

MONTHLY COMMUNICATOR

July/August 2013

www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddhh/home/index.html

Vol. 34 No. 7

Chris Christie, Governor

Kim Guadagno, Lt. Governor

Jennifer Velez, Commissioner

David Alexander, Director



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. This initiative is a joint venture with the New Jersey Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Sertoma, Inc., and Montclair State University.

Please send the aids 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**

**The 29th Annual
Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Awareness Day**
See Center Spread
(Pages 10 and 11)
for Pictures

for pictures
(pages 10 and 11)

inside

- 2 Director's Corner
- 3 Deaflympics 2013
- 5 Outreach to Older Adults
- 8 Band of Jugglers



Director's Corner

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

On Saturday, June 8, 2013 DDHH conducted its 29th Annual Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Day at Six Flags Great Adventure. Despite overcast weather conditions, the event was very successful. There are several organizations and individuals I would like to acknowledge. I would like to thank the NJ Relay, our partner in co-sponsoring this year's event. Its exhibit table was a very popular attraction with information about relay services and telecommunications. DDHH staff member Cathy Grehlinger, was the event coordinator. I would like to thank Cathy for her many hours of work, meeting with Six Flag's administration and ensuring that all activities in the park were communication accessible to families who are Deaf and hard of hearing. Finally, but not least, a special thank you to Lauren Lercher, from the New Jersey Association of the Deaf, for her volunteer work coordinating ticket sales among the many organizations and service providers for the Deaf and hard of hearing.

As we approach the summer months, safety for our families is of utmost concern. In fact, June is National Safety Month and this is a good time to consider preparedness for any emergency, but particularly for a natural disaster. Mindful of the damage and devastation caused by Sandy from the preceding hurricane season, it is important to be prepared for this year's possible storms. DDHH encourages our readers to subscribe to one of the accessible text (SMS) & E-Mail alert systems used by the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management, the NJ State Police and/or National Weather Service to receive messages of emergency conditions. In addition, it is critical for families to have an emergency kit. For details on items to include in this kit, please see <http://nj.gov/health/er/documents/kit.pdf>. Please contact DDHH for any information or assistance in locating emergency preparedness resources.

On a final note, this edition of the Monthly Communicator is a combined July/August issue. The next issue will be for September. On behalf of DDHH, I wish all our readers a safe and pleasant summer.

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

We Welcome Your Articles and Ads

The Monthly Communicator is published 11 times per year. Deadline for submissions for the September issue is August 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

Monthly Communicator

State of New Jersey
Department of Human Services
Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Director: David C. Alexander

Editor: Ira Hock

PO Box 074

Trenton, NJ 08625-0074

609-984-7281 V/TTY

800-792-8339 V/TTY

609-503-4862 VP

www.state.nj.us/human_services/ddhh

The Monthly Communicator is published by the New Jersey Department of Human Services Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DDHH), a state agency. DDHH provides information, referral, and advocacy to service recipients. Information or articles provided by others does not imply endorsement by DDHH or the State of New Jersey. There currently are 8,800 copies of the MC distributed monthly.



Deaflympics 2013

By Catherine Purrazzella, DDHH Service Coordinator



Since 1896, many different countries have participated in the world's largest sporting event, the Olympics. As thousands of hearing athletes prepare for the 2014 Olympics in Sochi, a few thousand Deaf and hard of hearing athletes prepare for the 22nd Summer Deaflympics in Sofia, Bulgaria.

Yes, there is Olympics designed for only Deaf athletes! For those who don't know, the Deaflympics was created at a time when hearing societies viewed Deaf individuals as inferior. The games were a place where countries could come together to share similarities and differences of their Deaf citizens.

In 1924 the first games were established under the former name, the International Silent Games, in Paris by a French individual named Eugene Rubens-Alcais, who was Deaf. The name was eventually changed to The International Committee of Sports for the Deaf, also known as the Deaflympics. The number of participating countries grew from 9 to 77 in 2009. The United



States of America (USA) made its first appearance in the Summer Deaflympics in 1935 and Winter Deaflympics in 1967. Both the summer and winter games are hosted every four years two

years apart from each other. The 18th Winter Deaflympics will take place in 2015 in Vancouver.

Highlighted sports for Summer Deaflympics include athletics, badminton, basketball, beach volleyball, bowling, cycling, football, judo, karate, orienteering, shooting, swimming, table tennis, taekwondo, tennis, volleyball, and wrestling. An interesting fact about the Deaflympics is that it is strictly forbidden for a Deaf athlete to use hearing aids/amplifications or cochlear implants during warm-ups and competition to prevent giving advantage over those not using amplification in sports.

The Deaflympics continue to be a valued place for Deaf athletes from all over the world to compete in sports. It is expected that 3,000 athletes from more than 80 countries will compete in the 2013 Summer Deaflympics. Let's root for our Deaf USA athletes!

CCC Presents Shomo Scholarship

Submitted by Kathy Earp, Coordinator
Program for Students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing, Camden County College

On Wednesday, May 15, 2013, Camden County College presented the Brian C. Shomo Scholarship to outstanding student, Javaughn Stewart. He met with Shomo family members during an intimate dinner ceremony attended by students, faculty, donors, and distinguished guests. Mr. Shomo established the scholarship in his name while working as a transition counselor at Camden County College's MidAtlantic Postsecondary Center in May of 2002. Later, when he left the college to take the position of Director of the New Jersey Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in Trenton, he continued to present the scholarship. Brian Shomo passed away in June of 2006, but his legacy lives on.

Each year, the scholarship is awarded in Brian Shomo's memory to a minority student who is Deaf or hard of hearing. Students who are Native American, Asian American, African American, or Hispanic, who are in good academic standing, show potential and leadership qualities, and who participate in school and community activities are considered for the scholarship. This year's award ceremony dinner was held in the lovely college Civic Hall Atrium. While Inice Shomo Hennessy, and Keith Shomo, siblings of Brian Shomo, recalled stories of their brother during dinner, Javaughn was



Left to right: Javaughn Stewart, Keith Shomo, Inice Shomo Hennessy, and Kathy Earp.

able to share his memories of Mr. Shomo as his transition counselor during Javaughn's earlier years as a CCC student.

Javaughn was nominated based on his outstanding academic performance and community involvement. He is majoring in sign language interpreting education with the goal of becoming a certified Deaf Interpreter (CDI).

