



# Travis Association of the Deaf Senior Citizens Newsletter



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## THE CLASS OF 1959 MEMBERS CELEBRATED THE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY



*Left to right: First row; Dorothy (Miller) Floyd, Denzil Fewell, Glenn Brunson, and George Aguilar. Left to right: Second row; Robert Whitworth, Newton Weatherly, and James Goolsby*

On September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 the TSD Class of 1959 celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> year reunion at the TSD Heritage Center from 1:00 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. They showed off their gold caps and blue and white attire. We all went on the TSDDA riverboat ride on Lake Austin and enjoyed ourselves. The members that participated were George Aguilar, Glenn Brunson, Denzil Fewell, Dorothy (Miller) Floyd, James Goolsby, Newton Weatherly, and Robert Whitworth and their spouses. Those members who could not attend their 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion were: Sydna Fern (Norton) Smith of Beaumont, Texas; Bobby Pfeffer of Austin, Texas who lives in a nursing home; and Wynie Burton, whom we cannot locate.



*Dorothy (Miller) Floyd*



*Denzil Ray Fewell*



*Glenn C. Brunson*



*George Edward Aguilar*



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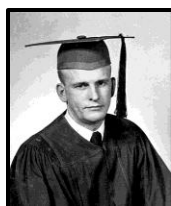
Robert Anthony Whitworth



Newton Emerson Weatherly



James Richey Goolsby



Sydna Fern (Norton) Smith



## NEWS AND NOTES

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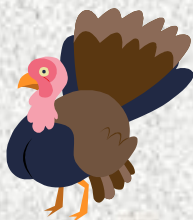
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Earl Day, President  
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Beth Strain, Entertainment Committee  
Brenda Mills, Entertainment Committee

## VETERAN'S DAY – NOVEMBER 11

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Wayne Phillips
- 1 Bonnie Ramsey
- 1 Barbie Vicencio
- 5 Thelma Stack
- 7 Vivian Hesser
- 10 Larry Evans
- 11 Elsie Broussard
- 12 Gertrude Galloway
- 13 Newton Weatherly
- 16 Walt Camenisch
- 16 Jerry Smith
- 20 Joan Pate
- 22 Richard Odom
- 23 Bonnie Gough
- 26 Wayne Lee Carter
- 30 Doug Strain



### NEXT TAD-SC REGULAR MEETING

South Austin Senior Activity Center  
3911 Manchaca Road

Thursday, November 5, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.



### NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE AGENTS;

Linda Herenchak, M.A. – New Jersey  
and Tom D. Morrison – Northern California  
will speak about the retirement financial plans

Refreshments provided by New York Life Insurance

### ELECTION NEW OFFICERS FOR 2010-2012

**BE SEEING YOU THERE!**

**Happy Thanksgiving Day!**

#### *New York Life Insurance Agent invitation*

#### *To Deaf Senior Members,*

It is my feeling that we need more information about better retirement plans (or financial plans for retirement). Therefore, I recommend that we invite New York Life Insurance agents who are deaf to speak to us about the retirement financial plans that the very reputable New York Life Insurance Company has to offer. The deaf agents that represent New York Life Insurance Company are Linda Herenchak of New Jersey, that has served NYLife for over 23 years and Tom Morrison of Northern California that has served NYLife for over 12 years.

Linda and Tom will present valuable information about plans for turning your savings into retirement Income. They also will specifically talk about an awesome new product of New York Life Insurance Company – The "Guaranteed Lifetime Income" plan. Their presentation does not cost us at all! They are willing to come and talk to all of us here for about 1 or 2 hours. They will provide refreshments for us, and again, valuable information. They will be available to come here in November, January or February. I respectfully recommend that our committee contact Linda and Tom for scheduling a meeting/workshop. Thank you very much for your consideration. Sincerely,

*Teresa Eckstein*

# AUSTIN'S OWN DEAF MASTER OF ARTS AND CRAFTS

By Joanne Brininstool



**Glenn Brunson** (1959) is Austin's own deaf master of arts and crafts. He is involved in nearly everything creative. He publishes the newsletters for the Travis Association of the Deaf-Senior Citizens, collects news, and does the layout. This is no small feat! He has done a variety of arts and crafts, such as oil painting, but the hobby that fascinates most people is doll making.

