



Celebrating 40 years

1976-2016



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# Menu

## First Course

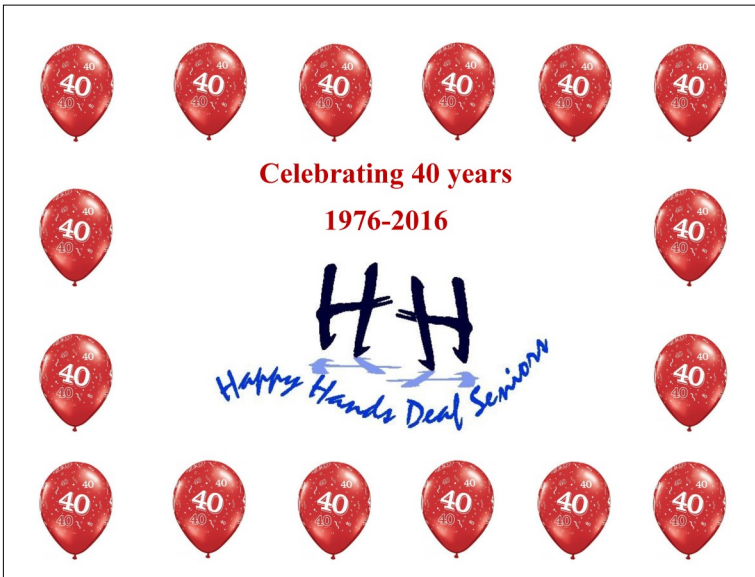
Clyde's House Salad  
Maryland Cream of Crab Soup

## Entrée

Chicken Scaloppine  
Pan-Roasted Salmon  
Hanger Steak

Lunch will be served with  
Iced Tea, Soft Drinks, Coffee, or Hot Tea

Cake will also be served.



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# Program

September 21, 2016

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Master of Ceremonies — Bill Center

Opening Prayer — Don Ames

Lunch

Presentation by:

Eve Christian, Elaine Shaffer,  
and Pat Beech

Cake

Closing Prayer — Nancy Rarus

Clyde's Willow Creek  
42920 Broadlands Boulevard  
Broadlands, VA 20148

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# History

Reuben Altizer originated the idea of a club for deaf or hearing impaired seniors before 1976. With Mrs. John Miller Kinsey as interpreter, he approached Fairfax and Arlington counties for support. The first meeting was held at the Wilson Library under the auspices of Fairfax County with 6 members.

In 1976, after reaching a membership of eleven, Mr. Altizer was asked to become president, but declined. Ralph Miller was elected the first president; Laura Pucci, vice president; and Reuben Altizer, secretary/treasurer.

The name, "Happy Hands Club," was adopted when Ralph Miller suggested that all members talked with their hands and were happy persons. The club moved to Arlington County in 1977, meeting in the old Hannon Hall. Mrs. Anne Gress became supervisor. When Jo Ann Taylor married and moved away, Mrs. Dottie Shilling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Summers, became interpreter and supervisor.



April 1995

Walter Bush,  
Connie Reardon,  
Hilda Altizer,  
Wava Hambel,  
and Howard  
Smith

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# Charter Members

- Hilda Altizer
- Reuben Altizer
- Fannie Berry
- Kitty Bonvillian
- Madeline Byers
- Frances Friend
- Henry Holter
- Pearla Lewis
- Gladys Miller
- Ralph Miller
- Laura Pucci
- Harry Schuchman

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**OFFICERS 1976 - 1987**

1976 & 1977  
Ralph Miller, President  
Laura Pucci, V. President  
Reuben Altizer, Secy./Treas.