Camden County College proudly continues to offer the Brian C. Shomo Memorial Scholarship each year to student graduates who are Deaf or hard of hearing meeting the academic and civic criteria.

For more information or to make a donation to the Brian C. Shomo Memorial Endowed Scholarship, contact the Office of Foundation & Alumni Relations at (856) 374-4946.



Outreach to Older Adults

By Traci Burton, *Field Representative*



As we age, it is a normal part of our biological process that we lose our hearing. It may be gradual and we may not even realize that it is happening. Friends and loved ones tend to be the first to let us know, and denial is a common initial response. To this end, I've been working with senior citizens, assistive living facilities and nursing homes to provide education about technology and services for those living with hearing loss – and for their friends and family members.

Throughout the years I have reached out and met thousands of seniors and staff who work with the aged to discuss technology, services available and also provide equipment demonstrations. These talks include information and a general demonstration on amplified and captioned telephones, safety alerting devices, accessible alarm clocks and doorbells, portable personal amplification systems and amplification systems for the television.

During these demonstrations we also discuss resources available in New Jersey. One such resource is DDHH's own Equipment Distribution Program (EDP) through which qualified applicants can receive devices including but not limited to: a telephone, smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. I also talk about the five assistive device demonstration centers around the state where individuals, by appointment, try the various pieces of technology. The Assistive Device Loan Program, operated through regional libraries, also important as people may borrow FM systems that can be used for family gatherings, lectures, and community events.

In recent years I've actively reached out to 55+ adult communities under the Older Adults with Hearing Loss Program. Letters of introduction were sent to the many adult communities around the state. The goal of this project is to reach out to the baby boomers and those who are not yet considered senior citizens. Hearing loss can happen at any age, after all. The presentation covers the information outlined above, and can be tweaked to

reflect the needs and interests of the requester. This outreach also has led to regular representation in health fairs, particularly in the Monroe Twp. communities.

If you reside in an adult community and are interested in a presentation,

contact me at traci.burton@dhs.state.nj.us or call 800-792-8339. If you reside or work in an assistive living facility or nursing home and would like me to visit, those also are welcomed invitations. Looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible! 📞



DDHH Hosts Better Speech and Hearing Month Event

By Traci Burton, *Field Representative*

May is *Better Speech and Hearing Month* and in recognition of this, DDHH hosted an information table at The Eatery located within the Quakerbridge Plaza complex in Mercerville on Wednesday May 8, 2013. Many state employees visited the table and learned about decibel levels, hearing protection and preservation, the importance of getting one's hearing checked, and general information on services available in the state for people living with hearing loss. There was also a sampling of technology demonstrating possible solutions for people experiencing hearing difficulties in certain situations. Everyone also learned about amplified and captioned telephones, personal amplifiers, as well as t-coils and neck loops.

The Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing has compiled fact sheets about hearing protection, common environmental noise levels and personal stereo systems and headphones.

If you are interested in receiving copies of these fact sheets, please contact our office at 800-792-8339, or for electronic copies e-mail Traci Burton, Field Representative at traci.burton@dhs.state.nj.us. You can also visit the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association at www.asha.org and the Center for Hearing and Communication at www.chchearing.org for more information. 📞



HLA-NJ News and Views

A Monthly Column from The Hearing Loss Association of NJ

By Arlene Romoff, Past President, HLA-NJ



6th Annual NJ Walk4Hearing - 2013 Set for October 20 in Mercer County Park

Kickoff Event on September 8 at Yogi Berra Museum

The countdown has begun for the 6th annual NJ Walk4Hearing, so save the date - Sunday, October 20, at Mercer County Park West in West Windsor, NJ. The kickoff event, which is a fun rally to learn more about the Walk, is scheduled for Sunday, September 8 at the Yogi Berra Museum on the campus of Montclair State University.

As always, the NJ Walk4Hearing offers people of all ages a chance to gather in a tree-shaded lakeside park to support programs and services that help people with hearing loss. It's a great chance to see old friends in the hearing loss community, and to make new ones. Take part in the 5K (3.1 miles) walk...or sit and enjoy a hot dog or other snacks in bucolic surroundings. Face-painting and other activities will be offered for young people.

The Walk4Hearing also welcomes alliance teams - organizations in NJ that participate in the Walk to raise funds for their own projects. An alliance team can be formed by any non-profit organization that serves people with hearing loss, to participate in the Walk4Hearing. ALDA-GS, Summit Speech School, and the Deaf-Blind League of NJ were alliance teams in last year's Walk, and have found participating in the NJ Walk4Hearing very beneficial

- enjoyable for their members, and an excellent way to raise funds.

The Walk4Hearing also the most important fundraiser of the year for the Hearing Loss Association of New Jersey and its parent organization, the Hearing Loss Association of America. Since the first Walk was held in 2006, the Walk4Hearing has raised over \$4 million to generate increased awareness of hearing loss, advocate at the national level, and support chapters across the country. Here in New Jersey, the funds raised by the Walk4Hearing support national programs, and such local initiatives as college scholarships, assistive device demonstration centers for the latest technology to help people with hearing loss, and five local chapters throughout the state. HLA-NJ also serves as a resource in the community, available to answer individuals questions and provide solutions to those with hearing loss and their families.

For more information, visit the Walk Web site directly at www.walk4hearing.org - HLA's Web site, www.hearingloss.org, or HLA-NJ's Web site, www.hearingloss-nj.org.



WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Everyone who lives with hearing loss has a story to tell, a coping tip to pass on, or a question. We'd like to use some reader experiences in future columns, and follow up on suggestions. Please send any information to HLA-NJ at info@hearingloss-nj.org.

To learn more about HLA-NJ, please contact Arlene Romoff at info@hearingloss-nj.org. We also invite you to visit our website at www.hearingloss-nj.org, or to attend one of our local chapter meetings in Bergen, Monmouth/Ocean, Middlesex County, Morris County or our newest South Jersey Shore chapter. Dates, places and times for chapter meetings are available at www.hearingloss-nj.org.



Lake Drive Foundation Trustee Honored at The 2013 Morris County Non-Profit Excellence Awards and NJBiz Healthcare Heroes Awards



From left: Paul Boudreau, Morris County Chamber of Commerce president; Dr. Laura McKirdy, Award recipient and Trustee of The Lake Drive Foundation; Marla Drury, Chair of the Morris County Chamber of Commerce Non Profit Committee; and Ruth Wilson, TD Bank vice president retail market manager.

