



DEAF LINE

JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2021

VIDEO PHONE CONFERENCE CALL (VPCC)

All events start at 1 p.m.

VIRTUAL EVENTS IN JANUARY 2021

January 4th & 6th - Trivia Day: Bring few trivia questions to share

January 11th & 13th - Deaf-Blind Services & I-Can-Connect (ICC) Program by Jason Weiland

January 18th & 20th - ASL Cares (Hospice) by Deloris (DeDe) Summers

January 25th & 27th - Understanding Blood Work - Carol Ban & Genny Bright

VIRTUAL EVENTS IN FEBRUARY 2021

February 1st & 3rd - Deaf Iraqi Family's Amazing Journey to USA by Imad & Abeer Al Dulaimi

February 8th & 10th - Valentine's Day Celebration

February 15th & 17th - No VPCC

February 22nd & 24th - Pink Wings by Brandie Belford



Please RSVP with Sarita: 224-520-9763 VP

thank you



GREAT APPRECIATION

Schaumburg Township Deaf Services wants to show deep gratitude to the following sponsors and people for their support during the COVID pandemic in 2020.

Great acknowledgement to the following sponsors:



Great appreciation to all presenters for keeping Attendees entertained:

- Tom Adamo
- Carmen Aguilar
- Andy Ban
- Demir Bekiri
- Thomas Benziger
- Angela Botz
- Vivian Cardona
- Michele Cunningham
- Marion Dramin
- Rosemary Edwards
- Gary Etkie
- Debbie Fink
- Haydee Garcia
- Norman Glazer
- DeeDee Hall-Walker
- Teri Hedding
- James “JJ” Jones
- Seung Ki
- Smita Kothari
- Aaron Kubey
- Karen Macias
- Liliana Morgan
- Matthew “Magic” Morgan
- Kavita Pipalia
- Marcie Sacks-Botto
- Denise Van Thyne
- Richard Villalobos

Thanks to these people who participated in “Happy Hanukkah” video:

Andy & Carol Ban
 Susan Dramin-Weiss
 Judy Essig
 Debbie Fink
 Norman Glazer

Grateful to the following people who participated in “Vote” video:

Misty & Tom Adamo
 Andy & Carol Ban
 Debbie & Michael Davis
 Jane & Joe Delulio
 Slavica DiDonna
 Marion Dramin
 Susan Dramin-Weiss
 Kate & Mark Kubey
 Anil Phadke
 Peter & Susan Postl
 Brian & Denise Van Thyne



Special thanks:

Debbie & Michael Davis, and Kate & Mark Kubey for running the VPCC and Bingo games respectively.

Thank you to all attendees for their discussion/involvement in the virtual VPCC and also making them lively and fun!

TOWNSHIP NEWS



Best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year from all of us at the Disability Services Department!

Becky, Lauren, Ami-Nell, Sharon, Helen & Sarita

BENEFIT ACCESS PROGRAM

The Benefit Access program 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:

- ◆ Age 65 years or older or 16 years or older and permanently disabled before January 1, 2020.
- ◆ Must live in Illinois at the time you file your application.
- ◆ Incomes: Household 2021 Yearly Income
 - \$33,562 - 1 person household
 - \$44,533 - 2 person household
 - \$55,500 - 3 person household

* Effective January 1, 2021 applications submitted between January 1, 2021 and July 15, 2021 should use 2019 income to file.

* Applications submitted on July 16, 2021 or after must use 2020 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 2019 income, you may re-apply using your 2020 income on or after July 16, 2021.

NEWS FLASH!!

Medicaid assistance through the Department of Human Services is now available for non-citizens who are 65 years and older. To qualify, one must not be eligible for other Medicaid programs due to immigration status, meet income limits (1 person—\$1,088 per month; 2 person—\$1,462 per month), and meet asset limits. For more information or questions, contact 224-520-9763 VP or 847-285-4541 V.



LIHEAP BENEFITS STILL AVAILABLE

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) assists low-income

households with gas and/or electricity bills. Appointments can be done remotely and in-person if needed.

