

Monthly Communicator

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New Jersey recovers from Hurricane Irene



The **New Jersey Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing** hopes that our readers were not too severely impacted by Hurricane Irene and the subsequent flooding. Our state was hit with potent winds, rain, flooding, and power failures. We understand that people with hearing loss may not always have access to information disseminated by the authorities in time to prepare, and to recuperate thereafter. Toward this end, the division has been working with the state's Office of Emergency Management to enhance their awareness of the communications access needs of people who are Deaf and hard of hearing.

To assist us in obtaining these goals, please fill out the survey on page 7 and let us know what issues were experienced by you and/or your family.

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Director's Corner

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

Hurricane Irene reminds us how essential it is to be prepared, especially for people with hearing loss and other disabilities. Additionally, local services must be accessible and disaster-related personnel informed of the needs and how to assist persons with hearing loss. The New Jersey Department of Human Services (DHS) and its divisions were actively involved in emergency management response coordination with the governor and the Office of Emergency Management. DDHH was part of this effort and provided updates to the DHS commissioner on issues involving people with hearing loss during the storm. DDHH is interested in obtaining feedback from anyone with a hearing loss pertaining to their experiences with access to emergency services and assistance from personnel during the storm. On page 7, we have developed a brief survey to gather feedback which will be used by DDHH to recommend improvements in the delivery of emergency services for people with hearing loss. I encourage you to complete this survey and return it to DDHH. The results of the survey will be published in the November edition of the Monthly Communicator.

Thank you.

Editor's Note: Monthly Communicator Online

This is a reminder that the MC is posted online every month much sooner than the printed version is distributed. This is particularly helpful on the rare occasion when we are late due to events such as Hurricane Irene. There are two copies posted, one is plain text to accommodate those with vision loss, and the other is PDF similar to print, with pictures. Visit our link at: <http://www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddhh/newsletters/communicator/current/index.html>

We Welcome Your Articles and Ads

The **Monthly Communicator** is published 11 times per year. Submissions should be e-mailed to: monthlycommunicator@dhs.state.nj.us. The deadline for the November issue was October 1. The deadline for the December issue is November 1.

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 on e-mail itself, no PDF
- Art, logos, photos may be sent as attached JPG
- Submissions are not normally repeated
- Content should be of interest to readers, events should be accessible to people with hearing loss, no direct selling products, but educational info about new technology acceptable
- Editor has discretion regarding editing, without final approval of submitter

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Interpreter Screening Status

As you may know, The NJ Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DDHH) has been conducting interpreter screenings for more than 25 years. The DDHH provides interpreter referral for work in a myriad of settings and used the interpreter screening as a means to ensure the quality of interpreters who are not yet certified by the National RID. In the past, workload and interpreter requests required the services of more than the few certified interpreters that were on the DDHH list, so the screening program was implemented. Screening pre-certified interpreters gave us a mechanism to add additional resources to our roster to be referred for work when appropriate and allowed those pre-certified interpreters to gain experience before taking the national test.

Since the number of certified interpreters has increased dramatically, the DDHH no longer needs to depend on the screening to add to the number of qualified interpreters. Consequently, the screening no longer serves the purpose for which it was designed.

Due to internal resources and the current supply and demands of the work, the DDHH will no longer conduct interpreter screenings. The interpreter screening program was a valuable tool for the many years it was administered and served as a reliable mechanism for adding additional interpreters to the DDHH list. At this point any interpreter who wants their name added to the DDHH Interpreter Referral list must pursue certification through RID (www.rid.org).

Interpreters are encouraged to contact DDHH upon acquiring their certification from RID.



Send a Letter to the Editor

The *Monthly Communicator* looks forward to hearing from you. Do you have a comment about something you read in a recent issue? Did you agree or disagree, or simply have another point of view? The Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing publishes this newsletter to educate the public about hearing loss and to promote communication access to services rendered in New Jersey. DDHH welcomes diverse opinions on matters involving the Deaf and hard of hearing community in NJ. Send your respectful comments to: monthlycommunicator@dhs.state.nj.us.



The Hearing Society

The Hearing Society's informal classes in speech (lip) reading have resumed and are currently meeting 10:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m. each week on Thursday mornings through May 2012. Under the direction of Dr. Anne Michele Puglisi, audiologist, the classes provide instruction in strategies for coping with hearing loss as well as techniques for improved communication. The sessions also serve as a support group for people experiencing the problems of hearing loss. People in the greater Union County area who are interested in improving their lip reading skills are welcome.

