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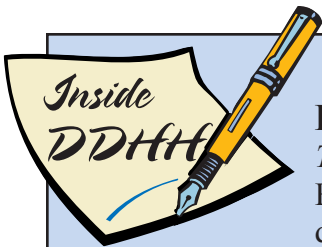
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A Moment to Reflect ...

The Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing would like to take this moment to sit back, take a deep breath, and think about the tragic events affecting our citizens. Hurricane Katrina and the war in Iraq has certainly been felt by all of us. Our hearts go out to those who have been directly involved. In this spirit we also recognize the many people who have united to volunteer their time and money in assisting those in need. We are a nation of survivors and will continue to persevere despite these setbacks.



DDHH Seeks Coordinator, Interpreter Referral Service

This is a temporary, full-or part-time position.

Education: Graduation from an accredited college or university with a bachelor's degree in communicative skills in deaf languages.

Experience: One year of experience assisting with the planning, evaluation, and/or delivery of interpreter services for the Deaf in a public or private agency.

Please send your letter of interest and resume to Mr. Stephen Pfeiffer, NJ Department of Human Services' Human Resources, PO Box 074, Trenton NJ 08625 or e-mail, Stephen.Pfeiffer@dhs.state.nj.us. Deadline for submission is October 14.

The DDHH has an individual who is fluent in Spanish and English who works two days a week. If you know a person who speaks Spanish and needs to speak with us about hearing loss, they may call the DDHH at 800-792-8339 V/TTY or 609-984-7281 V/TTY. A call will be returned in Spanish at the earliest possible time.

Driver's licenses with a symbol identifying that you have hearing loss are available. All you need to do is ask! If you have hearing loss and want a sticker applied to your license, ask the next time you apply or renew your license. Bring some proof in case the Motor Vehicle Commission seeks verification that you are Deaf or Hard of Hearing.

Daylight-saving time ends on October 30 at 2:00 a.m. Remember to turn your clock back one hour. A new federal law will change the dates in 2007.

READERS NOTE:

The Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing realizes that the Monthly Communicator (MC) may not always be received as quickly as we would like. Therefore, it is always posted promptly on the DHS' DDHH Web site for your perusal. Please check the Web site for the MC and other DDHH publications at:

www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddhh

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

On Medicare? You May Qualify For Extra Help to Pay for Prescription Drug Costs

By Dave Delaney, Social Security Public Affairs Specialist



Medicare's new prescription drug program, which goes into effect in January 2006, is not just for older Americans. If you or someone you know is a Social Security disability beneficiary who is also entitled to Medicare, the new prescription drug coverage program is available to you, too.

Open enrollment for the new plan runs from November 15, 2005, to May 15, 2006. But Social Security is now taking applications from Medicare beneficiaries who may be eligible for extra help to pay for monthly premiums, annual deductibles and prescription co-payments under the new prescription drug program. The extra help can save qualified beneficiaries an average of \$2,100 per year.

To qualify for the extra help, a person or married couple living together must have limited income and resources. For an individual, your total annual income must be below \$14,355 and your resources valued below \$10,000. The limits for a married couple living together are higher: \$19,245 in combined annual income and \$20,000 in resources. These resources can be slightly higher - an additional \$1,500 per person - if you will be using some of the money for burial expenses.

If you receive disability benefits from Social Security

and are working, some of your earnings might not count towards those income and resource limits. In fact, less than half of your wages would be counted. If you have expenses for things that you need in order to keep working, they could be deducted from your earnings, too.

Social Security is now mailing letters to nearly 19 million Medicare beneficiaries who we have identified as potentially eligible for this extra financial help. The letter includes an application and a return-addressed, postage-paid envelope. If you get this application, please read it, complete it and return it to Social Security.

If you did not get a letter and application in the mail, but think you might qualify for the extra help, go to www.socialsecurity.gov, or contact Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 Voice or 1-800-325-0778 TTY.

Some beneficiaries will automatically qualify for the extra financial help. Anyone who has both Medicare and Medicaid, or Medicare and Supplemental Security Income, or anyone whose state pays his or her Medicare premiums, will not have to complete an eligibility application. Also, it is important that all beneficiaries understand that even if they qualify for the extra help, they still need to enroll in a Medicare-approved prescription drug plan to obtain both coverage and the extra help.