Gross Monthly Income Eligibility:

- \$2,127 (1-person household)
- \$2,873 (2-persons household)
- \$3,620 (3-persons household)
- \$4,367 (4-persons household)

For more information, an appointment and a list of required documents, please contact Sarita: 224-520-9763 VP.

SCHAUMBURG-HOFFMAN LIONS CLUB HEARING AID & EYEGASSES ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Hearing Aid Assistance Program: The Lions of Illinois Foundation and the Schaumburg-Hoffman Lions Club can assist Township residents 18 years and older obtain reconditioned over-the-ear style hearing aids and exams at a discounted price. Applicants need to apply in the disability services department with Director of Senior and Disability Services, Becky Cordes. Applicants will be screened for the program by appointment only. No income limit for the program. For details, or to apply for the program, contact Becky: 847-884-0030 ext. 2020 or bcordes@schaumburgtownship.org.

Eyeglasses Assistance Program: If you are in need of assistance obtaining eyeglasses, contact the disability department to see if you are eligible! The Lions of Illinois Foundation and the Schaumburg-Hoffman Lions Club can assist Township residents in obtaining an eye exam and eyeglasses who show financial hardship. Approved applicants must go to the Pearle Vision in Lake Zurich for the eye exam and eyeglasses—no exceptions. For more information please contact 847-285-4541.



Great Appreciation to Sorenson, for the Virtual VP Chats!

Very grateful to all following presenters to keep attendees entertained during the COVID-19 pandemic!



Demir Bekiri gave a wonderful story of his life experiences moving to USA from his hometown in North Macedonia and how he adapted to a new life in USA. He also shared his hometown culture and traditions.



Teri Hedding gave an educational presentation about Diabetes which covered types of diabetes, symptoms, nutrition, insulin, etc. Teri also explained in details of what happened when we ate. Very informative!



Everyone had a wonderful time learning about Black culture, traditions, daily lifestyle, experiences and brief information about BLM from **DeeDee Hall-Walker**.



Halloween Celebration was a big hit - Many came in festive Halloween costumes and there was a contest! In addition, we had show and tell, trivia, games and lots of laughter!



Marion Dramin explained about ITAC programs and there were lots of good questions from the attendees. In addition, Marion gave fun trivia on ITAC and general information.

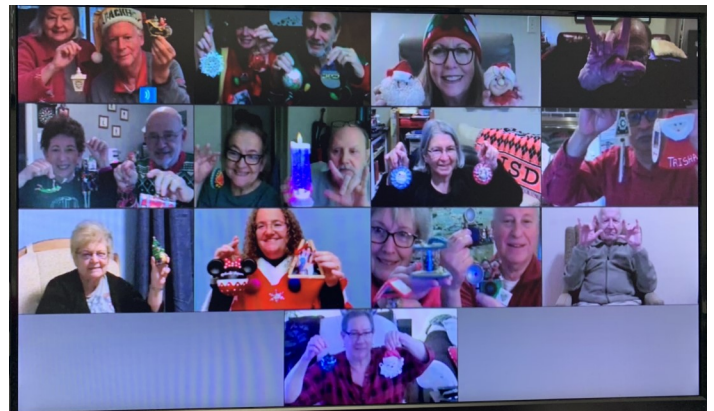
Mary Ann Campo



Celebrating **Mary Ann Campo's 80th Birthday!** Mary Ann was so thrilled and appreciated the surprise wishes from people!



Vivian Cardona gave valuable tips of self-care during the pandemic and upcoming holidays. There was a discussion as to how to keep busy during the social isolation and tips to reduce stress and improve mood and energy.



Holiday Celebration was a fun-filled event with icebreaker stories, show & tell (favorite ornament), word list related to holidays, trivia, scavenger hunt, and favorite cookie recipes. In addition, there was an ugly sweater contest and door prizes donated by Sorenson. Lots of fun and laughter!



WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY



Elke Weinbrenner passed away on November 17, 2020 due to complications from a recent illness. Elke was a college professor, teaching ASL at Harper College since 2006. Some of Schaumburg Township employees took ASL classes under her. She was an excellent teacher! She was 51 years old. She will be missed by so many people.



