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Christmas Lights 2013, Texas State Capitol

On Saturday, December 7th, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. everyone watched as this year's Capitol Christmas Tree lit up for the first time this season. The Holiday Sing-Along & Downtown Stroll is a free family-friendly event that begins with community caroling at the Capitol grounds and ends when the holiday tree in front of the Capitol is lit and participants stroll down Congress Avenue where they find the street alive with music, art, shopping and more.



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SENIOR CITIZENS MEETING

First Wednesday of the month at
 1:00 p.m.

South Austin Senior Activity Center
 3911 Manchaca Road
 Austin, Texas 78704

January 8, 2014
 Happy New Year!
 TAD-SC Meeting

February 5, 2014
 March 5, 2014
 April 2, 2014

April 8-9, 2014
 Deaf Seniors of Texas Sympo
 San Marcos, Texas

May 7, 2014
 TADSC Picnic

To be announced date
 Hill Country Flyer
 Ride Southern Pacific Steam Engine
 Cedar Park, Texas to Burnet, Texas

**HAPPY
 NEW YEAR**

Travis Association of the Deaf- Senior Citizens

Christmas Buffet

Wednesday, December 11, 2013



Abuelos Mexican Caterings



Ben Williams

Alren Whitsit

Jack Clifton



Iris Sandell James Maxwell



Patti Wilson



Brenda Mills

Beth & Les Hill



Carl & Joanne Brininstool

Betty Bounds

Larry Evans



Wayne & Sharlene Carter

Bob & Amanda Ross

Ninety-three (93) Travis Association of the Deaf-Senior Citizens and La Vista Deaf Seniors of San Marcos and their guests celebrated Christmas with a luncheon at the Austin Association of the Deaf Clubhouse in Austin, Texas on Wednesday, December 11, 2013; from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Abuelos' catering employees outdid themselves with wonderful food and service at our event. After dinner, President Earl Day gave a short speech. Beth Strain and Brenda Mills gave out nine (9) door prizes provided by Travis Association of the Deaf-Senior Citizens. Everyone said they enjoyed the food and service very much. *Thanks to members or guests who brought homemade desserts. (Thank you all TAD-SC committees and*
Photo by Glenn Brunson.)



Margaret Fewell, John & Vivian Hesser, Patsy Compton



Rosemary & Jerry McGaugh,

Judy Ricca. Mark Gunderson



Maria Garza

Julie Erickson

Gary Morris



Ed Newberry, Betty Healy,

Elaine Withrow,

Russell Healy



Richard Barnes

Joan & Robert Montfort

Reynaldo and Maria Carrillo



Barbie Vicencio

She is Treasurer of La Vista Deaf Seniors of San Marcos this year.



Sharon Hovinda

Mario Montalov

Tim Jaech

Nicholas Garza



James Ed White and Ann Marie White



Christmas door prizes of \$25 each went to the following winners: *Nancy Pinto, Patsy Compton, Charm Montalvo, Kathryn Caldcleugh, and Mary Whitsit.*



Richard and Mary Giuntoli

Sheila Miller



Carol Craghan, Edith Hebert,

Nancy Pinto



Sharon Hovinga, Judge, gave \$10.00 each prizes to *Betty Thrasher, Kathryn Caldcleugh, Roger Swanson, and James Maxwell* for the best Christmas outfit at the TAD-SC's Christmas Lunch on December 11, 2013.

December, 2013 Birthdays



Brenda Oates

Virginia Ruebush, Juanita Basham & Vonnie Basham



Eileen Hurne



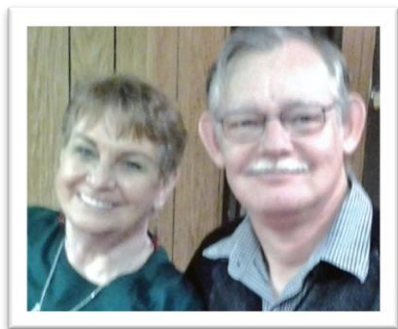
Judy Thomas



Left to Right: front row: *Callie Frazier, Ann Marie White, Brenda Oates, Carol Craghan, James Maxwell, Betty Healy, Roger Swanson, James Ed White, Earl Day and Mark Gunderson; Back row: Jerry McGaugh, Iris Sandell.*



