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June 9 is Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Day at Six Flags Great Adventure



The NJ Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in Partnership with Six Flags Great Adventure and New Jersey Relay Services sponsor the 28th Annual Awareness Celebration

The “Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Day” is planned for June 9, 2012. The day is about people with hearing loss and their communication needs.

It raises awareness about people born with hearing loss to those who acquire deafness later in life. Awareness events will be integrated throughout the park.

This also is a great day for everyone to become more aware of the communication barriers faced by people with hearing loss and how we can all help.

So come out to Six Flags to experience all of the great thrill rides and general attractions of Great Adventure and to help spread public awareness of hearing loss. See pages 10 and 11 in this issue for ticket information.

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Sue Thomas “F.B.Eye” to be Keynote Speaker at Lake Drive Event

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woman from living her life to the fullest. At the age of 18 months Sue
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Sue Thomas will be the featured keynote speaker at the Lake Drive Foundation’s “For the Babies” Gala to be held Thursday, May 17th at the Villa in Mountain Lakes. The annual gala raises funds for Sound Start, the early intervention program offered by The Lake Drive Programs for Children Who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing in Mountain Lakes, New Jersey.

About Sue Thomas
Nothing keeps this indomitable

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Director's Corner

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

This year the New Jersey Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DDHH) will be hosting the 28th anniversary of "Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Day" on Saturday June 9th at Six Flags Great Adventure Park. This event promotes public awareness about hearing loss and is gearing up to be an educational and fun filled day for families.

Many individuals, who attend the park, have family members or know someone with hearing loss. During breaks from the many games and amusement rides, families will be able to visit the exhibits of DDHH and other service providers, to learn about the many resources and services that are available to improve the quality of life of people with hearing loss.

A transformation occurs throughout the park in preparation for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Day. Employees receive sensitivity training about hearing loss and a basic introduction to American Sign Language assistance listening devices and captioning service used by people who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing. On the day of the event, the park is fully communication accessible. American Sign Language interpreters are stationed throughout the park and at many of the performances and special events. At the beginning of each show, a popular feature enjoyed by the public, is the teaching of American Sign Language signs for the respective performers, characters and animals. For people who are hard of hearing, assistive listening devices are available and the park is exploring whether it can offer captioning.

I hope to see you at this year's event. Please mark your calendars. Meet old friends, make new acquaintances and participate in a fun filled day in celebration of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness. For more information about this event please contact the DDHH. To purchase discounted tickets please contact GATickets@aol.com.



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Hearing Loss and Adult Communities

By Traci Burton, *Field Representative*



Lately I have been actively reaching out and presenting to groups in adult communities. Various villages, mainly in Monroe Township, have invited me to speak and as a result several residents have made appointments to meet with me at one of our assistive device demonstration centers. One community, though, is looking to take things a step further. After my presentation at Cedar Crest Village in Pompton Plains, I was informed that they are looking into having loop systems installed in a couple of locations. They currently use FM systems. Since they have an active community with various clubs, groups, and entertainment they are looking to make their village more accessible for those people living with hearing loss.



Several years ago Seabrook Village in Tinton Falls installed an FM system in their auditorium in an effort to better accommodate their residents who would benefit.

As we age, it is a normal part of our biological process that we lose our hearing. It may be gradual and we may not even realize that it is happening. Friends and loved ones tend to be the first to let us know, and denial is a common initial response.

Throughout the years I have been able to reach out and meet thousands of seniors, family, loved ones and staff who work with the aging to discuss the technology, services available and equipment demonstrations. These talks include information and a general demonstration on amplified and captioned telephones, safety alerting devices, other alerting devices such as alarm clocks and doorbells, portable personal amplification systems and amplification systems for the television. These demonstrations lead into descriptions of different resources available in New Jersey. One such resource is DDHH's own Equipment Distribution Program (EDP), where qualified applicants can receive devices including but not limited to a telephone, smoke and carbon monoxide detector. I also talk about the five assistive device demonstration centers around the state where consumers are able to, by appointment, meet me to discuss and try the various pieces of technology.

To expand my outreach, in 2011 I began contacting 55+ adult communities under the Older Adults with Hearing Loss Program. Letters were sent to many adult communities around the state introducing myself and DDHH. The goal of this project is to reach out to the baby boomers and those who are not yet considered senior citizens. Hearing loss can happen at any age. The presentation I am giving in these communities covers the information outlined above, and can be tweaked to reflect the needs/interests of the requester.

If you reside in an adult community and would be interested in having me speak, or are looking to make your community more accessible to people living with hearing loss, please contact me at traci.burton@dhs.state.nj.us or by phone at 609-984-7281.

If you reside or work in an assistive living facility or nursing home and would like me to visit, those are also welcomed invitations.

Looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible!

Sue Thomas *continued*

Thomas suffered an instant and total loss of sound. When her devastated parents were told that little Sue would never amount to anything, they made a vow to do whatever it took to enable their daughter to become successful in the 'hearing world'.



Sue Thomas and Her Hearing/Special Skills Dog, Katie

Through speech therapy Sue developed her voice. She also became an expert lip reader. At the age of seven, Thomas became the youngest Ohio State Champion free-style skater in skating history. She learned to play piano, attended public school and graduated from Springfield College with a degree in Political Science and International Affairs.

After college, Sue heard that the FBI was looking for deaf people. She started out as a fingerprint examiner, but when an FBI agent discovered her lip reading ability, she became a key member of an undercover surveillance team.

In 1990 Sue Thomas wrote her autobiography entitled *Silent Night*. The acclaimed book became the basis for the TV series to follow. *Sue Thomas: F.B. Eye* was watched by more than 2.5 million viewers in the United States and was syndicated to 60 nations. The weekly drama helped raise awareness of the abilities of individuals with physical challenges.

In spite of being diagnosed in 2001 with multiple sclerosis, Sue remains active as a compelling speaker and runs a nonprofit center in Vermont to train special skill dogs like "Katie" to assist individuals with hearing impairment.