The Hearing Society is located in the First Baptist Church of Westfield, 170 Elm Street, Westfield, N.J. 07090

Information about The Hearing Society and the classes may be obtained by calling: Kay Schmidt, 908-232-6546 Voice, or Alice Knecht, 908-688-8241 Voice.

Sign Up Now!

Registration Is Easy, And The Walk Is Fun
Step Out For People With Hearing Loss

HLA-NJ'S WALK4HEARING 2011

October 15, 2011

Registration 9 A.M. Walk at 10 A.M.

Mercer County Park West, West Windsor, NJ

www.walk4hearing.org



One of the best things about the Walk4Hearing is that there are so many ways to take part. Some people go on their own to enjoy a day at beautiful Mercer County Park West in West Windsor. Others – who know that the Walk4Hearing is the most important fund-raiser of the year for activities benefiting the people with hearing loss, but who can't be present – send a donation.

Many people find, however that the more involved they are, the more they get out of the event. You can learn the basics about the Walk4Hearings that are held across the country at the website of the Hearing Loss Association of America, www.hearingloss.org. Then follow the links that take you to the main site for national walks, www.walk4hearing.org, and then to the site for the Garden State NJ Fall Walk, which is http://hlaa.convio.net/site/TR?fr_id=1906&pg=entry.

There, you will find easy instructions on several options for effective fundraising. You can start a team, join a team, or walk as an individual. People walk in groups of families and friends, or as representatives of universities, non-profits, companies and other organizations that serve people with hearing loss. One thing they all have in common is that they set a fundraising goal; no amount is too small, or too large and ask friends, family members and others to join in donating. And in doing so, they spread the word about

hearing loss to all their contacts.

You can also read interesting and inspirational biographies of people involved in the walk on the Walk4Hearing Web site. People such as Arlene Romoff, president of HLA-NJ. She sums up the mission of Garden State-NJ Walk4Hearing: "To increase awareness of the causes and consequences of hearing loss, and to raise funds to provide information and support for people with hearing loss." Ms. Romoff says she named her team "Ask Arlene" because so many people come to her frustrated about the lack of readily accessible information on hearing loss. Thanks to funds from the Walk4Hearing, Ms. Romoff and HLA-NJ are some of the best



sources of information in New Jersey about hearing loss. Walk4Hearing has made possible such advocacy achievements as legislation requiring that medical insurance cover hearing aids for children, captioned movies and live theater performances, college scholarships for high school graduates with hearing loss, working with hospitals to sensitize them to hearing loss issues, and demonstration centers to try out FM devices and other assistive listening technology.

Another walker is Marie Nordling, who named her team "Edy's Angels" in honor of the late Edythe Brown. Ms. Brown was instrumental in forming a support group for people with hearing loss that now meets monthly in South Plainfield, as one of the local chapters of HLA-NJ. Other groups and individuals range from Montclair State University's team of Audiology professors and students, to Sandy Spekman's "Hear Ye! Hear Ye!" team, and "O/M Seabirds," sponsored by Carol Granaldi, which invites participants to "Take wing, soar above the sand and sea"...and contribute to her team!

People support the Walk for many reasons. Some have benefitted first-hand from the support, advocacy and education of HLA-NJ. Some raise funds on behalf of a child, parent or friend with hearing loss, or because they want to see "the invisible disability," as hearing loss is sometimes known, receive the national

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Hearing Aids: Screening to Financial Assistance

By Traci Burton, Field Representative

A high percentage of the questions we are asked relate to hearing aids for adults. Where to get screened/tested; where to obtain the hearing aid device; is there financial assistance? DDHH does not provide hearing aid devices since they are considered medical devices. However, we are able to make referrals when asked these questions.

For a hearing screening and/or a test, check with the audiology department of your local hospital. They will be able to provide general information on the hearing aids that may work best for you and recommend a hearing aid dispenser based on the test results – if they themselves do not dispense hearing aids. Should your hospital not have an audiology department, perhaps the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, Special Child Health Services Case Management Unit in your county will have a list of hearing health providers. The SCHS Case Management Units provide services up to age 21 and an office listing can be found at <http://nj.gov/health/fhs/sch/sccase.shtml>. Or you can visit the NJ Association of Hearing Health Professionals at <http://njahhp.com/about.asp> to locate a hearing health care professional in your area.

Montclair State University (MSU) has an audiological full service clinic where audiology students work with NJ licensed audiologists and hearing aid dispensers to provide discounted services. To inquire or make an appointment, please call Melissa at 973-655-3934.

