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Collecting Used Hearing Aids

If you have a used hearing aid and wish to donate it, we have the place. In the future, these aids will be reconditioned and dispensed to others in need in New Jersey.

Please send in a padded envelope or box, or unlabeled prescription container to:

New Jersey Hearing Aid Project
Montclair State University
1515 Broad St., Bldg. B
Bloomfield, NJ 07003



Thank you to everyone who already has sent old hearing aids to the NJ Hearing Aid Project. We greatly appreciate your donations.

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Daylight Savings Time Ends November 3 at 2:00 a.m.

Remember to turn your clocks back one hour.





Director's Corner

By David Alexander, Ph.D., Director, Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DDHH)

Deaf Fest 2013 was an astounding success this year. I wish to congratulate the members of the Deaf Awareness Week Board of Trustees and the numerous volunteers and friends for their efforts in organizing a successful cultural celebration of the Deaf Community. The division co-sponsored this event and also was an exhibitor. I enjoyed the opportunity to meet and mingle with the record breaking crowds and visit the many agencies, companies and organizations serving people who are Deaf and hard of hearing. The family entertainment presented by talented performers who were Deaf was first class.

The division is planning a series of workshops for people who are Deaf and hard of hearing to enhance their awareness of state and federal services to which they may be entitled. To assist us in identifying priorities for training, staff member Catie Purrazzella has prepared a consumer survey listing potential topics. The survey is located on page 9 of this newsletter. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey and tell us the type of state and federal services you would like to learn more about. The results will be analyzed and will be a basis for us to plan future DDHH workshops.

The survey also can be accessed at: www.surveymonkey.com/s/NJ_DDHH_SURVEY

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David C. Alexander". The signature is fluid and cursive.

David C. Alexander, Ph.D., Director
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- Should be less than two pages
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- 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
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Deaf Summer Camps

By Catherine Purrazzella, DDHH Service Coordinator

Yes, we know that summer is over now and school is back in session. But, that doesn't mean we can't get an early head start on making plans for summer 2014!

Many Deaf and hard of hearing youths struggle to meet and make friends with their hearing peers in school because of cultural differences and communication barriers. Hearing youths may go to camp or hang out with their friends, but Deaf and hard of hearing youths can miss out on those experiences. The Deaf and hard of hearing population is very scattered and Deaf camps offer a centralized point to come together.

Deaf and hard of hearing youths are not alone; I was in their shoes too. I never had the opportunity to attend a Deaf camp when I was younger because both my hearing parents and I didn't know that Deaf camps existed. So, here is your opportunity as a parent to learn about the available Deaf camps for youths that we have today. Most camp staff are Deaf and/or hard of hearing and use sign language. It is a good feeling to be around people who really understand you.

I was a camp counselor at Youth Leadership Camp in Stayton, Oregon and at Explore Your Future in Rochester, NY. I watched Deaf and hard of hearing campers enjoy their interactions with their peers because there were no communication barriers.

Campers were in an environment where they were not judged by their peers because of their hearing loss. Peer interaction is not the only positive advantage of Deaf camps. Campers also develop stronger social skills, self-confidence, independence, and character. Don't forget that after camp is over, Deaf campers can



go home with a network of Deaf peers with whom they can stay in touch.

In addition to Deaf camps, there are programs for Kids of Deaf Adults (KODA) to give KODAs the opportunity to meet other KODAs.

You can find a list of Deaf camps by state at: www.gallaudet.edu/x17375.xml.

If you are aware of other camp programs for Deaf and hard of hearing children that are not on the list, please e-mail infotogo@gallaudet.edu. NJ DDHH does not have any control over this list. There are day and sleep-away Deaf camps where parents can decide

which one suits their child the best. Making this kind of decision really depends on your child and their age. It is really important to involve your child in the choices and the kinds of activities they like to do.

Sending your child to camp can be very expensive. Thankfully, there is some financial assistance.

Some camps offer scholarships but most are limited and offer on a first-come, first-served basis. My suggestion is to apply early. If you were ineligible in the past due to your income; you may be eligible now because some camp fees are higher than before. If the camp does not offer scholarships, then you can try checking with civic and social organizations like the Lions Club.

Some other options include dependent care flexible spending accounts which allow parents to use the funds for camp as qualifying child care expenses; child dependent care credit where you may be able to get a tax break for summer camp expenses; volunteering your time to pitch in at the camp; and sibling discounts when you enroll two or more children at the same time. Try working directly with the camp in figuring out how to pay for camp fees.

Registration deadlines for Deaf camps vary from winter to spring; and some don't have deadlines at all but will close registration when slots are filled. Start looking around for Deaf camps now to fulfill your child's summer before it is too late.

If you need additional information or have questions about Deaf summer camps, you may reach Catie Purrazzella at 609-503-4862 or Catherine.Purrazzella@dhs.state.nj.us.



What to Expect After Purchasing Hearing Aids

By Traci Burton, *DDHH Field Representative*



Buying a hearing aid is a huge purchase in more ways than one. First, it's expensive so you want to make sure you get what will work for you. Second, it is important to have realistic expectations on how the hearing aid will assist you. Many admit to trying hearing aids for a day and when they "don't work," the aids are thrown in a drawer and forgotten. Though it may be easier said than done, this article from www.healthyhearing.com on July 25, 2013 reinforces that time, patience and acceptance are needed. Here are some more points to expect in obtaining hearing aids:

Hearing aids are far more than just giving someone's sense of hearing back, they help to reverse the negative side effects of hearing loss. They allow users to gain their sense of communication and self-confidence, possibly avoid depression and isolation and improve physical and mental wellbeing. However, there's somewhat of a trial period during which you are able to determine the exact features and settings that are appropriate for your hearing loss. Here's what to expect when you're purchasing hearing aids and after you leave your audiologist's office.

Getting Started

When you purchase hearing aids at a hearing healthcare professional's office, you'll take a hearing exam that helps your hearing healthcare professional to determine the severity of your hearing loss and the best solution for you. After this, you'll be able to try hearing aids depending on your mild, moderate, severe or profound hearing loss.

Getting Used To It

According to Better Hearing, it takes the average hearing aid user about 30 days to get used to the device and realize maximum benefits. Today's hearing aids are technologically advanced to have automatic adjustments of sound depending on your environment and listening preferences, but they still might take some time to get used to. One of the first things you may have to get used to is the sound of your voice, but by reading aloud to yourself on a regular basis, you can get comfortable with hearing yourself quickly. Audiologists will often recommend a two-week follow up appointment to make sure that you are adapting correctly.

