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Thousands Attend Deaf Fest 2009

On September 13, it was perfect weather for spending a day at the Deaf Fest filled with people enjoying exhibitions, food vendors and entertainment. More than 3000 deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing people, along with children,

attended this year's event. It was held at the Middlesex County Fairgrounds in East Brunswick, NJ. Former members of the (Deaf Fest) board of trustees were also present to celebrate the 10th Deaf Fest.



There were more than forty exhibits of various services, crafts, and organizations. A popular booth this year, run by Paula Daniels, RN, gave attendees opportunities to check their blood pressure. The entertainment was provided by Deaf performers, Robert DeMayo, Liliana Morgan and the magician, Matthew Morgan. Kids of all ages enjoyed a variety of activities. Food vendors sold cheesesteaks, BBQ beef stick and ice cream.

The NJ Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing provided communication access throughout the day. Northwest Jersey Association of the Deaf (NWJAD) continued to support Bonnie's Kiddie Korner, which is always a big hit at the festival.

Note: Deaf Fest co-chairs, Lauren Lercher and Charlotte Karras, thank this year's committee, volunteers, friends and everybody who contributed toward this tremendous endeavor -- to make it the best yet.



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Director's Corner

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



One of the effective ways that DDHH advocates for improved services for the Deaf and hard of hearing community is through our participation on state level advisory committees. Such active participation enables us to enhance and increase awareness of services and accessibility issues important to people with hearing loss.

It is also equally important for people with hearing loss to serve on advisory committees. We often hear the phrase that hearing loss is an “invisible” disability. When we meet the public, they are often not aware of our hearing loss nor of the types of accommodations needed for communication accessibility. Your active participation on an advisory committee can be an important strategy to effect change.

Recently, I was invited to join a committee on mental health services for the Deaf and hard of hearing. It is comprised of a number of agencies with an interest for improving mental health services for people with hearing loss. I look forward to working with these agencies so that people with hearing loss who are coping with mental illnesses receive treatment that is tailored to their individual needs and fully accessible.

As a result of my involvement in this committee, I toured the Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital's Statewide Specialized Inpatient Program for the Deaf (SSIP) located in Morris Plains, NJ. This new hospital, which opened within the past year, provides treatment to people who are Deaf and hard of hearing with serious and persistent mental illnesses. It is evident that the hospital has made an earnest effort to provide accessible services for people with hearing loss, as well as create an environment sensitive to the culture of people who are Deaf and use American Sign Language.

Accordingly, I invite you to take this opportunity to share any comments or concerns you may have about mental health services for the Deaf and hard of hearing in our state, so that I may bring them to the attention of the mental health committee. You can reach me at David.Alexander@dhs.state.nj.us.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David A. Alexander". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Reminder:

The deadline for the January 2010 issue is December 1. The deadline for the December issue was November 1.

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.

NJ Alert

New Text and Email Emergency Notification for ER Officials

NJ Alert is a free, voluntary and confidential emergency alerting system that allows State Emergency Management officials to send e-mail or text messages to cell phones, and other e-mail enabled devices during an emergency event. The public can sign up for NJ Alert by logging on to: www.njalert.gov or by visiting the NJOEM Web site at www.ready.nj.gov and clicking on the NJ Alert icon.

The New Jersey Office of Emergency Management, the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness and the Regional Operations Intelligence Center are pleased to introduce NJ Alert as the State's new mass text and e-mail emergency notification system.

"During an emergency, timely dissemination of accurate information is the cornerstone of public safety. NJ Alert enables us to deliver emergency messages to the public through the convenience of their handheld devices or PCs in addition to our traditional emergency notification systems such as the Emergency Alert System and Amber Alert," said Colonel Rick Fuentes superintendent of the New Jersey State Police and director of the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management.

"NJ Alert will help direct public action in the event of a large scale emergency whether we are dealing with a hurricane or act of terrorism. Our goal is to utilize latest technology to protect lives and property," added Fuentes.

Additionally, NJ Alert can receive homeland security and crime related tips and leads via the www.njalert.gov site or via text messaging.

"Ensuring our residents have accurate and real-time information before, during and after any type of emergency is a fundamental responsibility, one that we don't take lightly," said New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness Director Richard L. Cañas. "I encourage all residents to sign up for the NJ Alert system; because a well informed and well prepared citizenry is critical to the success of our state's emergency management efforts."

