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Governor Chris Christie Appoints Velez to Continue with Department of Human Services

Highlights Commitment to Bipartisan, Highly Qualified Cabinet

Governor Chris Christie announced the reappointment of Jennifer Velez as Commissioner of the NJ Department of Human Services (DHS) on January 15, 2010. Velez has served as Commissioner of DHS since 2007, bringing her own fierce commitment to child welfare and advocacy.



Chris Christie, Governor

Governor Christie said, "My first commitment is putting qualified, strong individuals in positions where they can effect real change. Our government has and can provide meaningful services to New Jerseyans and I am confident that working together we will be able to address our severe fiscal challenges while delivering on priority programs."

Velez, an attorney with an extensive background in New Jersey's social service issues, was nominated Commissioner of the Department of Human Services (DHS) by Governor Jon S. Corzine in February, 2007, and confirmed and sworn-in on June 21, 2007.

DHS has the largest budget in state government with more than half of the funds drawn from the federal government. With nearly 16,000 employees, just over 75-percent serve as direct care workers in the seven developmental centers and five psychiatric hospitals. About one in eight New Jersey residents is impacted by the work of DHS.

Velez works in partnership with the Administration on initiatives including: increasing enrollment in the state's subsidized health insurance program, NJ FamilyCare; ensuring a safe, secure and therapeutic environment in New Jersey's public psychiatric hospitals and developmental centers; advancing Olmstead plans which provide for the community placement of independent persons with developmental disabilities and mental illness; and sustaining the safety-net of services made available for New Jersey's low income individuals and families.



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Director's Corner

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



The Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing has been tracking an important piece of federal legislation titled the Twenty-First Century Communication and Video Accessibility Act of 2009 (HR 3101), also referred to as the COAT bill. It advocates for access to new and emerging technologies and would ensure that new Internet-enabled telephone and television services are accessible to and usable by people with hearing and vision disabilities. This bill was introduced into the House at the end of June 2009 by Rep. Ed Markey (D-MA.).

Historically, accessibility laws for people with disabilities often lag new technology by years. For example, the federal regulations that govern TV captioning doesn't apply to videos on broadband and other new mobile and wireless technologies that the average American uses every day. Today faster, cheaper broadband access is helping to move media onto the Internet. On YouTube alone, for instance, more than 20 hours of video are added every minute. The majority of online content, however, is not captioned, making it inaccessible to people who rely on captioning to know what's being said. Consequently, people with hearing loss miss out on potentially valuable information.

The COAT bill is important legislation; and if enacted, it will ensure that accessibility issues would be at the forefront of new and emerging technology. The previous version of this bill died in the House, due to a lack of co-sponsorship and little time to build support within that particular session of Congress. The new bill has about a year and a half (January, 2011) to gain enough support and get passed in this session of Congress. As of April 10, 2009, over 230 national, state or regional organizations are members of the COAT.

DDHH encourages you to visit www.coataccess.org and sign the on-petition to support HR Bill 3101. The more people adding their voices to this effort *will* ensure that people with hearing and vision loss *will* have equal access to Internet-based and digital communication technologies, now and in the future.

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

Reminder:

The deadline for the April 2010 issue is March 1.
The deadline for the March issue was February 1.

Send e-mail submissions to the editor:
Alan.Champion@dhs.state.nj.us.

Submissions should be "text only," in a standard word document (no pdf files). Photos, that accompany submissions are encouraged.

For a style sheet, contact the editor.

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First of the month for the following month's edition.**

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Additional priorities for the department involve increasing housing opportunities for those served by the department, increasing employment opportunities for persons with disabilities, and engaging substantive contract reform.

Commissioner Velez served as DHS Deputy Commissioner for Family and Community Services from January 2006 until her nomination. In that position, Velez oversaw the divisions that administer Medicaid and public welfare, and was involved in making recommendations to the commissioner on all aspects of the department's responsibilities.

Prior to DHS from, Velez was the Child Advocates Office's First Assistant Child Advocate when it was created in September 2003. She led the Office's investigations into the child welfare system's care for four chronically malnourished former foster children and was responsible for the Office's work in the area of juvenile justice reforms.

