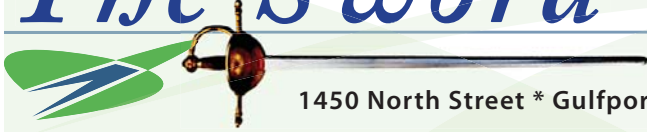


# The Sword



1450 North Street \* Gulfport \* Mississippi

de l'Epée



Deaf Center Inc.

## ARISE

### 5 from Deaf Center attend

ARISE is a program to allow people of all religious faiths and even those without faith to find a closer relationship to God. In the process, you learn a little bit about the Catholic Church and realize how many misunderstandings and untruths have been created over the years. ARISE is held at the Dedeaux Hilton several weekends each year. The Women's weekend was held October 17-19 with

#### MISSION STATEMENT

*de l'Epée is a ministry of the Diocese of Biloxi to provide spiritual well-being, promotion of independence and inclusion in the community for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Disabled.*

## END OF YEAR Another GREAT Year!

Year finish soon. Many good things happen. New bus, Lions donated. Use bus: summer camp, travel New Orleans. Travel Texas, help Ike victims. Air conditioners broke, replaced two in Deaf Center. Deaf Bible study group travel Italy. Staff changed. Dawn, Sam new Interpreters. Sad goodbye Peggy, Jan. Signed Mass every month chapel. New ASL classes every 3 months. Many deaf, hearing people receive free food. Received donations enough pay bills. Need more donations now. Volunteers need now. New plants make Deaf Center safe, pretty. Good Year! Pray year better 2009.



ARISE #54  
October 24-26, 2008

de l'Epée's Director of Religious Programs, Jamie Olson, attending as a Team member. The Men's weekend was held October 24 -26 with Director Greg being on the Team and Luis Diaz being a participant. Interpreters Jonathan Ebberman and David Acevedo also attended and interpreted the entire weekend. Everyone who attended left feeling blessed by the Holy Spirit and hoping to spread the word about this wonderful program. If you would like to attend the next ARISE in February, please contact Jamie at the Deaf Center. There is no cost for the weekend. Room and Food are provided free.

### NEW WEB SITE

Web site changed for Deaf Center. New address:

**www.deafms.org.**

Updated often. Please visit. Give suggestions.

(228) 897-2280 Voice / TTY 896-2280 Video Relay

### EASIER READING

*This newsletter goes to both Hearing and Deaf. Some are clients, many are supporters and many more are both.*

*We have been writing the SWORD in English because our Deaf are used to being asked to read English, and it's just easier for the editor as a Hearing person to write in English. Our Hearing have never been asked to read ASL and may find it difficult and hard to understand. We will continue to write the majority of the SWORD in English, but you will see occasional items written in ASL. We hope our hearing readers understand that our grammar check didn't break, it's just a different language with a different word order. Maybe you will have a better understanding how difficult it can be to read in your second language as opposed to your first. We also hope that our Deaf ASL readers are able to better enjoy the news.*

Editor

# DEAF NEWS

## Community Champion

Quota Club International Mississippi Gulf Coast has selected Helen Margiotta as Community Champion for 2008. The award was presented at McAllisters restaurant on Wednesday, October 21st. Betty Jean Necaie, Virginia Margiotta, Mary Margiotta, Greg Crapo and Jill Hagler were in attendance for the presentation. We congratulate Helen and thank her for all her hard work for the Deaf community and for the Deaf Center. You're GREAT!



## Movie Night

Movie night is great night for friends. See new movies on big screen with captions. Eat before you come or bring dinner with you. Deaf Center will have free drinks and popcorn. Movie Night is FREE!

### Upcoming movies are:

Friday, November 7, 6:30 pm

**Movie: Indiana Jones:  
The Kingdom of the Crystal Skull**

Host: Greg

Friday, December 5, 6:30 p.m.

