



# NEWS

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Austin Association of the Deaf's purpose is to provide fellowship, educational, recreational, cultural opportunities, inclusive communication and to work in harmony with any organization(s) and/or business(es) to develop the business opportunities for the Association.

MARCH 2015

## MARCH EVENTS

**Wednesday, March 4**  
Safeplace workshop 4:30-7 pm

**Saturday, March 6**  
Mexican Train 7 pm  
Poker League 8 pm

**Saturday, March 7**  
TINGO 8 pm

**Sunday, March 8**  
Daylight Saving Time begins  
KODAustin 12 noon - 3 pm

**Wednesday, March 11**  
Safe Place workshop 4:30 - 7 pm

**Friday, March 13**  
Poker League 8 pm

**Saturday, March 14**  
ABCA Meeting 12 - 4 pm  
General meeting 7:30 pm Bank Night

**March 16 - 20 Spring Break**

**Wednesday, March 18**  
Safe Place Workshop 4:30 - 7 pm

**Friday, March 20, OPEN**

**Saturday, March 21**  
Poker League 8 pm

**Thursday, March 26**  
Tom Morrison Presents "Changes in your Social Security for 2015"  
7 - 9 pm

**Friday, March 27, OPEN**

**Saturday, March 28**  
DeafNation Expo at Austin  
Convention Center 9 am to 5 pm  
Club opens 7 pm

**Sunday, March 29**  
Executive Board Meeting 9 am  
Deaf Women of Texas 1 to 3:30 pm



## President's Note

Hi Everyone,

We are so thrilled that our dream came true; we reached our \$20,000 milestone and we are very ready for renovations. But...please hold your horses...we need to give our Ad Hoc committee time to search for good bids. We believe in AAD, so let's stick with a great positive attitude that AAD will be our improved Deaf community home in the near future!!

Tar Gillman, Tandra Horn, and Bradley Gantt, younger members who believe in AAD, are working hard to attract more young members. They need your input to determine the best way to meet your needs, so they are working on evaluation forms with questions about AAD. We hope that you will answer the questions because your feedback will help us envision what we can do for you. We cannot promise that we will be able to do everything, as we still have to pay our normal bills such as cable, wifi, electricity, concessions, landscaping, parking lot, and now building upgrades, etc. If we were open every

day and made more money, things would have been so different. We are usually only open on weekends, so we hope you understand.

Yes, we are concerned about the future ... but I have thought of the past ... I remember very well in the past, members were always struggling to save our Deaf clubs. What makes us stick with AAD?? YOU!!! We still believe in AAD, although times have changed a lot, but we keep running on ... POSITIVE ATTITUDE! We need YOU to help make Austin/AAD so proud!

Did you watch the videotape about Texas Alcoholism and Beverages Commission (TABC)?? If not, go to [Austinclubdeaf.org](http://Austinclubdeaf.org). Thanks!



Again, thank you very much our members who stay strong with AAD and for believing in us! You are the champs!  
Jo Bienvenu



**Club T-Shirts are here!**  
**Only \$10 each!**  
**S • M • L • XL • 2XL • 3XL**

You can buy them at Austin Deaf Club on weekends or order online anytime and have them to ship to you or you pick them up.

## Austin Deaf Club Executive Board

### President

Jo Bienvenu

### Vice President

Earl Day

### Treasurer

Ann Horn

### Secretary

Christy Schoneman

### Director of

### Public Relations

Deb Kuglitsch

### Member at Large

Kristin Lund

Sarah McAvoy

John Mills

Hampton Johnson

Tar Gillman

## FEBRUARY WINNERS

### TINGO February 13

- T - Ann Horn  
Ann Marie White  
I - Beth Hill  
N - Kathryn Caldeleugh  
G - Roger Swanson  
O - Jack Ford

Totto Sally Porter

Bonus No Bonus

### March 7 TINGO

### BANKNIGHT February 14

1. (Thomas Becker)
  2. (Cynthia Norris)
  3. (Jason Ruzicka)
  4. Judy Thomas
  5. (LeRoy Bookman)
  6. (Daniel Flanigan)
- (winner was not presented)

### March 14 BankNight

TINGO Rules: Spouses/partners must sit across, rather than next to each other. Pay attention to the card leader for more instructions. All active members and temporary members who win, they get full amount of each prize.

BANKNIGHT Rules: Prizes will be awarded based on drawn chips matching membership numbers. The first five prizes will be awarded only to winning members who are present and who have also previously bought blue tickets the night of the drawing. If more than five prizes are awarded, any member who buy tickets that night may win. The winners need to be present.



