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Joint Legislative Resolution from New Jersey Senate and Assembly Extends Best Wishes for Successful Walk-4-Hearing Event on October 18, 2008



THE SENATE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
STATE HOUSE, TRENTON, N.J.

JOINT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

By Senator SINGER and Assemblymen MALONE and DANCER

WHEREAS, The Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey are pleased to honor and commend the Hearing Loss Association of New Jersey, a highly esteemed organization, for its long and exemplary record of achievement and endeavor upon the occasion of its first-ever Garden State Walk-4-Hearing at Mercer County Park in West Windsor on October 18, 2008; and,

WHEREAS, The Hearing Loss Association of New Jersey will hold its Walk Kick-Off event at the Montclair State College Conference Center on September 7, 2008, which is an appropriate time to acknowledge the importance and necessity of speech, language, and hearing to all personal, family, and social relationships; and,

WHEREAS, Hearing loss affects an estimated 30 million people in the nation and nearly 800,000 New Jersey residents, and when neglected, has severe adverse consequences that can impact the mental, emotional, and physical well-being of individuals of all ages; and,

WHEREAS, 'The strength of our communities and the possibility of interacting with others is dependent upon the remediation and growth of competence in the use of the elements of verbal communication; and,

WHEREAS, The Hearing Loss Association of New Jersey is especially commended for its efforts to assist and aid New Jersey residents who suffer from hearing loss in becoming effective and empowered members of society and for bringing public awareness to the citizenry of this State; and,

WHEREAS, It is altogether proper and fitting for the members of the New Jersey Legislature to pause in their deliberations and commend the Hearing Loss Association of New Jersey for its numerous accomplishments; now, therefore, *Be It Resolved by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:* That this Legislature hereby salutes the Hearing Loss Association of New Jersey, pays tribute to its meritorious record of service to the citizenry of the Garden State, and extends sincere best wishes for a successful Walk-4-Hearing event; and, *Be It Further Resolved*, That a duly authenticated copy of this resolution, signed by the Senate President and the Assembly Speaker and attested by the Senate Secretary and the Assembly Clerk, be transmitted to the Hearing Loss Association of New Jersey.



Ellen M. Davenport
Secretary of the Senate



Dana M. Burley
Clerk of the General Assembly

Richard J. Codey
President of the Senate

Joseph J. Robert Jr.
Speaker of the General Assembly

Director's Corner

by David Alexander, Director, Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

To boost the flagging economy, Congress authorized an economic stimulus package that eligible households could claim by filing a 2007 tax return. However, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) identified about 20 million low income seniors, disabled veterans and others with disabilities who are not otherwise required to file a tax return and, as a result, are at risk of missing out on their \$300 payments (\$600 for married couples).



Some Deaf and Hard of Hearing households may not be aware of the economic stimulus packages. Consequently, I encourage you to carefully read the enclosed "Economic Stimulus Flyer" story on page five of this month's Monthly Communicator, which describes who is eligible, as well as, how to apply for the payments.

It's not too late! Eligible households have until October 15 to file for their payments. It is estimated that more than 150,000 households in New Jersey have yet to claim their economic stimulus packages.

In addition, the National Association of the Deaf (NAD) has partnered with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to make sure this important information reaches Deaf and Hard of Hearing households. The IRS produced three pilot videos, "Economic Stimulus Payment Basics" in American Sign Language (ASL), along with an English transcript of the content. The videos can be viewed at blogs.nad.org/advocacy/esp.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David C. Alexander".

Reminder:

The deadline for the December issue is November 1. The deadline for the November issue was October 1.

Send e-mail submissions to the editor: Alan.Champion@dhs.state.nj.us. Submissions should be "text only," in a standard word document (no pdf files). Photos, that accompany submissions are encouraged. For a style sheet, contact the editor.

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Deadline for submissions:
First of the month for the following month's edition.

Hearing Aid Help and Resources

Submitted by Traci Burton, Field Representative, DDHH

We at DDHH are frequently asked to provide information regarding financial assistance to help defray, if not fully cover, the high cost of hearing aids. Many also contact us asking 'where to donate old hearing aids.' Though the list is not comprehensive, below are some resources for both inquiries. For further details, please contact the respective agency.

Financial Assistance for Hearing Aids:

State and Local Programs:

Hearing Aid Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (HAAAD)

90 Box 715
Trenton, NJ 08625
800-792-9145
609-588-7030
609-588-2513 Fax

You may be eligible for HAAAD if you meet the following requirements: You are a New Jersey resident; are 65 years of age or older or 18 years of age or older and receiving Social Security Title II Disability benefits; and your annual income for 2008 is less than \$23,092 if single or \$28,313 if married. Persons eligible for the HAAAD Program are entitled to receive a payment of up to \$100 toward the purchase of a hearing aid.