Consumer Affairs Offers Assistance

The Division of Consumer Affairs (DCA), part of the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General, is your consumer protection agency. DCA regulates many types of businesses and activities, resolves consumer complaints, conducts investigations involving companies and stores, and, when necessary, litigates against offenders. In addition, they work to protect your health, safety and welfare by licensing and regulating more than half a million individuals in more than 80 professions and occupations.

You should contact DCA if you believe you have been victimized by a store, company or business or have a problem concerning your automobile, a home improvement project, the purchase and delivery of home furnishings or appliances, investment and financial issues, Internet transactions and a host of other topics.

For more detailed information, visit www.njconsumeraffairs.com or e-mail; askconsumeraffairs@lps.state.nj.us



Physician Profiles



Letter to the Editor:

By Dawn I. West

Despite the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), discrimination against people with disabilities still exists. However, since the ADA was signed 15 years ago on July 26, it has undoubtedly created more accessibility for the disabled members of society.

As a hearing impaired student with a progressive hearing loss, I do not always receive the support, resources, accommodations, or services that I need. Despite following procedures, supplying notes from my doctor, etc., I am often "penalized" for a few reasons. One reason is because if I am ignored, I don't just drop it... I ask again. I do not ask inappropriate or irrelevant questions, nor do I make unreasonable requests. Another reason is because I have received an "A" in some of my classes before.

Once, I was actually told that because I got an "A" in another unrelated class during a previous semester, that I was on "equal ground" with my classmates! How is it equal for me, when every class that I am in, I often do not know what the teacher is saying, what the class discussions are about, what pages we are on, etc? That is essentially saying that anyone with any disability is not allowed to achieve anything, or else they are not considered "disabled enough" or not "suffering enough."

Generally, students are recognized for their good grades, not punished for them! No one knows, sees, nor feels the struggles, the frustrations, the fatigue, and the disappointments that many disabled students experience... all compounded by lack of support. How can anyone predict what final grade I will get, even before my first test? Many classmates do not take notes for themselves, so they are

unwilling to commit and be responsible for taking notes for another classmate. I don't impose on my classmates nor interfere with their education; they are not responsible for me or my needs.

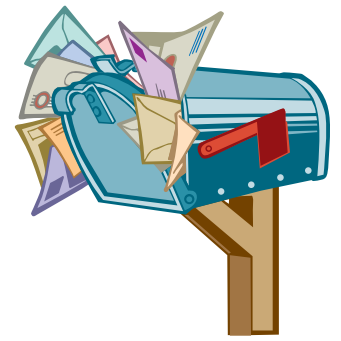
Just because I try very hard, complete my assignments and attend class, despite the lack of support, does not mean that I do not need any support. I wish that I didn't need it, but I do. I often do not hear when important information is announced. This puts me in an unfair, unequal position. One time, I did not hear when the class was told not to come on a particular date. Guess how I found out? After I went to class as usual, no one else was there.

Notetakers

The notetaker assigned to me last year was never enrolled in my classes, but she took up class time talking (not to me), yet refused to write the notes of lectures, and important information! When I complained, (after I repeatedly explained to her that I needed notes of lectures, etc.) I was told by someone who hired her that she was a competent notetaker! I informed them that they were not in class with us and that competent notetakers would take notes of important information, including lectures. Another professor showed a video in class. For some strange reason, she expected me to hear perfect that day. She made no attempt to write notes of the video or any of her classes. I got my information primarily from the back of the videotape box while everyone else sat and listened. Is that equal ground?

Being inclusive should not be treated as a tedious chore. People should not be treated like they are burdensome. We, the hearing impaired, the deaf, as well as all others with any kind of dis-

ability are MEMBERS of society, too.



October is Disabilities Awareness Month

Since this is the start of a new school year, these examples pertain only to my experiences as a student and are meant to educate the teachers, administrators, disability services, etc. that one size does NOT fit all when it comes to services. Assuming that all hearing impaired and deaf students have the same needs does not properly serve the individual student, because one student may need a sign language interpreter while another may need captioning, assistive listening devices, c-print, a notetaker or some other resources or services.

To advocate for those with disabilities, I have written letters and columns for local and school newspapers, and have spoken on panels regarding the issues facing many hearing impaired people. I also write/speak on the experiences of others to explore the obstacles that I and many hearing impaired and deaf individuals face daily in various situations.

