

Del Mar College Corner

Del Mar Spring classes begin on January 11. If you still need to register for classes or need to be advised about which classes to take, stop by the ASL & Interpreting Program on the West Campus, Health Sciences Building 2, Room 238 (Lucy James) or 140 (Marcus Myers) on January 5, and we will help you get started. Contact Lucy James at 361-698-2813 or ljames@delmar.edu.

Employment Tip of the Month

Job seekers need to be alert to several bogus employment offers that have been circulating online and in classifieds in the last few weeks. People pretending to be recruiters or employers put up attractive job opportunities, but have a "catch" such as paying money up front for travel or to provide confidential personal information. For example, one woman responded to a classified ad for an office assistant position she found in the newspaper classifieds. The e-mail she received back directed her to a website where she was asked to provide information including her address, Social Security number and a bank account number. Be careful when looking for employment. Some points to remember:

1. Be aware of any unsolicited job offers that arrive through the mail.
2. Verify the identifying information of the company that you are applying at, including telephone number, fax number and main address.
3. Do not immediately trust offers outside the area, especially overseas.
4. Never trust a company or individual that requires you to pay advance fees up front to find work.
5. Be aware of requests for sensitive personal information.

More information on this and other topics are available on the Attorney General's website at www.oag.state.tx.us.

Points to Ponder...

"A picture signed is worth a thousand spoken words."
"It goes without saying anyone can sign."

Deaf Proverbs by Ken Glickman
DHHC Library

Belated Birthday wishes to Elida Torres. Elida was not mentioned in last months Birthday list. Hope you had a great day.

DHHC Wish List Plastic Forks, Spoons, Knives, English and Math Books, Desk Chairs, Trash can liners.

Do You have a job? Do you want a promotion? Here are some tips how one deaf individual, Raul "Bernie" Valdez, used self advocacy and motivation to get the job he wanted at Texas A&M University and get a promotion on his own:

Point: SELF MOTIVATION and PATIENCE

How did you find this job? Through motivation and persistence. Daily checks on the website for the position and applying for the job. I also called the University several times to ask about the job position.

Point: EDUCATION and TECHNOLOGY

How did you contact them? Through VRS. I asked them questions on how to get to the HR office and I got there and started writing notes with them. I called them several times before I got an interview. They were able to contact me using my cell by leaving a voice mail. I used VRS to check my voice mail and they left a message to get an interview. They set up an appointment for an interview and at that time I requested an interpreter. They rescheduled my interview to be sure I had an interpreter.

Point: COMMUNICATION ACCESS and SELF ADVOCACY

How did you get interviewed? I got my interview around December and got the job offer after February. They contacted me through the VP which I told them how to do during the interview. When they started me with the orientation, I had to ask them for an interpreter again and they did provide me one.

Point: RESPONSIBILITY and COMMUNICATION

What are the important things to get promoted? By being responsible, doing my job, following orders and showing what skills I was able to do. Being faithful at work and always communicating with my boss was important.

Point: EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION

How did you communicate with your boss and peers? Always with patience and by writing notes, lip-reading, and gestures. For meetings and trainings they called an interpreter as I requested. Sometimes I had conflicts with peers due to misunderstandings so I always tried to resolve this with my supervisor. I always try to find the best way to communicate effectively and equally with everyone.

Corpus Christi Interpreters for the Deaf

Date: Friday, January 15, 2010 Time: 6:00 pm
Location: Luby's Cafeteria (5730 Saratoga)

CCID is meeting to prepare for our TSID/TAD Annual Conference in 2011. Come Share your experiences, knowledge and ideas to help make this a successful conference! For questions or more information please contact CCID at ccid_interpreters@yahoo.com. All interpreters, interpreting students, and anyone interested in the field of interpreting are welcome.

Check our website at
www.deaf-hh.org for updated information



Help Us Hear (HUH)

For more information concerning the topics below, hearing loss sensitivity training, communication strategies, or assistive technology, please contact Judy Kurz, Hearing Loss Resource Specialist at (361) 993-1154 or judykurz@deaf-hh.org. Hearing Loss Resource Specialist Program funded by DARS Office for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services



Due to Single-Sided Deafness Sonia Quintero, Deaf Resources Specialist of XIB region, hadn't heard on her left side for over 12 years. Recently, she was fit with a TransEar. Sonia stated "I heard my dispenser whisper in my left ear, and without the TransEar I could not have heard. The TransEar is not the first bone conduction hearing aid, but www.eartech.com states it is the first to overcome Single-Sided Deafness. If you have tried a TransEar in the past Sonia recommends that you contact a dispenser who has knowledge of the most recent model. Without surgery, a bulky headset or the need to wear a second hearing aid in your good ear, TransEar may be your answer to "hearing in stereo" again.



Ototoxic (OH-toe-Tox-ik) Drugs can Damage our ears. Eighty three percent of the prescriptions written during the year 2000 were medications that could be ototoxic. Scary right? The number one drug was Vicodin (Hydrocodone and Acetaminophen). The number two prescription drug was Lipitor (Atorvastatin). This information was taken from Ototoxic Drugs EXPOSED, a book that is available in the DHHC library. For more information on hearing loss visit the website at <http://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/ProductsandMedicalProcedures/HomeHealthandConsumer/ConsumerProducts/HearingAids/ucm181468.htm>

FREER ISD HEALTH FAIR

Freer Independent School District will hold a health fair Wednesday, January 6, 2010 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. It will be held in the High School cafeteria. Various agencies will provide valuable information concerning health issues to the public. They will be doing blood pressure, diabetes checks, and maybe Immunizations. Don't miss this informative event.