Dr. **Laura McKirdy**, co-founder of *The Lake Drive Programs for Children Who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing in Mountain Lakes*, and trustee of *The Lake Drive Foundation*, has been recognized for her impact on the lives of infants and toddlers with hearing loss from throughout northern New Jersey in the Lake Drive Sound Start Program.

On April 18, Dr. McKirdy was honored with the 2013 Morris County Non-Profit Excellence Award for Volunteerism at the 10th Annual Morris County Non-Profit Conference at the Meadow Wood Manor in Randolph. The award recognizes an exemplary volunteer whose efforts have made a significant impact on the nonprofit organization and/or a successful non-profit partnership initiative. In addition to receiving the Morris County award, Dr. McKirdy is one of six volunteers statewide selected as a finalists for NJBiz Health Care Heroes Education Hero, an award that recognizes volunteers who have made a significant impact on the quality of healthcare in New Jersey.

The award program, produced by NJBIZ, New Jersey's premiere business news publication, is sponsored by Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey, Hackensack University Medical Center, Comcast Business Class, New Jersey Hospital Association and WithumSmith+Brown, PC. Finalists and winners were chosen by an independent panel

of judges including: Dean Paranicas, Healthcare Institute of New Jersey; Pat Barnett, RN, JD, New Jersey State Nurses Association, and The Institute for Nursing; Wardell Sanders, New Jersey Association of Health Plans; Sonia Delgado, Princeton Public Affairs Agency; and Claudine M. Leone, Esq., Government Affairs Consultant. In 2011, The Lake Drive Programs received the NJBiz Health Care Heroes Education Hero Award in the category of organization.

Dr. McKirdy has been an advocate for children with hearing loss for over four decades. The speech and language pathologist was the co-founder and principal of the Lake Drive Programs for children with hearing loss. But when it came time to retire, Laura did not sit back and pass the torch for others to carry on the mission. Instead she lighted the way for our youngest children, "the babies".

Laura was recognized for her decade of dedication as a volunteer on the board of The Lake Drive Foundation. The Foundation raises critical funding

for Lake Drive's Sound Start Early Intervention Program, ensuring Morris County babies with hearing loss and their families, receive the dramatically life-changing support, education and therapies needed to fulfill their potential. State funding, including family cost shares covers barely one third of Sound Start's proven life-changing services; programs these families could never afford.

Dr. McKirdy goes above and beyond the role of a foundation trustee. In addition to fundraising, McKirdy provides valuable program consultation based on her previous experience as the program administrator for The Sound Start Program. Laura works closely with the talented leaders and team members who provide services to the babies and their families. Together they problem solve to balance the comprehensive needs of the babies and their families with the limits of a bare bones budget and complex schedules. Because more than half of children have associated multiple disabilities, a multidisciplinary team comprised of the most knowledgeable and compassionate specialists in their field is essential. Sound Start's team includes teachers of the deaf, a speech and language therapist, physical and occupational therapists, a pediatric audiologist, dysphagia specialist, social worker and psychologist. Their coordinated services are provided in 50 families' homes throughout northern New Jersey as well as center-based at the Lake Drive School.

For babies with hearing loss, time is precious. McKirdy continually seeks innovative ways to optimize every minute of development. When she learned too many babies who did



Dr. Laura McKirdy with a Sound Start student.

not pass their newborn hearing tests in New Jersey were falling through the cracks, McKirdy and her colleagues developed a pilot program in partnership with a regional medical center, where more than 3,800 babies are born each year. In the “Preciousyears” Program, funded by The Lake Drive Foundation, a specially trained coordinator visited with new mothers bedside to assist with education, referrals, even transportation to ensure the infants who did not pass their screenings received timely follow up within three months. “Preciousyears” increased the follow up by 50%.

The team’s problems solving efforts also led to the development of Sound Start’s Ivy Nursery, an innovative full day program combining toddlers with hearing loss and typically developing toddlers. They realized that more intensive exposure to speech and language would improve student outcomes. McKirdy helped develop the model with its focus on auditory learning, social, emotional and cognitive development. At age 3, “graduating students” inclusive of those with multiple disabilities, who receive early identification, amplification and the comprehensive services of Sound Start are well on their way to achieving age appropriate communication skills and success in school.

Ivy Nursery was honored April 25 as the New Jersey Speech-Hearing-Language Association’s Program of the Year. The Sound Start Program also won the NJSHA Program of the Year Award in 2008.

“Since 1997, the Lake Drive Foundation’s exceptional volunteers such as Laura, have been committed to raising the necessary funding for the program and ensuring optimal outcomes for the Sound Start babies. Because of these efforts Sound Start has made a permanent, life changing difference for more than 1,000 infants and toddlers with hearing loss from throughout northern and central New Jersey.”

For more information about The Lake Drive Foundation or The Sound Start Program please visit www.lakedrivefoundation.org or contact Sueanne Sylvester at ssylvester@mtlakes.org or call 973-299-0166.

Dear NJ Relay



Dear NJ Relay & CapTel,

I am still learning about all the great services you offer. It is a blessing to people like me, who use NJ Relay & CapTel a lot. I was wondering if, instead of having someone drive all the way to my home to provide live demonstrations, I could learn online about how your services work online. Are there videos available?

Lifelong Student

Dear Lifelong Student,

We’re fortunate to work with people like you, who take the initiative in learning more about what NJ Relay & CapTel can do for you. We have a series of videos available on our YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/njrelay. Videos include information and demonstrations of services such as TTY Relay, Spanish CapTel, CapTel, Relay Conference Captioning, Speech-to-Speech, and Deaf-Blind Relay. All of the videos are open-captioned and have voice-overs. Check back at the YouTube channel or our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/njrelaycaptel from time to time, because we will continue to upload new videos. If you still need assistance after watching the videos, contact us via www.njrelay.com or email njrelayoutreach@sprint.com.

Happy learning!
Regards,
NJ Relay & CapTel

TELECOMMUNICATION RELAY SERVICES FOR NEW JERSEY

SPRING 2013

ALSO KNOW AS TTY TO TTY AND VIDEO RELAY SERVICES

QUE LA PERSONA QUE LLAMA LEE EN FRENTE LA CONVERSACION

INCLUDING BRaille TTY OR TTY WITH CAPTIONING DISPLAYS

IT @PLAYS EVERY WORD! FROM THE VIDEO

YouTube

ABOVE ARE SOME NJ RELAY VIDEOS THAT APPEAR ON YOUTUBE.

