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TSD's 1946's Beginners Class around the Christmas



Left to right: Mrs. Cleo Culbreath (teacher), Betty Louise Blankenship '60, Claudia Miller '57, James Dosier, Joe Lee Smith '60, Rosetta Stultz, Rosie Mae Jenkins, Melvia Miller '56, and Denzel Ray Fewell '59, Left to right; Front row: Betty Jean Kowis, Freddie Ricklefsen, and Ed Easley '60. Their teacher adores them, and does everything possible to make them happy. The beautiful decorated Christmas tree and array of gifts which she provided for them at Christmas clearly demonstrate the fact. However, this spirit of love, interest and helpfulness was manifested in each classroom throughout the Primary Hall. Every child in TSD celebrated Christmas before leaving the school for his or her home. (TSD's Lone Star's January 15, 1947) (Original photo courtesy TSD Heritage Center)



NEWS & NOTES

EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear Travis Association of the Deaf-Senior Citizens and Friends,

Christmas is around the corner and some of you may take a trip to join your families, relatives or friends. I wish you all have a safe trip and a wonderful time.

Happy Holidays! *Glenn Brunson*, TAD-SC Editor

Please send any news, announcement note, or favorite recipes By December 21, 2008 to the Editor: Glenn Brunson, 7101 Hanging Oak Circle, Austin, Texas 78749 or email to gbrunson@austin.rr.com



The members of TAD-SC & La Vista Senior Citizens will host a **Christmas Luncheon** at the La Vista Community Center, 1615 Redwood Rd., San Marcos, Texas on Thursday, December 11, 2008, from 11:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m. Tickets will be \$5.00 per person for members and spouses. The deadline is Friday, December 5, 2008. Only 100 tickets will be sold. To buy tickets, please see Beth Strain or Barbie Vicencio. An added attraction is that the family of Ben & Margaret Williams will hold a 65th Wedding Anniversary party for them after the Christmas Luncheon.

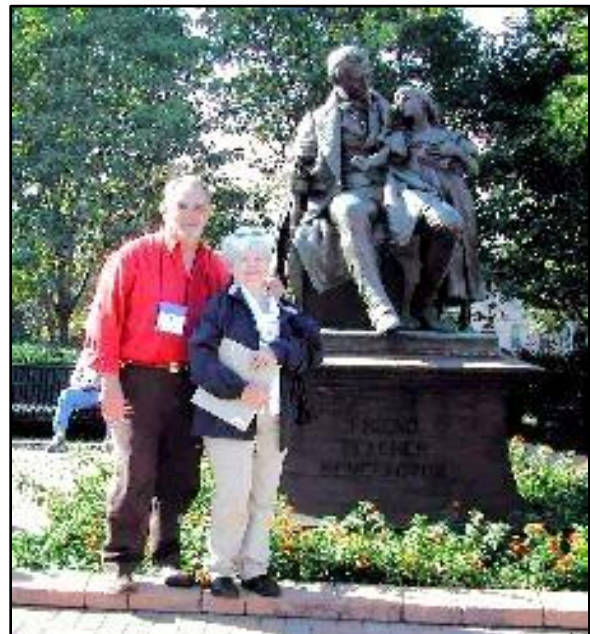
TSD'63 Beth (Proffitt) Strain's sister June Demmer, age 73, longtime resident of Austin passed away on Thursday, October 2, 2008, at her home.

GALLAUDET '58 GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY REUNION

Eileen Brookes and Joanne Easley attended the Class of '58 Golden Anniversary Reunion at Gallaudet University in Washington D.C. October 15 through 20. They received medallions at a ceremony inducting them into the 2008 Alumni Emeriti Club. Thirty nine '58 Class members were present at the event. Pictures are of



Joanne and Eileen after the ceremony



Joanne and her husband, Ed, in front of the Gallaudet statue.



Joanne with Dr. Robert Davilla, President, in front of the President's Home.



