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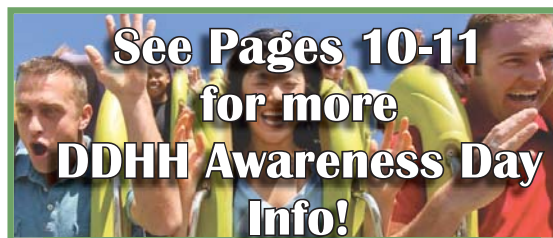


29th Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Day Ticket Holders Will Access the New Animal Park at Six Flags

In 2013, New Jersey's Six Flags Great Adventure entertainment complex will undergo its most dramatic transformation in 13 years as the 160-acre theme park and 350-acre Wild Safari animal park unite as one property to become the world's largest theme park. The mega-park, will introduce the new, one-of-a-kind, themed attraction — Safari Off Road Adventure. At Six Flags Hurricane Harbor, water-thrill seekers will challenge a massive, new slide complex — Big Wave Racer.

Boasting 1,200 animals from six continents (including lions, tigers, rhinos, and many more), Safari Off Road Adventure will take you on the most intense, up-close animal experience of your life. First you will enter the amazing, fictional world of the Wilds Family, who have traveled the globe to bring the most interesting and exotic creatures to their home in Jackson, New Jersey. Once through the rustic loading station filled with artifacts from the Wilds' global journeys, you will hop onto a rugged, open-air, Safari vehicle with 34 other explorers to begin your wild adventure.

Skilled, informed drivers will drive you off-road and up close to the animals as they splash through ponds,



climb hills, cross bridges and venture over rugged terrain.

“Never before have guests been able to experience a journey so close to that of a true African safari here in the U.S.,” said John Fitzgerald, park president. “By combining the world's most exotic animals with Six Flags' signature entertainment, the Safari Off Road Adventure will be the most incredible animal adventure anywhere. Where else can you ride a wave, go on safari, and soar on world-record breaking coasters?”

Camp Aventura will be the main stop along the off-road excursion. Here you will get to see some of the Wild family's favorite animals up-close, and even hand-feed or pet them. You can also choose to fly through the air high above the animals on a new zip line for an additional fee.

Safari Off Road Adventure is included with general theme park admission and season passes in 2013,

and will be accessible via the Frontier Adventures section of the theme park.

“This is a monumental change for the Wild Safari and our guests,” said Dr. Bill Rives, safari director and chief veterinarian. “For nearly 40 years, people have dreamed

of more up-close animal experiences with fewer boundaries, and now we can truly deliver a VIP experience to each and every one of our guests — and it's included in their theme park admission.”

Safari Off Road Adventure is slated for a Memorial Day weekend debut in 2013. ?

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Director's Corner

By David Alexander, *Director, Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DDHH)*

During the past several weeks, our office has received a number of inquiries pertaining to the Federal Communication's Commission (FCC) interim order regarding the provisions and marketing of Internet Protocol Captioned Telephone Services (IPCTS). IPCTS is a form of relay service designed to allow people with hearing loss to speak directly to another party on a telephone call and to simultaneously listen to the other party and read captions of what that party is saying over an IP-enabled device such as a computer, tablet or similar device. The

Caption Call and CapTel are two commonly known devices.

Eligible providers of IPCTS service may receive compensation from the federal government's Interstate Telecommunications Relay Service Fund. The problem is that compensation for IPCTS service has been growing at an unsustainable rate since the service's creation. This growth may overwhelm the fund and threaten to deprive people who are Deaf or hard of hearing of the benefits of the program.

The FCC is concerned that this growth is being caused by two primary factors; the offering of incentives for referrals to use this service; and the usage of this service by people without hearing loss. To address these issues and to protect the fund, the FCC implemented three immediate interim rules:

1. IPCTS providers are prohibited from offering financial and other rewards to consumers and other professionals for the referral of new CTS customers.
2. IPCTS providers must obtain from each user a self-certification that the user has a hearing loss that necessitates the use of IPCTS to communicate. Where the consumer accepts IPCTS equipment for less than \$75 from any source other than a governmental program that distributes the equipment, the provider must obtain from the user a certification from an independent, third party professional attesting to the necessity for IPCTS.
3. Providers must ensure that equipment and software used in conjunction with IP CTS have a default setting of "captions off" at the beginning of each call. This requires that a user must activate the captions for each call.

For additional information about the FCC ruling, please see <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/comment/view?id=6017159980>

We Welcome Your Articles and Ads

The Monthly Communicator is published 11 times per year. Deadline for submissions for the May issue is April 1 and should be e-mailed to: monthlycommunicator@dhs.state.nj.us.

The deadline for the Monthly Communicator is the first of the month for the next month.

Kindly follow these guidelines for submissions:

- Should be less than two pages
- Plain font, such as NY Times #11 or similar
- Type flush left, no tabs
- No art imbedded within
- Send as Word attachment or an e-mail itself
- Art, logos, photos may be sent as attached JPG
- Submissions are not normally repeated
- Content should be of interest to readers, events should be accessible to people with hearing loss, no direct selling products, but educational info about new technology acceptable
- Editor has discretion regarding editing, without final approval of submitter

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DDHH Advisory Council Meeting - New Time and Location

The DDHH Advisory Council meeting has been changed to the **Rahway Public Library, 2 City Hall Plaza, Rahway, NJ 07065** on **Friday, April 26** from **9:30 AM** to **1:30 PM**.

We will have speakers from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity.



North Jersey Interpreter Chat Meets

by Chelsey Cahilly and Lori Amato

We are extremely pleased to announce the recent start of our North Jersey Interpreter Chat. We meet on the first Wednesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. at the (free standing) Starbucks in Clifton, NJ on Rt. 3 West, and the third Wednesday of every month at 5:00 p.m. at the Panera Bread on Rt. 103 in Hamilton. This chat is open to everyone, but the focus is for students, novice interpreters, and seasoned interpreters alike. It is a venue in which to network, ask questions, discuss ethics, as well as mentor and be mentored. For the first few North Jersey chats, we will have “roundtable” discussions by guest speakers, who will give insights into their personal perspectives on the interpreting community. (Roundtable discussions begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Clifton chat).

The first roundtable discussion was led by Jason Weiland a representative from the NJ DDHH. His topic was on the “*Deaf Perspective of Hearing Interpreters*” including promoting self-advocacy and ethical boundaries. It was great to have his attention and guidance for a few hours, to ask him questions and obtain advice that may not be fitting in other venues. It was casual and informative; he came with a wealth of information, interesting topics and great advice for us newbies.

Due to space restrictions, the North Jersey location is looking to relocate and will be announced for the April chat. For more information and a list of our guest speakers please visit our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/InterpreterChat.

Please join us. We hope to see you at the next chat! ?

Dear NJ Relay



Dear New Jersey Relay,

I often participate in teleconference meetings at work, where people call in from different locations. As someone who is hard of hearing, I can communicate with my co-workers easily one-on-one. I sometimes have difficulty hearing and understanding what is being said during these teleconference calls. I do not sign, so having interpreters would not benefit me. Live captioners are not always available on short notice. How can I catch every word of the teleconference calls?

