

Sunshine Cottage

SCHOOL FOR DEAF CHILDREN

Listen

Inspired Minds

GIVING THANKS FOR BETH WILKES



All of us at Sunshine Cottage were stunned and saddened at the death of Dr. Elizabeth Wilkes this past September. Beth had been employed by Sunshine Cottage for nine years as Chair of our Speech Department and two years ago she was appointed Director of the Master's degree

program in Deaf Education and Hearing Science at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio.

While Beth was employed at the Cottage, she developed four educational instruments that are used at Sunshine Cottage and internationally with children who are hearing impaired: the Cottage Acquisition Scales for Listening, Language and Speech (CASLLS), the CASLLS Companion, the CASLLS Kit and Speech That Works. To say the field of deaf education has lost one of our more significant members is an understatement; she was brilliant and that brilliance was reflected in her work with children, parents, teachers and graduate students. With her passing, Sunshine Cottage has lost a beloved colleague and dear friend.



Teachers Laura Gonzalez and Dana Perez join Mrs. White at the TLU celebration.

Carolyn Walthall

Carolyn Walthall, M.Ed., Executive Director

A scholarship fund benefitting graduate students in the deaf education Master's degree program at UTHSC-SA has been established. Memorial gifts may be sent to Sunshine Cottage and designated to the Elizabeth Wilkes Graduate Scholarship Fund. A special thanks to those of you who have made generous contributions in her honor and memory.



With Honors

Dela White was honored by Texas Lutheran University for outstanding achievement and service to others. TLU President Jon N. Moline presented Mrs. White with the Distinguished Service Award,



Sunshine Cottage Founder, Mrs. Dela White.

honoring her community service and dedication in establishing and supporting Sunshine Cottage.

Sunshine Cottage is recognized as one of the most modern and comprehensive schools for the deaf in the country. Mrs. White continues to provide leadership to Sunshine Cottage as a member of its board of directors and various committees. She has also been involved with many other charitable organizations through the years, including the Junior League, the Charity Ball Association, the Witte Museum, San Antonio

Academy, Good Samaritan Center, Elf Louise Christmas Project, San Antonio Symphony, Salvation Army, San Antonio Botanical Society, Respite Care of San Antonio, and the Boys and Girls Clubs of San Antonio.

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Happy Holidays! Wishing you a wonderful and safe season!

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Mission Statement

Sunshine Cottage School for Deaf Children promotes early identification and intervention of hearing loss and provides learning in a rich auditory-oral environment so that children with hearing loss can develop to their maximum potential through listening, language, and speech.

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Holiday Appeal

We thank those who have contributed to our annual Holiday Appeal. Your gift helps a child with hearing loss learn to listen and talk and provides a brighter future for children of Sunshine Cottage.



We thank all of our current and former Board members who attended Sip n' Sign. Shown clockwise: Kaye Lenox and Marolyn Stubblefield; Louise Thomas and Marietta McCain; Bob Wehmeyer; Dela White and Ann Aderhold, personalize holiday cards.



Table designed by Orville Carr Associates and Anarte Gallery.

Tablescapes

Sunshine Cottage School for Deaf Children is honored to be the 2005 recipient of Kappa Kappa Gamma's Tablescapes al Fresco fund raising event. Money raised from Tablescapes will support assistive hearing technology in the classrooms by providing wall mounted Sound Field System transmitters for teachers and sound receivers for Sunshine Cottage students. This

hearing technology allows students to acquire and develop their listening, speech, and language skills.

Kappa Kappa Gamma is an organization of women, which seeks for every member throughout her life: bonds of friendship, mutual support, opportunities for self-growth, respect for intellectual development, and an understanding of and an allegiance to positive ethical principles.

The Sun Shines On...

Texas Alexander Graham Bell Conference

This year's Texas Alexander Graham Bell Association of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Conference attracted professionals and parents from all over Texas. The Texas AG Bell conference, held at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, provided a wonderful opportunity for parents and professionals to learn strategies for advocating, teaching, and working with their child with hearing impairment. It is also an opportunity for Sunshine Cottage professionals and others working in deaf education to share their knowledge and experience with the community.

Presenters from Sunshine Cottage included Monica Dorman, M.S., Genevieve Browning, B.A., Dana Perez, M.Ed., Jacque Patton, MSPA, CCS-S, CERT.AVT., Adrienne Russell, M.S., Melanie LeBlanc, B.S, Jennifer Shell, B.S., Kelly Zelenka, B.S., Fanny Bach, B.A., and Barbara Hintze, M.A., Texas AG Bell Board President.

James Sailors and Pauline Newton in cooperation with Danielle Paquin and Emily Baker of Sunshine Cottage led the LOFT (Leadership Opportunities for Teens) program. Teens with hearing impairment from all over the city participated in the LOFT program. The program provided an avenue for teenagers with hearing impairment to develop self advocacy and meet other teens.

Sunshine Cottage Parent Teacher Group provided many scholarships for parents to attend the conference. Sunshine Cottage parents, Rachel and Ernest Chapman, attended two advocacy discussions at the Texas AG Bell Conference. "After attending, we felt so much more prepared for what lies ahead for Elliott in the public school system- more equipped with the knowledge needed to obtain the services and build the relationships necessary to continue the path of success started at Sunshine Cottage. We feel more empowered with the information provided at the conference," said Rachel.

*Shown above: Misty Sindt, Dana Perez and Genevieve Browning.
Bottom photo: Barbara Hintze and Dr. Wallace Bruce.*



"We feel more empowered with the information provided at the conference."