Band of Jugglers



What began three years ago, as an uncertain trial trip to American School for the Deaf, in West Hartford, CT, has become Band of Jugglers' yearly, most anticipated trip. Not only are the children amazing to work with, but the staff is always inviting and very helpful. Add to that, the scenic location of Camp Isola Bella, on Twin Lakes, and you get the trip of a lifetime! Although only one of the members on the trip is a sign language interpreter, with the other young adults only knowing some basic phrases, communication with the students is never a problem.

The most recent trip, July 2012, is the one I'd like to tell you about. The first day was all about balance, and simple circus tasks. The children wore juggling ball hats, while doing silly movements without dropping them. We introduced ourselves and then broke them down into four groups-juggling, feathers/spinning plates, diabolo and flower sticks. To say that the children had a ball would be an understatement!

Day two was focused on honing the skills that they learned the first day, and having more of an open gym practice time. The jugglers were there merely to give tips and answer questions.

The children were able to teach us, not only about American Sign Language, but also about persistence, dedication, and teamwork. When I saw the Deaf youngsters with different learning abilities, and various physical limitations, who were still able to learn the skills that we brought, I was in awe of them! Imagine my surprise when a student with limited hand functionality

was assigned to my juggling group. I thought she might want to have an easier form of juggling, so I began to modify it, using an easier form called "the monkey juggling". She signs to me, "I prefer to throw." I was amazed when, fifteen minutes later, she was on the

right track to throw the juggling pattern. That was just the beginning of inspiring students! We had another young lady who was Deaf and using a wheelchair, due to cerebral palsy. She could understand our signing and answered us by using a speech assistant device. She was right in the mix with us, and she played all of the icebreakers, to the best of her ability. She had a happy, jovial demeanor, and was not easily broken. I even saw her wearing a juggling ball as a hat, during

our opening introduction.

The inclusion and acceptance that they showed was beyond words. The children volunteered to use the blender, at lunchtime, to make sure that the food could be digested for the girl who needs even greater accommodations. Some children could be seen providing an extra hand, and a word of encouragement to the differently abled campers. They also created modified versions of the games to include everyone.

These children, all of them, gave me hope for a world in which everyone, no matter their perceived limitations, is accepted and loved for who they are. These pre-teens exemplified the Band of Jugglers' mission statement, "that we recognize, accept, and support the unique and beautiful character of each individual." 🌀

Sandra Leith is a full time student, at The College of New Jersey, Creator of The Godfather Deaf Chat and part time educator at The Circus Place. Band of Jugglers (this trip) - Liam Quat, Sandra Leith, Maggie Toomey, and Tyler Katarsky. For more information, please visit www.bandofjugglers.com or www.thecircusplace.com

Deaf Senior Housing Raises Funds

By Jane Cyran, Ph.D, NJ Deaf Senior Housing Secretary

A very successful fundraiser for the NJ Deaf Senior Housing was held on May 18 at the Montville Senior Center. More than 110 people attended and participated in a Tricky Tray. The 60 prizes ranged from childrens' games, baskets for a yummy Italian dinner, a basket of lovely lotions, an iPad, Kindle and a flat screen TV. Fun and excitement was seen as the tickets for prizes were drawn. Light refreshments were provided by NJ Relay and enjoyed by all. The highlight of the afternoon was the fashion show featuring our own beautiful Deaf ladies modeling outfits perfect for a summer beach day, an elegant evening, a RedHat Club meeting, and the latest in fashion.

Lila Taylor, Chair of the NJDSH, modeled a stylish 40s pillbox hat and Bamberger's hatbox and an 85 year old purse inherited from her mother and grandmother. Everyone enjoyed the wit and style of the models walking through the room and appreciated the lovely clothes and smiles of the models. The NJDSH sincerely appreciates all of the volunteers' work and the wonderful gifts donated by the Deaf community and their supporters. This successful event shows the support of our community for "NJ DEAF HOUSING NOW." 🌀



New Invention Levels Playing Field for Deaf Equestrians: The Silent Trainer (Patent Pending)

Deaf riders are just as strong, just as smart, and just as capable as hearing riders. They can do everything anyone else can do, except hear their trainers coach them through difficult jumper courses. A good trainer knows when a rider's coming toward a tight combination of fences too quickly, and tells them to hold back. Or to move forward, when it's a long combination, and they need more speed and impulsion. The trainer tells them to move to the right or the left of a jump, so they can take off at a better spot, or approach the next jump at better angle. Riders need this kind of coaching to win. But Deaf riders can't watch their trainers sign when they're in the ring – like all riders, they need to keep their eyes on the course.

The Silent Trainer lets trainers give Deaf riders the same signals as hearing



competitors. In the current design, the trainer holds a wireless controller with a rotating wheel, and the rider wears a belt with a matching receiver and two vibrating elements, at the front and back. When the trainer turns the wheel forward, the element at the back of the rider's belt vibrates, urging them forward. When the trainer turns the

wheel backward, the element at the front of the rider's belt vibrates, backing them off. When released, the spring-loaded wheel returns to the center position.

The next generation, currently in development, will feature a joystick to send four-way signals: forward, back, right and left, and will increase signals from mild to intense by moving the joystick farther from the center position. The Silent Trainer was developed by control systems engineer Phil Salkie, based on a concept by inventor Mike Dutka. Phil believes the technological developments of the coming century will level the playing field for all athletes, so skill, experience, and the competitive spirit will always win out. 📍

For additional information, please contact mikedutka@gmail.com.

Diana Meade is Teaching...American Sign Language, of course!

By Lori Timney

Photos by Sherry Jacob



Great news! There's an American Sign Language (ASL) course being taught by Diana Meade at the Borough Hall in Tinton Falls. This course was originally geared for children in grades 6 to 12, but exceptions were easily made for an adult and her young toddler with strong motivation to learn to sign. There were six hour-long sessions in this course, one per week during March and April. The students have recently completed all six sessions. However, they wanted to continue the course so that they could complete learning all of the chapters in their textbook ABC Basic Course in American Sign Language, by Humphries, Padden, and O'Rourke, second edition. As a result, four more sessions were scheduled during

May and June to accommodate their desire. WOW! This certainly shows the students' enthusiasm about Diana's teaching!

