

SENIORS' CHAT



Don's Column



Hello, Happy Hands Members and Friends,

See pages 4-5 for a recap of the May 1 meeting. Twenty-eight people attended in person, and three people joined the meeting via Zoom.

The 2024-2025 year for the Fine Tuners has begun. The three people who decided not to do another term are: Paul Daniels, Tom Dowling, and Stan Smith. A big applause to them!!!

Welcome aboard a new Fine Tuner: Bob Hickey, Member-At-Large. Please see the list of Fine Tuners for 2024-2025 on page 32. Thanks to those who decided to stay on for another year. Eddie Drawdy and Jill Moebus swapped positions — Eddie as Vice-Chair and Jill as Member-at-Large.

Mark your calendar for our annual picnic on June 5 (see pages 2-3). Hope to see you at the picnic.

As usual, Stay Happy Safely with Our Awesome Hands!

~ Don



HAPPY BIRTHDAY ...to the folks with birthdays in **June**

Sally Newman [1st]
Jerry Pelarski [2nd]
Lois Herberger [3rd]
Jill Moebus [9th]

Selina Gilson [13th]
Tim Beatty [15th]
Pat Beech [28th]



Happy Hands Annual Picnic

June 5, 2024



Picnic at Lake Fairfax Park

(Rain or Shine)

June 5, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Happy Hands will provide:
Hamburgers, Vegan Burgers,
and Hebrew Hot Dogs

Location: Picnic Shelter K
1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston, VA 20190

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lakefairfax>
<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lake-fairfax/on-your-own>



<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lake-fairfax/trails>



<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lake-fairfax/attractions>

Because we need to know how much stuff to buy, we need RSVP by May 29.

Please email Pat Beech at pgbeech@aol.com
with your choice of burgers and/or hot dogs.

There will be NO at-door registrations.

HH Members (bring side dish): No Charge

HH Members (not bring side dish): \$8.00 (pay at picnic)

Non-Members: \$15.00 (pay at picnic; this goes
toward membership for Happy Hands)

Bring your own (non-alcoholic) beverages.

The location of Shelter K is a short walk from the parking lot. The
bathroom is close by.



Shelter K has two BBQ grills. We will use those to cook the burgers and hot dogs.
For the Side Dishes, the Menu Committee will work with those who RSVPed.

There are paddle boats, hiking trails, and fishing. Bring appropriate clothing
if you want to participate in these activities.



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Happy Hands will provide:

- * Hamburger patties
- * Vegan Burger patties
- * Hebrew Hot Dogs

Below are the side dishes:

- * Hamburger and Hot Dog Buns — Steve Williams, Rick Thompson
- * Cheese Slices — Jill Kotchen
- * Condiments (catsup, mustard, mayo, and relish) — Thelma Schroeder
- * Potato Salad — Eileen Goran, Denise Drake
- * Macaroni Salad — Cheryl Rockburn
- * Chickpea Pasta — Cathleen Potosky
- * Greek Pasta Salad — Bob Hickey
- * Vegetable Platter — Stan Smith, Tom Dowling
- * Baked Beans — Peggy Daniels
- * Three-Bean Salad — Jean Buffardi
- * Spinach/Fruit Salad — Tom Drake
- * Tomato slices, onion slices, and lettuce — Lois Herberger, Jill Moebus
- * Hummus / Pita Bread or paan bread — Eddie Drawdy
- * Potato Chips and dips — Rocky Rockburn, Denise Proulx
- * Fruit Platter — Melanie Williams, Laurie Dowling
- * Watermelon — Paul Daniels, Catherine Thompson



Desserts:

- * Cake —
- * Brownies — Laurie Warren
- * Homemade cookies — ??

Picnic Supplies:

- * Paper Products and Cups — Pat Beech
- * Charcoal — Jonathan Kiell
- * Paper Towels and Wipes — Lynn Keefe
- * Ice — Don Ames





Recap of Hybrid Meeting on May 1, 2024



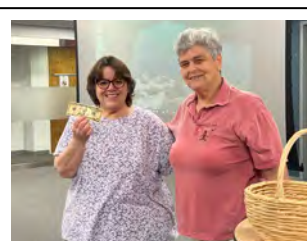
We had our 23rd Hybrid Meeting on May 1, 2024. We had 28 attendees and 3 people on Zoom. Here are three YouTube links: Entire Meeting [<https://youtu.be/PYaHgGv5gck>], Northern Virginia's Role in Civil War [<https://youtu.be/r15YNkI-eoo>] and Cable Vs. Streaming [<https://youtu.be/d42lp8jq83M>].