DEAFNESS RESOURCE SPECIALIST News You Can Use

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Happy New Year to you all from your Deafness Resource Specialist. Let's begin the year 2010 with some refresher ADA words. Enjoy this puzzle by filling out the letters with the numbers. After you work on this please read the following announcements. Enjoy!

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Deafness Resource Specialist Program funded by a grant from DARS - Office for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services (DHHS)

New Law Updates

On January 1, 2010, S.B. 1715 requires a landlord, if requested by a tenant as an accommodation for a person with a disability or as required by law as a reasonable accommodation for a person with a disability, to install smoke detectors that are capable of alerting a hearing-impaired person in the bedrooms the detectors serve. This means anyone who has a hearing loss and rents an apartment or a house can request the Landlord to provide a visual fire alarm to be installed in your place. This is now required by law. For more information contact me.

DODA Deaf AA Online Meetings

Have been set up in our lobby area where you can have some privacy. If you wish to join an online meeting please let DHHC staff know.
Mondays—3:00 pm
Tuesdays—1:15 pm
Wednesdays—3:00 pm

Please respect the privacy of others as they try AA meetings online. This is led by Deaf People and is fully in ASL language. You must have your ID or Drivers License to use the webcam during those times. Any questions contact me.



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January 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 New Years Day DHC Closed	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
			8:00 am SSS Trip to Minton House in Falfurrias			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	6:30 pm ASL I Classes Begin		10:00 am SSS		6:00 pm CCID Meeting	6:00 pm CBSC
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	6:30 pm ASL Classes		10:00 am SSS	5:00 pm Board Orientation DHCBC and Board of Trustees		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	6:30 pm ASL Classes		10:00 am SSS			
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Happy Birthday!

Elva Gonzalez,
Alba Bodnarasec,
Erin Sullivan,
Diana Palmer, Ashley
Rodriguez, Andrea
Galvan, Guadalupe
Mora, John Phillips,
Ethel Maxwell,
Kenneth Hawkins,
Jose Hinojosa Davila,
Jelayna Phillips,
David Silva, Carlos
Yanez, Alberto
Bustos, Maria De La
Luz Davila, Estele
Gonzalez, Marcia
Graveson, Aliza
Long,
Bustos Alverto,
Vicente Gutierrez,
Dora Heslep, Paul
Dominguez, Mary
Gale, Olivia Trevino,
Julia Vasquez,
Waldemar Hanzsz,
Giasephina Rudine,
Larry Valadez,
Irma Villanueva,
Simon Capetillo,
Alejandro Garcia,
Michael Chaney,
Rolando Luna, Rene
Gonzalez, Walter
Sharp, Jane Vasquez,
Steven Garcia,
Lauren Schubert,
Alexandria McNew,
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Maxine Deckard,
Jackie Sellers.

A big 'thank you' to all those who help support The Deaf and Hard of Hearing Center!

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Benna Timperlake
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William and Evelyn Floerke
Poinsettias

In Memory of:
William and Evelyn Floerke
In Memory of Ken Irving
Phyllis Howerton-Riddle and Arthur Howerton
In Memory of Bunny Howerton

Our Sympathy

Our condolences go out to Sherry Shotts on the recent death of her father, **Roy Henriksen**. Our expressed thoughts and prayers are extended to her and her family.

Reminder!!! ASL I Classes 2010 Spring Semester

ASL I classes will begin January 11th. Classes run for 10 weeks from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. The cost is \$65 per person and if you want to pay the discounted price of \$60 you can pre-register and pay before January 11. ASL II is available on January 12, Tuesday nights, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. They run for 10 weeks and cost \$65 per person. Pre-register to get the discounted rate. Family rates will be available as well. If you are interested in taking classes call Peggy Rodriguez at 993-1154 or email her at prodriguez@deaf-hh.org.

Hand-Washing Awareness

The number one principle of hand awareness: Never put your fingers into your eyes, nose, or mouth, the places where germs enter your body. Other ways to stop the spread of germs that cause illness: Always wash your hands before eating and after using the restroom, and avoid coughing or sneezing into your hands—use a tissue or cough or sneeze into the inside of your elbow. Carry alcohol-based hand gel to clean your hands when you don't have soap and water. www.henrythehand.com

MICHIGAN DEAF MISSIONARY

It has been brought to our attention that a Michigan missionary group has been going door to door in the community. They are stating they received addresses from a staff member at the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Center. This information is **NOT TRUE**. Our staff does **NOT** give out personal information nor do they go to your home without your permission. If you are getting visits from these people from a missionary group in Michigan please get their names and which organization they are with so that we can report them accordingly.

Coastal Bend Silent Club January 16th General meeting 6:00 pm

CBSC welcomes the new 2010 officers: Jackie Sellers, President; Jon Manning, Vice President; Kristina Manning, Secretary; Jaime Lugo, Treasurer; and Denise Mercier, Parliamentarian. Come join us we as we begin the year with new ideas and activities for the CBSC. Membership begins in January and is \$10 for the year.