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WELCOME TO AUSTIN

As this issue goes to press, only about 12 weeks remain before we will all gather in Austin, Texas for our 12th biennial convention, the first ever to be held in the deep south.



Four years in the planning, the 1993 convention promises to have a little bit of everything for everybody. A new addition for this convention will be choir competition, along

with the usual contests for banners and skits. The choir contest will be limited to two categories of no more than six choirs each with each group with a deaf or hearing director. Taped music will be permitted, but each choir must provide their own equipment and the music must have a Christian message. With a June 1 deadline for entries there is a need to hurry if your choir wishes to compete.

1000 CLUB LUNCHEON

Taking their cue from the last ILDA convention at Toledo, which saw a very well attended dinner for 1000 club members, a repeat luncheon for this select group will be held at noon on Saturday, July 3. A fine menu has been planned for only \$9.00 and if you wish to attend, be sure you have reservation in by June 15. Remember, you must be a member of God's 1000 Club to attend. Membership is obtained by an annual pledge of 10 dollars to the ILDA, which is in addition to the usual membership fee. Money so pledged is set aside for board expenses, thus freeing more funds for important mission projects.

CONVENTION TOURS

This year there will be no fewer than three well planned tours to choose from giving visitors an opportunity to see a lot of the Texas heartland. All three tours occur on Friday, July 2 and last approximately eight hours, except the Austin trip, which is six hours. Tour prices include, in addition to the bus ride, costs for interpreters and meals.

Among the choices to be offered are one to San Antonio and the famous Alamo, old Spanish missions and Riverwalk and El Mercado, the Spanish market and many colorful stores.

Another choice would be to the LBJ Ranch which was the home of the 36th President of the United States, Lyndon B. Johnson. Besides seeing the boyhood home of LBJ and some of the Texas Hill country and the magnificent working ranch, you are promised a Texas BBQ dinner and all the trimmings. Sound good? Then this would be for you.

Want to stay in town and see the capitol city? The LBJ presidential library? The governor's mansion?

Austin is also the home of the Texas School for the Deaf, and although there is no mention made of a stop at the school, one could probably be made if enough persons were interested.

All tour registrations have a deadline of June 22 and no refunds will be made except if the bus company is forced to cancel the tour(s). See the flyer in this issue for further information.

RIGHT HAND AWARD

Each biennial ILDA convention since the 1977 meeting in Spokane has made an award

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to some individual, who in the judgement of the committee, "have willingly served their Lord through voluntary service for other individuals through their congregation and region."

Given in memory of Uriel C. Jones, an educator at the Tennessee School for the Deaf, who gave unselfishly of himself in the service of others, both through his school and church and the ILDA. Mr. Jones was also a former editor of THE DEAF LUTHERAN. Eight awards have been made since the first one was presented in 1977 with two of those recipients since having departed.

Nominations for this year's award should be in the hands of the committee by June 15.

JUNIOR ILDA

Realizing that the future of the ILDA and of all organizations, for that matter, is in the hand of our young people, the Junior ILDA will meet for its third biennial convention the same time as its national counterpart. In addition to the usual events in conjunction with the Junior ILDA, a trip to FIESTA TEXAS, an amusement park in San Antonio is planned. Youngsters are encouraged to bring an extra \$25.00 for lunch, supper, snacks and drinks while at the park. T-shirts and other souvenirs will be extras if desired.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The Board of Directors will be meeting for two days prior to the opening date of the convention from June 29 through noon on Thursday, July 1 at the Best Western Chariot Motel which is located a block away from convention headquarters, the Red Lion Hotel--Austin Airport. All regional presidents make up the Board of Directors as well as those elected by the convention to the Executive Committee and will be expected to be in attendance. Others will attend as called by the president.

EPHPHATHA CONFERENCE

This year's Ephphatha Conference will be held at Concordia College, Austin, on the dates of June 26 beginning with supper at 5 p.m. and conclude at 1 p.m. on Thursday, July 1. The Ephphatha Conference is the annual meeting of pastors serving the deaf in the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod. Partici-

pants can continue their stay at the college during the ILDA convention, but there will be no meals available. A campground is nearby.

BABYSITTING SERVICES

Families traveling with small children and wondering what they will do with the kids during the convention need not worry. For only 75¢ per hour per child or \$25.50 for the entire week-end, you can put your cares to rest, knowing the kids will be receiving excellent care and kept busy while mom and dad enjoy the convention. Lutheran Youth groups under adult supervision will provide the babysitting services. The only thing extra would be a fund for your child's meals, snacks and crafts.

If you are going to need this service, mark off your registration form. Among the activities provided will be video, toys, trips to park or other outings.