Cathleen Potosky,
Eddie Drawdy, and
Melanie Williams



Steve Williams,
Sam Yates, and
Stan Smith



50/50 Raffle Winners

Denise Proulx

Paul Daniels



Maria Dollhopf,
Lanny Quarles,
and Pat Beech



Peggy Daniels
and Denise Proulx



Rocky &
Cheryl
Rockburn



Don
Ames



Jonathan
Kiell



Jonathan Kiell,
Eileen Goran,
and Jill Moebus



Eleni Triantafell
and Paul Daniels



Richard Cohen
and Eddie Drawdy



Bob Hickey,
Lois Herberger,
Don Ames (Where's Waldo),
and Stan Smith

Recap of Hybrid Meeting on May 1, 2024

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Jill Kotchen,
Deanna Dunham,
and Lynn Keefe



Julie Greenfield
and Denise Drake



Eileen Goran and
Laurie Dowling

Zoom Participants

Jean Buffardi
June Freeman
Bill Morris



News of Interest



Evelyn Yates of Fredericksburg died on April 5. She is survived by Jack Yates, and children Steve and Kris. She was preceded in death by in-laws: Leo and Betty Yates, long-time members of Happy Hands Deaf Seniors. Pictured on right is of Evelyn with husband Jack at the Happy Hands picnic in June 2009. Source: <https://www.covenantfuneralservice.com/tributes/Evelyn-Yates>



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: The Deaf Seniors of America (DSA) Conference will be in Kansas City, Missouri during August 1-7, 2025 (not August 15-21, 2025). This link provides an explanation from Phil Aiello, DSA President: <https://www.deafseniors.us/post/announcement-new-dsa-2025-conference-dates>.

For more information about the DSA Conference 2025: see <https://www.deafseniors.us/news/categories/dsa-2025-conference>. DSA 2025 Early Bird Registration Deadline has been extended to June 30, 2024. The Early Bird Combo Registration Fee is \$400, and includes: 2025-2027 DSA membership, 2025 conference registration, program book, exhibits, workshops, meetings, entertainment, welcome ceremony, and farewell luncheon. If you have questions, you can contact Lorrie Shank, local chair, at dsa2025chair@deafseniors.us.

For DSA News, see: <https://www.deafseniors.us/news>.



More News of Interest



On April 22, 2024, Prudence Shaw was appointed and sworn in as the new Chair of the Mayor's Advisory Board on Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing (MODDHH) in DC. Darren Marquardt witnessed this and celebrated this very important appointment with Prudence. At this meeting, Prudence opened a discussion for questions and ideas. One topic was FY25 Priority of #Being Downtown.



Mayor's Office: <https://communityaffairs.dc.gov/moddhh> and <https://www.facebook.com/DCMODDHH>

Calendar: <https://linktr.ee/deafcityevents>



Iryna Ravliuk's son, Stepan Ravliuk, is a co-owner of a restaurant called Cafe & Restaurant Amsterdam (opened in 2008) in Świnoujście, Poland. The menu combines traditional recipes with the latest culinary trends focusing towards healthy dishes. The restaurant is a popular place during the evenings, because the Bar is open until the last guest.

URL: <https://en.cafeamsterdam.pl/about-us/>





More News of Interest



Gallaudet University hosted a debate on “Are we an endangered species?” on April 24, 2024. Brandi Rarus, Chief Communications and Undergraduate Admissions Officer, moderated the panel. The panelists were: Dr. Derek Braun, Dr. Brian Greenwald, and Dr. Teresa Blankmeyer Burke. There was some concern that advances in genetic engineering could result a decline in the numbers of deaf people.



Sources:

* YouTube — <https://www.youtube.com/live/2XULMjkl-5U>

* Article — <https://gallaudet.edu/university-communications/faculty-experts-in-biology-philosophy-and-history-consider-what-gene-editing-means-for-deaf-people/>

BarkBox is expanding into a new market: pet-friendly charter flights. The company will transport dogs (and their owners) on private planes via Bark Air. BarkBox is a service that assembles and ships care packages for dogs to subscribers each month. Starting on May 23, Bark Air [<https://air.bark.co/>] will fly weekly between Westchester County Airport in White Plains, NY and Van Nuys Airport in Los Angeles. The one-way cross-country flight costs \$6,000 for one dog and one owner.