"The capacity of the NJ Alert system allows the state's 'all crimes - all hazards' fusion center, the Regional Operations Intelligence Center, to communicate instantly to our private sector and critical infrastructure partners in order to provide timely situational awareness messages. This will further enhance our goal of communicating with law enforcement and homeland security organizations, other government agencies, and the private sector," added Richard Kelly, director of the New Jersey Regional Operations and Intelligence Center.

Another unique feature of NJ Alert is the opportunity for members to participate in the Human Emergency Grid (HEG™), a collaborative effort in which the general public can volunteer their professional expertise to assist responders, if needed, in the event of an emergency. The service can also be used as a social networking tool. For example many groups have already been created to promote a collaborative environment between the government, private sectors and general public.

"Our service is not limited to public security information, but was uniquely designed as a group communication system for anyone - government, schools, corporations and even personal users can utilize the service for disaster recovery, family preparedness or any notification needs", said NJ Alert creator Robert Statica, Ph.D, Founder of United Alert, LLC, a group of volunteer homeland security, information security and development professionals dedicated to improving preparedness and emergency communication.

Jewish Vocational Service Celebrates Career Center Opening

More than 100 people joined David Socolow, the New Jersey Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development, to celebrate the opening of the JVS Goodwill Career Center. Jewish Vocational Service of MetroWest in partnership with Goodwill Industries of Greater New York and Northern New Jersey has received a grant from the New Jersey Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (NJDVRS), with technology assistance provided by the New Jersey Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, to serve residents of northern New Jersey in Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Sussex, Union and Warren counties. This is one of three centers created by NJDVRS.

This new state-of-the-art technology center is located at Goodwill's Harrison location. A team of professionals from Jewish Vocational Service and Goodwill Industries will deliver services to individuals who are Deaf or who have a hearing loss at sites throughout the area.

The services include vocational assessment and counseling; employment readiness services; specialized job placement services; technology assessment and training; and information and referral services. Additional services that will be provided by the NJDVRS according to need and eligibility include: vocational skills training; purchase of assistive technology items; work adjustment training; job coaching; and follow along services.



Pictured from left to right, cutting the ribbon: Kirsten Giardi, Goodwill Vice President; Morton Bunis, JVS President; Dr. Leonard C. Schneider, JVS Executive Director; David Socolow, NJ Commissioner for Labor and Workforce Development; and William Forrester, Goodwill Industries of Greater New York and Northern New Jersey President and CEO.

Commissioner Socolow spoke about the importance of providing needed services to individuals with disabilities in order for them to compete in this very difficult and competitive job market. Socolow said that these types of programs are a top priority of the Administration.

A crew from NJN News covered the ribbon-cutting celebration and interviewed Commissioner Socolow. To view this news report (that was shown as part of the daily news programs on both PBS and NJN), mgo to www.jvsgoodwillcenter.org or www.jvsnj.org.

For further information or to request services, contact Program Coordinators Mindi Weiner, mweiner@jvsnj.org, 973-674-6330 ext. 300 or Deborah Smith, dsmith@goodwillny.org, 973-481-4192.

DDHH Advisory Council Meeting Friday, January 29, 2010 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).

Donors Use Facebook to Raise Funds for Center for Hearing and Communication

The Center for Hearing and Communication extends a unique invitation to Facebook users to raise awareness of hearing loss and to let more people know about the programs and services provided by this not-for-profit organization. Effective September 23, a donation was made to the Center for Hearing and Communication on behalf of each person who becomes a new Facebook fan on CHC's Facebook page.

A group of donors has pledged to make a donation for the first 2,500 fans at a rate of up to \$5 per fan. Jeffrey M. Cohen, President of the Board of Directors, says, "This offer is a win-win. It raises money for an organization we all passionately support while also expanding our fan base so more people will discover the services we provide that can have such a positive impact on people's lives."

Several years ago, the Center for Hearing and Communication began sending the e-newsletter "The Buzz" to interested parties. Today, more than 2,000 people receive every issue of "The Buzz." As use of the Web advances and people with hearing loss increasingly go online, CHC is there with timely news and information.

Facebook is one more way for CHC to reach its target audiences of teenagers to seniors. Join Facebook and then search for the Center for Hearing and Communication page. Please spread the word and visit us at www.facebook.com. By becoming a fan, you help CHC qualify for these matching funds.

For further information or to request services, contact Program Coordinators Mindi Weiner, mweiner@jvsnj.org, 973-674-6330 ext. 300 or Deborah Smith, dsmith@goodwillny.org, 973-481-4192.

