

**DEAFNESS RESOURCE SPECIALIST
News You Can Use**

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Happy Fall to all of you from the
Deafness Resource Specialist Program!
Ready for a challenge?

Play this word search game and refresh your knowledge on the ADA law. I will be setting up a booth during Deafness Awareness Week at TDHHC about the program and resources just for you and the community, look for dates and times on this months newsletter. Bring this word search with you. After you finish playing with it bring it and show me and we can discuss the words if you are not sure about it. This will be a great time to meet you and discuss ADA and your rights! See you there!

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Daylight Savings—November 1st. remember to change your clocks back one hour.

Employment Tip of the Month

Robert Half of Accountemps reminds us with these spelling “bloopers” that the spell check function is not always the best insurance to avoid errors on your job applications, resumes and cover letters. Even though words are spelled correctly, spell check will not catch these words. Sometimes these errors can really change what you mean to say!! To avoid these kinds of mistakes, always have at least one other person read your documents before giving them to potential employers.

Typos Changing the Meaning

- Here are my qualifications for you to overlook.
 - Education: College, August 1880-May 1984.
 - Work Experience: Deal with customers' conflicts that arouse.
 - Develop and recommend an annual operating expense fudget.
 - Instrumental in ruining entire operation for a Midwest chain operation.
 - Thank you for your consideration. Hope to hear from you shortly!
 - Please don't regard my 14 positions as job hopping. I never once quit a job.
- Source: Accountemps, February 8, 1995 press release.

**Sorenson VRS Interpreter Workshop
ASL Do's and Don'ts for Interpreters**

Date and Time: November 7, 2009
9:00 am—3:00 pm
Location: Del Mar College Corner of Airport Rd. & Old Brownsville Rd. West Campus, Health Science 2 Building, Room 227
Cost: Interpreters \$20, Students: \$10, VRS Interpreters: Free



This workshop is designed to help participants improve interpreting techniques and discuss deaf culture's perspective to avoid misunderstanding and misconception through deaf people's experiences. Instructor, **Anthony Natale**, will lead an open discussion for

Do's and Don'ts while encouraging participants to share their opinions and knowledge. Sorenson VRS is proud to sponsor the workshop donating all proceeds to The Deaf and Hard of Hearing Center. Make checks payable to DHHC. Lunch and a brief presentation are provided at no cost to everyone in attendance by Sorenson VRS.



Help Us Hear (HUH) Volume 5 Issue 1

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

Understanding Meniere's Disease

The symptoms of Meniere's usually affect one ear, however it can be bilateral. The common symptoms are:



Rotational vertigo (a form of dizziness) which can be experienced very frequently or less frequently at different degrees. Problems with hearing which can be totally at a rapid rate or more slowly and never be complete. Tinnitus (ringing, buzzing, whistling, or roaring noises in the ear). The noise may be louder right before a vertigo attack.

There are over 45,500 new cases of Meniere's diagnosed annually in the U.S. Presently there is not a cure. However, Meniere's uncomfortable symptoms can be managed. Your doctor and you will need to develop a plan. Treatment options include changes in lifestyle, medications, and medical procedures. For more information to help you take charge of your Meniere's symptoms get your FREE copy of the fall 2009 Hearing Health magazine. Ask Judy for your free copy or at www.drf.org



Please donate the hearing aids that you are no longer using. They could help better the quality of life for an individual who doesn't have the resources available to buy the hearing aids they need. Your aids will be supplied to the Kiwanis or Lion's Club in the Coastal Bend area.

Your TV Amplifier may be used in movie theaters, and sporting events. Most use a 95kHz frequency and your TV amplifier can connect to the infrared transmitter that operate on these venues. Take your TV amplifier with you to determine compatibility. You could be pleasantly surprised at some improved audio amplification.

Hearing Loss Seminar

Monday, November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 10:30 a.m.

Information about : FREE telephones and head sets, STAP, Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services, Area Agency on Aging benefits, financial assistance benefits for hearing aids and coping with your hearing loss. Register by calling the DHHC at 361- 993-1154.

Del Mar College Corner

The Del Mar ASL & Interpreting Program thanks Sarah Burnside and Susan Tiller for jumping in at the last minute to present our October forum. Polly Connelly, Sorenson VRS Corpus Christi Call Center manager, has been rescheduled to speak on Wednesday, November 18 at 6:00. November is also busy with Majors Meetings to talk about the various degrees offered by our program on Thursday November 5 at either 1:00 or 6:00, and with advising and registration for Spring 2010 beginning November 9. For more information on any of these events, contact Lucy James at 361-698-2813 or ljames@delmar.edu.

GNL Birthdays

If you want your name added or removed from the GNL please contact Peggy Rodriguez. Email her at prodriguez@deaf-hh.org or call at 993-1154.

Early Voting

General Election held on November 3rd.

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

**Coastal Bend Silent Club Annual Banquet
November 21st**

Sports Bash Day

Dress up in your favorite sports team attire
Dinner will be held at
The Deaf and Hard of Hearing Center
at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m.
Cost for the dinner will be:
Members: \$30
Non Members: \$33
Senior Citizens and Students: \$20
Must be 15 years of age or older to attend.

**Coastal Bend Silent Club
General Meeting**
No meeting this month

Deaf Proverbs by Ken Glickman

“Handicap is for golfers only.”
“Signs speak louder than words.”
“Put a cap on one's abilities, you get capabilities.”
“One who listens with eyes is not so deaf.”