Tom Compton



Sandra Griffin

Bill Kendall



CENTRAL TEXAS NEWS

December is the season to be jolly because Santa Claus is coming! Fox News touched off a controversy when Megyn Kelly announced that Santa Claus was white. One of the responses to this was by newspaper columnist John Young, a long-time contributor to the Waco newspaper. He used to live in the Waco area but now lives in Colorado. Young wrote a column on the wide variety of people who act as Santa Claus during the season. These are all kinds of people....Black, Hispanic, Asian, and White, whatever you can name. They may be either male or female. He mentioned his friend, Melvin Rueffer of the Waco area, who often serves as a deaf Santa at the mall during the Christmas season. We all know Melvin, who sometimes comes to our senior citizen meetings and is president of the Central Texas Deaf Senior Citizens. *Congratulations to Melvin Rueffer for getting his name in the news!*

(Austin American-Statesman – December 21, 2013)

Two-alarm fire at Hill's Cafe

AUSTIN (KXAN) November 25, 2013- Heavy fire broke out early Monday at Hill's Cafe, an iconic South Austin landmark that was in danger of closing earlier this year. A thick fog of smoke could be seen hovering over the two-store building. Crews on the scene said firefighters mounted what they called "an offensive attack" to bring the blaze under control. The fire was called in at 7:19 a.m. went to second alarm at 7:33. The restaurant is adjacent to a hotel, where people were huddled inside



to escape the rain and cold. The fire was contained to the restaurant. The fire that drew 55 firefighters to the cafe was caused by an electrical problem and was ruled accidental. Damage estimates were \$75,000 to the structure and \$25,000 to the contents. Part-owner Bob Cole, the longtime Austin radio personality, told KXAN that his main concern was for people inside café and the Classic Inn. But also said he's also worried about the extensive collection of memorabilia inside the restaurant. The artifacts from Austin's past means a lot to a lot of people, he said. Cole also said the cafe has experienced fires in the past, but they've been put out quickly. No one was hurt. "Hat's off to this great Austin Fire Department," Cole said at the scene. The fire was considered under control just before 9 a.m. It appeared to be isolated to an area between the ceiling and the roof over a dining area, fire officials said. The dining area and the kitchen were "relatively unscathed," the department said.

Remember this Hill's Café? We used to go there all the time in the past. When we were TSD Students, we always ordered Chicken Fried Steak for 99 cents in the 1950's. We teased friends when the waitress brought something that looked like ice cream but it was only homemade butter. We still remember for years. When I was about 14 years old, my daddy took me there. We friends still go there today.



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The "Deaflympics and TSD People" exhibition is now extended to June 6, 2014.



We proudly present this exhibition to recognize and honor our amazing former and present TSD students and staff who have participated in the Deaflympics games as athletes, coaches, and even officials. The exhibits in the back room feature memorabilia

of the Deaflympians from 1957 to 2013. They include medals, uniforms, banners, etc. The other exhibit in the front right corner of the museum focuses on our TSD icon Ruth Seeger, the only woman on the first USA track and field team in 1957 and five-time USA Women's track and field coach from 1965 to 1989.

In 1957, the first USA team was sent to the International Games for the Deaf in Rome, Italy. Three people from TSD on the USA track and field team were Raymond Butler, Athletic Director, Ruth Seeger, a PE teacher, and Sammy Oates, a 1958 graduate. Since 1957, TSD people were at every game. As of now, the total of medals earned by both former and present students and staff is 109. Last July at the 2013 Deaflympics held at Sofia, Bulgaria, three TSD students earned six medals. One of them is now a senior at TSD. It is believed that TSD has the most medals among the other schools for the deaf at this Deaflympics. All together there were 10 people from TSD as athletes and coaches. At this Deaflympics, Delvin Furlough, a 2009 graduate, tied with a 1974 graduate Suzy Barker's most-medal record among the TSD athletes. They earned six medals For a museum tour or an appointment, please contact by email: heritage.center@tsd.state.tx.us.