If you didn't know, the Center for Hearing and Communication (formerly the League for the Hard of hearing), established in 1910, provides public education and clinical services for infants, children and adults with hearing loss. More than 25,000 people each year visit offices in New York City and Florida for unsurpassed clinical expertise and technical know how. As a not-for-profit organization, CHC makes services available to everyone, regardless of their ability to pay.

The Center for Hearing and Communication plays a leadership role in hearing healthcare on both a local and global level. CHC supports local communities with a wide array of no-cost services including hearing screenings, assistive device demonstrations, in-service education, hearing healthcare for preschoolers, and a cochlear implant support group. On an international level, CHC serves as an educational resource for consumers and healthcare professionals seeking information about hearing loss, hearing protection and accessibility. CHC founded International Noise Awareness Day in 1997 as an educational platform to promote hearing conservation. The 14th Annual International Noise Awareness Day will be observed April 29, 2010 by schools, local governments, healthcare organizations, private companies and media outlets in more than 250 countries.

CHC has served the needs of 1,250,000 infants, children, adults and seniors who are hard-of-hearing, Deaf and Deafblind, and their families since 1910. The professional staff includes audiologists, speech-language pathologists, otologists, psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, and technical engineers.

Through programs and services implemented by these professionals and through two state-of-the-art mobile audiology test centers, CHC accommodates more than 20,000 visits annually in New York and 5,000 in Florida. CHC's vigorous commitment to advocacy manifests in direct services and ongoing activities to ensure access to communication in every arena of life for people with hearing loss. Visit CHC at www.chchearing.org.

Taxi and Limousine Commission Approves Induction Loop Technology for Voluntary Installation Across All TLC-Related Industries

The Hearing Access Program announced that the Taxi & Limousine Commission has approved the induction loop technology for voluntary installation across all TLC-related industries. The announcement followed a 13-month pilot program of 15 taxis testing the technology that has been used in the London Taxis since 1998.

New York City will be the first city in this country to have taxis with induction loops for people who are hard of hearing. "No longer will a person who is hard of hearing have to worry that they will end up in NOHO when they wanted SOHO," said Janice Schacter, the founder and chair of the Hearing Access Program." Additional details regarding induction loop technology can be found at www.hearingloop.org.

The Hearing Access Program, established in 2002, is the only organization dedicated to helping the world's corporations, cultural and entertainment institutions, government agencies, and mass transit organizations improve their accessibility for people with hearing loss. For more information, contact Janice Schacter at Jschacter@nyc.rr.com.

3rd Festival - Call For Entries

The District of Columbia Association (D.C) of the Deaf (DCAD) is proud to announce the "**D.C. Deaf Film Festival**" (formerly known as D.C. ASL Film Festival) is back! The 3rd Festival will take place in late Spring 2010.

Film submission deadlines are staggered throughout the coming months: Early bird - December 1, standard/final - February 1, 2010. To submit your film or for more information, please contact us at ASLFilm@dcdeaf.org or visit www.ASLFilmFestival.com.

The **D.C. Deaf Film Festival** promotes and projects the best Deaf related films from around the world. The films selected will compete for at least twelve awards, including the prestigious title of "Grand Audience Choice Award."

Nearly 60 films from 11 different countries were screened at the 2nd Festival held in May 2009. A complete list of films shown at the 2nd Festival can be viewed at www.ASLFilmFestival.com.

"I'm always amazed at the quality of Deaf related films submitted to the D.C. festival. The idea that there are filmmakers all over the world united by their tremendous desire to tell a story shows that the creative spirit of Deaf cinema is alive and kicking," says Alexander Zernovoj, director and event co-chairperson of the D.C. Deaf Film Festival.

"We can't wait to see the new rich crop of films for the 3rd Festival." DCAD President David J. Nelson. added, "I especially enjoyed watching the films made by the young Deaf filmmakers who offer their own refreshing and unique perspectives of what they see in the daily environment we all live in."

The "**D.C. Deaf Film Festival**" was officially renamed from the D.C. ASL Film Festival to accurately represent a rich mix of Deaf related films from around the world screened at the Festival.

Note: District of Columbia Association of the Deaf (DCAD) is the official host of this D.C. Deaf Film Festival. This festival is not affiliated or related to Gallaudet's WORLDEAF Cinema Festival.