How It Works: <https://air.bark.co/pages/how-it-works>

FAQ: <https://air.bark.co/pages/faq>

Philosophy: <https://air.bark.co/pages/dogs-fly-first>

Sources:

* YouTube — <https://youtu.be/f3swEUMJAIY>

* Article — <https://sg.news.yahoo.com/barkbox-next-big-delivery-charter-110047501.html>





London Marathon



Joe Duarte participated in the TCS London Marathon on April 21, 2024. He finished the race with a time of 6:06:21. His hope was for a 7-hour finish due to knee problems, but he was thrilled that it took less time.

The London Marathon is an annual marathon held in London, England. It is the largest marathon in the world, with over 53,700 finishers in 2024. The marathon course is set around the River Thames, starting in Blackheath and finishing at The Mall. Pictured on left is Joe with his biggest supporter, Meg, at the halfway point in the marathon.

Joe now has his eyes set on running the Chicago Marathon in October.

URL: <https://www.tcslondonmarathon.com/>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/London_Marathon



This picture was taken by one of the marathon photographers.



Joe with Mark, the Founder and CEO of Destination Marathons



Joe with the medal, which has braille on the bottom





March and April Birthday Celebration



The Birthday Group

Jonathan Kiell, Paul Daniels, Denise Proulx,
Laurie Dowling, and Iryna Ravliuk

(Zina Zimina patiently waits for them
to blow out the candles on the cake)



Standing: Jonathan Kiell, Paul Daniels, Iryna Ravliuk,
Denise Proulx, Laurie Dowling, and Peggy Daniels

Sitting: Zina Zimina, Pat Beech, and Tom Dowling



Disability Inclusion & Equality Awards



Jeremy Smith

Jeremy Smith received Self-Advocate Award on December 11, 2023. He has a lifelong aspiration of being a role model and supportive advocate for himself and others with disabilities. He is on the NVRC Board of Directors. He is currently working on a website with his Deaf Plus Advocate mission.

URL: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/familyservices/disabilities/martha-glennan-disability-inclusion-and-equality-awards>

Note: Thanks to Tom Dowling for the pictures.



The Smith Family



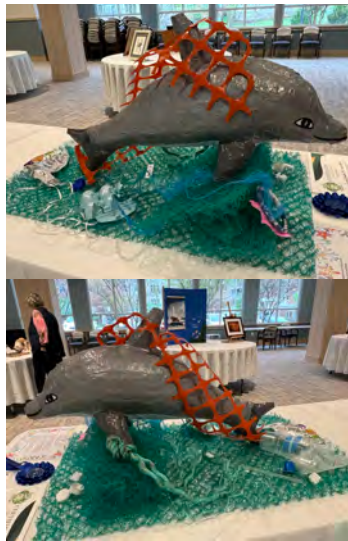
Ashby Ponds Earth Day



Ashby Ponds had a Mixed Media Art Exhibit during April 17-19, 2024. This exhibit featured art work by Ashby Ponds Residents and Staff. Three prizes were awarded — Best in Show, Most Captivating, and Best Representation of Theme. This event was co-sponsored by Friends Acting for Climate Today (FACT) and Subcommittee on Sustainability (SOS). Approximately 26 art pieces were in the exhibit. (only showing five for this article).



Best Representation of Theme
Entry 14 - Protect Our Planet
from Plastic
(Paper Mache & Discarded Objects)



Most Captivating
Entry 13 - Starving Polar Bear
(Needle Felted on Wet Felted Base)



Best In Show
Entry 12 - Dying Coral Reef
(Tamara Webb was one of the artists)



Best In Show
Entry 12 - Dying Coral Reef
(Sharon Harvey was another one
of the artists)



Entry 29 - Sea Turtle of Plastic Trash
(plastic by Kelsey Hunt)



Entry 9 - Bald Eagle
(photo by Jack Nevitt)



Deaf Nation Expo

04-27-2024



Are You A Deaf Megamind?

1. What year was Sorenson founded?
2. What is Sorenson's tagline?
3. When is the Interpreter Appreciation Day?
4. What telecommunications company developed the Gallaudet 5g helmets?
5. What is Sorenson Express?
6. What year did Deaf History Month begin?
7. Where can you watch the Barbie movie with Leila Hanaumi as the ASL performer?
8. Who designed the Starbucks ASL drinkware design?
9. Remember the deaf couple that summited Mt. Everest? Where will Scott Lehmann and Shayna Unger climb next?

For more pictures, see DeafNation's FaceBook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/n8cF9EPJefZDeLSo/>

See Answers on page 30.