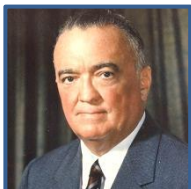
Celebrations

60th Birthday



Cindy Duve

On Saturday, November 16th, 2013 Cindy Duve's family gave a surprise birthday celebration at her daughter's beautiful house in Dripping Spring, Texas from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. They served hamburgers and hot dogs, etc. She was so surprised and enjoyed the party with her family and friends. After the party, Cindy took some pictures of all her guests with clown costumes. That's Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Brunson in the picture below.



TRIVIA: The first director of the American FBI was born on New Year's Day in 1895?

Answer: J. Edgar Hoover

Born on January 1, 1895, in Washington, D.C., J. Edgar Hoover was the long-time director of the FBI (1924-1972) and spent much of his career gathering intelligence on radical groups and individuals and "subversives," Martin Luther King Jr. being one of his favorite targets. Hoover's methods included infiltration, burglaries, illegal wiretaps and planted evidence, and his legacy is tainted because of it. He died in Washington, D.C., on May 2, 1972.

Signing Santa Claus for Deaf & Hard of Hearing Children



Santa arrived at Barton Creek Square Mall on December 3rd, ready to check wish lists from deaf & hard of hearing students from 6 to 8:30 pm while some of your favorite holiday music would

be performed in American Sign Language. Holiday Music performed by students from Texas School for the Deaf.

(Copied from the TSD Lone Star)



SAN MARCOS NEWS

La Vista Holiday Party



Interpreters with Deaf Parents and San Marcos Interpreter Services

They invited La Vista residents and friends to La Vista Community Center in San Marcos on December 7th, 2013. They provided a wonderful holiday lunch. They gave out many nice prizes. They made sure everyone had a good time.



Guests wait in the La Vista lobby for the party to start.



Callie Frazier, Sandra Turner, Patti Wilson, & Vivian Hesser



CODA served Holiday Lunch plates to Senior Citizens



Holiday Lunch



Larry Barnett



Barbie Vicencio, Sue Boesen, Giovanna Fiandaco, Margaret Fewell



Callie Frazier, Dorisgean Williams, Jo Reins, Vivian Hesser, Sandra Turner, and Carol Craghan.



Leon Hudson, Russell Healy, Patsy Nelson, and Mary Sandel



Sandra Griffin, Joan and Lewis Stovall

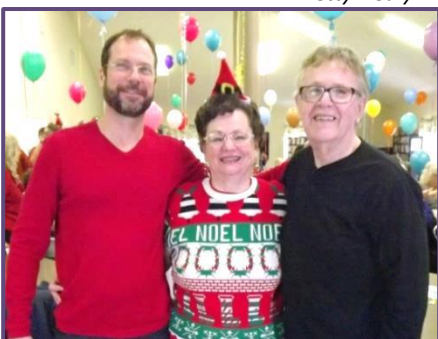


James Maxwell, Kathie Briscoe, Carolyn Cook and Edith Hebert





Betty Healy



Alan Sessions, his mother, Gertrude Sessions and Glenn Brunson



Elaine Withrow



Three CODA, Beverly Duncan, & John Hesser



Patti Wilson & Juanita Basham



Virginia Ruebush, Nicholas Martz, no name



Door prizes of \$10.00 to \$20.00 each went to the following winners.



Left to Right: first row: Vicki Hudson, Beverly Duncan, no name; second row: Dorisgean Williams, Kathie Briscoe, Virginia Ruebush, Joan Stovall; third row: Patti Wilson, Barbie Vicencio, Betty Healy, Darlene Hawkins, Elaine Withrow, Sandra Turner, Jo Reins, Gertrude Sessions; fourth row: John Hesser, Bill Kendall, no name, Charles Hawkins, James Maxwell, Fred Newberry, and Lewis Stovall.

A Dozen of Red Roses



Left to Right: Sitting row: Virginia Ruebush, Margaret Fewell; Back row: Joan Stovall, Edith Withrow, Betty Thrasher, Sandra Turner, Darlene Polson, and Barbie Vicencio. (Juanita Basham not on picture)



On Saturday, December 14, 2013 A Dozen of Red Roses from La Vista Apartments went out to eat at Gruene River Grill Restaurant in Gruene, Texas. They celebrated their Christmas dinner and exchanged gifts. After dinner, they went out shopping in the small town and enjoyed themselves. *They wish you all Happy Holidays.*

La Vista Deaf Seniors of San Marcos are having a meeting on January 9th, 2014, Thursday at 1:30 p.m. at La Vista Retirement Community Center. *Mark your Calendar!*

EDITOR'S NOTE: Please send any news announcement, notes, or favorite recipes by December 20th, 2013 to TAD-SC, Editor Glenn Brunson, 7101 Hanging Oak Circle, Austin, Texas 78749 or email gbrunson@austin.rr.com
Thank you.