Betty Bounds	March 5
Steve Turner	March 8
Sallie E. Curtis	March 9
Morris Porter	March 22
Roseann Sirianni	March 27
Sharlene Carter	March 29
Dana Stoddard	March 29

*Members, some of you didn't put down your birthdates. That's why your names were not on the list. Please notify your birthdate to Ann Horn at [aadmembership@gmail.com](mailto:aadmembership@gmail.com) or in person.*

## WELCOME NEW/RENEWAL MEMBERS

*As of March 1, 2015*

## Members in Total: 151

*If you want to become a member, contact Ann Horn, our AAD membership coordinator at [aadmembership@gmail.com](mailto:aadmembership@gmail.com) or see any officers on list.*

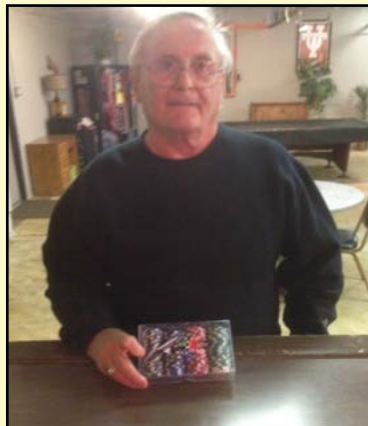
### Austin Deaf Club Poker League

Projected final prize pool: \$5,662

- #21 - Friday, 3/13 • #22 - Saturday, 3/21  
 #23 - Saturday, 3/28 • #24 - Friday, 4/3  
 #25 - Friday, 4/10 • #26 - Saturday, 4/18  
 #27 - Saturday, 4/25 • #28 - Friday, 5/1  
 #29 - Friday, 5/8 • #30 - Saturday, 5/16  
 #31 - Saturday, 5/23



Lady donated many aprons.



Fred Newberry donated Poker Chips.

### Cash Donated by

Judith Meador-VitaMix  
 Jerry & Rosemary McGaugh  
 Jo Bienvenu  
 Gretchen Forgey  
 Deb Kuglitsch  
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**Much appreciated as always.  
 Thank you!**

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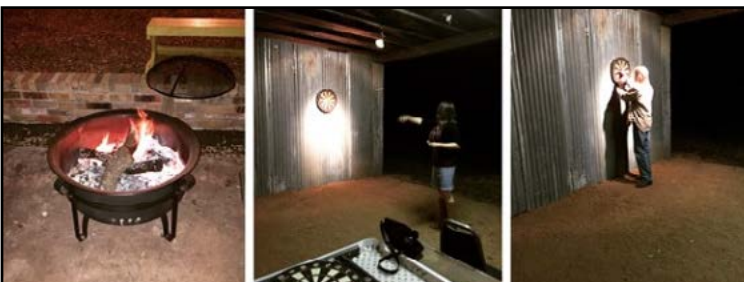
*Website*  
 www.austindeafclub.org



# Mardi Gras Party at Austin Deaf Club

On February 21, Austin Deaf Club hosted Mardi Gras party to raise the fund for our big event, "My Price is Right" in November. About 48 people including Deaf Night Out patrons came. We had Music Chair and Newlywed games. Roy Lotz did 15 hours of his time to do pulled pork barbecue for the dinner.

See Deb Kuglitsch or Gretchen Forgey to purchase \$10 ticket for the 'My Price is Right' event. It's going to be one big event that give out 10 great, pricey prizes plus more freebies. Look out for more information on this event. Mark your calendar: November 21, 2015!



# 10 Things You didn't know about St. Patrick and Ireland!

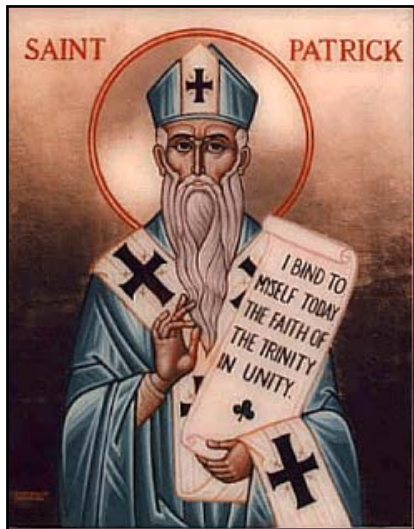
By Catholic Online (March 17, 2014)

<http://www.catholic.org/news/saints/story.php?id=45045>

The most kids know of St. Patrick 's Day is that you must wear green or you'll get a pinch from your friends. Adults see the day as an occasion to celebrate, sometimes with green beer and other assorted alcoholic beverages. However, few really know what they are celebrating or why the holiday is so important, particularly in the America.

The following 10 facts may help you to better enjoy this popular holiday.

## 10. March 17th is when Patrick died.



Saint Patrick in blue vestments.

Saint Patrick is a saint of the Catholic Church, and his holy day is the day of his death, and subsequent entrance to heaven, rather than the day of his physical birth. After spending most of his adult life converting the pagans of Ireland to Christianity, St. Patrick went to his reward on March 17, 461 AD.

## 9. St. Patrick wasn't Irish.

St. Patrick wasn't Irish, and he wasn't born in Ireland. Patrick's parents were Roman citizens living in modern-day England, or more precisely in Scotland or Wales (scholars cannot agree on which). He was born in 385 AD. By that time, most Romans were Christians and the Christian religion was spreading rapidly across Europe.

## 8. St. Patrick was a slave.

At the age of 16, Patrick had the misfortune of being kidnapped by Irish raiders who took him away and sold him as a slave. He spent several years in Ireland herding sheep and learning about the people there. At the age of 22, he man-

aged to escape. He made his way to a monastery in England where he spent 12 years growing closer to God.