Medicaid

609-588-2600
www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs

New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services
(Main Office)
Division of Family Health Services
Special Child, Adult and Early Intervention Services
PO Box 364
Trenton, NJ 08625-0364
609-777-7778

Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund Commission, New Jersey Department of Human Services

PO Box 700
Trenton, NJ 08625-0700
609-292-0600
800-335-3863 (FUND) – Family Information Line
Financial help for families overwhelmed by a child's medical bills.

For Veterans:

Veteran's Administration

1-877-222-8387 Health Care Benefits
www.va.gov/

National Programs:

Lions Club International

300 West 22nd Street
Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842
630-571-5466 x 725
www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_hear.shtml
Services provided by Lions clubs for those who are deaf or hard of hearing include hearing awareness, hearing screenings, communications aids, and support for the Deaf or hard of hearing community.

Easter Seals

230 West Monroe Street, Suite 1800
Chicago, IL 60606
312-726-6200 Voice
312-726-4258 TTY
312-726-1494 Fax
800-221-6827 Voice
www.easterseals.com
Over 400 local service centers with varying services; some assist low-income adults and children with hearing aids and other rehabilitative devices.

The Starkey Foundation Hear Now Division

www.sotheworldmayhear.org
Hear Now is a national non-profit program committed to assisting Deaf and hard of hearing persons with limited financial resources who permanently reside within the United States. To apply for Hear Now Aid, download an application found at www.sotheworldmayhear.org/hearnow/ (Also available "en Español.")

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Donate Your Old Hearing Aids:

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The Starkey Foundation

Hear Now Division

www.sotheworldmayhear.org

Hear Now collects hearing aids for recycling purposes. Any make or model, regardless of age, can be donated to

the hearing aid recycling program. All donations are tax deductible and a letter of acknowledgement will be sent to all identified donors. If you wish to donate a salvaged hearing aid or other assistive device, please securely package the donation and mail to:

Hear Now

6700 Washington Avenue South
Eden Prairie, MN 55344
1-800-648-4327

For any questions or additional information, you are invited to contact me, Traci Burton, Field Representative at the Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, 609-984-7281 or traci.burton@dhs.state.nj.us.

DDHH Advisory Council Meeting

Friday October 24, 2008
9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

East Brunswick Library
2 Jean Walling Civic Center
East Brunswick, NJ 08816-3529

Special Presentation:

“Advocating For Change at the State and Local Levels”

Presenters: Frieda Phillips and Adam Neary, Office of Legislative Affairs,
New Jersey Department of Human Services;
William Neary, Mayor, East Brunswick, New Jersey

All DDHH advisory council meetings are fully accessible with sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices (ALDs) and CART (open captioning) provided.

The public is invited to attend.

Call DDHH to confirm your attendance:
609-984-7281 V/TTY



Don't Miss Out on Your \$300 or \$600 Economic Stimulus Check!

It's not too late! You have until **October 15, 2008** to file.

1-866-234-2942

To claim your payment, all you have to do is file a 2007 IRS 1040 tax return. Even if you don't usually file a tax form because your income is low, you may want to file one this year so you can claim your \$300 or \$600. To help boost the economy, Congress authorized economic stimulus payments of \$300 (\$600 for married couples) for eligible households.

1. Did you earn at least \$3,000 in 2007 from any one or more of the following?

- Earned Income;
- Social Security benefits (including social security disability payments);
- Certain veterans' benefits;
- Certain railroad retirement benefits; and
- Nontaxable combat pay.

2. Do you have a valid Social Security Number?

If you answered yes to the questions above, then you should file IRS form 1040A to receive a check for \$300 or \$600 if you file as a married couple.

Frequently Asked Questions:



1. I don't normally file a federal tax return. Am I still eligible?

Yes, even if you normally don't file a federal tax return, you can still be eligible if you had income of at least \$3,000.

2. How do I get the IRS tax form 1040A?

If you or a family member has access to a computer go onto www.AARP.org. Click on **AARP: Health, Travel, Baby Boomers, etc.** On the AARP home page click on **MONEY**. On the MONEY page, look to the left and click on **Economic Stimulus Payment Help**. Then follow the instructions. You can complete and submit the simple IRS form 1040A right on line or you can download the form and mail it in.