SPECIAL CONVENTION FARES

Special fares for ILDA members traveling to Austin for the convention are available. Those departing from an airport city served by either America West Airlines or Continental Airlines should contact Travel Professionals International at 1-800-695-6953 (V) or 1-800-945-4410 (TT) or 1-505-624-9406 (V) or 1-503-646-2103 (TT). Special fares will provide the traveler with a 5% discount off the lowest published fare that they qualify for.

If you are planning a pre-convention or post convention trip in connection with your travel to Austin, you should advise Travel Professionals of this fact for possible additional savings.

In addition to all the excitement of biennial convention, there is the importance of the business meetings and election of officers, who will guide the association through the interim between conventions. Some very important planning will occur over the next two years as we prepare for our centennial observance of deaf ministry in the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod and our 25th anniversary as an organization, which will take place in Chicago in 1995.

On Monday, March 1, 1993, word was received from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that the ILDA application for tax exempt under

CONVOCATION ON DEAF MINISTRY

Almost 12 years ago, there was a large gathering of pastors, church workers, lay people and speakers from several denominations who met at the Yahara Center in Madison, Wis. on the dates of Nov. 20-22, 1981. Over 190 persons from all areas of the United States and Canada attended this forum to dis-

cuss deaf ministry in their respective denominations.

At the conclusion of the three-day meeting it was agreed that another convocation would be held within 10 years to "see where we have been, where we are now and where we are going" in the future.

With this in mind, the Board of Directors of the International Lutheran Deaf Association has decided to host the next convocation to be held sometime well after the celebration in Chicago in 1995 and before the year 2000.

Having enjoyed God's Word brought to us in our own language since 1894 when the first service for deaf Lutherans was held in Chicago, the Lord of the Church has truly blessed the work of bringing salvation to His children who share the handicap of deafness.

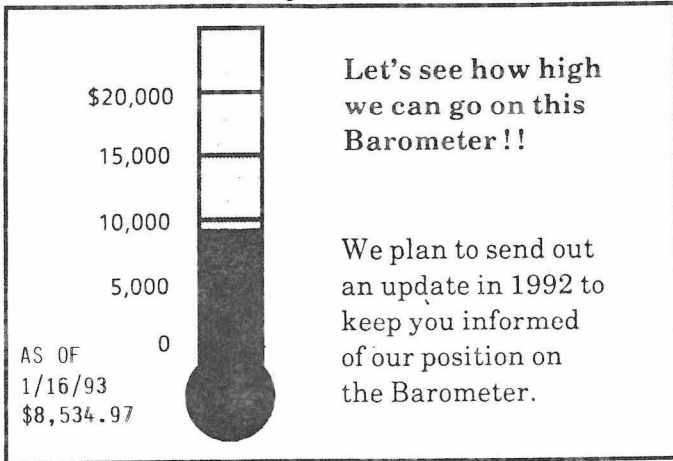
A committee to begin work on this project has been named. They will be Rev. Donald W. Zuhn of Houston, Texas; Rev. Richard A. Moody of St. Louis; Mr. Ronald L. Madding of Portland, Ore., and Lester Ahls, Cedar Falls, Iowa, who will chair the committee.

A preliminary meeting will be held during the ILDA convention in Austin this summer at which possible sites for the Convocation will be studied; fund raising needs evaluated; topics to be covered and speakers chosen.

Inasmuch as this is a long term project, additional details will be announced as they become available.

1991 - 1993 ILDA Mission Projects

Mission Projects Goal - \$20,000



YES!! I want to help bring God's Word to many other people through the ILDA Mission Projects. Enclosed is my offering of \$ _____.

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Mail to: Mr. Dennis Konkel, Treasurer, ILDA Mission Projects, 8712 34th Ave. College Park, MD 20740. May God bless both the gift and the giver. All contributions are tax deductible.

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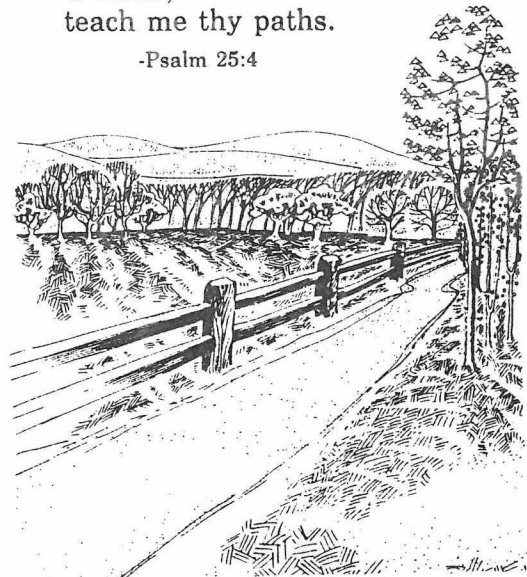
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section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code has been approved. Also indicated is that the ILDA is not a private foundation within the meaning of Section 509 (a) and further that the ILDA is not subject to excise taxes under chapter 42 of the code.