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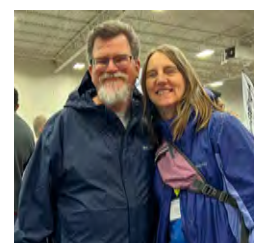
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June Davis

Ken Hartman and
Christie SevingyAl & Kea
ManfredonioRenee Connor and
Pat BeechRobert & Cheryl
Gault

Gallaudet Class of 1975

Pat Beech, Naomi Sklaire,
Paula Kuba, Kea Manfredonio,
Jeanne Lavelle, and Peggy Braun



Gallaudet Class of 1975

Jeanne Lavelle,
Kea Manfredonio,
and Linda Boland

Mary Ann
BeattyJonathan
KiellDenise
ProulxBradley Brown
and Pat BeechDebbie Jones, Cheryl Gault,
and Aseel ElayanMelanie Williams
and Iryna RavliukThelma Schroeder
and Alfred Traurig



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Tom Dowling
and Nate Drown



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Fahmy



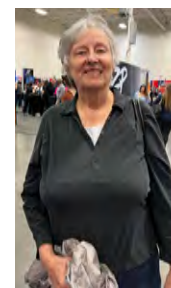
Barbara & George
Sidawy



Paul
Daniels



Kimberly
Snipe



Lynn
Keefe



Cheryl & Robert Gault,
and Selina Gilson



Darrin & Robin
Forshay



Sam Yates &
Lanny Quarles



Suzy Wallace
and Ted Clemons



Pat Beech and
Warren Snipe



Pat Beech and
Ross Gilson



Tamara & Roger
Webb



Richard
Cohen



Pat Beech and
Julie Greenfield



Jamshed Khan Darabi
and Pat Beech



Nate Drown and
Don Ames



Laurie
Warren



Bob
Hickey



Gary
Viall



Bryan Chattoo and
Pat Beech



Ashby Ponds Tour and Lunch



On May 8, thirty-two people came for the Tour and Lunch event at Ashby Ponds (AP). This event was arranged by the Sales Office (Elizabeth Dunwoody and Francesca Gavin) with assistance from Pat Beech. We had three interpreters. Seven AP residents joined Pat to meet with the 31 guests.



Complimentary Drinks



Interpreters

Donna Matz
Julie Mertz
Laura Garrett



Sales Representatives

Talen Lurz, Marjean Stevens, Mackenzie Branch,
Kristin Colantonio, Francesca Gavino,
Dana Bradshaw, Jason Guidi, Jessie Hazlett,
and Elizabeth Dunwoody



Complimentary
Lunch



AP Residents

Pat Beech, Lew Carr, Tamara Webb,
Jill Moebus, Eve Christian, Sharon Harvey,
Paula Murphy, and Julie Cardillo



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Groups 1 and 2

Kathy & Neil Ferris, Cyril & Cathleen Potosky,
Bob Hickey, Eileen Goran, Tom Dowling,
Lois Herberger, Cheryl & Rocky Rockburn,
and Mike Toms



Groups 3 and 4

Karen & Barry Schleifer, Lanny Quarles,
Melanie Williams, Liz Moore,
Eleni Triantafell, Stan Smith, Bev Young,
Alfred Traurig, and Steve Williams



Groups 5 and 6

Peggy & Paul Daniels, Laurie Warren, Don Ames,
Tom Drake, Bill Hickey, Mardie & Bob Younglof,
Denise Drake, Richard Cohen, and Rita Hickey



Adham Talaat
(Director, General
Services) and
Elizabeth Dunwoody
(Sales Director)



It is indeed a small
world after all!!!

Tamara Webb was
gym teacher for
Tom Dowling's daughters
when they were little.



Ashby Ponds Tour and Lunch



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The sales representatives provided information about the Priority List [<https://www.ericksonseniorliving.com/ashby-ponds/pricing/priority-list>]. The priority list deposit is \$1,000 which is applied to the apartment you choose or fully refundable if you decide to change your priority status. There is an application fee per person — \$150 which is nonrefundable. See YouTube: <https://youtu.be/JBIGAulZjk8>

What this means...as a Priority List member, a person can enjoy exclusive benefits not available to the general public. Here are a few examples:

- * Live the Life Program — you get to experience the amenities at Ashby Ponds [two nights in an apartment, visit restaurants, classes such as Fitness Center, talk with residents]
- * A secure spot in line — determined by your priority date — you have the advantage of reserving available apartments ahead of those who joined after you
- * Membership transfers — transferable to any current or future Erickson Senior Living community



JESUS: A Deaf Missions Film



JESUS: A DEAF MISSIONS FILM will be shown entirely in ASL on two dates - June 20 at 6:30PM and June 23 at various times. This film will take you on a journey with Jesus and disciples during His brief 3-year ministry on earth. Produced by Deaf for Deaf, this has a cast fluent in ASL. It will be subtitled for access to those who do not know ASL.