Checking In

Before you go to the office, have a list of questions prepared for your hearing healthcare professional regarding your hearing aids. For the first couple weeks, it's best to take notes on how the devices are working and what isn't working. This will give you and your audiologist a better idea of how to remedy the issues so you can find the most benefits from the devices. Are there certain noises that are too soft or loud? Do you find yourself hearing different pitches better than others? These are all things to consider. Unlike purchasing hearing aids online, you can get cleanings and checks with your doctor to ensure the device is working properly. Sometimes hearing aids aren't working properly because of a buildup of ear wax or dirt. Keeping the device in working condition and cleaned regularly will help to maintain the longevity of the hearing aid.

Sussex County and Ocean County Library's Assistive Listening Technology Loan Program

Many public places are characterized by background noise and poor acoustic design, which negatively impact the ability of people to hear. These conditions affect all individuals and make effective listening nearly impossible for a person with any kind of hearing loss. Assistive listening technologies such as a "Personal FM System" or a "Wide Area FM System" may significantly improve listening conditions.

The Sussex County Library located at 125 Morris Turnpike in Newton, NJ and the Ocean County Library located at 101 Washington Street in Toms River, NJ both offer the Assistive Listening Technology Loan Program to the residents of Sussex and Ocean counties. Any interested individual or agency/organization is able to borrow, free of charge, a Personal FM System or a Wide Area FM System.

The Personal FM System is for use in small group settings while the Wide Area FM System is for use in larger spaces. The Camden County Library has three Personal Systems and one Wide Area System available for loan. Neckloops and headsets are also available for loan.

For more information about these loan programs, Sussex County residents should contact the Sussex County Library at 973-948-3660. Ocean County

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HLA-NJ News and Views

A Monthly Column from The Hearing Loss Association of NJ
By Joel Strasser, APR, Fellow PRSA, Trustee, HLA - NJ

Hearing Loss Association of NJ Sets November 16 for Annual Meeting/MiniFair at East Brunswick

The Annual Meeting and MiniFair of the Hearing Loss Association of New Jersey (HLA-NJ) will be held November 16, 2013, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the East Brunswick Public Library. In addition to its election of officers for their succeeding two-year terms, the day's event will also feature stimulating speakers and exhibits from many of New Jersey's outstanding hearing help and assistive listening groups and organizations.

Welcoming remarks will be offered by Dr. David Alexander, director of the New Jersey Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. The day's featured speaker for the event will be Jody Prysock, on "How to Manage Communication in Healthcare Settings."

Ms. Prysock is an adjunct professor at the CUNY Disabilities Studies program, and former director of Language, Culture and Disability Services at the NYU Langone Medical Center. A certified sign language interpreter, Ms. Prysock also has served as a strong advocate and problem solver for patients and healthcare providers.

The annual meeting event also will be the site of a MiniFair featuring agencies and organizations that HLA-NJ works with collaboratively on an on-going basis. During the past year, these have included and among featured exhibitors will be:

- State of New Jersey, Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- NJ Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (multiple booths for different NJ locations)
- Sprint CapTel
- CaptionCall
- New Jersey Theatre Alliance
- EmCom Looping Systems.



HLA-NJ serving board members include: (Front row, left to right) Arlene Romoff, Carol Granaldi, Linda Schaab, Bev Sudler, Joel Strasser, Janet Rosen; (Second row, left to right) Alyse Betso, Wayne Roorda, Marvin Schaab, Ken Keuhlen, Marie Nordling, Sandy Spekman.

The MiniFair will also include an:

- "Ask the Audiologist" booth, and an
- HLAA Information Booth
- Display of HLA-NJ Scholarship Winners Newspaper Articles Published during 2013

Light refreshments will be served to all who attend. Members of HLAA nationally are automatically members

of HLA-NJ and have voting rights at the November 16 meeting. Moreover, the Annual Meeting and MiniFair is open to the public, and all those with any interest in hearing loss issues are cordially invited and welcome to attend, along with friends and family members. Readers with any questions may contact Joel Strasser at 732-415-7556, or jjas888@aol.com.



HLA-NJ Annual Meeting and MiniFair

Saturday, November 16, 2013

1-4 p.m.

East Brunswick Public Library
Refreshments • Speakers • Exhibits

All are welcome to attend.

Cochlear Implant Group Listens to Music

By Diane Pacello

June 13 was a dark and stormy night, a tornado warning was in effect. Suddenly the doors to Grace Episcopal Church in Haddonfield flew open! Eating, greeting, then coming to the meeting from the pizza social held at Villa Rosa, Haddonfield, NJ were 25 members of the Phila/Haddonfield Cochlear Implant Support Group. With a mailing list of 100, people show up from near and far. Some have moved so far that they can't come to meetings, but like to know what is happening with the group. The evening's speaker was Jeanne Fredriksen, MED-EL sales associate. She spoke on the ability CI wearers have to enjoy music. Like all things it requires practice, and CI people know all about practice. She emphasized the brain's ability to fill in

words and melodies to songs it is not totally hearing, but recognized enough from the past to play this music itself. Everyone knows the Star Spangled Banner. When that iconic song begins, every brain sings along with it. That is why she points out the importance of starting with songs with which you are very familiar.

Soundhound.com is an on line site that provides lyrics for thousands of songs. *Shazam.com* does the same. From *YouTube.com*, she showed us six music videos. She started with a piano solo of the National Anthem, then a Mozart symphony. Next up, was a female voice with instrumental accompaniment, a male voice with guitar and finally a female with voice, visual and lyrics. As we know, the more



senses that are engaged, the better the outcome. This final video would be the ideal model for learning to enjoy music. Ms. Fredriksen answered many questions. Since our meeting had run overtime, she e-mailed follow-up that was forwarded to all. As always, the group thanked the DDHH for providing CART, and interpreter services. These services allow us to accommodate a diverse group at our meetings.

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Library cardholders should contact the Ocean County Library at 732-394-6200.

In addition to the Sussex County and Ocean County Libraries, several other regional libraries participate in the program. To learn more about their programs, please contact these libraries at:

Atlantic County Library
40 Farragut Avenue
Mays Landing, NJ 08330
609-625-2776

Burlington County Library
5 Pioneer Boulevard
Westhampton, NJ 08060
609-267-9660

Camden County Library
203 Laurel Road
Voorhees, NJ 08043
856-772-1636

Gloucester County Library
389 Wolfert Station Road
Mullica Hill, NJ 08062
856-223-6000

Monmouth County Library Headquarters
125 Symmes Drive
Manalapan, NJ 07726
732-431-7220

Monmouth County Library Eastern Branch
1001 Route 35
Shrewsbury, NJ 07702
732-683-8980

Montclair Public Library
50 South Fullerton Avenue
Montclair, NJ 07042
973-744-0500 x2232

Morris County Library
30 East Hanover Road
Whippany, NJ 07981
973-285-6979

Piscataway Public Library
500 Hoes Lane
Piscataway, NJ 08854
732-463-1633



The Assistive Listening Technology Loan Program is funded by the NJ Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

Traci Burton, Field Representative can be reached at 609-588-2648 or traci.burton@dhs.state.nj.us.