1978  
Ralph Miller/H.J. Summers  
Presidents  
Reuben Altizer, Secy./Treas.

1979  
H.J. Summers, President  
Frances Friend, V. President  
Reuben Altizer, Secy./Treas.

1980  
Frances Friend, President  
Thomas Miller, V. President  
Helen Greenberg, Secretary  
Reuben Altizer, Treasurer

1981  
Ralph Miller/Hilda Altizer  
Presidents  
Hilda Altizer, V. President  
Helen Greenberg, Secretary  
Connie Reardon, Treasurer

1982  
Hilda Altizer, President  
Janet Clemons, V. President  
Helen Greenberg, Secretary  
Connie Reardon, Treasurer

1983  
Hilda Altizer, President  
Fred Norman, V. President  
H. J. Summers, Secretary  
Reuben Altizer, Treasurer

1984  
Connie Reardon, President  
Hilda Altizer, V. President  
Wava Hambel, Secretary  
Reuben Altizer/H.J. Summers  
Treasurers

1985  
Connie Reardon, President  
Frances Norman, V. President  
Janet Clemons, Secretary  
Frances Friend, Treasurer

1986  
Evelyn Dull/Connie Reardon  
Presidents  
Janet Clemons, Secretary  
Frances Friend, Treasurer

1987  
Connie Reardon, President  
LaVerne Jenkins, V. President  
Janet Clemons, Secretary  
Frances Friend, Treasurer

Happy Hands

relocated to NVRC on Democracy Lane in Fairfax @ 1994

Happy Hands

relocated to NVRC on Pender Drive in Fairfax @ 2003

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- Janet Blakely, Vice-Chair
- Peggy Daniels, Secretary
- Selina Gilson, Treasurer
- Robert Whitworth, Memberships
- Jill Moebus, Raffles
- Don Ames, Member-at-Large
- Paul Daniels, Member-at-Large
- Ross Gilson, Member-at-Large
- Lois Herberger, Member-at-Large
- Rocky Rockburn, Member-at-Large
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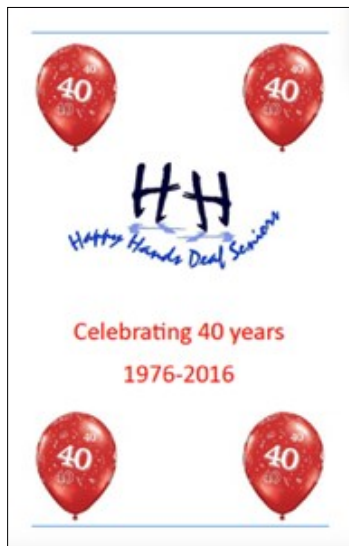
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# 40th Anniversary Committee

- Jim Beech (posthumously)
- Pat Beech
- Bill Center
- Eve Christian
- Lois Herberger
- Jill Moebus
- Cheryl Rockburn
- Rocky Rockburn
- Elaine Shaffer



Quality Logo  
Products, Inc.



Souvenir Book  
by Patricia Beech



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# 40th Anniversary Committee



**Clyde's Willow Creek Farm on October 30, 2015**  
Ed McGann (guest), Lois Herberger, Rocky Rockburn,  
Pat & Jim Beech, and Cheryl Rockburn



Eve Christian



Elaine Shaffer



Jill Moebus and Bill Center

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# Happy Hands Events

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# 1987

## *Happy Hands Club*

Arlington Senior Adult Program

CELEBRATES  
11TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER

ON  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1987

AT  
CHERRYDALE SENIOR CENTER  
4000 Lorcom Lane  
Arlington, Virginia

HONORING CHARTER MEMBERS

# Halloween



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# November 1991



# December 1994



# 20th Anniversary @ 1996



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March 1995



December 1996



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# Miscellaneous





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# Farewell Party For Wava Hambel



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1997

**\*\*HAPPY HANDS AMISH COUNTRY  
BUS TOUR\*\***

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 1997**

**Leave NVRC -- 8 a.m.**

**(Please be at NVRC at 7:30 a.m. sharp)**

**Return NVRC -- 7:30 p.m.**

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**Family Style Lunch at 11:30 a.m.  
at GOOD N' PLENTY Restaurant,  
Smoketown, PA,**

*WHAT? A Holiday Bus Trip to  
Williamsburg, VA*

*WHEN? December 10-11, 1997*

*WHY? To see the fabulous Christmas decorations,  
visit historical places (with interpreter) and shop  
at numerous outlets (Christmas shopping  
opportunity!)*

*Cost? Bus - \$30, Room at Days Inn - \$42 (you can  
share with roommates) Historic Tour Pass  
(optional) - \$12.50*