Tips for Helping Students with Hearing Loss Get the Most from College

Most colleges today welcome applicants with hearing loss in ways that would have been unthinkable a dozen years ago. To help families take advantage of falling barriers to access, the Hearing Loss Association of New Jersey is increasing the number of \$1,000 scholarships we offer to high school seniors with hearing loss who are applying to college. For students beginning college this September, HLA-NJ is offering four scholarships, up from three in previous years. Applications – which must be filed by May 1, 2012, are available on-line at www.hearingloss-nj.org. Additional information is available from **Sandy. Spekman@hearingloss-nj.org**.

Money is only one of the issues facing college-bound young people with hearing loss. For them more than most college students, “bright college years” can be lonely and frustrating. In addition to normal problems of homesickness and adjusting to a new environment, students with hearing loss need to develop new support systems and adjust to a world where the vast majority of students and faculty members know little about their needs and concerns.

Based on the experiences of past recipients of HLA-NJ scholarships, here are some tips to ease the transition.

- Find out the facts on support for people with hearing loss. Don't settle for vague assurances from admissions office personnel. Get statistics on how many students with hearing loss are enrolled, and see if it's possible to ask them about their experiences via e-mail. Find out whether most courses are offered in large lecture halls or small seminar rooms, and discuss with your student what environment suits them. Get commitments, in writing if possible, on availability of captioned lectures or notetakers, and make sure your student will be able to use assistive listening



devices. Is special counseling available for people with hearing loss? Are there clubs or social groups for students with hearing loss? Check out the atmosphere of the college on a visit. A large campus might be impersonal—or it might offer better support systems than a small college that is academically excellent but has limited resources. How welcome does your son or daughter feel on a college visit?

- Make sure the college-bound student is prepared. Be candid and realistic in talking to a son or daughter with hearing loss about what to expect in college. Many college-bound students with serious hearing loss have benefited from supportive, highly involved parents and a secondary school where not only guidance counselors but also classroom instructors understand their needs. Discuss with your son or daughter how they can become their own advocate and build new social and academic ties from scratch.
- Maintain contact with the student, especially in the first months. Many 18-year-olds entering college are eager to prove their independence. But leaving home for the first time is bound to be at least a little scary. That's likely

to be especially true for a student with hearing loss. No college freshman wants to be smothered by parents, but frequent texts, e-mails, letters or (if appropriate) phone calls from home are bound to be welcome. Plan on visiting. You know your son or daughter better than anyone, and you are best qualified to spot signs of unhappiness.

- It's important not to exaggerate the difficulties of college. Students with hearing loss will discover all the pleasures experienced by previous generations—teachers who open their minds to new ways of thinking, and new ideas, friends from different backgrounds and other states and countries, the heady feeling of being out on your own. Just make sure you and your son or daughter plan ahead and have realistic goals. With proper preparation, college can be the gateway to a new world.

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



Gala Honoree – Dr. Laura Crawford, Au.D. FAAA CCC/A, Director of Newborn Hearing Screening, MidAtlantic Newborn and Infant Medical Services



Career Options Day will be held on April 17, 2012 at the JFK Conference & Fitness Center, 70 James Street, Edison, New Jersey from 9:00 a.m. – 12 p.m. It is an opportunity to meet with prospective employers and receive career information.

If you have a need for a sign language interpreter please contact us so that we have available a sufficient number of sign language interpreters to assist in this service. If you have any questions concerning “*Career Options Day*,” please contact Rose Anne Anthony, Department Secretary, JFK-Johnson Rehabilitation Institute at (732) 321-7723 V/TTY.

Gala Celebrates Tenth Anniversary of Newborn Hearing Screening in New Jersey

In celebration of the tenth anniversary of the Universal Newborn Hearing Screening mandate in New Jersey, The Lake Drive Foundation is proud to honor Audiologist Dr. Laura Crawford, Director of Newborn Hearing Screening for MidAtlantic Newborn and Infant Medical Services (MANIMS), the leading newborn hearing screening program in New Jersey.

MANIMS was founded in 2005 by neonatologists from MidAtlantic Neonatology Associates (MANA), a group dedicated to providing exemplary neonatal intensive care and improving neonatal outcomes. Medical Director Dr. Kathy Crowley and Managing Partners Dr. Andrew Schenkman and Dr. Larry Skolnick entrusted Dr. Crawford with their vision to create the preeminent newborn hearing screening program in the state.

As the Director of Newborn Hearing Screening, Dr. Crawford, oversees the comprehensive hearing screening services within the newborn and intensive care nurseries for 10,000 babies annually at four major hospitals, Morristown Medical Center, Overlook Medical Center, St. Clare’s and Chilton Hospitals.

Dr. Crawford is responsible for the program’s development, protocols, quality assurance, and clinical research. In addition, she organizes a regional conference for hearing professionals: *Current Topics in Congenital Hearing Loss*.

Under Dr. Crawford’s leadership, MANIMS sets the standards for newborn hearing screening. Innovative protocols that streamline patient follow-up and minimize false negative results produce unmatched outcomes. Statewide, 56.4% of babies who do not pass their newborn hearing screening are lost to follow up. In sharp contrast, Dr. Crawford’s team ensures that every infant receives testing, and rescreening when necessary, prior to discharge. Less than 0.1% of infants are lost to follow up. MANIMS’ highly trained technicians and state-of-the-art technology result in a low referral rate of just 1.3%, about half of the national average. With plans to publish results, Dr. Crawford’s team strives to contribute to the success of newborn hearing screening programs statewide, nationally and around the globe.

To find out more about the event, reserve tickets or become a sponsor please visit www.lakedrivefoundation.org or contact Sueanne Sylvester at ssylvester@mtlakes.org; 973-265-4168.

Bergen County Deaf Seniors Scheduled Events

The Bergen County Deaf Seniors meet at the Northwest Bergen Senior Activity Center 46-50 Center Street, Midland Park, NJ 07432 every Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All area seniors 60 and over are welcome to join us for games, parties, and special events. The Northwest Bergen Senior Activity Center is operated by the County of Bergen, Kathleen Donovan, County Executive.

Our calendar of events for April and May is as follows:

April 5: Bingo at 1 p.m.

April 12: LCR AT 1 p.m.