From 1998 until 2003, Velez served Governor James E. McGreevey, Acting Governor Donald DiFrancesco and Governor Christine Todd Whitman as Senior Associate Counsel and Assembly Liaison in the Office of Governor's Counsel. There, she was primarily responsible for advising each on legislation and regulations affecting the Department of Human Services. She also played a significant role in the architecture of several laws that have impacted the health and welfare of New Jersey's children. These include, the Homeless Youth Act, the Safe Haven Infant Protection Act, NJ FamilyCare, the creation of a Kinship Legal Guardianship status, New Jersey's implementation of the Adoption and Safe Families Act and the Earned Income Tax Credit.

Before entering public service, Velez was in private practice at the law firm of Pitney, Hardin, Kipp & Szuch in Florham Park, New Jersey. She received her law degree from Rutgers School of Law in Newark and her undergraduate degree in Economics from Drew University in Madison. She lives in Summit with her husband and two children.

Note: The NJ Department of Human Services houses the Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

DDHH Advisory Council Meeting
Friday, April 30
9:30 AM to 3:30 PM

East Brunswick Public Library
2 Jean Walling Civic Center, East Brunswick, NJ 08816-3529
The public is invited to attend.

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

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



Chubby Checker and Social Security Commissioner Astrue Announce a New “Twist” in the Law

Changes Make it Easier to Qualify for Extra Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs

Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner of Social Security, and Chubby Checker, Grammy Award winner and rock and roll legend, have launched a new campaign to inform millions of Americans about a new “twist” in the law that makes it easier to qualify for extra help with Medicare prescription drug costs. The extra help program currently provides assistance to more than nine million senior and disabled Americans - saving them an average of almost \$4,000 a year on their Medicare prescription drug plan costs. To apply for extra help, there is an easy-to-use online application available at www.socialsecurity.gov.

“The changes in the Medicare law that take effect this month will allow hundreds of thousands of Americans who are struggling to pay their prescription drug costs to get extra help during these tough economic times,” said Commissioner Astrue. “I am thrilled that Chubby Checker has volunteered to help us spread this important message through a new television, radio, and Internet spot as well as pamphlets and posters.”

“Listen up, America! For 50 years, people of all ages and backgrounds have danced the Twist,” Chubby Checker said. “Now it’s important everyone learn about this new twist in the law. Check it out at www.socialsecurity.gov.”

To qualify for extra help, people must meet certain resource and income limits. The new Medicare law eases those requirements in two ways. First, it eliminates the cash value of life insurance from counting as a resource. Second, it eliminates the assistance people receive from others to pay for household expenses, such as food, rent, mortgage or utilities, from counting as income. There also is another important “twist” in the law. The application for extra help can now start the application process for Medicare Savings Programs, state programs which provide help with other Medicare costs. These programs help pay Medicare Part B (medical insurance) premiums. For some people, the Medicare Savings Programs also pay Medicare Part A (hospital insurance) premiums, if any, and Part A and B deductibles and co-payments.

To learn more about the extra help program, and to view the new TV spot featuring Chubby Checker, go to www.socialsecurity.gov/extrahelp.

Lake Drive Walkathon 2009

submitted by Nora Rodríguez, MS, LCSW

The Lake Drive School held its third annual Walkathon on October 23, to recognize its character education initiatives. This year's theme was "Walking the Path," which the students did do making their way up the walking path of the town's main thoroughfare. Students will also be asked to do so figuratively by walking the PATH, a play on the title of the curriculum adopted for use program-wide: PATHS (Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies).

The event began with an outdoor pep rally, accompanied by the Lake Drive cheer to the beat of drums played by three middle school students. All participants, big and small, sported wristbands assembled by one group of middle school students, while another group of the same held the Lake Drive banner and led walkers on their way.

The crispness of the weather only served to fuel the enthusiasm of the participants. The PATHS curriculum is a model for reinforcing self-awareness, problem-solving and conflict resolution via teachable moments during the school day, as well as, through structured activities.



Flat Stanley in The White House

For most people, there are significant experiences, easily recalled with great detail, during their school years that have stayed with them their whole lives. For one student of the Lake Drive Program, a great lesson in geography and a connection to the global community, coupled with a young boy's pure enthusiasm, made an impressive and memorable outcome to be remembered for a lifetime. The story of the character, Flat Stanley, is widely known as one who takes a misfortune and turns it into an adventure. One of the teachers at the Lake Drive program thought to use the experience of a Flat Stanley project to practice their writing and language skills while learning about exciting places around the nation and the world. The students then made their own Flat Stanleys and mailed them to family and friends that live far away, with instructions for Flat Stanley's escapades.

