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Happy Halloween



Texas School for the Deaf – October, 1946

Front row left to right;

Annabelle Roberson, Sue Bright, Gail Ann Bellnoski, Robert Jones and Edward Lee Holloway.

Back row left to right;

Patsy Avant, Annie McWhorter, Betty Jo Jackson, and Evelyn Schulze

Given Copy Photo to TSD Heritage Center by Evelyn (Schulze) Norman TSD'56



NEWS AND NOTES

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NOTE: We missed listing Sheri Crawford's birthday on September 16. Please accept our apologies, *Sheri*. **Happy Belated Birthday to you.**

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Lottie Mark
5 Jo Bienvenu
9 Laverne Smith
14 Walt Ailstock
20 Betty Jo Quinn
21 Robert Montfort
22 Sandra Turner
25 Betty Ailstock
28 Franna Camensich
28 Teresa Eckstein
31 Earl Uzman
31 **Halloween Day**



FACT OF THE DAY: Pancake

The oldest surviving pancake recipe in the English Language dates from the 15th century. It describes a thin flat cake of batter, fried on both sides a pan & usually served either flat or with several stacked. Blin (as in blini & blintze) is Russian for 'pancake' & meant 'small' flat bread roll baked on both sides by being turned as in pancake

NEW ELECTION COMING AT THE END OF THIS YEAR

This is think about new officers for **2010 thru 2012**. The election of the officers shall be held every two years at the **November** meeting.

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer

SOCIAL SECURITY

For the first time in history, the Congress will not allow an increase in the social security COLA (cost of living adjustment).

In fact, The Henry J..Kaiser Family Foundation predicts there may not be any COLA for the next three years.

However, the per person monthly Medicare insurance premium will be increased from the 2009 premium of \$96.40 to \$104.20 in 2010 and to \$120.20 for the year 2011.

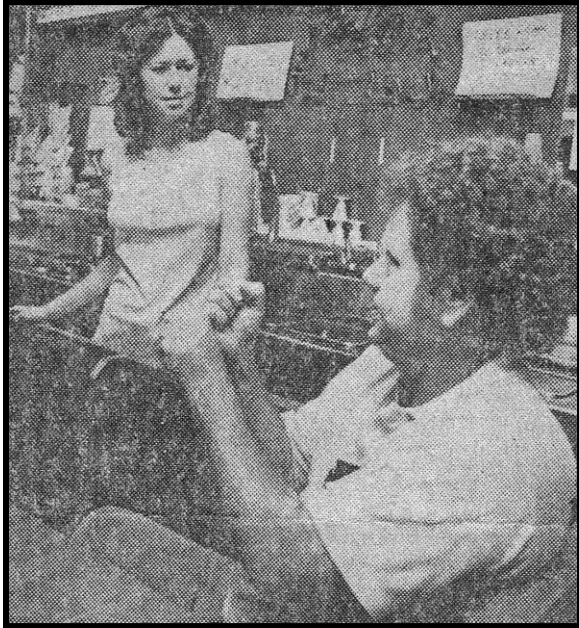
Send this to all seniors that you know. Remind them to not vote for the incumbent senators and congressmen in the 2010 and the 2012 elections.

Kent Kennedy, a guest speaker at TAD-SC Meeting last August, who works for CSD and is president of the Texas School for the Deaf Alumni Association, gave a short speech. He cited some interesting Texas statistic: 2.2 million deaf and hard of hearing individuals in Texas; 8,500 deaf children; 2,000 hard of hearing children; 3,000 children with cochlear implants; 1,800 certified interpreters; 753 deaf/blind individuals, mostly in Houston and surrounding areas; and 58 regional schools plus TSD. Submitted by Kent Kennedy, CSD.

OCTOBER 12, MONDAY – COLUMBUS DAY

OCTOBER 31, SATURDAY – HALLOWEEN DAY

STORES, RESTAURANTS HELP DEAF CUSTOMERS



J.C. Morris, using sign language, asks Ginger Hamptons for a cup of coffee at Sanders Drug Store.

