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## *Annie Johnson celebrates her 100th birthday.*



Annie with her great grandchildren  
(Photo by Dianna Elledge)

A special 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration for Annie Johnson was held at Dallas Action Center on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Over 90 guests including her large family members attended. Balloons, beautiful cake and money tree were set up for her. She was so pleased when she realized that she got plenty of cash. She declared that she would love to fly to California where she used to live for many years before moving back to Texas. Then one of her grandsons teased her by asking her to buy him a new car instead. The best and touching gift from her family was a large picture of Lord's Supper, the one Annie had wanted for a long time.



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## NTDSC MEMBERSHIP COUNT — 226

New members who just joined are as follows:

Rosie Hoffman

Alice Wright

Shelly Trull

New gift members/subscribers:

Esther Mendoza (from Mary Douglas)

Donation to NTDSC:

\$20 from Calvin Adams

## TSD HOMECOMING EVENT

Texas School for the Deaf Alumni Association (TDSAA) was supposed to send us flyer insertion instead of having it printed in our newsletter. Anyway, if you are interested in seeing it, go to [www.ntdsc.org/2009TSDHC.pdf](http://www.ntdsc.org/2009TSDHC.pdf). It has a complete information about the TSD homecoming event and TSDAA has the reunion plans likewise.

## PAUL JAKINS' TRIP TO ENGLAND & SCOTLAND

No family vacation for Paul Jakins and his son, Chris last year because of Chris' knee surgery. So this year, Paul asked Chris where would he like to go to make it up. Chris replied "England". They selected a tour to visit England and Scotland. Upon their arrival in London with all day of leisure time, they walked 10 miles visiting Buckingham Palace, Big Ben and other interesting places. Next day or two, they entered Scotland where they saw beautiful Edinburgh Castle. They loved its environment; narrow and stone roads, old buildings and old churches, great food except *haggis* (pudding contains pig's or sheep's stomach, intestines, lungs, etc). They had a chance to stop by Loch Ness in north Scotland and looked at the lake where they hoped to see Nessie, the Loch Ness monster. No Luck! Then they went on to visit Stonehenge in England. In all, they had a wonderful time visiting these two countries. Paul asked Chris where he would like to go on their next trip. Chris said "Paris". However, he will have to decide to choose either a new car or next trip. He is 15 years old now and will take a driving class next week at his school.

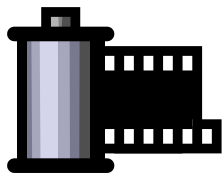


Chris Jakins at Stonehenge in England



Paul Jakins with a bagpipes player in Scotland





# SWIMSUIT PHOTO FLASHBACK

CAN YOU GUESS WHO? ANSWERS ON BACK PAGE

Let us travel through our memory lane!

In our good ole' times, we would love to go to lake or natural spring or ocean or creek or pool to swim.

We did not worry about how unclear the water could be.

Fear of having skin cancer or exposing to bad ozone was unheard of.

We did not care about getting stylish swimsuits or getting our hair wet.

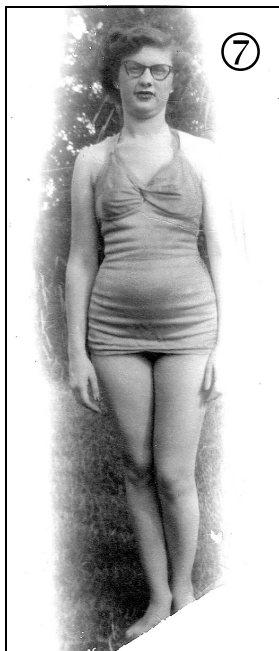
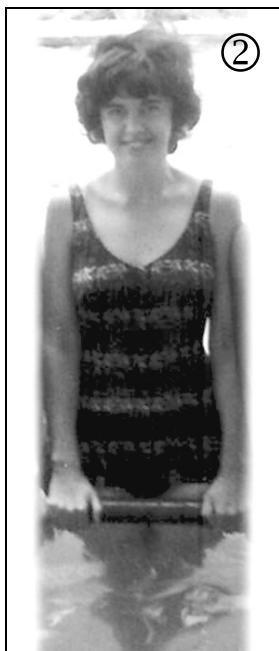
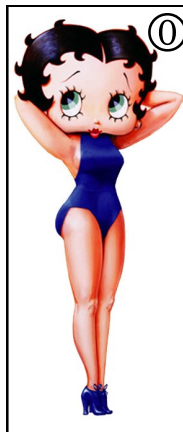
We did not worry about how small or big our boobs were.