Those who don't mind a little bit of travel might make an appointment at the Center for Hearing and Communication, formally the League for the Hard of Hearing. They are located at 50 Broadway, 6th floor, NY, NY and offer free screenings Wednesday (12-2pm) and Thursday (4-6pm). You'll need an appointment, so phone (917) 305-7766 or visit

<http://www.chchearing.org/make-appointment>.

Folks may have doctors who have already diagnosed the hearing loss and need to know where to find a dispenser; in which case, follow the suggestions above. Whether the hearing loss is diagnosed or not, some may need financial assistance and therefore may be limited to the program(s) for which they qualify.

Below are some programs that offer financial assistance:

The road to getting hearing aids can indeed be overwhelming, especially if you don't know where to start. These tips should help you begin your journey.

Traci Burton, Field Representative can be reached at 609-984-7281 or traci.burton@dhs.state.nj.us

State/Local Programs

Hearing Aid Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (HAAAD)
609-588-7564
<http://www.state.nj.us/health/seniorbenefits/haaad.shtml>

Medicaid
609-588-2600
www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs

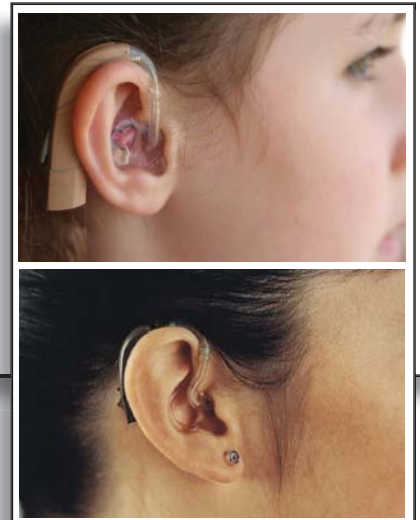
New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services (MAIN OFFICE)
Division of Family Health Services
Special Child, Adult and Early Intervention Services (up to age 21)
609-777-7778

National Programs

Lions Club International
630-571-5466 x 725
http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_hear.shtml

The Starkey Foundation
Hear Now Division
800-648-4327
www.sotheworldmayhear.org

For Veterans:
Veteran's Administration
1-877-222-8387 Health Care Benefits
<http://www.va.gov/>



Author Promotes Public Awareness of Cochlear Implants

By Eliot Caroom

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Arlene Romoff began losing her hearing when she was a teenager. Instead of dwelling on the problem, Romoff felt if she was going to lose her hearing, then some good should come from the situation.

Romoff, of Saddle River, is co-founder and president of the Hearing Loss Association of New Jersey, the state affiliate of the national organization. She is also co-founder of Advocates for Better Communication, the advocacy committee of the Center for Hearing and Communication. She now serves on the board of directors for the CHC.

The Hearing Loss Association in the coming months will sponsor the Walk4Hearing campaign, a national program established to generate awareness and outreach about the causes and consequences of hearing loss on the general population. The fourth annual Garden State NJ Walk4Hearing is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 15 at Mercer County Park.

Romoff spoke to The Star-Ledger about her advocacy work.



Q. How has your education and/or career background contributed to your advocacy work?

A. I was a math major in college, and a systems programmer for several years before retiring to raise my children. The math and programming skills made me a logical person and problem solver. But being a mother with a degenerative hearing loss was the vocation that prepared me for my advocacy work.

My two children had normal hearing. Failure to communicate well was not an option, and being able to function optimally despite having less and less hearing was the challenge I faced. I knew hearing aids were not enough, so I was tenacious at finding the technology, assistive devices and coping skills that I needed to function.

I also became personally knowledgeable about what was lacking in public venues and events — namely assistive devices, captioning and any public attention to these omissions. When, after 25 years of a slow loss of hearing from normal to profound, even hearing aids and assistive devices no longer worked to keep me functioning, I was already knowledgeable about cochlear implants. Through all this, I learned that most people have no idea about hearing loss, its impact and solutions beyond hearing aids.

Q. What future plans do you have for the Hearing Loss Association of New Jersey or any of your other efforts?

A. We're seeking to form more chapters in all areas of the state. A Morris County chapter is currently in the works. We also continue to work collaboratively with state agencies and organizations. I also plan to continue to support advocacy efforts I've begun, such as captioned live theater, captioned movies, hospital care/access, captioned telephone services — as these issues are ongoing.

Q. What accomplishment has meant the most to you?

A. The accomplishment that has meant the most to me is the successful publication of two books on the subject of hearing loss — particularly the second one this year, with a mainstream commercial publisher. That book, "Listening Closely: A Journey to Bilateral Hearing," is already generating a lot of interest and excitement. Even my first book, "Hear Again — Back to Life with a Cochlear Implant," 10 years after publication, continues to help others. My fan mail continues to include people who thank me "for saving their lives," for being an inspiration for them, for giving them the courage to pursue cochlear implants, and for not giving up hope.