Having cleared this hurdle, the way is open for the Association to apply to The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod for Auxiliary Status. Approval for this will have to come from the delegates at the Synod's 1995 convention in St. Louis.

Make me to know thy ways,
O LORD;
teach me thy paths.

-Psalm 25:4



The 12th Biennial Convention of the International Lutheran Deaf Association

at Red Lion Hotel-Austin Airport • hosted by Jesus Lutheran Church of the Deaf • Austin, Texas

July 1-4, 1993

Convention Theme "Jesus is the Lone Star" Rev. 22:16

Convention Registration Form

	Regular
Registration (required).....	15.00
Program Book.....	5.00
Thursday (refreshments).....	12.00
Friday (brunch).....	18.00
Saturday (snacks and banquet).....	36.00
Sunday (breakfast).....	14.00

Total for tickets \$100.00

	Before April 1, 1993	Before June 1, 1993	After June 1, 1993
Combo Ticket Special.....	\$75.00	\$85.00	\$90.00
Non-member of ILDA, add.....	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00

Note: To save \$5.00, pay \$5.00 to ILDA Treasurer for membership before April 1, 1993.

Lodging: Please use other form for this or call 1-800-547-8010 voice (use your relay services.)

Red Lion Hotel-Austin Airport • 6121 N. I-35 at Hwy. 290 • Austin, TX 78752 • (512) 323-5466
ILDA Convention (Thurs.-Fri.-Sat.) \$55.00 per night

Tour Packages: Friday afternoon (Please use other form for this.)

San Antonio (provided by <i>Around Austin, Inc.</i>)	\$31.00 each
LBJ Ranch (provided by <i>Around Austin, Inc.</i>)	\$29.50 each
Austin Tour (provided by <i>Around Austin, Inc.</i>)	\$35.25 each
Fiesta Texas (provider: TBA)	TBA

Convention Registration Form

Before April 1: \$75.00 per person. <i>Number of person</i> _____		<i>Total Cost</i> _____		
Before June 1: \$85.00 per person. <i>Number of person</i> _____		<i>Total Cost</i> _____		
After June 1: \$90.00 per person. <i>Number of person</i> _____		<i>Total Cost</i> _____		
Non-member : Add \$10.00 per person. <i>Number of person</i> _____		<i>Total Cost</i> _____		
		Grand Total _____		

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Print names of adults in your group who will attend : _____

- Check here if you or someone in your family or group require special services or special diets. We will send special services applications to you upon receipt of this registration form.
- Check here if you need babysitting services for your child(ren). We will send information packet.

Make checks or money order payable to: **ILDA Convention '93-JLCD**
Mail to: **1307 Newton Avenue**
Austin, TX 78704-3028

The 12th Biennial Convention of the International Lutheran Deaf Association Convention Tours of the Heartland of Texas

Provided by Around Austin, Inc.
Friday July 2, 1993

San Antonio

Join us for an exciting visit to San Antonio. Enjoy a leisurely stroll along the Riverwalk or ride the river barges. Visit the old Spanish missions, including the famous Alamo. Drive through the King William district and see the beautiful, old homes built by the early German settlers. Visit El Mercado, the Spanish Market with its many colorful stores. Dine on the famous Paseo del Rio. 8 hours.

Cost: \$31.00 per person inclusive*

LBJ Ranch

Drive through the Texas Hill Country to the magnificent working ranch of the 36th president of the United States. Ride a tram through the pasture lands of the "Texas White House". View the one room schoolhouse, the Johnson family home and the family cemetery located on the banks of the Pedernales River. Step back in time as you stroll through the Sauer-Beckman Historic Farm. Visit the boyhood home of LBJ and stroll through the Johnson settlement. Enjoy a true Texas BBQ dinner with all the trimmings. 8 hours

Cost: \$29.50 per person inclusive*

Austin Tour

Experience the charm of Congress Avenue and Sixth Street with their historical buildings and old Austin legends. Tour the dynamic State Capitol and view the Governor's Mansion, home of Governor Ann Richards. Stroll through the beautiful Umlauf Sculpture Garden and see powerful works of the world famous Charles Umlauf. Journey the streets along Waller Creek explored by our founding fathers. View the campus of the University of Texas and enter the fascination and awe of the fabulous Lyndon Baines Johnson Presidential Library. Take a driving tour through the oldest residential areas of West Austin. Travel to the top of Mt. Bonnell for a panoramic view of the area. Dinner will be at a well know restaurant on famous Sixth Street. 6 hours.