*The bus will leave NVRC at 7.a.m. Wednesday,  
Dec. 10, pick up riders at Potomac Mills in  
Woodbridge, and Aunt Sarah's in Fredericksburg.  
Itinerary will be available later.*

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# September 24, 1998

## Fredericksburg Historic Tour



1998



# 2001



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# 2001



# 2003



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# 2004

*Under the Auspices of*

Maryland Deaf Senior Citizens/  
Northern Virginia Resources Center (Happy Hands Seniors)

***Visit Historical Philadelphia***

on

Wednesday, May 12

for

**\$45.00 per person**

The package includes:

Round-trip transportation by Martz Company (55-passenger bus)

Pick-up locations: NVRC for Members of Happy Hands (5:45 AM)

Schweinhaut Seniors Center for MDSC Members (6:30 AM)

Visitations of Franklin Institute Science Museum & Independence Park (Liberty Bell)

Dinner at Old Country Buffet

Arrive Back Home (Schweinhaut—first drop) by 10-10:30 PM

The package also includes all GRATUITIES

You are asked to bring your own **BROWN BAG** for your lunch. Drinks can be bought at the museum where we will have our lunch. Or, if you prefer, you can bring your own drinks.

To sign up for the trip, please contact Tour Leaders, David Burton ([davidoburton@comcast.net](mailto:davidoburton@comcast.net)) and Elaine Shaffer ([eolshaffer@aol.com](mailto:eolshaffer@aol.com)) before deadline of **MARCH 31**.

**First Come, First Serve**

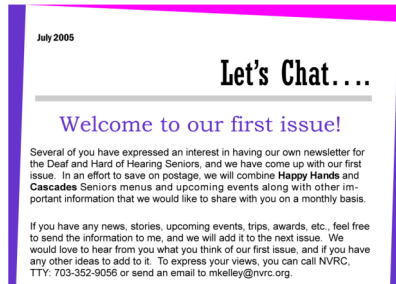
(Only 55 Passengers Needed)

And, then, please make out a check of \$45.00 per person payable to MDSC, and give/send it to William Stifter, treasurer, 411 Hamlet Club Drive, #301 B, Edgewater, MD 21037.

# 2005

## Facts during 2005:

- Eve Christian, Chair 1999-2011
- Elaine Shaffer, NVRC Liaison 1994-2004
- Mary Kay Kelley, NVRC Liaison 2005-2007
- First Newsletter in July 2005



## Presentations during 2005:

- Natalie Rinker, PSY.D, Regional Coordinator, Deaf/Hard of Hearing Services on "Dealing with the loss of abilities to do things that we love"
- Chris Marty from Social Security on "Medicare Part D"
- Billy Bowman from Social Security providing more information about Medicare





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# 2006

Presentations during 2006:

- Peggie Parsons about her trip to Antarctica on a 3-week cruise going through Panama Canal
- Kathy and Al Darby about AARP Driver Safety Progra Class



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# 2007

Presentations during 2007:

- Paige Berry from the Helen Keller National Center
- Reina McAndrew and Catherine Kopac on proper maintenance of healthy aging
- Karl A. Ewan about Sprint Relay products and services at NVRC
- Doreen Solar about ENDependence Center



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# 2008

## Trips during 2008:

- Fallingwater, PA to see home of Frank Lloyd Wright
- “Christmas in Middleburg”

## Presentations during 2008:

- Tom Polhemus on “Identify Theft”
- Paul Walla on wills, finances, and other topics affecting seniors
- Peggie Parsons about her book re: Dr. Elizabeth Peet
- Sharon Lynn from the Fairfax County Agency on Aging



# 2009

Activities during 2009:

- Wii Bowling

Presentations during 2009:

- Amy Rousseau and Sasha Ponappa on “Financial Exploitation of the Elderly”



# 2009



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# 2010

Presentations during 2010:

- Phil Bravin about the new FCC rule regarding ten-digit telephone numbers for VRS and IP users
- Mike Marzolf about his trip to India
- Julienne Barbazette from the Fairfax Area Agency on Aging



# 2010



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# 2010





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# 2011

Presentations during 2011:

- Vicki Hurwitz on “Discoveries of Deaf Women’s Lives Interwoven with My Life’s Experiences”
- Gary Viall & Donna Graff about trip to Louisiana and Florida
- Mary Malzkuhn on “Signing Their Lives Away: The Fame and Misfortune of the Men Who Signed The Declaration of Independence”



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# 2011



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# 2011

Guess who designed the  
Happy Hands logo?



