



Mission

To serve the Deaf, DeafBlind, DeafDisabled, Hard of Hearing and Late Deafened Community

Purpose

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

Vision

To promote effective open communication within our communities

Monthly Newsletter

TO OUR JACKSONVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER FOR THE DEAF...



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A Message from President Elzbieta Kaminski!

Greetings from Elzbieta Kaminski!

I can't believe half of the year has passed already. Over the months, I have seen many changes, such as landscaping improvements, a couple of rentals to use, Bingo events, and meeting room to attend.

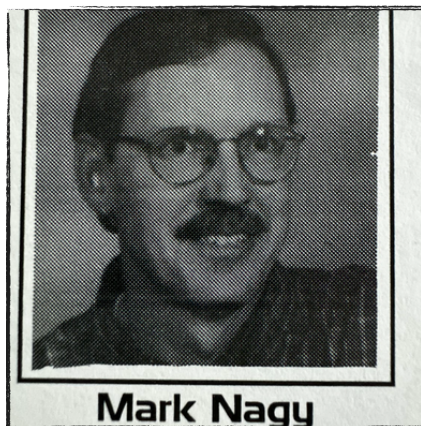
As you know, summer is family time and an excellent opportunity to be with family. We will resume general meeting in August 2024. However, the board meeting will be held during the summer. We are very excited to work together as a team to maintain the foundation of Jacksonville Community Center for the Deaf. We, the Board, wish you all a wonderful summer. Be safe.

Elzbieta



The Greatest Influencer

An Interview with Mark Nagy



Tell us a bit about yourself:

I was born and raised in Chicago. I attended its public schools from pre-K to high school. I graduated from Gallaudet in 1972 and CSUN in 1974. In the fall of 1974, I was hired by ISD's superintendent via telegram to teach high school math. I stayed in the same teaching job for 31 years!

Why did you become involved with JCCD?

Jennifer Eades' parents, deaf teachers, and staff spoke to us about their plan to establish a women's residence, a place for Jennifer after she graduated from ISD. They offered us a lot nearby to create a community center for the deaf. All of us became interested in getting \$90,000 for the building.

Can you tell us about the work with people and what committee or program you worked with?

Bob Anderson was our leader on this. We did many fundraising projects and approached various Jacksonville organizations for donations. After five years, we met our goal.

How did JCCD resonate with the time when it was organized in 1985? Does it still resonate with you today, even after almost 40 years of operation? Or when the founding group envisioned what they wanted to see how the organization was set up. If they are still alive today, did it come out what they wanted to see?

I'm glad to see the center still going strong! Organizations and deaf clubs come to use the Center, and people from two residences come for events and parties. We had interpreter services utilizing the building and sign language classes back then. I would still like more sign language classes for the public, especially for our police, fire, and city service people. With much space available, we can add a small gym for exercise classes, yoga, and a basketball hoop! A coffee shop would be nice to offer anyone the opportunity to come and socialize with us in sign language.

TALES	FROM THE JCCD ARCHIVES
	AND AROUND JACKSONVILLE

By: Paul Pyers

HISTORY OF JACKSONVILLE COMMUNITY SENIOR DEAF



LYDIA NUNES

Linda Nunes suggested the idea of needing a group of Deaf Seniors to get together. She formed an organization known as Jacksonville Community Senior Deaf (JCSD) around the year 1999 – as Pam Shumate (who eventually became JCSD President for several years) remembered when she moved here from Danville with her husband, Delbert. Lydia got some help from Nancy Harper, Director of Jacksonville Community

Center for the Deaf (JCCD), and Lisa Lisenbee and Deloris Summers as Junior members of JCSD. Ted Clemons was the President of JCCD during that time.



THE GRASSROOTS OF THE DEAF COMMUNITY

We already know JCCD was formed by the “leaders of the city’s fifteen clubs and associations of the deaf after the formal assessment and community survey.” It was part of the **Proposal** paper before we had the JCCD building. But it didn’t say about the needs assessment on the Deaf senior citizens. Again, the leaders were probably composed of Deaf who were Professionals, Educators, and Houseparents of Illinois Schools for the Deaf (ISD), whereas the Deaf senior citizens, like Lydia Nunes, Pam Shumate, and the original attendees of JCSD, were part of the grassroots of our Deaf Community. They were not just from our area but from White Hall, Springfield, Murrayville, and Quincy.

THE BIG ROLE OF JUNIOR MEMBERS OF JCSD

As I mentioned earlier, Lisa Lisenbee and Deloris Summers were junior members of JCSD who assisted the JCSD members. They were a very valuable part of the Deaf Seniors organization, and I called them the “grunt work,” for they assisted the JCSD members by preparing potlucks and bingo games.

In fact, Deloris Summers wrote the news from the surviving newsletter, the JCSD Archives, JCSD, February 2003 edition.