My book, [My Poetry is a Window Into My Soul](#) contains some poetry on hearing loss such as "My Hearing Aids Are NOT Fashion Accessories!" and is available at Bookends in Ridgewood, NJ or via e-mail: booksbybookends@verizon.net.

Sister Brother Deaf Inc. Receives Grant from Laurence W. Levine Foundation - Seeks Deaf and Hearing Adult Siblings

PARAMUS, NJ. - Sister Brother Deaf Inc., a non profit 501(c)(3) organization is proud to announce that it has received a grant from the Laurence W. Levine Foundation Inc. to continue a pilot study of Deaf and hearing adult sibling relationships.

For the past two years, two researchers, one Deaf and one hearing, have interviewed Deaf and hearing adult siblings about their experiences. The grant from Laurence W. Levine Foundation Inc. will allow Sister Brother Deaf Inc. to expand the pilot to include more sibling pairs. Both the Deaf and the hearing perspectives are explored. The information learned from the pilot and a planned larger study may be disseminated in many forms: at conferences and workshops, in newsletters and journal articles and, eventually, in book form.



The researchers are currently seeking Deaf and hearing siblings who are willing to be interviewed. Deaf adults, over the age of eighteen, from the following areas: metropolitan Washington DC, Boston, and metropolitan New York City/New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Ohio - who have hearing adult siblings in metropolitan New York City/New Jersey or metropolitan Washington DC areas - can contact Judy Jonas at: JAJonas@verizon.net or Marla Berkowitz at MCBNYC@aol.com.

Sister Brother Deaf Inc. is studying the relationship between Deaf people and their hearing brothers and sisters and presented its initial findings in July 2005, at the convention of the American Society for Deaf Children.

Contact: Judy Jonas, Chair, Sister Brother Deaf Inc., (201) 261-0869 V/TTY, (201) 634-0628 Fax, JAJonas@verizon.net

Six Flags Great Adventure Sales 2005 *By Lauren Lercher, Great Adventure Ticket Coordinator*

The year of 2005 was very successful with Great Adventure ticket sales. We sold more than 2500 tickets at the gate on June 4 at Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Day at Six Flags Great Adventure. Twenty-two organizations participated this year. The organizations and clubs that participated in the windows' sales made approximately \$1,100 for their groups. A grand total of 7800 were sold, an increase of 1000 tickets from last year's sales. Thank you to all the volunteers who put in their time and effort to help us with this endeavor.

This is my third year as Great Adventure Ticket Coordinator. During this time, I have seen the number of participating organizations increase, with seven new organizations joining us this year alone. They were all successful in their efforts to raise additional money for their groups and I hope that if your group, has not participated in the past you will join us in the future.

I would like to thank the Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DDHH) and Stephen Heard of Great Adventure for their continued support of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Day. I also want to thank all of you very much for participating in this event by purchasing your Great Adventure tickets through our organizations. The proceeds of these sales all help the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community.

I look forward, with your help, to making next year even more successful than ever. See you at Six Flags Great Adventure when the event occurs on Saturday, June 3, 2006.

I can be contacted at GATickets@aol.com, if any new organization wishes to sell tickets.

Poetry Reading by the Winners of the 2005 Paterson Poetry Prize

The Distinguished Poets Series of the Poetry Center at Passaic County Community College is pleased to present a poetry reading by the winners of the **2005 Paterson Poetry Prize** on Saturday, November 12, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. at the Hamilton Club Building, 32 Church Street, downtown Paterson, New Jersey. A reception will follow the program, which is free. A sign interpreter will be present.

Philip Levine, the winner of the **2005 Paterson Poetry Prize** will be reading his poems from his book Breath (Alfred A. Knopf, New York, NY). The judge commented about his books, "Philip Levine's lucid, powerful poems tell the story of ordinary lives and the moments which transform them. Breath is a hymn to all that survives in us despite loss and betrayal and the passage of time. It is an unforgettable book."

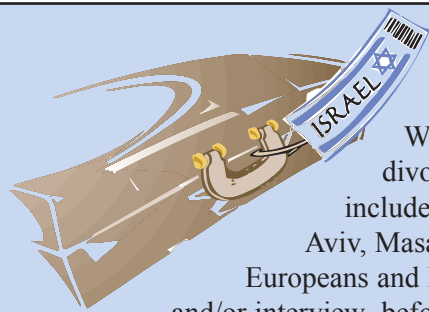
Philip Levine is the author of sixteen books of poetry. He has won the Pulitzer Prize, the National Book Award, the National Book Critics Circle Award, the First American Book Award, and the Lenore Marshall Poetry Prize. He has also published a collection of essays and translated two books. Levine has received the Ruth Lilly Poetry Prize, the Harriet Monroe Memorial Prize from Poetry Magazine, the Frank O'Hara Prize, and two Guggenheim Foundation fellowships. For two years he served as chair of the Literature Panel of the National Endowment of the Arts, and he was elected a Chancellor of The Academy of American Poets in 2000.