3. I don't have access to a computer, and I need help to fill out the form - how can I apply?

- The IRS has 12 Taxpayer Assistance Centers in New Jersey. Call the IRS hotline for a site near you at 1-866-234-2942. Or
- Call one of the Low-Income Taxpayer Clinics:
 - Edison Tax Legal Assistance Project: 1-888-576-5529
 - Bridgeton South Jersey Legal Services: 1-800-496-4570

4. I don't have my W-2 tax form. Can I still apply?

Yes, all you need to apply is your name, your spouse's name - if married - an address and a valid SSN.

5. My only income is SSI. Am I eligible to apply?

No, SSI payments are not considered Social Security benefits and cannot be included.

6. I have a valid SSN but my spouse does not. Am I eligible to apply?

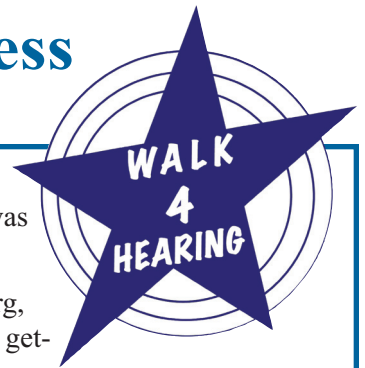
You can apply as long as you had at least \$3,000 in income as defined above. Do not include your spouse on the IRS tax form.

7. Will the stimulus check count against my eligibility for programs such as Medicaid, Food Stamps or LIHEAP (energy assistance)?

No, but you have to spend this within three months of receipt. It will not count against your eligibility.

HLA-NJ Kick-Off for 08' Inaugural Garden State Walk-4-Hearing Success

Submitted by Lois Walker



Well everyone, our first NJ Kick-Off Event was a huge success. It may have started with a few trouble spots in arrivals but, after that, the people just kept coming. The program was excellent, the atmosphere terrific and the company the very best.

I wish to personally thank all the co-chairs, Carol Granaldi, Carolyn Lance, Judy Ginsberg, and Marie Nordling for helping where needed and getting the job done; Arlene Romoff, our president, was an excellent emcee and did a good job at the podium.



Ann Marie De Pierro and David Cooper, and of course the rest of MSU involved, were the best! A big thank you to Dr. Koenekke for helping make this event happen and to Dr. Traub for appearing as a guest speaker. We are forever indebted.



The main speaker, Anne Pope (immediate past president) and her assistant, Steven Leonard, gave a delightful talk on the Walk's history and their own personal experiences.

Our photographers were busy and about during the entire event. Thank you, Karen Ratner of NY, for pitching in here; and, to our own Marvin Schaab. We look forward to some great shots! Carol Granaldi was also out there with a camera when she wasn't busy doing others things as well.



We appreciate the appearance and support of DDHH Director David Alexander, NJ Association Advisor, Dr. Maryrose McNerney; Nancy Yarosh of the NJ Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services, the front-running walk team, Grace's Law, with Jeanine Gelba and company; ALDA's team with Lynn Osborne; and all our other volunteers and guest who were able to attend. Great job!

With eighteen teams already formed and donations piling in (we have reached 86 percent of our goal), you should all be proud of a job well done. For those of you who couldn't attend, we look forward to seeing you at the walk.



Garden State Walk4Hearing

Saturday, October 18, 2008

Mercer County Park, West Picnic Area

For more information, contact Lois Walker, Chair

walk4hearing@hearingloss-nj.org

or visit www.hearingloss-nj.org

The Jewish Deaf Congress' National Conference, 2008

Submitted by Linda Coles

The theme of the 52nd national conference of Jewish Deaf Congress' (JDC's), held in Princeton on August 13- 16, was "The Blue Tent: More Understanding, More Counsel, More Peace, and More Good Deeds."



The conference was preceded by a program for synagogue interpreters. The interpreters' program included an overview of Judaism and synagogue interpreting by interpreter Rebekah Barkowitz, and concluded with a session with Deaf participants co-facilitated by the JDC's President, Marla Berkowitz. A question posed to the audience by JDC's

president was, "Who pays for the interpreters in the synagogue?" This prompted a lot of discussion. The facilitators explained to the audience how much time and study is required for an interpreter to prepare before they can interpret a Jewish service, particularly services that take place during the High Holy Days.

The conference, which drew 125 people, officially opened Wednesday evening with a warm ceremony that began with welcoming remarks by JDC's President, Ms. Berkowitz. This was followed by a presentation about the legendary Alexander Fleischman, given by Deborah Meranski. Alexander Fleischman was a founder and leader of the organization for several years and his work on behalf of Jewish Deaf in America earned

him much respect both here and abroad. JDC's archivist, Steve Brenner, expounded on the early history of Jewish

Deaf in the United States and of the JDC itself (formerly known as the National Congress of Jewish Deaf). Before the founding of JDC, there were organizations for Jewish Deaf such as the Hebrew Association of the Deaf in New York and the New York Society of Jewish Deaf (an advocacy agency). But as the need for a national organization was recognized, JDC was established. The first national convention of the JDC was held in New York City in 1956.