Here are two locations showing this film:

- * AMC Loudoun Station 11 [43751 Central Station Drive, Ashburn VA 20147]
6:30PM on June 20 and 2:30PM on June 23
- * CMX Village 14 [1600 Village Market Blvd., Leesburg VA 20175]
6:30PM on June 20 and 2:00PM on June 23
- * Regal Dulles Town Center [21100 Dulles Town Circle, Suite 203, Sterling VA 20164]
6:30PM on June 20 and 4:00PM on June 23
- * Regal Westview & IMAX [5243 Buckeystown Pike, Frederick MD 21704]
6:30PM on June 20 and 2:00PM on June 23
- * Regal Laurel Towne Center [14716 Baltimore Avenue, Laurel MD 20707]
6:30PM on June 20 and 2:00PM on June 23



For more information, see:

- * <https://www.fandango.com/jesus-a-deaf-missions-film-2024-236101/movie-overview>
- * <https://www.instagram.com/reel/C2OyRCns298/>

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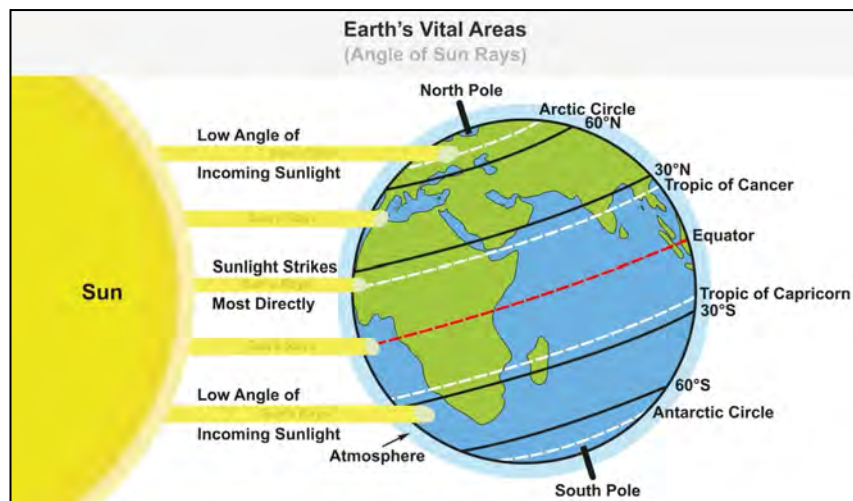
What: A 196 Days Voyage around the world

Date of this report: Saturday, May 11, 2024

Current Location: Khasab, Oman on the Oceania Insignia Ship

Heading To: Dubai, United Arab Emirates

For the past 5 weeks, we have been experiencing high temperatures (89 to 104 F) plus humidity (50% to 80%) as we cruised between the Equator and the Tropic of Cancer. It will be another 3 weeks before we reach the Tropic of Capricorn with the expectation of cooler weather.



Mostly Direct Sunlight the past five weeks and the next three weeks on this cruise!! For us, we will have a very long summer season of 2024, that began in March!



Fun pedicab ride for 1 hour and 15 minutes through the city of Nah Trang in Vietnam!



The Independent Palace (also known as Presidential Palace) in Ho Chi Minh City was the residence of former South Vietnam's President Nguyen Van Thieu and First Lady Nguyen Thai Mai Ann.

In April 1975, the palace was seized by Viet Cong. Now a museum, one can see the tank that was left behind after the fall of Saigon.

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The beaches (including China Beach) along Da Nang City were known to be the “R and R” for the American Soldiers during the Vietnam War, particularly the one at My Khe Beach.



The traditional method of fishing used these rattan basket boats, seen at the Tho Quang Beach, north of Da Nang, Vietnam.



The Wat Arun Ratchawararam in Bangkok



The Grand Palace at Bangkok is made up of numerous buildings, halls, pavilions set around with open lawns, gardens and courtyards. Its asymmetry and eclectic styles are due to its organic development, with additions and rebuilding being made by successive reigning kings over 200 years of history. Since 1925, the Royal Family has resided at the Dusit Palace, 5 km away, and is not open to the public.



