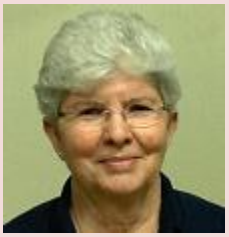
NEWSLETTER



President's Tidings
Jo Bienvenu

Dear everyone,

Thanks so much to each of you who were involved with supporting AAD events, volunteering to clean up and sharing love for AAD. We are always honored to have you part of AAD and we always appreciate extra hand. Fortunately, we are delighted to share that the number of members have been growing from 170 to 209 since October 2016. We gained about 40 new wonderful members within only four months. You can consider AAD a clubhouse, Deaf Community center, home and whatever you name it!

Can you believe it, it is almost February. What did we do during the month of January!? As usual, we had Mexican Train, Tingo and Deaf Poker League. AAD also was open for several affiliates' meetings. So far, Deaf Women of Austin, Phi Kappa Zeta sorority, and Austin Deaf Black Association used the space at AAD. It makes us happy to be able to provide them space.

We had an event "Deaf Community Cares" hosted by Travis County Service for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (TCSDHH) and AAD. They came and shared more about what their service provides in our community and I must say it was quite impressive. I strongly recommend you to visit TCSDHH and meet their staff and ask what they can do to help you.

In January, there were two memorial services for our friends who were also AAD members. We are saddened to lose them but I know it is special and meaningful to them to have their memorial service at AAD.

The Clerc Classic Tournament was held at TSD on January 12th-14th and we can't miss the fun at AAD! So of course, we opened the AAD three nights in a row for our members and guests. It was very nice to see many faces from near and far. I did feel like it is sort of a reunion because there were many friends at AAD from other states that we did not see for several years. I love it when AAD becomes a fun place for everyone and make them feel home all of a sudden.

There was a beautiful gay wedding at AAD on a Sunday this month. The newly wed couple's family and friends enjoyed it so much. I must say it was a very handsome wedding!

We still have many wishful thinking for more changes at AAD but of course, our finance challenges us. Please have patience with us as we work hard to continue improvements in future. While we work on making AAD a better place for you, I hope you all appreciate AAD and find it the place to enjoy and support each other. We value each of you.

Life is short and a kind reminder--- appreciate many little things that make your life so enjoyable! Love your volunteerism as you will find pleasure in the feeling of rewarding yourself.

Hugs,
PRESIDENT Jo

Austin Deaf Club Administration

President:
Jo Bienvenu

Vice President:
Earl Day

Secretary:
Marilyn Swanson

Treasurer:
Ann Horn

Director of Public Relations:
Tar Gillman

Members-At Large:
Chris Schoneman (1)
John Mills (2)
Kristin Lund (3)
Fred Newberry (4)
Sheri Mize (5)

Club Manager:
Andrew Horn

Event Coordinator:
Fred Newberry

Membership Coordinator:
Marilyn Swanson

FEBRUARY EVENTS

FEBRUARY 1
Board Games- 7pm – 10pm

FEBRUARY 3
World ASL Series of Poker- 7pm

FEBRUARY 4
World ASL Series of Poker- 7pm

FEBRUARY 5
Austin Deaf Club's Super Bowl

FEBRUARY 8
Board Games- 7pm – 10pm

FEBRUARY 10
Mexican Train- 7pm
Deaf Poker League- 7pm

FEBRUARY 11
Deaf Women of Austin- 9am – 12noon
AAD General Meeting- 7:30pm

FEBRUARY 15
Board Games- 7pm – 10pm

FEBRUARY 17
Tingo- 8pm

FEBRUARY 18
Austin Series of Poker- 5:30pm – 2am

FEBRUARY 22
Board Games- 7pm – 10pm

FEBRUARY 24
Deaf Poker League- 7pm

FEBRUARY 25
Black History Month by ABDA- 9am – 5pm
TSD-PTSO- 7pm – 2am

CLUB HOURS:

Fridays: 7:00pm – 1:00am
Saturdays: 7:00pm – 2:00am
Bar opens at 7:00pm

You are required to show your membership card every time you come to the AAD building.