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November 2009



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 10:30a HL Seminar 6:30p ASL Class	3 No EEC Class Election Day	4 10:00 SSS (LBJ Library and Museum Austin, TX)	5 	6 	7 9:00a - 3:00p ASL Do's & Don'ts for Interpreters
8	9 10:30a HL Seminar 6:30p ASL Class	10 	11 10:00 SSS (Dinosaurs Theater/Lunch	12 Deaf Awareness Weekend see below 7:00 DHHC Board Meeting	13 Deaf Awareness Weekend for activities	14 9:00a-1:00p Taft Community Fall Health Fair
15	16 10:30a HL Seminar 6:30p ASL Class	17 	18 10:00 SSS (Games)	19 4:30 Trustees Mtg.	20	21 6:00 CBSC Sports Bash Day
22	23 10:30a HL Seminar	24 	25 10:00 SSS (Lunch Out)	26 The DHHC will be closed for Thanksgiving Holiday Happy Thanksgiving	27	28
29	30 10:30a HL Seminar				EEC 9:30 - 11:30a Deaf Chat Starbucks at 7p Silver Silent Seniors 10a - 2p	

Happy Birthday!

Eric Castro, Victor Viesca, Enriqueta Navarro, Oleta Atwell, Dorothy Harris, Adrian Hernandez, Joyce Wood, Randy Rodriguez, Edna Kenemer, Jerry Kenemer, Richard Morgan, Jamie Garnett, David Bledsoe, Rey Cavazos, Christina Colunga, Juan Davila, Debbie Davis, Irma Gallegos, Gloria Villarreal, Elsa Balboa, Juan Carlos Borrero, Gloria Guerrero, Patricia Harris, Alejandro Mardueno, Marion Webb, Guadalupe Valdez, Jill Grossman, Denise Ramirez, Laura Soto, Aracely Omana, Adan Lugo, Ronald Gonzalez, Esperanza Guerrero, Teresa Garrison, Julie Mendez, Alicia Hinojosa, Elinor McCoin, Jim Gideon, Janet Newcomb, Helen Woytovech, Rodolfo Escamilla, Andrew Stone, Ellen Derr, Paula Garza, Pamela Shaw, Jonathan Manning, Lois Grant, Glenn Dietrich, Kari Ramirez, Candy Alex, Jose Moreno, Patricia Moreno, Sandra Cavazos, Jaime Moreno, David Valverde, JD Adams, Jonathan Warren, John Whitehead, Elsa Escobedo, Ty Gomez, Jesus Garza, Monica Zamora, Rafael Gonzales, Jesus Sanchez, Steven Soliz, Ofelia Sanchez, Robert Valadez, Clem Parks, Ramiro Salinas, Lina Weikel, Alma Bebee, Angie Frost.

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

On September 25 & 26 volunteers stuffed, sealed and put labels on Heroes for Hearing invitations. Those present were:

Board of Trustees: Willie and Evelyn Floerke, Patricia Harman, Liette Ocker and Judy Brashear.

DHHC Staff: Susan Tiller, Sarah Burnside, Alma Bebee, Esabel Gonzales, Angie Frost, Peggy Rodriguez, Mari Rivera, Judy Kurz, and Jackie Wright.

Community friends: Larry Tiller, Mark Bebee, and Dina Rodriguez. Special thanks to Mari Rivera and her mom for bringing breakfast on Saturday.

DHHC Staff Corner

DHHC welcomes **Esabel Gonzales** to our staff as the new Intake Coordinator. Her interest with the deaf community began in middle school. Since then she had the desire to learn sign language enabling her to communicate with the deaf. She took summer classes and started learning quickly. She attended DMC IPP and recently graduated with her Associates degree in Deaf Education. She is happy to be part of the staff at DHHC and looks forward to meeting all our clients.

Warning: 2010 Census Cautions from the Better Business Bureau

The 2010 Census process has begun. The Better Business Bureau (BBB) advises people to be helpful, but cautious, so as not to become a victim of fraud or identity theft. What is a Census? Every 10 years the United States Census Bureau sends workers to gather information about every person living at each address. They will ask for your name, age, gender, race and other important information. If a U.S. Census worker comes to your door, they will have a name badge, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag, and a confidentiality notice. Ask for their identification. **Do not** give your social security number, credit card or banking account information to anyone, even if they say they are from the U.S. Census Bureau. Census Bureau workers will not ask for social security, bank account, or credit card numbers. Census workers may contact you by telephone, mail, or in person but will not Email you. So be on the lookout for Email scams saying they are the Census Bureau. Never open any attachments from the Census. For more advice visit www.BB.org.

DHHC Wish List Paper towels, Cups, Plates, Digital Camera, English and Math Books, Desk Chairs



**Deaf Awareness Weekend
November 12th—14th
Sponsored by
The Deaf and Hard of Hearing Center**

November 12th (7:00 pm)

The Deaf and Hard of Hearing Center Board Meeting
After the meeting we will have refreshments and visit booths.

November 13th

DHHC—Booths & Exhibits (9:00 to noon)
Signed Movie "Gerald" (7:00 pm)
DHHC, 5151 McArdle Road behind La Palmera Mall
Movie sponsored by Sorenson and CBSC
Free admission
Special thanks to Mindy Moore and Aslfilms for their presentation of this movie.



**November 14th
ASL Storytelling (10:00 to noon)**
Barnes & Nobles,
5129 Blanche Moore Drive, Everyone Welcome
Contact Linda Hill (lindalugohill@yahoo.com)

Volleyball Tournament (1:00 to 3:00)
Sonic Drive In, 4801 South Staples Street
If interested in joining a team
Contact Jon Manning (crazymanning@yahoo.com)

"Deafardy" (2:00 to 4:00)
Also known as Deaf Jeopardy
The Deaf and Hard of Hearing Center

Social at B & J Pizza (5:30 to ??)
6335 South Padre Island Drive

