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Focusing on
employment and housing
for people who are deaf and
hard of hearing



Director's Corner

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

Over the past several weeks, DDHH participated in a number of events focusing on employment and housing for people who are Deaf and hard of hearing. In December, DDHH, along with the Division of Disability Services and the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired, was invited to the Office of the Lt. Governor. The resources available to businesses and companies in New Jersey, from the respective divisions to support employers and develop a diverse workforce that includes people with disabilities, was discussed at this meeting.

DDHH had the opportunity to share the numerous resources available from the division, as well as other service providers, that support employment for people who are Deaf and hard of hearing. DDHH talked about the educational and sensitivity workshops provided to enhance understanding of hearing loss and promote appreciation for diversity in the workplace. Assistive technology for people with hearing loss was also included in the discussion. The role of the division's communication access services in assisting employers to locate interpreters and other communication access services was highlighted. The meeting was very productive, informing the Lt. Governor's office of how DDHH is supporting employers who hire people who are Deaf and hard of hearing.

In January, DDHH participated in the State Housing Association Annual Meeting that was attended by numerous affordable housing developers. I participated on a panel to discuss the need for accessible affordable housing options for people who are Deaf, Deaf-blind and hard of hearing. The panel presentation resulted in many housing developers contacting DDHH with inquiries about the types of housing design and assistive devices required for people with hearing loss to live independently and safely. DDHH will meet with these housing developers during the upcoming weeks, with a goal of increasing affordable housing units in New Jersey accessible for people who are Deaf and hard of hearing.

REMINDER

The deadline for the
April 2011 issue is **March 1.**

The deadline for the
March 2011 issue was **February 1, 2011.**

**Send e-mail submissions to our new address:
monthlycommunicator@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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Deadline for submissions:
First of the month for the following month's edition.

Looping New Jersey

by Traci Burton

DDHH Field Representative

Recently, I learned that induction loops are being installed in the New York City subway system and museums. Several stations are already looped, as is The American Museum of Natural History exhibit "Brain: The Inside Story." Since New Jersey is so heavily influenced by Metro New York and Philadelphia, how do we get this technology into public venues around our state?

An induction loop system utilizes an electro-magnetic coil to create a magnetic field. Hearing aids or cochlear implants (CI) with t-coils receive the sound signal directly via their t-coil when the hearing aid or CI is switched from the microphone to "T" setting. On this setting, an individual is able to hear the person in the booth or on the other side of the call box directly through their hearing aid or CI. For those who do not yet have this technology, there are portable receivers.

As with any project of this scale, there are steps that need to be taken and some of them are already done or are in the works. Hearingloop.org (www.hearingloop.org) is hoping to loop America and their suggested steps can be applied on a local level.

The first suggested step is to equip telephones to broadcast t-coils. Since 1989 all landline telephones manufactured have been t-coil compatible and in 2003 the FCC mandated digital wireless phone companies and service providers to make t-coil compatible phones starting in 2005 and beyond.

Steps two and three involve demonstration communities such as Britain and northern European countries, such as Denmark, loop

churches, cathedrals, theaters, customer service windows and taxi cabs. Stateside, Manhattan is becoming a local demonstration community on the east coast, and in the mid-west Holland-Zeeland, Michigan is a model looped community. Churches, businesses, schools and public venues have been looped and the initiative has spread to the western part of Michigan, including Grand Rapids.

If any individual house of worship or any public venue will install and advertise its loop system, more individuals will be motivated to request the t-coil technology in their hearing aids and CI's and spread the word. Knowing that t-coils will facilitate hearing in most of the community's facilities, audiologists and hearing health providers will be motivated to support the initiative as they provide the next generation of hearing aids and CI's.

It is exciting that New York City is getting this technology installed



in public forums. We are all anxious to see the success and growth. Loop systems can serve anyone anywhere, including ticket windows, airports, and other transient facilities. The Hearing Loss Association of America supports the national loop effort and the success of Metro New York's program can only bode well for New Jersey.

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

We Need You!



The *Monthly Communicator* welcomes articles and pictures of interest to our readers. Articles should be text only, typed flush left, sent in a Word document or on the e-mail itself. Photos and pictures should be sent separately, not imbedded in the article.