JANUARY WINNERS

(Note: Error from last month.)

TINGO	BANKNIGHT	MEXICAN TRAIN
T - Patty Davis	**1st – Melinni Taylor** *(Sorry)*	**Group (#1) Winner- Sandra Barnes-Smith**
I - Brenda Oates	**2nd – Wayne Carter** *(Sorry)*	**Group (#2) Winner- Scott**
N - Lisa Mills	**3rd – Paige Johnson** *(Sorry)*	**Group (#3) Winner- Glenn Brunson**
G - Susan Kallina	**4th – Andrew Horn** *(Winner)*	**Group (#4) Winner- Vivian Hesser**
O - Jeremy Arrington	**5th – Anthony Mowl** *(Sorry)*	**Group (#5) Winner- David Anderson**
	***6th* – Thomas Rose** *(Sorry)*	**Lipstick Express (#6) Winner- Jamie Utzman**
		Keep Yin-Yang Weird (#7) *(Under Weather)*
Next- MARCH 4	**Next- MARCH 11**	**Next- MARCH 3**
Chair: James Maxwell		**Chair: Fred Newberry**

TINGO Rules: Spouses/partners must sit across, rather than next to each other. Pay attention to the card leader for more instructions.

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 tickets the night of the drawing. If more than five prizes are awarded, any members who buy tickets that night may win. The winners need to be present.

MEXICAN TRAIN Rules: 8 players per round table, fee for a game involving double-12 domino set, starting with double-12, then 11, 10, continue till 0… to win, count points from dominos in your hands each time, 12, 11, 10, etc… at end of the game with 0…then add all points and player with lowest points win the game. Most tables are taken by same group of players every month. One table will be set up for walk in players.

Kristin Lund	February 1
John Serrano	February 1
Glenda McNabb	February 3
Susan Pochop	February 6
Mindy Moore	February 6
Willie King	February 10
Patricia Wilson	February 16
Rodney Williamson	February 16
Marisa Cullen	February 18
John Hesser	February 24
Patricia Hill Fry	February 25
Daryl Argrave	February 25
Belinda Johnson	February 26
James Utzman	February 28

AUSTIN DEAF CLUB Wish List:

*** Please check up w/ Ann horn or Andrew Horn BEFORE purchase items.**

BACKYARD:
- Fire Pit, Portable Heat Lamps

KITCHEN:
- Measure Cups, Measure Spoons

CLUBHOUSE:
- 60 Inch Round Table (Folding), NORTH SIDE Concrete area (from kitchen door) Money to purchase the concrete materials.

PAVILION:
Portable Bar Cart, Storage Container

Special thanks to all Donators & Volunteers:

- Sally and Morris Porter donated 2 of Black wall clocks.
- Glenn and Barbara Brunson donated Grey wall clock.
- Patsy Compton donated Grey wall clock.
- Jo Bienvenu donated Microwave.
- Rosemary and Jerry McGaugh donated the towels.
- Ann and Andrew Horn donated 2 of High Folding chairs.
- Marilyn and Roger Swanson donated Jumbo Playing Cards for Tingo.
- Fred Newberry donated the money toward North side Concrete.
- Judy Ricca donated Décor Green Plants.
- Kristin Lund donated trash cans for the bathrooms.
- Coni Dannels, Chris Schoneman, and Marilyn Swanson for helping out with New Year's Eve Party and Games.
- Sheri Mize, Fred Newberry, Marilyn and Roger Swanson, Ann and Andrew Horn for cleaning out the shed and decorating the Pavilion.
- Bobby Wise and Vicki Anderson for bring cakes during TINGO.

AUSTIN DEAF CLUB'S NEW MEMBERS FROM SEPTEMBER 2016 TO JANUARY 2017!