Open-Captioned at George Street Playhouse

George Street Playhouse (GSP) has a legendary season ahead for everyone and wants to make sure no one misses out. GSP provides a full slate of access programming designed to make theatre-going an engaging and fulfilling experience for all. The New Brunswick theatre's access programming includes state-of-the-art assistive listening equipment, designed to help those patrons who are hard-of-hearing. This system is available to patrons at each performance. The George Street Playhouse also provides open-captioned performances for patrons who are Deaf or hard of hearing.

The centerpiece of the Playhouse's accessibility program is its Wireless Assistive Listening System, upgraded in the Fall of 2008. On-stage dialogue is picked up and amplified through receivers in the theatre, and broadcast to patrons who are outfitted with lightweight receivers and comfortable, padded ear buds. Patrons wishing to use the system should request a set through the Playhouse's house management staff in the lobby.

In addition to the Assistive Listening equipment and playbill accommodations, patrons may enjoy open-captioned performances on select Saturday matinees. During those performances, the dialogue of the play is transmitted on a digital screen as the action occurs on stage.

The open-captioned series will be offered on the following matinees during GSP's 2009-10 season. Performances begin at 2:00 PM:

Saturday, December 12 - A Moon To Dance By
Saturday, March 13 - Calvin Berger
Saturday, April 24, 2010 - TBA
Saturday, June 5, 2010 - TBA



Five-play subscriptions for both the audio-described and open captioned series are available. For further information contact the GSP Box Office 732-246-7717 Voice, 732-846-0825 TTY. Patrons may also contact our patron services department via e-mail by writing jtappen@georgestplayhouse.org. In addition, groups of ten or more wishing to attend any or all of the series may contact GSP's Group Sales Department by phone 732-846-2895, ext. 134 or by e-mail at mbergamo@georgestplayhouse.org. Any special requests should be made as far in advance of the program as possible. For information on these and other programs, as well as detailed information on the plays themselves, visit the Playhouse at www.GSPonline.org.

George Street Playhouse accessible programming is made possible in part by leading support from the Fund for the New Jersey Blind, Inc., with additional support from the Hyde and Watson Foundation, the Union Foundation and the E.J. Grassmann Trust. George Street Playhouse programming is made possible in part by funds from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, and by funds from the National Endowment for the Arts. Continental Airlines is the official airline of George Street Playhouse.

Silent Auction

A silent auction for new or almost new hearing equipment, such as amplified telephones, doorbell devices, FM Systems, infrared receivers, audioloops, and other related hearing equipment will take place soon. Do you have any assistive listening devices that are new (or almost new) and would be willing to donate them?

The Silent Auction will be held during the Hearing Loss Association of America's annual meeting Saturday, November 7, 2009 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the East Brunswick Library. This meeting will be a mini-fair to learn about agencies that provide services and resources for people with hearing loss. For more information, contact: Sandy Spekman at sspekman@aol.com.

HLA-NJ Announces Its Two Scholarships Winners

by Sandy Spekman

The Hearing Loss Association of New Jersey (HLA-NJ) is pleased to announce its two scholarships winners, Cory Furst and Krystyna Makowski, who each received \$1000. This scholarship was made possible in part by funds raised by the first Garden State Walk4Hearing event.

Cory Furst is a freshman at Cornell University. He is nineteen years old and a native of Livingston, NJ. As an infant, he was diagnosed with a rare cancer and was not expected to live. As a result of chemotherapy treatments, he sustained a severe hearing loss. Cory has overcome many obstacles by learning to lipread and speak intelligibly. He wears two hearing aids and uses an FM unit for classes. He was a member of the Forensics Speech and Debate Team, and won awards including, the Kiwanis Youth Citizen of the Year Award, Livingston, NJ, 2008 and the Presidential Spirit of Community Award given by Colin Powell, 2005. Cory hopes to graduate from Cornell University with a degree in hotel administration.

Krystyna Makowski is nineteen and a freshman at Montclair State University. She is a native of Carlstadt, NJ. She was born profoundly Deaf and stayed in the Deaf world until seven years of age when she received a cochlear implant. She has had to learn to lipread and has struggled with her speech so hearing people could communicate with and understand her. Because of Krystyna's childhood experiences, she became stronger and was motivated to improve herself in school. Krystyna has been involved in community service by volunteering at a UNICEF Project Grades 9-12. She was a member of the National Honor Society as a high school senior, as well as valedictorian of her class. She was selected to be her high school yearbook editor because of her leadership abilities and excellent writing skills. She would like to become a high school biology teacher for students with hearing loss.

HLA-NJ extends its congratulations to both Mr. Furst and Ms. Makowski on the receipt of these awards.