Send e-mail submissions or questions to:
monthlycommunicator@dhs.state.nj.us.

Consumer Cellular and Hamilton Relay® Premiere Mobile Captions Service™ for Customers With Hearing Loss



Submitted by
Media Contact Jane Taber

Consumer Cellular (www.consumercellular.com), the exclusive wireless provider for AARP members, partnered with Hamilton Relay and Mobile Captions Company to launch Mobile Captions Service™ (MCS). Similar to closed caption on television, MCS enables persons who are deaf or hard of hearing to read typed captions of what is being said on a wireless phone display as the conversation is taking place.

Available exclusively through Consumer Cellular on the Nokia E5, MCS subscribers can speak, listen and read during a wireless phone conversation. The Nokia E5 smartphone is M3/T3 hearing aid-compatible and comes with a large, 2.4-inch display and full QWERTY keyboard making viewing and typing a breeze.

“Consumer Cellular is continuously looking for ways to better serve our customers, empowering them to lead independent, mobile lifestyles with easy-to-use devices and inexpensive calling plans,” said John Marick, Consumer Cellular CEO. “We hope customers using our new Mobile Captions Service will enjoy an improved mobile experience that allows them to stay in touch with friends and family from home, work or while on the move.”

How It Works

When customers place a call, the Nokia E5 automatically connects to Hamilton Relay Service. A specially-

trained live operator known as a Communications Assistant (CA) begins typing – in real time – what the other person says. MCS subscribers can then read what is said directly on the screen of the Nokia E5, making it possible to catch every part of the conversation while on the go. The technology that supports MCS is known as Voice Carry Over (VCO). VCO allows individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing to utilize their speech on the telephone. Using Hamilton Relay Service, the VCO user speaks directly to the other person, and when the person speaks back, the CA types the response, which is then displayed on the device.

“This new mobile access for VCO users takes traditional telecommunications relay services to an entirely new level,” says Dixie Ziegler, vice president of Hamilton Relay. “We are excited about our partnership with Consumer Cellular and the introduction of Mobile Captions Service, and we look forward to expanding MCS offerings to additional markets in the future.” Consumer Cellular’s MCS is only offered in participating states where Hamilton Relay is the telecommunications relay service provider.

For information about participating states, how to purchase the Nokia E5 phone, or to be alerted when a new state signs on, visit www.consumercellular.com/mobilecaptions or call 1-888-725-4428.

About Consumer Cellular

Consumer Cellular, the exclusive wireless provider for AARP members, was founded in 1995 on the belief that everyone should have affordable access to the safety and convenience of cellular service. The company provides its customers with simple, affordable cell phones and calling plans, guaranteed satisfaction and top-ranked customer support staff all located within the United States. Plus, Consumer Cellular customers never have to sign a long-term contract in order to start service. The Portland, Ore.-based company is privately held and utilizes the nation’s largest voice and data network, covering more than 296 million people - or 97 percent of the U.S. population. As one of the nation’s leading wireless wholesalers, Consumer Cellular is able to purchase wireless service in large volumes, providing its customers with the best of both worlds: great low rates and the best cellular network available. For more information: visit ConsumerCellular.com or call (800) 686-4460.

About Hamilton Relay

Hamilton Relay offers a variety of services including Traditional Relay Service, Captioned Telephone and Internet Relay services. Hamilton

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On-Line News with a Deaf and Hard-Of-Hearing Focus

The **Monthly Communicator** is a valuable resource, so why not take the information flow a step further? Sign up for e-mails from the Hearing Loss Association of New Jersey, delivered as often as the news warrants. Sign-up is easy. Send your name and e-mail address to info@hearingloss-nj.org. And it's free.

The HLA-NJ e-mails provide an on-line news service for people with hearing loss. HLA-NJ President Arlene Romoff, a published author whose hearing loss led to a commitment to advocacy and support for the people with hearing loss, sends out informational updates several times a week. A typical e-mail might involve advocacy...such as an alert about government policy that might call for a letter of support or complaint...or coping strategies, such as how to handle the stress of noisy holiday gatherings.