Walk...continued

attention it deserves. The Walk itself is a 5K (3.1 miles) stroll through one of the state's loveliest public parks. But some participants walk for less than that, or simply sit on benches and look at the beautiful lake and trees, watch kids enjoying a moon bounce and face painting and a playground, or enjoy a hot dog or other snack.

The Walk is also a chance to see old friends, or make new ones. Every year scores of people come, and each has his own involvement with hearing loss. But they all have certain things in common. They know how difficult hearing loss can be, and they are determined to help advocate to see that people with hearing loss get the services and support they deserve. Please join us. It's the most important day of the

year for New Jerseyans who want to support people with hearing loss.

Information is available from www.walk4hearing.org, or from Walk Chairperson Laura Lindson at llindson@aol.com or HLA-NJ President Arlene Romoff at aromoff@aol.com.

Become Active in HLA-NJ

The Hearing Loss Association of New Jersey has three chapters, serving Bergen, Middlesex and Ocean/Monmouth counties. A new chapter is forming in Morris County. For information about other meetings, or HLA-NJ, e-mail info@hearingloss-nj.org, or at our Web site, www.hearingloss-nj.org. To receive informative updates, ask to be put on our e-mail contact list, or contact HLA-NJ President Arlene Romoff at ARomoff@aol.com.



Emergency Management Survey for People With Hearing Loss

Please fill out this survey and mail to **DDHH, PO Box 074, Trenton NJ 08625** or Fax to **609-984-0390**. It can also be accessed on our Web site at: <http://www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddhh/newsletters/communicator/current/index.html>

1. How were you alerted to information and updates about Hurricane Irene?
- a. TV
 - b. Text alerts
 - c. Weather radio
 - d. Other: Please explain _____
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2. How were you alerted to road closures during Hurricane Irene?
- a. TV
 - b. Text alerts
 - c. Internet
 - d. Other: Please explain _____
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3. Did you have adequate supplies for your family?
- | | | |
|--------------|-----|----|
| a. Water | yes | no |
| b. Batteries | yes | no |
| c. Food | yes | no |

4. Were you required to evacuate your home during Hurricane Irene? If yes, where did you go?
- a. Shelter
 - b. Friend
 - c. Other _____
 - d. I did not have to evacuate my home.

5. How were you informed of evacuation plans in your community during Hurricane Irene?
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-

6. Did you experience communication difficulties with emergency management authorities? Who?
- a. Local responders
 - b. State police
 - c. Shelters
 - d. Other _____

Please explain below the specific communication difficulties experienced.

7. Would you be interested in receiving emergency management training to protect your family during a weather alert? (or other emergency situation?)
- a. Yes
 - b. No

8. Would you be interested in receiving a weather radio for the deaf and hard of hearing to alert you of future weather emergencies?
- a. Yes
 - b. No

9. Please include any personal descriptions of circumstances or concerns you or your family experienced during the Hurricane Irene as a result of your hearing loss.

10. What recommendations do you have for New Jersey to improve access to emergency information and services for people who are Deaf or hard of hearing?



Professional Development Workshop Offered In 2011 with Carole Lazorisak at Laguardia Community College/City University of New York

“ASL Studies for Professionals”

**Saturday, January 28, 2012, 1 p.m. - 5p.m. and Sunday, January 29, 2012,
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

Learn how to build and strengthen your American Sign Language foundations. This two day workshop is for teachers, interpreters, social workers, therapists, health care and service providers who have a minimum of two years of ASL studies.

You will review linguistic features of ASL and perform assessment activities for skill enhancement. Topics will include phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics and language in use.

Prerequisite: minimum 2 years ASL usage.

“ASL Portfolio: The Five Competencies”

**Saturday, March 10, 2012, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday, March 11, 2012,
9 a.m.- 5.p.m.**

Build on your language skills and enhance your ASL Portfolio by exploring and examining the five main competencies of American Sign Language that allow you to live, learn, work and be an active member of the community. The 5 C's that will guide your course discussions are: Communication, Cultures, Comparisons, Connections and Communities. We will talk about topics revolving around you, your friends, people, cultures, places, things and events. A minimum of two years ASL fluency and involvement in the Deaf Community is required to register.

Workshop tuition: \$315 per workshop

“Mentoring: Preparation for ASLTA Provisional Certificate”

Dates and hours to be arranged

Prepare for the American Sign Language Teaching Association (ASLTA) Provisional Certificate through mentoring in a one to one or small group setting. Receive guidance and support from an ASLTA certified instructor in assessing your teaching experience and gathering the information and materials required to prepare your ASLTA application.