Ginger Hampton hadn't worked at the drug store on South Congress Avenue for very long when the deaf customers started to teach her signs. "I write down the prices if I can get it across, but most of them can read my lips," she said as she sipped coffee at the Sanders Drugstore coffee counter. It was mid-afternoon and the store was deserted. "You can have a lot of fun with these people. All of them are real nice. They used to kind of scare me. I guess it's because they're different," Hampton said. "It scares anyone anytime you can't communicate." Hampton has learned enough signs so that when a deaf customers indicates he wants a Coke by pointing his right index finger at his left forearm, like giving a hypodermic shot, she knows what it means. "They'll teach you. Most people think that they're ignorant and stupid. They say, 'Look at those stupid. They say, 'Look at those stupid people over there waving their arms.' There are a

few...but most of them are not," she said. Her co-worker, C.A. Fink, has worked at the drugstore for 25 years. He learned sign language a long time ago. "If you want to get to be friends with them, you want to speak their language." Fink, who took a sign language course at a neighborhood church, doesn't know "the short-cuts of their language," but he can communicate with the deaf who frequent the store near the Texas School for the Deaf. "I have a lot of respect for the deaf. They're just like you or me. I like to help them," Fink said. If a deaf person comes in the store with a sore throat or cough or maybe "they want some film but don't know what size," Fink helps them. The short, balding man also makes phone calls for his deaf customers, but refused once to make a call. "One deaf man wanted me to ask his boss for a raise. I wouldn't do it. But I 've even called for dates, to a rent a house, on business and to make doctor appointments." Sanders Drugstore is one of the few places in Austin that stocks alarms with a flashing light hookup. J.W. Sanders who has operated the drug store and soda fountain since 1946, has known many deaf persons. He hasn't learned sign language. "They're kind of lonesome people at times, and if you know sign language, they 'll want to talk and keep you away from work," Sanders said. "Most of the time, If they want a favor, they write it down. "But it consumes time to communicate with them. I might be prejudiced, I don't know. I want to help them but..."said Sanders. *(Copied from 1950's Austin American and Statesman Newspaper from J.C. Morris, TSD'54)*

**FIELD TRIP TO GRAPEVINE, TEXAS ON
DECEMBER 1 & 2. WILL RETURN BACK
AUSTIN AND SAN MARCOS TO VISIT ICE
PLACE. COME TO SIGN UP AT THE MEETING
ON OCT. 1. SEE ED WHITE, VICE-PRESIDENT.**

*Lewis and Joan Stovall celebrate
30th Wedding Anniversary*



Lewis and I celebrated our belated 30th wedding anniversary (May 4th) on September 5th with a cruise on the Carnival Ecstasy to Cozumel Island with Lewis' daughter, Sheri Christianson, and her daughter, Amanda, for 5 days. We dined in the Windsong, a place with all foreign waiters. They sang Happy Anniversary to us and brought a delicious small Valentine cake in Lewis' favorite flavor, chocolate. We were surprised and all of us enjoyed it so much. We watched professional showgirls and western dancers put on a show. The program was very beautiful. A taxi took us to beautiful Paradise Beach and we toured different places on Cozumel Island. Sheri was a wonderful interpreter, bless her heart! We all had a wonderful time on the cruise. *(Submitted by Lewis and Joan Stovall)*



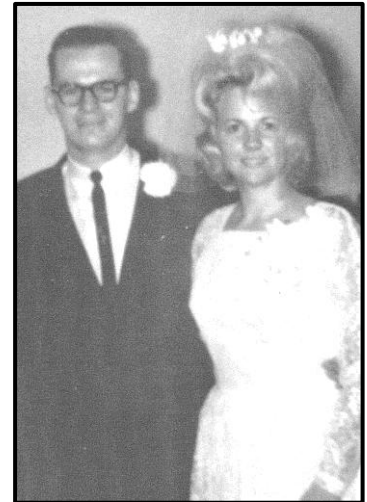
Congratulation! Betty (Alexander) Hancock, TSD'60 for 50th Anniversary of TSD Homecoming Queen on September 19, 2009 at TSD.

*John and Brenda Mills celebrate
45th Wedding Anniversary*



Brenda and John Mills

John and Brenda Mills will celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary on October 3, 1964. They got married at the very last minute with no invitation cards being sent out while he was Gallaudet student. They had a very small wedding with their family and a few friends. Brenda's sister Sheila was matron of honor. Billy Stout was best man. Brenda and John have always had old and good memories about how hard life was when they were a young married couple. After getting married, they moved to Washington, DC so that John could go back to attend Gallaudet College (now University) and Brenda worked to support themselves. However they ended up leaving again because of family situation. Later John decided to roll up his sleeves to finish with the rest of his credits transferred to Southwest State University (now Texas State University) in order to get his college degree and teaching certificate to become a teacher at TSD. Both are happily retired now. Being together for 45 years is truly a blessing. *(Sent by Brenda (Fogg) Mills, TSD'63)*