CBVI

Director Appointed

The NJ State Department of Human Services announced the appointment of Dr. Daniel Frye as the new Executive Director of the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired (CBVI). He started on October 21, 2013. Dr. Frye filled the vacancy created by Vito DeSantis' retirement last June.

Dr. Frye comes to NJCBVI from Maryland, where he served as a management and program specialist with the Rehabilitation Services Administration with the US Department of Education. There, he was responsible for the national administration of the Federal Randolph-Sheppard program and the Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youth and Adults.

Prior to his employment with the US Department of Education, Daniel served in successive management positions on the national staff of the National Federation of the Blind and as national advocate for the Association of Blind Citizens of New Zealand.

Dr. Frye earned his Juris Doctorate at the University of Washington, School of Law and his Bachelor of Arts degree at Erskine College in South Carolina. He is a certified mediator and has authored several publications and articles.

Dealing with Hearing Aid Sticker Shock

By Joel Strasser, APR, Fellow PRSA

Before embarking on that next adventure into the rain forest of hearing aid evaluation, remember that your purchase could turn out to be your third most costly investment, after your house and automobile. As such, consideration should certainly be focused on the resources you can bring to bear on covering all or parts of this expenditure. Depending on your individual situation, you could be looking at a dollar outlay ranging anywhere from a few thousand to as much as \$15,000 for whatever you and your audiologist finally decide on the type of device that would help you most.



First, of course, you want to start by trimming that top figure by as much as possible. Start by using your usual charm and persuasion to try to negotiate your best price point. While most health insurance plans as well as Medicare do not traditionally cover hearing aid costs, you should explore whatever incentives and benefits might be available to you from any of the organizations, professional associations and trade or labor unions in which you or your spouse might be members. My own recent upgrade found there were some immediate benefits available just by being a member of AARP, and that there were a couple of thousand dollars forthcoming from my wife's teacher's union membership, which offers an infrequent hearing aid benefit that covers a small part of the total cost.

Even with those incentives and benefits, handling the balance of the total cost is best leveraged with the aid of some clever credit card creativity. In my particular case, the hearing aid dealer offered me a seemingly palatable credit card payoff which divided monthly payments into comfortable bites over a five-year period. But here's where one has to be careful to avoid what could actually be a case of bait and switch, at least on credit card interest rates. The credit card payments shown in the literature at the audiologist's office showed a typical interest rate on most payments of 14.9%, which seems fair and is approximately the same as most credit cards today. However, after filling out all the paperwork and arranging payment for the new hearing aids, I subsequently received my new credit card from the card issuer and realized that the APR (annual percentage rate) for this particular card was to be 26.99%, just a couple of points shy of the state's legal maximum. After doing the simple calculation of my monthly payments multiplied by the number of months to fully pay it off,



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Dear NJ Relay



Dear NJ CapTel,

My CapTel phone is not working. How do I get help with resolving the issue?

Frustrated CapTel User

Dear Frustrated CapTel User,

Thank you for contacting CapTel Customer Service. We are sorry that you are experiencing challenges with your CapTel phone. Getting your phone working is our top priority. Below you will find ways to reach us:

CUST Serv Button on your CapTel Phone

Pick up the handset and press the CUST SERV button to use speed dial and automatically connect to our helpful Customer Service team. If you are in an office setting, you may need to dial a number (such as 9) first to get an outside line, then press the CUST SERV button. Customer Service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It is closed on major holidays.

Online

Help materials and Live Chat help are available online at: www.captel.com/customer_service/

Sprint CapTel® Customer Service

(Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, closed major holidays)

Phone: 888.269.7477

Fax: 608.204.6167

Email: captel@captel.com

Mail: CapTel Customer Service

450 Science Drive

Madison, WI 53711

Contact CapTel Customer Service using one of the options above. If the representative determines that additional in person troubleshooting support is needed, they will contact our NJ CapTel Outreach Specialist team for a home visit.

Thank you for writing to us,
NJ CapTel

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it became painfully obvious that the pair of \$6,000 digital hearing aids with Bluetooth capability would actually cost more than \$9,000.

As such, it would clearly pay you handsomely to begin the process by shopping around for a friendlier credit card arrangement. Ideally, you should be looking for a credit card promotion that allows you a 0% APR, free or low-interest balance transfer, as well as a zero percent APR on purchases for at least one year. That way, you can immediately make the purchase on any convenient credit card that's already in your wallet, and once you've found the "ideal" credit arrangement to fully pay for the hearing aids, you can then do a balance transfer and schedule your future payments on your new no-interest promotional card. Information about credit card promotions is generally available on the Internet, or you might consult with your favorite bank to see what arrangement they can offer.

In a way I was lucky as within the first month of my payments, I was invited by my local bank branch to review my current account holdings and to discuss possible options to improve payments, earnings and rates, and also offered an attractive 0% APR credit card promotional offer. With the 0% APR, I was able to finance the full cost of my latest hearing aids by scheduling automated recurring payments on my computer for the full term of the 0% APR on a monthly or weekly basis, and my total additional cost was a one-time 3% bank fee for the balance transfer.

Employment Specialist for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Wanted

American Sign Language Required

Bridges to Employment, a division of Alternatives, Inc., is a comprehensive career service. Our team offers an array of employment related solutions to meet a variety of today's workforce needs. We currently are expanding our services and seeking Employment Specialists to work with individuals who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing. This position is part time and the candidates would need to work in either Ocean, Monmouth, Middlesex, Somerset and/or Mercer Counties.

Job Requirements:

- Must have experience working with individuals who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing.
- Ability to communicate using American Sign Language and have strong receptive skills.
- Must have excellent communication and organizational skills.
- Must have own transportation and be willing to travel throughout Central NJ to meet with clients as needed (mileage reimbursement included)

Job Duties:

- Provide training and assist with job development and placement activities for individuals served.
- Ability to network and build relationships with community employers. Provide on-site job coaching and maintain professional relationships with employers to ensure job retention.



Please email all resumes to abetso@alternativesinc.org.