RENEVALS AND NEW MEMBERS/SUBSCRIBER:

Gus Curbello, Robert & Joanne Easley, Julia Eckbar, Laverne Fair, Carroll Frazier, June Greer, Melba Hallmark, Alvin Leef, Jerry Moore, Herbert Picou, Erna Quiram, Mary Jo Stevens, Lucille Suire, Marcus Vahalik, Peter Wright.

DONATIONS TO TAD-SC:

- Herbert Picou donated in memory of Joan Crawford Picou, Thank you.
- Julia Eckber donated TAD-SC to congratulation Leslie & Beth (Strain) Hill in their marriage, Thank you.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

3 Sandra Griffin
3 Joan Stovall
3 Mario Montalvo
14 Sharon Hovinga
15 Billy McNabb
16 Jack Giacona
18 Marie Poss
19 Marcus Vahalik
19 Nathan Wallace.
21 Marie Ramos
21 Kenneth Burkett
22 Fred Newberry
22 Tennie Sessions
24 James Bargsley
24 Juanita Basham
25 Connie Jasso
25 Charm Montalvo
28 Nicholas Garza
31 Rosemary McGaugh

DO YOU KNOW WHO THEY ARE?



TSD 1948-1949

Art Teacher Bob Phillips, Gordon Gibbons, Jackie Ragsdale, Patricia Hill, Barbara Slanton, and Juanita Easley.

RECIPE

Caramel-Glazed Pear Cake

By Dorothy Floyd

- 4 ripe Bartlett pears, peeled, chopped (about 3 cups)
 - 1 tablespoon granulated sugar
 - 3 cups Gold Medal all-purpose flour
 - 1 teaspoon baking soda
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 3 eggs
 - 2 ¼ cups granulated sugar
 - 1 ¼ cups vegetable oil
 - 3 teaspoon vanilla
 - 1 ½ cups coarsely chopped pecans
 - ¼ cup butter or margarine, softened
 - ¼ cup packed light brown sugar
 - ¼ cup whipping cream
- Heat oven to 350 degree F. Grease 12-cup fluted tube cake pan with shortening; lightly flour. In medium bowl, gently toss pears and 1 tablespoon granulated sugar; let stand 5 minutes.
 - Meanwhile, in another bowl, mix flour, baking soda and salt. In large bowl, beat eggs, 2 cups of the granulated sugar, the oil and 2 teaspoons of the vanilla with electric mixer on medium speed until blended. Gradually add flour mixture, beating on low speed until blended. Fold in pears and pecans. Pour batter into pan.
 - Bake 1 hour or until tooth pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 15 minutes; remove from pan to cooling rack.
 - In 1-quart heavy saucepan, heat butter, brown sugar, remaining ¼ cup granulated sugar and the whipping cream to boiling over high heat, stirring constantly; boil 1 minute without stirring. Remove from heat; stir in remaining 1 teaspoon vanilla. Cool until slightly thickened. Drizzle glaze over warm cake. Let stand until set. Prep Time: 25 minutes-Start to Finish 1 hour 40 minutes-Servings 12.

NEXT TAD-SC MEETING

February 5th, 2014

At 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

South Austin Senior Activity Center
3911 Manchaca Rd.
Austin, Texas 78704

**Wear RED CLOTHES
DOOR PRIZES**

Refreshments

SEE YOU THERE!

American Holidays

P Y S T P A T R I C K S D A Y
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APRIL FOOLS DAY
CHRISTMAS
COLUMBUS DAY
FATHER'S DAY
FOURTH OF JULY
GRANPARENT'S DAY
GROUNDHOG DAY
HALLOWEEN
MOTHER'S DAY

NEW YEAR'S
PRESIDENT'S DAY
ST. PATRICK'S DAY
THANKSGIVING
VALENTINE'S DAY
VETERAN'S DAY



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