Lori Timney initially coordinated this ASL course and she's delighted with the students' strong interest in continuing their education in this visual and expressive language. Already, there are at least seven adults in Monmouth County expressing their interest in learning ASL. Lori is working with Diana

to coordinate another ASL course for the evenings during July. This course will be open to teenagers and adults.

Diana Meade has been teaching ASL for the past several years and thoroughly enjoys it. Not only does she teach ASL classes, but she also provides private ASL tutoring lessons. If you are interested in learning American Sign Language, please contact her at datmeade@gmail.com. If anyone is interested in taking an ASL course in Monmouth County, please get in touch with Lori Timney at loritimney@yahoo.com. I also want to thank Sherry Eisele, department head of Tinton Falls Recreation, for her generous assistance with the ASL courses. 📍



DDHH 29th Annual Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Day Prevails

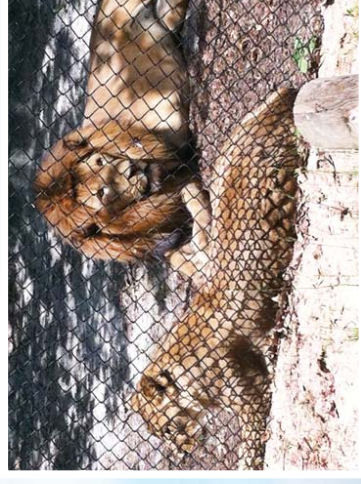
Despite rain threatening forecasts all week, the 29th Annual Awareness Day at Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson, New Jersey succeeded almost almost precipitation free. The few drops that fell earlier in the day did not put a damper on the event. The crowd trickled in all day. Along with the DDHH information booth, co-sponsor NJ Relay exhibited CapTel and passed out information related to relay services.



Lori Timney, Outreach Specialist for NJ Relay, greets patrons with a smile and discusses NJ Relay Services at Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Day.



Some of the many ticket sellers who volunteered to sell tickets on June 8 congregate before going back to work on Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Day.



These lions are among the many animals that can now be seen on the new Safari Off-Road Adventure.



Interpreters Dena Hazen and Kathy Ferejohn interpret the show: Professor Slither's Travels Around the World



Kathryn Cleary interprets the Safari Off Road Adventure tour to a group of deaf patrons.



DDHH Director David Alexander responds to questions about division services.



Patrons obtain information through Interpreter April Ritchie about DDHH services.



Lynn Baskin interprets the well-attended concert performance by Mercy Me.





From left to right are: Arrene Chapman, Cathy Weisensee, Taylour Chew and Sarah Minardi.

Interpreter Students Graduate from Camden County College

By Dianne Falvo Assistant Professor, Deaf Studies / Interpreter Education Program

Saturday, May 18, 2013 was an exciting day at the Blackwood campus of Camden County College! The sun didn't shine that day, but the warmth of the crowd who attended Commencement exercises was felt by all. That day, students in the Interpreter Education Program (IEP) became graduates and received AAS Degrees. In addition, three of those grads signed the National Anthem in unison as it was sung. The (IEP) graduates are: Arrene Chapman, Cathy Weisensee, Julia Newman, Jennifer Ruegg, Sarah Minardi, and Taylour Chew.

Here are some comments from the winner of the 2013 Deaf Studies/IEP Excellence Award, Ms. Sarah Minardi: "Graduation day was the culmination of all the hard work I had put into my education. I spent four and a half years dedicating myself to learning sign language and how to interpret it. I felt very proud to be one of the six people graduating from the program this year. Interpreting the National Anthem was the icing on the cake."

"Since being involved in the interpreting program, great opportunities have opened up for me. At the moment, I work as a paraprofessional in an elementary school" program for Deaf and hard of hearing children. "This summer I will be working at a camp with children who are Deaf and hard of hearing. In the future, I plan to interpret in an educational setting. I'd love to try interpreting at all levels (elementary, high school, college). Deaf-blind and mental health are also areas that interest me."

"Camden County's interpreter program provided great teachers, interpreters, and mentors. They exposed me to immeasurable knowledge and a wide variety of experiences. All the teachers in the program are experienced interpreters who provided great advice, tips, personal experiences, and opinions. I could not have dreamed of better educators."

"I feel incredibly grateful for my experiences at Camden County College."

Another graduate, Arrene Chapman added, "I live in Philadelphia, Pa. My commute to Camden County College in Blackwood, NJ took 45-minutes to an hour each way. Nevertheless, with the quality of the interpreting education I received, and the valuable internship experiences, every mile was worth the commute and then some. I have recommended CCC to prospective students!"

ASL Jam

By Laura Martin

Passaic County Technical Institute's Deaf and American Sign Language students put on an "ASL Jam" on May 23, 2013. The students performed original ASL poems and interpreted songs to a packed house. Families, teachers and fellow students were mesmerized by the performances. From administrators to the younger siblings of



performers – everyone wants this to become an annual event.

ASL and Deaf students each had to audition for a coveted spot in the show. Once chosen, students spent hours rehearsing in preparation for the performance. Audience members, both those familiar with sign language and those who are not, understood and appreciated each piece due to the great use of facial expression and body movement. Laura Martin's Deaf Drama students had studied ASL literature and learned about ASL poetry. They then wrote ASL poems

in class. Two students performed ASL 1-10 poems and three performed A-Z poems. One student even created a two time ASL A-Z poem retelling the story of Homer's The Odyssey.

ASL I and II students didn't just sign the songs they performed them. Students entertained and amazed audience members with their interpreted versions of songs. Stephanie



Morgan's student, Piyanka Sen, signed a Hindi song which she first translated into English then into to ASL! PCTI's principle, Dr. Parent, said, "The ASL Jam proved to the audience that ASL is a beautiful language and that it is an art form worthy of admiration – it is more than a formal means of communication for the Deaf and interested students." ASL Jam was a huge success and students are already brainstorming possible songs or poem topics for next year. Hearing and Deaf audience members enjoyed the fun-filled night of ASL literature and songs.