The other finalists participating in the event are: Laurie Lico Albanese of Montclair, NJ, for Blue Suburbia (Perennial, HarperCollins Publishers, New York, NY); Grace Cavalieri of Annapolis, MD, for What I Would Do for Love (Jacaranda Press, San Jose, CA); Catherine Doty, Boonton, NJ, for Momentum (CavaKerry Press, Fort Lee, NJ); Sean Thomas Dougherty of Erie, PA, for Nightshift Belonging to Lorca (Mammoth Books, Du Bois, PA); Charles Fishman of E. Patchogue, NY, for Country of Memory (Uccelli Press, Seattle, WA); Donna Masini of New York, NY, for Turning to Fiction (W.W. Norton, New York, NY); Erin Murphy of Hollidaysburg, PA, for Science of Desire (Word Press, Cincinnati, OH); and David Ray of Tucson, AZ, for One Thousand Years, Poems About the Holocaust, (Timberline Press, Fulton, MO).

The Paterson Poetry Prize of \$1,000 is given annually by the Poetry Center at Passaic County Community College for a book of poetry (48 pages or more) published in the previous year, with a minimum press run of 50 copies.

The Poetry Center strives to maintain a barrier-free facility including complete access for patrons using wheelchairs, large print programs, sign-interpreted performances and FM listening systems. For further information, contact Maria Mazziotti Gillan, Executive Director, Poetry Center at Passaic County Community College at 973-684-6555 Voice or visit www.pccc.edu/poetry. The Poetry Center was named a Distinguished Arts Project and funded, in part, by a grant from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, and made possible, in part, by funds from the National Endowment of the Arts.



First Time Trip to Israel

August 2006

We welcome all Jewish deaf and hard of hearing adults (married, single, widowed, divorced) of any level of Judaism and way of communication. This twelve day trip includes meals, hotel, bus guided tour to many cities including Jerusalem, Haifa, Tel Aviv, Masada, etc. and also the flight. You will meet other Jewish deaf and hard of hearing Europeans and Israelis. Sign up early. A deposit of \$300 is required. We will have an application and/or interview before you will be accepted. More information will be given upon request. For additional information, contact Landau9@optonline.net, 908-352-7395 Fax or write to JDSR, PO Box 2005, NY NY 10159-2005. If Video Phone, please e-mail first to request. The trip is sponsored by JDSR (Jewish Deaf Singles Registry), a division of Our Way/NJCD, an agency of the Orthodox Union.

**New Jersey Chapter of Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
and Department of Communications Disorder and Deafness at Kean University
2005 Fall Conference**

Inclusion - Making It Work for Children Who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing



**Saturday November 5, 2005
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
at Kean University, Union, NJ**

Featured Speakers Include:

**Tina Olmstead, Itinerant Teacher of the Deaf,
Cert. AVT, D. Aubrey Moodie Intermediate School, Ontario, Canada
Gerri Hanna, J.D., M.Ed., Senior Director, Policy & Advocacy,
Alexander Graham Bell Association For the Deaf and Hard of Hearing**

Last year's conference was sold out, more than 250 people attended!

Registration begins the week of September 9, 2005.

Realtime captioning (CART) will be provided.

Sign Language Interpreters available upon request at registration.

Info: www.agbellnj.org

AMERICORPS: An Opportunity to Serve Your Community

AmeriCorps, usually coined "the domestic peace corps" is a network of local, state, and national service programs that connects more than 70,000 Americans each year in intensive service to meet our country's critical needs in education, public safety, health, and the environment. AmeriCorps members serve with more than 3,000 non-profits, public agencies, and faith-based and community organizations. Since 1994, more than 400,000 men and women have provided needed assistance to millions of Americans across the nation through their AmeriCorps service.

There are 17 AmeriCorps programs across New Jersey. These programs provide service to their communities through various non-profit and state agencies including New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, New Jersey City University, Cerebral Palsy of Middlesex County, and New Jersey After 3.