Other e-mails might cover entertainment options, such as schedules for captioned theater, movies or conferences... and updates on technology to help you get the most out of the fast-changing world of telephones and relay services, assistive listening devices and other aids for people with hearing loss. Plus, you can stay current on HLA-NJ chapter meetings and programs as well as national programs and

meetings sponsored by the Hearing Loss Association of America. Who will benefit from these e-mails? People with hearing loss – and their friends and family, social service professionals and government officials.

Follow HLA-NJ on Facebook. Go to www.facebook.com, and search for "Hearing Loss Association of New Jersey." You can find news about hearing loss issues, and you can connect – or reconnect -- with friends and acquaintances. Facebook is more and more a part of our lives. Whether you are a newcomer or a Facebook veteran, it's easy to find us.

Help Us With Feedback. Please contact us at info@hearingloss-nj.org with possible topics for future columns, personal issues or problems or any other aspect of hearing loss. We're glad to hear that people like our columns, but we need feedback to help us do even better.

Get Involved. A great way to get involved is by attending chapter meetings. Information is available from info@hearingloss-nj.org, or at our website, www.hearingloss-nj.org. We have three chapters, serving Bergen, Middlesex and Ocean/Monmouth counties.

In 2011, Resolve to Join the HLA of NJ



2011 Board Members

Front Row (l to r): Arlene Romoff (President), Carol Granaldi (past President), Linda Schaab (VP), Beverly Sudler, Joel Strasser, Janet Rosen Second Row (l to r): Alyse Betso, Wayne Roorda, Marvin Schaab, Ken Keuhlen, Marie Nordling, Sandy Spekman. Missing: Peter Yerkes, Jeff Liebman, Carolyn Lance, Amy Mogland, David Cooper, Ann Marie DePierro, Joan Kelton

Many people start the new year with a list of resolutions. This year, why not resolve to join with the Hearing Loss Association of New Jersey (HLA of NJ) in working on behalf of people who are deaf or hard-of-hearing? Below you will find descriptions of some of our programs/activities. Further information is available from the Hearing Loss Association of New Jersey, at info@hearingloss-nj.org, or www.hearingloss-nj.org.

Join In Walk4hearing 2011 - This year's Walk4Hearing, held on a beautiful autumn day in Mercer County Park, raised more than \$40,000 for projects to benefit people with hearing loss, ranging from college scholarships to advocacy initiatives on the state and national levels. Why not resolve to be part of Walk 2011?

Help with Action Alerts - HLA-NJ President Arlene Romoff monitors state and federal regulations affecting people with hearing loss. One recent example: the Department

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Call for
New Jersey
Organizations
Serving People with
Hearing Loss
To Participate

27th Annual
Deaf and
Hard of Hearing
Awareness Day

Saturday
June 11, 2011



If your non-profit organization or club would like to participate with ticket sales for the year of 2011, please contact Lauren Lercher, Great Adventure Ticket Coordinator, at GATickets@aol.com. The club/organizations must have the valid NJST-5 Tax Exemption Certificate for our file.



AT&T Introduces Video Relay Service App for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Users on the App Store

App Allows Users to Make Video Relay Service Calls With iPhone

AT&T* announced a new video relay service (VRS) app for iPhone 4 that allows deaf and hard of hearing customers to make VRS calls. The AT&T VRS app is available on the App Store.

AT&T VRS is a service that allows a person who uses American Sign Language (ASL) to place a relay call to a hearing person by communicating through a certified ASL interpreter. AT&T has offered video relay services to customers for many years, but the new AT&T VRS app provides a more flexible and convenient way for users to make VRS calls on the go. iPhone 4 customers can make unlimited VRS calls using the AT&T VRS app at no additional cost.

"AT&T is committed to serving the deaf and hard of hearing communities, and our new AT&T VRS app is one more way we're enhancing our offerings," said Susan Johnson, senior vice president of AT&T Customer Information Services. "Now our customers can make a VRS call at Wi-Fi hotspots using iPhone 4, which makes VRS easier and more accessible for everyone."

The AT&T VRS app is simple and easy to use. Users launch the app,

log-in, and then can either choose to place a VRS call by selecting someone from their contact list or by manually dialing a number. The app contacts an AT&T ASL interpreter who then initiates a FaceTime video call with the user.** The interpreter will connect the ASL user to the hearing person they are calling, and relays the conversation between the two parties through ASL.