OBITUARIES



Mary Jane Alonzo Casey Feb. 2, 1952 - Aug. 31, 2009. As a thief in the night the Lord God our Savior came down and whisked Mary Jane Alonzo Casey away to be with him among the

saints. Though we grieve her departure, we know it will give way to rejoicing in the fact that she is enjoying perfect peace in the presence of our Eternal Father in Paradise. Mary Jane is survived by her devoted husband of 37 years, Terrence L. Casey; son, Terry Casey and wife Senobia Casey; daughter, Tammy Carrizales and husband Chris Carrizales; three grandchildren, Breana Casey, Emily Casey, Corey Casey; three brothers; two sisters and the countless brothers and sisters in the Deaf Community. The family will receive friends from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Friday September 4, 2009, with a remembrance service at 7:00 p.m. at Mission Funeral Home Serenity Chapel 6204 South First Street. Mrs. Casey will lie in state 9:00 a.m. Saturday, September 5, 2009 at Bannockburn Baptist Church 7100 Brodie Lane. Funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Assumption Cemetery. The family of Mary Jane would like to extend special thanks to everyone for their kind prayers and support.



Durward Allison Lewter, age 81, passed away on August 26, 2009 in a nursing home in Fort Worth, Texas. Memorial service take place at La Vista Retirement Center

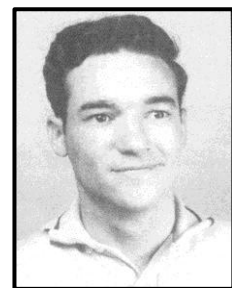
in San Marcos on September 24, 2009. He was a longtime resident of Forth Worth (born to deaf parents and grew up in that city) but he spend his last years at La Vista. He will be cremated and buried at his father, D.A. Lewter, Sr.'s plot at Greenwood Cementery in Fort Worth. He was well remembered by many deaf friends and will be greatly missed. His sister Betty Thrasher and her family live in San Antonio, Texas.



Julia C. (Cotter) Karam, age 90, went to be with the Lord on September 16, 2009. She was preceded in death by her husband Henry G. Karam. She graduated from Texas School for the Deaf. She is survived by

her children; Julia Anders, and spouse, Tom; Mildred Hale and spouse, Walter; Margaret Harris and spouse, Dave; Jack Karam and wife Mary Jo; numerous grandchildren, great and great-great grandchildren. (*Published in Express-News on September 19, 2009*)

James David Kelton, age 73, ex-TSD, passed away on September 19, 2009 in Crockett, Texas. Mr. Kelton was born in Groveton, Texas on January 15, 1936. He was preceded in death by his



parents Clyde Dewey and Oneita Kelton, and his brother-in-law; Billy Wayne Rollo, Sr. James is survived by his sister; Amanda Rollo, and brother; John Patrick

Kelton, numerous nieces and nephews, and other relatives. Buried at Glenwood Cemetery in Groveton, Texas. (*Waller-Thornton Funeral Home*)

LABOR DAY CELEBRATION AT LA VISTA RETIREMENT COMMUNITY CENTER

About Seventy-five (75) La Vista and TAD-SC with their guests celebrated the 7th of September with BBQ Brisket at La Vista Retirement Community Center in San Marcos. Everyone brought side dishes and had a great time.



The residents chose **Sandra Turner** as best dressed for the party.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Please send any news, announcement, note, or favorite recipes by October 25, 2009 to the Editor: Glenn Brunson, 7101 Hanging Oak Circle, Austin, Texas 78749 or email to gbrunson@austin.rr.com

Donations to TAD-SC: \$5.00 from *Marlene Hanks*

RENEWAL MEMBERS: *Don Bradford, Gwen Brown, Alfred Crager, Evelyn Floerke, Richard Odom, Margaret Robertson, Rosie Serna, Lorene Strother, and Frances White*

NEW MEMBERS: *David Armstrong, Mark Broussard, Wayne & Marolyn Carter, Mary E. Corley, Wendall Covett, Edie Feliciano, Marlene Hanks, Doris Hileman, Rosie Hoffman, and Eugene McNabb*

RECIPES

PRUNES OR DATES CAKE

By Lola Justiss

3 eggs Beat well
2 cups sugar
1 cup Mazola Oil
2 cups flour
1 cup buttermilk with teaspoon soda
1 cup chopped prune or dates (prune or dates with little flour)
1 cup chopped pecans
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon nutmeg
1 teaspoon cloves
1 teaspoon allspices
Add salt
Bake 300 degree about one hour or little more cook it and be careful. Use Bundt.

New York Life Insurance Agents Linda Herenchak and Tom D. Morrison will speak at TAD-SC meeting next **November 1, Thursday at 1:00 p.m.** They will serve refreshments

NEXT TAD-SC REGULAR MEETING

South Austin Senior Activity Center
3911 Manchaca Road
Thursday, October 1, 2009
At 1:00 p.m.