Glenn retired about 16 years ago from the Travis County Courthouse where he was a microfilm supervisor. His sister convinced him to go to doll making classes in San Antonio with her for about a year, and learn how to make porcelain dolls. He became so interested in these classes. He bought his own kiln. He can order molds from doll catalogs, make the dolls, paint the faces down to the last detail, and attach wigs. The dolls vary from 12 inches to 36 inches. They can be made to look like specific people.

**Barbara Brunson**, his wife, sews elaborate outfits for the dolls. She pays great attention to the time period and cultural style. Some of the costumes are from the 1800's such as the one for a Scarlett O'Hara doll. She has made Indian doll outfits for their American Indian collection. One doll, for example, has silver and turquoise beads, a leather skirt, a long skirt, and moccasins. She also has made special outfits for other dolls that Glenn has made such a Shirley Temple and an Arabian doll.

Barbara also collects Barbie dolls. With the many dolls that Glenn has made and those she collects, they



have had over 300 dolls. Some they have sold. Some have been given away.

But they keep many of them and will be happy to show you some. Glenn now has other hobbies and volunteer activities that take up his time so he doesn't make dolls very often these days. But he is still working on Cleopatra doll.

Currently, he supervises a group of volunteers at the TSD Heritage Center Museum and helps set up exhibits. He set up a Back to School exhibit recently with nice decorative touches. He also serves as the treasurer for the Travis Association of the Deaf-Senior Citizens in addition to publishing the newsletter. He is a very busy person but he always has a big smile and time to talk with anyone.



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*By Sharon Hovinga*



*Juanita Easley Basham (1951)* attended classes and one-week camps at Neal's Lodges on the Frio river in Concan, Texas. She also learned how to make dolls and her talent also shines through also in these photographs. The bear was made from a 47 years old mouton fur coat that she bought when her family was living in Kansas, which has much colder weather than Austin. When they moved back to Austin, her husband *Billy Basham (1941)* was embarrassed that she would wear the coat in such warm weather, so she cut up the coat to



make bears, even down to the button eyes and mink collar.



*Charm and Mario Montalvo* visited their friend, *Richard and Pat Fair* in Akron, Ohio on September 8 thru 21, 2009. While in Ohio, they visited many interesting sights. They took many pictures. Next they went to Columbus, Ohio and saw both the old and new school for the deaf. They also visited the retirement home for seniors where about 150 deaf people live. The retirement home was so beautiful. Next, they went to Cleveland and walked around the downtown area. While there they visited Lake Erie, the Roll and Rock Hall of Fame, Cleveland

Browns, Indians and Cavaliers. They also were able to visit Goodyear, General Motors, Mustill Museum, McKinley Memorial (25<sup>th</sup> President of the United States). Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens, and the Amish Country. Mario and Charm had a wonderful time.



## **DEAF CLUB'S**

### **"COFFEE & DESSERTS CHAT"**

This will be nine months next November 21, 2009, Saturday at 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Deaf Club, 8818 Cullen Rd. Austin, Texas. There were plenty of refreshments and coffee. They will give out some very nice prizes. Hope you can join them just for couple of hours in the morning!

*Sally Porter,*

Chairperson

We recently had TSD Homecoming on Friday and Saturday, September 18 and 19<sup>th</sup>. There was the cruises and had **329** people. There were two boats. It was a good crowd and thank to Ronny Taylor for his hard work as the chairperson. (<http://tsdaa.org/wp/2009/20/15/president-kent-annoucement/>)



Left to right: Front row; Glenn Brunson and Beth Strain, Left to right: Middle row; Barbara Brunson and Janet Morris

On Saturday, September 19, 2009, during TSD Homecoming, Glenn and Barbara Brunson, Janet Morris and Beth Strain helped to distribute the TSD history book, titled **A PROUD TRADITION**, to alumni on the school campus from noon till 4 p.m. Alumni could not wait to get their books. TSDAA members were first in line while non-members waited in line. All the alumni were so thrilled to get their books after several years of delay. TSDAA ordered 1,500 books to be printed, and 600 of those were sold before Homecoming. That leaves 900 books but just lately TSDAA has sold 200 books. So now there are 700 books available to those of you who have not yet purchased a book. Brenda Mills and Brenda Oates are not in the picture but they also volunteered their time to distribute books at Homecoming.