Thanks,
Looking for a Solution

Dear Looking for a Solution,

New Jersey Relay and CapTel offers a free service, Relay Conference Captioning (RCC), that resolves this common challenge. With RCC, deaf and hard of hearing individuals can participate in meetings, phone calls, videoconferences and multi-party conference calls on a functionally equivalent basis.

Using the same high-quality captioners who produce closed captioning for television, you can receive live, real-time text streamed to an Internet-connected computer anywhere.

To use RCC for your teleconference calls, reserve an RCC captioner at least 48 hours in advance. To make an appointment, go to www.njrelaycc.com and click on the “Book an event now” tab to fill out the form.

In order to fully participate in the teleconference call, there are two options: you can either type in your message for the captioner to relay the message, or use a standard telephone to speak for yourself. All captioned dialogue is added to the event transcript, available at no charge to you after the meeting.

For more information, visit www.njrelaycc.com. You're just a click away from equal access!

Warm regards,
New Jersey Relay





Five Habits That Are Harming Your Hearing Health

By Traci Burton, DDHH Field Representative



When discussing the topic of hearing protection, the usual tips include not inserting anything larger than our elbows into our ears, limiting time in a noisy environment and wearing some form of hearing protection. But have we ever considered that some of our daily habits may be contributing to our hearing health? Healthyhearing.com did and below are five concerns that were explored in the January 8, 2013 news emission.

Looking for another reason to break all of those bad health habits you've been accumulating? Your hearing health may suffer if you don't.

Smoking

You've heard that smoking is bad for your heart health, but did you know it also adversely affects your hearing? The chemicals emitted by smoking cigarettes affect the inner ear's ability to transmit vibrations. The more you smoke, the greater the risk for damage - not only to your hearing, but also the hearing of the people you love most. Studies show that adolescents exposed to second-hand smoke were almost twice as likely to experience low-frequency hearing loss as those who had no exposure.



Obesity

There's a better reason for taking a few laps around the block after dinner each night besides the money you'll save not having to buy a new wardrobe. Being overweight puts a big strain on your heart and it's detrimental to your circulatory system. Being overweight also puts you at risk for developing diabetes, a disease which is known for destroying small blood vessels - just like the kind in your inner ear that count on good blood flow to keep them healthy.

Drinking

While health experts agree that a daily glass of red wine is healthy for your heart, a lifetime of over-indulging can destroy more than your liver. Health experts believe that alcohol may interfere with the brain's ability to interpret sound, especially those in the lower frequencies, and create a toxic environment in the inner ear itself that is damaging to the hair cells of the cochlea. The central auditory cortex of the brain may actually shrink in those individuals who drink excessively.




Skipping your yearly physical

Even though most people develop presbycusis, or age-related hearing loss, sometimes there's another reason you're not hearing as well. An annual physical can help determine whether your hearing loss is related to an obstruction in the ear or other health problem that, once addressed, can restore your hearing or prevent further damage.

Not seeing the dentist

It seems funny to think that taking good care of your

teeth can actually benefit your hearing, but it's true. When your teeth and gums are healthy, your mouth is free from the bacteria that can cause infections and swelling. When oral bacteria enters the bloodstream, it can cause inflammation and narrowing of the arteries - and poor circulation is detrimental to hearing health.

So, stop smoking, drink in moderation, watch your weight, schedule an annual physical and don't skip out on the dentist. The hearing you save may be your own. 

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State and National Park Passes for Individuals with Disabilities

By Catherine Purrazzella, DDHH Service Coordinator

Spring and summer time are coming up soon! Do you enjoy hiking, swimming, fishing, the beach, biking, and/or camping? Did you know that New Jersey has 39 state parks, 11 forests, 4 recreation areas, 42 natural areas and 57 historic sites?

The State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection: Division of Parks and Forestry provides passes free of charge to New Jersey residents with a disability. This pass includes free entrance to state parks, forest, recreation areas, and historic site facilities that already charge daily walk-ins or parking fees. For more information about the New Jersey disability pass go to the following Web site: www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/parks/parkform.pdf.

Wait, that's not all! The U.S. Geological Survey offers a free, lifetime Access Pass, to more than 2,000 federal recreation sites including the Gateway National Recreation Area in Sandy Hook and Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge in New Jersey. For more information on the Access Pass go to the following website: <http://store.usgs.gov/pass/access.html>.

If you are not sure whether a federal or state site accepts the Access Pass or Disability Pass, contact the site directly. 





HLA-NJ News and Views

A Monthly Column from The Hearing Loss Association of NJ

By Arlene Romoff, Past President, HLA-NJ

The Hearing Loss Association of NJ announces a new chapter - the fifth in our state! In addition to the Bergen, Morris, Ocean/Monmouth, Middlesex County Chapters, we now introduce:

HLAA - South Jersey Shore Chapter

Situated in Cape May County, it serves attendees from Atlantic County and Cumberland County as well.

All Are Welcome!

Meetings are usually the 3rd Wednesday each month from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Cape Regional Medical Center
(Near Exit 10 Garden State Parkway)
Maruchi Room
2 Stone Harbor Blvd
Cape May Court House, NJ 08210
Contact information:
Carolyn Richards
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This group is located at the Jersey shore. They have summer meetings too, so why not plan a vacation when there is a meeting to stop in and say Hello! Please contact Carolyn if you're interested in joining this chapter, whether you are able to attend meetings or not.



SAVE THE DATES!

WALK4HEARING Kickoff Party -
Saturday, September 8, 2013 at
Yogi Berra Museum, Montclair

HLA-NJ WALK4HEARING -
Sunday, October 20, 2013 at
Mercer County Park, West Windsor

PLAN TO JOIN US!

For more info is at: www.walk4hearing.org

To learn more about HLA-NJ, please contact Arlene Romoff at info@hearingloss-nj.org and request to be put on the email contact list. We also invite you to visit our website at www.hearingloss-nj.org, which lists the meeting info for all our chapters - Bergen, Monmouth/Ocean or Middlesex County, and Morris County. ♻️

The Bergen County Deaf Seniors Meeting

The Bergen County Deaf Seniors meet at the Northwest Bergen Senior Activity Center 46-50 Center Street, Midland Park, NJ 07432 every Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All area seniors 60 and over are welcome to join us for games, parties, and special events. The Northwest Bergen Senior Activity Center is operated by the County of Bergen, Kathleen Donovan, County Executive.

Our calendar of events for April is as follows:

- April 4:** Bingo at 1 p.m.
- April 11:** Entertaining Communication on old fashioned and new ASL signs.
- April 18:** Dingo at 1 p.m. and Birthday Party at 3 p.m.
- April 25:** Local museum trip to Ridgewood Schoolhouse Museum at 11 a.m. 1 p.m.: catered lunch or pizza. 2 p.m. enjoy LCR games.

RSVP to arslaniant@optonline.net or rosevin52@aol.com.