Planting Seeds of Hope for Newborns With Hearing Loss

Submitted by Sueanne Sylvester, Fund Development Specialist, Lake Drive Programs

In recognition of her extraordinary volunteerism on behalf of The Lake Drive Foundation and Sound Start Program, Dr. Laura McKirdy was honored with the Garden State Seeds of Hope Award (from New Jersey Monthly Magazine) at an elegant luncheon September 22 at the Crystal Plaza in Livingston, NJ.

The Garden State Seeds of Hope Awards recognize the actions of people committed to improving the quality of life for all New Jerseyans. Dr. McKirdy, co-founder of The Lake Drive Programs For Children Who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing, was one of six honorees chosen by a panel of community leaders reviewing more than 50 nominations from volunteer organizations statewide. The retired principal of Lake Drive School has passionately continued her work to change the lives of children with hearing loss, with a focus

on the critical need for early identification, amplification and intervention during a child's miraculous first three years of life.



More information about The Lake Drive Programs, Lake Drive Foundation and Sound Start Program can be found at lakedrivefoundation.org.



Dr. Laura McKirdy receives Garden State Seeds of Hope Award for volunteerism for The Lake Drive Foundation.

Dr. Laura McKirdy with Stephanie Deyo, president of The Lake Drive Foundation.

Dr. McKirdy's speech:

It happens in a flash. The crying newborn becomes the smiling, cooing, babbling, pointing, comprehending toddler enchanting those around her with her first words. All this and more within just the first year of life. That is, of course, provided the baby can hear—or in my jargon—has access to auditory information, or in the absence of hearing, access to language through her other senses. By the time our toddler reaches her third birthday, she's a fully conversant social being with whom you can discuss a wide range of topics and ideas.

Every minute counts during these early years, because vital connections are being made in the central nervous system that are uniquely attuned to receive auditory and linguistic information. In the absence of auditory information, nature has efficiently arranged for alternate use of the brain areas reserved for deciphering hearing, space that can not be reclaimed as effectively again. In fact, research has shown that for a child born with hearing loss, proper intervention in the first six months is life changing and can insure developmental outcomes that are comparable to children who are born without a hearing loss.

We live in a fortunate time because we now have the technology and expertise to make these outcomes possible. New Jersey has in place a program of universal newborn hearing screening which potentially could identify all babies with hearing loss and direct them to appropriate services. But there are problems. Large numbers of babies remain unidentified falling through the cracks particularly in areas where social problems exist. The necessary appropriate early intervention provided by a multidisciplinary team of professionals with expertise in the management of hearing loss, provided by the Sound Start Program, receives only partial state funding.

The insightful dedicated hardworking volunteers who are the board members of the Lake Drive Foundation have worked tirelessly to fill this funding gap. In addition, they are embarking on new initiatives: first, to find the babies who fall through the cracks so that their hearing losses can be treated in the critical time, and second to explore intensified early educational programs to take maximum advantage of the first three years of life.

I am privileged to be recognized for my part in this work today, but know for a certainty that those on the front line—the administrators, the teachers, and the families of the children—make it all happen every day for the children and the families of Lake Drive Program. They are relentless in their research and work to improve the lives of every child they serve. They are supported in their work by the dedication of many volunteers who care and understand its importance. My love and thanks to all of them and my friends and family for support me and allowing me to share in this work. My commendations to my fellow award recipients today for the passion they bring to their important work.

Regional Academic Bowl Hosted in Trenton

The Gallaudet University Regional Center is pleased to announce the 2010 Mid-Atlantic Regional Academic Bowl that will be hosted by New Jersey School for the Deaf (NJSD). Mark your calendars for March 18-21, 2010. NJSD is located in Trenton, NJ. More details about the timelines for registering are forthcoming.

Gallaudet has been considering an entry fee in order to offset some of the cost of operating the Academic Bowl. An announcement was made recently that there will be an entry fee of \$250 for participating teams. The fee is waived for the host school. Additional details about the registration process will also be forthcoming. Please be sure to check out the Academic Bowl Web-site at <http://ab.gallaudet.edu>. Dates and locations of the other regionals and nationals are also listed there. It is hoped that there will be many schools participating in the Mid-Atlantic regionals.



You Could Be - Miss Deaf New Jersey 2009-2011

Don't miss out. We are looking for Deaf and hard of hearing women between ages of 17 and 29 who will be judged on platform presentation, artistic expression and presence and poise/on-stage interview as well as an off-stage interview. Prize package is valued at more than \$2000. The winner will go to Miss Deaf America Ambassadorship Program 2010 to be held in Philadelphia in July 2010. Applications are still being accepted. Please send your name, contact information (e-mail address and videophone number) and age.