The Bergen County Deaf Senior Activities

Submitted by Tricia Arslanian

The Bergen County Deaf Seniors meet at the Northwest Bergen Senior Activity Center 46-50 Center Street, Midland Park, NJ 07432 every Thursday. Seniors 60 and over are welcome. For info call 201-445-5690; 201-493-8900 or arslaniant@optonline.net.

Bergen County Deaf Seniors Calendar of Events

Thursday, October 31: Reserve your place for "The Artist", an Academy Award winner about the time before movies had sound. You'll laugh, you'll cry as you enjoy this terrific movie. Pizza will be served with the movie so you must sign up early. There is a requested donation of \$5. Also on October 31, Interpreter Lauren Margolin will assist Sheila Brogan with individual appointments for deaf senior "Baby Boomers" to help them through the maze of Medicare regulations when they first apply for benefits. Sheila also will make individual appointment for seniors who do not yet have Medicare D who need to apply.

November Calendar and December Holiday Party

November 7: Bingo at 1:00 p.m.

November 14: Michelle Cline, Licensed Clinical Social Worker of St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center will be here with a power point presentation, "Depression and Feeling Old" at 1:00 p.m.

November 21: Social Worker Sheila Brogan assisted by ASL interpreter Lauren Margolin will provide information and referral assistance to individuals with an emphasis on Medicare D and prescription plans. Please call for appointment. Dingo at 1:00 p.m., followed by birthday party about 3:00 p.m.

November 28: Closed for Thanksgiving.



School Interpreters Wanted

Openings for substitute Sign Language Interpreters and Sign Language Interpreters for after-school activities at Mountain Lakes High School. Must be EIPA Certified.

Please send resume to:

Julie Lazeration

Lake Drive Program

10 Lake Drive

Mountain Lakes, NJ 07046

jlazeration@mflakes.org

or fax to: 973-299-9405

Education Workshop Topics Survey

The New Jersey Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is planning a series of education workshops for the Deaf and hard of hearing community. We ask that you help us develop workshop topics by completing this brief survey. Workshops will be free of charge and communication access will be provided. If you have questions, please contact Catherine Purrazzella at (609) 503-4862 (VP/V).

1. Which workshop topics related to federal/state government programs and services most interest you? Please select just ONE topic for your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice.

Topics	First Choice (Pick One)	Second Choice (Pick One)	Third Choice (Pick One)
Advocating for Communication Access			
Assistive Technology for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing			
Benefit Programs (Social Security, SSI, SSDI, etc.)			
Educational Issues (K-12)			
Employment Discrimination			
Health and Wellness			
Health Insurance and Health Care Reform			
Housing			
Immigration			
Mental Health			
Substance Abuse			
Transportation			

Other topics: _____

2. When are the best times of the week for you to attend a workshop? (Choose ONE)

- Weekdays only
 Weekends only
 Either is okay

3. What times of the day are convenient for you to attend workshops? (Check all that apply)

- Mornings
 Afternoons
 Evenings

4. Are you: Deaf Hard of Hearing Family/Friend/Significant Other

- Deaf-Blind
 Late-Deafened
 Other (please specify) _____

5. What county do you live in? (For example, Ocean, Essex, Burlington, etc.)

COUNTY: _____

6. What is your age?

- Under 18 years
 18 to 34 years
 35 to 64 years
 65+ years

Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey!

Please mail your survey back to:

New Jersey Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
PO Box 074
Trenton, NJ 08625-0074
Or Fax to 609-588-2528.

The survey can also be accessed and completed online at: www.surveymonkey.com/s/NJ_DDHH_SURVEY

More than 3,500 Celebrate Culture and Language at Deaf Fest

By Jason Weiland, DDHH Field Representative

There was a sense of anxiety and uncertainty on the eve of September 22. All eyes were on the weather as Mother Nature drenched the State of New Jersey. With the crack of dawn came the gleaming sun and sighs of relief as the hard working committee members made their way to the East Brunswick Fairgrounds to open the gates and set the tone for this year's Deaf Fest which is the 12th time it's been held since 1993.

Thousands of community members, professionals, interpreters, and people curious to learn more about Deaf Culture and the Deaf Community filled two tents and sprawled out into the open field of the fairgrounds.

Visitors were able to browse various tables that exhibited Video Relay Service, NJ Relay, community service providers, and community organizations to vendors selling handcrafted items.

The NJ DHS Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing was a co-sponsor and provided ASL interpreters along with open captioning so all could enjoy equal access to the day's entertainment and learn more about service providers.

Honoring the memory of Bonnie Thomas, Northwest Jersey Association of the Deaf sponsored Kiddie Korner in which there was a giant slide and castle bounce.

The video game truck was extremely popular as was balloon sculpting and face painting.

Food vendors also were on the grounds offering delicious delights such as sweet potato fries, fried brownies, fried peanut butter and jelly, and funnel cake.

Mistress of Ceremonies, Laura Ridloff, led the afternoon's events with Deaf performer Janis Cole taking the stage for the first show.

Douglas Ridloff and David Rivera, who were a last minute fill-in, dazzled the crowd with ASL stories.

Magic Morgan and his lovely assistant, Liliana, entertained with two shows that dazzled the audience with magic tricks and slight of hand.

As the day came to an end, new friends were made and old friends remembered.





Hearing Loss Association of America and AMC Theatres® Reach Landmark Agreement



To Dramatically Improve Access to Movies for Millions of Patrons with Hearing Loss in New York State

The Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) and Disability Rights Advocates (DRA) announced that they have reached an agreement with AMC Theatres® (AMC) to improve access to its movies for patrons who are deaf or have hearing loss. Under the agreement, AMC will make available personal closed captioning systems at all of its digital screens in its 24 theatres in New York State within one year.

AMC is installing captioning systems in New York, and across its national circuit, on a rolling basis in conjunction with the company's national conversion to digital cinema. Installation already has begun, and personal captioning equipment is currently available for about a quarter of screens at AMC locations in New York.

Movie captions convey the dialogue, narration, musical cues, key sound effects, speaker identification and other auditory information in the form of written text for guests who have significant difficulty hearing the movie soundtrack. Closed captions are relayed – in sync with the movie – only to guests who choose to receive them via a personal display device. The captions are not visible to the rest of the audience.

AMC worked closely with HLAA, an advocacy and membership organization for people with hearing loss, and DRA, a non-profit legal center with offices in New York City and Berkeley, California, to set the timetable for installation of captioning capability in New York.