In addition, Deaf seniors coming to the center can sign-up for lunch on Thursdays. Lunch is available for a donation of \$1.25 and must be ordered no later than Wednesday by noon. There also is a social worker with an ASL interpreter available once a month on Thursdays to provide information on services and referrals for Deaf seniors. Our social worker, Sheila Brogan, will be here on April 25 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information about the Deaf Senior Programs at the Northwest Senior Center call 201-445-5690 or e-mail arslaniant@optonline.net or stop in any Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and check us out. ♻️





Cochlear America Celebration Draws 1,000

By Pat Dobbs, HCAA,
Morris County Chapter

In February, close to 1,000 people congregated in San Diego for the biennial Cochlear America Celebration. As a Cochlear America implant recipient, I was one of them. The attendees along with their families and friends either had a Cochlear Implant or a BAHA implant. Cochlear Implants are for sensorineural hearing loss and BAHA is for conductive bone loss. With these devices the recipients were able to hear joyfully in the average range. Before getting implants their hearing was minimal if at all. The recipients ranged in age from one year to 85 years old.

Cochlear America provided many wonderful events and at a very modest fee. Aside from providing wonderful meals to nourish our souls, they provided:

- Great education sessions on optimizing our implants (both Cochlear Implants and BAHA Implants), information on bilateral implants, psychological effects of hearing loss, music rehab, information on working insurance claims, Cochlear America's continued commitment to research and development.
- Two rooms plus the "Kiddie Corner" had "hearing loops" installed. This gives an amazingly optimal hearing experience and all you have to do is turn your T-coil on. No other assistive listening device is required. (T-coil is a setting on many hearing aids and Cochlear and BAHA implants).

- Informational EXPO – This was a hands-on exhibition where we could see different devices that maximize our Cochlear Implants and BAHA devices and talk to people on their usage.
- In a private session Cochlear America audiologists provided maintenance and checkups on our implants and answered individual questions.
- Private Party at Sea World – We had the WHOLE place to ourselves for the evening plus a delicious dinner.
- Great opportunity to meet Cochlear America's Staff and experience their dedication to providing support for us.
- Special and fun activities for teen groups. This was a perfect opportunity for teens to enjoy each other's company and it was fun to see them hanging out together.
- Child care and activities for the younger kids. This gave parents time to attend educational sessions and fun time for the kids at the specially set up "Kiddie Korner"

Among the exciting guest speakers were:

- Graeme Clark, who through his incredible dedication and overcoming of huge obstacles, had a significant influence on the development of the multi-channel cochlear implant. In addition, he signed his recent book *Sounds of Silence*. Here is link to his story: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zbVfK-c_7U4.

- Anders Tjellstrom who, through his amazing commitment, is responsible for the bone anchored hearing aid, the BAHA.
- Jim Patrick who is the chief engineer at Cochlear America and has worked on cochlear implant since the beginning. His steadfast dedication to the development of the cochlear implant is in a large part responsible for Cochlear America's steady support and developments.

Other guest speakers included:

- Sam Trychin, Ph.D. author and educator of people who are hard of hearing, talked about the psychological effects of hearing loss.
- Richard Reed, cochlear implant recipient and musician, who has engineered training materials on re-learning the enjoyment of music after a CI implant.

The meeting closed with a Sunday morning breakfast where the Cochlear America Scholarship winners told their truly inspirational personal stories. The winners were selected based on their high academic achievements and a commitment to leadership and humanity, while benefitting from Cochlear's implant-able hearing devices. Since 2002, Cochlear America has awarded more than \$38,000 to 58 college students. As we left the celebration we smiled knowing that we are a part of a community and knowing that Cochlear America is always striving to do even better.

The rumor is next 2015 Celebration will be in Orlando. ☺

CapTel 800i/840i Customers: New FCC-Required Changes



A recent ruling by the FCC requires changes in the way that all IP-based captioned telephones work. In effect since March 7, 2013, you now need to press the CAPTIONS button to turn captions on at the start of every call. The captions will no longer come on automatically. When people call you, you will need to turn the CAPTIONS button on in order to see captions of the call. The CAPTIONS button will turn off again every time you hang up the handset.

Why does the FCC require these changes?

Some at the FCC believe there is a chance that people who do not need the Captioning Service may accidentally be getting captions during their calls, because the captions have appeared automatically. By asking users to turn captions on before each call, the FCC believes it will reduce the chance of people accidentally using the captioning service if they do not need it.

I use CapTel 800i/840i - How does this affect me?

If you use CapTel 840i or CapTel 800i, you will need to press the CAPTIONS button before every call in order to receive captions. When people call you, you will need to press the CAPTIONS button as you pick up the handset or at any time during their call in order to see captions.

I use CapTel 800/840 - How does this affect me?

If you use CapTel 800 or CapTel 840, these changes do NOT affect you. Your CapTel 800 / CapTel 840 will continue to work as it always has.

How will I get captions on my calls?

At the start of every call, press the CAPTIONS button first to turn captions on. If you begin a conversation and notice the captions are not on, simply press the CAPTIONS button. Your CapTel Phone will connect to the captioning service and you will begin receiving captions of the call.

Will I still get captions on my answering machine messages?

Your CapTel 840i will still record voice answering machine messages. If you need captions of your answering machine messages, press the Captions button while playing back your messages. Your CapTel 840i phone will connect to the captioning service and you will receive captions of the message.

Do I have to press the CAPTIONS button at the start of a call?

You can press the CAPTIONS button at any time during a call to turn the captions on. Captions will begin appearing once you turn the captions feature on. The red light around the CAPTIONS button will glow to let you know when captions are turned on.

Can I go back to having captions turn on automatically like they always have?

Unfortunately, no. The FCC ruling requires that all IP-based captioned telephones have the user turn captions on for each and every call.

Where can I find more information about this FCC Ruling?

<http://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-takes-steps-protect-ip-based-captioned-telephone-service> ?



What is a T-Coil and How Do You Use It?

By Janice Schacter Lintz

What is a T-coil?

A T-coil (also known as the telecoil, telephone or audio coil) is a small coil of copper wire that allows people to receive sound directly from a microphone when they switch their hearing aid or cochlear implant (CI) to the "T" setting.

How do you know if you have a T-coil?

Many hearing aids/CIs implants now have a T-coil. It is best to check with your hearing aid provider to confirm that your hearing device has a T-coil and that it has been activated.

Some hearing aids have automatic T-coils that are meant to auto activate with use on the telephone. This type of auto-coil does not work in a hearing loop. Make sure that you have a T-coil that can be manually turned on as needed.

What are the benefits of having a T-coil?

When an induction loop also known as a hearing loop, is installed, people with a T-coil equipped hearing aid/CI can wirelessly receive the audio signal in the venue without needing to pick up a receiver. It is not necessary to self-identify, locate, check out, wear and return visible receivers or neck loops. Head sets should still be available.

Because of their user-friendliness, induction loops have become the most widely installed assistive listening technology around the world. Induction loops are the only type of assistive listening system available in transitory settings such as mass transit, when there is insufficient time to distribute and collect receivers.