AmeriCorps is open to U.S. citizens, nationals, or lawful permanent resident aliens age 17 and older. Members serve full-or part-time over a 10- to 12-month period. Upon successful completion of their service, members receive an education award of \$4,725 to pay for college, graduate school, or to pay back qualified student loans. During their

service, full-time members receive health insurance, training, and student loan deferment. AmeriCorps members can serve as many as 1700 hours or as little as 300 hours over a one year term where they receive a monetary living allowance as well as an education award for their service. AmeriCorps provides the opportunity for many individuals with disabilities to actively participate in National Service. This participation has had a positive impact, not only in the communities where they were serving, but also on themselves and national service as a whole.

**For more information on
AmeriCorps Programs and
accommodations in New Jersey, please
contact Sabrina Nelson,
Disabilities Coordinator for the New
Jersey Commission on National
and Community Service at
sabrina.nelson@sos.state.nj.us
or 609-633-9627 Voice.**

Scrooge, The Musical Holiday Cheer for the Entire Family!

December 1 - 18, 2005

Shadow Interpreted Performances - Friday, December 17 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, December 18 at 7:30 p.m.

The National Arts and Disabilities Center in Los Angeles recently recognized the Ritz Theatre Company as a leader in the field by offering shadow interpreted performances. This holiday season, two performances of *Scrooge, The Musical*, will offer shadow interpretation. The on stage interpreters will shadow the actions of the actors which allows deaf patrons to watch the show and the interpreters simultaneously.

The Ritz Theatre Company, Inc., presents *Scrooge*, at the historic Ritz Theatre located at 915 White Horse Pike in Oaklyn, NJ. Returning by popular demand, *Scrooge* provides a holiday tradition for the many theatre goers of the tri-county area. Harken back in time as the Ritz stage is transformed into turn of the century London, in this all new production based on the Charles Dickens classic *A Christmas Carol*.

Take a journey with Scrooge as he rediscovers what the holiday season is

all about. Initially, Scrooge is a miser who shows lack of concern for the rest of mankind. However, after a ghostly Christmas Eve, he begins to see life in a whole new way. The heartwarming tale of Scrooge's transformation after visitations from the



Spirits of Christmas Past, Present and Yet To Come, stands the test of time. Check your Humbug at the door! With *Scrooge*, you find a colorful cast of well loved characters including Bob Cratchit and Tiny Tim,

and strolling carolers, all adding to the atmosphere of good cheer.

Performances for *Scrooge*, run December 1-18, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Ticket prices: Fridays and Saturdays \$18, Sundays \$15. As a

holiday gift to the community, the Ritz Theatre wants to share the joy of the season and the magic of *Scrooge, The Musical* by offering Pay What You Can tickets with the donation of canned good items for the December 1st and 10th performances. A special group rate of \$9 per ticket with a group of 15 people is also available during all *Scrooge* performances with a canned good donation. Non-perishable items

will be distributed to various food banks in the tri-county area. All seats reserved. For reservations and information call the Ritz 24 hour ticket hotline at 856-858-5230 Voice or www.ritztheatreco.org.

The New Jersey Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, MidAtlantic Post-Secondary Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, South Jersey Evaluation and Employment Services for the Deaf, The Northeast Technical Assistance Center, and Camden County College present:

"It's OK to be Hard of Hearing: The Hard of Hearing Have Rights, Too!"

A presentation by Dr. Sam Trychin

Date: Saturday, November 5, 2005

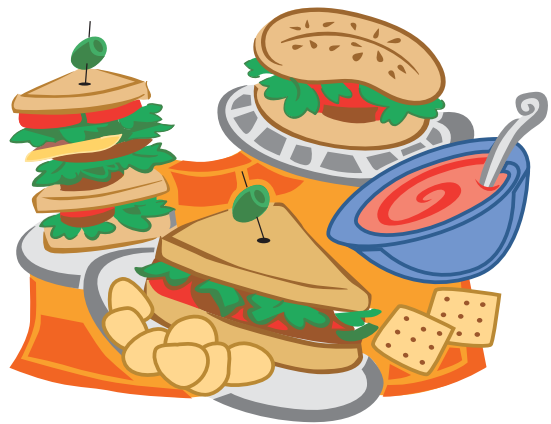
Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Place: Camden County College, Blackwood Campus, CIM Auditorium