On the return of the Flat Stanleys, it was a thrill to see where the cut-outs had traveled and what stories and images came back with them. The Flat Stanleys traveled to Ireland, Turkey, China, Hawaii, Louisiana, New York City, Orange, New Jersey, Florida, the Dominican Republic and Washington, D.C. For one young student in the class, there was only one place for his Flat Stanley to visit: The White House. Supported by his teacher, his cut-out was mailed along with those of his classmates. And, it came back with a letter recounting Flat Stanley's studious and exciting experiences at the actual White House. This was a wonderful and memorable end to a dynamic assignment. The entire staff joined in recognizing this invaluable experience for the students' efforts and for the unexpected and delightful outcomes. For the one student in particular, in the years to come he will surely recount many stories of his youth, but most will pale to this opportunity turned memory maker.



NJRID

The Art of the English Presentation: An Evening with a Toastmaster Mary Bacheller

February 8

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Camden County College, 200 College Drive, Blackwood, NJ 08012

NJRID Members - \$12; Non-Members - \$15.

Interpreters are called upon to voice for Deaf individuals in a variety of situations. They might be participating in a conversation with a hearing person(s) or they might be giving a presentation. Being able to understand the signer is only half the challenge. Superior English skills are also required; however being well versed in grammatical structure still is not enough. Interpreters need to hone their presentation skill to accurately represent a Deaf presenter.

What does a good presentation offer a hearing audience? What do we, as interpreters, do to ensure our interpreted work relates to the audience? How do we make our voices heard clearly with no yelling? How do we overcome a fear of public speaking?

The goal of this workshop is to provide participants with the tools necessary to interpret a presentation confidently and appropriately into the target language. Skills learned in this workshop will help you improve in these areas but will apply to any situation where you find yourself in the role of interpreter; a dialogue between co-workers before a meeting, a high school speech or a corporate presentation.

This workshop is designed for novice, intermediate and educational interpreters. However we can all benefit any time we are given the opportunity for practice with hands-on experience. We hope to see you there.

NJRID is an Approved RID CMP Sponsor for Continuing Education Activities.

This Professional Studies program is offered for .2 CEUs at the content level for ALL Levels.

Please make check payable to NJRID and mail to:

Kathy Ferejohn
23 Fairview Drive
Middletown, NJ 07748



.2 CEUs available in Professional Studies, Content Level

For refund inquiries, contact Kathy Ferejohn @ kraftkk@yahoo.com

On-site registration available

Deadline for request for special accommodations is Feb 1.



The ASL-English Interpretation Program City University of New York - LaGuardia Community College

Application for Fall 2010

Pre- Screening Application Deadline: Postmark May 14.

The ASL-English Interpretation Program is a two-year, rigorous academic curriculum that incorporates CCIE national interpreter education standards. The methodologies used in this program are based on models of interpretation and pedagogy recognized as the best practices in the field. Diversity and multicultural perspectives are central to the program. Courses are taught by nationally known Deaf and hearing instructors. The program is offered primarily in the evening, with some daytime fieldwork hours required. Students earn a Professional Certificate. A BA degree option in ASL-English Interpretation is also available.

The ASL-English Interpretation Program includes the following courses:

Interpreting I, Introduction to the Field of Interpreting, Interpreting II, Language in Use, Interpreting III, Service Learning, ASL Discourse, Interpreting IV & Internship, Ethics and Decision Making, Interpreting V, Interpreting in Educational Settings, Interpreting VI & Internship.

The admission process involves:

1) Pre-screening Application (form, essay, videos, transcript, 2 "letters" of recommendation - one from a member of the Deaf community and the other from someone who can provide an academic or professional reference) \$35 Application Fee due with application
Selected pre-screening applicants will advance to part 2 of the application process.

2) Admission Screening (on-site reading/written response and live panel interview) \$35 Screening Fee due at time of screening.

Successful applicants will be admitted to the Interpretation Program.

The program is seeking candidates who are actively involved in the Deaf community and can demonstrate fluency in both ASL and English as well as strong interpersonal skills, an aptitude for learning processed interpretation, and who are self-reflective. The program does not require prior interpreting experience or prior study in interpretation. Educational background (an AA degree or 2 years of college credits) and potential success in an upper division academic environment are key factors.

The program welcomes applications from all qualified individuals.
Please note: Tuition Funding is available to students accepted into the program.