Satish Abraham	Bill Alvarez	David Brown	Tara Cordle
Donald Cullen	Marisa Cullen	Lisa Dang	Eric Emmons
Julie Erickson	Margaret Fewell	Marcia Green	Rennon Green
Joshua Hottle	Charlene Kennedy	John P. Kennedy	Julie Kneisl
Stacy Landry	Helen Lewis	Mary Anna Metaxs	Staci Miller
Mindy Moore	June Moran	William Moran III	William Moran Jr.
Maria Nelson	Tamara Ocuto	David Phillips	Susan Pochop
Liz Renter	Jackie Rice	Ashley Schemenauer	Carol Seeger
Yuriy Shayman	Antonia Singleton	Wesley Sington	Karen Sorenson
Melinni Taylor	Tad Taylor	Karen Washington	Jerry Zenor

Special Drink the of Month:

Sunrise Tequila

Non-Member - $6.00

Member - $5.00

Come to AAD to try out our new feature drink!

Greeting to the Austin Deaf community, my name is Joshua Hottle. I will be your board game writer for the Austin Association for the Deaf through the 2017 year. I would love to introduce myself to you as a board game player/teacher.

I love to play board game through all of my life. In my early childhood, I love to play mostly abstract games. There were times where I played Monopoly with my sisters and we would fight over game figures that would represent ourselves. We always want to have a millionaire's car and mock the one who had the ol' poor shoe.

It wasn't when I was around 20 years old until I was introduced to European game style. The first Eurogame I played was, "Settlers of Catan." I got hooked with this game. I made my family play this game many time until they grew tired of this game. Through years, I was introduced to other games such as "Ticket to Ride" and "Stone Age." We love these games to death. I taught many people how to play these games in several different states. Almost everybody enjoy this type of game.

I came to Austin around five years ago. This is the time when the board game collection and awareness really grew to the level where I never thought I would ever got to. I carried the game from state to state with around 40 games. I learned that there are so many awesome games out there and this collection grew to over 400 games.

I began to host a monthly board game event, this event turned to a weekly event. We used to play games at my home before we moved out to play at several different board game stores. We played in Mage's Sanctum most of the time, it's located at Manchaca Rd/Slaughter Lane store area. It has been almost four years now. I joined Austin Association for the Deaf (AAD) around August 2016 as a member and talked with people before we came to an agreement that we will bring the board game gathering to AAD. Starting February 1st, we will play board game on every Wednesday nights at 7pm.

AUSTIN DEAF CLUB INFORMATION

AUSTIN DEAF CLUB AFFILIATION:
Austin Bass Club of the Deaf (ABCD)
Travis Association of Deaf-Senior Citizens
Texas Latino Council Deaf/HH (TLCDHH)
DeafBlind Service Center of Austin
Deaf Women of Austin (DWA)
Austin Black Deaf Advocate (ABDA)
Phi Kappa Zeta – Austin Chapter
World ASL Series of Poker
Austin Interpreters for the Deaf

If you have any question(s) or want to obtain Austin Deaf Club

Membership

Contact Club Membership Coordinator
AADMEMBERSHIP@GMAIL.COM

Moving? New Address?

Do not lose your subscription to the Club newsletters or any event information. Notify AAD Secretary at austinsecretary@gmail.com or P.O. Box 3884, Austin, TX 78764

Interested to use the club or host the event?
Contact Event Coordinator -
AADCLUBEVENTS@GMAIL.COM
VIDEOPHONE: 512-410-1535

Want to share your concerns or ideas?
Contact President -
AADPresident@gmail.com

AUSTIN ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF, INC.

Reminder: ALL members are required to bring membership cards at all times.