After these inspiring presentations there was a catered reception during which old friends could gather and update each other and make new friends. All conference meals were supervised by a kashrus agency approved by one of the conference rabbis, Fred Friedman.

Thursday morning's program offered several concurrent workshops: "Creating and Learning from Jewish Web sites", "Meet a Deaf Jew from Lubavitch Family" (a personal story), "Green Choices in Jewish Living", "Israel after 60", "Mapping your Spiritual Journey: How Comfortable Am I in My Jewish Shoes?" and "Learning the Basics of Mahjong." The

workshop, "Mapping your Spiritual Journey," presented by Deborah Mayer, prompted much audience participation and concluded with the



acknowledgement that exposure to Judaism is limited for many Deaf Jews. Several of the participants expressed that they wanted more information on how to live a Jewish home life and promote their children's participation in Jewish groups. The parents of Jewish Deaf children expressed the desire to have them grow up in a positive Jewish environment.

Ms. Mayer asked, "What is missing from your (Jewish) life?" Some shared that they currently have no access to their local Jewish community. While some in the audience indicated they had been raised with Jewish family traditions and a strong Jewish identity, they found that, as adults, connectedness to the Jewish community more elusive because of limited access. Several expressed the desire to learn traditional prayers such as the Kaddish (mourner's prayer) or to be able to participate in their children's Jewish education.

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All pondered what action they would take when they left the conference. When presented with the question, “Where do we go from here?” people said they wanted more discussion and learning on many Jewish topics. When asked, Ms. Mayer said her desire was for “Jewish Deaf people to have a sense of belonging, to find out who they are and what they want in life.”

Thursday afternoon offered everyone the unique opportunity to participate in a roundtable discussion with three deaf Rabbis. The two official rabbis for the conference were Rabbi Fred Friedman and Rabbi Darby Leigh who were joined by Rabbi Hannah Gershon. During this discussion, the rabbis shared with us details about their personal journey on their way to becoming rabbis. When each were asked what they felt were the primary concerns for the Jewish Deaf and hard of hearing community, they shared a similar theme. Rabbi Darby thought the most important issues were access to a Jewish way of life, the ability to ask questions, access to Jewish history, education and community building. Rabbi Friedman noted that there was still a lot of apathy within in the greater Jewish community but that Deaf rabbis are available to help. He reminded everyone that Deaf rabbis do good work such as leading High Holy Days. He suggested to the audience that Jewish Deaf may need to begin forming their own synagogues, help each other and share whenever they can. Rabbi Gershon encouraged the audience to try to find out how many synagogues in their area provide services for Jewish Deaf and Hard of Hearing and to get involved.

When the roundtable opened for questions, there were several random questions from the audience about Jewish life. One audience member noted that since there are increasing numbers of Americans with hearing loss, many becoming so later in life, much more needs to be done to make sure they're included. She remarked that inclusion is important for the Deaf, the Deaf-Blind and for the Hard of Hearing.

Thursday evening concluded with entertainment provided by Dr. E. Lynn Jacobowitz's show, “Lynn's J-Word Comedy Night”. Dr. Jacobowitz not only had everyone laughing at her jokes, people were on their feet during a fun word game competition that included a rabbi as one of the judges. Friday began with a forum where members of JDC were updated on the status and goals of JDC which included soliciting feedback from members. A four-day JDC retreat that took place in 2007 was discussed and a new board was elected. Members were encouraged to get more involved in the future of JDC.

The afternoon program included an Israeli dance workshop lead by a Deaf Israeli American, and an opportunity to play Mahjong.

Friday evening, conference attendees had a choice between two Shabbat services: an Orthodox service lead by Rabbi Fred Friedman and an alternative service led by Rabbi Darby



Leigh, a Reconstructionist rabbi. Both services were conducted in sign language and highly participatory. Following services, Connie Freidman led the candle lighting, and Rabbi Friedman led Kiddush. Shabbat dinner was accompanied by an inspiring D'var Torah given by Rabbi Leigh. Saturday morning also presented attendees with an opportunity to attend either an Orthodox or an alternative service. For some, this may have been the first time they experienced a Torah service.