How do you use a T-coil?

It is important to ask your hearing aid dispenser or audiologist how to activate the T-coil on your hearing aid or CI. The user typically flips a switch or presses a button on the hearing aid, cochlear implant or on a remote control that was supplied with their device.

Where can you use a T-coil?

Telephones, audio guides, and sound enhancement devices that are T-coil compatible have a transmitting inductive coupler within the device. Hearing loops can be found at theaters, pharmacies, houses of worship, supermarkets, fast-food and ticket windows, museum videos, New York City subway information booths, and soon New York City taxis. A list of places that offer hearing loops can be found at www.hearingloop.org and www.aldlocator.com.



VSA New Jersey Honors Winners of New Jersey Wordsmith Competition



Wordsmith Competition

VSA New Jersey (VSA/NJ) is pleased to announce the winners of its 19th Annual Joyce Indik New Jersey Wordsmith Competition. The Wordsmith Competition accepted submissions of poems, essays, short stories and plays by New Jersey residents ages 18 and over. Winning entries will be read at the Joyce Indik Readers' Theatre on Saturday, April 13, 2013 at the South Brunswick Library in Monmouth Junction at 2:00 p.m. This event is held free of charge and is open to the public. Sign language interpretation will be provided, and assistive listening devices are available. Open captioning will be provided with support from the New Jersey Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

Winners of the 19th Annual Joyce Indik New Jersey Wordsmith Competition:

- Poetry:** Frances Cohen of Monroe Township for "The Seasons"
Gail J. Mitchell of Robbinsville for "On the Menu"
Nikki Nordquist of Howell for "GovernMENT"
Paul Sheppard of Englewood for "Don't Stare" and "The Hunt"
Agatha Wyman of Highland Lakes for "Terry"
- Essays:** Gregory Christiano of Hopatcong for "What Does It Mean to Be Handicapped?"
Julia Simko of Princeton for "My Aspergia"
Rosalie R. Stackhouse of Villas for "Senior Citizens Dilemmas"
- Short Stories:** Daniel David Jones of Northfield for "Hooked Up"
Irene Price Gendron of Brown Mills for "The Personal Ad"
- Play:** Angela Jacobs of Lambertville for Transitions

About VSA New Jersey

Founded in 1978, VSA/NJ is an affiliate of the international VSA network, a program of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, DC. VSA New Jersey is dedicated to promoting the creative power of people with disabilities. Programming and services include arts education, professional development, award competitions, workshops, festivals, and performances. This program is made possible in part by funds from the Middlesex County Cultural & Heritage Commission and the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts and by funds from the National Endowment for the Arts. For more information on this and other VSA/NJ programs, contact the organization at 703 Jersey Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901, (732) 745-3885, 745-3913 (TTY), or info@vsanj.org. Visit the organization online at www.vsanj.org

New Jersey/Katzenbach School for the Deaf Succeeds in Soccer

By Martha L. Fowler, Director of Athletics, New Jersey School for the Deaf

■ 2013 National Deaf Soccer Team of the Year

■ 2013 Metro Tournament Champions

■ Sportsmanship Award – NJSD

■ All-Tournament Team: Charles Florestal, Sukhninder Sunny Singh, Tim Skalko, Ryan Smith

■ National All Americans: Sukhninder "Sunny" Singh, Tim Skalko, Ryan Smith

RECAP/BOX SCORE

Friday October 19, 2012 – All games were cancelled due to torrential downpour at host school American School for the Deaf

Saturday October 20, 2012

NJSD 2

NYSD 0

The Colts had not made it past the first round since their last championship in 2007. They finally beat NY, who beat them in a regular season game on September 27. Sunny Singh had a goal and an assist. Tim Skalko scored goal with three minutes left, putting away the win. Ryan Smith had six saves and earned his first tournament shut out.

NJSD 3

Lexington 2

WOW – What a game! At the end of regulation it was 2 – 2. Sunny Singh scored both goals in regulation. Charles Florestal and Luis Montalvo had the two assists. In the shootout, Charles Florestal, AJ Ryan and Tim Skalko scored on penalty kicks to put us ahead. Ryan Smith had a HUGE one handed diving save in Lexington's last chance penalty kick to preserve the championship. Sunny Singh, Tim Skalko, Luis Montalvo and Ryan Smith, the seniors on the team, really stepped up big and willed the team to their second championship in five years. They prevented Lexington from getting their 5th championship in a row. 🙌



photos

1. NJSD soccer team pic - front row left to right - Assistant coach Rich Simpson, Luis Montalvo, Sunny Singh, Ryan Smith, Tim Skalko, JR Bingham, Matt Gilmore Back row left to right - Mike Clay, Fuquan Howard, Stephen Oliveria, Tom Moy, Joey Ruggieri, Joe Gilmore, AJ Ryan, Marquise Williams, Charles Florestal, Tamar Taylor, Head Coach Bill Nowrey

2. The NJSD seniors and coaches pose after the game. Left to right - Luis Montalvo, Ryan Smith, Head coach Bill Nowrey, Assistant coach Rich Simpson, Tim Skalko, Sukhninder "Sunny" Singh

3. JR Bingham and Fuquan Howard jump for joy after beating Lexington in the championship game by a shoot out.

Silly Signers



Silly Signers is the brainchild of Christian Markovic, a remarkable young man who is daily challenging his own physical limitations, using his artistic and creative talent as well as his amazing spirit. At the age of two, Christian was completely deaf, at thirteen he began to lose his sight, and by the age of twenty he was legally blind. At the same time Christian's neurological disorder left him mobility impaired.

Nonetheless, Christian became the first Deaf graduate of Savannah College of Art and Design and currently holds a BA in fine arts. His work has been shown at the Credit Suisse Gallery in New York City, the Piero Gallery in South Orange, New Jersey, as well as being one of the primary artists at the Arts Unbound in Orange, New Jersey. Some of Christian's corporate customers have been Harlem Day Charter School, Bright Horizons Day Care Centers, and the United Way Foundation.

Christian works on a Macintosh computer using a zoom program that enlarges his work 10 times the size of his originals. He also uses a CCATV, which enables him to read any information that he needs. Due to Christian's disabilities, finding work after graduating college was virtually impossible, so he decided to start his own business.

Fuzzy Wuzzy Designs began eight years ago with a unique line of greeting cards, designed and created by Christian. Due to its overwhelming success he decided to expand his business into clothing.

Check out fuzzywuzzydesign.com. 🙌





29th Annual Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Day Saturday, June 8, 2013

To purchase tickets visit one of our partnering organizations listed on page 11 or go to: www.sixflags.com/greatadventure and use the promo code: **NJDAD** (\$35 online until June 8)



- Communication access available throughout the park on June 8
- A portion of the proceeds supports organizations serving people with hearing loss
- Admission tickets valid any regular operating day through **October, 2013**

Ticket Prices for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Day

Before June 8

Theme: \$33
Hurricane Harbor: \$23
2-Park Season Pass: \$80
Parking Voucher: \$15

On June 8

Theme: \$40
Hurricane Harbor: \$25



NOTE: The safari is now included in the Theme Park admission for no additional fee. The vehicles, with a tour guide, will drive from the theme park to the safari.