In addition to the app, AT&T VRS also offers a free software download called AT&T Video Link that turns a computer or laptop into a video phone. This software works on certain Macs and PCs enabled with a web cam and a broadband connection.

AT&T VRS will also provide users with a ten-digit telephone number and supports all the FCC required 911 emergency capabilities.

The AT&T VRS app is available for free from the App Store on iPhone or at www.itunes.com/appstore/. For additional information about AT&T VRS, please visit www.att.com/vrs, or access AT&T VRS via video phone at ATTVRS.tv or 877-642-0877.

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*** FaceTime works over Wi-Fi.*



Premiere Mobile Captions Service...continued

provides Traditional Relay and/or Captioned Telephone services to 18 states, the District of Columbia, the Island of Saipan and the Virgin Islands. More information is available at www.hamiltonrelay.com. Hamilton Relay is a registered trademark of Nedelco, Inc., dba Hamilton Telecommunications.

About Mobile Captions Company
Mobile Captions Company (MCC)

an emerging technology and service company founded in 2009. MCC specializes in bringing enhanced mobile communications to people who are hard of hearing. MCC's technology is a patent-pending, end-to-end system that allows captions (text) to be delivered to any MCC enabled cell phone over the cellular infrastructure. To learn more about Mobile Captions Company, go to www.mobilecaptions.com.

HLA-NJ News and Views...continued

of Justice has proposed changing the important ADA mandates pertaining to captioned movies. They contend that only 50 percent of movies in the theaters should be captioned, a reduction which would relegate people with hearing loss to second-class status. The Alert referred readers to the Hearing Loss Association of America's website, www.hearingloss.org, for information on how to submit a letter to make your voice heard. You can take part in advocating on this and other issues, and stay in the loop. E-mail Arlene at info@hearingloss-nj.org and ask her to add your e-mail address to the HLA-NJ e-mail contact list for action alerts and other information affecting people with hearing loss.

Bring the Arts to People with Hearing Loss – Throughout 2010, HLA-NJ kept up a steady flow of news about captioned movies and live theater performances throughout New Jersey and New York. Support our efforts by treating yourself to captioned performances – many at discounted prices. And make sure the theater managers know you value these performances, and would like more.



College Scholarships – HLA-NJ awarded \$1,000 college scholarships to three outstanding high school seniors with hearing loss. They are Amanda Hamlin, 18, of Paramus, freshman at the College of New Jersey; Lauren Payne, 18, of Basking Ridge, a freshman at Susquehanna University; and Max Mandel, 18, of Spotswood, a freshman at Middlesex County College. If you know young people who might qualify, suggest they or their parents contact HLA-NJ.



Information and Referral – We continued to provide free, expert assistance via info@hearingloss-nj.org, or phone numbers available at our website, www.hearingloss-nj.org. Contacts during 2010 ranged from a mother worried about her young child's hearing loss, to a man in his late 60s, who was in danger of losing his job because his hearing was declining. Do you know someone who needs help with hearing loss? Suggest contacting HLA-NJ.



New Book on Hearing Loss – HLA-NJ President Romoff has a new book due in March: *Listening Closely: A Journey to Bilateral Hearing*. It is available from Charlesbridge publishing (www.charlesbridge.com), www.amazon.com and bookstores. Her previous work, *Hear Again—Back to Life with a Cochlear Implant* is available from Amazon.com. Make sure your friends with hearing loss know about these important resources.



For HLA-NJ, one of the highlights of 2010 was the chance to join the Monthly Communicator community with this regular monthly column. Many thanks to Dr. David Alexander and to Alan Champion! This column has helped us link up with people with hearing loss across New Jersey. We look forward to getting to know even more Monthly Communicator readers in 2011; and hope you will continue to contact us with questions, concerns or comments, to join our mailing list or just to say hello.

To all Monthly Communicator readers, best wishes for the New Year.



The Family Resource Association

provides sign language training for toddlers up to age three with hearing loss or disabilities. The individual instructor works with the toddler and the family together to facilitate family communication. This early intervention program is available to residents of Monmouth and Ocean counties. Contact Diana Meade via e-mail at datmeade@tmail.com or 732-233-0909.

Hearing Council Seeks Members



The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services' Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (NJ-EHDI) Program is seeking individuals representing some of the following groups to volunteer as new members of the Hearing Evaluation Council. The council provides ongoing advice to the NJ-EHDI Program regarding implementation of our state's newborn hearing screening law and regulations.