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Eight royal barges are housed at this Royal Barge Museum which are used for processional ceremonial parades. The other 44 boats are stored elsewhere in Bangkok.



Impressive elaborate figurehead in front of this royal barge



The Wat Plai Laem, a modern Buddhist Temple, is located on the resort island of Koh Samui in Thailand.



Approximately 300,000 visitors each day at the Jewel Changi, next door to the International airport at Singapore. It is a complex of shops, restaurants, and indoor park that has the world's tallest indoor waterfall.



The 56th floor at the Skypark Observation Deck at the Marina Bay Sands has a grand scenic bird's eye view of the city of Singapore.



Friends Lim and Poh joined us for a steamboat lunch - wonderful having all four of us together !! This was a very unique lunch, new for us! There were two circular boiling pots on the table all set up with a divider: plain water and chicken broth. We ordered Chicken Power lunch set, that included the meat, variety of raw veg, tofu, chicken minced dumplings, vermicelli glass noodles, and leafy vegetable Tang-Oh (also known as Chrysanthemum Greens) !! Delicious !!!!

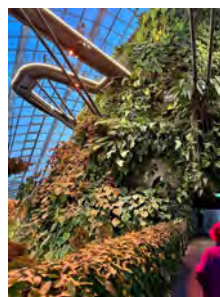
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At Singapore, there are two indoor domed shaped greenhouses, known as the Gardens by the Bay. One is the Flower Dome and the other is Cloud Forest. They are the largest greenhouses in the world. The Flower Dome replicates a cool-dry Mediterranean climate with changing display, flower field and other gardens every 3 to 4 months. The Cloud Forest features an indoor waterfall with cool moist conditions found in tropical mountain regions.



Watched the light show, coordinated with music, at Supertree Grove in Singapore at sunset. These supertrees dominate the Gardens at the Bay's landscape with heights between 82 ft and 160 ft.



At the Chinese Clan Khoi Kongs in Penang, Malaysia, this temple Leong San Tong is the most pivotal building. It is well known worldwide for its extensive lineage that can be traced back 650 years. This temple is highly ornamented, perhaps the most majestic elaborate structure in South East Asia.

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The Arahant Upagutta Temple at Penang, Malaysia.



The Wat Chayamangkalaram Thai Buddhist Temple is a Theravada Buddhist temple in George Town. It is the oldest Siamese temple in the state of Penang in Malaysia. The statue of Devas is guarding the temple as seen behind the dragon.



Magnificent peaceful breathtaking stunning excursion to the Machinchang Cambrian Geoforest Park started out with a cable car to the summit.

One of the famous limestone karsts at the Phang Nga National Park in Thailand, known for where part of the James Bond Movie, "The Man with the Golden Gun", was filmed.



Rice is a valuable source of food for many of us! So glad, we got the wonderful opportunity to visit Laman Padi, Langkawi, Malaysia.

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Around the World Special Event at the Blue Elephant, former Governor's Mansion, provided a sit-down Phuket Dinner and Show in Thailand. We were welcomed by the Thai Long drum musicians and Vicki tried out "tinikling" with the bamboo poles on stage.



Yala National Park in Sri Lanka, a vast reserve, is home to 46 mammal species, 215 bird species, and over 40 reptile species. Bengal Monitor Lizard, Sri Lanka elephants, water buffaloes, Indian peafowls and others were seen during our game drive.



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What an educational and cultural trip to the Dhobi Khana, Kochi, India, where members of the Vannan community do laundry in a traditional way!! It is a dying business and this community is trying to save it! Donated all of my spare Indian rupees to this community.



Kadri Manjunath Temple with a pyramid-shaped roof on the hills of Kadri (near Mangalore, India) is said to be built approximately in the year of 1068. The square Hindu temple built with nine water tanks was converted to a complete stone structure during the 14th century.



Truly felt inspired witnessing the paintings of Brother Anthony Moscheni of Italy at the St. Aloysius College Chapel in Mangalore, India. A must visit for everyone !! It is said that his paintings are comparable with the Sistine chapel in Rome. His paintings virtually cover every inch of the interior roof and walls.

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In the Old Latin Quarters at Panjim, the white-washed church, St. Sebastian was built in 1818.



Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Church at Goa, India is a colonial Portuguese Baroque style church, first built in 1541 as a chapel on a hill side overlooking the city of Panjim. It was eventually replaced by a larger church in the 1600s as part of Portuguese Goa's religious expansion.



Basilica of Bom Jesus, a Catholic basilica, and its monastery is a pilgrimage centre and recognized by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. The basilica is located in Old Goa, the former capital of Portuguese India.