Saturday afternoon there were several opportunities for spiritual exploration. There was a presentation entitled, “Will Your Grandchildren be Jewish?” and one called “Women's Role in Judaism”. These topics provoked a lot of interesting discussion among participants. There was also a Mincha service and an opportunity to participate in Jewish meditation. Following the Third Meal of the Sabbath, Rabbi Friedman led a service and a touching Havdallah ceremony to close the Sabbath. Later that evening Morton Feldman, the “Silent Magician”, entertained everyone with a magical and amusing performance. The conference closed that night with a celebration of Israel's 60th anniversary. Many were on their feet dancing joyfully to rousing Israeli music playing in the background.

When asked about her feelings about the conference, Rabbi Gershon signed, “I feel so inspired to see such a longing for a deep connection to Judaism. At the same time, I feel saddened because there's still so little access to Jewish community and synagogue life.” For information about the Jewish Deaf Congress, see www.jewishdeafcongress.org/.

New Jersey Library For The Blind And Handicapped
Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Program
Children's American Sign Language Story Hour
October 2008 - June 2009

Storytime Dates:
October 21, November 18, December 2,
January 13, February 10, March 17,
April 21, May 12 and June 9

American Sign Language/Spoken English interpreters provided.

The story hour includes a Power Point presentation of the book.

Assistive Listening Devices are available at the Library.

Snacks will be served after the Story Hour.

Space is very limited. Please RSVP a week prior to the story hour you wish to attend.

To RSVP, contact Christine Olsen, DHHAP Coordinator, at colsen@njstatelib.org or
888-671-6983 Voice; 877-882-5593 TTY.

The Library for the Blind and Handicapped is supported by the
New Jersey State Library and funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services
through its Grants to States program.



Mother Goose Group

Listen to a story book, sing and dance!
For babies and toddlers up to 3 1/2 with caregivers.

Tuesdays,
September 23, October 14 and October 28.
10:30 a.m.

On these days, as an extra added dimension to our regularly scheduled
Mother Goose Group, we will have an ASL interpreter and
assistive listening devices available.



Springfield Free Public Library

66 Mountain Avenue, Springfield

973-376-4930 x232 Voice



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assistive listening devices) for this event are provided by the
Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in the
New Jersey Department of Human Services.

New Jersey Theatre Alliance Open Caption Series 2008/2009

(as of September 1, 2008)

Bergen County

Franklin Lakes

Sunday, October 12 2:00 p.m.

Skyline Theatre Company *They're Playing our Song*

Cape May County

Cape May

Sunday, October 26 8:00 p.m.

Cape May Stage *Rounding Third*

Essex County

Millburn

Sunday, February 15, 2009 7:30 p.m.

Paper Mill Playhouse

The Importance of Being Earnest

South Orange

Sunday, November 9 2:00 p.m.

Dreamcatcher Rep *You Miss Them When They're Not Around*

Montclair

Sunday, February 22, 2009 2:00 p.m.

Luna Stage *After Adam*

Hudson County

Hoboken

Saturday, February 1, 2009 8:00 p.m.

The Theatre Co. at DeBaun, *The Who's Tommy*

Mercer County

Trenton

Sunday, November 16 3:00 p.m.

Passage Theatre *A Summer House*

Princeton

Sunday, December 21 5:30 p.m.

McCarter Theatre *A Christmas Carol*

Middlesex County

New Brunswick

Saturday, May 9, 2009 2:00 p.m.

George St. Playhouse *New Year's Eve*

Monmouth County

Long Branch

Thursday, March 5, 2009 8:00 p.m.

New Jersey Rep *Sick*

Monmouth County (cont'd)

Red Bank

Saturday, May 30, 2009 3:00 p.m.

Two River Theatre *Private Lives*

Morris County

Netcong

Friday, December 12 7:30 p.m.

The Growing Stage *Frosty the Snowman*

Madison

Friday, March 13, 2009 8:00 p.m.

12 Miles West *True West*

Madison

Sunday, April 26, 2009 3:00 p.m.

Playwrights Theatre *Our Dad is in Atlantis*

Madison

Saturday, November 1 2:00 p.m.

The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey
Romeo and Juliet

Morristown

Friday, May 29, 2009 8:00 p.m.

The Bickford Theatre *The Grass is Greener*

Salem County

Touring to Appel Farm Elmer ,NJ

Saturday, March 28, 2009 2:00 p.m.

Pushcart Players

Happily Ever After, A Cinderella Tale

Sussex County

Sussex

Saturday, December 6 @ 2:00 p.m.

Tri-State Actors Theater *A Christmas Carol*

Warren County

Hackettstown

Sunday, March 1, 2009 2:30 p.m.