Dr. Trychin conducts training programs, classes, and workshops for people who are hard of hearing, their families, and professionals. His specialty is the application of psychological concepts, principles, and procedures to problems and issues related to hearing loss. Some of the topics that Dr. Trychin will touch on in his presentation include: myths and misconceptions about the hard of hearing, challenges of living with a hearing loss, effective communication guidelines, and resources for the hard of hearing individual. Admission is free, but registration is limited to 100 people. Interpreting and CART services will be provided. Light breakfast and lunch provided. RSVP by October 28. To register or to request more information, contact: Dennis Jones, djones@camdencc.edu, 856-374-5039 Voice, 856-374-4855 TTY, 856-374-5003 Fax

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The Hearing Society
First Baptist Church of Westfield
PO Box 2534
Westfield, NJ 07091



Resumes office hours and classes on Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Classes in Basic Sign Language are from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and Lip Reading is from 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Free to members of the Society. The Pot Luck luncheon will be held in October.

Info: 908-233-0266 V/TTY

Sukkah & Israel Program

Sponsored by Our Way Program for the Jewish Deaf and Jewish Deaf and Hearing Impaired Council

When: Thursday, October 20, 2005 7 p.m.
Where: Sukkah of Sally & Joel Cohen, 5 Terry Terrace,
Livingston, NJ

Help us celebrate the Jewish holiday of Sukkot.
Refreshments under the stars.
Share your Israel experience. Bring photos and stories of
your visit to Israel.



RSVP or more info (no Friday night or Saturday calls please): Sally Cohen, 973-992-3182
TTY, JCohenRet@aol.com or Judy Citer at 973-473-7277 Voice, jdciter@optonline.net

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N W J A D
(Northwest Jersey Assn. of the Deaf, Inc.)
POKER NIGHT !

Fundraiser for Deaf Kids' Program
Saturday, October 22

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

Co-Chairs: Tom Montemorano & Kevin Mona

Registration at 3:00 p.m., game starts at 4:00 p.m.

Members and non-members \$40 per person: mail before October 15

Or \$45 per person, pay at door; \$5 Fan -pay at door only

Eligible player MUST be 21 years and up

Win cash, the more players, the bigger cash prizes!

All games, prizes, times subject to change.

Info & directions: www.nwjad.org, nwjad@nwjad.org

Make check or money order payable to NWJAD, Inc. and mail to Tom Montemorano, 52 Heritage Ct., Towaco, NJ 07082

Name: _____

Home Address: _____ City _____ State & Zip _____

Email address: _____

DEADLINE: October 15



Deaf Revival

October 21, 22, 23

Reverend David Rouleau, Deaf Minister,
and Darla Rouleau, Voice Interpreter

Calvary Tabernacle, 128 Georgetown-Wrightstown Rd.,
Wrightstown, NJ 08562

Friday: 7:30 p.m. - Evangelistic Church Service

Saturday: 1:00 a.m. - Special Classes for Hearing and Deaf

Saturday: 6:00 p.m. - Evangelistic Church Service

Sunday: 1:00 p.m. - Evangelistic Church Service



Special Songs and Dramas performed in American Sign Language

Info: Teresa at tykillingsworth@yahoo.com

www.calvarytabernacleupc.org

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The Association of Late Deafened Adults-Garden State Fall 2005 Workshop

Date: Saturday, October 29

Time: 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Place: East Brunswick Public Library, 2 Jean Walling Civic Center Dr., East Brunswick, NJ
Food will be provided. Join your friends for some exciting presentations and Autumn/Halloween socializing.

Morning Session: Presentation on Consumer Fraud and Identity Theft given by a representative from the NJ Division of Consumer Affairs.

Afternoon Session: Presentation on the new CapTel phone given by a representative from Sprint.

CART, interpreting and assistive listening devices will be provided.

Contact Eileen Hollywood for further information: Eileena2@aol.com

Deaf Health Fair For All! Evangel Church Deaf Ministries Is Having Its First Health Fair October 29 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Speakers: HIV/AIDS, Prevention of Heart Disease, Gynecological Disorders and more!

Health Screenings: foot, stroke, blood pressure, cholesterol, diabetes, chiropractic, bone density

Presentations: drug awareness, counseling, sexual abstinence.

Call ahead to register for stroke screenings - 800-247-9580 Voice

For kids: pediatric asthma/nutrition, fingerprinting, face painting, dental care, fire truck tour, giveaway gifts, massages, facials
Interpreters will be provided.