We never worried about the danger of getting bad sunburn.

We thought it was cool.

All we wanted was to have a blast time.

Our good ole' memories may be gone but not forgotten!





# — Deaf Seniors of America Conference —

PARIS HOTEL IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA — JUNE 19-25, 2009



Paris Hotel (Photo by Margie Coggins-Peckham)



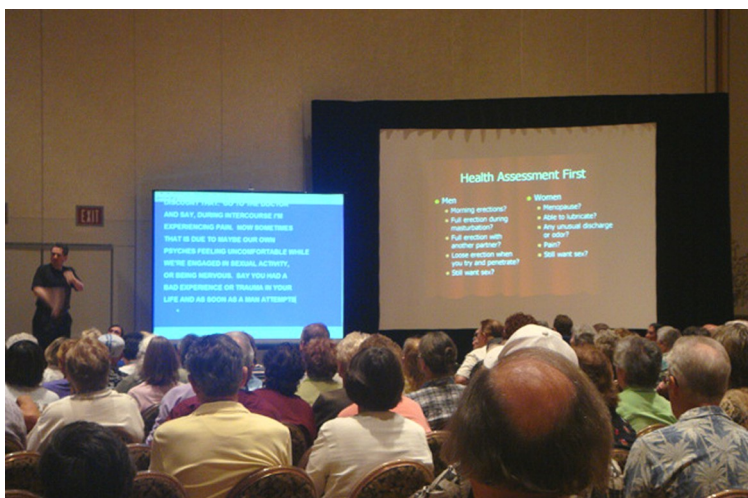
The Skywalk at Grand Canyon



Tanya & Ken Mills, Herschel & Neisha Young at the Awards Luncheon.



Kathy Bianco was filling out the special combo registration form for 2011 Conference in Chicago early.



“Keeping Sex Hot After 50” — a very good workshop. Had that workshop for 4th time due to high demand.



Mack Harris had no luck with any slot machine but he won an election as Vice President of DSA.



# — Deaf Seniors of America Conference —

PARIS HOTEL IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA — JUNE 19-25, 2009 (CONTINUED)



The opening of Deaf Seniors of America (DSA) Conference



Alice & Carvin Hill toured at Ethel M Chocolate Factory and Botanic Cactus Gardens. (Photo by Carvin Hill)



A group of Red Hatters with "Laurel" and "Hardy" before the Red Hatters' Luncheon.



(Photo by Dianna Elledge)

Class of 1968 Reunion of Gallaudet University. Circled are John and Margie Coggins-Peckham. Dianna Elledge, too.



Banquet and Entertainment



Everyone got the "Paris" coffee mug (left) as a souvenir.



## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### CONFETTI EGG STRATA (GREAT FOR BRUNCH)

12 eggs, beaten  
 3 ½ C milk  
 1 Tbsp dry mustard powder  
 ½ tsp salt  
 ¼ tsp black pepper  
 12 slices white bread, cubed  
 2 C shredded cheddar cheese  
 1 ½ C diced ham or Canadian bacon  
 1 C sliced mushrooms  
 1 C sliced green onions  
 1 C chopped green pepper  
 2 jars (2oz ea) chopped pimiento, drained

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large bowl beat eggs. Add milk and seasonings to the eggs. Cube bread slices. Then add bread and remaining ingredients to egg mixture. Pour into lightly greased 9" X 13" baker. Bake 65-70 minutes or until set and golden on the top.

If desired, you may prepare ahead and refrigerate overnight covered. Bake as directed. Yield: 12 servings

—Submitted by Sara Harris

## COLLECTION AS A HOBBY

**Editor's Note:** *If you have something to show, let us know.*

Sara has a few collections of her own but she considers collecting magnets as a hobby for fun. It started when she and her family were visiting Mack Harris' cousin in California about 20 years ago



and there was a full of magnets on the cousin's refrigerator. Sara thought it was so cute. So she got her first magnet in California and from there she keeps collecting whenever she visits a new place. The most unique one was a real baby rattlesnake she got from Rattlesnake Festival in Sweetwater, Texas. The latest one which she is holding is a cute M&M magnet she got from

M&M store in Las Vegas during the DSA Conference. Right now, she has about over 325 magnets and will continue collecting whenever something catches her eyes.