**Movie: FRED CLAUSE**

Host: Jill

Friday, January 9, 6:30 p.m.

**Movie: FACING THE GIANTS**

Host: Jill, Dawn, Jamie

## Holiday Food Baskets

Thanksgiving Food baskets will be distributed Saturday, November 22nd from 10 am to 11:30 am at the Deaf Center. Must be pre-registered to pick up food basket. Deadline to sign up for Christmas toys and food is December 1st. Will be told when to pick up.

## Bellingrath

Deaf Center take Deaf to visit Bellingrath Gardens Mobile. Enjoy Christmas lights. Cost \$11 adult, \$6 child age 5-12, Free Child under 5. Will travel by de l'Epee bus Tuesday, December 9th. Leave time 4 pm. Hapen Hungry? Cafe have. Have great hot chocolate. Maybe weather cold. Bring coat, gloves, money. Join us. Get Christmas spirit. Space limited. Reserve seat bus today!

## New Grandbaby

Charles & Winnie Johnson are proud grandparents:

Jalyn Catherine Walters: Born June 29, 2008  
7 lbs 8 oz & 22 inches long

## Volunteer Spotlight

### Virginia & Mary Margiotta

**These two sisters are at the Deaf Center daily helping. They are part of the team that makes this newsletter. Both are members of de l'Epee Bible Study, summer camp counselors, work crew for all the events, and**

**were part of the group that went to Italy and represented the Deaf Center at the Vatican.**



**Two GREAT ladies, we really appreciate!**

**Thank you Ladies.**

## St. Francis de Sales (part 3)

St. Francis de Sales, our Patron Saint of the Deaf. We continue to explore the life of our Patron Saint.



Francis was overworked and often ill because of his constant load of preaching, visiting, and instruction -- even catechizing a deaf man so he could take first Communion. He believed the first duty of a bishop was spiritual direction and wrote to Jane, "So many have come to me that I might serve them, leaving me no time to think of myself. However, I assure you that I do feel deep-down-within-me, God be praised. For the truth is that this kind of work is infinitely profitable to me." For him active work did not weaken his spiritual inner peace but strengthened it. He directed most people through letters, which tested his remarkable patience. "I have more than fifty letters to answer. If I tried to hurry over it all, I would be lost. So I intend neither to hurry or to worry. This evening, I shall answer as many as I can. Tomorrow I shall do the same and so I shall go until I have finished.

At that time, the way of holiness was only for monks and nuns -- not for ordinary people. Francis changed all that by giving spiritual direction to lay people living ordinary lives in the world. But he had proven with his own life that people could grow in holiness while involved in a very active occupation. Why couldn't others do the same? His most famous book, INTRODUCTION TO THE DEVOUT LIFE, was written for these ordinary people in 1608. Written originally as letters, it became an instant success all over Europe -- though some preachers tore it up because he tolerated dancing and jokes!

For Francis, the love of God was like romantic love. He said, "The thoughts of those moved by natural human love are almost completely fastened on the beloved, their hearts are filled with passion for it, and their mouths full of its praises. When it is gone they express their feelings in letters, and can't pass by a tree without carving the name of their beloved in its bark. Thus too those who love God can never stop thinking about him aspiring to him, and speaking about him. If they could, they would engrave the name of Jesus on the hearts of all humankind."

The key to love of God was prayer. "By turning your eyes on God in meditation, your whole soul will be filled with God. Begin all your prayers in the presence of God."

For busy people of the world, he advised "Retire at various times into the solitude of your own heart, even while outwardly engaged in discussions or transactions with others and talk to God."

Story continues in next newsletter.