The presentation is
"ZVRS and Clarification on VRS Practices"

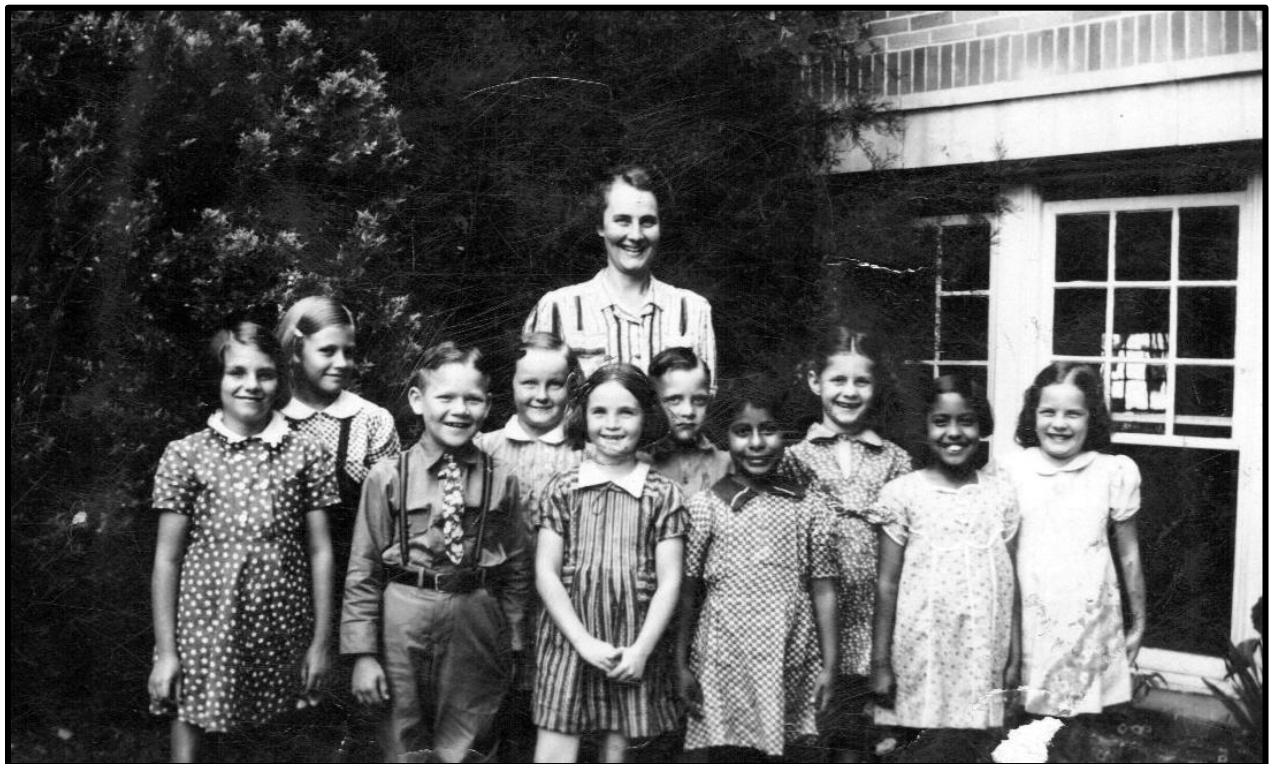
Be Seeing you there!

WHO ARE THEY?



1970'S Halloween Party at Deaf Club
Can you guess who?.Answer on back page.

PRIMARY HALL 1942



First row; Left to right: Betty Cutherson, Jovett McCallon, Betty J. Lewter, Raquel Cobarruivas, Lucille Flores, and Barbara Slaton. Second back row; Left to right: Audrey Ellis, Joyce Dudley, Paul Earnheart, and Joan Henry.
Given Original photo to TSD Heritage Center by Betty Thrasher

Bears

ALASKA	LUMBERING
BLACK	MAMMAL
BOAR	NORTH AMERICA
BROWN	PANDA
BRUIN	PAWS
CAPTIVITY	POLAR
CARNIVORE	POOH
CAVE	RUNNER
CINNAMON	SMOKEY
CLAWS	STRONG
CLUMSY	SWIMMER
CUB	TEDDY
DEN	TRAP
ENDANGERED	TREES
FAT	WILD
FEROCIOUS	WINTER
FISH	YOGI
FUR	ZOO
GRIZZLY	
GROWL	
HAIRY	
HIBERNATE	
HUNTER	
KODIAK	
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(Pages 7 "Who are They?" Answer: *J.C. Morris and Jackie Newman*)

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