About Happy Hands

Happy Hands is a group of seniors who use ASL and meet monthly for social activities and workshops.

In 1976, Reuben Altizer originated the idea of a club for deaf/hard of hearing seniors. He and his wife, Hilda, were charter members.

The first meeting was held at the Wilson Library under the auspices of Fairfax County. The name “Happy Hands Club” was selected by the group. The club moved to Arlington County in 1977, meeting in the old Hanna Hall and later at the Cherrydale Senior Center. Since 1994, the club meets at NVRC in Fairfax.

Today, Happy Hands and NVRC have a special relationship and work together to prove happy experiences for the seniors of Northern Virginia.

Northern Virginia Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons' mission statement:

“Empowering deaf and hard of hearing people and their families through education, advocacy and community involvement.”

Some things NVRC provides for Happy Hands:
* free meeting room
* staff support
* partnership with Fairfax County and other organizations to provide supported programs, interpreters, and guest speakers.

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Monthly Meetings

The Happy Hands gatherings are held monthly on the first Wednesday from 10:00AM to 2:00PM. We have lunches. We provide presentations, workshops, activities, etc.

Annual Membership dues for Happy Hands is $15.00 (if you want hardcopies, $30)

Educational Presentations/Workshops/Tours

- Library of Congress Tour
- March Madness
- The Man Who Tried to Stop the Holocaust (genocide)
- Autumn Foliage Experience Train Ride
- Deaf Aging Project
- Orienteering

Monthly HH Newsletters

HH newsletters are sent monthly by mail and/or email.

Fine Tuners for 2022-2023

Annual Events

- Booth at NVRC Celebrate Communication
- Picnic in June

Craft Participants made wreaths

Algonkian Regional Park