Burlington County Library's Assistive Listening Technology Loan Program

Many public places are characterized by background noise and poor acoustic design, which negatively impacts 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 Burlington County Library (BCLS), located at 5 Pioneer Boulevard, Westhampton, NJ offers the Assistive Listening

Technology Loan Program to BCLS card holders. Card holders are 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 Burlington County Library has two Personal Systems and one Wide Area System available for loan. Neckloops and headsets also are available for loan.

For more information about this loan program please contact the Burlington County Library at 609-267-9660.

In addition to the Burlington County Library, 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
609-625-2776

Monmouth County Library Headquarters

125 Symmes Drive
Manalapan, NJ
732-431-7220

Monmouth County Library Eastern Branch

1001 Route 35
Shrewsbury, NJ
732-683-8980

Montclair Public Library

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

Morris County Library

30 East Hanover Road
Whippany, NJ
973-285-6979



Additional libraries will be offering the Assistive Listening Technology Loan Program to their county's residents. Look forward to more announcements! 🗣️

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

American Sign Club provides Deaf culture awareness

This year, Passaic County Technical Institute's American Sign Language Club, had a goal to bring awareness of Deaf culture to the school community through various trainings and presentations.

Throughout the 2012-2013 school year, the American Sign Club trained PCTI's Medical Arts and Criminal Justice students in emergency situations where they may find themselves needing the use of Sign Language. Students and teachers alike attended the trainings and believed it to be both useful and informative.

Sign Club students and their advisor, Stephanie Morgan, also created and presented a powerful presentation to PCTI's ERASE (End Racism And Sexism Everywhere) club members. The presentation consisted of a brief history of Deaf Culture and education in America and included the latest technology

for the Deaf, as well as information on Deaf rights. They concluded their presentation with a signed interpretation of the song, "Waiting on the World to Change" that was appreciated by all.

As a follow up to the presentation, members of both clubs, as well as students from PCTI's Graphic Arts program, collaborated to create a bulletin board within the school that could help bring awareness to others that may not be familiar with Deaf Culture. Students brainstormed ideas and created a beautiful representation of kindness and

acceptance of the Deaf community for their peers and teachers to see.

The Sign Club hopes to continue their quest to bring Deaf awareness to their school and community through new and innovative ideas next year. 🗣️



Usher Syndrome Event Raising Funds

Imagine you can only see through a telescope. Now, plug your ears with your fingers. Scary, isn't it? For children and adults with Usher syndrome this is a reality and not an experiment. Our son, Henry, was born with Usher syndrome. He is Deaf and is now losing his vision. Friends and family are helping us to raise money to benefit Usher research to find a cure, which is on the horizon. Please join us on **Sunday, July 21, 2013** from noon to 6 p.m. at the Flying W Resort and Airport in Medford, NJ to raise money to benefit Usher research to find a cure. Tickets for the event are \$25 per person or \$75 for a family of 4.

Included in the ticket price: an all you can eat lunch/dinner buffet of hot dogs, hamburgers, and chicken kebabs with all the fixings, side dishes and beverages; there will be a water slide, a dunk tank, playground, volleyball, horseshoes, live entertainment, the famous airplane-shaped pool and lots of planes and helicopters taking off and landing! There also will be a Chinese and silent auction and 50/50s*.

Interpreters will be available.

To purchase tickets please send a check to:

**Help Henry See and Hear
c/o Nancy Eckerle Soupart
6805 W Commercial Blvd #128
Tamarac FL 33319**

or via PayPal to HelpHenrySeeandHear@Hotmail.com



*All proceeds will benefit

**The Coalition for Usher
Syndrome Research
2 Clock Tower Place
Suite 418, Maynard, MA**

Visit www.usher-syndrome.org for more information. ?

Note: Deaf-Blind artist Christian Markovic of *Fuzzy Wuzzy Designs* will attend.

Interested in Joining Bowling League at Boonton Lanes ?

...this coming fall 2013 on Wednesday nights at 6:15 p.m.

Boonton Lanes in Boonton, NJ (Morris County) has a few team openings on Wednesday nights at 6:15 p.m. for any interested bowler to join our fun-filled league starting the first Wednesday night after Labor Day through the mid-May 2014. It is open to any interested bowlers who are Deaf, hard of hearing, mainstreaming and CODA. Ask your friends who love to bowl, make some challenges and improve your average against our exciting league of 16 teams. (Example: 3 men/1 woman or 2 men/2 women)

Estimated weekly fee for games and end of season prizes is \$20. Money prizes will be distributed at the annual bowling banquet one night in late May or early June. If interested, please e-mail your name and e-mail address to Ronald Rozynski, a league coordinator at RERBOWL57@gmail.com. Your name will be called up for a meeting which will take place one night at Boonton Lanes in late August before the league will begin right after Labor Day. ?



Job Openings

Teacher of the Deaf, Bergen County Special Services School District, Hackensack. Must be Teacher of the Deaf Certified and HQT (Highly Qualified in subject area) in science and/or social studies, and/or willing to apply for certification in these subject areas. Must be proficient in sign language. Please send letter of interest and resume to: Dr. Candi Mascia Reed, canree@bergen.org or call: 201.343.6000 x6400 for additional information.

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@mtlakes.org
or fax to: 973-299-9405**

Diverse Deaf Club of New Jersey, Inc.
DINGO Night
NEW LOCATION & TIME
Saturday, July 6 and Saturday, August 3 ONLY
at North Brunswick Senior Citizens Center
15 Linwood Place
North Brunswick NJ 08902
Door opens at 6:00 p.m.
Games start at 7:30 p.m.
We will serve desserts and drinks only.
Admission: \$10 member \$12 non-member

North Jersey Community Center
of the Deaf, Inc.
proudly hosts
**Old-Fashioned
Catered Country Picnic**
 (All you can eat and drink - all day!)
Saturday, August 17, 2013
9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
**Tomahawk Lake &
Fun Water Park**
off Sawmill Road/Route 181
Sparta, NJ
 (rain or shine)

*** Free parking * Swimming *
* Sand Volleyball * Table Tennis *
* Horseshoes ***

Ticket costs for Adults:
\$ 40 ea.; Children under 8 - \$ 22 ea.
Deadline for ordering tickets in mail is
August 5, 2013
 for a final count of people.
 For more information about this event and
 menu plan, visit our NJCCD Web site at
www.njccdsite.org/sumpic13.pdf




New Jersey Relay Presents

Register online: www.njcapitel.com/tot.html

2013 Fall Taste of Technology in the Workplace

October 5, 2013
9:30 am to 3 pm

Hilton Woodbridge
 120 Wood Avenue South
 Iselin, NJ 08830

- ★ Free Lunch!
- ★ ASL/Voice Interpretation and CART (Captioning) will be provided.