For additional information, visit ace.laguardia.edu/iep/



DEAF411 News Service **NEWS ANNOUNCEMENT**

T-Mobile has added new features to its latest Sidekick, the Sidekick LX 2009 which is attracting attention from consumers who are Deaf or hard of hearing. The new features build on Sidekick's reputation of meeting and exceeding the needs of Deaf consumers in providing a Deaf-friendly product.

Among the notable Deaf-friendly features mentioned in a Deaf411 video announcement is a larger 3.2 inch display screen and a trackball navigator that lights up to alert you of not only just e-mail and instant messaging (IM) messages, but also alerts from any one of the three social network sites: Twitter, MySpace and Facebook.

This new Sidekick model continues its reputable messaging capabilities with multiple e-mail and instant messaging (IM) service options, and a spacious keyboard. An upgraded 3.2 megapixel camera with auto focus and flash, YouTube Mobile access, Flash video support and the 3G network capability are now incorporated in this new model.

Sidekick LX 2009 can be used with T-Mobile's "Unlimited data and messaging plan" offered to qualified Deaf and hard of hearing consumers. This plan covers unlimited personal e-mail, Web browsing, text and instant messaging at an economical \$29.95 monthly rate.

The video, presented in American Sign Language with open captions, was produced for Fuse Communications, a T-Mobile authorized dealer. For information on Sidekick LX 2009, a rebate offer, and T-Mobile's "unlimited data and messaging plan", the video can be seen at www.deaf411online.com.

If you have any questions regarding this news announcement, contact the company or organization listed in the announcement. DEAF411 is an information distribution service and does not guarantee the accuracy, completeness or suitability of information in the announcement posted and distributed through its subsidiaries.

ATTENTION: MONTHLY COMMUNICATOR READERS

Our newsletter wants you. While we strive to report the activities of the New Jersey Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, the real strength of the Monthly Communicator is its voice stemming from the community. Events that impact people who are Deaf, hard of hearing, late-deafened or deaf-blind are welcomed for submission.

We encourage you to submit articles, opinions, and photographs of interest for people with hearing loss in New Jersey. Share your experiences; share your knowledge. It is our continuing quest to enhance the Monthly Communicator – by many accounts, the best newsletter of its kind in the country ... but we need your help.

We also are happy to print job announcements open to people with hearing loss, events that are accessible with sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, and CART (Communication Access Realtime Translation), information about current technology, et. al.

Send your submissions to the editor at: alan.champion@dhs.state.nj.us. The deadline is the first of the month for the next month. We look forward to hearing from you.

NJ Senior Citizens Housing Project will host a

Community Forum

at

The Bergen County Deaf Senior Citizen Club
50 Center Street, Midland Park, NJ 07432

Thursday, April 8 (time to be announced)

Presenter: Erich Schwenker, President of Cardinal Capital Management Inc.,
will give a presentation on a housing project.

For more information, contact Lila Taylor, NJAD Senior Chair at Ltaylor09@aol.com
or Rose Pizzo, NJAD SC, Liaison for Bergen County Deaf Senior at Rosevin52@aol.com

5th Annual Let's Rock & Crop

(We're back, for one last event.)

Saturday, March 27, 2010
10:00 AM to 10:00 PM (12 hours)

at

Crowne Plaza Hotel/Clark, 36 Valley Road, Clark, NJ 07066
for directions www.crowneplaza.com/clarknj
Garden State Parkway Northbound/Southbound Exit 135

Nonrefundable registration fee: \$65

Deadline March 1

Included: cold lunch, full course hot buffet/dinner, beverage (hot/cold), desserts, snacks and goody bag.
Door Prizes, Make and Take, 50/50 chances, Page/Tag, Layout Contest, etc.
Please bring your own lamp and extension outlet.

Vendors include: Creative Memories, TLC, Close to My Heart, Stampin' Up, Jewelry, Scentsy Warmers, Scrapper Clone, Mary Kay.

Room Block Reservation: Block Code LRD under the group name – Let's Rock and Crop.
Call 732-574-0100 or Fax 732-388-1186.

Any questions, contact Natalie Beckman at 201-383-1149 VP or e-mail at
nataliebeckman@gmail.com.