April 19: Dingo at 1 p.m.

April 26: Social Worker Sheila Brogan with ASL interpreter, “*Ways to Wellness*” with nutritionist Kathy Nugent from Cancer Care offering advice on preventive health screenings and healthy living.

May 3: Bingo

May 10: “Tomorrow Dad Will Still Be Deaf”, a comedy film by Bonnie Kraft at 1 p.m.

May 17: Dingo at 1p.m.

May 24: “Brain Games”, exercise your brain with Sheila Brogan and interpreter

May 31: LCR Games with an Ice Cream Social “Make your own Sundae” at 1 p.m.

For more information, contact: arslaniant@optonline.net or rosevin52@aol.com.

Vanquished Voices — An Interpreting Crisis?

By Dennis Cokely

As sign language interpreters we have the difficult and challenging task of straddling two languages/cultures (anthropologist Michal Agar coined the term “languaculture” (see *Language Shock: Understanding the Language of Conversation*; William Morrow and Company, 1994; ISBN 0-688-14949-9) to highlight the fact that language and culture cannot really be separated). But I suggest, as others have (see Bill Moody’s post on *“Complicit in a Devil’s Bargain”*), that the vast majority of us approach this daunting task only partially prepared. To fully understand and appreciate this reality I believe we must constantly examine our roots and acknowledge the valuable resource we have around us.

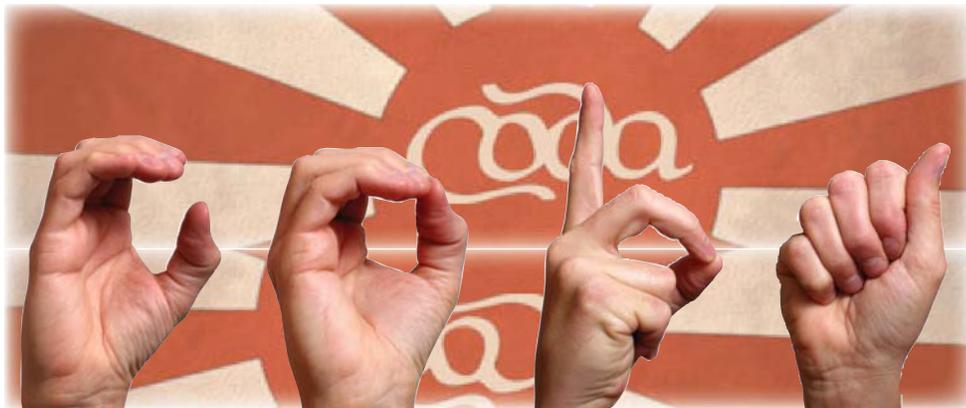
Our Roots

When the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID) was established in 1964, child of deaf adults (Coda) played a prominent role in rendering sign language interpreting services for Deaf people and in the establishment of the RID. Indeed for the first two decades of RID’s existence the president was a Coda. For the first decade or so the majority of interpreters were related by blood to Deaf people. (“All-in-all, to know a sign language interpreter is to know someone who cares deeply about humanity in its many forms” — this from an earlier post on this site by Brandon Arthur in *“The Goo at the Center of a Sign Language Interpreter”*). In the last twenty-five years, however, Codas have not been as well represented in the elected leadership of RID as I believe they should be and as I believe we need them to be.

Native World-Views

As the ranks of RID members who were not-Codas swelled inexorably (in large part because of federal laws as I have suggested in *“Complicit in a Devil’s Bargain”*), it has become less and less a given that we will have the insights of Codas on the RID Board of Directors. This would prove to be a true loss for our organization and for the future direction of our field.

For those of us who are not Codas — the vast majority of us — the DEAF-



WORLD and ASL are neither our first culture nor our first language; for those of us who are not Codas — the vast majority of us — our initial societally reinforced perceptions of Deaf people are that they are “disabled” and are therefore inferior to those of us who can hear; for those of us who are not Codas — the vast majority of us — we will never know the feeling of experiencing firsthand the communicative oppression of our

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family members; for those of us who are not Codas — the vast majority of us — we will never know the pressures of family members depending on us to facilitate communication; for those of us who are not Codas — the vast majority of us — we will never know what it is like to grow up in a Deaf household; for those of us who are not Codas — the vast majority of us — we will never know what it is like to grow up in a visually-oriented world-view.

I suggest that the experience and world-view gap between Codas and non-Codas may best be encapsulated by Egg Drop Soup who posted on the CODA-international.org website: “Sometimes it’s the worry that gets to me; that one day, I won’t know where they are and won’t have any way of getting in contact with them. Sometimes, it’s the clash of cultures — my adopted American individualism colliding unpleasantly with their traditional Eastern values. Other

times, it’s the frustration of constantly being their ears and mouths, translating for them for friends, doctors, teachers, car salesmen, and even the occasional police officer.” This is unquestionably an experience and world-view that those of us who are not Codas can only experience vicariously in our wildest imaginings. Codas also represent a rich cultural reservoir from which I believe those of us who are not Codas must draw because Codas are connected to Deaf people in an intense and intimate way.

It is precisely this intense level of connectivity to Deaf people that those of us who are not Codas — the vast majority of us — need to have as a constant presence as a guide to our work; it is precisely this level of connectivity to Deaf people that those of us who are not Codas — the vast majority of us — need to have as a constant presence in the regular and secured leadership of RID; it is precisely this level of connectivity to Deaf people that those of us who are not Codas — the vast majority of us — need to have as a constant reminder of the roots of our profession.

Don’t Feel Inadequate

All of this, of course, is in no way intended to make those of us who are not Codas feel inadequate as interpreters. Our experiences — Codas and non-Codas — are simply quite different. Our experiences are neither better nor worse, they are just different. And, no, I am not suggesting that all Codas are effective and successful interpreters and neither do I believe that that one must be a Coda to be an effective and successful sign language interpreter. However, I do believe that to be effective and

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Access at the National American Jewish Museum in Philadelphia

By Carol Granaldi

Inspired by Jason Weiland's article in the February 2012 MC (*Winter Blues...What to do?*) I decided to get on the SEPTA train in West Trenton, and get off in downtown Philadelphia to visit the newly-opened **National Museum Of American Jewish History** (www.nmajh.org). It's located at the corner of Market and 5th Streets, on the Independence Mall East, and next to the Bourse. There is a parking lot behind the building. The train station is only four blocks' walk, and the Constitution Center is across the street. The museum opened more than a year ago, is easy to navigate, brightly lit and has many places to sit down, with accessible restrooms on two floors.

