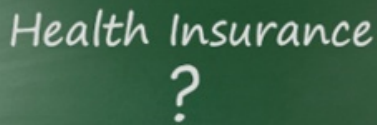


ITAC PROGRAM

Our ITAC Selection Center is available for Amplified phone, CapTel phone, and TTY viewing or testing.

ITAC's program distributes FREE phones, CapTel (captioned phone) and TTYs to any Illinois resident with a certified hearing loss, and local residential phone service. For more information, contact Schaumburg Township (one of the ITAC Selection Centers) at 847-884-0030 ext. 2025 V or 224-520-9763 VP.

visit ITAC's website: 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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Website: www.schaumburgtownship.org

Disabled Services

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Nimish Jani—Trustee

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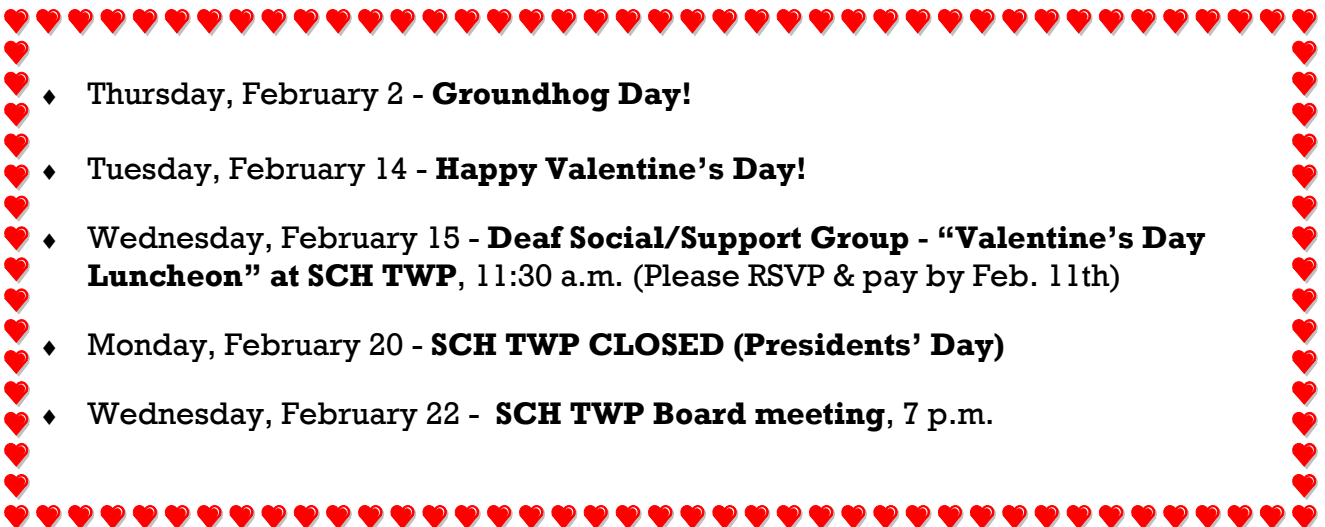
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- ♦ Thursday, February 2 - **Groundhog Day!**
 - ♦ Tuesday, February 14 - **Happy Valentine's Day!**
 - ♦ Wednesday, February 15 - **Deaf Social/Support Group - "Valentine's Day Luncheon" at SCH TWP**, 11:30 a.m. (Please RSVP & pay by Feb. 11th)
 - ♦ Monday, February 20 - **SCH TWP CLOSED (Presidents' Day)**
 - ♦ Wednesday, February 22 - **SCH TWP Board meeting**, 7 p.m.

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