New Jersey Public Law N.J.S.A. 26:2-103.1 et sec* mandates that a:

- board certified pediatrician;
- board certified otolaryngologist;
- audiologist with certified clinical competence;
- person who is profoundly Deaf;
- person who is hearing-impaired;
- hearing person of parents who are Deaf; and
- a citizen of the State who is interested in the concerns and welfare of the Deaf

all serve on the Hearing Evaluation Council. The council will be appointed by the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services. Each member shall hold office for a term of two years and until each member's successor is appointed and qualified."

As noted in the Hearing Evaluation Council Bylaws (adopted, 2007), the purpose of the council is to ensure the reasonable implementation of universal newborn hearing screening for New Jersey's most vulnerable citizens to advise the department regarding recognized activities and minimum standards of performance relative to newborn hearing screening, early detection of hearing loss, and early intervention for children identified with hearing loss as defined by the enabling statute

to recommend to the department changes in the qualifications of persons administering early hearing detection and intervention programs, supervising personnel or performing newborn hearing screening or follow-up as technology, educational opportunities and/or professional requirements evolve to perform all other duties and in such manner as are, or may be, prescribed by law.

Any individual with an interest in New Jersey's Universal Newborn Hearing Screening Program may apply. The program is especially in need of applicants to fill vacant positions in the roles of 'audiologist' and 'citizen of the State who is interested in the concerns and welfare of the Deaf' (particularly a parent of a young child with hearing loss).

Anyone interested should send a letter of interest indicating the specific position they are applying for, along with a resume, CV or a description of relevant attributes and experiences to:

The New Jersey Early Hearing Detection
and Intervention Program
New Jersey Department of Health
and Senior Services
Division of Family Health Services
Special Child, Adult and Early Intervention
Services
PO Box 364
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0364
E-mail address:
Nancy.Schneider@doh.state.nj.us
609-633-7620 FAX

The deadline for submission of letters of interest and supporting documents is March 1, 2010.

*For a copy of this law, refer to:
http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2000/Bills/PL01/373_.HTM



NJAD's 2011 Meeting Dates

Board of Directors and Cabinets Meetings:

February 26 at 11 AM

March 26 at 10 AM

April 23 at 11 AM

at NJAD Home Office,
NJSD's Katzenbach Campus

General Meetings:

March 26

1:00 PM at NJSD's
Katzenbach Campus

A special presentation: "New Developmental Phase" by Lila Taylor, Chair of NJ Deaf Senior Housing Project Committee. At this presentation, you will learn about a recent development that directed the committee into a new phase and its scope of developmental plan. This is very exciting because it is one step closer to seniors' dreams. To support its fundraising effort, 50/50 cash drawing and a "special drawing" auction will follow. Profits will go to Deaf Seniors Housing Fund.

June 4

NJAD's 2011 State Conference in Mt. Laurel, NJ
Conference information will follow the March 26 general meeting, DDHH's Monthly Communicator March issue and NJAD Spotlight Newsletter.

Save the Date April 9, 2011

A conference for high school Deaf and hard of hearing students and their parents at Burlington County College's Mt. Laurel campus. It is hosted by Career Success Solutions for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Individuals, NJAD's Youth Ambassadorship Program, and other collaborating agencies. For more information, please e-mail CSSDHH@bcc.edu.

Senior Housing Initiative Progresses

Submitted by
Lucinda Brooks

Cardinal Capital Management (CCM) will work with the Senior Housing Committee, NJAD to develop two Deaf, Deaf/Blind and Hard of Hearing Senior Housing Projects in Morris County, NJ. One will be for low income seniors and one for seniors who can afford to buy their own unit.

This year, the annual low income limit is \$36,960 for one person and \$42,240 for two people. The second project will be priced based on interest and area. The goal is one campus for both projects. The plan includes meeting rooms that could be used by social services and organizations in the Deaf, hard of hearing, late-deafened, and Deaf-blind communities.