There are four floors, and visitors start at the fourth floor, and walk down through different stages of Jewish history. The 4th floor is dedicated to the early history of the Jews' nomadic wandering around the globe and their early settlement in North America, dating from 1654 to 1880. Colonies were developed in the East, the Midwest, and the West, including Canada.

The third floor encompasses the era from the 1880's to 1945, and the inroads the Jews made in the American workplace. There was much anti-Jewish bias in many industries, but the film industry was new, and an opportunity for Jewish entrepreneurs. The film displays were especially enjoyable with various segments of early 20th century actors and films, all captioned. The film industry moved from the east coast to the west coast, and many studios were owned by Jewish moguls. Many popular actors of that era were Jewish, but hid their ethnicity by changing their names. Part of the third is a sobering and somber part of the museum, which covered the Holocaust and America

at war during WWII. The uprising of Nazism and Fascism is a compelling piece of Jewish history. The views of the displacement of the Jews, the encampments, and expulsion from their homelands are heartrending. An observer of this portion of the museum is almost compelled to recoil from the visuals.

The second floor covers from 1945 to today, including the development of Jewish communities throughout the USA, establishment of synagogues, social centers, social services, youngsters' camps, the YMHA and

Jewish schools. The exhibit of the establishment of the State of Israel in 1950 and the population of Israelis emigrating from the US and other countries to their new homeland is uplifting. On the first floor are the information desks, coatroom, some displays of Jewish art, and a well-stocked gift shop featuring Jewish items such as games, books, cookbooks, videotapes and jewelry. There is a cafeteria in the building, with Kosher food and deli items.

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successful as an interpreter one must absolutely have deep and sustained connections to the Deaf Community. And since 54% of us spend less than 10% of our time socializing with Deaf people (see my 1/5/12 post on "Complicit With a Devils' Bargains" post), this is a serious problem for us as a field! I absolutely am suggesting that listening to and ensuring a presence for the native voice of the Coda-experience of those of us who are interpreters is one incredibly vital way that we as individual practitioners and as a field can begin to re-connect with Deaf people and can connect with the experience of the communicative oppression that Deaf people experience on a daily basis. Perhaps more importantly we can develop a fuller understanding of and appreciation for what it is we do as interpreters.

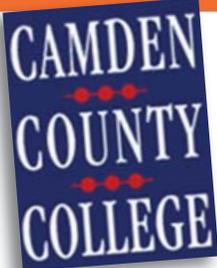
A Coda on the RID Board

This past July at the RID Conference a motion was passed that would create a dedicated position on the RID Board of Directors for a certified member who was raised by one or two Deaf parents. I absolutely and unequivocally believe that we must ensure that RID, our organization, does not lose the vital Coda link to our past. I can think of no compelling reason why we, as an organization, would not want to ensure this irreplaceable link to our past and its presence on our Board of Directors. Some would argue that RID (us) would incur additional expenses by adding an additional seat on the Board. I would argue that the price of doing so definitely does not outweigh the cost of not doing so.

Further, I would encourage the leadership of any association serving sign language interpreters to ensure that the Coda link to our past is represented as they move their respective organizations forward.

In summary, I urge every member of RID to honor our past, cherish our present and enrich our future by voting in the affirmative to create a dedicated Coda seat on the RID Board of Directors. When the vote is called for next fall I urge us all to vote to ensure that we always have a Native Voice on our Board of Directors!

This article first appeared on the Web site StreetLeverage (www.streetleverage.com)



CCC Helping to Create National-Model Program for Deaf STEM Students

Camden County College (CCC) is partnering with Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) and Cornell University to develop a virtual academic community (VAC) for deaf and hard of hearing (D/HH) science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) students. They are doing so using a five-year National Science Foundation grant of \$1.6 million that was awarded by the NSF's Research in Disability Education Program to RIT's National Technical Institute for the Deaf.

The goal of the project is to increase the graduation rates of D/HH students who are majoring in STEM programs. Once completed, this project will serve as a model for similar programs to be developed for collegiate and high school students throughout the nation.

The institutions aim to achieve this goal and establish a replicable program by creating a "cyber infrastructure" that will provide remote tutoring and mentoring along with interpreting and captioning services. The project also will link D/HH students at all three of the mainstream schools with one another.

"Deaf and hard of hearing students are in the minority in their STEM courses," said Kathryn Earp, student advisement specialist at CCC. "By connecting them via a virtual academic community, they will have access to other STEM student mentors and tutors without having the communication barriers they may face when interacting with hearing students.

"With such institutional and self-directed support systems in place, these students will be more likely to complete their academic programs and graduate. In addition, incoming deaf and hard-of-hearing students will be more likely to enroll in the challenging STEM programs if they know that they will have the support services they need to succeed."

More than 30,000 deaf and hard of hearing students are enrolled in colleges and universities throughout the United States. Approximately 35 are enrolled at CCC each semester, and about one-quarter of them are majoring in a STEM subject.

This isn't the first time that CCC has teamed with the National Technical Institute for the Deaf at RIT to develop a national model. In 2004, the College joined with the Technical Institute to establish an online system of notetaker training that now serves as a prototype at other mainstream colleges and universities throughout the United States.

Cochlear Implant Support Group Met in South Jersey

Submitted by Annamarie Capaldi

The Haddonfield/Philadelphia Area Cochlear Implant Support Group met at the Grace Church Parish Hall on Tuesday, January 24, 2012. We had 25 guests attending the meeting.

MED EL, a company that manufactures cochlear implants, treated us to a pizza social before the presentation.