"The Hearing Loss Association of America applauds AMC's collaborative efforts to provide closed captioning

technology, which will result in our constituents with hearing loss being able to watch more movies in New York theatres than ever before," said Anna Gilmore Hall, Executive Director of HLAA. "We think this can be a national model for enhancing the viewing experience of moviegoers with hearing loss."

"As a New Yorker, and a movie lover with hearing loss, I am thrilled with this agreement," said Jerry Bergman of HLAA's Manhattan Chapter, which initiated the dialogue with AMC to provide captioning at its theatres in New York State. "I look forward to being able to watch more closed-captioned movies at convenient locations and times."

"We commend AMC's continued support for captioning," said Anne Kelsey of Disability Rights Advocates. "AMC's decision to provide captioning in its digitally converted theatres makes first-run movies available to millions of patrons who are deaf or hard of hearing."

About the Hearing Loss Association of America

The Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA), founded in 1979,

opens the world of communication to people with hearing loss through information, education, advocacy and support. HLAA produces the *Walk4Hearing*® in 22 cities across the country, publishes the bimonthly *Hearing Loss Magazine*, holds annual conventions (Convention 2014 is in Austin, Texas, June 26 - 29), advocates for the rights of people with hearing loss, conducts educational webinars, and has an extensive network of chapters and state organizations across the country. For more information, visit www.hearingloss.org.

About Disability Rights Advocates (DRA)

Disability Rights Advocates (DRA) is a non-profit legal center with offices in California and New York, specializing in high-impact class action litigation on behalf of people with disabilities. DRA has won several significant victories for citizens with disabilities in New York including a court order compelling the New York Board of Elections to remove access barriers at its voter poll-sites. DRA also is challenging the inadequacy of New York City's disaster plans for residents with disabilities and NYC's Taxi of Tomorrow, a taxi that is not wheelchair accessible. For more information, please visit www.dralegal.org.

About the Captioning Equipment

AMC will be providing CaptiView Closed Caption Viewing Systems, made by *Doremi Labs, Inc.* More information about CaptiView can be found here: www.doremilabs.com/products/cinema-products/captiview/.

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RID Certification Program Update on CDI: New Eligibility Requirements for CDI Certification

- Revised CDI Knowledge Exam Content
- Both Effective January 1, 2014



The Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc. (RID), announces two significant changes to the *Certified Deaf Interpreter (CDI) Knowledge Examination*, more stringent eligibility requirements for the CDI exam and improvements to the content of the written exam. These changes go into effect on January 1, 2014. The new eligibility requirements for individuals to sit for the CDI Knowledge Exam were recommended by the Certified Deaf Interpreter (CDI) Task Force and approved by the NAD-RID Certification Committee and RID Board of Directors. "The CDI Task Force has done an outstanding job working tirelessly over the past few years to review the eligibility requirements for CDI certification and revise the ASL videos for the written CDI exam," stated Shane H. Feldman, RID Executive Director. "Furthermore, their work demonstrates the commitment of our volunteer leaders to the vision and mission of the organization. We are grateful to their dedication to RID."

The 16 total hours currently required to sit for the CDI Knowledge Exam will be replaced with the following requirements:

40 hours (4.0 CEUs)

Candidates for the CDI Knowledge must demonstrate that they have completed at least 40 hours (or 4.0 CEUs) of interpreter training, total. This training must be completed in specific content areas as outlined below. Included are suggested topics of study that may be used to demonstrate that these requirements have been completed.

8 hours – RID Code of Professional Conduct (required); Recommended topics: *Ethical Decision Making, Ethics in Interpreting*

8 hours – Introduction to Interpreting (required); Recommended topics: *Interpreting 101*

8 hours - Process of Interpretation (required) Recommended topics: *The Deaf Interpreter at Work, Deaf/Hearing Team Interpreting, Deaf/Deaf Team Interpreting, Interpreting for Deaf Blind consumers, Deaf Interpreting Processes, Deaf Interpreting Theory and Practice, Consecutive Interpreting, Simultaneous Interpreting, Sight/Test Translation, Visual Gestural Communication, and Platform Interpreting*

16 hours - General Interpreter Training; Recommended topics: *Linguistics of ASL, Interpreting Practicum*. Additional training in any of the required content areas above.

The CDI Knowledge Exam revision and the updated eligibility requirements will be implemented on January 1, 2014. All candidates who take the CDI Knowledge Exam after that date will receive the revised version of the exam. In addition, all candidates who test on or after January 1, 2014 must demonstrate that they meet the new eligibility requirements as outlined above. Candidates are welcome to begin submitting their updated documentation to RID Headquarters at this time. Only the current version of the exam will be given prior to January 1, 2014, even if the candidate meets the new eligibility requirements.

Those familiar with the current eligibility requirements will recognize that the revised requirements are, in essence, an addition to the current 16 hours of training required in the NAD-RID Code of Professional Conduct and Role and Function of a Deaf Interpreter. Candidates who are currently eligible for the CDI Knowledge Exam must meet the additional 24 hours in the Introduction to Interpreting and General Interpreter Training content areas if they want to schedule their exam after the implementation date of January 1, 2014.

Revisions to the CDI Knowledge Exam

Along with the change in eligibility requirements, the CDI Task Force took on the job of revising exam questions for the CDI Written/Knowledge Examination. Furthermore, during the exam revision, a study conducted by Castle Worldwide determined the appropriate pass score is 72, which was approved by the CDI Task Force, NAD-RID Certification Committee and RID Board of Directors.

CDI Candidate Handbook Available Soon

To coincide with these changes, the current CDI Bulletin will be replaced with a more comprehensive CDI Candidate Handbook. This new document will include all the relevant information in the CDI Bulletin in addition to updated information about becoming a CDI certified and RID's examination policies and procedures. The CDI Handbook soon will be available on the CDI Certification page, on the RID website at www.rid.org, in the "Education and Certification" section.

Educational Requirements for the CDI

The current educational requirements to take the CDI Performance Exam are still applicable to all candidates. Candidates must have an associate's degree in any field to qualify for CDI certification. On July 1, 2016, all candidates must then demonstrate that they hold a bachelor's degree in any field. Candidates also may meet this eligibility requirement by submitting an application through the Alternative Pathway to Eligibility. More information about this program can be found on RID's Web site.