Daniel M. Lievens died on November 18, 2020. Daniel was an active member of the Bethel Baptist Church in Schaumburg. He attended our Deaf Social/Support Group several times and spoke to the group a few times. Daniel was 69 years old and will be missed by family and friends.



Annie Brown passed away on November 19, 2020. Annie had been a great volunteer for Schaumburg Township for more than 12 years. Annie was sociable and always smiled to everyone she met. Her favorite color was purple. Annie was 93 years old. She will be missed by everyone who loved her.

GREAT APPRECIATION

Thank you



Schaumburg Township Disability Services would like to thank all sponsors and donations for Disability Services Virtual Holiday Party. Below is the list of holiday sponsors:

Sponsors: The Schaumburg Hoffman Lions Club, B & A Plumbing Inc. and Anonymous.

Special Thanks: The Schaumburg-Hoffman Lions Club delivered the holiday bags to clients. Trustee Kegaris for baking the cookies.

DID YOU KNOW USCIS OFFERS A VIDEO IN ASL?

The U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS) offers study materials in a variety of accessible formats. If you plan to file your N-400, you can learn more about the naturalization process, eligibility requirements and how to become a U.S. citizen with our American Sign Language (ASL) video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wG0HTjg_2TE

If you plan to visit the offices & need to request an accommodation, please visit www.uscis.gov or call the Contact Center at 800-375-5283. Remember, you must request an accommodation for each appointment (for an example: fingerprinting, interview, naturalization ceremony).

(Derived from NAD Facebook)

IAD NEWS

Illinois Association of the Deaf (IAD) announced important news. Due to COVID-19 and the public's health, the IAD board voted to postpone the 2021 IAD conference, to be hosted by Jacksonville chapter of IAD (JIAD), to 2023. Also, IAD will host a business meeting to include bylaws, priorities, and officer elections in 2021. Please stay tuned for more information or visit www.iadeaf.org. For questions, please send an email to eb@iadeaf.org

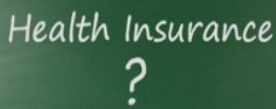


**FREE AMPLIFIED
PHONES AND
CELL PHONE
AMPLIFIERS**

The Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation (ITAC) offers free amplified phones and two cell phone amplifiers for qualified Illinois residents with a certified hearing loss. Schaumburg Township is a Selection Center. Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, we do accept both appointments or phone assistance with questions/ phone order. You can view phones or for information on www.itactty.org. For questions, contact the Disability Services at 847-285-4541.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Habitat for Humanity has two different programs that can help provide minor and major, interior and exterior, repair services.
A Brush with Kindness (ABWK): Is an exterior home preservation service that offers painting, landscaping and minor exterior repair services for low-income homeowners.
Critical Home Repair (CHR): Can assist homeowners who require assistance with health, safety, or code violation issues on the interior or exterior of their homes.
To qualify for either of these programs you have to own your home, have paid your property taxes, the value of the home is less than \$200,000, have homeowner's insurance and meet the following income guidelines: Annual Household Income:
1 person household - \$37,740
2 person household - \$42,780
To learn more about the programs or to apply visit www.habitatnfv.org or call 847-836-1432.



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; 224-520-9763. SHIP is not affiliated with any insurance company. SHIP counselors do not sell or solicit any type of insurance.



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- ◆ Friday, January 1, 2021 - **SCH TWP CLOSED** (New Year's Day)
- ◆ Monday, January 18 - **Martin Luther King Jr. Day**
- ◆ Tuesday, February 2 - **Groundhog Day**
- ◆ Friday, February 12 - **Chinese New Year**
- ◆ Friday, February 12 - **Lincoln's Birthday**
- ◆ Sunday, February 14 - **Valentine's Day** ❤️
- ◆ Monday, February 15 - **SCH TWP CLOSED** (Presidents' Day)



Schaumburg Township will be closed on
Monday, February 15, 2021, due to Presidents'
Day Holiday!