On Friday, October 31, 2008, Allison Lewter fell and broke his left hip at his apartment in La Vista Retirement Community. He is now at the Summit Home at West Lake Hills in Austin for six weeks of therapy. He looks forward to returning to the La Vista Retirement Community. He had a good Thanksgiving dinner at the Summit Home with his sister Betty and her husband, Glenn Thrasher, and Julius Seeger, a resident of the Summit Home for several years. *We all send Allison our wishes to get well soon!*

FACTORIES HIRING THE DEAF

Why do certain factories hire the deaf whereas other factories may not?

Favorable attitude towards the deaf? Possibly, but there is another reason – factory noise is no unbearable that turnover among the hearing is high. As a result, these factories, desperate for employees, would happily hire the deaf!



Ann Horn, Direct Services Program Specialist Office for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services (DARS)

Ann Horn, an employee of the Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS), came to the meeting of the TAD-SC members on November 6, 2008 to speak about, "What is DHHS?" *We want to thank her for an interesting presentation.*

TRIP TO HOUSTON FOR THEIR CELEBRATE 25TH ANNIVERSARY



On Wednesday, November 12, 2008, fifty-one (51) members of TAD-SC and La Vista Senior Citizens left at the early 5:30 a.m. to go on a chartered bus trip Houston, Texas to help the Houston Senior Citizens celebrate their 25th anniversary at West

Gray Adaptive Recreation Center, 1475 West Gray Street. A BBQ lunch and cake were served. About 240 senior citizens from out of town attended this 25th Anniversary event. Earl Day was a guest speaker and gave a talk about our Travis Association of the Deaf Senior Citizens. Some awards were given. Ben and Margaret Williams received a gift certificate in honor of their 65th wedding anniversary. Five door prizes were given out and our TAD-SC members, Sandra Griffin won. We all returned home around 5:30-6:00 p.m. We enjoyed seeing many old friends.



Earl Day was a guest speaker for TAD-SC



Miriam Thumann and her friend



TAD-SC and La Vista members



Betty Jo Quinn and Brenda Oates



Charm and Mario Montalvo



Walt Camenisch, Beth Strain, and June Greer



Ben and Margaret Williams



Jimmy and Eileen Brookes



TAD-SC and La Vista members all returned home and enjoyed seeing many friends.



HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY TO ALICE KENNEDY



Eileen Brookes' mother, Alice Kennedy celebrated her 100th birthday on Saturday, November 15 at the nursing home in Austin. The guests including her 97-years old sister of Gonazles, Texas, her first cousin of Alabama, numerous nephews and nieces attended the party which her children hosted. She really enjoyed it so much.
(by Eileen (Kennedy) Brookes)

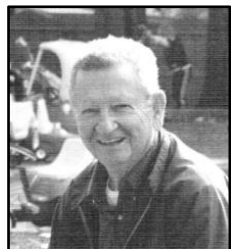
Obituaries



Mary Louise Slover Draughon, 91, of Temple, passed away on Wednesday, October 8, 2008 in a Belton nursing center. Mrs. Draughon was born to Thomas

Jackson Slover and Meda Hobbs Slover in Crafton, Texas on April 24, 1917. She was raised in Paducah, Texas. In 1937 she graduated from Texas School for the Deaf in Austin. Mrs. Draughon was preceded in death by her husband N.S. Draughon on October 3, 1998. Survivors include two

daughters, Linda (Mrs. H. Paul) Mansky of Mansfield, TX. And Saphira D. Rain of Raytown, MO; one grandson, two granddaughters, and five great grandchildren. Buried Hillcrest Cemetery in Temple.