## JAMES & JOAN CODY CELEBRATE 20TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



James and Joan in 1989

James & Joan (Schellman) Cody celebrated their 20<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary last month. They got married on June 3, 1989 at United Presbyterian Church in North Pittsburgh, PA. Joan's older sister, Gwen Dush was the maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Robin Shay of Indiana and Judy Grill of Maryland. Joan's niece, Jayme Dush was the flower girl. The best man was James Kallina of Austin. The ushers were Jim Dush and Jerry Voltmann of Dallas. After the wedding ceremony, they rode in long white limousine to Berkeley Hills Fire Hall where reception was held. The limousine driver gave them a bottle of champagne as a gift. Afterwards, they spent a week honeymooning in the Amish Dutch country. Then they traveled through Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina,



Joan and James today

Tennessee, and Arkansas before reaching Dallas where they settled.

James has been working at RTKL Associates (an architectural company) for 29 years. Joan is an ASL Laboratory Assistant at Collins County Community College in Plano, Texas.



## KATHY MURPHY: CAKE CHEF

Kathy Murphy has been a well-known “Cake Chef” among her deaf friends and associates in DFW area for a long time. It is time for us to learn some more about her experience and how she developed her interest in making beautiful cakes.

In her 20's of age, she was a young married lady in Pennsylvania and she decided to try baking a cute Pumpkin cake for her first born daughter, Karen. It did not turn out perfect but she had fun using her creativity in designing a cake. Soon after that, she started baking different styles of cakes for her family and close friends. She realized that it was a fun and enjoyable hobby for her. She learned many things through errors and trials and her skill kept getting better and better.

Then her whole family decided to move to Texas in 1978 and it took some time for them to adjust to a new life. She felt little bored so she decided to go back to making cakes for some new friends or other events. Meanwhile her two daughters, Karen and Patty watched her and joined in helping. Naturally the girls developed their skills, too. One day three of them decided to take a cake making class at J.C. Penney and after awhile, they realized that they had already learned so much through years of experience. They saw no need to continue school as it gave them more confidence in resuming their business. Karen also developed her interest in florist arrangements which complied so well with cake business.

Kathy can make cakes for any occasions like wedding, birthday, shower, anniversary, holiday and many more. You can see different themed cake photos here.

The Editor asked Kathy if she ever had some mishaps. Yes, she did when she walked through swinging doors toward the room. The door slammed on her back and her cake fell down. Believe it or not! She was able to put it back together again and nobody noticed it. Asked her which cake was the best one she had ever made. She said a several tiered “Victorian” wedding cake at Golf Clubhouse in Grapevine. Unfortunately, she does not have a picture of it. The most difficult step she has to do is to drive her car real, real careful as the cake is in the rear. She learned that it is best to put sticky tape at the bottom to keep it from sliding around. The largest order she had ever made was bringing 12 boxes of cakes to her former employer, Boeing.

At present, she will make cakes for others once a while whenever she feels like.

Go to [www.ntdsc.org/newsletters/cake.pdf](http://www.ntdsc.org/newsletters/cake.pdf) for 41 different cake decorations (pictures).



# General Meeting

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2009**

## **Arlington Public Library**

(George W. Hawkes Central Library)

101 East Abram Street, Arlington, Texas

1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

### **FREE ADMISSION**

It is important to show up and  
vote on the bylaws amendments.

## **NTDSC MEMBERS ONLY**

### **Tour at Dallas Cowboys' New Stadium in Arlington**

Wednesday, July 8th at 10:00 A.M.

**\$10.00 each person**

**Sign up now and pay now!**

Contact Herb Picou

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Email: [reddyjo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:reddyjo@sbcglobal.net)

**Deadline: Monday, July 6th**

**FREE parking at the front of the stadium where  
the Pro Shop is. Be there at 9:45 a.m.!**

**An interpreter will be provided.**

[www.ntdsc.org/cowboys/](http://www.ntdsc.org/cowboys/)



**SWIMSUIT LINE-UP:** 0—Betty Boop (Cartoon Queen and Sex Symbol in 1930's; 1—Martha (Roberts) Mirus; 2—Betty (Fletcher) Cunningham; 3—Sara (Stanley) Harris; 4—Patsy (Martin) Smith; 5—June (Poynor) Greer; 6—Carole (Carpenter) Allen; 7—Joan (Henry) Picou; 8—Minnie (Holst) Collins; 9—Mary (Cooper) Simpson; 10—Iris Goldstein and 11—Doris Mae (Brown) Jameson

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