#### THE DEAF IN AUSTRALIA

Australia has approximately 150,000 deaf people. Historians know that England in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century, sent their prisoners to Australia to live there for good. Were there any deaf people among the prisoners sent to Australia? Yes, some of them were according to Breda Carty and Darlene Thornton, Australian Deaf historians. (*DeafDigest-Oct.2009*)



Jimmy and Eileen Brookes gave his mother a surprise 94<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration on August 22 in Killeen by bringing a birthday cake, ice cream, and punch. Jimmy's sisters, Dorothy and husband, Bob, and Betty and husband, Raymond, were present at the celebration. His brother, Jesse was unable to attend. Lois really enjoyed it very much.

**Note:** Lois Brookes was an active member of the parent-Teacher Association (PTA) at T.S.D. while her children, Jimmy and Betty were students during the year of 1950's-60's.

#### SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT TSD 150<sup>TH</sup> HISTORY BOOK

I am asked by Rudy Gomez, who is responsible for TSD 150<sup>th</sup> History Book distribution, to spread the word. So I am sending this to you all to spread the word to your friends as well deaf community about the 150<sup>th</sup> History Book. Some of you did not go to TSD Homecoming and did not have the chance to pick up the history book. Rudy is trying to set up the distribution in major cities. He and his volunteers will drive to Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, Waco and other cities if the travel is permitted. Some will be shipped. If you want to know about picking up book in specific cities, please contact Rudy Gomez at this email/vp number [150thbookchair@tsdaa.org](mailto:150thbookchair@tsdaa.org) and 512-462-7854. If you want to know more about the book, go to [www.tsdaa.org](http://www.tsdaa.org) to watch Kent. If you know your friends that haven't picking up the book, please forward this to them.

Thanks,  
Ann Horn

## ★ Seeger 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary ★



Julius and Ruth Seeger (Taubert) Seeger celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary this past May of 2009 in Austin, Texas. Attending a small party at the Summit Healthcare Center were family members from the McNamara (cousins Mike and Julia McNamara, Jane and Art Casiraghi, Pat and Clara McNamara, Billy John and Jerri McNamara) and Seeger families (brother Lawrence). And, attending another party at their son's home were a few close and long time friends (Kathryn, Anita, Estelle, Marie, Ferri Lou, Jo, and Carrie) from the Austin deaf community. Juluis (originally from Texas) and Ruth (originally from Minnesota) met at Gallaudet University in Washington, DC, where they both graduated in 1949 and were married the day after their graduation in a double wedding on the Gallaudet University Chapel steps. They then began a celebrated career of Teaching, Coaching and Counseling at the Texas School for the Deaf in Austin (75 years combined). Throughout their lives they have been loving partners, celebrating each other and their many accomplishments together.



Daylight Saving Time  
Begins at 2 a.m. Sunday  
November 1, 2009

**Turn clocks back  
1 hour**

## In Memoriam



### Robert "Bob" Glen Stephenson

August 20, 1938-  
October 3, 2009

Robert "Bob" Glenn Stephenson Sr. 71 of Ozark, Arkansas died Thursday, October 3, 2009 in Ozark, Arkansas. He was born August 20, 1938 in Wichita, Kansas to

Glenn and Freda Stephenson. He worked many years in Sheet Rock and commercial construction. Bob was the organized of the Ozark Timber fest for the deaf and he was of the Baptist Faith. Bob is preceded in death by his parents Glenn and Freda Stephenson, one daughter Kathy (Stephenson) Iverson, one brother Rodney Stephenson and one sister Sharon Jones. He is survived by his wife Margaret Stephenson, one son, Bobby Stephenson, Jr. of Ft. Worth, Texas, five daughters, Libby Allen of Little Rock, Arkansas, Carolyn Franlin of Burleson, Texas, Loretta Price of Oklahoma City, OK, Susan Stephenson of McPherson, KS and Dixie Weilert of Leoti, KS, Eight grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren. Other survivors include Bobby Jr. and Libby's mother Elizabeth Stephenson. The family was a memorial service at 2:00pm on Sunday, October 4, 2009 at the Blue Mountain Lake Pavilion, East of Booneville, AR.