## 7. St. Patrick used the shamrock to preach about the trinity.

Many claim the shamrock represents faith, hope, and love, or any number of other things but it was actually used by Patrick to teach the mystery of the Holy Trinity, and how three things, the Father, The Son, and the Holy Spirit could be separate entities, yet one in the same. Obviously, the pagan rulers of Ireland found Patrick to be convincing because they quickly converted to Christianity.

## 6. Legend says St. Patrick drove all the snakes from Ireland.

According to legend, St. Patrick drove all the snakes, or in some translations, "toads," out of Ireland. In reality, this probably did not occur, as there is no evidence that snakes have ever existed in Ireland, the climate being too cool for them to thrive. Despite that, scholars suggest that the term "snakes" may be figurative and refer to pagan religious beliefs and practices rather than reptiles or amphibians.

## 5. Patrick's color is blue.

The original color associated with St. Patrick is blue, not green as commonly believed. In several artworks depicting the saint, he is shown wearing blue vestments. King Henry VIII used the Irish harp in gold on a blue flag to represent the country. Since that time, and possibly before, blue has been a popular color to represent the country on flags, coats-of-arms, and even sports jerseys.

Green was associated with the country later, presumably because of the greenness of the countryside, which is so because Ireland receives plentiful rainfall. Today, the country is also referred to as the "Emerald Isle."

## 4. The Shamrock is not the symbol of Ireland.

The shamrock is a popular Irish symbol, but it is not the symbol of Ireland. As early as the medieval period, the harp has appeared on Irish gravestones and manuscripts. However, it is certain that the harp was popular in Irish legend and culture even well before that period.

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**St. Patrick, continued from page 5**

Since the medieval period, the harp has represented the nation. King Henry VIII used the harp on coins as early as 1534. Later, the harp was used on Irish flags and Irish coats of arms. The harp was also used as a symbol of the Irish people during their long struggle for freedom. Starting in 1642 the harp appeared on flags during rebellions against English rule. When Ireland became an independent country in 1921, it adopted the harp as the national symbol.

**3. There are more Irish in the USA than Ireland.**

Well, sort of. An estimated 34 million Americans have Irish ancestry. Some are pure-blood Irish, meaning they or their parents came from Ireland, but many more have mixed ancestry today. By contrast, there are 4.2 million people living in Ireland. This peculiarity has a lot to do with the troubled history of Ireland. During the potato famine in Ireland, millions of Irish left the country for the US. This diaspora of Irish continued throughout much of the 19th century. Great numbers of Irish immigrants filled factories, served as railroad laborers --and even joined the military, sometimes immediately upon stepping foot on American soil! During the US Civil War, entire regiments of troops were comprised exclusively of Irish immigrants. It wasn't until the economic boom of the 1990s that more Irish stayed in their native country than traveled abroad searching for better opportunities.

**2. St. Patrick's Day in the US has a strong political history.**

In the mid 19th century, the Irish faced discrimination much like that faced by African Americans. In a few rare instances, prejudice against the Irish was even more fierce! The Irish were culturally unique, Catholic, and because of deplorable conditions in Ireland, flooded into the US in large numbers. They were perceived as a potentially disloyal and were treated harshly. To combat this, the American Irish began to organize themselves politically. By the end of the 19th century, St. Patrick's Day was a large holiday for the Irish and an occasion for them to demonstrate their collective political and social might. While the political emphasis has faded along with the discrimination, the holiday remains ever popular as an opportunity for festivity regardless of one's cultural background.

**1. St. Patrick's was a dry holiday in Ireland until 1970.**

Aside from the color green, the activity most associated with St. Patrick's Day is drinking. However, Irish law, from 1903 to 1970, declared St. Patrick's Day a religious observance for the entire country meaning that all pubs were shut down for the day. That meant no beer, not even the green kind, for public celebrants. The law was overturned in 1970, when St. Patrick's was reclassified as a national holiday - allowing the taps to flow freely once again.

**Bonus Fact: Your odds of finding a four-leaf clover are:**  
About 1 in 10,000.

**Fun Facts about St. Patrick's Day:**

- Green is associated with St. Patrick's Day because it is the color of Spring.
- Over 94 million people plan to wear green on St. Patrick's Day.
- The city with the largest population of Americans of Irish descent is Boston (23%).
- On average, every American consumes 22 gallons of beer per year.
- St. Patrick's isn't a big drinking holiday in Ireland. In fact, many of the local pubs are closed for the day.
- Corned beef is strictly an American invention, the Irish don't actually eat it to celebrate the day.
- Bailey's Irish Cream which was launched in Ireland in the early seventies, is now the most popular liqueur in the world.
- Shamrocks are the national flower of Ireland and are picked on St. Patrick's Day and worn on the shoulder.

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**November 21, 2015  
7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.**

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10 ticket book & surprises**

**Buy extra 10-ticket book for \$3 at door  
ALL of YOU WILL PLAY!**

**MORE INFORMATION WILL BE  
ANNOUNCED SOON!**



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If you have question(s) or want to  
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