Centenary Stage *You may Go Now*

New Jersey Theatre Alliance's open caption series is funded by a grant to the New Jersey State Council on the Arts by the New Jersey Department of Human Services Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.
For more information, go to www.njtheatrealliance.org or www.njArtsTix.org

2008 NJRID Biennial Conference

November 7, 8 and 9, 2008

Crown Plaza Hotel
Jamesburg, NJ

Kymme VanCleeef and Mariann Jacobson
Co-Chairs of the Biennial Conference

Go to njrid.org, for more information.

Communication access (ASL interpreters and real time captioning)
for the NJRID Biennial Conference
is provided by the
New Jersey Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

Partner in Interpreting . . .
Reimagining Our Future . . .
Think of the Possibilities



Sign Language and Speech Reading Classes in Westfield, NJ

The Hearing Society is continuing sponsorship of weekly sign language and speech (lip) reading classes, September 2008 through May 2009. Classes are held at the First Baptist Church in Westfield, New Jersey.

These classes are regularly held on Thursdays, beginning with sign language at 9:45 a.m. followed by speech reading at 10:40 a.m. Social activities and bi-monthly luncheons are also included in the Society's program.

Information about the Society and these classes may be obtained by calling 908-232-6546, or by writing
The Hearing Society, 1396 Outlook Drive, Mountainside, NJ, 07092.

Arts for the Hearing Loss

Pottery

October 14, 2008

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
at

Avatar Pottery

665 Hamilton Street, Somerset, NJ 08873

Select one of two sessions offered:

Pottery Wheel: One hour instruction - \$25.

Paint on Pottery: This includes paint, use of brushes, glazing service, and kiln firing. Select from 100 percent of molded and hand-made items - \$15.

Interpreters and ALD will be available.

For more information, contact

ArtsHearingLoss@aol.com with your name, and address.

To register, make check to ASL Interpreter Referral Service, Inc. and send to: ASL Interpreter Referral Service, Inc, PO Box 1161, Somerset, NJ 08873.

If you would like to be added to the mailing list for future classes, such as yoga, knitting, jazzercise, art and others, contact us at *ArtsHearingLoss@aol.com* (with your name and address).



Deaf Cruise 2009

Tri State Deaf Club

sponsors

Cruise to Bermuda

November 7, 2009

Sail from Cape Liberty Cruiseport in Bayonne, NJ on a five (5) night adventure to Bermuda onboard the Explorer of the Seas.

Prices range from \$599 (per person) for an inside stateroom up to \$849 for a balcony stateroom.

Interpreters provided.

For more information, contact Tammy Williamson, President 908-782-3712 VP or tristatedeafclub@gmail.com.
www.tristatedeafclub.com.



JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Deaf Services Center

Milestones Community Healthcare, Inc.

614 N. Easton Road, Glenside, PA 19038

215-884-9770 TTY/Voice; 215-884-9774 VP/FAX

Deaf Services Center (DSC) offers culturally competent, linguistically accessible treatment for individuals who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing and in need of behavioral health services. This is an opportunity for a motivated individual to join a dedicated group of professionals who give new meaning to the term teamwork. E.O.E.

Full & Part Time Employment Opportunities:

Community Mental Health Therapist;

Staff Interpreter (Full time/part time position);

Case Manager (Full time position);

Residential Counselors (various positions available).

We are growing! Come be a part of our Professional TEAM!
Send your letter of intent and resumes to:

Linda Sivigny-Claypool, Office Manager/Human Resources
Deaf Services Center

Milestones Community Healthcare, Inc.

614 N. Easton Road, Glenside, PA 19038

lsivigny@salish.com or 215-884-9774 FAX



Full-time Educational Interpreter Position in Bergen County

Immediate opening for a full-time Educational Interpreter with Bergen County Special Services at Union Street School for the Deaf, Hackensack. Dynamic Educational Interpreter Team. For more information, contact Candi Mascia Reed, 201-343-6000 x6400.

Viable Inc. is a video relay service company which empowers Deaf and hard of hearing people by providing next-generation technologies and quality video relay services that allow them to communicate with their family members, friends and businesses. With that pursuit in mind, Viable is seeking Representatives to assist Deaf and hard of hearing customers with installing the VPAD, Viable Vision and ViableVRS, troubleshoot networking issues and undertake other marketing related projects as assigned.

For a description of job responsibilities, job requirements and compensation contact:

Viable, Inc.

ATTN: Human Resources

5320 Marinelli Road

Rockville, MD 20852

jobs@viable.net

Resumes accepted by mail or e-mail.



GRAND OPENING

Deaf & Hard of Hearing Interpreting Services Inc.
announces the opening of our

New Jersey Community Interpreting Office and Viable VRS Call Center

**Open House
October 7 and 8
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

**Please join us
Refreshments Served**

DHIS is now accepting resumes for community interpreting and VRS interpreting.