Jeanne Fredriksen, Sr. Consumer Outreach Manager, was the main speaker. She provided us with some background history of MED EL located in Innsbruck, Austria. They offer three basic products, cochlear implants, middle ear implants, and EAS implant which is currently in trials here in the US. Jeanne explained that the MED EL cochlear implant speech processor has no buttons. Everything is controlled by a remote control. Hence the speech processor is thinner and water resistant. The middle ear implant is for people with a sensorineural hearing loss and who are not a candidate for a cochlear implant. The EAS, is intended for people with partial deafness. This is where an individual has a mild to moderate low-frequency sensorineural hearing loss sloping to a profound loss in the higher frequencies. The EAS is a two part implant. The first is an atraumatic and flexible electrode stimulation for processing the high frequencies with the second providing acoustic amplification for the lower frequencies.

With the many options for the hardware it is just as important for the rehabilitation and therapy needed to fully optimize your device. MED EL offers interactive listening activities for everyone on their web site www.medel.com/us.

Wayne Roorda, chairperson for the Walk4Hearing, Hearing Loss Association – NJ spoke about fund raising for the group and the walk will be on October 13, 2012 at the Mercer County Park.

We thank the New Jersey Department of Human Services' Division of Deaf and Hard of Hearing (NJDDHH) for providing CART and sign interpretation for our meeting. Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 17, 2012. A *Pizza Social* will be held at Villa Rosa in Haddonfield at 6. The meeting will follow at Grace Church Parish Hall. Gregory J. Artz M.D. Assistant Professor, Otology, Neurotology & Skull Base Surgery, Department of Otolaryngology-HNS, Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, PA will be our guest speaker.

E-mail Kathie Simcox or Wayne Roorda at cochlearimplant1@yahoo.com to be added to our e-mail list or with questions.

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can absorb most of the content of the museum, because the exhibits and films are captioned. There are assistive listening devices available only in the Dell theater, and the information desks do not have induction loops for Tcoil users. The Web site does not indicate that sign language interpreters are available. I wrote a letter of request to the museum's director to install induction loops at the information desks in the lobby, and asked that ALD's be available for the guided tours. Overall, the museum does rate a visit by anyone with hearing loss because of the visuals, and hopefully there will be funding available in the near future to expand use of the ALDs for the guided tours, and install induction loops.

Expanding the Paradigm for Adopting Hearing Loops



users are expected to be able to recognize the presence of a hearing loop by the international indicia and to be aware in advance of its benefits. They are also assumed to know if their listening aids are equipped with T-Coils and to know how to use them to take advantage of the hearing loop. Plus, people with hearing aids are assumed to be wearing them. As we saw in last month's article, these are all questionable assumptions.

By Mark Zuckerman
Emcom Systems

My earlier Monthly Communicator articles described three different ways of deploying hearing loop technology in public spaces: as built-ins incorporated in a building's structure, as fixtures attached to the ceiling, and as floor mat appliances.

In the last *Monthly Communicator* I addressed challenges to building hearing loop awareness in the U.S. by comparing the situation here to that in Great Britain, where loops are commonplace. Building awareness is the first step in the process that brings a technology into general use. The process is sometimes known as "Triple A" because of its three stages: building awareness, inspiring acceptance, and fostering adoption.

The common paradigm for the hearing loop Triple A frames the process as a matter of rights: that the accommodation provided by hearing loops is a civil right of the hard of hearing. The argument is both compelling on its face and reinforced by a considerable body of federal legislation. Much of this legislation amplifies Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which sets forth nondiscrimination requirements for employers and organizations that receive financial assistance from any federal department or agency. Many hearing loop installations in establishments falling under the



purview of this legislation have resulted from Section 504 complaints filed by dedicated activists.

This paradigm has produced notable successes at some national museums and facilities. These have been admirable, trail-blazing achievements that represent great progress in building awareness, inspiring acceptance, and fostering adoption of hearing loops.

But there are limitations to the paradigm. At their root is the paradigm's inherent value proposition: protecting the establishment by providing an accommodation to the hearing loop-aware segment of the hard of hearing population. The motivation to employ hearing loops may be benevolence, but more usually is compliance to a formal complaint. Either way, because the perceived benefit is one-sided – access for the hard of hearing – establishments induced to install hearing loop technology feel little stake in its being used.

So once the hearing loops are in, the establishments regard their job as finished. It's unlikely that any personnel at these hearing loop sites are prepared to inform and assist their clientele with them. Potential

And that's just for those establishments under federal government purview that agree to install hearing loops. Some choose an alternate technology (e.g., infrared or FM) to comply with the federal accommodation requirements, even though they require providing special receiving equipment to all users – whereas only hearing loops leverage receivers already in people's listening equipment.

And there's the not uncommon example of a major national museum that refused Emcom Systems' gift of hearing loop fixtures – and is delaying the installation of any system that accommodates hearing loss – because its management is holding out for a single device that can accommodate every kind of sensory loss.

Emcom Systems is working to expand the common paradigm. In our view, the fundamental value proposition ought to be the benefit hearing loops' clarity brings to both ends of the conversation. Establishments have as much stake in being heard as users have in hearing. In the common paradigm, hearing loops are seen to provide access to one side of the conversation: the hard of hearing. In the expanded paradigm, hearing loops provide both sides of the conversation access to each other. This applies to any enterprise where clear communication is essential to successful operation. It may be because what they communicate is precise or specialized information – as with pharmacies, law offices, medical practices, and financial advisors – or because effective communication is essential to their

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28th Annual Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Day Saturday, June 9, 2012

To purchase tickets visit one of our partnering organizations listed in this issue or go to: www.sixflags.com/greatadventure and use the promo code: **NJDAD**



- Communication access available throughout the park on June 9
- A portion of the proceeds supports organizations serving people with hearing loss
- Admission tickets valid any regular operating day through October 14, 2012

Ticket Prices for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Day

Before June 9

Theme: \$32

Hurricane Harbor: \$22

3-Park Season Pass: \$80

Parking Voucher: \$15

On June 9

Theme: \$40

Hurricane Harbor: \$35





Contact These Organizations for Tickets to the DDHH Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Day Saturday, June 9, 2012 - Six Flags Great Adventure