Rachel Chapman
Sunshine Cottage Parent

BOARD PROFILES

We are happy to announce that **Robert E. Wehmeyer, Jr.** has recently joined the Sunshine Cottage Board of Directors.



Mr. Wehmeyer received a Bachelor of Business Administration from The University of Texas at Austin and a Doctor of Jurisprudence from UT School of Law. His professional background includes working at Groce, Locke & Hebdon/Jenkins & Gilchrist and at Baucum Steed Barker. He currently serves as Senior Vice-President and Managing Officer at Jefferson Bank.

Another addition to our Board is

Peter Cunningham.

Mr. Cunningham received his Bachelor of Business Administration in 1980 from Trinity University.



Peter is the owner of Cunningham Manufacturers' Representative, Inc. (CMR, Inc.). When not hard-at-work he and his family enjoys spending time at Lake LBJ and attending Spurs games.

Lee Zinn also joined our Board this fall.

Mrs. Zinn received her Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from Tel Aviv University and received her registered nurse license from College of Marin, California. She is married to San Antonio Cardiologist, Philip Zinn. Her favorite thing in the world is

raising her two children. Her interests include fitness, nutrition, reading and traveling.



2005 Reunion - Shared Moments



Great Panoramic!



Samara



Some of Ann's + Sarah's students.

Hey Alums!
We missed
you at the
Reunion!

Everyone
was there and
truly had a
wonderful time.

The decorations were
made by current Sunshine
students and they brightened
up the tables. We enjoyed
seeing old photos or ourselves -
and enjoyed a few laughs -
Well, just wanted
to share a few
photos with you!

Trusty!
Keep in
touch.



Jester, Mari +
Garneta



Happy smiles!



Hungry!

Jefferson Bank and Ozarka generously donated bottled water.
Cavazos Public Relations & Advertising made it possible for
Kiobassa Provisions Co. to donate kiobassa sausage.
If you are interested in purchasing a panoramic group photo
email skoch@sunshinecottage.org

LOTS of Learning at the Fall Frolic

Sunshine Cottage students engaged in many activities at the Fall Frolic; face painting, scarecrow building, balloon animals, horse riding, a bean bag pumpkin toss and pumpkin painting.

The fun provided students the opportunity to use question forms currently being taught such as:

- "WHO is painting?"
- "Who HAS a pumpkin?"
- "WHAT are you painting?"
- "HOW MANY balloons do you see?"
- "WHERE is the horse?"



We want to thank the many volunteers who made this a special learning adventure!

Chip'n for Schools



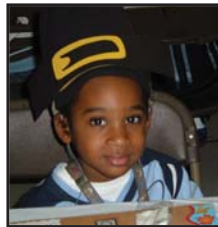
The 2005 Valero Texas Open Chip'n For Schools fund-raiser was a huge success for the Sunshine Cottage Parent Teacher Group (PTG). The program, sponsored by Golf San Antonio, allows local schools to sell tickets to the Valero Texas Open tournament and the schools keep 100% of the money raised. Our parents really stepped up, selling more than 300 tickets to the tournament, which raised over \$3,000 for PTG.

Over 30 schools and organizations participated in the program and Sunshine Cottage PTG finished in second place in only our FIRST year of participation!

Way To Go PTG!



**Gobble!
Gobble!
Gooble!**



Everyone enjoyed a fabulous feast as friends and family joined us for another special Thanksgiving lunch.



Gifts, Grants, Honors & Memorials

received between
September 1 & November 15, 2005

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♦ provides a brighter future for the children of Sunshine Cottage

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Decking the Halls at Sunshine Cottage!



This year's tree theme 'It's a Small World' was inspired because of a generous gift from Harry and Laura Brusenhan. Their donation of dolls representing countries from all around the world, together with student's hand-made ornaments, adorn our tree.

Year-end Tax Considerations

Considering making a gift to Sunshine Cottage? You may now have an opportunity to make a substantially larger gift, while at the same time receiving a larger reduction of taxable income.

Late in September 2005 Congress passed the Katrina Emergency Act. This Act provides a vast number of tax benefits to individuals who were residents of the disaster area. However, it also includes provisions regarding increased charitable contributions even if you don't live in a disaster area or contributions to charities not limited to those for Katrina relief. The new Act permits charitable deductions of up to 100% of adjusted gross income (AGI) for gifts made from August 28, 2005 through the remainder of this calendar year.

For example, if you own a large IRA or other qualified assets on which you do not depend for income, I/we would like to insure that you are aware of a temporary opportunity to make a gift to Sunshine Cottage in a tax advantaged way. IRA assets inherited by the next generation are very heavily taxed; now, the recently enacted Katrina Emergency Tax Relief Act allows you to contribute these

funds during your lifetime in an efficient way.

The ACT does provide that all gifts must be in cash (i.e., no gift of stock). Other constraints of the act require that contributions cannot be made to donor advised funds, supporting organizations or charitable remainder trusts and gift annuities. However, the act provides a wonderful opportunity to make significant contributions to our holiday appeal, our chairman's projector to create an endowment fund that can perpetuate income so a hearing impaired child can continue to receive the cutting edge services provided at Sunshine Cottage School for Deaf Children.

Prior to making any decision, please consult with your financial advisor. Have questions about how you can have an impact on the lives of our children...call me, Beth Keough at (210) 366-0949, ext. 202 and I will be happy to discuss giving opportunities.



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