Prerequisite: Minimum of two years ASL teaching experience.

Mentoring tuition: \$125 per hour, with a minimum of \$250 (one 2-hour session)

Carole Lazorisak, MA, RID CDI & RSC, ASLTA Professional, Master Mentor, holds a BA in Psychology from Gallaudet University, MA in Counseling from New York University, and has completed credits toward a doctorate at Teachers College, Columbia University. Ms. Lazorisak has national certification as a Deaf Certified Interpreter and a Professional ASL Instructor. She completed her studies in the Master Mentor Certificate Program at University of Colorado and Northeastern University and is a tenured faculty member of Education and Language Acquisition Department at LaGuardia Community College/CUNY.

If you have questions or need further information, directions and/or lodging accommodations near LaGuardia Community College in Queens, New York, please contact Paul Carlson at (866) 553-3609 VP, pcarlson@lagcc.cuny.edu, or www.laguardia.edu/pda. Deadline for registration: at least two weeks prior to the day of each workshop. Four easy ways to register: www.lagcc.cuny.edu/ace/registration.aspx.

Learning to Use a Hearing Aid

From www.hearingloss.org



“I’ve tried as many as four different models of hearing aids before settling on one. You have to give yourself time to adjust.”

**- Carol G.
New Egypt, New Jersey**

Adjusting to a hearing aid takes time, determination, and patience. But, a hearing loss is more conspicuous than a hearing aid. Learning to use hearing aids is a process. Don't expect to buy the aid, put it in your ear, and walk out of the dispenser's office cured. Successful hearing aid use will take patience and education. Working with your dispenser, you will see gradual, increasing benefits.

Don't give up too quickly. Since part of you doesn't want to wear the aids anyway, it's easy to put them away in the drawer at the first frustrating experience. Make full use of the trial period and give hearing aids a serious and sincere try.

Here's some advice from successful hearing aid users:

- Use positive thinking to welcome the new sounds you are starting to hear again rather than resisting them.
- Ask your dispenser how long to wear your aid in the beginning.
- If you are having problems, no matter how small, go back to your dispenser. The hearing aid may need only a simple adjustment.
- If you don't like what you are hearing, don't be afraid to discuss your reactions with the dispenser.

Cape May Stage Offers Sign-Interpreted Performances for *The Woolgatherer* and *Red*

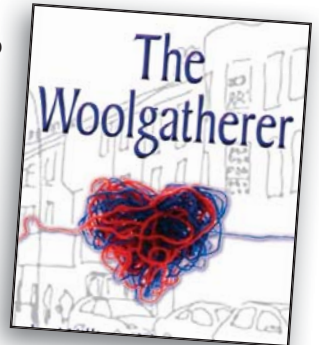
Cape May Stage, Box Office: (609) 884-1341, The Robert Shackleton Playhouse, Bank & Lafayette Streets, Cape May, NJ 08204

ASL Performance THE WOOLGATHERER: Friday, October 14, 8:00 p.m.

ASL Performance RED: Friday, November 4, 8:00 p.m.

Cape May Stage, South Jersey's premier professional Equity theatre is proud to announce two spectacular evenings of live theatre this fall on Fridays, October 14 and November 4. Theatrical interpreters for the Deaf, Celeste Herse and Anne Maselli, will interpret the Stage's 8:00 p.m. performances of William Mastrosimone's South Philly love story, *The Woolgatherer* on Friday October 14 and on November 4, the 2011. The ASL signed performances will take place at the Robert Shackleton Playhouse at Bank and Lafayette Streets in downtown Cape May.

Herse, a local interpreter in the South Jersey area, is thrilled to return to the Stage this fall after previously interpreting several of the Stage's productions last season. "I love theater because it takes you to different places and signing performances is such a unique experience. As an interpreter, not only do you have to listen, but also translate and communicate each emotion like an actor to make the story come alive," explains Herse. Herse will be joined on stage with interpreter and colleague, Anne Maselli. "Having a partner to work with on stage creates great interaction. It's more meaningful for the Deaf to see two people interpreting and it's a lot of fun," states Herse.