Melody Hotek, who was NVRC Director  
of Operations and Liaison for Happy  
Hands & NVRC

She designed it in 2004 after taking an  
art class at Montgomery County  
Community College



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# 2012

## Presentations:

- Jennifer Edge on “Fall Prevention”
- Gary Viall and Donna Graff on “Disaster Prevention”
- Darlene Ewan about her travel company called Deafapolis
- Bruce Greenfield on how to use iPad
- Paige Berry on “Living with Vision and Hearing Loss: Double-Trouble”
- Joel Barish from DeafNation on “No Barriers”
- Gary Viall on “History of Thanksgiving”



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2012



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# 2013

## Presentations:

- Doug Hill on “How to Read Weather Maps”
- Race Drake on Mardi Gras history
- Keith Cagle on “Is Sign Language 1,000 Years Old”
- Dr. Christian Vogler on “Next Generation 9-1-1”
- Mary Blanch on Philips Lifeline program
- Stephanie Summers on “Health Care Reform”
- Vicki Hurwitz on “The Father I Never Knew: My Unforgettable Discovery”



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# 2013



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# 2014

## Tours:

- American Disposal Services
- Gunston Fire Station #20

## Presentations:

- Kimberly Kramer on “Importance of Swimming in Your Golden Years”
- Gary Viall about his trip to Ireland
- Mary Malzkuhn about her visit to Stonehenge
- Nancy Rarus about her visit to Alaska
- Pat Beech about her experiences as IditaRider
- Irene W. Leigh on “Deaf People: Holocaust Victims”
- Edward Zetlin on “Advanced Medical Directives”
- Julie Schafer on “VRI vs. On-Site Interpreting in Medical Settings”





# 2014

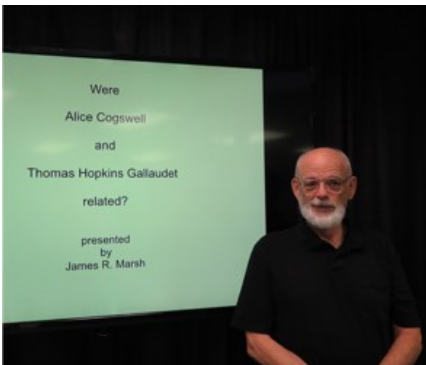


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# 2015

## Presentations:

- Barbara Eger-Klatt on Chair Yoga
- Lance J. Fischer about his career at the National Archives
- Daniel Frank from LegalShield about affordable Legal Service and Identity Theft Protection
- James R. Marsh about genealogical research



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# 2016

## Presentations:

- Paul & Peggy Daniels on trip to Thailand
- Paul & Peggy Daniels on trip to Australia

## Events:

- DC Ducks

## Contests:

- Who Is Wearing the Most Red?
- Who Is Wearing the Most Green?



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# Past Officers

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# Newsletter Staff during 2009-August 2011

2009:

- Jim Beech
- Pat Beech
- Eve Christian
- LeRoy Christian
- Melody Hotek
- Jill Moebus
- Emily Rappold
- Elaine Shaffer

2010-August 2011:

- Pat Beech
- Eve Christian
- Elaine Shaffer



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# Officers for September 2011 - May 2012

- Nancy Rarus, Chair
- Elaine Shaffer, Vice-Chair
- Pat Beech, Secretary
- Robert Whitworth, Treasurer
- Mary Malzkuhn, Member-at-Large
- Jill Moebus, Member-at-Large
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- Kenny Hynes, Activities Chair
- JoAnn Pelarski, Food Chair
- Carolyn Willis, Sunshine Chair



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- Pugsley, Mascot
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# Donations

- Pat Beech (in memory of Jim Beech)
- Alan & Vicki Hurwitz
- Elaine Shaffer (in memory of Ken Shaffer)
- And many that contributed to the fundraising basket