Please send inquiries to:

resumes@dhisnyc.com

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RELIGIOUS ACCESS

Bnai Keshet to Provide CART for High Holidays

For the first time Bnai Keshet, a Reconstructionist synagogue in Montclair, NJ, will provide (CART) Communication Access Real-time Translation for Deaf and hard of hearing congregants throughout most of the High Holy Days Services.



CART is available on the first day of Rosh Hashana, September 30, for the Kol Nidre service erev Yom Kippur, October 8, and on Yom Kippur, October 9.

More Jews attend services during the High Holiday season than any other time during the year, but in many instances, only synagogue members can purchase High Holiday tickets. However, since its inception Bnai Keshet has set aside seats for non-members who wish to attend High Holiday services. Donations are requested, and reservations are required. Those who wish to utilize CART will be able to obtain seats in a section ensuring good visibility of the screen.

Bnai Keshet will hold services on the first day of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur at the Central Presbyterian Church, at the corner of Park St. and Claremont Ave. in Montclair. Services for the second day of Rosh Hashanah will be held at the synagogue at 99 South Fullerton Ave. Young Family and Junior Congregation services, as well as child care, will be available. Non-members are welcome at all services. A donation is requested, and reservations are required. For additional information, contact 973-746-4889, bnaiakeshet@bnaiakeshet.org, or www.bnaiakeshet.org.

Deaf Bible Study

Cape May Court House Baptist Church

**Taught by Harry Murnaghan
in American Sign Language**

7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Refreshments 8:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**Cape May Court House Baptist Church
On the corner of Route 9 South and Stites Avenue**

First and Third Monday nights, every month.

This Bible study is conducted in American Sign Language and is open to Deaf people as well as all signers and interpreters. It is also interpreted into spoken English.

For more information, contact Georgiana Murnaghan,
handsforhire@gmail.com



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Ministry With the Deaf/International Catholic Deaf Association

Thanksgiving Social Sunday, November 16, 2008

St. Gregory's

340 E. Evesham Avenue
Magnolia, New Jersey 08049

Mass - 11:00 a.m.; Social - 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Hot Turkey Sandwich, Assorted Luncheon Meats, Assorted Salads, Dessert, Hot & Cold Beverages
Please donate desserts. 50/50 Chances, Door Prizes.

Donate a gift certificate to a grocery store or canned foods or stocking stuffers for our
Annual Toy Drive and receive three 50/50 tickets (limit three free 50/50 tickets per person)

In advance ticket prices:

\$7 per person (13 years old & up); \$5 per child (4-12 years old);
\$20 per family; Children 3 years old and under - Free.

Ticket prices at the door (Cash Only):

\$8 per person (13 years old & up); \$6 per child (4-12 years old)
\$25 per family; Children 3 years old and under - Free.

Ticket(s) held at the door.

Deadline: November 9. No Refunds.

For ticket(s), see Betty Ann Krumm or Gracemarie Newman, or mail a check made payable to
Ministry with the Deaf to 24 French Street, Pennsville, NJ 08070. For more information: mwdbak@yahoo.com.



Sight and Sound Theaters Presents

Miracle of Christmas

Lancaster, PA

Saturday, November 22, 2008

Be at Evangel Church at 8:00 a.m.

Bus leaves at 8:30 a.m.

Evangel Church

1251 Terrill Road, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076

Lunch 12:00 p.m.; Performance 4:00 p.m.

Adult (19 years and older) \$92; Teens (13-18 years) \$72; Child (3-12 years) \$50
Price includes bus ride, restaurant (Shady Maple Dinner Buffet) and one ticket for performance.

For more information contact Pastor Nancy Tonnessen at pastornancy@evangelchurch.com or
908-322-9300 VP/Voice, 908-322-4553 TTY.

Communicator Signboard



Super Dingo Game

October 4, 2008

And every first Saturday of the month.

Our Lady of Peace Church

1740 Route 130, North Brunswick, NJ

(More cash prizes to be given away)

Donation: \$8 Members, \$10 Non-Members; \$5, Seniors (70 and up)

Door open at 7:00 p.m. Game starts at 8:00 p.m.

No early birds, please. Refreshments on sale by tickets.

If you donate a dessert, you will receive five (5) 50/50 tickets.



Tri State Deaf Club

Bingo

October 11, 2008

Flemington United Methodist Church

116 Main St, Flemington, NJ 08822.

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

First game begins at 7:00 p.m.

Six games per night. Amount of the jackpot is to be determined -
by the number of people in attendance.

Door prizes and two 50/50 drawings throughout the night.