Funds Raised for Deaf Senior Housing

By Jane Cyran, Ph.D, Secretary of NJDSH and Lila Taylor, NJ Deaf Senior Housing Chair

An indoor picnic fundraiser was held on August 3 at the Montville Senior Center to benefit NJ Deaf Senior Housing. This was the third annual picnic fundraiser and was a great success. Although the day started with rain, more people than expected arrived with the sun in the afternoon. Fried chicken, salads and sandwiches were enjoyed by all followed by delicious dessert and watermelon. Door prizes and a 50/50 raffle added to the good time. Two presentations were enjoyable and interesting. Lori Timney

from NJ Relay demonstrated the new computer, *Telikin*, designed to be easy and simple. Anne Marie Buraczeski, the NJAD Emergency preparedness representative, gave an important presentation about how to prepare for storms and other dangerous situations. The picnickers had a fun social event and showed the continuing support of the NJ Deaf community and friends for Deaf Senior Housing in NJ.

Another fundraiser is scheduled for November 16. Thanksgiving Holiday Bazaar will be an Indoor Vendor Sale

at the Montville Senior Center, 356 Route 202, Montville, NJ. Please save this date for another enjoyable day. There will be a 50/50 Cash Raffle! Turkey - Give away (Drawing at 4 p.m.) Interpreters and interpreter students are welcome! Free admission - open to the public - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. - more vendors are needed - contact LBrooks4@verizon.net to rent a table for \$30. RSVP by November 16. More info: Ltaylor09@aol.com. or call Jane Cyran at 973-769-9265.

The Chapter's Voice for People with Hearing Loss Information • Education • Support • Advocacy

Saturday, November 9, 2013
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Madison Library - New Location
39 Keep Street, Madison, NJ 07940
Library is right behind the YMCA



Captioning Provided by DDHH and Assistive Listening Devices

Our special guest speaker is **Jed A. Kwartler MD, MBA**. His specialty is in Otolaryngology and Neurotology. He is director of the Ear Specialty Center at SMG, and is involved in clinical trials research related to ear disorders. His talk is entitled "Update on Hearing Rehabilitation Options". He will review the range of hearing rehabilitation options beyond hearing aids including bone conduction devices, middle ear implantable hearing aids and changing trends in cochlear implant technology.

Future Meetings:

January 11- Pat Dobbs, Hearing Advocate and Coach talks about Hearing Assistive Technology

March 8 - Katherine Bouton, author, "*Shouting Won't Help- Why I and 50 Million Other Americans Can't Hear You*"

May 31 - Richard Einhorn, renowned composer talks about his hearing loss

July 12 - Pot Luck Picnic

Contact Information: Pat Dobbs - 973.479.8083
email: pat@HearingLossResourceCenter.com
blog: www.HearingLossResourceCenter.com

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17th Annual NJSD / MKSD

Tip Off Basketball Tournament

Second Annual Homecoming Celebration

Friday, December 13 and Saturday, December 14

Marie Katzenbach School
New Jersey School for the Deaf
320 Sullivan Way
Trenton, NJ 08625



Friday, December 13

2:00 pm	Girls' Varsity	New Jersey vs New York SD
3:30 pm	Boys Varsity	New York SD vs Lexington SD
5:00 pm – 5:30 pm	Alumni Recognition Ceremony	
5:30 pm	Girls' Varsity	Lexington SD vs. Rochester SD
6:45 pm	Boys Varsity	New Jersey SD vs. Rochester SD

Saturday, December 14

8:30 am	Girls Varsity	Consolation Game
10:00 am	Boys Varsity	Consolation Game
11:45 am	Girls Varsity	Championship Game
1:00 pm	*HC King, Queen Announced	
1:30 pm	Boys Varsity	Championship Game
2:45 pm	Trophy Presentation	

Admission: Students with ID = \$3 per day
Adults = \$5 per day
Children under 6 = Free

Refreshments will be sold by the Varsity Athletic Club during the tournament.

Information: Athletic Director, Martha Fowler: martha.fowler@mkdsd.org

Moorestown Mall Signing Santa



Macy's Court
Sunday, November 17
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

We invite the Deaf community to join us for a special evening with Santa. Share the magic of the holidays with crafts, giveaways and much more!

Moorestown Mall
Route 38 & Lenola Road
Moorestown, NJ 08057

856-231-4444

moorestown-mall.com



Mountain Lakes High School

Fall Drama



"DISTRACTED"

Sign Language Interpreted Performance

"What's wrong with nine-year-old Jesse? He can't sit still, he curses, he raps, and you can't get him into- or out of- pajamas. His teacher thinks it's Attention Deficit Disorder. Dad says, "He's just a boy!" And Mama's on a quest for answers. Is Jesse dysfunctional, or just different? Don't we all have ADD to some degree?"

These are the issues presented in "Distracted", by Lisa Loomer, the Fall Drama at Mountain Lakes High School, that will be Sign Language Interpreted on Friday, November 15. Tickets can be ordered by going to mlschools.org/theatre. If you have questions, please e-mail them to mboyan@mtlakes.org.

So come on down, and see "Distracted"! Why? Because The New York Daily News says "Distracted" is "A chronically entertaining comedy." THAT's why!

November 15, 2013

Mountain Lakes High School

96 Powerville Road Mountain Lakes NJ 07046

See you there.

A MAP OF THE SOUL

THE TRICKY PART & ALL THE RAGE

WRITTEN & PERFORMED BY **MARTIN MORAN**
DIRECTED BY **SETH BARRISH**

Two River Theater Open Caption
Sunday, November 17, 2013 at 3 p.m.



The maps of our lives are uncharted territory. For one boy, forced to grow up too quickly, the journey takes him to the heart of a paradox: what we think of as damage may be the very thing that gives rise to transformation, even grace. A heart-touching and surprisingly funny memoir, *The Tricky Part* takes us to the heart of confession and redemption.

THE TRICKY PART CONTAINS ADULT THEMES AND SEXUAL CONTENT



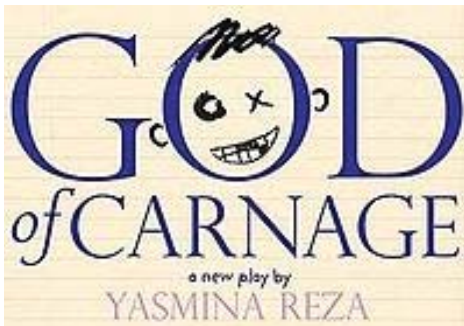
Two River Theater
21 Bridge Avenue
Red Bank, NJ 07701

Tickets are \$25 per person for those using this service.

For more information, contact:

Adam Haratz at aharatz@trtc.org or (732) 345-1400, x1815

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Cast: Jeff Taylor of Montclair, Dena Daniel of Manhattan, Tara Cioletti of Wayne and Travis Garcia of Morristown, round out the cast of **The Strollers of Maplewood** production, directed by Cynthia Ross of Newark.