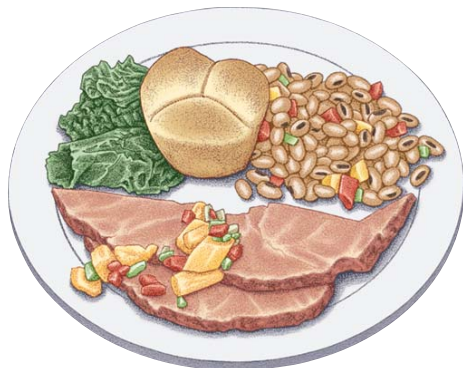
Evangel Church/NJ District Deaf Ministries, 1251 Terrill Road,
Scotch Plains, NJ 07076

Contact: Rene Brown 908-265-0299 Voice, rusavedii@tmail.com or
Susana Quale

908-769-7472 Voice or Pastor Nancy Tonnessen 908-322-4553 TTY, 908-322-9300 Voice.



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Diverse Deaf Club of NJ proudly presents Holiday Dinner Party

at
McAteers Restaurant, 1714 Easton Ave,
Somerset, NJ
Sunday, December 11, 2005 at 1:00 p.m.

\$30-members \$35-non-members

Sliced top sirloin of beef or chicken francaise or broiled filet of sole, salad, mashed potato, string beans, cake with ice cream, soda, coffee, tea

Cash bar • No purchase at door

Please send form with a check or money order payable to:

DDCNJ and mail it to Nola Anesh, Treasurer, 420 Pulaski Ave, South Plainfield, NJ 07080

Deadline-December 3, No Refunds

Contact: Chairperson Michele Busanic - Busanic@aol.com

Birnbaum Interpreting Services/Hamilton Relay Services and DAWN, Inc. present to the Deaf Community and Interpreter Students D-Link Videophone Community Workshop

Presenters: Allan H. Karp, Birnbaum Interpreting Service/BIS Deaf Outreach Specialist and Lila Taylor, Deaf Outreach Specialist ,DAWN Inc.

Free Admission!

Date: Friday, November 11, 7:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

Where: St. Peter's Church, 215 Boulevard, Mt. Lakes, NJ 07046

Explains how to apply for a High Speed Internet connection and how to apply a FREE D-Link Videophone

Topic: Describes the function of Hamilton Relay Services partnering with Birnbaum Interpreting Services (BIS) and will help understand how and why using Video Relay Services (VRS) is productive. Hamilton/BIS is giving away free Videophone (VP) to qualified Deaf and hard of hearing people. Light refreshments will be served.

Voice/ASL interpreters will be provided.

Info: Lila Taylor/Deaf Outreach Specialist,DAWN Inc., 400 South Main St., Suite #3
Wharton, NJ 07885. E-mail: Ltaylor09@aol.com

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The Historic Summit Playhouse 10 New England Ave, Summit, NJ 07901 Founded 1918

Qualified by The New Jersey Cultural Trust
ACCESS Matinees of Tony Winners

William Gibson's (interpreted)
The Miracle Worker, November 6, 2 p.m.

James Goldman's
The Lion in Winter, March 5, 2 p.m.

Wendy Wasserstein's
The Sisters Rosensweig, May 7, 2 p.m.

Adult Subscriptions, \$40; Students (18 & under) \$27, Single tickets: \$17 & \$12
Call 908-273-2192 Voice, www.SummitPlayhouse.org



Gingo Night Hosted by Deaf Ministry

Saturday, November 12

6 p.m. - 12 a.m.

Game starts at 7:30 p.m.

\$7 per person if paid in advance

\$10 per person if paid at door

St. John of God School Gym,

1145 Delsea Drive (Rt. 47), Westville, NJ 08093

Two new games, 50/50 chances, win a food basket! Bring a friend! No outside food & beverages allowed. Door will open at 6 p.m. No early birds please! If paying at door, cash only. Food will be on sale. Desserts will be on sale during intermission.

Info: 856-795-6481 V/TTY, 856-482-5657 fax, deafministrynj@yahoo.com

Make a check or money order payable to: Deaf Ministry, and mail with your name, address and e-mail to: 525 Doe Lane, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034

Adults only (21 years old and up) Mail no later than November 5.

No children! No refunds!