Cost: \$35.25 per person inclusive*

**Includes the cost of bus ride, interpreter, meals, etc.*

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Registration deadline: June 22nd. Advance reservations required.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

San Antonio: \$31.00 per person. Number of reservations _____ Total Cost _____

LBJ Ranch: \$29.50 per person. Number of reservations _____ Total Cost _____

Austin Tour: \$35.25 per person. Number of reservations _____ Total Cost _____

Grand Total _____

Make checks payable to: Around Austin, Inc.-Dept. ILDA
Mail to: 4821 Spicewood Springs Road, Suite 203
Austin, Texas 78759

No refunds given unless Around Austin has to cancel the tour.

The Third Biennial Convention of the Junior International Lutheran Deaf Association

at Red Lion Hotel-Austin Airport - hosted by Jesus Lutheran Church of the Deaf - Austin, Texas

July 1-4, 1993

Convention Theme "Jesus is the Lone Star" Rev. 22:16

Convention Registration Form

	Youth Price
Registration (required).....	10.00
Program Book.....	5.00
Trip to Fiesta Texas, San Antonio.....	25.00
Saturday (banquet/entertainment).....	28.00
Sunday (breakfast).....	12.00
Total	\$80.00

Lodging: Jr. ILDA Convention (Thurs.-Fri.-Sat.) \$55.00 per night

Red Lion Hotel-Austin Airport

6121 N. I-35 at Hwy. 290

Austin, TX 78752

(512) 323-5466 v (Dial up Relay Texas 1-800-735-2989 TTY)

Call 1-800-547-8010 voice (use your relay services)

Fiesta Texas is an amusement park in San Antonio. We suggest that each bring at least \$25.00 extra for lunch, supper, drinks, and snacks while at Fiesta Texas. T-shirts and souvenirs will be extra expenses.

For more information please write:

Stephen Luke

Jr. ILDA Convention '93

2111 Estelle Ave.

Killeen, TX 76541-9017

Name: _____ Age: _____ Check: Male or Female

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Adult Leader's name : _____ and/or

Parents' signature: _____

Make checks or money order payable to:

Mail to:

ILDA Convention '93-JLCD

1307 Newton Avenue

Austin, TX 78704-3028

ILDA MEMBERS WIN TRIP TO INAUGURAL

Last November, Northwest Airlines sponsored a contest to tell President Clinton "What you think is the most important problem facing our country?" Of many thousand of opinions sent in, the Airline selected one winner from each of the 50 states.

Among the winners was Gerald Ahrens, a former Iowan, from Silver Springs, Md. and a 1972 graduate from Gallaudet University. Gerald's short essay stated that the federal government "must lower the deficit and cut spending and bring the budget under control."

Beside the inaugural tickets for himself and his wife (Rita Sullivan, E-'71) they were also given travel vouchers good to any destination in the continental USA.

The Ahrens did not get to see the President but did see Vice President Gore and his wife.



Rita and Gerald Ahrens with the Capitol in the background.

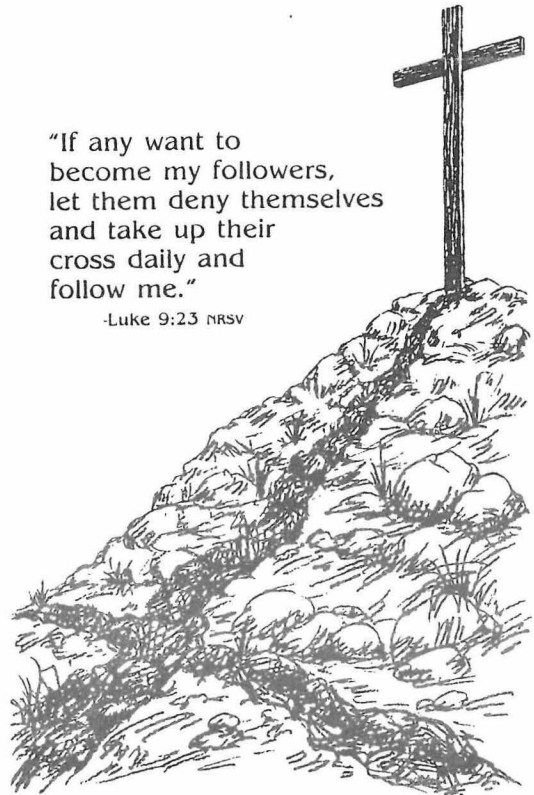
Gerald works for the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and Rita for the VA Hospital where she is a medical lab technician. Congratulation! It couldn't happen to a nicer couple.

IS THIS CHRISTIANITY?

Americans in 1990 spend more for gambling than for health insurance, gasoline, televisions, radios, drugs, cigarettes, household appliances and shoes combined!

"If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me."

-Luke 9:23 nRSV



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