Contact These Organizations for Tickets to the DDHH Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Day Saturday, June 8, 2013 - Six Flags Great Adventure

- Bridges to Employment
600 First Ave.
Raritan, NJ 08869
V: 908-685-1444 ext. 284
abetso@alternativesinc.org
- Bruce Street School for the Deaf
333 Clinton Place
Newark, NJ 07112
Day: 973-705-3952
MJMansbach@aol.com
- Eastern Deaf Ladies Golf Association
VP: 347-308-7669
Sourpeas@aol.com
- National Council of Hispano Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Npid1@hotmail.com
732-733-2730
- New Jersey Association of the Deaf
njadgreen@gmail.com
- New Jersey Association of the Deaf-Blind
24K Worlds Fair Drive
Somerset, New Jersey 08873
TTY/V: 732-805-1912
arosen@njadb.org
- New Jersey Deaf Awareness Week, Inc.
8 Kirk Ave.
Ewing, NJ 08638
RKArrigo@aol.com
- New Jersey Deaf Senior Housing
PO Box 212
Millburn, NJ 07041
Delusantsr.joseph@rocketmail.com
- New Jersey Deaf Sports, Inc.
26 N. Shore Blvd.
Helmetta, NJ 08828-1233
732-641-3420 (H)
609-997-3441 (W)
NJDeafSportsInc@gmail.com
- New Jersey Registry Interpreters for the Deaf
83 Hawkins Road
Tabernacle, New Jersey 08088
V: 609-980-8037
Meg.ellis@comcast.net
- North Jersey Community Center for the Deaf
112 Wingate Drive
Hackettstown, NJ 07440
MikeDrury46@gmail.com
- Northwest Jersey Association of the Deaf, Inc.
52 Heritage Court
Towaco, New Jersey 07082
W: 862-242-5662
dvvn40@yahoo.com
- St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf
2222 Vauxhall Road
Union, NJ 07083
V: 908-686-3965
TTY (W): 908-851-2004
Gracelu4u@yahoo.com





NPR Labs To Pilot Project of Radio Emergency Alerts for Deaf and Hard of Hearing People in U.S. Gulf Coast

NPR Labs has been awarded a contract from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to demonstrate the delivery of emergency alerts to people who are Deaf or hard of hearing in the Gulf Coast states through local public radio stations and the Public Radio Satellite System (PRSS®). This is the first effort to deliver real-time accessibility-targeted emergency messages, such as weather alerts, via radio broadcast texts.

This pilot system is intended to demonstrate that all individuals, including those who are Deaf or hard of hearing, can rely on battery-powered radios to stay informed in emergencies when electricity, Internet and other communications channels are unavailable.

NPR Labs, the technology research and development group of NPR, will work with USDHS and FEMA to identify 25 public radio stations in Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas to participate in the pilot. The distribution network of the Public Radio Satellite System (PRSS) will be used to test the effectiveness of the message delivery system. The Gulf region was chosen because it is frequently subjected to extreme and sudden weather conditions. Once proven, the system could be rolled out nationwide on the public radio stations served by the PRSS, which reach 95% of the U.S. population.

“As we work to promote disaster preparedness and awareness, it is important we remember to equip

every member of our communities,” Congressman Steven Palazzo (R-MS) stated. “This valuable partnership with Mississippi’s local public radio stations promises to expand the reach of our disaster alert systems, and I can think of no better place to conduct this trial than the Gulf Coast.”

“NPR Labs has developed expertise in making radio broadcasts available and accessible to everyone,” said NPR Labs Vice President and Executive Director Mike Starling.

“We believe this system can be a life-saver for those unable to hear emergency alerts today.”

In the demonstration project, FEMA will transmit emergency alert messages to the PRSS using the Common Alerting Protocol (CAP). The

PRSS network operations center will re-transmit the warning via the Radio Broadcast Data System (RBDS) on the participating 25 public radio stations on a dedicated digital alerting channel. The stations will broadcast the emergency alert to receivers capable of displaying text messages. Deaf or hard of hearing project volunteers will be alerted to the message by a flashing indicator on their radios or a bed-shaker triggered by their radios, to ensure the message is received day and night.

NPR Labs plans to identify 500 individuals who are Deaf or hard of hearing in the listening areas of the 25 participating stations. The volunteers will be surveyed periodically to determine the efficacy of the warnings. ?

About NPR Labs

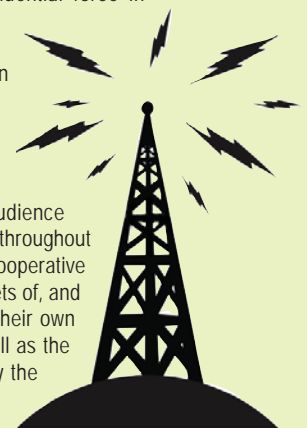
NPR Labs’ mission is to identify, evaluate, and advance the application of innovative technologies in support of the public service mission of NPR and its member stations. NPR Labs was established in 2005 as one of America’s only not-for-profit broadcast technology research and development center and is located at NPR headquarters in Washington, DC.

About NPR

NPR is an award-winning, multimedia news organization and an influential force in American life. In collaboration with more than 900 independent public radio stations nationwide, NPR strives to create a more informed public - one challenged and invigorated by a deeper understanding and appreciation of events, ideas and cultures.

About the PRSS

The Public Radio Satellite System® (PRSS) is the distribution network through which thousands of hours of news, music, and specialized audience programming are delivered every year to almost 1,700 public radio stations throughout the United States. Managed by NPR Distribution, the PRSS is a unique, cooperative enterprise. Each participating station is a stakeholder in the collective assets of, and services provided by, the satellite system. Interconnected stations own their own downlink and uplink equipment. The satellite transponder capacity, as well as the national operating system equipment located in Washington, is owned by the Public Radio Satellite Interconnection System Charitable Trust.



Jobs Available

New Jersey School for the Deaf – Katzenbach Campus

Job Vacancies at Marie Katzenbach School for the Deaf
320 Sullivan Way, West Trenton, NJ 08628

Support Services

Dr. Allwyn L. Baskin, Director of Administration

Email: Allwyn_L._Baskin@mkzd.state.nj.us

609-530-3104

Groundsworker - Performs traditional groundswork and landscaping duties. Involved directly in the maintenance of the school's grounds including planting, removal of debris or snow, cutting grass, etc.

Dining Services - Assists with work involved in food preparation and service including breakfast, lunch and dinner. Operates food preparation equipment and is involved with general cleaning and maintenance of kitchens.

Custodial - Performs traditional custodial work in a residential school setting. Operates related equipment to maintain the healthy appearance of classrooms, dormitories and offices.

Security - Patrols campus and provides protection to school community. Maintains orderly conditions and takes the measures required to assure observance of laws and policies.