The five-star Taj Mahal Palace Hotel is located at Mumbai, India



The Shri Mangesh Hindu Temple at Ponda, Goa, India.



Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation building, completed by 1893 - governing civic body of Mumbai, capital city of the state of Maharashtra. The Golden Beige Basalt rock exterior is impressive!

Mumbai's ferry dock is on the other side of this historic landmark, Gateway of India, built by the British in prep for the coronation of George V as Emperor of India.



Fairfax Disability First Responder and Safety Resource Fair

Practice police traffic stops

Practice talking with, and using Fire & Rescue and EMS services

Learn about free, tech-based safety resources

Learn about planning for natural disasters and other emergencies

Receive a personalized identification card to hand to first responders in the event of an emergency



JUNE 1ST, 2024



2:00 - 4:00 PM



**14601 LEE ROAD,
CHANTILLY, VA
20151**





Northern Virginia Resource Center
for Deaf & Hard of Hearing Persons
Improving Communication, Changing Lives



NVRC Tea Party FUNdraiser 2024



Sunday, June 2, 2024 | 1-3 PM
at the NVRC Office in Oakton, VA

Please come support NVRC, socialize and enjoy our variety of tea sandwiches, scones, desserts, and of course tea! There will also be vegetarian, vegan and gluten free options.

Several donated items will be available for silent bidding at the event. If you'd like to contribute an item, a gift card, or gift basket to the silent auction, please contact NVRC Board Member Pam Gannon at pamgannon@verizon.net with the email subject "Tea Party."

Register and pay via QR code,
or use the pay button on our website at
<https://www.nvrc.org/happening/nvrc-tea-party-fundraiser/>.



You may also pay by check to NVRC, or Zelle
accounting@nvrc.org or Venmo @NVRC.org.
Please reserve ahead of time to save your spot -
limited seating available!

Questions? Contact pamgannon@verizon.net

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Join Us!

Virginia Relay Town Hall Meeting

Please join us to learn more about programs and services for individuals who are Deaf, hard of hearing, DeafBlind or have difficulty speaking to connect to the community.

We also invite you to share your feedback, ideas and suggestions about how we can better serve you.

CART services and ASL interpreters will be available.

Date: Thursday, June 13, 2024
Time: 10:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.
Location: Online! Scan the QR code to register or visit bit.ly/virginiatownhall



As phone lines transition from analog to digital and technology continues to evolve, Relay services and the equipment used is also changing. We want to make sure our users know about all the options available to them. Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and Virginia Relay are hosting two town hall meetings to engage with Relay users and ensure that all users are aware of the recent changes in the Relay industry. The primary focus of these two meetings will be:

- Impact of the analog to digital transition on relay services
- Equipment/Software options for Analog Captioned Telephone users
- Comments/concerns from Relay users

To register, click on: <https://bit.ly/virginiatownhall>. Pick either 10:30AM or 6:30PM.

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Northern Virginia Association of the Deaf

Strawberry Festival

Cook-Out

Saturday, June 15, 2024

11:00AM to 5:00PM

Burke Lake Park

7315 Ox Road

Fairfax Station, VA 22039

Burke Lake Shelter A

[Burke Lake Park | Park Authority \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/burke-lake-park)

Please bring your meat to grill and a dish to share
according to your last name:

A to G for Appetizers / H to N for Hot Dishes /
O to T for Cold Dishes / U to Z for Desserts

BRING YOUR OWN LAWN CHAIR

RSVP Joan Corley at nvadvicepresident@gmail.com
& let her know what dish you will bring to avoid
duplicates by June 14, 2024.

Strawberry Festival costs \$5.00 per person for everything (No Ice
Cream). It is a fundraiser for NVAD. Please pay online:

Paypal <https://paypal.me/nvad1945>

Venmo: <https://venmo.com/NVAD1945>

Zelle: nvadtreasurer1945@gmail.com

**NVAD will bring charcoal, fluid, water, and strawberry dessert
along with plates, forks, knives, spoons, and napkins.**

*In the event that NVAD cancels the Strawberry Festival and Cook-Out
due to bad weather, watch for announcement via email and NVAD FB.*

SAVE THE DATE

Sis Gaye and Donna's

FABULOUS POP-UP SHOP

SATURDAY, JUNE 15TH
10 A.M. – 5 P.M.
(Raindate: Sunday, June 16th)

Come Join Us For This Event

9507 Liberty Road
Frederick, MD 21701

For more info



Local pop-up vendors and food vendors

- Small shops
- Local Eateries
- Good Vibes

Join Us For a Fun Day of shopping, socializing and hanging out!