Contact Carrie Pogue, Miss Deaf New Jersey State Director of Ambassadors, at ECMPOG@aol.com and/or reach her at 609-616-3493.

Former NJSD Superintendent and 31 Year Veteran Returns to Serve as Interim Superintendent

The New Jersey School for the Deaf welcomes Mr. Ronald C. Goodwin as the Interim Superintendent, effective August 31, 2009. Mr. Goodwin previously served as the school's superintendent from 2000 - 2003. He retired in 2003 after 31 years at Katzenbach.



New Jersey Deaf Education Affiliates, Inc.

Supporting Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students in General Education Programs

Saturday, March 6, 2010

At Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission, 1660 Shelton Road, Piscataway, NJ

8:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Keynote Speaker:

Dr. Kevin Miller, supervisor, Bucks County Intermediate Unit - Hearing Support, Bucks County, PA

**The Changing Role of the Teacher of the Deaf in General Education Programs:
How Do I Do It?**

Presenter Teams:

Gloucester County Special Services School District: Bankbridge Elementary and Bankbridge Regional Middle/High School Regional Council - Itinerant Service;
Bergen County Special Services, Midland Park: HIP: Collaborative Teacher Model;
Lake Drive Program f/t Deaf: Itinerant Model;

Bergen County Special Services, Hackensack: Consultant Teacher Model: Elementary/HS;
Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission, in collaboration w/ MKSD, Itinerant Teacher of the Deaf Project; Summit Speech School: Itinerant Teacher Model.

For information or to request a PDF of the registration brochure, please contact:
Celeste Bonfanti at NJDEAF@yahoo.com.

**New Jersey Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf
General Meeting**

Saturday, November 7
9:00 AM - Noon Business Meeting

East Brunswick Public Library, One Civic Center, East Brunswick, NJ

Elections for executive board, president, vice president, treasurer and secretary will take place. Please come out and vote. The Distinguished Service Award will all also be presented.

1:00 - 4:00 PM Workshop
"ASL Translation in Theatre and Concert"
Camille Lorello, Presenter

Lunch will be provided to registrants of the afternoon workshop.

Wee Listen To Story Books, and Sing and Dance.

Mother Goose Group (MGG) ...Enhanced... is a very special interpretation of our regularly scheduled Mother Goose Group for babies, toddlers, and preschool children with caregiver which includes an ASL (American Sign Language) interpreter.

MGG... Enhanced is an opportunity for parents and/or children who use American Sign Language to enjoy a regularly scheduled library activity.

Remaining dates:

Tuesday November 10, Saturday November 14,
Saturday December 19, Tuesday December 22
10:00 AM for each of these dates.



We offer Assistive Listening Devices for use with or without hearing aids. www.springfieldpubliclibrary.com/joomla

This program is funded by a grant from Target and open to all interested patrons



Springfield Free Public Library  66 MOUNTAIN AVE.
TELEPHONE: (973) 376-4930 SPRINGFIELD, NJ 07081

New Jersey State Library Talking Book & Braille Center
Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Program

Children's American Sign Language Story Hour

2009 - 2010 Season

November 17
January 12
March 16
April 20

All story hour dates begin at 10:00 AM

NJ State Library Talking Book & Braille Center, 2300 Stuyvesant Avenue, Trenton, NJ 08618

Space is limited. Please RSVP one week prior to the story hour you wish to attend.

To RSVP, please contact Christine Lam, DHHAP Coordinator, at e-mail: clam@njstatelib.org
866-326-6035 VP or 888-671-6983 Voice.

The NJ State Library Talking Book & Braille Center is supported by the New Jersey State Library and is funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services through its Grants to States program.

NJRID

Hosts Fashion Fundraiser with Deaf Models

On October 4, NJRID hosted its first Fundraising Fashion Show that also included a gift auction. Lord and Taylor of Westfield, NJ provided the fashions worn by the models: Dawn Buerck, Debbie Columbo-Greenspan, Debra Fuller, Joey Garth, John Munn, Diana O'Grady Meade, Susan Paige, Lauren Senko, and Lori Timney.

Margaux Gray of Lord & Taylor was the emcee for the event and the fashion show coordinators were Cynthia Piana and Kathy Ferejohn.