Christmas 2014

FEBRUARY THROWBACK

THROWBACK: AAD's longevity membership

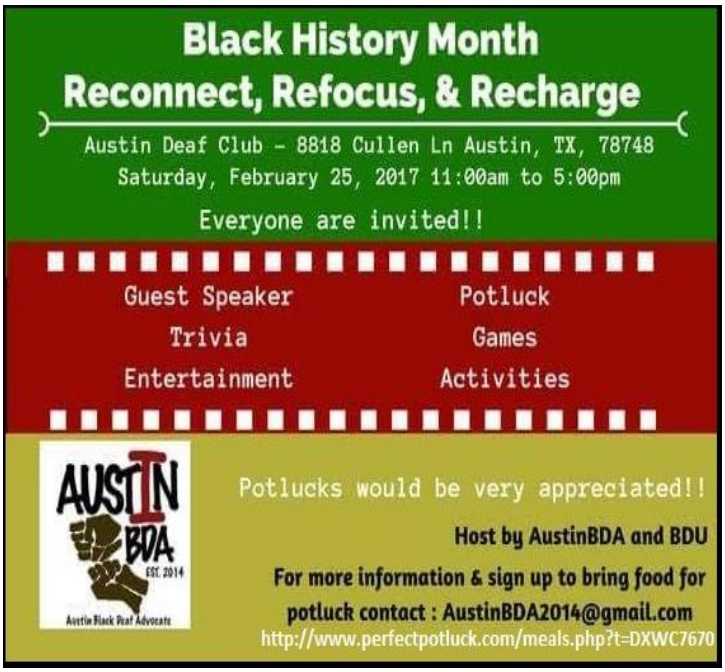
One of our longevity members of AAD, Beth Hill has been member of AAD since 1966. She has dedicated to AAD for many years by her involvement with the events and etc... She is current our life-time membership of AAD. We hope that you will follow her path!

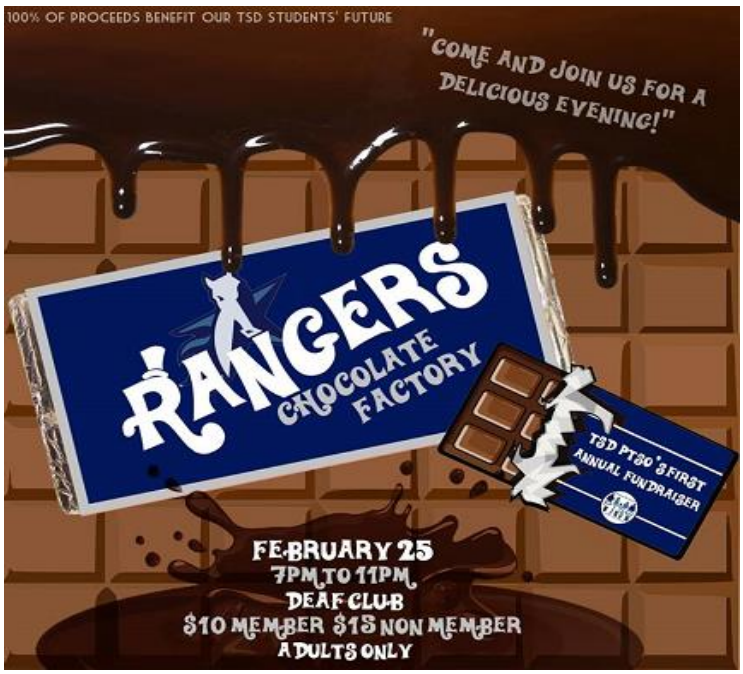
Christmas Party 1988

Hawaii Party 1975

Christmas Party 1991

WHAT'S UP FOR FEBRUARY?





AUSTIN ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF HOSTS

The clubhouse will open at 3 p.m.
Mexican Train Groups and Pokers are welcome to play. Bring cash.
Admission including
Hamburger/Hot Dog, Chips, One Drink (soda or water) and appetizers:
Member - $7.00
Non-Member - $9.00
If you want to have another hamburger instead of hot dog, it will be $2.00 extra.
Food will be served at 5:30 p.m.
Appetizers will be served at 8:00 p.m.

COME ON AND JOIN US WATCHING SUPER BOWL AND PLAYING GAMES. SEE WHICH TEAM WILL WIN!!!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH, 2017
3:00 P.M. TO END OF GAME