Please send money order (no checks, please) to:
Deborah Wen, 13 Laurel Court, Paramus, NJ 07652

New Jersey Black Deaf Advocates

General Meeting and Presentation

with

Paulette J. Knarr, MS
Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor
New Jersey Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services

Saturday, March 6
1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

At New Jersey School for the Deaf/MKSD
Museum Building #30, Community Room
320 Sullivan Way, West Trenton, NJ 08625

(Refreshments for sale)

For more information, contact John Lewis, blewis777@tmo.blackberry.net
www.princetononline.org/njbda

Looking for all Bruce Street School for the Deaf alumi, parents, spouses, former teachers and staff.

**Bruce Street will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary
in September 2010**

Please contact us at Brucestreet19@gmail.com

or

Bruce Street School for the Deaf
Attention: Letta Cartwright, 333 Clinton Place, Newark, NJ 07112

ASL eClub is Booming

ASL MEDIA LLC is pleased to announce that ASL eClub member roster has increased due to high demand in understanding the linguistics of American Sign Language with video instructor Carl Schroeder, M.Ed. A major reason is to study ASL in preparation for best interpreting assignments they can get.

"Members, professionals and beginners, are enthusiastic to gain knowledge of new information in monthly "Looking at American Sign Language" DVDs that are based on recent research and linguistic/cultural realizations," said James Kittell, President of ASL MEDIA. "Always New ASL - is our motto to move forward our members to accomplish and move up to best job prestige and respect they can earn."

DVDs are designed for people who are proficient in using ASL, all the beginners are encouraged to study them with some difficulty challenges. Interpreters, ASL teachers, parents of the Deaf, teachers of the Deaf, and ASL students are highly recommended to join ASL eClub. Our "Looking at American Sign Language" DVDs are cost effective, beneficial and educational.

Don't wait. Join the club now at www.asleclub.com and receive 12 monthly issues of "Looking at American Sign Language" DVDs.

About ASL MEDIA:

Founded in 2002, ASL MEDIA LLC is a business development company focusing on five key areas: entertainment, education, technology, operations, and marketing. Headquartered in southern California, the privately held company is owned by a Deaf business developer. For more information, visit www.aslmedia.com.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Career Facilitator for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

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 are currently expanding our services and seeking a career facilitator to work with individuals who are Deaf and hard of hearing. This position is full time and the candidate would need to work in the Ocean and Monmouth County area.

Candidate 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.
- excellent communication and organizational skills.
- their own transportation and be willing to travel throughout Central New Jersey 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.

FAX resume and cover letter to Alyse Betso at 908-685-2660 or via e-mail to Abetso@alternativesinc.org.

Religious Access

ASL Interpreted Shabbat Service

Did you ever wonder what happens at a Jewish prayer service? Did you ever wonder what all of that mumbled Hebrew means? Did you ever wish that the rabbi was Deaf or could sign?

If so, come and join us at 10:00 AM Saturday February 6 at Bnai Keshet in Montclair, New Jersey.

Please join Deaf rabbi Darby Leigh at an ASL interpreted Shabbat Service at Bnai Keshet in Montclair New Jersey. Services will begin at 10:00 AM and will be followed by a festive Kiddush (luncheon) at 12:00 Noon.

Bnai Keshet is a Reconstructionist congregation located at 99 South Fullerton Ave. Montclair NJ 07042. Visit www.bnaikeshet.org for more information.

Rabbi Darby Leigh would love to welcome more Deaf hands to participate in a discussion during the service itself. Shalom.

February Gingo

Ministry with the Deaf of South Jersey
Chapter #138 of ICDA

Saturday, February 13

6:00 to 10:30 PM

No early birds, please.

Gingo starts promptly at 7:00 PM

St. Gregory's Church (basement) 340 E. Evesham Avenue, Magnolia, New Jersey 08049
\$10 per person (cash only). Pay at the door.

Must be 18 to play. No children, please.

Refreshments (hot dogs) and 50/50 tickets will be sold.

Bring desserts, get 3 free 50/50 tickets (limit 3 tickets per person).

Bring your friend(s). Hope to see you there.

For more information, please contact Betty Ann, mwdbak@yahoo.com.

Please bring a donation of canned food or box(es) of cereal that will be for needy families and earn 3 free 50/50 tickets. (Limit 3 free 50/50 tickets per person.)

The New Jersey Pastoral Workers and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Deaf Ministries present

The Sunday Liturgy Workshop

Saturday, March 6
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Holy Saviour Church Auditorium
50 Emerald Avenue Westmount, NJ 08108-2398
www.holysaviourchurch.org/mapsite.htm

Presenters:

Amy June Rowley

Amy is currently the Coordinator of the American Sign Language Program at California State University, East Bay. Amy is also a member of the National Religious Sign Project of the National Catholic Office for the Deaf. Amy will focus on interpreting the prayers of the Catholic Mass and share with us the findings of the National Religious Sign Project.

