

HDSCLF's Activity Thanksgiving Luncheon

On November 14th, approximately 38 seniors showed up to enjoy a meal of turkey (white and dark), ham, dressing, brown and white gravy, green bean casserole, pasta salad, pistachio salad, lettuce salad, cranberry sauce, olives, pickles, rolls, and desserts. It was enjoyed by everyone. Later, nine of us played Mexican train dominoes and had a great time doing that. Others left for shopping or home. Nancy Morris thanked everyone for bringing foods to share. She wished everyone a **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**



Submitted by Nancy Morris, chairperson
 Photographed by Virendra Desai

HDSCLF's Field Trip Exploring Victoria, TX



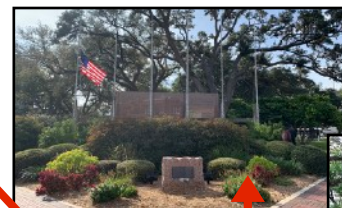
Front: Mickey McKenzie, John Holland, Judy Becker, Gertie Sessions, Dinah McKenzie, Mary Ann Ryba, Janie Morales, Nancy Morris

Back: Lawrence Coleman, Don Sah, Clyde Andrew, John Celestain (Bus driver), Zane Owen, John Wunsch

On Saturday, November 10th, 15 seniors all bundled up due to the colder weather, got on the bus to visit Victoria. We arrived at our first stop but realized that a Veteran's Parade was happening. So, we headed to the Museum of Coastal Bend, where they showcased the rich multi-cultural heritage of the mid-coastal region of Texas. After that, we headed to the Pumphouse River Restaurant, where we ordered delicious food. Lunch was enjoyed by all. Then, we headed to Nave Museum only to find out that they were closed for remodeling. Our next stop was at De Leon Plaza where we enjoyed walking and strolling through that area. There was a white Gazebo, where several of our seniors danced on the floor. Even our bus driver, Joseph Celestain, danced with Janie Morales (see photo). It was fun to be there. Then, we stopped at Memorial Rose Garden where the gate was locked so we couldn't go in that area to view it. On the way back home, we stopped at Buc-ee's. It was a trip enjoyed by all.



Memorial Rose Garden



De Leon Plaza

Six Flags Memorial

Victoria County Confederate Monument



*Written by Nancy Morris
Photographed by Mickey McKenzie & Judy Becker*

Heating Safety

There is something about the winter months and curling up with a good book by the fireplace. But did you know that heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths? With a few simple safety tips and precautions you can prevent most heating fires from happening.

BE WARM AND SAFE THIS WINTER!

- Keep anything that can burn at least three-feet (one metre) away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a three-foot (one metre) "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month.



Heating Equipment Smarts

Install wood burning stoves following manufacturer's instructions or have a professional do the installation. All fuel-burning equipment should be vented to the outside to avoid carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

Install and maintain CO alarms to avoid the risk of CO poisoning. If you **smell** gas in your gas heater, do not light the appliance. Leave the home immediately and call your local fire department or gas company.



FACT

Half of home heating fires are reported during the months of **December, January, and February.**



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The leading information and knowledge resource
on fire, electrical and related hazards



Nancy Morris' Trip to California

My daughter Debra and I flew to San Francisco, CA for a week's vacation beginning October 19th through 26th. We walked to Fisherman's Wharf for the evening. Even stopped at Ghirardelli, where we shared a Hot Fudge Sundae. That was yummy! The next day, we visited the Winchester Mystery House in San Jose. It was an interesting home of Sarah Winchester. Then we arrived in San Diego that evening. Next day we went to San Diego Zoo. It was huge and we walked everywhere to see all kinds of animals. The next day, we walked to the Gaslamp Quarter. After visiting the Chuck Jones Gallery, we headed to Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá to view monuments and rooms about the History of that Mission. Next day, we went to Disneyland and had fun there shopping and riding some rides. Then, we walked back to our Hotel exhausted. Then, the next day, we headed to Knott's Berry, where it was decorated for Halloween. We rode some rides and saw some performances that were really good. We stopped to visit my cousin and his wife before heading back to the Hotel. Then, we drove back to San Francisco the next day. We stopped by Mozzarella, which is owned by a deaf couple, Melody and Russ Stein. The pizza and salad that we ordered were very delicious. All the employees know sign language. We were happy to visit that restaurant. Then, we headed back home to Texas after having so much fun.