Both Cape May productions will transport their audiences to major metropolitan cities. *The Woolgatherer* is set in a small apartment in South Philadelphia in 1979, follows the unlikely romance of Rose, a nervous and flighty woman who works the candy counter at the local five-and-dime, and Cliff, a foul-mouthed truck driver looking for a one night stand. Rose, played by Broadway actress Pilar Millhollen, and Cliff, starring NY stage and screen actor Michael Basile, find much more than expected when they meet. In "*Red*" master American expressionist Mark Rothko has just landed the biggest commission in the history of modern art; a series of murals for New York's famed Four Seasons Restaurant. In the two fascinating years that follow, Rothko, played by Cape May Stage Artistic Director Roy Steinberg, works feverishly with his assistant, Ken, in his studio in the Bowery. But when Ken gains the confidence to challenge him, Rothko faces the agonizing possibility that his crowning achievement could also become his demise.



Performances for *The Woolgatherer* run Wednesdays through Sundays at 8 p.m. through October 22. Performances for *Red* run Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays at 3 p.m. through November 19. Tickets are \$35 adults, \$30 seniors, and \$15 students. **Monthly Communicator readers are being offered half-price tickets to attend the interpreted performance on October 14 and November 4.** Discounts may be redeemed online by entering the coupon code ASL50 during checkout or by mentioning it over the phone with the box office. Call (609) 884-1341 for reservations and information or visit the theatre's Web site, www.capemaystage.org. ASL performances are sponsored in part by Sturdy Savings Bank.

This season's sponsors include 410 Bank Street/Frescos, Exit Zero, CapeSCape, The Corner Cottage Apartments, Harry's Bar & Grille at the Montreal Inn, La Mer Beachfront Inn, Lucky Bones, Cape May Winery, and The Washington Inn.

About Cape May Stage: *Voted one of the Top three theatre companies in the State of New Jersey, Cape May Stage Equity theatre company provides high-quality, award-winning professional theatre in an intimate setting. The Stage's rich performance history that both patrons and subscribers have come to experience combines timeless classic plays and the best contemporary and premiere works, as well as inspiring artists that deliver unforgettable performances.*

'Signs' of Summer



Casey Lebo with instructor Judy Galletta.

Ocean County Community College offered a signing class this past summer called the **2011 Hands for Talking Summer Camp** with instructors Lisa Glassford and Judy Galletta.

Casey Lebo, a New Egypt Middle School 8th Grader, said she took the class because she thought signing would be a great opportunity to learn a different type of language that is used in everyday life. She stated she enjoyed the class and the signing experience, "We learned a lot in a short time: from the alphabet to the Pledge of Allegiance. Our final test was to sign a children's short, rhyming story of our choice."

Casey added she would like to improve her signing skills and looks forward to taking more classes.

Communicator Signboard

Bridge Players Theatre Company
proudly announces
the opening show of its **36th Season**,
the tense thriller:

Wait Until Dark

Written by Frederick Knott Directed by Gabrielle Affleck

8:00 p.m. on October 7, 8, 14, 15, 21 and 22

3:00 p.m. on October 9 and *16

**Sign-interpreted performance*

Broad St. United Methodist Church
36 E. Broad St. in Burlington, NJ.

Tickets \$18



Wait
Until
Dark

A Suspense Thriller by Frederick Knott



To order tickets please call 856-303-7620
For directions and more information, visit:

www.bridgeplayerstheatre.com.

Medicare Changes

Are you confused about changes to Medicare?
Do you need to add, drop or change your
prescription drug coverage or
select a health plan for 2012?



The State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) with the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of Burlington County are sponsoring two **FREE** educational events in October 2011 for Medicare recipients and their caregivers. For any additional information on either of these two events, please call 609-894-9311 x 1494 or email rsvpoff@bcc.edu.

Wednesday, October 19, 2011

"Changes in Medicare 2012" and "The Medicare Savings Program"

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Burlington County College, 1 High Street, Mt. Holly, NJ

Presentations will include information on wellness health screenings, savings on Part B and/or Part D premiums, heating assistance and other additional benefits.

"CART and sign language interpreting services will be provided courtesy of BCC's Career Success Solutions for Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

Communicator Signboard



New Jersey School for the Deaf
Katzenbach School
NJSD/MKSD Museum

NJSD/MKSD Museum Committee
Proudly host

2nd Annual Seniors' Day
Wednesday, October 19, 2011

9 am to 3 pm
NJSD-MKSD

Museum in Building #30
320 Sullivan Way, West Trenton NJ

We welcome you with open hearts visiting
museum with your memorabilia of your past!

Admission is Free

Refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP by October 12
for food arrangement

Contact Phyllis

Email: PhySparks70@aol.com

North Jersey Community Center of the Deaf, Inc.

1st Anniversary
Texas Hold'Em Poker Tournament
and
Halloween Affair

← Saturday, October 29, 2011
at 5 p.m. →

Cardinal McCarrick High School
310 Augusta Street
South Amboy, NJ 08879

Doors open at 5 p.m. for registration and
Halloween costume contests.