Bus Driver - Requires CDL with passenger endorsement and good driving record. Responsible for transporting students both on-campus and off-campus as needed for various events.

Residential Services

Lauren Clarke, Director

Email: Lauren_Clarke@mkzd.state.nj.us

609-643-5806

Residential Assistant – supervises students in residential setting and works with other staff in running activities, guiding students in social and personal skills development, makes sure students are housed comfortably and in compliance with rules and regulations. Education: Minimum 60 credits required. B.S. degree preferred.

Academics

Joan Krasnisky, Principal

Email: Joan_Krasnisky@mkzd.state.nj.us

609-530-3120

Classroom Assistant – Under the supervision of a certified, professional teacher, the classroom assistant acts as direct care personnel in the classroom and assists with self-help, academic, social, vocational, and recreational activities designed for children and/or young adults and other related duties as required. Classroom assistant work outside of the classroom providing direct personal care to individual students (AKA “personal assistants” or one-on-one aides”) as needed. Education: Minimum 60 credits required. B.S. degree preferred.

Class of
2016
Mentors

Need a ride to Scranton, Pa
for Peach Music Festival?
Call Gus for more information.

EADB/EDWBA Bowling Tournament Events of May 2-5, 2013



67th Annual Eastern Association of Deaf Bowlers (EADB) and 56th Annual Deaf Women's Bowling Association (EDWBA) Bowling Tournaments hosted by North Jersey Community Center of the Deaf, Inc. (NJCCD), are coming to our home state of New Jersey during the weekend of May 2-5, 2013 in North Brunswick, New Jersey.

There will be a number of Deaf and hard of hearing bowlers from other Northeastern and New England states participating in our tournaments at Brunswick Zone Carolier Lanes on Carolier Lane by the intersections of Route 1, 130 and 171. You get off at Exit 9 on the New Jersey Turnpike for Route 18 (North) to meet Route 1 (South) for Trenton.

Here is a list of tentative events planned for the big tournament weekend. Admissions to these events is not free. A one-time EADB/EDWBA registration fee of \$ 10 is required for every fan to attend plus event ticket costs through the weekend.

Thursday, May 2 at 7:30 PM – BINGO Event at Hotel 999 & Conference Center, 999 Route 1 (South) in North Brunswick.

Friday, May 3 at 7 PM –Tricky Tray Event and Texas Hold'Em Poker Games at Hotel 999 & Conference Center

Sunday, May 5 at 9 AM – EADB Single/ Double Events at Brunswick Zone Carolier

Friday, May 3 at 10 AM – EADB Master and Senior Master Events at Brunswick Zone Carolier

Saturday, May 4 at 10 AM – EADB Team Event at Brunswick Zone Carolier

Sunday, May 5 at 9 AM – EDWBA Team Event at Brunswick Zone Carolier

Friday, May 3 at 10 AM – EDWBA Queen Event at Brunswick Zone Carolier

Saturday, May 4 at 10 AM – EDWBA Single/ Double Events at Brunswick Zone Carolier

For more information about individual/combo ticket costs, please visit www.njccdsite.org and click the Bowling picture on right.

Friday, May 3 at noon – EDWBA Senior Queen Event at Brunswick Zone Carolier

Saturday, May 4 at 7:30 PM at Ballroom (The Price Is Right Affair) and Awards at Hotel 999 & Conference Center. Also, Texas Hold'Em Poker Games, too.

General Chairman - Leonard S. Amato
Co-Chairman - John Rivera, Jr.
Co-Lady - Bev Golden
HostCity 2013
Bowling Tournament Committees

Support NJAD

Let's Get Together!

Saturday, April 20, 2013

4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Please arrive on time

Blackthorn Restaurant & Irish Pub

651 North Michigan Ave.

Kenilworth, NJ 07033

(Only 3 miles from UCC's ASL Fest)



**Appetizer platter and sandwich wraps,
dessert, soft drink, iced tea
\$22 per person**

First come, first served!

Deadline for reservation: April 17

Info: Darlene Sarnouski at Sarno3@aol.com

Fundraising proceeds for 2013 NJAD State Conference



ZUMBA at Marie Katzenbach School for the Deaf

All classes are a \$10 donation for participants and students are free. Classes are held in the Jochem Center as follows:

Sunday, April 7, 2013 at 10 a.m.

Thursday, April 11, 2013 at 7 p.m.

Sunday, April 21, 2013 at 10 a.m.

Thursday, April 25, 2013 at 7 p.m.



Contact info: francescayma@hotmail.com or
h22schumacher@gmail.com

DEAF FEST 2013

NJDAW is hosting 2013 Deaf Fest on Sunday, September 22 in East Brunswick, NJ.

If you are interested to have your exhibit or table vendor, please contact Natalie Beckman at njdawtable@gmail.com.



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Hearing Loss Association of Ocean/Monmouth Counties Meeting

The next chapter meeting will be held on
**Sunday, June 2, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. in the
Center for Healthy Living, 198 Prospect St., Lakewood, NJ.**

Future meetings: September 8 and December 1

The Hearing Loss Association is a national organization created to aid individuals with deafness and late hearing loss to cope with their problems and learn ways to help to hear and understand every day events in life.

We will have Nursing Care Advocates and Traci Burton, from the *New Jersey Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing*. Meetings are open to everyone and are a rewarding way to spend a few hours socializing with other hard-of-hearing individuals who share your problems and concerns.

As always, light refreshments will be served. Feel free to bring your favorite dessert to share.

For additional information e-mail: oceanmonmouthhla@yahoo.com.

Diverse Deaf Club of New Jersey Inc

Dingo Night

Saturday, April 6, 2013

**Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church
1740 Route 130, North Brunswick, NJ
08902**

Door Opens at 5 p.m.
Admission for members: \$10 and
non-members \$12
Refreshments on sale.

Come Join

Happy Hands Camp 2013

Happy Hands is open to children ages 4 to 12 who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing, CODAs (Children of Deaf Adults), and Siblings of Deaf/Hard of Hearing.

It will be located at Gloucester County Institute of Technology in Sewell, NJ on July 8 to August 8 (Mondays-Thursdays) from 8:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m. .



To request information, please contact
Lorie Cross-Jones at: lcrossjones@gcecnj.org.

New Jersey American Sign Language (NJASLTA)

will present

Byron Bridges
"Body Language and ASL"



Born deaf to deaf parents and growing up with a deaf sister, Dr. Byron W. Bridges has used ASL as the primary language throughout his whole life. He attended deaf schools and public schools. Dr. Bridges earned his Masters of Arts (MA) degree in Linguistics from Gallaudet University, and a doctoral degree (Ed.D) in Deaf Studies and Deaf Education at Lamar University. Dr. Bridges co-authored the book, *Deaf Tend Yours*. He has written video scripts and produced numerous deaf-related videotapes/DVDs. Dr. Bridges has been in the field of ASL linguistics, interpreting and post secondary teaching of ASL as a second language for 30 years. He is a certified deaf interpreter (CDI), earning the certification through the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf.