Enjoy complimentary wine and water all day long!

Vendors - \$25.00
Proceeds goes to MD Deaf Community Center
Zelle: gb@deafmdcc.org
Cash app: \$deafmdcc.org

ANSWERS for
“Are You a Deaf Megamind?”
on page 11

1. 2003
2. Connect Between Words
3. First Wednesday of May
4. AT&T
5. Inclusive customer experience at the click of a button.
6. 1972
7. HBO Max
8. Yiqiao “Yi” Wang
9. Nepal to climb Makalu, the 5th highest peak at 27,838 feet

deaf awareness day

Washington Nationals will have a Special Ticket Event on September 12 at 6:45PM. The team will play against Miami Marlins.

Whoever purchases a ticket through this link [<https://www.mlb.com/nationals/tickets/specials/deaf-awareness>] will receive an exclusive Nationals Deaf Awareness Day co-branded item.






Location:	Ticket Price:
Infield Box	\$76
Baseline Reserved	\$60
Corner	\$42
Scoreboard Pavilion	\$30
Upper Gallery	\$23

Fairfax City Funky Flea Market 06-29-2024

<https://www.fairfaxfunkyflea.com/>
Location: 4031 University Drive, Fairfax
9:00AM-3:00PM



JUNE 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Fairfax Resource Fair (p. 26)
2 NVRC Tea (p. 27) ----- Social Night at Wegmans (p. 32)	3	4	5 HH Picnic (p. 2-3)	6 	7	8 
9	10	11	12 HH Social at Wegmans (p. 32)	13	14 	15 Pop-Up (p. 30) ----- NVAD Picnic (p. 29)
16 Social Night at Wegmans (p. 32) ----- Happy Father's Day	17	18	19 Fine Tuners 10AM-12PM ----- Juneteenth	20 Va. Relay Town Hall (p. 28) ----- Deaf Missions (p.17)	21  SUMMER SOLSTICE	22
23 Deaf Missions (p.17)	24	25	26 NO ZOOM	27 	28	29 Funky Flea Market (p. 30)
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Thanks to:

- Paul Daniels for presenting “Christmas Cruise” via Zoom on April 27 [<https://youtu.be/DouvImXVoeM>]
- Lois Herberger for explaining Northern Virginia’s role in the Civil War at the Hybrid Monthly Meeting on May 1
- Eddie Drawdy for presenting “Cable Vs. Streaming” at the Hybrid Monthly Meeting on May 1
- Pat Beech for facilitating the Zoom Social Chat on April 27 and Hybrid Monthly Meeting on May 1
- Jonathan Kiell for helping with the PowerPoint presentation on May 1
- Everyone who helped with room set-up before and clean-up after the meeting on May 1
- Everyone who came to Ashby Ponds for the Tour and Lunch event on May 8
- Pat Beech for doing the monthly HH Newsletter issue
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- Debbie Jones for stuffing the monthly HH Newsletter hardcopies and getting them ready for mail





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URL: <https://www.nvrc.org/happy-hands/>



Fine Tuners for 2024-2025

Front Row: Steve Williams (Treasurer),
 Don Ames (Chair), Eddie Drawdy (Vice Chair),
 and Melanie Williams (Secretary)

Back Row (All are Members-At-Large): Cathleen Potosky,
 Jill Moebus, and Lois Herberger

Insert: Member-At-Large - Bob Hickey



<https://chicago.nad.org/>

Silent Social at Wegmans

This occurs on the first and third Sundays of each month at 7:00PM in Fairfax Wegmans at the corner of Route 29 and Monument Drive (Upper Level, near the stairs). Registration is suggested. The dates for the Silent Social Chat are June 2 and 16.



The date for HH Lunchtime Social Chat is June 12 at 10:30AM.

For more info, contact Jonathan Kiell at jona3ki@msn.com or see: <https://www.meetup.com/aslbridge/>.

Please come join the very informal chat; the group often includes students and interpreters looking to learn and practice ASL. You can also get your groceries while you are there!

Additional Happy Hands 2024 Members (as of May 15, 2024)

Membership: Thanks for joining or renewing your membership for 2024.

- Patty Christenson
- Laura Garrett
- Mary Ann Kielsgard
- Kerry Anne Mike

For those who have not renewed for the year 2024, please see:

https://www.nvrc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/HH_Membership2024_Form.pdf.