Tournament game starts at 7 p.m., sharp.
Admission Charge - \$ 10 per person so please wear
Halloween costumes for contest prizes.

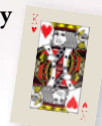
Player registration charge is \$ 50
with 7500 chips included.

For more information about re-buying chips or driving
directions, please visit www.njccdsite.org



Chairmen John Rivera and Kevin Fennessey
and the Committees

Info, call John on VP at (732) 707-0384 or
Kevin on VP at (732) 707-0378



ASL Bowling Association proudly presents

1st ANNUAL

MOONLIGHT NO-TAP TOURNAMENT

Friday, October 7, 2011

Brunswick Zone Carolier

790 U.S. Route 1

N. Brunswick, NJ 08902

Directions: www.bowlbrunswick.com/about-us/299/1

Registration: 8:00 p.m.

Game: 9:00 p.m.

Bowlers, fans, Deafies, CODAs, interpreters, hard of hearings,
and ASL students are all welcome to play or socialize.

Visit www.aslba.org to find more about fees and rules.



ASL SOCIAL

Hamilton Mall

4403 Black Horse Pike

Mays Landing, NJ 08330

We meet on the **FIRST FRIDAY** of every month

October 7, November 4, December 2

6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Food Court (2nd floor, near Foot Locker)

ASL Social is for Deaf, Hard of Hearing, CODAs, SODAs,
interpreters, students and anyone who signs!

This is a great time to get together to chat, make new friends,
catch up with old friends, eat and have fun



Any questions, please contact:

Nancy Palmer, suepal70@comcast.net

609-412-1130 (text)

Kimberly Tweedle, kbtweet930@gmail.com

609-816-9845 (text)

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New Jersey Relay Service Hosts 5th Annual Fall Taste of Technology 2011

*Telecommunication/Mobility Access:
New Technologies for Deaf Users
Who Use Sign Language*

**Sunday, October 23, 2011
9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**Adventure Aquarium
1 Riverside Drive, Camden, NJ 08103**

Free lunch and ASL/voice interpretation will be provided.
Free aquarium admission tickets will be provided.
Parking is also free.



Bring your family. Supervised children activities at the aquarium while adults attend workshops. Workshops on Mobility Access for Deaf Users and Hands on Demonstrations of Mobile Relay Solutions will be provided. Visit www.njrelay.com to download registration flyer or email registration inquiries to New Jersey Relay Service at Kelly.lange@sprint.com; Fax: 913-0523-1137.

Deadline to register: October 14, 2011

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

October WINGO Affair

**Sunday, October 9, 2011
at 2 p.m.**

**Elmwood Park VFW Post 5084
6 Veterans Place
Elmwood Park, NJ 07407 (New Location)**

**WINGO Games will begin at 3 p.m. sharp.
\$ 1,000 in CASH given away based on 200 people attending**

*** Must be 18 years or older to play * Refreshments on Sale
* NJCCD Banknite * 50/50 Chances**

Advance Admissions - Members and Non-members - \$ 10 each, at door - \$ 12 each

Karen Belisle, Chairperson

Matilda O'Klock, Co-Chairperson

To order tickets in advance before the deadline date of **October 3, 2011** or view the driving directions, please visit www.njccdsite.org
For more information, e-mail to Ronald Rozynski at RERBOWL57@gmail.com

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ASLBA

(American Sign Language Bowling Association)

proudly hosts their

3rd Annual Halloween Party

Saturday, October 29, 2011

5 p.m.

Cardinal Mc Carrick High School

310 Augusta Street

South Amboy, NJ

Cost: \$10 per person before Oct 25.

\$15 at door

Please send money order only before **Oct 25** to:

Hollis Fleetwood
725 Dorbett Place,
Plainfield, NJ 07062

For more info, contact Kevin F
VP 732-707-0378 or www.aslba.org



Diverse Deaf Club of New Jersey Inc.

1740 Route 130

North Brunswick NJ 08902

Dingo Night

Every 1st Saturday of month except December.

Door opens at 5 p.m.

Refreshments at 6 p.m.

Dingo at 7 p.m.

Admission: \$10 member \$12 non-member

October Refreshment:

Meatballs on roll with drink **\$4**

November Refreshment:

Open-faced turkey sandwich with gravy,
mashed potatoes, string green beans,
cranberry sauce with drink **\$5**

Any questions, please contact:

DDCNJTreas@aol.com



Diverse Deaf Club of New Jersey Inc.