Herbert Leon White, 77, of Decatur, GA., passed away in Austin, Texas, on October 23, 2008. He was born August 1, 1931 in Bainbridge, Georgia. Herb is

survived by his wife, Mary Emmelyn Johnson White of 45 wonderful years, his daughter and her husband, Debbie and Danny Lacey; his son, David; two grandchildren Ashton Lacey and Isabelle Lacey; his two brothers; four sisters. He attended the Georgia School for the Deaf. He played football, basketball, and track and field there. He loved swimming in a creek near the school campus. He was well-known for his acrobatic diving attempts. He graduated in 1951. He spend most of his working career as a linotype opertor. In the initial part of his career, he worked in Chicago, New York, and few other cities. Herbert was fond of gardening, and he loved watching sports. His favorite team were the Atlanta Falcons and the Atlanta Braves. The memorial service held at the residence of Debbie White & Danny Lacey on November 2, 2008. Another memorial service will be scheduled in Atlanta, Georgia at a later date.

Gary Juan Carpenter, Sr. ,65, TSD'63, of Plano, Texas passed away on Friday, November 14, 2008. He was born April 24, 1943 in Kemp, Oklahoma. Memorial Services on November 16, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. at Ted Dickey Funeral Home Chapel.

DO YOU KNOW THEM?



TSD'S UNIT II MARCH, 1949

Left to Right - **Front row:** Joe Mills, Patricia Beadles, Jeanette Padgett, Glenn Brunson, **Second row:** Charles Pinkard, Carlos Hollis, James Kelton, Lois Williams, Eula Ann Ashton, Virginia Sessions, Rose Same, Jay Lide, and Mrs. Vivian Peevy, Teacher.

Crabby Road

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Christmas Day on December 25, 2008
Happy New Year's Day on January 1, 2009

RENEWAL MEMBERS: *Larry Smith, Virginia Duncan, Evelyn Norman, Don Bradford, Nick Garza, Mildred Reeves, Frances White, Carole Allen, Doris Eads, and Jack Giacona,*
NEW MEMBERS: *Dorothy Floyd, Gwen Brown (gift by Anita Dalla), Amanda Ross, and Fern Mears (gift by Evelyn Norman),*

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	James McNeely
2	Jerry McGaugh
2	J.C. Morris
2	Sammy Oates
3	Brenda Oates
10	Doris Eads
11	Earl Day
12	James Ed White
15	Tom Withrow
18	Carol Craghan
18	Monty Frazier
23	Callie Frazier
25	Marian Seale
27	Margie Bridge
27	Giovanna Fiandaca
28	Genevieve Cummings
30	Jimmy Brookes

NEXT MEETING

**South Austin Senior Activity
Center
3911 Manchaca Road**

**Regular Meeting
December 4, 2008, Thursday
At 1:00 p.m.**

Be seeing you there!

Happy Holiday to you all !

RECIPE

Grits and Sausage

*By Minnie Holst Collins
Ft. Worth, Texas*

Cook 1 lb. sausage, drain
 Cook 1 cup grits in 4 cups water for 5 minutes.
 Add one stick margarine,
 1 tube rolled garlic cheese, cut into pieces for easy to soften.
 Stir until creamy.
 Beat 3 eggs and 1/2 cup milk then add to grits
 Add cooked sausage and stir all together well.
 Then put in 9 x 13 greased pan casserole.
 Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes or till top browned.
 Let sit 5 minutes. Cut in squares to serving

Happy Holidays to ya'all

Can you all believe that Christmas is right around the corner? I don't! It seems that our last Christmas was a few months ago. Oh well.

Now...on a serious note, we have had a good year....Yes, it is because YOU ALL did the work for TAD-SC. Let's keep it going stronger and bigger next year! You all have safe and Happy Holidays!

Thank you all, and I love you!

President Earl Day
 Travis Association of the Deaf-Senior Citizens

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

SENIOR CITIZENS

(Above 55 years old)

TAD-SC Membership Dues

Please check (X)

New Member

☐

\$10.00 a year

Renewal Members

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Please print (*one person per form*):

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIPCODE: _____

VIDEOPHONE: _____ TTY: _____

EMAIL: _____ BIRTHDAY: _____

Please mail the above from with a check or money order payable to Travis Association of the Deaf –Senior Citizens (TAD-SC) to Glenn Brunson, Treasurer, 7101 Hanging Oak Circle, Austin, Texas 78749. *Thank you for your support.*

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