Strollers production will open **November 8** at 8 p.m. at the **Burgdorff Center for the Performing Arts, 10 Durand Road, Maplewood**. It continues November 9, 15 & 16 at 8 p.m. and also a matinee performance on Sunday November 10 at 2 p.m. **The matinee will have ASL interpreters.**

Tickets are \$16 for adults and \$13 for students/seniors. Group rates for parties of 10 or more are available.

The Strollers is partnering with The Anti Bullying Collation for this production and monetary donations will be accepted at any of the performances.

For reservations and info: 973-761-8453 or www.thestrollers.org.

Thanksgiving Affair

Staten Island Club of the Deaf, INC

Admission:

Members - \$12 Non-members - \$15

Win Prizes:

50" Smart Flat Screen TV • Mini iPad • \$500 Cash • 24" LED Flat Screen TV • iPad • \$200 CASH
90 Victory Blvd.

Staten Island NY 10301

Saturday November 16, 2013

7:00 p.m.

Refreshments will be on sale!

For more information:

SID1954org@gmail.com

Staten Island Club of the Deaf

Cordially Invites You to Our

Annual Holiday Party

Saturday

December 7, 2013

7:00 p.m.

Members - \$10 Non-members - \$20

Catered food provided

- 50/50 Raffle
- Gift Certificates

92 Victory Blvd.

Staten Island, NY 10301

For more information:

SID1954org@gmail.com



Deaf Self-Advocacy Training

Participants will gain a stronger understanding of how to advocate for themselves, develop higher self esteem, understand the interpreter's role, and how to advocate for communication access services.



Presenter: Tim Riker, Master Deaf Self-Advocacy (DSAT) Trainer, will present in ASL.

Target Audience:

The target audience includes individuals who are Deaf or hard of hearing, use ASL to communicate and are:

- Vocational rehabilitation clients;
- Adult basic education students; or
- Other individuals wanting to learn strategies for advocating for communication access in a variety of settings.

Nov. 22, 2013 – Trenton, NJ

9:30 am- 4:00 pm

Location:

Marie Katzenbach School for the Deaf (MKSD)
Jochem Center
320 Sullivan Way
Trenton, NJ 08628

Cost: FREE

To Register

This training is free and limited to 20 participants who are Deaf or hard of hearing and use ASL to communicate. **ADVANCED REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED BY NOV 8th**. For more information, contact Diana Doucette, d.doucette@neu.edu.

Space will fill up quickly. Register online today at: <http://tinyurl.com/ld7hwty>

Co-sponsored by NJ Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, NJ Association of the Deaf, Marie Katzenbach School for the Deaf, and Northeastern University Regional Interpreter Education Center.

Funded in part by the U.S. Department of Education RSA CFDA #84.106A and B, Training of Interpreters for Individuals Who Are Deaf and Who Are Deaf-Blind.

Deaf Night at Sidetrax Bar & Grill

Join us for a night of fun, friends, and food!

133 Monroe Street
Garfield, NJ 07026

- Interpreters on site -

November 22, 2013

Starts at 8 p.m.

\$5 Entrance Fee

Proceeds go to

Canine Hearing Companions

For more

information, please

contact Martha Paternina at:

deafwhiteflower@hotmail.com



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North Jersey Community Center of the Deaf, Inc.
proudly presents

Happy Thanksgiving Social

Saturday, November 16, 2013

6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

at American Legion Post 147, 1 Legion Place
(off Market St.), Elmwood Park, NJ 07407

- Refreshments on sale • Exciting home and personal goods • Dark Horses • 50/50 Chances •
- NJCCD Affair Banknite - 50 store brand gift cards given away

Donations in advance for: Members - \$ 13,
Non-members - \$ 16, Students with ID - \$ 12.

At door on Nov. 16 for Members - \$ 16,
Non-member - \$ 20, Student with ID - \$ 13

Hosted by: **NJCCD Board and the Committee**

To order tickets in advance before **November 11**,
please visit: www.njccdsite.org/thanksgiv13.pdf

For more information, e-mail Mike Drury at
mikedrury46@gmail.com

Ocean Deaf Club, Inc.

29th Annual Holiday Luncheon

Sunday, December 8, 2013

12 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Clarion Hotel

815 Route 37 West Toms River N.J 08755

Buffet

- | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Chicken Francaise, | Rice Pilaf, Dinner Rolls, |
| Pasta Primavera w/ Whole | Pitchers of Iced Tea, |
| Wheat Pasta & Vegetables | Regular and Diet Soda, |
| Beef and Portobello | Dessert & Fresh Brewed |
| Mushrooms, | Coffee and Tea |
| Fresh Vegetable Medley, | Cash Bar |
| Herb Roasted Potatoes, | |

Door Prizes and 50/50

Member \$40 Non Member \$50

RSVP by: December 1, 2013

Please mail check or money order payable to:
**Ocean Deaf Club Inc, PO Box34, Lakehurst NJ
08733-0034**

- * Limit 100 People * No Walk Ins * No Refunds *
- * No Jeans or Sneakers *

Name(s) _____

Address, Email or VP write only one _____

Member \$40 _____ Non Member: \$50 _____

* We will be checking if you are a member, if you are not a member and pay member cost, you will have to pay the balance before Dec. 1. If you are not sure you are a member, please contact ODC at oceandeafclub@yahoo.com

New Jersey Deaf Senior Housing Committee

Holiday Buffet Luncheon

Fund raising for the NJ Deaf Senior Housing Project

Saturday, December 14, 2013

12:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Bottagra Restaurant

80 Wagaraw Road, Hawthorne, NJ 07506

Directions: www.bottagra.com

Buffet luncheon, including open bar

\$35 per person

Door prizes - great gifts for the holiday

Gift drawings - 50/50 cash raffle

All Proceeds go to the *NJ Deaf Senior Housing Fund.*

Co-chairs: Alfred Waldman, Judy Belle Sager,
Lila Taylor and NJDSH Committee members

Questions: Contact Alfred at VP: 570-213-7878

or Judy at VP: 862-203-3519

Email: Lila at Ltaylor09@al.com

Make check or money order payable to:

NJAD-NJ Deaf Senior Housing

Mail to:

NJAD-NJ Deaf Senior Housing,
P.O. Box 212, Millburn, NJ 07041

*** DEADLINE DECEMBER 8, 2013 ***

Name (s) _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

VP (optional) _____

Number of Persons: _____

Total Cost: \$ _____

I will not be able to attend and would like to make a donation for \$ _____

Donation is tax deductible - a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization

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Northwest Bergen Senior Activity Center
46-50 Center Street, Midland Park, NJ 07432