Holiday Luncheon & Dingo

Saturday, December 3, 2011

In case of bad weather - Saturday, January 7, 2012

**Sir John's Restaurant
and Banquet
230 Washington Place
North Brunswick NJ 08902
12 p.m. to 4 p.m.**

Entree Choice

Chicken Francaise, Broiled Flounder,
Pasta Primavera or Roast Prime Rib of Beef au jus

Gifts ❖ Give Aways ❖ Drawings

Dingo

4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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

A sheet cake will be served with coffee, tea, or
bottled water during Dingo intermission.

Non-refundable; no jeans, sneakers or
no walk-ins allowed.

\$60 - Member

\$65 - Non-member

Must pay in full before **November 23, 2011**

For more info, contact:

Michelle Busanic, *Chairperson*
at Busanic2@aol.com or
Barbara Prusak, *Treasurer* at
DDCNJTreas@aol.com



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Ocean Deaf Club, Inc. Holiday Dinner Buffet

Sunday, December 11, 2011

1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Holiday Inn

290 Route 37 East

Toms River, NJ 08753

Member-\$40

Prizes

Non-member \$45

MENU:

Tomato and Bocconcini, Mozzarella Tower with Basil Oil, Fresh Fruit Salad, Classic Caesar Salad, Stuffed Shells, Breast of Chicken Francaise, Sliced Roasted NY Strip with Wild Mushroom Sauce, Eggplant Rollatini, Chef's Selection of Accompaniments, Freshly Baked Rolls and Butter.

Customized Cake, Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, Tea & Soda
Cash Bar will be available,

Casual Dress (No jeans & wear sneaker) Adults Only

Limited 50 minimum, can be over.

DEADLINE: November 23, 2011. (No late order will be accepted).

Sorry, NO REFUNDS

Info: Oceandeafclub@yahoo.com.

Please return bottom form and make check payable to: **Ocean Deaf Club, Inc.**



Mail to: Diane Hammond, 75 Garden Avenue, Brick, NJ 08724

Name: _____

Address: _____

Check # _____ [] Member [] Non-member

Email address or Phone number: _____

Religious Access

ASL Interpreted Kol Nidre Service and an Aufruf



As we start our seventh straight year of ASL-interpreted services and events, New York's Tifereth Israel-Town & Village (T&V) Synagogue (www.tandv.org) will be hosting another sign-language-interpreted Kol Nidre Service on Friday evening, October 7, the start of Yom Kippur, and we hope you can join us!

The service will begin with a brief Mincha (Afternoon Service) at 6:00 p.m., and will take place at the neighboring 14th Street Y, 344 East 14th Street, between 1st and 2nd Avenues in Manhattan. Our interpreting team will include Bram Weiser and Leigh Zarem.

IMPORTANT: Space is limited, so reservations are suggested. Please e-mail bramweiser@usa.net with names and e-mail addresses of those who would like to come. Also, the service is free, but, if you would like to donate and support the ASL interpretation, we would greatly appreciate it! Please e-mail Bram for more information about that, too.

Note: Out of respect for the High Holidays, pen, paper and electronic devices cannot be used during the service.

We are also planning to offer ASL-interpretation on Saturday morning, October 22 at T&V (334 East 14th Street, down the block from the YMCA), when we will be celebrating an "Aufruf", a special ceremony for a couple soon to get married, and hope you will be there with us then, too, as Naomi Brunnlehrman joins Bram to interpret.

For additional information, please contact Bram at bramweiser@usa.net or (212) 677-0368 Voice. Thanks, and we'll hope to see you there.

Schedule is subject to change.

P.S. ASL interpreters are available at T&V when requests are made in advance.

Second Baptist Church
124 Atkins Ave.
Asbury Park, NJ 07712



We interpret our
Sunday Morning Services
at 11:00 a.m.
on the
First and Third Sundays

Reverend, Dr. Byron P. Wess, *Pastor*
Info: 732-774-5347
churchoffice@sbcapnj.org



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Calendar of Events 2011

Saturday, October 15

Garden State - NJ Walk4Hearing
Mercer County Park West
West Windsor, NJ
www.walk4hearing.org

Friday, October 28

DDHH Advisory Council Meeting
9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.
East Brunswick Public Library
Public is invited
Communication Access Provided

October 15 - 16

The Real ASL Weekend
NJ Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf
and
NJ Association of the Deaf
Crowne Plaza Hotel
360 Forsgate Drive
Monroe Twp. NJ

Saturday, December 31

NWJAD'S Spectacular
New Year's Eve Party
Information: www.nwjad.org

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

DDHH Office – Days Closed:

■ Monday, October 10 - Columbus Day