# SIGNED SERVICES

## Interpreted Services

- St. James Catholic Church - Gulfport  
Saturday Mass at 4 p.m.  
Monique Guillot - Interpreter
- Extended Hands Assembly of God Church  
Shaw Road - Gulfport  
Sunday Service at 10:30 am  
Paula Lee - Interpreter
- Divine Grace Baptist Church - Long Beach  
Sunday Service at 9:45 am  
Sunday Service at 6:00 p.m.  
Bible Study: Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.  
Peggy Bosma - Interpreter
- Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Dedeaux  
Sunday Mass at 7:00 am  
Jamie Olson - Interpreter
- First Baptist Church - Biloxi  
Sunday Service at 8:30 am & 5:00 p.m.  
Ann Cothorn - Interpreter
- Chapel at de l'Epee open for  
meditation and prayer from 8 to 4 daily.

## de l'Epée Volunteer receives Presidential Award

Mrs. Vicki Bond of Clinton, Mississippi received one of 19 Presidential Service Awards at the Birthday Bash for Volunteer Gulf Coast. Vicki has been a regular contributor and supporter of the Deaf Center and our entire community since hurricane Katrina. Vicki has delivered food, supplies and many thousands of dollars to us to help with the disaster relief services being provided. Most recently, Vicki helped the Diocese by delivering a large load of supplies to send to Texas for hurricane Ike relief. We congratulate Vicki Bond and say "THANKS!"



# DONATIONS

# UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Lions Fruit Sale

We are now taking orders for the Oranges and Grapefruit that the Lions club sells each year during the Holidays. The fruit will be delivered on December 12th. Orders must be placed by November 20th. Cost is \$17 per box which is 2/5ths a bushel GREAT DEAL and we are helping people who help the Deaf Center. Order today by calling Greg at Deaf Center.

## Sad News

Very sad that Charles "Charlie" Carver died on Monday, August 11th, 2008. Charlie was wonderful volunteer at Deaf Center. He always wanted to help other Deaf. Charlie was hard head but his heart was good and he loved kids. He had passion to stand up for Deaf rights they deserved. We will miss Charlie, especially at summer camp. I ask all Deaf men to get active at Deaf Center and help continue work that Charlie enjoyed doing. Helping other Deaf.  
More Sad News: Ray Lather of Picayune died June 6, 2008.

## ASL CLASSES

New classes start January 6th. Register now for Beginners or Beginners Part 2.

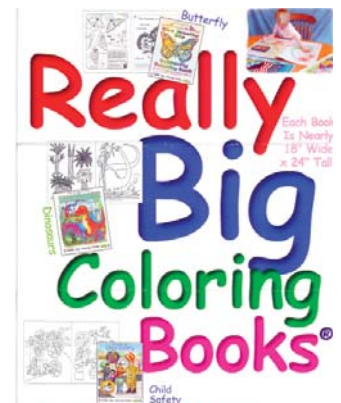
## ONLY AT de l'Epee

GREAT for CHRISTMAS PRESENTS!

Get a Really Big Coloring Book from de l'Epee Deaf Center.

**Only \$7.00**  
Large assortment to choose from.

**Get yours today!**



### Special Thanks to our recent contributors

Ralph Vice, Roland Powell and Billy Morgan for cutting grass.

Peggy Bosma  
Vicki Bond  
Exchange Club  
L.I.F.E.  
Biloxi High School Clubs

*Thank You!*



*Exchange Club*

Modern Woodmen of America  
Blanche Guillot  
Hugh McAloon  
Special People in Need  
Beau Rivage  
Nancy Loftus  
Arlene & Sherman Canaan  
Linda Austin  
Nancy Loftus  
Jill Hagler  
Jani Schmit  
Ladies Auxiliary KC's # 6383  
Lori Fulford

*Thank You!*  
*Thank You!*



*L.I.F.E.*



Mississippi Coast Association of the Deaf



**THANKSGIVING PARTY**



Saturday, November 8, 2008

Where: de l'Epee Deaf Center  
Gulfport, Mississippi

TIME: 6:00 p.m. until ???

**COST:**

13 years old & up - \$6.00

6 - 12 years old - \$3.00

5 years old & under - FREE



Turkey, Ham, Vegetables, Desserts and Drinks  
~ Please bring a covered dish ~  
We appreciate your help and support!