No general admission. Only pay if you play Bingo.

Come and socialize.

For more information, contact Tammy Williamson, president
908-782-3712 VP or tristatedeafclub@gmail.com, www.tristatedeafclub.com.

Communicator Signboard

NWJAD (Northwest Jersey Association of the Deaf, Inc.)
15th Annual ASL Storytelling Contest
Saturday, October 25
Door opens at 7:00 p.m.



St. Peter's Episcopal Church
215 Boulevard, Mountain Lakes, NJ

Come and share your favorite Deaf Culture "What if...?" story/joke individually or form a group (up to four people). Five (5) minute limit. Sign up on same day as contest!
No advance registration necessary! Only Deaf and hard of hearing contestants may enter the contest!

1st Prize: \$200; 2nd Prize: \$150; 3rd Prize: \$100; 4th Prize: \$ 75; 5th Prize: \$ 50.

Admission: Members \$5, Non-Members \$8, Senior Citizens (Members or Non-Members) \$5
Tickets purchased at the door only.

Refreshments will be sold (Alcohol is not served).

www.nwjad.org nwjad@nwjad.org

North Jersey Community Center of the Deaf, Inc.
hosts

Thanksgiving Social

Saturday, November 22
7:00 p.m.

Knights of Columbus, 39 Washington Street, Lodi, NJ
Chairman - James R. Byrne, Co-Chairpersons - Bev Golden & Virginia Cangialosi

**Refreshments on sale, dark horses, many nice & various appliances,
50/50 chances, NJCCD affair banknote, 50 turkeys given away.**

Donations in advance: Members \$12 each, Non-members \$14 each.

At the door - \$16 each.

Please send a check or money order payable to NJCCD, Inc.

Include names of attendees to Bev Golden,
26 Thomas St., Clifton, NJ 07013

Deadline: November 17

For more information, visit www.njccdsite.org or contact
James R. Byrne, chairman at jrbayne1011@aol.com.



Communicator Signboard

ALDA-NJ invites you to our

Fall Party

at the home of Jeff Coppola
in Saddle Brook.

October 5, 2008

2:00 p.m.

Contact Elinore Bullock
elinorebullock7@embarqmail.com
or 908-832-5083 CapTel. E-mail preferred.

Save the Date:

December 6, 2008

ALDA-NJ Holiday Party

at
Willie's Tavern,
Bedminster, NJ

4:00 p.m.

Ocean Deaf Club, Inc.

23rd Annual Holiday Dinner Party

Sunday, December 14, 2008

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

At Crystal Point Yacht Club
Route 70 & River Road
Point Pleasant, New Jersey 08742

Members \$55; Non-Members \$60.

First hour hors d'oeuvres, cash bar.

Choice of meat: Chicken francaise; flounder stuffed with crabmeat; filet mignon.

Fresh sliced melon with kiwi & strawberry; vegetables, red bliss potatoes,
freshly baked bread with butter, coffee, tea, desserts platters & fruits.

Proper dress attire (no jeans or sneakers).

Door prizes, baskets, surprise gifts.

Sorry, no walk-ins at the door.

Deadline is December 1, 2008.

Make your reservation early. Limited seating 200.

Please make check payable to "Ocean Deaf Club, Inc."

Mail (with your choice of meat) to: O.D.C. Inc., 2 Schoolhouse Lane, Lakewood, New Jersey 08701

For more information contact either

Stephanie Studer, Chairlady: exswiss@aol.com or

Kathy Feldman, Co-Chairlady: bigsmile1243@optonline.net

Calendar of Events 2008

DDHH Advisory Council Meeting

New Date: Friday, October 24, 2008

East Brunswick Public Library
2 Civic Blvd., East Brunswick NJ

9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Call DDHH to confirm your attendance:
609-984-7281 V/TTY

NJSD/MKSD 125th Anniversary and NJSD/MKSD Alumni Association

80th Anniversary
October 10, 11 and 12, 2008
Columbus Weekend

Check www.mkdsd.org for more information:
PhySparks70@aol.com
856-374-1043 FAX

Garden State Walk4Hearing Saturday, October 18, 2008

Mercer County Park, West Picnic Area
To participate or for more information,
contact: Lois Walker, Chair
walk4hearing@hearingloss-nj.org
or visit www.hearingloss-nj.org

November 7, 8 and 9, 2008 NJRID 2008 Biennial Conference

Crowne Plaza, 390 Forsgate Drive
Jamesburg, NJ 08821
Go to www.njrid.org for information updates.

DDHH Office - Days Closed

Columbus Day (October 13), Election Day (November 04)

Regular Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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