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We want to hear from you!



SINCERE GRATITUDE FOR DR. LONNY MCKINZIE

As you may know, Dr. Lonny McKinzie has resigned from the TDHHC Board of Directors and will be deeply missed. It is with sincere gratitude that we acknowledge and thank him for his many years of service and dedication to the Tyler Deaf and Hard of Hearing Center.

Dr. McKinzie's deep love and appreciation for the Deaf community date back to his days in Corpus Christi, Texas around 1989. He has always had a heart for people who are deaf and hard of hearing to be successful. Eventually this heart turned into a passion that became instrumental in establishing and sustaining the Center as we know it today.

When Dr. McKinzie and his wife Rhonda moved to Tyler in the early 2000s, they were involved with the Deaf club and other Deaf activities. In 2011, Lonny learned about my (Susie's) vision to start a Deaf Center in East Texas and he became involved. He and Rhonda worked hard at helping me with the 501c3 non-profit application process, and in 2012 the Tyler Deaf and Hard of Hearing Center was formally established. TDHHC would have never been born without their help.

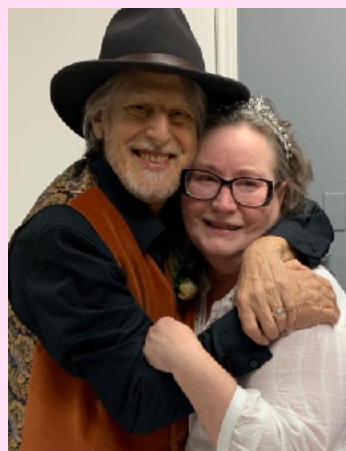
When we were approved as an organization, Lonny became the First President of the TDHHC's Board of Directors, and he has been the sole recruiter of some of the best people to serve on the Board, including two honorary Board members, Judge Nathaniel Moran and Senator Bryan Hughes.

Dr. McKinzie will always be there for us — the Deaf community — with his huge love, wisdom, and guidance. It is with our deepest gratitude and admiration that we say, "We appreciate you, Lonny. Thanks for the wonderful 22 years of your love for us. We know you'll always be there when we ask for help."

Susie Grona & Brenda Toney



**CONGRATULATIONS
TO
MICHAEL BYRAM
&
INA HEUERMANN!**



THE WEDDING WAS HELD AT ETCIL ON
SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2021

We wish you all the best!

DEAF HISTORY MONTH

March 13 - April 15

DEAF HISTORY

Born in 1967, Shelly Beattie was a top professional bodybuilder. She once held the record for bench pressing a total of 315 pounds.

Deafness did not hold her back and Beattie was able to finish in the top three at both Ms. Olympia and Ms.

International competitions. Beattie lost her hearing at the age of 3 due to an overdose of aspirin. Like many deaf people who go to be athletes, Beattie was naturally talented and focused on sports throughout her lifetime.

~Patrick Grona



COVID-19 Vaccination Information

- NETHealth has provided a sign-up link for the COVID-19 vaccination. You can access it [here](#).
- They have also provided location and map information [here](#).
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WASH YOUR
HANDS OFTEN



April 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<i>Wishing you and yours a Blessed Easter!</i>					
4	5	6	7	8		10
11	12	13	14			17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



APRIL 3: Deaf Chat: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
@ Dairy Queen (1809 E SE Loop 323
Tyler).

APRIL 9: Deaf Chat @ Whataburger in
Longview (2401 Gilmer Road Longview,
TX), 6:30PM – 9PM.

**APRIL 15: Senior Citizens Picnic
Luncheon** 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Location
to be determined.

APRIL 16: Deaf Chat at Whataburger in
Lindale (311 S Main St.), 7:00PM – 9PM.

Stay tuned for any additional dates on
Facebook and at www.TDHC.org.

Church Services for Easter Morning

Woodland Hills Baptist Deaf Church

Services in ASL

3400 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler

Sunday School 11:15-12:15 Service 12:30

Transportation, Nursery, & Lunch provided!

*(If need transportation, please text 936.715.8418 or
936.715.8287 by Saturday evening.)*

New Beginnings Deaf Church at FBC Tyler

Interpreted Service 10:45

301 W Ferguson St, Tyler

Shiloh Road Church of Christ

Interpreted Service 9:00

1801 Shiloh Rd, Tyler

(Front left of the auditorium; arrive early.)



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