Bring your family and friends to join eating  
delicious Thanksgiving Dinner!!  
Hope to see you all there!!



**PARTY TIME**

ASL FILMS PRESENTS  
From the director and producer of Wrong Game and Forget Me Not  
**THE LEGEND OF THE MOUNTAIN MAN**  
IT IS NO LONGER A MYTH... IT IS REAL.  
Saturday • December 6, 2008 • 3:00 PM  
de l'Epee Deaf Center  
1450 North Street • Gulfport, MS 39507  
\$5 Admission  
Tickets/Info: Ralph Vice (MCAD)  
Email: Vice\_Tabasco@yahoo.com  
Ticket Reservations (Call Customer Service) **ztkl.tv** or  
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**CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Saturday, December 6, 2008



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TIME: 6:00 p.m. until ???

**Admission:**

15 years and up - \$10.00

6 - 14 years old - \$6.00

0 - 5 years old - FREE



**MONEY TREE AND APPETIZERS**

NOTE: Santa is coming to town.  
Parents, please bring a gift for each child!

BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO JOIN THE FUN!!

Hope to see you all there!!



# WHAT'S UP? Board Meeting Notes

The de l'Epee Advisory Board of Director meets once every three months. The board consists of 27 people who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Hearing. The President of the board is Charley Hewes, Vice President is Rev. Bo Roberts and Secretary is Deacon Dick Henderson. Anyone is welcome to attend the Board meetings, but only members vote. Next Board meeting is March 2nd, 2009.

*Special Thanks to our Priests who said mass in our chapel: Father Mike O'Connor for August, Father Khoa Vo for September and Father Peter and Father Thomas for October. Call the Deaf Center today to find out when the next Mass will be.*

de l'Epee Deaf Center is the certified Sprint Relay Vendor for CapTel in South Mississippi. Captioned Telephone for the Hard of Hearing. This is a free service, do you know someone in need?

Call the Deaf Center Today!



## de l'Epee Deaf Center Family

Greg Crapo	Director
Jill Hagler	Interpreter Coordinator
Jamie Olson	Director Religious Programs/Interpreter
Dawn Altman	Interpreter/ Administrative Assistant
Samantha Fish	Interpreter
Billy Morgan	Custodian
Aline Jones	Office Manager Emeritus

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### NOVEMBER

de l'Epee Board Meeting: Monday, 3rd 5:30 p.m.  
Lions Club Meets: Thursday, 6th 6:30 p.m.  
MOVIE NIGHT: Friday 7th, 6:30 p.m.  
Yard Work Day: Saturday 8th, Call for time.  
Thanksgiving Party: Saturday 8th, 6:00 p.m.  
Lions Club Meets: Thursday, 20th 6:30 p.m.  
Deaf Center CLOSED: Wednesday 26th, Noon  
Deaf Center CLOSED: 27th, 28th. Thanksgiving  
Mass in Chapel: Call for Day and Time

### DECEMBER

Deadline for Toy and Food application: Monday 1st  
Lions Meets: Thursday, 4th 6:30 p.m.  
MOVIE NIGHT: Friday 5th, 6:30 p.m.  
MCAD Movie 6th, 3 p.m.  
Christmas Party 6th, 6:00 p.m.  
Deaf Center CLOSED: Monday, 8th  
Christmas at Bellingrath: Tuesday 9th, 4 p.m.  
Lions Club Meets: Thursday 18th, 6:30 p.m.  
Deaf Center Closed: Dec 24 - Jan 2. Christmas  
Mass in Chapel: Call for Day and Time  
**DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER: 15th**

### JANUARY

ASL Classes Start: Tuesday 6th 5:30 p.m.  
MOVIE NIGHT: Friday 9th, 6:30 p.m.  
Deaf Center Closed: Monday, 19th MLK Day  
Mass in Chapel: Call for Day and Time



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