NJRID would like to thank both the interpreters and members of the Deaf community who came out in force to make this event such a success.



Photos taken by Sherry Jacob.

Deaf Blind League of New Jersey

presents

A fabulous day of delicious food at the **Culinary Institute of America**
followed with a trip to **Franklin D. Roosevelt's Presidential Library**

November 14, 2009
9:00 AM to 5:30 PM

A comfortable coach bus will leave from Pearl Street Parking Lot next to the Metuchen Train Station at 9:00 AM returning by approximately 5:30 PM.

The American Bounty Restaurant Menu:

American bounty vegetable soup; Parmesan crusted supreme of chicken stuffed with mushrooms, hominy sun; dried tomato gratin and merlot sauce;
Brownie cheesecake with chocolate sauce
(Vegetarian option is available with prior request only)

\$30 - Members; \$40 - Non-members.

RSVP by November 1.

Please make check payable to DBLNJ and send to:

Julie Troger, 27 Bradford Lane, Plainsboro, NJ 08536
For more information, contact Trogfamily@comcast.net or call 609-721-1240.

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Ministry with the Deaf of South Jersey

Chapter #138 of ICDA

November Gingo

Saturday, November 14, 2009

6:00 PM to 10:30 PM

No early birds, please.



\$10 per person (cash only). Pay at the door.

St. Gregory's Church (basement) 340 E. Evesham Avenue, Magnolia, New Jersey 08049
Gingo starts at 7:00 PM. Please arrive between 6:00 PM and 7:00 PM.

Must be 18 to play. No children, please.

Refreshments (hot turkey sandwiches) 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, contact Betty Ann mwdbak@yahoo.com.

Grace Bible Chapel of the Deaf Christmas Dinner

December 5, 2009

Guest Speaker : Bobby Flood
" Is A Worthy for Chistmas "

Noon - 6:00 PM

Grace Bible Chapel, 100 Oakdale Road (Cathy Lane), Chester, NJ 07930

\$15 Adults, \$5 Children 6 - 12, Children 5 years and under free.
RSVP by November 21.

Contact Roy Siskind rojogolfer@hotmail.com or Mike Sarsfield ms1262@aol.com.
Roy Siskind, 288 Janine Way, Bridgewater, NJ 08807.



Ministry With the Deaf/International

Catholic Deaf Association

Christmas Social

In Memory of Dennis M. Newman

Sunday, December 6, 2009

Mass 11:00 AM; Social Noon - 4:00 PM

St. Gregory's Church/Hall, 340 E. Evesham Avenue, Magnolia, New Jersey 08049

In Advance:

\$10 per person (13 years old & up), \$6 per child (4-12 years old), \$25 per family,
Children 3 years old and under – free.

At the door (cash only):

\$12 per person (13 years old & up), \$8 per child (4-12 years old), \$30 per family,
Children 3 years old and under – free.

Please buy your tickets in advance.
Deadline November 29. No Refunds.

Baked ziti, meatballs, ham, vegetables, tossed salad, rolls, desserts, hot & cold beverages.

Please bring one (1) gift for each of your children for Santa Claus to give out. Don't forget to put your child's name on the gift. If you do not have a child, your donation of a gift would be appreciated.

50/50 chances. Door prizes & more. Christmas play by CCD children.
Please bring a dessert.

To buy tickets, see Gracemarie Newman or mail a check made payable to the Ministry With the Deaf to 525 Doe Lane, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08034.
For more information, contact deafministrynj@yahoo.com.



South Jersey Deaf Senior Citizens Ministry With The Deaf

Christmas Luncheon



Adelphia Restaurant, 1750 Clements Bridge Road, Deptford, NJ 08096

Tuesday, December 8, 2009
12:00 Noon to 4:00 PM

\$30 members; \$35 non-members



Menu includes garden salad, soup du jour, fresh baked bread, choice of baked filet of flounder, filet mignon or sautéed chicken piccante, ice cream, sheet cake, coffe, tea.

Send personal check or money order to
South Jersey Deaf Senior Citizens, Att: Rita J. Tursi, 157 South Poplar Ave., Maple Shade, NJ 08052.

Deadline November 20 (No Refunds)

Holiday Buffet & Gingo Night

Hosted by ICDA/MWD



Saturday, December 12, 2009

5:30 PM - 11:30 PM
Game starts at 8:00 PM

St. Gregory's Church Hall, 340 E. Evesham Avenue, Magnolia, New Jersey 08049

\$35 per person includes buffet, games & door prizes.