This event is for everyone who is interested in learning about technology and employment.

Workshops include:

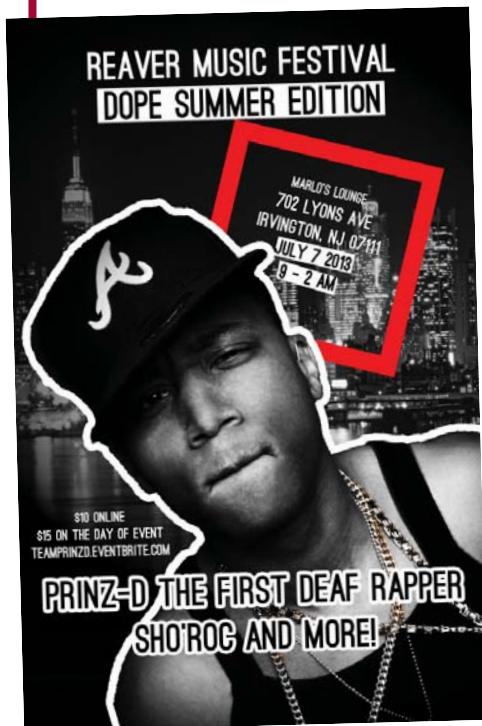
- ❖ NJ Relay and CapTel: Communication Access in the Workplace
- ❖ Technology and Employment Panel: Employee's Success with Work Performance using Effective Communication Strategies, Tools and Resources
- ❖ The Best Kept Secret in NJ: Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
- ❖ Social Media and Employment

FREE REGISTRATION FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE UNTIL SEATS ARE FULL

Last Name				First		M.I.	Date
Street Address						Apartment/Unit #	
City			State		ZIP		
Phone			E-mail Address				
Fax Number			Organization /Agency				
Special Requests: (e.g. Dietary Restriction):							
Please check if you need the following:				<input type="checkbox"/> Deaf/Blind Interpreter			
DEADLINE TO REGISTER: September 20, 2013 ~ To register online: www.njcapitel.com/tot.html OR email/fax completed registration form to: Email: kelly.lange@sprint.com or Fax: 913-523-1137							

The Communicator Signboard

Prinz-D: The First Deaf Rapper






Prinz-D The First Deaf Rapper hosts the Reaver Music Festival for the second time, after a successful first event in Washington, D.C. Both Prinz-D The First Deaf Rapper and Sho'ROC (a Deaf pop singer) will appear. Tickets can be purchased online, at teamprinzd.eventbrite.com for \$10 before the show, or for \$15 at the door. Freebies for those in attendance, as well as cheap alcoholic drinks for those above legal age. Named after Prinz-D's grandmother, whom he honored in a song on First Deaf Rapper Volume 1, this event is set apart from others, by having Deaf performers. Regardless of hearing ability, attendees will be drawn to the event by their common interest in music, any way they perceive it.



July 7, 2013
9 p.m.- 2 a.m.
Marlo's Lounge
702 Lyon's Avenue
Irvington, NJ 07111

INFLUENCE YOUR MIND TO A BETTER BODY

Body **Bey**

By

JAMES BEY, CERTIFIED PERSONAL TRAINER

ASL INTERPRETER AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

ASL ASL

(732) 337-8019

J.BEY87@gmail.com



A Free Family Event

"The Little Mermaid"
 (Junior Edition)

- Interpreted Performances: July 12 and 13
 - 6:00 p.m.
 - Ticket price: Free
- The Alan Augustine Village Green
 430 Park Ave, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076

Lawn chairs and blankets permitted.
 Interpreting services donated by:
 Governor Livingston High School -
www.NJDeafProgram.com

The Communicator Signboard

NWJAD - Northwest Jersey Association of the Deaf Inc.
Join us for our

20th Annual ASL Storytelling Contest & Banquet

Saturday, October 5, 2013
7:00 p.m. - Midnight
Hilton Hotel Woodbridge
120 Wood Ave. South
Iselin, NJ 08830

Buffet, cash bar, door prizes!
Come and share your favorite NEW Deaf story/joke individually or form a group (up to 4 people).
DEAF, HH & CODA only may enter the contest.
Sign up on same day as contest.
No advance registration necessary.

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

Admission cost:
Now to Aug 31, 2013 - \$60 per person
Sept. 1st to 27, 2013 - \$75 per person

** Limited seating * Wear casual clothes * Adults only - 18 years and up **

For Hilton Woodbridge Hotel: call 732-492-6200 and make your reservation-Group Name: NJA
Please make check/money order payable to: NJWAD, Inc and send to
Tom Montemorano, Treasurer, 52 Heritage Ct, Towaco, NJ 07082
with your name, spouse's name, address and email address (will send you a confirmation)
or for information or Paypal: www.nwjad.org questions/concerns,
please email us at nwjad2011@nwjad.org

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

BINGO Night Affair

Saturday, September 7, 2013
6 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Elmwood Park VFW Post 5084
6 Veterans Place, Elmwood Park, NJ


** Refreshments on Sale **
** NJCCD Affair BankNite * 50/50 Chances **
** 32 inch TV Raffles*

Admission in advance for members -
\$ 10 each and non-members - \$13 each.
At door on September 7 - \$15 each for all.

**Deadline for ordering tickets in advance
is September 2.**

*Texas Hold'Em Poker Games
Chairman Gregory Garnetto and
Co-Chairman Jorge Soto*

For ordering tickets in advance or more
information about this event, please visit
www.njccdsite.org/sept13bingo.pdf



Festive Indoor Picnic-Style Fundraising Event

Hosted by NJ Deaf Senior Housing Committee
Saturday, August 3, 2013
12 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Montville Senior Center, 356 Route 202, Montville, NJ 07045

Telikin Computer Demonstration by Lori Timney.
*A simple and easy-to-use family computer that includes many,
neat features.*

Emergency Preparedness Presentation by Annmarie Buraczeski:
How to be better prepared in the event of a disaster or emergency
situation.