Rev. Dennis Gill

Father Gill, Director of the Office of Worship for the Archdiocese Diocese of Philadelphia, will present on the meaning and structure of the Mass prayers with an emphasis on preparing for the new English translation of the Third Edition of the Roman Missal.

Interpreters: \$35 (including CEUs and a box lunch)
Deaf Lectors/Response Leaders: \$25

Registration deadline February 25.

For questions, contact: Sr. Kathleen / srschipa@adphila.org or Sr. Bonnie / bmcmnamin@camdendiocese.org or Deacon Tom / smiththo@rcan.org

No voice interpreters will be provided. Site is wheelchair accessible.

NJRID is approved by the RID CMP to sponsor continuing Education Activities. This workshop is offered for 0.6 CEUS in the area of Professional Studies and has an instructional level of some knowledge of this topic. The target audience is advanced students, certified interpreters, interpreters working in religious settings and/or preparing to work in religious settings. (Participants will be notified by e-mail of snow cancellation. Refunds will be given if a participant cancels prior to the registration deadline.)

Checks payable to the Ministry With the Deaf / Send to:
Sr. Bonnie McMenamin Ministry with the Deaf / 631 Market Street /
Camden, NJ 08102

www.archdiocese-phl.org/evangelization/resplife/deafapos.htm



Communicator Signboard

The Summit Playhouse

There is going to be a murder at The Summit Playhouse

with each performance of "**Murder In Green Meadows**", by Douglas Post. This "psychological thriller" of two quirky couples, whose friendship quickly morphs into a labyrinth of surprising twists and turns, runs Feb. 19 - March 6. There is a signed performance on Sunday Feb. 28 at 2:00 PM. A loop-compatible assisted listening system is available for all performances. Sherrie Ahlin directs.

Tickets: \$20 adults, \$15 Students.

Call Summit Playhouse, 10 New England Ave. Summit at 908-273-2192 Voice or visit:
summitplayhouse.org

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

St. Patrick's WINGO Affair

at

Knights of Columbus, 39 Washington Street, Lodi, NJ

Saturday, March 13, 7:00 PM

Irish clothing contests at 7:40 PM

Cash prizes for most Irish green clothes

WINGO GAMES will begin to play after 8:00 PM.
\$1,000 in cash given away based on 200 people attending.

Welcome people who are 21 years old or older to play.
Refreshment on Sale NJCCD Affair Banknite, 50/50 Chances

\$10 Donations in advance for members or non-members; \$12 at door

Mail check or money order payable to NJCCD, Inc. to
Beverly Golden, 26 Thomas Street, Clifton, NJ 07013

Deadline March 8 for advance ticket donations.
Chairperson Bev Golden, Co-Chairperson Karen Belisle

For more information, visit www.njccdsite.org or e-mail to Bev Golden at TBGolden0206@mc



Communicator Signboard

Deaf/Blind League of New Jersey

Annual "Holiday" party

March 20
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Old Man Rafferty's Restaurant, 106 Albany Street, New Brunswick, NJ

Members \$20, Non-Members \$ 25
Alcoholic beverages not included.

RSVP: Marci Friedman mmfried@comcast.net

NJAD Senior Citizens Housing
hosts a

Riverboat Luncheon Cruise

Riverboat Tours is pleased to welcome you aboard for a delightful cruise on The River Lady, 150 passengers, 85' authentic reproduction of a paddle wheel riverboat.

The River Lady cruises the Toms River and Barnegat Bay of Toms River, New Jersey

Riverboat Tours Inc.
One Robbins Parkway
Toms River, NJ 08753

Saturday June 19, 2010
12:30 PM - 3:30 PM
Raffles cash 50-50

Please be there at Noon. Boat leaves harbor at 12:30 PM.



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Calendar of Events 2010

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Friday, April 30 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM
East Brunswick Public Library
2 Civic Blvd., East Brunswick NJ 08816-3529
Call DDHH to confirm your attendance:
609-984-7281 V/TTY

DDHH Office - Days Closed
New Jersey mandatory furlough for state employees Friday, February 12.
President's Day Monday, February 15
Regular Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.