Door will open at 5:30 PM for those attending buffet. Food served at 6:00 PM.

Buffet Menu:

Garden salad, baked ziti & meatballs, sausage w/green peppers, onions & sauce, chicken marsala, green beans almondine, roasted red potatoes, cakes & cookies, hot & cold beverages.

\$12 per person for games only (free hot & cold beverages and free desserts)
For games only - 7:30 PM. No early birds, please.

Adults only (18 years old and up)

50/50 tickets will be sold

Please bring donation of toys for the kids and receive 3 free 50/50 tickets.
(Limit 3 free 50/50 tickets per person.)

Make check payable to Ministry with the Deaf and mail to:
Mark Fleming, 309 S. Lowell Avenue, Bellmawr, NJ 08031
Deadline November 28.

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

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ALDA-NJ
invites you to our

Holiday Party

December 5
Noon to 5:00 PM

Nanni's Ristorante
53 West Passaic Street, Rochelle Park, NJ 07662
201-843-1250, Voice, 201-843-0933 FAX
www.nanni.com

\$45 per person

Hors d'oeuvres served butler style,
Buffet dinner including carving station, coffee, tea, wine, and dessert .
Cash bar available

Seating limited to 90 people
RSVP by November 21

Casual or holiday attire please. (No jeans, sweatshirts, or T-shirts)

Make checks payable to ALDA-NJ, and send to Elinore Bullock, 3 Tamarack Farm Lane,
Califon, NJ 07830-3415. Contact elinorebullock7@embarqmail.com.

Not ready to go home at 5:00 PM?
Join us at Villa Roberto's across the street for nightcap, dancing, coffee, and more laughs.
Villa Roberto Restaurant, 70 West Passaic St. ,Rochelle Park, NJ 07662
201-845-8333 Voice www.villaroberto.com.



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Charles Dickens'



Directed by Bob Beauchene

On stage in Burlington, New Jersey

at
Broad St. United Methodist Church, Burlington NJ

Saturdays November 28 & December 5 - 3:00 PM and 7:30 PM.
Sunday November 29 - 3:00 PM

ASL interpreted performance Friday Dec. 4 7:30 PM.

Visit www.bridgeplayerstheatre.com
for directions and more information.

Bridge Players Theatre Company
856-303-7620 Voice

Ocean Deaf Club, Inc.

Holiday Dinner

Sunday December 13
Noon to 5:00 PM

Quality Inn, 815 Route 37 West, Toms River, NJ 08755

Member- \$40; Non-member - \$50; No refunds.

Appetizer; Beef and vegetable barley soup;
Choice of

- 1) Baked salmon with dijon wine sauce, or
- 2) Chicken francaise w/lemon and white wine sauce, or
- 3) Sliced sirlon of beef with burgundy mushroom sauce.

Dessert, coffee, tea, ice tea, soda



Cash bar will be available.

Prizes

Casual dress (No jeans.) Adults only. Limited 150 people.

Deadline: November 30. Late orders not accepted.

For more information, contact Rosie at 866-387-8812 VP (between 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.)

Oceandeafclub@yahoo.com.

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Atlantic County Society of the Deaf

Annual Christmas Dinner

Saturday, December 19, 2009

6:00 PM

Tuckahoe Inn Restaurant & Tavern, 1 Harbor Road
and Route 9
Beesley's Point, NJ (off Exit 25 GSP)

Donation: Member - \$3; Non-member - \$4; No refunds.

Party dress-up (no jeans). Adults Only.

Appetizers, tossed salad, sliced prime rib, stuffed chicken breast,
baby crab cakes served with potato and vegetable, rolls and butter;
homemade dessert. coffee, tea or ice tea.

Cash bar

Chinese auction, money prizes, bank nite giveaway and
many more new surprises.

Mail money order/check payable to A.C.S.D. to:
Atlantic County Society of the Deaf, c/o Christmas Dinner
PO Box 3088, Margate, NJ 08402

Deadline: December 11, 2009

Chairperson: John Werner & Committee

For more information, contact ACSD66@aol.com

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Calendar of Events 2010

DDHH Advisory Council Meeting

Friday, January 29, 2010

9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

East Brunswick Public Library

2 Civic Blvd., East Brunswick NJ

Call DDHH to confirm your attendance:

609-984-7281 V/TTY

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

DDHH Office – Days Closed

Election Day, Tuesday November 3, Veterans Day, November 11,

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday November 26,

NJ mandatory furlough for state employees – Friday November 27