Morris County was chosen based on population, safety, public transportation, hospitals and shopping. Work in 2011 will include putting together a development



Photo by Roberta Weitze

Front (l-r) Liaison for DDHH Jason Weiland, Fundraiser Joseph Delusant, Secretary Jane Cyran, Ph.d, Chairperson Lila Taylor, Co-Chair/Planning Chair Lucinda Brooks, Liaison for BC Deaf Seniors Rose Pizzo; Back row; Ad hoc-Committee, Deacon Sheila Shuford, Deacon Thomas Smith, Charlotte Karras, Debra Fuller, Charlotte Cole

team, identifying community and government partners, start on tax credit applications, find investors and hopefully locate land in Morris County.

These projects require great patience and hard work for both CCM and the NJ Senior Housing Committee. The road is not easy or

quick, but we are happy to get started. A fund raising campaign has the goal of raising \$2 million, about 10 percent of the cost of the low income project.

We would appreciate it if anyone would like to initiate a fundraising project for the NJ Senior Housing. If your organization or you have some ideas or want to make a plan, please send an e-mail to Planning Chairperson Lucinda Brooks at **LBrooks4@comcast.net** who will help coordinate fundraising.

For donations, please make check or money order payable to:

NJAD-NJ Senior

Housing and mail it to:

Charlotte Karras, Financial Coordinator

2104 Cedar Village Blvd.

East Brunswick, NJ 08816

North Jersey Community Center of the Deaf, Inc.

St. Patrick's WINGO Affair

Knights of Columbus

39 Washington Street, Lodi, NJ

Saturday, March 19, 2011

7 to 11 PM

Irish Green Clothing Contests at 7:40 PM

Cash Prizes for Most Irish Green Clothes

WINGO Games begin after 8 PM

\$ 1,000 in cash given away based on

200 people attending

Must be 18 years or older to play

Chairperson - Beverly Golden

Co-Chairperson - Karen Belisle

Donations in advance - members and non-members

\$ 10 each, at door - \$ 12 each

To order tickets in advance or view the flyer, visit **www.njccdsite.org/stpwingo319.pdf** or **www.njccdsite.org** to get a ticket order form printed. Mail by the deadline date of **March 13, 2011**

For more information, contact: Bev Golden at TBGolden0206@msn.com

SAVE THE DATE

*New Jersey
Family Learning
Conference for*

**Families with Children
Who Are Deaf and
Hard-of-Hearing**



Saturday, April 16, 2011

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**CentraState Healthcare System
Star and Barry Tobias Ambulatory Care Campus
901 W. Main Street
Freehold, New Jersey 07228**

The goal of the Family Learning Conference is to bring together a wealth of resources and information to give families opportunities to learn about advocacy strategies and services available for children with hearing loss. From presentations to exhibits, the day is devoted to all family members to explore and learn including the following activities:

- ❖ A student panel of successful Deaf and hard of hearing students
- ❖ Workshops and panel discussions from professionals in the field of hearing loss
- ❖ Opportunities to network with other families who have children with hearing loss
- ❖ Supervised activities will be available throughout the day for children with hearing loss and their siblings
- ❖ Exhibits on assistive technology devices

The 2011 New Jersey Family Learning Conference is a collaborative event sponsored by the New Jersey Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program, NJ Department of Health and Senior Services (609-943-4795); the New Jersey Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, NJ Department of Human Services (609-984-7281) and New Jersey Statewide Parent to Parent, NJ Parent Advocacy Network (908-537-4673).

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New Jersey Deaf Awareness Week, Inc.
Sponsors for Deaf Fest 2011

Craft Fever

Scrapbooking, Knitting, Crocheting, Card Making/Stamping, Hand Quilting, etc...

Saturday, March 12, 2011

Belarus-American Center

284 Whitehead Avenue

South River, NJ 08882

From 10 AM to 10 PM

\$60 per person

***includes Lunch, Dinner Dessert, Beverages and Snacks
Door Prizes, 50/50s and goody bag***

Vendors

Stamping Up, Close to My Heart,
Creative Memories, and more.

Exciting News

Someone will be giving knitting or
crocheting lessons.

RSVP by March 1. Please make payable check or money order to **NJDAW, Inc.**

Please mail to **Natalie Beckman, P.O. Box 1394, Washington Township, NJ 07676**

If you prefer paypal – click <http://www.njdaw.org/deafest11/craft.htm>. It will be 62 dollars.

