



# Jacksonville Community Center for the Deaf

The right photo in the group brings back my childhood memories. What is so special about this? I came from a deaf family. We always went to a deaf club in Chicago on many occasions. What does Club mean to you? Have you thought about it yet? One of my experiences is to share the experience of what we have been through. Please [click the form](#) to answer what was your thoughts.



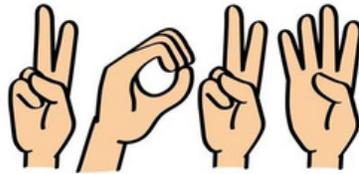
**Out with the old, in with the new.  
Change is inevitable, embrace it.**

## Upcoming Calendar Events

Board Meeting - February 4, 2024 at 1:00 PM

General Meeting - February 10, 2024 at 9:00 AM

Super Bowl Party - February 11, 2024 at 4:30 PM



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**Mission:**

To serve the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf Blind Community.

**Purpose:**

To meet individuals' needs for education, guidance, support, and socialization.

**Vision:**

To promote effective open communication within our communities.

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Greetings from President Elzbieta Kaminski!

First of all, welcome to 2024, happy new year to each of you, and goodbye to the 2023's unforgettable memories. I want to thank to Janet Pyers and Ellen Thing for their outstanding years of service on the Board. I would like to sit down for a coffee with them and hear their stories of how it has evolved since the day Jacksonville Community Center of the Deaf was founded in 1979. That was why we have the JCCD History standing committee. I am very excited because it is time to preserve the black and white photos and documents to share for the upcoming 40th anniversary event. Please give hands up to the chair group, Linda Kuhn, Barb Riordan, and Bobby Dramin to roll up their sleeves to make the 2025 event successful. I will share more about Janet Pyers and Ellen Thing in the next newsletter. When you see both of them, please make sure you have time to thank them and ask them to share their stories with us.

Secondly, as you see, I am trying something new for the newsletter. I am on the fence about how I want to design it. That is my challenge for 2024 to do my homework. Who wants to do homework with me?

I will make this short and sweet because it is almost over for January. I will see some of you at the general meeting on February 10, 2024 at 9:00 A.M.

Meanwhile, enjoy the winter season to the fullest, yet, be safe!

Warm regards,  
Elzbieta Kaminski



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Seasonal Tidbits  
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## For Beans Lovers

Written by JCCD Member

Imagine yourself waking up to the smell of roasting beans and donuts or bagels at your home as it was snowing outside with snowman looking into your frosty window. In my opinion, the best way to stay warm and toasty are drinking either hot coffee or hot cocoa with freshly made donuts.

If you are brewing at home, I find it is better to roast and grind your own beans, whether cocoa or coffee beans to keep fresh. As for donuts, you can use canned dough biscuits and drop them in air fryer or oil. There are circle at middle of biscuits that you can remove to make a authentic donut with hole, and make circle into ball. Waste not.

Everyone loves hot drinks and of course the sugar rush. What was the best to get fresh and hot drinks from beside home... the coffee cafes.

Suddenly, we have more than 6 coffee cafes, which are more than usual in small town. Jacksonville are growing bigger and our lives get more busier. And Starbuck is going to open soon. I am excited, are you?

Which cafe you would like to go to? Let's have fun filling the survey to see what popular cafe in Jacksonville?

[Coffee Cafe Survey](#)