This workshop will focus on reading body language when someone is signing in ASL. We will be studying many different perspectives: proximity, Body language, kinesics, and nonverbal gestures. This workshop will be an eye opener even for the most experienced interpreter.

We will discuss how space and interaction that occurs within the given space with other individuals.

- Understanding the movements of the body and the meaning that each movement represents in communication.
- Gestures that do not give a specific meaning but rather give connotations of the statement that is being said, verbally or non verbally.
- Body Language and how they are applied to ASL.
- How to identify body language from sign language.

**May 4, 2013
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
ASLTA Hrs: 6 hours
CEU's: .6 (RID)
Cost \$45**

Workshop Location: Union County College, UCC Main Lecture Hall, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford, NJ 07016

There will be no voice interpreted. Bring your own lunch. Contact Lynne Jacob for more information, via e-mail to NJASLTA@aol.com. Pay NJASLTA, 52 Heritage Court, Towaco, NJ 07082-1262 with your name and email address. The deadline is April 26.

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New Jersey Association of the Deaf, Inc.

Wine Tasting Fundraiser

Saturday, April 13, 2013

3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Cream Ridge Winery

145 Country Road 539

Cream Ridge, NJ 08501

\$25 pp | by April 5, 2013

No walk-ins at door

In addition to delicious wines and cheeses, one free ticket for wine basket drawing put together by the *Cream Ridge Winery*.

“WINE BASKET”

Extra Ticket: \$5

DONATE | Be present at the Cream Ridge Winery to win!

Info: Contact Kathy Hadjamacha

kathmaryhaj@gmail.com

Deadline is April 5, 2013

Fundraising proceeds for 2013 NJAD Conference



ASL Interpreter Workshop

presented by

*Center for Student Accessibility's
Resource Center for the Deaf:*

Understanding Scientific Processes Along the Pacific Crest Trail

Presenter: Guthrie Nutter

Friday, April 12, 2013

5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

College of Staten Island

Performing Arts Building (1P) Room: 116

.4 RID Professional Studies CEUs

COST: \$40/person

Make checks out to:

Center for Student Accessibility at CSI

Send through PayPal to: alsaindon@gmail.com

**Please reserve your spot and provide payment by
April 1, 2013. Limit 25 seats.**

Workshop Description

In this course we will explore scientific processes that take place along the Pacific Crest Trail a 2,600 mile trail through California, Oregon and Washington. Classifiers will be used to describe environments that are static (photographic approach) to dynamic (changes over time). Terminology associated with precipitation, photosynthesis, geological metamorphosis as well as climate change will be discussed. In addition, storytelling techniques will be demonstrated to highlight key moments during the expedition. – Workshop will be presented in ASL with no voice interpretation.



Presenter Bio:

In the last 15 years, Guthrie has worn many hats here in NYC. Guthrie has performed on Broadway (Big River), worked with several museums as a docent (Metropolitan, Guggenheim, Intrepid, Rubin Museum of Art, The High Line) and taught ASL at several institutions (Columbia, NYU, Laguardia Community College, and the Sign Language Center). He has presented and hosted several workshops related to theatre and museum interpreting. This is his first presentation on science-related topics. Many thanks to Jen Smith, Anna Carter and RID.

Mail payment to: **Anna Carter College of Staten Island,
2800 Victory Blvd, 1P-101, Staten Island, NY 10314**

Questions, comments or Deaf-blind accommodation requests -
please contact: Anna Carter
alsaindon@gmail.com 201-710-0892



CAREER OPTIONS DAY

Career Options Day will be held on

**April 23, 2013 at the JFK Conference & Fitness
Center, 70 James Street, Edison, New Jersey from
8:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.**

It is an opportunity to meet with prospective employers and receive career information. If you have a need for a sign language interpreter please contact us so that we have available a sufficient number of sign language interpreters to assist those in need of this service. If you have any questions concerning “Career Options Day,” please contact:

[Celie Iwashyna at JFK-Johnson Rehabilitation Institute](mailto:celie.lwashyna@jfk-rehab.com)
at (732) 321-7069.



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Deaf & Hard of Hearing Youth Group
Roller Skate Event
 APRIL 20, 2013
 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Young's Skating Center
 13th Street and Park Road, Mays Landing, NJ 08330
 Admission: \$5.50
 Regular Skate: \$ 2.25
 Speed Skate: \$ 2.50
 Inline Skake (Rollerblade): \$ 3
 Please bring extra money for snack bar!
 RSVP by April 14, 2013
 Email: DeafHHyouth@gmail.com



Kean University Deaf JAM!
Thursday, April 18, 2013
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
University Center Little Theatre
 The event includes Kean students performing songs, poems, dances, and stories in ASL. The cost of the event is \$5.
Space is limited!
 To reserve a seat please contact Barbara at iandioib@kean.edu
 Tickets will not be sold at door.
 Intermission will include refreshments.
 Come and enjoy a night of entertainment.



U UNION COUNTY COLLEGE
29th Annual Deaf Festival
April 20, 2013
 Entertainment, exhibits, vendors, evening program, old friends, new friends.
 A great group of students in **SIGN Club** planning a special day for the Deaf Community and for **YOU!**
New! New! New!
 A community forum in the morning.

For Deaf People, For Everyone!
 Contact: forestal@ucc.edu

Northwest Jersey Association of the Deaf, Inc. - NWJAD
 Invites you to share in Bonnie's Life Celebration!
The Bonnie Thomas Memorial Fund and NWJAD-O
Saturday, May 11, 2013
St. Peter's Episcopal Church
215 Boulevard, Mountain Lake, NJ
 Door opens at 12:00 p.m.
 Dingo game starts at 1:00 p.m.
 Order Form: \$15 includes lunch and dingo game
 Pay at door: \$20 includes lunch and dingo game
 (If you bring a homemade or store bought dessert, you will receive 3 free 50/50 raffle tickets)
 Please make a check or money order payable to **NWJAD, Inc.** and mail to:
Tom Montemorano, 52 Heritage Ct, Towaco, NJ 07082

Name(s): _____
 How many people: _____ x \$15 = \$ _____
 Email: _____

Deadline: May 1, 2013 For more info: www.nwjad.org
 Email: nwjad2011@nwjad.org

Lake Windfall
 Northwest Jersey Assn. of the Deaf, Inc. - NJWAD and Rustic Lantern Deaf Film host an exclusive showing of
"Lake Windfall"
 by Tony Nitko and Rogers Vass, Jr.
 April 20, 2013
 Union County College
 The Stage for the Pit
 1033 Springfield Avenue
 Cranford, NJ 07016
 Door opens at 6:30 p.m.
 Movie starts at 7:30 p.m. sharp!
After UCC ASL Fest
 Ticket Price: \$12 per person
 Where to buy tickets: www.nwjad.org/rlf.html
 Info: Contact Joey Garth - president12@nwjad.org

The film is a portrait of interactions between deaf, hard of hearing and hearing people. The plot focuses on five characters in a post-apocalyptic setting. Told with humor and emotion, this film makes an authentic look at three different types of hearing loss experiences. While navigating through tale of awareness and survival, both hearing and deaf will realize how critical effective communication is to our collective survival.