- Bruce Street School for the Deaf
333 Clinton Place
Newark, NJ 07112
Day: 973-705-3952
MJMansbach@aol.com
- Deaf Golf Association, Inc.
1108 Gates Court
Morris Plains, NJ 07950
Day: 973-434-7823
RHSARK@aol.com
- New Jersey Association of the Deaf
25 Hampton Court
Washington Township, NJ 07676
908-760-0928
Joshuabeckman86@gmail.com
- New Jersey Association of the Deaf-Blind
24K Worlds Fair Drive
Somerset, New Jersey 08873
TTY/V: 732-805-1912
arosen@njadb.org
- New Jersey Deaf Awareness Week, Inc.
1018 Buccaneer Lane
Manahawkin, NJ 08050-2070
NJDAWGA@aol.com
- New Jersey Deaf Sports, Inc.
26 N. Shore Blvd.
Helmetta, NJ 08828-1233
732-641-3420 (H)
609-997-3441 (W)
NJDeafSportsInc@gmail.com
- New Jersey Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf
517 Farley Ave.
Scotch Plains, NJ 07076
Plt311@gmail.com
609-672-8840 (text only)
- New Jersey Registry Interpreters for the Deaf
83 Hawkins Road
Tabernacle, New Jersey 08088
V: 609-980-8037
Meg.ellis@comcast.net
- Eastern Deaf Ladies Golf Association
264 Swinnerton Street
Staten Island, NY 10307-1641
347-308-7669
Sourpeas@aol.com
- Northwest Jersey Association of the Deaf, Inc.
52 Heritage Court
Towaco, New Jersey 07082
W: 862-242-5662
dvv40@yahoo.com
- St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf
2222 Vauxhall Road
Union, NJ 07083
V: 908-686-3965
TTY (W): 908-851-2004
Gracelu4u@yahoo.com
- Bridges to Employment
600 First Ave.
Raritan, NJ 08869
V: 908-685-1444 ext. 284
abetso@alternativesinc.org
- New Jersey Deaf Senior Housing
PO Box 212
Millburn, NJ 07041
Delusantsr.joseph@rocketmail.com
- National Council of Hispano Deaf and Hard of Hearing
paolina.ramirez@nchdhh.org
732-733-2730



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South Jersey Hard of Hearing Support Group

The next meetings of the *South Jersey Hard of Hearing Support Group* are at Cape Regional Medical Center, Garden State Parkway, Exit 10, 2 Stone Harbor Blvd. Cape May Court House, NJ 08210 on April 18, May 16, and June 20 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. For additional information please contact sjhardofhearing@gmail.com.



Deaf Community Gathering

featuring

The Duty of the Local Deaf Firefighter

Bert Rypkema
ASL Deaf presenter

Saturday, April 28, 2012

1:00 p.m.

**Waretown United
Methodist Church**

**27 Bryant Road,
Waretown, NJ 08758**
(4 miles east of exit of GSP)

- ✓ Refreshments
- ✓ Everyone is welcome
- ✓ Childcare available - only with prior notice

For more information, contact:
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Hearing Loops *continued*

customer service model – as at bank teller stations, help desks, order kiosks, and checkout counters.

In the expanded paradigm, establishments recognize the assurance of communication clarity as a strong value proposition for all their clientele. They are interested in cultivating business with the 10% of the general population with hearing loss, or perhaps the 33% of people aged 65 or older with hearing loss, because their goal is attracting 100% of the population. They use hearing loops to reach out to the hard of hearing and to encourage their patronage, not simply to offer an accommodation to those who care to use it and already know how. Once accepting and adopting hearing loop technology, they have a stake in promoting awareness and increasing the number of users. Taking a public and active stance as hearing health advocates helps their bottom line. This accelerates general acceptance and adoption, since early adopters have a significant competitive advantage until their competitors rush to catch up.

Mark Zuckerman can be reached by email at MarkZuckerman@emcomsys.com. More information about Emcom Systems' hearing loop systems are at www.True-Hearing.com and www.emcomsys.com.

Looping New York City



The following institutions have audio loops installed. Most only have audio loops in limited areas of the building. This list is up to date as of February 14, 2012. Audio looped venues are listed by county and by type of facility.

NEW YORK STATE

New York City Public Facilities - MTA subway system station booths that are open 24 hours a day

http://mta.info/accessibility/station_booths.htm

includes an updated list of stations with audio looped information booths.

Bronx

Public Facilities

The New York Botanical Garden, 2900 Southern Boulevard, Bronx, NY 10458; 718-817-8700

www.nybg.org/visit/accessibility.php

Tram Tour: Trams are equipped with a T-coil compatible induction loop. Headphones are available at the Visitors Center.

Yankee Stadium, East 161st Street and River Avenue, Bronx, NY 10452; General phone number 718-293-4300; Disabled Services 718-579-4510 or email: disabled_services@yankees.com.

<http://newyork.yankees.mlb.com/nyy/ballpark/information/index.jsp?content=disabled>

Induction loops have approximately 50 locations throughout Yankee Stadium, including some concession stands, first-aid stations, merchandise stores, Guest Services Booths and Yankee Stadium Ticket Windows.



Brooklyn

Public Facilities

ASA Senior Alliance Senior Center, 161 Corbin Place, Brooklyn, NY 11235; 212-273-5272

www.jasa.org/home

Main meeting room is looped.

Manhattan

Businesses

Shake Shack, (upper west side) 366 Columbus Avenue at 77th Street, New York, NY 10024

www.shakeshack.com 646-747-9770

Order line on left side has an audio loop installed.



Places of Worship

Brotherhood Synagogue, 28 Gramercy Park South (East 20th Street), New York, NY 10003; 212-674-5750

<http://brotherhoodsynagogue.org>

Sanctuary is equipped with audio loop on left side.

Christ and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 120 West 69th Street, New York, NY 10023; 212-787-2755

www.csschurch.org/?page=services&id=11

Sanctuary and undercroft are equipped with audio loops.

Church of the Village (Methodist), 201 West 13th Street at Seventh Avenue, New York, NY 10011; 212-243-5470

<http://churchofthevillage.org>

Sanctuary is equipped with audio loop.