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# In Memory

- Fannie Berry 1898-1981
- Annie Nelson 1903-1982
- Pearla Lewis ?-1982
- Annie Rosemund 1906-1983
- Ted Clemons 1908-1983
- Reuben Altizer 1908-1984
- Ralph Miller 1905-1984
- Thomas Miller 1914-1985
- Hazel Dick 1904-1986
- Madeline Byers 1906-1986
- Theo Dick 1902-1987
- Virginia Holter 1910-1987
- Lucille Antila 1910-1988
- Helen Greenberg 1906-1988
- Katherine Bonvillain 1905-1988
- Lora Courtney 1914-1989
- Retina Rosenmund 1903-1989
- William Grinnell 1908-1989
- Hillary J. Summers, Sr. 1909-1990
- Fred Gene Norman 1910-1990
- Charlie H. Dawson 1920-1990
- Janie Clark 1905-1991
- Henry Holter 1906-1991
- Gladys Z. Miller 1903-1991
- Harry Schuchman 1906-1992
- Edward Carr 1901-1992
- Estella Fletcher 1901-1992
- Frances Friend 1913-1992

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# In Memory

- Laura Pucci 1897-1993
- Henry Rosenmund 1905-1994
- Norma Bush 1921-1994
- Goldie Summers 1908-1994
- Frances C. Norman 1914-1996
- Harold V. Taylor 1923-1996
- Edna P. Adler 1915-1999
- Rhulin Thomas 1910-1999
- Robert Allen 1929-2001
- Joseph Teta 1924-2002
- Connie Reardon 1929-2002
- Dorothy Berrios 1925-2003
- Ruth A. Tester 1936-2004
- Andrea Drake 1940-2004
- Stephen P. Drake 1931-2005
- Jerry Warner 1934-2005
- Diana Raykovic 1929-2005
- Ruth D. Phillips 1916-2005
- Franklin Willis 1930-2005
- Violet Carricut 1923-2005
- Gladys Thomas 1906-2006
- Bernice Turk 1928-2006
- Jack Wright 1930-2006
- Max Pyles 1933-2006
- Harriet Hunt 1935-2007
- Lawrence Dickens 1923-2007
- Neill English 1943-2007
- Walter Bush 1918-2008

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# In Memory

- W. Wade Webb 1937-2008
- Mary McNab 1934-2008
- Billy Taylor 1936-2008
- Marshall Garrette 1920-2008
- Dorothy Swafford 1930-2009
- Robert McClelland 1928-2009
- Deloris Fischthal 1933-2009
- Conrad Stedrak 1925-2009
- Patricia Stedrak 1930-2010
- Hilda Altizer 1914-2010
- Sylvia Landes 1936-2010
- Mary Alsip 1925-2010
- Gordon Landes 1935-2010
- Nealie Harris 1920-2011
- Myrtle Harper 1929-2012
- Wave Hambel 1916-2012
- Bonnie Burney 1926-2012
- LeRoy Christian 1927-2012
- Garland M. Robinson, Jr. 1936-2012
- Jill S. Lensbower 1945-2012
- Linda Swafford 1953-2012
- Paul Tester 1930-2012
- Betty Hartman 1941-2012
- Dorothy Flood 1928-2013
- Rachel LaVerne Jenkins 1918-2013
- Theodora Kim Hoon Ing 1946-2013
- Glenda Ennis 1944-2013
- Peggie Parsons 1923-2013

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# In Memory

- Elizabeth Allen 1918-2013
- Jerry Brewer 1932-2014
- Hazel Taylor 1924-2014
- Carol Rosenmund 1937-2014
- Larry Barrett ??-2015
- Jack Otterman 1945-2015
- Patty Fitzgerald 1938-2015
- Ken Shaffer 1927-2016
- James Beech 1949-2016
- Mary Malzkuhn 1928-2016
- Pamela Finnegan 1955-2016
- Ronnie Blaylock 1942-2016
- Billie Ruth Kidwell 1925-2016
- Nell Garrette 1924-2016



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- <http://www.beechasl.net/happyhands/>
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