Written and Photographed by Nancy Morris



18 Interesting Facts About Christmas



ABS-CBN News

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In celebration of the holiday season, here are some interesting facts about Christmas:

1. The word "Christmas" comes from the Old English name "Christes Maesse," which means "Christ's Mass."
2. The common abbreviation of Christmas to "Xmas" is derived from the Greek alphabet. "Chi," the first letter of Christ's name in the Greek alphabet, is written as "X."
3. Before Western Christians decided on December 25 to celebrate the birth of Jesus, several dates were proposed: January 2, March 21, March 25, April 18, April 19, May 20, May 28, and November 20.
4. In Germany, Christmas Eve is said to be a magical time of the year when the pure in heart can hear animals talking.
5. Santa Claus is based on a real person, St. Nikolas of Myra, the world's most popular non-biblical saint.
6. Santa Claus has different names in different countries: Sheng Dan Lao Ren in China, Father Christmas in England, Papa Noel in Brazil and Peru, and Pere Noel in France.
7. Santa Claus's sleigh is led by nine reindeer: Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen and Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer. Norwegian scientists have hypothesized that Rudolph's red nose may be the result of a parasitic infection of his respiratory system.
8. Germans made the first artificial Christmas trees, which are made of dyed goose feathers.
9. The earliest known Christmas tree decorations were apples.
10. A 2010 study on Facebook posts showed that two weeks before Christmas is the most popular time for couples to break up. Christmas Day, on the other hand, is the least favorite day for breakups.
11. There are 364 gifts in the popular holiday carol "The Twelve Days of Christmas."
12. The two biggest selling Christmas songs are "White Christmas" and "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer."
13. The smallest Christmas card was made by scientists at the University of Glasgow in the United Kingdom in 2010. At only 200 x 290 micrometers in size, 8,276 of these cards would fit in one postage stamp.
14. The most expensively dressed Christmas tree was valued at \$11,026,900 and was displayed by the Emirates Palace in the United Arab Emirates last year.
15. The largest artificial Christmas tree measures 170.6 feet and can be found in Brazil.
16. The largest Christmas star ornament measures 103 feet and eight inches tall and can be found in India.
17. The largest Christmas stocking measures about 168 feet in length and 70 feet in width, and can be found in Italy.
18. The most lights lit on simultaneously on a Christmas tree is 194,672 and was achieved by Kiwanis Malmédy and Haute Fagnes Belgium in Belgium last year.

<https://news.abs-cbn.com/lifestyle/12/06/11/18-interesting-facts-about-christmas>

Moody Garden—December 4, 2018
Ice Land, Aquarium & Buffet Luncheon



Reserve and Pay:
\$25—Seniors 60 & Up
\$30—Under 60

Deadline:
November 30, 2018

Send a check/money order
 payment
 to the following address:

HDSCLF, P.O. Box 130705,
 Houston, Tx 77219-0705

OR

Contact Jim Dermon
 VP 936-828-4013 for
 Credit card payment



Please meet at **8:00 am** at Woodhaven Baptist Deaf
 Church, 9920 Long Point Rd, Houston.
 Bus leaves at **8:30 am**.

Christmas Luncheon

Wednesday, December 12, 2018
9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Metropolitan Multi-Service Center
1475 W. Gray St, Houston



Giveaways
Prizes

Berryhill Baja Grill



\$20 per person

Don't forget to bring your own drink(s).

Pay before or on December 4th.

Contact: Nancy Morris (281-815-4033)
or Mary Ann Ryba (832-413-6975)

Welcome New Year

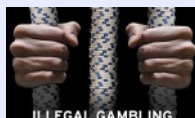
Wednesday, January 9, 2019

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Metropolitan Multi-Service Center
1475 W. Gray St, Houston

9:00 am **Brief meeting**

10:00 am **PIP topic:**
Illegal Gambling



11:05 am **Bring your own**
brown bag



1:00 pm **Games &/or Social**

3:00 pm **Drive safely back home**

Contact: Judy Becker (VP # 281-667-4763)

Visiting Houston Museums

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

(Pay \$10 on December 12th)



**Houston Police
 Museum**



**Houston Fire
 Museum**



Torchy's Tacos
(on your own)



**Museum of
 Printing History**

Please meet at **9:00 am**
Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church
9920 Long Point Rd, Houston

Bus leaves at 9:30 am

Contact: Jim Dermon (VP # 936-828-4013)



Plans – 2018

Field Trips
Tuesday, December 04

Activities at MMSC
Wednesday, December 12

Game Day
Activity Room #2 at MMSC
Closed in December

Mark your calendar 2019

Activity at MMSC
Wednesday, January 9

Field Trips
Wednesday, January 16
Wednesday, February 20
Saturday, March 16

Game Day
Activity Room #2 at MMSC
Wednesday, January 23
Wednesday, February 27

Christmas 2018

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WINTER

LIGHTS
COOKIES
HOLLY
BELLS
JINGLE

Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/461614/>

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Doris Adams, Jerry Capell, Mary Robinson, Helen Sellars, Zola/Harold Schelp, Sharon Williams

Donations in Memory of:

John/Clara Empson (Helen Sellars)

On the behalf of HDSCLF board, we want to thank you for your kind donation. Your generosity makes a difference in the lives of Houston Deaf Senior Citizens. Thank you again for your kindness.



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Treasurer

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HDSCLF Meetings/Activities

2nd Wednesday (9:00 am - 3:00 pm)

HDSCLF Game Day

4th Wednesday (10:00 am - 2:00 pm)

@ Metropolitan Multi-Service Ctr.
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