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Passage Theatre presents **Move It and It's Yours**

By Bill Weeden, David Finkle and Sally Fay, Directed by Jeff Cohen
October 27 - November 20, 2005

Open Captioned performance: Saturday, November 12 at 2 p.m.

Assistive Listening Devices available upon request at all performances.

Captioning provided by Caption Coalition, Inc., made possible by the NJ State Council on the Arts/Department of State, The National Endowment for the Arts and Coca-Cola, in cooperation with the NJ Arts Access Task Force.

This is a hilarious musical about former songwriter Charlie, who is getting married (for the third time), and has to get rid of his prized baby grand piano before he moves. Rather than pay movers to cart it off, he posts signs around his New York neighborhood declaring "Move It and It's Yours!" which immediately attract a wild array of wacky characters.

Mill Hill Playhouse
Front and Montgomery Streets, Trenton
609-392-0766 Voice, 609-392-0318 Fax,
Info@passagetheatre.org,
www.passagetheatre.org



Deaf Ministry's 25th Anniversary Thanksgiving Social

Sunday, November 20
Mass and Social
Time and place: TBA



50/50 chances, door prizes and win a thanksgiving gift basket! Hot turkey sandwiches, assorted luncheon meats, assorted salads, dessert, hot & cold beverages. Please bring a dessert.

Deadline: November 13 - No refunds

In advance: \$7 per person (13 years old & up), \$5 per child (4-12 years old), \$20 per family, children 3 years old and under - Free!

At 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!

To buy tickets, see Betty Ann Krumm, or mail a check or money order made payable to the Deaf Ministry and mail with your name, address, e-mail address, the numbers of adults, children and family to: 525 Doe Lane, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034

Info: 856-795-6481 V/TTY, 856-482-5657 Fax, deafministrynj@yahoo.com

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North Jersey Community Center of the Deaf,
Inc.

Thanksgiving Social

Sunday, November 20 at 1 p.m.
Knights of Columbus
39 Washington Street, Lodi, NJ



Donations in advance: Member - \$11 each; non-member - \$13 each; at door- \$15 each

50 door prizes given away, dark horse, many nice appliances, 50/50 Chances, NJCCD affair banknote

Chairperson - Beverly Golden

Co-Chairpersons - Maria Stefenon and Karen Belisle

To order tickets in advance, send check or money order payable to: NJCCD, Inc., and mail to:
Frances Hearne, 25 Lincoln Avenue, Elmwood Park, NJ 07407.

Deadline: November 14

Info: Beverly Golden at TBGolden0206@msn.com

Fifth Annual JDSR Retreat (Jewish Deaf Singles Registry)

Welcome, Jewish Deaf and Hard of Hearing singles, including divorced and widowed worldwide, any level of Judaism and communication mode!

Where: Rochester, New York

When: December 2-4, 2005

(arrive late December 1, 2005 to start in the morning on December 2)

Join for fun, learning, meals, and more packed into one weekend.

No registration at the door!

Limited scholarships available. Donations appreciated.

Contact: Landau9@optonline.net, 908-352-7395 Fax or write to:
JDSR PO Box 2005, NY NY 10159-2005

If Video Phone, please e-mail first to request.

Co-sponsored by Wolk Hillel a division of Hillel of Rochester Area Colleges with JDSR,
a division of OUR Way/NJCD, an agency of the Orthodox Union.

Calendar of Events 2005

October 21

NJADARA

Enhancing Deaf/Hearing Productivity
in the Workplace

9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Ramada Inn, East Brunswick, NJ

Info: (973) 977-6690 V, (973) 977-2294 TTY

October 28

DDHH Advisory Council Meeting
East Brunswick Public Library

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

Public invited, call 800-792-8339 V/TTY

October 29

"Family Learning Conference for Parents
of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children" at the
Marie H. Katzenbach School for the Deaf

Info: Amy Littles, 609-659-1899 Voice,
amylittles@hotmail.com

Northwest Jersey Association of the Deaf, Inc.

Nov. 5 or 12 - General Mtg. &
Election Night

Nov. 19 - Homeland Security / Emergency
Preparing Workshop

Dec. 17 - 19th Annual Holiday Banquet
www.nwjad.org

December 1

DDHH/SOS Holiday Tea

Signs of Sobriety

100 Scotch Road

Ewing NJ

DDHH Office Closed

October 10, November 8, 11, 24, December 26

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