Holiday Luncheon

Hosted by Bergen County Deaf Seniors
Louise Sahatjian, Chairperson and Committee

Thursday, December 12, 2013

11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Bonfire Restaurant, 999 Market Street, Paterson, NJ 07513 • Tel: 973-278-2400

• Penne Vodka • Salad •

Choice of: Chicken Parmigiana, London Broil

with mushroom wine sauce, or Salmon

• Potato Latkes/vegetables • Dessert,

coffee, tea & soda • Cash Bar available

Bring your friends • All are welcome

Prizes: 50/50, door prize & gift cards

RSVP by December 5, 2013

Seating limited to 125 people - No Refunds

More Info: Louise Sahatjian at hsahatjian@aol.com or VP 973-339-7586

\$30 per person, make check payable to: **NW Seniors**, and send to:

Ruth Stern, 62 Woodbury Court., Washington Township, NJ 07676

Name: _____

Street: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____ VP: _____

Please CIRCLE your choice: Chicken Beef Fish Spouse/friend: Chicken Beef Fish

Table seating (optional - Circle one): 1.(table leader) 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8.

To reserve a table for 8 registrants, the table leader (chosen by the group) is to complete a name list. The table leader's email address: _____

Diverse Deaf Club of NJ, Inc. - www.ddcnj.org

Holiday Luncheon / Dingo

Saturday, December 7, 2013

\$60 Member and \$65 Non-member for Luncheon and Dingo Game

Pay in full by November 25, 2013

Luncheon

12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Sir John's Restaurant & Banquet

230 Washington Place

North Brunswick, NJ 08902

- Chicken Francaise • Broiled Tilapia (Fish) • Pasta Primavera
- Roast Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus
- with penna vodka appetizer, house salad, vegetables, vanilla ice cream, coffee/tea or soda
- ~ Gifts ~ Give Aways ~ Drawings ~

Dingo Game

5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church

1740 Route 130 North

North Brunswick, NJ 08902

A sheet cake will be served with coffee, tea or bottled water during Dingo Game Intermission
~ 50-50 Drawings and many other Door Prizes ~
Contact Michelle Busanic, Chair at Busanic2@aol.com or Vickie Bogdanski, Co-Chair at Sunflower12849@aol.com

No Early Birds, Please Be There At 12:30 PM

Check or Money Order payable to: **DDCNJ, Inc** and mail to: **DDCNJ Holiday, 54 Foxwood Rd, Lakewood, NJ 08701-5728**

~ Non-Refundable ~ No Jeans and Sneakers allowed ~ No Walk-Ins ~

Name _____

Address _____

Phone No.: _____ Email: _____

Check One: __Chicken Francaise __Broiled Tilapia (Fish) __Pasta Primavera __Roast Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus

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North Jersey
Community Center
of the Deaf, Inc.
proudly presents

**Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year's Eve Party**
New Brunswick Hyatt Regency
2 Albany Street New Brunswick NJ 08901
8 p.m.
Tuesday, December 31, 2013
Ticket Price - \$ 75 per person now
extended until December 17.
Make your reservation early.
Limit - 125 people.

* Garden State Buffet Style with Roast
Sirloin & Chicken Served * Christmas Gift
Give Aways * DJ Music * Door Prizes

Chairman Kevin Fennessy &
Assistant Chairperson Letta Cartwright

To order tickets for reservations before Dec. 17,
please visit www.njccdsite.org/nye14.pdf
For more information, e-mail Kevin
at KPFKC3@aol.com

Ocean County Deaf Senior Citizen
38th Anniversary Christmas Party
Close Encounters
249 Chambers Bridge Road
Brick, NJ 08723
December 6, 2013
12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Hot Buffet
Swedish Meatball, Shrimp Scampi over Rice, Chicken
Marsala, Penne ala Vodka, Cheese Mashed Potatoes,
Chef's Seasonal Vegetables *
Fresh Baked Rolls and Butter
Salad, Classic Caesar Salad

Desserts:
Decorated Cake, Sugar Free Cookies, Coke,
Diet Coke, Sprite, Coffee, Tea (Regular and Decaf)

Mail to: Charles Schmidt, 1850 Starboard Court, Toms River 08753
VP 848-480-0057

Make check payable to: Ocean County Deaf Senior Citizen

Name: _____

If Member has shown up 7 times, attendance is Free
Non-Member Cost \$35

Must respond by November 29, 2013

Religious Access

Christmas Dinner

Grace Bible Chapel of the Deaf,
100 Oakdale Road, Chester, NJ 07930

December 7, 2013
12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Guest Deaf Speaker:
Rev. John Graham from Ontario, Canada

Registration & Dinner

Payment NOT accepted at the door
Deadline: November 23, 2013

Make a check payable to **Grace Bible Chapel**. Mail to:
Roy Siskind, 288 Janine Way, Bridgewater, NJ 08807.
If you have any questions, feel free to email: Roy Siskind,
Rojogolfer@hotmail.com or Michael Sarsfield, MS1262@aol.com

How many adults will attend? _____ X \$15= _____

How many children (6-12 ages) will attend? _____ X \$5 _____

(Children under 5 years old are free)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

VP/Phone: _____ Email: _____



DEAF SOULS CHRISTMAS BANQUET
WITH GUEST SPEAKER Pastor Todd Miller

WHEN Sat / Dec 21st 11:30 am - 3:30 pm
WHERE Evangel Church / 1251 Terrill Road Scotch Plains / NJ 07076
COST \$15 per person (includes buffet lunch)

DEADLINE
MUST REGISTER WITH PAYMENT BY DECEMBER 2ND / 2013 - PAYMENT NOT ACCEPTED AT THE DOOR

Registration Form

Send your payment/check made payable to:
Evangel Church, 1251 Terrill Road, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076

Attn: Pastor Nancy Tonnessen:

Info: Pastor Nancy Tonnessen, VP 908-312-4343 or
Voice 908-322-9300 ext 11
or deafsouls@evangelchurch.com.

Cut and send registration form - return with payment to the
above address (Evangel Church)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

How Many? _____ X \$15 = Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

VP/Phone _____ Email _____

(Please list any additional names on a separate sheet of paper)

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Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
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Trenton, NJ 08625-0074

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Calendar of Events 2014

Friday, Jan. 31, 2014
DDHH Advisory Council Meeting
Speaker and Location - TBD

DDHH Regular Office Hours: Monday – Friday; 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Office Closed: Tuesday, November 5 – Election Day;
Monday, November 11 – Veterans Day; Thursday, November 28 - Thanksgiving