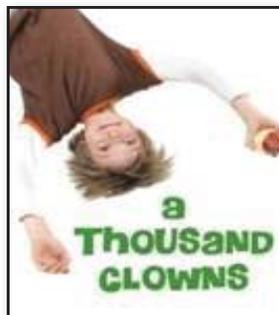
For visitors – it will be five dollars.

Any questions, contact Natalie Beckman at njdawcf@gmail.com

A THOUSAND CLOWNS BY HERB GARDNER



Open Captioned
Performance



Saturday February 19, 2011 at 3 PM

A delightful comedy about a whip-smart kid who lives with his far-from-conventional uncle in 1960s New York City.

Two River Theater Co. 21 Bridge Avenue Red Bank, NJ 07701

Tickets are \$15 per person

For more information, contact Michele Klinsky at mklinsky@trtc.org or (732) 345-1400, x1808

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Yoga Workshop for Deaf and Hearing Yogis



Just U Yoga will be hosting a workshop, which includes a lecture on the various aspects of yoga, an all level yoga practice, and light snacks. Workshop will be held in voice and American Sign Language.

Please join us on
Sunday, March 13, 2011
2 PM to 5 PM
CenterSpace Studio
900 Easton Avenue
Somerset, NJ

Cost is by donations.

For more information and to register, please visit
www.justuyoga.com or e-mail info@justuyoga.com

Deaf Yoga Immersion

Five session class

An opportunity for the Deaf Yogi to immerse themselves in the practice of yoga



Five classes that are taught by
Jacquie Ruderman (500 hr RYT yoga instructor)
Jill Raleigh, ASL-English interpreter

A unique opportunity to explore the physical, mental and spiritual benefits of a yoga practice. The sessions are specifically designed to inspire and introduce the deaf community to yoga. With the inclusion of an interpreter the classes will delve deeper into the mechanics of specific yoga postures, breathing techniques and meditation practices.

Lotus Yoga, 7 North Willow, Suite 3, Montclair, NJ
Monday Night 7:45 – 9:00 PM
February 28, March 21, April 25, May 23

Cost Options:

- Entire series: \$50
- Walk in for each class: \$15
- 10 pack class card: \$120

(can also be used during regular class schedule)

For more information and to sign up, contact:
info@lotusyogamontclair.com

Millburn School for the Deaf Reunion Committee

July 16, 2011

7:00 PM to 11:00 PM

Renaissance Woodbridge Hotel
515 Highway US 1 South
Iselin, NJ 08830



The hotel will block rooms at a cost of **\$99** a night plus tax.

Admission: \$60 per person or **\$110** per couple

Casual Attire Required

(NO T-shirts, Jeans, Boots or Sneakers allowed)

Cash Bar, DJ, Outdoor/Indoor Pools

We need photos of you at Millburn School for the Deaf

For more information about the event, hotel registration and transportation, **Visit Facebook:**

Millburn School for the Deaf Alumni

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79th ESDAA Division 1 Boys Basketball Tournament and 33rd Cheerleading Tournament February 18 - 20, 2011

hosted by *New Jersey School for the Deaf, Katzenbach Campus*



Friday, Feb 18	Saturday, Feb 19	Sunday, Feb 20
2:30 PM Game 1 TBA	8:30 - Noon Skills Competitions	8:00 AM Game 9 7th and 8th place game
4:00 PM Game 2 TBA	1:00 PM Game 5 Consolation TBA	9:30 AM Game 10 5th and 6th place game
5:30 PM Game 3 TBA	2:30 PM Game 6 Consolation TBA	11:00 AM Game 11 3rd and 4th place game
7:00 PM Game 4 TBA	4:00 PM Game 7 Semi-Final Game TBA	1:00 PM Game 12 Championship game
	5:30 PM Game 8 Semi-Final Game TBA	2:00 PM Awards, then departure
	7:00 PM Cheerleading Competition	



Admission: Daily fee: Adults - \$5, Students with ID- \$3 Children under 6 - free
Weekend pass - Adult - \$12, Student - \$7

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Sign Language Classes Marie Katzenbach School For The Deaf Spring Session 2011

*Sponsored by Katzenbach Parent and Staff Organization and the
Katzenbach Parent and Staff Education Foundation, Inc.*



**Marie Katzenbach School for the Deaf
320 Sullivan Way
West Trenton, New Jersey, 08628**

**Tuesday evenings 7:00 PM TO 8:30 PM
March 1 - May 10, 2011 (No Class April 19)**



**\$70 registration must be received before FEBRUARY 22
LATE REGISTRATION OR WALK-IN FEE IS \$90**

Note: No refunds after the third class. Checks will not be deposited until after the third class.