Temple Emanu-El, 1 East 65th Street at Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10065; 212-744-1400

www.emanuelnyc.org/simple.php/worshabbat

Audio loops are installed in the Fifth Avenue sanctuaries.

Public Facilities

Children's Museum of Manhattan (CMOM) The Tisch Building

212 West 83rd Street, New York, NY 10024; 212-721-1223 <http://www.cmom.org/visit/accessibility>.

Audio loops are installed in four sections of "eat, sleep and play" exhibit.

Ellis Island Museum - Statue of Liberty National Monument & Ellis Island Liberty Island - New York, NY 10004-1467; 212-363-3200

www.nps.gov/ellis/planyourvisit/accessibility.htm

An audio loop is installed in the theater.



Fordham University - Lincoln Center Campus, Lowenstein Building, 12th floor lounge, New York, NY 10023; 212-636-6000 Office of Disability Services 718-817-0655

<http://www.fordham.edu>

Audio loop has been installed in 12th floor lounge.



Looping NYC

continued

Lower East Side Tenement Museum
103 Orchard Street, New York, NY 10002
212-982-8420 www.tenement.org/vizinfo_ada.html

Media program - The Moores: an Irish Family in America is equipped with a t-coil induction loop.

Marseilles Senior Center, 230 West 103rd Street, New York, NY 10025-8717; 212-663-6000
<http://bloominplace.org/resources>
Community room has audio loop installed.

Metropolitan Museum of Art - 1000 Fifth Avenue at 82nd Street, New York, NY 10028-0198 212-535-7710
www.metmuseum.org/visit/accessibility
Induction loops are located at the Information and Membership Desks and at select Admissions Desks in the Great Hall and Burke Hall in the Uris Center for Education, as well as at the Concerts and Lectures box office in the Great Hall. Look for the blue signs indicating locations.



Museum of Modern Art, 11 West 53rd Street, New York, NY 10019; 212-708-9400
<http://www.moma.org/visit/plan/accessibility>
Theater 3 and one of the Edward John Noble Education Center's classrooms have audio loops installed.

New York Historical Society - 170 Central Park West at Richard Gilder Way (77th Street) New York, NY 10024; 212-873-3400 www.nyhistory.org/visit/accessibility-amenities
Exhibits area has audio loop installed.

The New York Public Library Muhlenberg Branch - 209 West 23rd Street (near Seventh Avenue) New York, NY 10011-2379 212-924-1585

www.nypl.org/help/community-outreach/services-for-persons-with-disabilities/assistive-technologies/other-assistive-technologies

Community room on third floor has audio loop installed.

Penn South (NORC) Social Services, Inc. - 290 Ninth Avenue at 27th Street, New York, NY 10001 212-243-3670
<http://pennsouthlive.org/>
Classroom 1 has an audio loop installed.

SAGE (Services and Advocacy for GLBT Elders) 305 Seventh Avenue at West 27th Street, New York, NY 10001; 212-741-2247; <http://sageusa.org/index.cfm>
Several rooms have audio loops installed.

Queens

Public Facilities

Citifield Stadium
Willets Point, Flushing, NY 11368; 718-507-6387
Home of New York Mets baseball team

<http://newyork.mets.mlb.com/nym/ballpark/information/index.jsp?content=guide>
Audio loops are installed at ticket windows.



Nassau

Public Facilities

North Hempstead LI Town Board Room, 220 Plandome Road, Manhasset, NY 11030; 516-869-6311 www.northhempstead.com/
Audio loop has been installed.

Oceanside Library, 30 Davison Avenue, Oceanside, NY 11572 516-766-2360
www.oceansidelibrary.com/
Meeting room has audio loop installed.

Suffolk

Public Facilities

Harborfields Public Library, 31 Broadway, Greenlawn, NY 11740-1382; 631-757-4200
<http://harborfieldslibrary.org/main.html>
Meeting room is audio looped.

Middle Country Public Library, Centereach, 101 Eastwood Boulevard, Centereach, NY 11720 631-585-9393

<http://www.mcpl.lib.ny.us/2011/12/04/help-for-the-hearing-impaired/>
Community room is audio looped.

Please note that there are other NYC venues with assistive listening systems that are either FM or infra-red, both of which require a headset or neckloop. The venues listed above are audio looped so that those with hearing aids/cochlear implants with a t-coil need only turn to the t-coil program to access the sound; no other accessories are necessary. Some venues also provide headphones for those who do not have t-coils in their hearing aids, but still want to take advantage of the audio loop. Only venues that are currently open to the public are included.

List of venues in the New York metropolitan area that have audio tours which are t-coil compatible. All visitors, regardless of hearing ability, who want to hear the audio tours in these museums must wear the device on a neck loop or hold it. Visitors wearing hearing aids with a t-coil can hear the program by setting their hearing aids to the t-coil setting.

New York City, Manhattan

Public Facilities

The Cloisters Museum and Gardens, 99 Margaret Corbin Drive, Fort Tryon Park, New York, NY 10040 212-923-3700
www.metmuseum.org/en/visit/visit-the-cloisters/accessibility-at-the-cloisters
T-coil compatible Audio Guide players are available.

The Frick Collection, 1 East 70th Street, New York, NY 10021; 212-288-0700
<http://frick.org/information/access.htm>
Acoustiguide Audio Tour is t-coil compatible.

Morgan Library and Museum, 225 Madison Avenue at 36th Street, New York, NY 10016 212-685-0008
www.themorgan.org/visit/access.asp
T-coil compatible Audio Guide players are available.

Museum of Modern Art, 11 West 53rd Street, New York, NY 10019; 212-708-9400
www.moma.org/visit/plan/accessibility
MoMA Audio tour is t-coil compatible.



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Job Accommodation Network: www.askjan.org

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NorthWest Jersey Association of the Deaf - NWJAD

Dingo Game and Fun Activity

with prizes!

Hosted by NJ RELAY

Saturday April 14
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
VFW 6 Winslow Place
Paramus, NJ 07652

Free refreshments will be provided by NJ Relay.
 Everyone is welcome!