ASL USE OF THE WORD: JCSD

Many of us objected to using the word – JCSD as a misnomer and preferred to use the word – Jacksonville Community of/for the Deaf Seniors, which follows a proper use of English grammar or structure. It follows the word “Deaf” as an adjective and “Seniors” as a noun. However, if we look at American Sign Language (ASL), which is the true language of Deaf people, it uses corrected grammar - the noun, “Senior” first, then “Deaf” as an adjective next. It is my understanding that the ASL follows the French grammar or structure. It was mentioned in a small booklet: **Happy 150th Birthday Chapel Hall/Tower Clock, prepared and compiled by Bernie Brown '70 & Byron Zimmerman E'69.**

FIRST JCSD OFFICERS

The 2001-2002 JCSD officers were Lydia Nunes, President; Pam Shumate, Vice President; William (Bill) Atterbury; and Truman Helmig, treasurer. Deloris Summers was an “unofficial” secretary. Within a short time, Lydia resigned, and Pam took over as President.



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JUNE

AN ESSENTIAL LIST OF 2024

JUNE HOLIDAYS

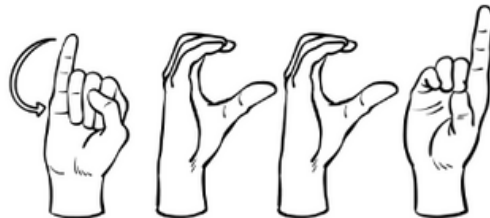
June 1 - Start of Pride Month
June 4 - National Cheese Day
June 7 - National Donut Day
June 7 - National Chocolate Ice Cream Day
June 8 - Best Friends Day
June 10 - Iced Tea Day
June 13 - Cupcake Lovers' Day
June 14 - Flag Day
June 16 - Father's Day
June 19 - Juneteenth
June 21 - National Selfie Day
June 21 - Take Your Dog to Work Day
June 23 - National Pink Day
June 30 - Social Media Day

Deafblind Awareness Week 2024 will take place from June 24–30. The week is always held around Helen Keller's birthday, June 27, to raise awareness of deafblindness, or multi-sensory impairment, and to celebrate the achievements of people who are deafblind. It's also a time to learn about what life is like for people who are deafblind.

Celebrating Deafblind Awareness Week!



PATHS TO LITERACY



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9 AM Mexican Train

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9 AM Vendor Policy
6:30 PM JCCD Poker

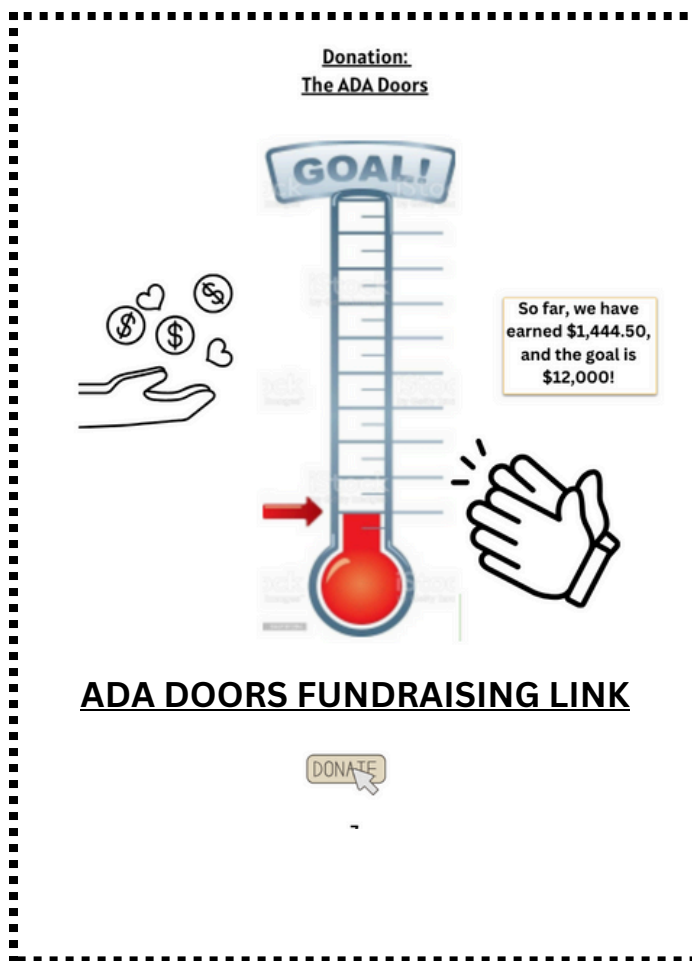
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530 PM Board Meeting

21-23

185th Anniversary





THAT DEAF GUY

BY MATT & KAY DAIGLE