Classes offered

- Classes are based on enrollment of 8 or more.
- Classes may be split by ability/experience depending on enrollment.
- People enrolling may change classes at the beginning to fit their needs.

BEGINNER SERIES

BOOK REQUIREMENT: How to Speak With Your Hands by Elaine Costello. Available at any bookstore.

BEGINNER ONE: For people with little or no knowledge of sign language; concentration on fingerspelling and vocabulary using English word order with some ASL features.

BEGINNER TWO: For those who have completed Beginner One or have had another sign language class; Course continues vocabulary development using English word order with some ASL features.

CHILDREN'S SERIES

CHILDREN'S SIGN LANGUAGE: For children ages 7 to 12. Children 13 and older may join a class listed above. This course covers the manual alphabet, basic signs, and greetings with practice games and exercises. Please purchase book required for Beginner Series.

CONVERSATION SERIES

CONVERSATION ONE OR TWO: For people who have taken at least two sign language courses and want to practice expressive and receptive skills. Some vocabulary and grammatical lessons will be included, but the emphasis is on becoming more fluent. Conversation Two is more non-voiced.

QUESTIONS? Contact Heather Osowski, *Program Coordinator*, (609) 530-3131 or 530-3130 or heather_osowski@mkzd.state.nj.us

More information or forms can be found at MKSD.org (click on sign language instruction).

No confirmation of registration will be sent. You will be contacted only if there is a problem with the class.

Classes may be split depending on enrollment. Cash or check only for payment.

We cannot accommodate electronic bank transfers. Please check Web site for directions.

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Governor Livingston's Hilltop Players
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BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Friday, March 18, 7:30 PM and
Saturday, March 19, 1:00 PM



Sign language
interpreted performances

Governor Livingston High School
175 Watchung Blvd., Berkely Hgts, NJ 07922

\$15 Adult \$12 Student/Senior Citizen

Box office 908-464-3100 ext 2999 or order at hilltop@bhpsnj.org

Religious Access

First Annual Catholic DeafFest

Catholic Center, Rutgers University,
85 Somerset St., New Brunswick, NJ 08901
(across the street from the train station)

Fully accessible! Free admission!
Breakfast and lunch will be provided!

Saturday March 19, 2011
10 AM – 4 PM

All New Jersey Deaf communities are welcome

Hosted by Archdiocese of Newark, Diocese of Camden, Diocese of Metuchen, Diocese of Paterson,
Diocese of Trenton Deaf Ministries

Our main speaker:

Kate Slosar from Diocese of Camden "Faith in Action"

Two more workshops – TBA

- Exhibit booths • Lunch • Morning Prayer
- Mass • Social

Come and meet new people

Kate's Bio – Kate is Deaf and just moved to Camden, NJ from Detroit, Michigan. Kate now ministers in the Diocese of Camden serving Deaf communities of South Jersey. Kate will talk about faith and how we can apply faith in our lives. Come and meet our newest Pastoral Worker in NJ! Kate's presentation will be in ASL and voiced by an interpreter.

For more information, Contact: Deacon Tom Smith,
CSW - Voice: 973-497-4312, TTY: 973-497-4311,
Video Phone: 862-279-7645

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Calendar of Events 2011

DDHH Advisory Council Meeting

Friday, April 29

9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

East Brunswick Public Library

2 Civic Blvd.,

East Brunswick, NJ 08816-3529

Call DDHH to confirm your attendance:

609-984-7281 V/TTY

Family Learning Conference

Saturday, April 16

Freehold, NJ

See page 10 of this issue.

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Day

Saturday, June 11

Six Flags Great Adventure

Jackson, NJ

For ticket info, contact Lauren at GATickets@aol.com

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

DDHH Office – Days Closed

- **Lincoln's Birthday – Friday, February 11**
- **Washington's Birthday – Monday, February 21**
- **Good Friday – Friday, April 22**