Any questions, please contact Joey Garth at
president12@nwjad.org

Hold-Em Poker Tournament

Eligible player **MUST** be 21 years and up

The Bonnie Thomas Memorial Fund
 Saturday, May 12, 2012
 St. Peter Episcopal Church
 215 Boulevards
 Mountain Lakes, NJ 07046

Door opens at 1:00 p.m. Game start at 2:00 p.m.

\$40 Buy-In 7500 chips
 Re-buy before level 4
 \$10 for 1000 chips
 \$15 for 1500 chips
 \$20 for 2000 chips
 \$25 for 2500 chips

(Re-buy \$\$ goes to Bonnie Thomas's fund raising - will play Ante on Level 6)

Info: treasurer12@nwjad.org

Make a check payable to
NWJAD, Inc and mail it to:

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Bring your own food.

We provide free bottled water, coffee, snacks and desserts.

www.nwjad.org



The 4th Annual Deaf Soccer Kick-Off Tournament Spring 2012



The International Alliance of Deaf Soccer Players New Jersey Chapter (IADSPNJ)
 Saturday May 19, 2012 (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.) and Sunday May 20, 2012 (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.)
 Kean University, East Campus
 215 North Ave., Hillside, New Jersey 07205

Men and Women (limited 15 members on each team)
 Cash Prizes (Based on eight teams)
 1st place \$750 & Trophy
 2nd place \$550 & Trophy
 3rd place \$300 & Trophy
 Team Fee is \$500
 (15 members x \$20 = \$300 plus cash prize \$200 = \$500)

Includes park fees, referees, trophies & cash prizes
 Make check payable to "NJ Deaf Sports, Inc."
 Send to: **New Jersey Deaf Sports, Inc.,**
26 North Shore Blvd., Helmetta, NJ 08828-1233
 All fans: Admission fee 1 day event- \$5 pay at the door
 Coaches: Please fill out all players on the list with the check to mail. (15 members limited)

Team Registration Form 2012

PART II. Team/Contact Information

Date: _____
 Team Name: _____ Which State: _____ (please write)
 Coach/Manager name: _____ (only ONE name)
 Your Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 E-mail Address: _____ (primary)
 Pager Address: _____ (for emergency/urgent matters)
 Videophone: _____ (please write down)
 Jersey Color - Home: _____ Away: _____

Note: Once we receive your payment and registration form, we will contact you to get a team roster and send you a copy of the tournament's rules.

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84th NJSD/MKSD Alumni Day

May 19, 2012

10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

NJSD/MKSD Campus

320 Sullivan Way West Trenton, NJ 08625



Program

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

General meeting and elect new officers at middle school auditorium

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Lunch will be sold at middle school dining room

Tentative

Museum will open from 10:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

ASL Film "**VERSA EFFECT**" (all deaf actors and actresses in the film) at middle school auditorium

Ticket: \$11 per person to attend ASL movie only.



Any questions for ASL FILM contact Ann Downs:
Tardowns@aol.com or AnnR.Downs@gmail.com



Mail check or money order payable to:
NJSD/MKSD Alumni Association
C/O Ann Downs
24 Prospect Ave Burlington, NJ 08016

Please come and see your old friends. Please support Alumni and NJSD/MKSD students

Info: Alumni President Tom Sparks;
PhySparks70@aol.com

www.njsd-mksdalumni.org

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Co-conceived and written by
Philip Himberg and Maureen McGovern

Saturday, April 21, 2012 at 3 p.m.

In Maureen McGovern's powerful musical memoir, she brings her story to life with extraordinary interpretations of the songs of her generation – music by The Beatles, Bob Dylan, Carole King, Joni Mitchell, James Taylor, and many others.



Two River Theater
21 Bridge Avenue
Red Bank, NJ 07701

Tickets are \$15 per person for those using this service.
For more information, contact Michele Klinsky at
mklinsky@trtc.org or (732) 345-1400, x1808

Union County College S.I.G.N Club 27th Annual ASL Festival April 28, 2012

Doors open at 10 a.m.

Free admission, plenty of fun.

For more info: <http://uccsignclub.blog.com/events/>

Union County College S.I.G.N. Club is proud to announce our evening showcase for the 27th annual ASL festival

The World is My Stage

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Show time is 8:00 p.m.

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Union County College is honored to have such a legend come to our stage and we look forward to seeing you there.

Info: Uccsignclub@gmail.com

<http://about.me/uccsignclub>

www.bernardbragg.com



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NJ Association of the Deaf, Inc.

Let's Get Together

Sit-down Dinner/Fundraiser
at the Cranford Hotel

Saturday, April 28, 2012

4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

1 South Union Ave, Cranford

(1.3 miles from Union County College's ASL Festival)

To help fundraising for NJAD delegates attending
NAD 51st Biennial Conference in Louisville,
Kentucky the week of July 1-7, 2012.

Choice of: Soup or salad;
Beef/turkey burger or cheeseburger, Maryland
crabmeat sandwich, Cuban sandwich, or pasta
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2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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www.njccdsite.org/easteregg12.pdf

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For more information, please contact:

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HappyHandsgcsss@comcast.net

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Sandy Evans: sevans@gcsss.org



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35-38 year Reunion

Saturday, August 4, 2012

7 p.m. to 12 a.m.

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Cost: \$60 per person

Includes buffet style dinner, prizes and souvenirs.

Advance reservations only.

No at door admission will be accepted.

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For more info contact Deb Greenspan at:

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NJ Division of the Deaf
and Hard of Hearing
Advisory Council Meeting
East Brunswick Public Library
Info: 609-984-7281

Saturday, June 9

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Deaf and Hard of Hearing
28th Annual Deaf and
Hard of Hearing
Awareness Day
Six Flags Great Adventure
Jackson, New Jersey
Ticket info: GATickets@aol.com

Friday, July 20

NJSD/MKSD
Alumni Association
Trenton Thunder Baseball
7:05 p.m.
For more information:
Contact Heidi at:
H22Schumacher@gmail.com



DDHH Regular Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Days Closed: Friday, April 6 - Good Friday