Refreshments & Fun
50/50 raffle, door prizes, games, and many more!
Admission: \$15
Deadline: July 26, 2013
Limited to 180 seats

Any questions? Please email Lila at LTaylor09@aol.com or
Lucinda at LBrooks4@verizon.net

All proceeds go to the NJ Deaf Senior Housing Fund

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): _____
Street: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Number of persons: _____ Total Cost: \$ _____
I will not able to attend and would like to make a donation for \$ _____

Admission and non-attendance are tax deductible - a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

The Communicator Signboard

Deaf Coffee Chat

We have had a *Deaf Coffee Chat* on the second Friday once a month for the past five years at Edgewater Commons Mall , River Road, Edgewater, New Jersey at Starbucks.

We have been getting lots of hearing students, hearing people, Deaf and interpreters at Starbucks from 8 p.m. to midnight as this Starbucks is open 24/7. Please join us for chatting , drinking and eating.



Larry Bitkower
Eagle7a@gmail.com

North Brunswick Zone Lanes

790 U.S. Route 1
North Brunswick, NJ 08902

Starting this September
on Sundays 6:30pm

The league is open to deaf, hearing sign language students
Signers / Interpreters, parents and siblings

Great prizes and fund raising events are always promoted.

If interested in joining,
please contact Patty immediately
plt311@gmail.com

or

Check us out at www.aslba.org
And click on facebook icon



Hearing Loss Association of America

Morris County Chapter

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



Annual Pot Luck Party

Saturday, July 13, 2013

11:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.

We provide plates, napkins, cups,
silverware, drinks.

Please bring yummy food to share!

Location:

43 Spring Garden Drive, Madison, NJ 07940

This is a relaxed time to get to know each other better.

Share our concerns and hearing tricks

Contact Information: Pat Dobbs - 973.479.8083

email: pat@HearingLossResourceCenter.com

blog: www.HearingLossResourceCenter.com

Ocean Deaf Club, Inc.

28th Annual Outing & Picnic

RAIN OR SHINE (Huge Pavilion)

Saturday, September 14, 2013

12:00 to Dusk

Veteran's Park

Veteran Hwy, Bayville N.J.08721

Admission: Member \$ 20 Non-Member \$ 25

(After August 28 \$30)

Buffet includes: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chicken, Potato Salad, Cole slaw, Baked Beans Beverages (also includes all condiments)
Includes all foods, beverages listed above & Door Prizes.

Bring dessert, cookies and fruit salad to share!

Make your reservations by **August 28 2013**

NO REFUNDS

Limited to 125 People

Info: oceandeafclub@yahoo.com

Return form and make check payable to: *Ocean Deaf Club, Inc.*

Mail to:

Ocean Deaf Club, Inc P.O Box 34 Lakehurst, New Jersey, 08733-0034

PLEASE PRINT!

Name: _____

Email: _____

Member: _____ Non-Member: _____

After August 28 - \$30 _____

Religious Access



Schalick High School, 718 Centerton Rd., Elmer, NJ



Upcoming Events:

July 14, 2013

Church Picnic

1:30 p.m.

317 Harding Highway - Route 40

Pittsgrove, NJ 08318



Sunday Morning:

Continental Breakfast: 10:30-11:00 a.m.

(11:00 a.m. service (interpreted for the Deaf))

For more information: www.victoryaog.org

Contact Connie 856-358-8313 Voice

Town and Village's (T&V) Summer of Signed Services Starts June 29 & July 13

A service with full readings from the Torah and Haftorah (Prophets)

Saturday, June 29 - 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Town & Village (T&V) Synagogue (www.tandv.org)

334 East 14th Street,

between 1st and 2nd Avenues in Manhattan

Jane Adler & Jessica Ames

(our "Double-A"-rated interpreting team) and

Saturday, July 13 - 10:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.

Naomi Brunnlehrman and (welcoming her back to T&V again)

Carole Lazorisak with Bram Weiser

A Kiddush (refreshments and social hour) will follow services, and all are welcome to participate!

Note: Out of respect for Shabbat, pen, paper and electronic devices cannot be used at T&V then.) For additional information, please contact Bram at bramweiser@usa.net or (212) 677-0368 Voice.

Coming soon, additional ASL-interpreted services, including this year's VERY early High Holidays, and more. Keep your eyes open for details as they become available, or contact Bram directly to find out! ASL interpreters are available at T&V when requests are made in advance.

Please contact Bram (bramweiser@usa.net) for more information.

Gloucester County Community Church

Deaf Ministry Picnic Saturday, August 17 Lake Garrison



In the covered pavilion next to the snack bar from 9 a.m. to closing!

Admission at gate: \$8 per person

For more info: www.lakegarrison.com

BBQ & beverages will be provided for free by the Deaf Ministry.

Also, GCCC has Sunday interpreted services at 11:15 a.m. every week except the 3rd Sunday of the week. The third Saturday of the month is our Bible study & fellowship followed by Saturday night interpreted service at 6:30 p.m.

**GCCC, 359 Chapel Heights Road,
Washington Township, NJ 08080**

Grace Bible Chapel of the Deaf

Grace Bible Chapel, 100 Oakdale Road, Chester, NJ 07930

July 20, 2013 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Pastor Nancy Tonnessen

Food will be provided. One piece swimsuit for woman required at swimming pool.

Contact Information-Roy Siskind: rojogolfer@hotmail.com

Mike Sarsfield ms1262@aol.com



Mail to:

Roy Siskind, 288 Janine Way, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

How many persons will attend the picnic? _____

Name: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

VP Number _____ Email _____

MONTHLY COMMUNICATOR - July/Aug. 2013



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

PRESORTED
FIRST-CLASS MAIL
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
TRENTON, NJ
PERMIT No. 21

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Dated Material Please Rush

Calendar of Events 2013

Friday, July 26

DDHH Advisory Council Meeting
East Brunswick Public Library
9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Presenter TBD

Sunday, Sept. 22

Deaf Fest 2013
Middlesex County
Fairgrounds
East Brunswick, NJ

Saturday, Oct. 5

MK/NJSD Alumni Association
3rd Annual 5k Run/Walk
At NJ School for the Deaf
Info: njsd.mksdalumni@gmail.com

Enjoy the Summer and we'll see you back here in September!
- The Staff of DDHH



DDHH Regular Office Hours: Monday – Friday; 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Office closed Thursday, July 4 – Independence Day