### Shirley Stegall Jackson

January 5, 1935 –  
September 29, 2009



Shirley Stegall Jackson, 74, TSD 1955, has moved on to be with our Father on the 29<sup>th</sup> of September joining her parents and her brother, Kenneth Stegall. She

was born January 5, 1935 in Houston, Texas. Survivors are her children: Sue Ann Haley and Jerome Jackson; brother: Bill Etie and wife Rene; sisters: Martha Sahualla and husband Lucky, Cherry Key and husband Butch, Sondra Guthrie and husband Bill; sister-in-law: Shelley Stegall; three grand-children; five great-grandchildren; and long time soul mate; Val Morton. A memorial service was on Saturday, October 10, at 2:00 p.m. at Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church, 9920 Long Point Rd., Houston, Texas 77055.

### **Lillian Eloise Carlton**

*August 21, 1930 – October 22, 2009*

Lillian Eloise Carlton (Barlow), age 79, TSD 1949's of Garland, Texas, passed away October 22, 2009. She was born August 21, 1930. Lillian is survived by three children, two sons and one daughter; nine grandchildren. Service will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday October 24, 2009 at New Hope Funeral Home, 500 E. Hwy 80, Sunnyvale, Texas.

## ***Who are they?***



*Left to Right: Wanita Floerke, Gracia Gonzales, Zelma Sides, Romilda Harris, and Geraldine Coker*

**THANKSGIVING DAY  
NOVEMBER 26, 2009**

### **RECIPE**

#### ***BIRDIE CAKE***

*By Margaret Williams*

2 eggs  
1/2 cup water to make a full cup  
2 cup flour  
2 cup sugar  
1 tsp vanilla  
2 tsp. baking soda  
1 can crushed pineapple (Don't drain)  
Butter pan

Bake 350 till slightly brown or test tooth pick first or to see the cake if done. 35 to 40 minutes.

### **ICING**

1 8 oz cream cheese  
2 cup powdered sugar  
1 stick butter  
Mix all together. Pour on the cake while the cake is still hot. (I prefer it while the cake is not hot.) Enjoy it!

**RENEWAL MEMBERS:** *Carole Allen, Genevieve Cummings, Sallie Curtis, Virginia Diana Duncan, Callie Frazier, Paula Harris, Jack Giacona, Richard and Mary Giuntoli, Doris Jameson, Jennie Lee Jordan, Nicolas Martz, Fred Newberry, Helmut and Erna Quiram, Nimm H. Shelton, Edna Smiley, Larry Smith, Marcus Vahalik and Edith J. Wood.*

**NEW MEMBERS:** *Richard Urban gifted by Glenn Brunson, and Sarah Newman.*

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** *Please send any news, announcement, note, or favorite recipes by November 21, 2009 to Editor: Glenn Brunson, 7101 Hanging Oak Circle, Austin, Texas 78749 or email to [gbrunson@austin.rr.com](mailto:gbrunson@austin.rr.com)*

### **TRIVIA**

**How much did Columbus' voyage cost?**

*It costs more to buy a new car today in the United States that it cost Christopher Columbus to equip and undertake three voyages to and from the New World.*

## Oceans

AGULHAS	SHRIMP
ALGAE	SOLE
ARCTIC	SONAR
CLAMS	SOUNDING
CORAL	SPONGE
DULSE	SWELLS
FISH	TIDE
FLOTSAM	TRENCH
FLOUNDER	TSUNAMI
FOOD	TURTLES
GULF STREAM	URCHIN
ICEBERG	VOLCANO
INDIAN	WATER
ISLAND	WAVES
KELP	WHALES
KUROSHIO	
PACIFIC	
PLANTON	
RIFT	
SALTY	
SEAMOUNT	
SEDIMENT	
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