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Northwest Jersey Association of the Deaf, Inc. - NJWAD

ASL Comedy & Social Night

VFW Post
6 Winslow Place
Paramus, NJ 07653
Saturday, April 27, 2013
7:00 p.m.

After the show, come on up and tell a joke or share a funny story!

Admission: \$10
Pay at door only

Not suitable for children under 18 years old

Looking forward to seeing you there!

For more info: www.nwjad.org
E-mail us at:
2011nwjad@nwjad.org

The Association of Late-Deafened Adults—Garden State (ALDA-GS)



Spring Workshop, Lunch and Open House "Accessing Entertainment"

Saturday, May 4
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Morris County Library Public Meeting Room
30 East Hanover Avenue, Whippany, N.J.

Discuss new technologies that can help you enjoy movies, Broadway shows, local theater and more. Learn from ALDA-GS members as they share their experiences about finding new ways to access the arts and popular culture. CART and sign language interpreting services will be provided. Free lunch and cake served immediately following the workshop. Please let us know by May 1 if you can come so we order enough for everyone: ALDA.GardenState@gmail.com.

For directions: www.gti.net/mocolib1/compass.html
Info: ALDA.GardenState@gmail.com.
For more information on ALDA-GS, visit: www.alda-gs.org.

Spring/Summer Mini Fashion Show

Hosted by NJ Deaf Senior Housing Committee

Saturday, May 18, 2013

Montville Senior Center, 356 Route 202, Montville, NJ 07045

1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Tricky Tray Drawing at 4 p.m.: Exciting Gift Baskets/Certificates will be made available for the fun Tricky Tray Activity. Participants buy raffle tickets and place the tickets in the bowls next to the items you hope to win. One person can put in as many tickets as you want in a bowl to increase the odds of winning that gift basket or certificate!

Light Refreshments will be provided by *New Jersey Relay*.

All proceeds go to the NJ Senior Housing Fund

\$10 advance - Send check by May 10; \$15 at door

RSVP by May 10, 2013 Limited to 180 seats

Please make check or money order payable to: **NJAD-NJ Deaf Senior Housing**
Mail to: NJ Deaf Senior Housing, PO Box 212, Millburn, NJ 07041

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

I will not be able to attend and would like to make a donation for \$_____.
Admission and non-attendance is tax deductible - a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

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North Jersey Community Center of the Deaf, Inc.
Spring Fever BINGO Affair



VFW Post 5084
6 Veterans Place
Elmwood Park, NJ
Saturday, April 13, 2013
6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Donation in advance for member \$10, non-member \$ 12, student with ID \$ 8
At door on April 13 for member \$ 12, non-member \$ 15, student with ID \$ 10
First game will begin to play at 7 p.m. sharp!

\$ 1,000 in cash given away based on 200 people attending.

- ◆ Refreshments on sale ◆ 50/50 drawings ◆ NJCCD Affair Banknite ◆
- ◆ Texas Hold'Em Poker Games ◆

To order tickets in advance for a coupon to print and mail, please click www.njccdsite.org/bingo413rev.pdf by the deadline of April 8.
Chairperson Wendy Ommundsen & Co-Chairperson Heather Crowe
For more information, e-mail Heather at: crazycrowe24@gmail.com



National Theatre of the Deaf

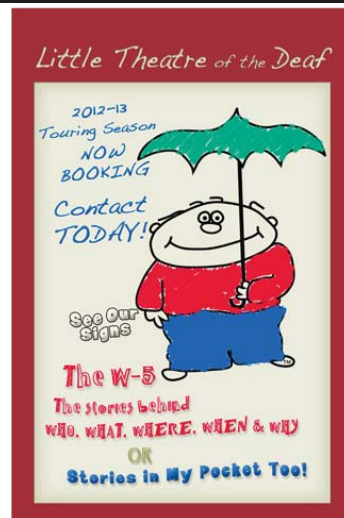


The National Theatre of the Deaf
Little Theatre of the Deaf
will perform *The W-5*
at Newark's
Bruce Street School
for the Deaf
on April 26, 2013.

In *The W-5*, the performers will relay the stories behind Who?, What?, Where?, When?, and Why?

Deaf students in all grade levels throughout the state of New Jersey are invited to attend this event. For more information about attending the performance, contact Carol Ukstins at cukstins@nps.k12.nj.us RSVP required by April 10, 2013.

Bruce Street School for the Deaf, has provided quality education for deaf and hard of hearing students for over 100 years. Students with hearing and communication impairments attend from throughout the city of Newark, as well as from neighboring towns and counties.



Religious Access

Christ the King Deaf Church

Deaf Community Action Network (DeafCAN!)

730 South New Street, West Chester, PA 19382

(484) 319-4256 VP or voice; (610) 696-2487 Fax

The Rev. Beth D. Lockard, M.Ed., Pastor

BethLockardCTK@juno.com www.CTKDeafChurch.com

DEAF EXPO

April 13, 2013, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Exhibitor Registration

Cost: \$25 - Nonprofits and Craftspeople; \$50 for business

Registrations are recommended before April 1. Round (5' diameter) tables are limited & reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. Limited electrical outlets available on a first-come, first served basis. WiFi is available in the room. Free parking in lot behind church.

Exhibitor Information:

Organization Name _____

Address _____

Representative at Expo _____

Representative's Email _____

VP/Phone _____ Number of tables _____

Please list any other special needs or requests you might have and we will attempt to accommodate with our limited resources. Please send check & form to church address listed on letterhead. We prohibit sale of weapons, alcohol, pornography, and lottery tickets. Church will NOT make copies for vendors.

Deaf Adult Spirituality
proudly presents

**Topic: The Mass - Part 2
by Deacon Tom Smith**



**Friday, April 12, 2013
at 7 p.m.**

St. Peter The Apostle Church
Rout 46 West and 179 Baldwin Road
Parsippany, NJ 07054
Church Hall
973-947-7572 VP



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NJ Department of Human Services
Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
PO Box 074
Trenton, NJ 08625-0074

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Calendar of Events 2013

Friday, April 26

9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
NJ DDHH Advisory Council
Meeting

Rahway Public Library
2 City Hall Plaza
Rahway, NJ 07065

Note: New time and location
Speaker: U.S. Department of
Housing and
Urban Development -
Office of Fair Housing and
Equal Opportunity

Saturday, May 4

Family Learning Conference for
Families with Children Who are
Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Bergen Community College
Paramus NJ

Contact Malia for more
information:
Maliac@comcast.net
or 908-208-4040

June 28 - 30

Biennial Conference
“40 Years NJRID Strong”
The Sheraton Eatontown Hotel
For more informatio, contact
Sharon Ferraro at:
sharonferraro@comcast.net
(908) 755-6616.

Sunday, Sept. 22

Deaf Fest 2013
Middlesex County Fairgrounds
East Brunswick, NJ

DDHH Regular Office Hours: Monday – Friday; 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM