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DDHH Opens Second Demonstration Center

The NJ Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DDHH) proudly announces the opening of the second Assistive Device Demonstration

Center located at the Marie Katzenbach School for the Deaf (MKSD) on Sullivan Way in Ewing, NJ. The Joseph Kohn Rehabilitation Center at 130 Livingston Ave. in New Brunswick is the site of the first center. With the opening of the new site, DDHH can provide equipment demonstrations to individuals, agencies, and organizations in the Central and South Jersey areas.



From left, Richard Ocasio, Hazel Fajardo, Erin Gasque, Jennifer Kappeler, Lakhwinder Singh and Mr. William Jennings Jr.

DDHH wishes to thank MKSD Superintendent Dennis Russell, teacher Bill Jennings, and Mr. Jennings's middle school students for their work in making the second Demo Center a success.

MKSD provided space in building #30 and Jennings' students helped renovate the room to store and display the devices.



Richard Ocasio drilling the final screws in a table.

3 p.m. Up to eight people may sign up for a demonstration at one time. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.

In recognition of the new site, DDHH would like to cordially invite the public to an Open House on December 8, 2005 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Demonstrations will occur at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m., and

To schedule an appointment at either one of the demo centers, contact field representatives Jason Weiland or Traci Burton : Jason.Weiland@dhs.state.nj.us or Traci.Burton@dhs.state.nj.us, (609) 984-7281 V/TTY or (609) 984-0390 FAX.

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Inside DDHH

The DDHH is in its 14th year of the Equipment Distribution Program. In the beginning, only TTYs were given out, but now amplified phones, hearing carry over phones, voice carry over phones, smoke detectors with flashers, baby alert systems, and artificial larynx devices to qualified individuals in New Jersey are disseminated. If you would like an application, please contact 800-792-8339 V/TTY, (609) 984-0390 Fax, or ira.hock@dhs.state.nj.us.



CEPIN Emergency Info

The Community Emergency Preparedness Information Network (CEPIN) Project now has a new e-mail list for people who are interested in emergency related information for people with hearing loss. If you haven't seen our first issue of the Are You Ready? newsletter, you're missing out! Sign up to receive the newsletter and its updates of emergency preparedness information. And best of all - it costs nothing to join! Sign up today at www.cepintdi.org. The CEPIN Project is funded by a \$1.5 million grant from the Department of Homeland Security, and is coordinated by Telecommunication for the Deaf Inc.



Religious Access

American Sign Language Interpreted Worship services are in the Hackensack area. The Hands of Light, a newly formed deaf ministry of the New Hope Baptist Church of Hackensack, provides interpretation every Sunday during the 11 a.m. service.



We are a caring congregation that would like to minister to the needs of the deaf community. Hands of Light is under the leadership of Mrs. Ora D. Lee who has studied American Sign Language at Bergen Community College, and Antioch Baptist Church-Queens, NY. We are located at First Street and Berdan Place in Hackensack, New Jersey. For information please call (201) 343-9449 Voice.

Gloucester County Community Church - presents the Sixth Annual Deaf Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 5, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at GCCC, 359 Chapel Heights Road, Washington Twp.(Sewell), 08080. Admission is free. Info: RobertHI39@aol.com or Wilmacow17@aol.com.

READERS NOTE:

The Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing realizes that the Monthly Communicator (MC) may not always be received as quickly as we would like. Therefore, it is always posted promptly on the DHS' DDHH Web site for your perusal. Please check the Web site for the MC and other DDHH publications at: www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddhh

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Deadline for submissions: First of the month for the following month's edition

Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit (Medicare Part D) Fact Sheet for Dual-Eligibles

Who qualifies for the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit (Part D)?

- ✓ All people eligible for Medicare are eligible for the Part D Drug Benefit, including people who are enrolled in the Medicare Part A and Part B programs.
- ✓ Medicare is a federal health insurance program for people over the age of 65 and people who are disabled.
- ✓ Medicaid is a state health insurance program for people of all ages who are poor or disabled.
- ✓ In New Jersey, there are approximately 140,000 people who are eligible for both Medicaid and Medicare. These individuals are referred to as “dual-eligibles.”
- ✓ These 140,000 dual-eligibles include people with disabilities and people receiving health care services in nursing homes, home - and community-based care waiver programs and in developmental centers and psychiatric hospitals.

When will the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit start? It will start on January 1, 2006.

Why do I have to change programs? The federal law does not allow Medicaid to provide prescription drugs that Medicare will start to offer in January 2006. In order for you to continue to receive prescription drugs, you must take advantage of the new Part D program.

What do I have to do to enroll in the Medicare Drug Benefit? Nothing. The federal Medicare program will automatically enroll dual-eligibles into a Medicare prescription drug plan this coming fall.

Will all of my drugs be covered by Medicare? Medicare will automatically enroll dual-eligibles into a Medicare prescription drug plan, but you may switch plans based on what best meets your needs. No matter what plan you are assigned to or you select, you should consult with your physician and pharmacist so you get the prescriptions that are medically necessary. In New Jersey, medications that your physician says are medically necessary but the Medicare plans won't cover will be covered by Medicaid.

What else should I know about the Medicare Drug Benefit? Starting January 2006, there will be a co-pay for each prescription you pick up. Depending on your income, the co-pays will range between \$1-2 for a generic drug and \$3-5 for a brand name drug. In New Jersey, the cost of the co-pay for dual eligibles will be paid by the state.

How can I learn more? The New Jersey Department of Human Services and the federal Medicare program will be sending important information this fall including a “Medicare & You” 2006 handbook. Here are some useful Web sites: www.medicare.gov, www.familiesusa.org, www.kff.org.

Who do I call if I have a problem with the Medicare Drug Benefit? Call the Medicare hot-line toll free at 1-800-633-4227 Voice or the State of New Jersey Medicaid toll free hotline at 1-800-356-1561 Voice.

Deaf Fest Attracts 3,000

By Jason Weiland, DDHH Field Representative and Lauren Lercher, Deaf Fest 2005 Coordinator

September 18, 2005 marked the return of DEAF FEST, a biennial event coordinated by New Jersey Deaf Awareness Week, Inc. (NJDAW). More than 3,000 people converged on the Middlesex County Fair Fairground in East Brunswick on a beautiful Sunday afternoon to interact with peers and visit 60 exhibitions. Deaf Fest 2005 coordinator Lauren Lercher reported consumers loved the new location, a switch from the Solberg Airport grounds in Readington where the past three Deaf Fests have been held. People not only visited exhibitors of various services, but also enjoyed entertainment led by Master of Ceremonies, Joey Garth. “The John ‘Leno’ Maucere Show”, ASL CODA Comedian, Keith Wann, and DEAFinitely Magic by Steve Longacre & Greg Koppel highlighted the afternoon events. Recently crowned Miss Deaf NJ Raymonda Azrelyant made a special appearance.

Butterfly fries, zeppoles, funnel cake and homemade lemonade was enjoyed by the crowd. The aroma of Greek, Italian, and American food satisfied the taste buds of DEAF FEST participants as long lines formed well before 11:30 in the morning and continued throughout the day.

NJ Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing provided communication access throughout the day while Sprint, Northwest Jersey Association for the Deaf, New Jersey Association for the Deaf, New Jersey Relay Service, Hands On Video Relay Service, Diverse Deaf Club of New Jersey, and Go America were among the sponsors of this year’s event.

The countdown to Deaf Fest 2007 has now begun.



This year's Kiddie Korner was sponsored by NWJAD.



DDHH Director Brian C. Shomo holds the smile of “Little Jay” Weiland.



Mental health agency “Access” explains services at their exhibit table.



Many spent the day mingling under the tent.

MAIL BAG

Dear Editor:

I know someone you should know - Annalise Mayerson!

Annalise is a senior at Tenaflly High School. She is currently looking into colleges that have programs in Speech and Language and Audiology as she is determined to be a Speech and Language Pathologist.



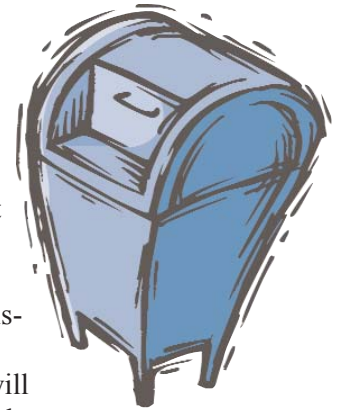
In seventh grade Annalise signed up for an American Sign Language class, and she was hooked! During the past six years, she has studied ASL with a private tutor that she continues to see. She recently completed an ASL course at Bergen Community College. At Tenaflly High School, Annalise started a very popular ASL club. She plans a weekly agenda and

teaches the students how to converse. She feels confident that she will have even more students in the club this year.

The experience she loves more than anything else is her volunteer work at the Union Street School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in Hackensack. Three years ago, she worked with her guidance counselor to leave school in the middle of the day to go to Union Street! She looks forward to returning every summer. She enjoys being in the classroom and assisting the teachers, but mostly, she loves interacting with the children. She comes home from Union Street wanting to learn more about cochlear implants and teaching strategies. She is inspired and her personal vision and commitment is even stronger.

I would drop her off at Union Street every morning. I would see the children's faces light up when they saw her. I would see her radiate affection and confidence. I would watch in awe as she communicated in a way I do not understand and yes, I felt very proud - and a little jealous!

Then, Mrs. Candi Reed, the Director of Union Street recommended Annalise to a mother who was looking to find someone to teach ASL to a group of middle school girls. This has been another incredible opportunity for Annalise to use her skills and to spread her goodwill. The group meets weekly in a local library. I watch Annalise teach the girls. It is silent and very animated. Annalise teaches them games and from the very first lesson, there have not been any words spoken. Again, I am overcome with pride at her ability as well as her gentle manner.



Applying to colleges is not fun. But I am so thankful that at seventeen years old, Annalise knows exactly what she wants to do. She has a mission, a path, a calling, and a beautiful "gift." I know she will make a difference in the world.

Oh yes, did I forget to mention. I am her mother (I am sure this is not a surprise . . . smile).

Lilli Mayerson

Dear Editor:

Suffice it to say that Grace's Law is still stalled in the Senate House, because the Chair, Senator Vitale is not referring anything to the Mandate Health Commission until it is amended. They aren't introducing this new legislation to make these amendments until after the November elections - with no guarantee that it will pass before January 2006. Even if it did pass, anything referred like Grace's Law would have to be reintroduced in January 2006 and then go through a several month long review process!

Anyway, in a last ditch effort to get Grace's Law passed this year, I'm asking your loyal readers to participate in a mass mailing requesting that Senator Vitale write to Governor Codey and Senate President Kenny, to request permission to waive a review of bill A1766 "Grace's Law" by the Mandated Health Benefits Commission as stated in the "language" of this law. Maybe we'll get some movement if it is a mass mailing instead of him just receiving my recent letter. If you are a member of a deaf or hard of hearing organization or work at a school for the deaf and hard of hearing, please spread this around. We need many people!

In addition, please write to the primary sponsors of Grace's Law, Assemblymen Cohen, Roberts and Tucker and ask them to write to Senator Vitale, Gov. Codey, and Senator Kenny to "waive" the requirement. They have more pull than us. Stress the urgency. Let them "hear" us!

Here are their addresses:

Senator Joseph F. Vitale, Democrat, District Office, 87 Main St., Woodbridge, NJ 07095; Assemblyman Neil M. Cohen, Democrat District Office, 985 Stuyvesant Ave., Union, NJ 07083; Assemblyman Joseph J. Roberts,

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Democrat District Office, Brooklawn Shopping Plaza, Rt. 130 South & Browning Rd., Brooklawn, NJ 08030; Assemblyman Donald Kofi Tucker, Democrat, District Office: 329 South Orange Ave., Newark, NJ 07103.

If nothing else, it will send home the message that MANY of us are still waiting to get this bill passed and get it back on legislators' minds. I greatly appreciate your support. Thank you in advance to all those who help our cause!

Sincerely, Jeanine Gleba

Dear Editor:

I started out life with brain injury due to birth trauma. The manifestations and complications of epilepsy marked my childhood development. It took years before reaching full seizure control via medication. Medications adversely affected my schoolwork, hearing, and social functioning. My parents gave unmitigated encouragement and support.

As I matured, short wave listening drew me closer to amateur radio operations. The amateur radio bug bit one day at a dinner held for our family by the parents of my sister's boyfriend. The gentleman's father took me aside into the "shack", (amateur vernacular for "radio-room"). The father asked me who I'd like to talk with. I said Hawaii. The radio crackled with a reply and the bug bit me hard.

Learning the Morse code was a daunting task due to brain damage and a partial hearing loss. The impediments placed in my way gave an increased reason to succeed. I obtained my novice license soon thereafter. But, this was only the beginning of a rewarding hobby. The novice license was non renewable and had a term of one year. Upgrading to technician or higher class license was my sole option.

My parents always knew where I was (on the radio - where else!) Subsequently, I obtained the second and first class commercial radio telephone licenses. These licenses were a logical step to extend my hobby into a broadcasting industry vocation. After a period of working, I attended college, and returned to work as a means of paying my tuition. The challenges of my vocation and college were exciting. I gained considerable experience and was rewarded with a promotion to chief engineer in the New York market. Later, I moved to a smaller broadcast station market and a slower paced agricultural setting.

This move also triggered a return to college. In college, I served in leadership positions and on the emergency squad. I maintained membership in the Military Affiliate Radio System, was an alternate Net Control Station for a

regional MARS net and was named "Operator of the Month" for providing disaster support for a flood affecting the confluence of NY, NJ, and PA.

I encountered a once in a lifetime experience of actual mayday communications emanating from Uganda. The communications required "phone patching" Dr. Gerry Kambites (5X5GK) to a local hospital for advice. Phone patching is a process that connects a radio to telephone lines and relays both sides of the conversation between the involved parties.

Amateur radio has awards for talking with distant stations (DX) and the DX Century Club (DXCC) for a station that has contacted and confirmed contacts with at least 100 stations outside his/her own country. I obtained additional awards and retained interests in other technical areas.

I was fortunate to return my parents' love as their caretaker for ten years. Father was hemiplegic (from a CVA), and mother was blind with other complications. We presented a unique picture among our mutual handicaps and called ourselves the "Three Musketeers." The move home also brought to fruition another dream as a reporter for a local newspaper. I wrote a column devoted to review and analysis of constitutional law and the manner in which it affects everyone.

But wait . . . that's not all.

A hearing deficit did not prevent participation in the "No Name Storm" and "Storm of the Century", nor did my combined problems preclude Amateur Radio License upgrades. I now hold the Amateur Extra Class License, am a senior citizen with an increased hearing deficit that requires a special telephone. A strobe light supplants the doorbell. Life has been full and rewarding. Through all this, my enduring involvement with the handicapped deepens and fuels my motivation to help the disadvantaged, wherever they might be, to become more competitive, meet and exceed the challenges of life. Yes, you can succeed.

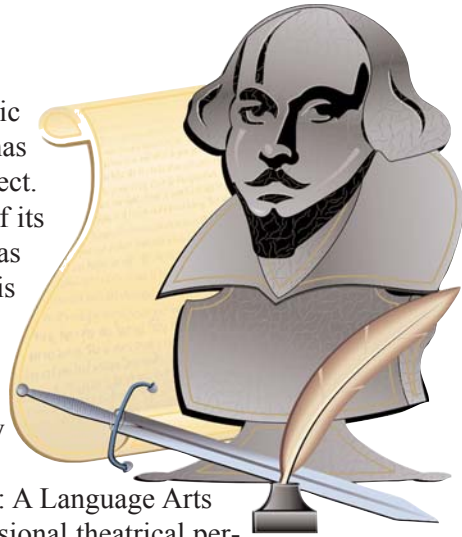
Ronald J. Johnson

EDITOR'S NOTE: When I asked Mr. Johnson to elaborate on his hearing loss, he related, *"I have not yet used hearing aids. I use hearing protectors to attenuate nocturnal noise & conserve remaining hearing. They are ineffectual. Test results indicate need for bilateral devices. Insurance covers a single device. A low income precludes purchase of the second device. I have used other assistive listening devices. I use a VCO telephone with captioning and rely upon the internet for communications. A neighbor provides ancillary "ears" at my appointments and as a point of contact."*

Passaic County Cultural & Heritage Council Receives Grants For the Theater And Poetry Project

The Passaic County Cultural & Heritage Council (PCCHC) at Passaic County Community College (PCC) is pleased to announce that it has received a grant of \$10,000 to support the Theater and Poetry Project. The grant was awarded by the National Endowment for the Arts as part of its Challenge America: Reaching Every Community Program. The college has also has received a grant of \$5000 from the Governor's Invitational Tennis Tournament and the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.

The Passaic County Cultural & Heritage Council administers the Theater and Poetry Project, which is made possible by funds from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts / Department of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). The Theater and Poetry Project: A Language Arts Enrichment Partnership provides the Paterson Public Schools with professional theatrical performances at the PCCC theater and poetry writing workshops and Meet-the-Author sessions in the students' classrooms. The students see stage adaptations of classic children's stories as well multi-cultural programs. The in-school component fosters an enthusiasm for reading and writing by enabling students to meet authors and to participate in the annual Paterson Student Poetry Contest. PCCC students are also eligible to enter poems in this contest.



The \$10,000 grant awarded by the NEA to TAPP (Theater and Poetry Project) is for the purpose of expanding the existing programming.

For additional information please call the PCCHC office at (973) 684-6182 Voice.

NJ Library For The Blind And Handicapped: Children's ASL Story Hour

CHRISTINE OLSEN, the Coordinator of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Program at the NJ Library for the Blind and Handicapped (LBH), announces that the library will host the Children's ASL Story Hour one Tuesday each month, at 10 a.m. The dates will be: October 18, 2005, November 15, 2005, December 13, 2005, January 17, 2006, February 14, 2006, March 14, 2006, April 18, 2006, May 16, 2006, June 6, 2006



It will occur at the LBH, 2300 Stuyvesant Avenue, Trenton, NJ 08618. For information, contact Christine Olsen at (877) 882-5593 TTY or colsen@njstatelib.org. Light refreshments will be served. ASL interpreters will be provided to voice or sign the story by the Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. The story hour will include a Power Point presentation of the book. Assistive Listening Devices will also be available. The NJ Library for the Blind and Handicapped is a division of the NJ State Library, affiliated with Thomas Edison State College.



HOLIDAY TEA

co-sponsored by
NJ Division of the
Deaf & Hard of Hearing
and
Signs of Sobriety

Thursday, December 1, 2005
11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

SIGNS OF SOBRIETY

100 Scotch Road, Ewing, NJ 08628

Free parking is available on site.

Bring your favorite dish for 15 people
in a disposable container.

Guest Speakers –

Andrew Brennenman, Sr. Gov't Account Executive
and

Arthur Moore, Gov't Account Executive
representing SPRINT

For directions and RSVP by November 25th

To Lisa DeHart at Signs of Sobriety
(609) 882-7677 V, (800) 332-7677 TTY

info@signsofsobriety.org

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New Jersey Performing Arts Center
Rodgers & Hammerstein's

The King & I

with Stephanie Powers

Open Captioned Performance: Wednesday, November 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: G\$56 P\$56 A\$50 B\$42 C\$34 D\$20

Sweet Honey In The Rock

ASL Interpreted Performance: Saturday, December 17 at 8:00 p.m.

Tickets: G\$50 P\$50 A\$44 B\$36 C\$28 D\$17

Evita

Open Captioned Performance: Wednesday, December 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: G\$56 P\$56 A\$50 B\$42 C\$34 D\$20

www.njpac.org, 888-GO-NJPAC Voice, 877-886-5722 TTY, (973) 642-5229 Fax
1 Center Street, Newark, NJ

N W J A D

(Northwest Jersey Association of the Deaf, Inc.)

Meeting & Social Night

Elections of New Officers

Saturday, November 12

Doors Open at 8:00 p.m.

Come & show your support!

Members: free, non-members: \$4

**Refreshments will be sold
(alcohol is not served)**

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 215

Boulevard, Mountain Lakes, NJ

Info: www.nwjad.org, nwjad@nwjad.org

Back by popular demand

Saturday after Thanksgiving event,

Social at Dave & Buster's

Saturday, November 26, 8:00 p.m.

Dave & Buster's

Palisades Center Mall,

4th Floor, West Nyack, NY

Free admission (before 10:00 p.m.)

free parking

(must be over 21-bring ID)

Info: www.nwjad.org

Directions: www.daveandbusters.com

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Centenary Stage Company (CSC)
Centenary College in Hackettstown, NJ

Sight Unseen

by Donald Margulies

Open Captioned by Donald DePew,

November 20, 2:30 p.m.

"Sight Unseen" will run at the Centenary Stage Company from Nov. 4 - 20.

Tickets are available at www.centenarystageco.org or
through the CSC Box office at (908) 979-0900 x3 Voice.

The box office is open Monday through Friday from 2 - 5 p.m.
and two hours prior to each performance.

A special discount for patrons with disabilities is available.
Interested parties should contact the CSC ADA coordinator,
Catherine Rust at (908) 979-0900 x5 for information.

DAWN, Inc.

First Annual Meeting

**Wednesday, November 16
6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.**

Mt. Olive Senior Center

New Board members will be inducted,
outgoing board members and outstanding
volunteers will be recognized. A review of the
current year's programs and plans for
the future will be discussed.

Dinner will be served.

Call DAWN, Inc. for further information at
(973) 361-5666 Voice, (973) 361-6032 TTY,
(973) 361-7086 Fax

Holiday Gala Saturday, December 10

12:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Mt. Olive Senior Citizens Center
204 Flanders Drakestown Road
Mt. Olive, NJ 07828

Directions:

www.mountolivetownship.com

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N W J A D (Northwest Jersey Association of the Deaf, Inc.)

19th Annual Holiday Banquet

Saturday, December 17

6:00 pm to 11:30 p.m. (Doors Open at 6:00 p.m.)

***Champagne Room* (New & Bigger Room!)**

1515 Rt. 23 South, Wayne, NJ

Introducing our new Deaf DJ SupaLee!

America's most popular Deaf DJ with dancing, great door prizes!

Appetizers, two hours of unlimited, huge hot buffet!

Unlimited sodas, cold buffet, salads, desserts, etc.

Cash bar, and more!

Members: \$35 Non-Members: \$40

Co-Chairs: Diane Montemorano & Bonnie Thomas

Deadline: December 9 (no payment at door - no refund)

Make check or money order payable to: NWJAD, Inc. and mail to:

Tom Montemorano, Treasurer, 52 Heritage Court, Towaco, NJ 07082

Info: www.nwjad.org, nwjad@nwjad.org Directions to Wayne Manor: www.thewaynemanor.com

Deaf Ministry's One-Day Conference

Saturday, November 12

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

“Does God Answer Prayers?”

Speakers: Pastor Billy Krah and Leslie Bunn

Trinity Baptist Church, 160 Changebridge Road, Montville, NJ 07045

**Cost: \$10 per person (Lunch and refreshments will be supplied,
please make checks payable to Trinity Baptist Church - Deaf Ministries)**

A “love offering” will be collected for the guest speakers.

Info: Leslie Bunn, (973) 252-9651 V/TTY, (973) 252-1317 Fax, lesliebunn@att.net

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Holiday Dinner Party

Perth Amboy Catholic Deaf Club
Holy Spirit Church-Basement
580 Hazel-Brace Avenue, Perth Amboy NJ
Hot buffet dinner, desserts, drinks
Table prizes, 50-50, banknite

Sunday, November 27

12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Admission - \$27; non member \$30

Deadline: November 17, no refunds

No children under 18 years old

Payable by check or money order to: Ron Krushenski, P.O. Box 85, Barnegat NJ 08005

Name: _____ How Many: _____

Address: _____ Total _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Phone# _____

Gov. Livingston High School Program for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Berkeley Heights, NJ “Celebrating 30 Years of Excellence” Open House

**Friday, December 2,
9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

Attention: Parents, Prospective Students, Case Managers, Child Study Teams
The Open House will give those interested in Gov. Livingston's Program for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, the opportunity to visit our campus, tour our school, ask questions and receive essential information.

A continental breakfast will be served

RSVP via e-mail to Sandra Gogerty at sgogerty@bhs.k12.nj.us

(Please put subject: D/HH Tour) or call (908) 508-1923 Voice

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North Jersey Community Center of the Deaf proudly presents

Holiday Dinner Party

Russian Hall, 4-6 Woodhull Ave., Little Falls, NJ 07424

Saturday, December 10

6:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

\$40 per person (same price for all) includes a family style dinner menu list of roast beef, oven roasted chicken, tossed salad, ziti marinara, roasted round potatoes, vegetables, mushroom gravy, rolls, beverage, tortoni ice cream, unlimited soda, beer and wine.

Door prizes, DJ, gifts given away

Chairpersons - Diane and Michael Drury & Committees

Limited - 300 people. Make your reservation now! Ten people per table.

Send a check or money order payable to NJCCD and mail to Elizabeth Rozynski, 76 Hoffman Avenue, Lake Hiawatha, NJ 07034.

Deadline for ordering tickets in mail is December 1.

Your ticket(s) should be picked up at the door. No refunds.

Info: directions, e-mail Elizabeth Rozynski at ERSmile58@aol.com.



ALDA-NJ Cordially Invites You To “Celebrate the Holiday Season” Cocktail & Potluck Dinner Party Saturday, December 3

6:00 p.m. - until ?

at Susan & Ralph Marana's House, Totowa, NJ

RSVP by November 26

Bring food according to the first letter of your last name as follows:

A - K Main dish

L - R Dessert

S - Z Hors d'oeuvres/side dish/salad

Also, bring your own booze!

Directions and other info: Kingsnan@aol.com,
(201) 768-2552 TTY

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Holiday Buffet & Gingo Night

Hosted by Deaf Ministry

Saturday, December 10 6 p.m. - 12 a.m.

Game starts at 8 p.m.

\$25 per person for food, games & 10 free tickets for door prizes

(Must pay by November 26); \$10 per person for games only

(Must pay at door only)

St. John of God School Gym, 1145 Delsea Drive (Route 47) Westville, NJ 08093

50/50 Chances! Door Prizes! Free hot beverages!

Buffet menu: garden salad, large manicotti, stuffed breast of chicken, baked glazed ham, Italian green beans, potatoes, candied carrots, cake & pastries, hot & cold beverages

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. for those attending buffet.

Food will be served at 6 p.m. No early birds! Games only, come in at 7 p.m.

Info: (856) 795-6481 V/TTY, (856) 482-5657 Fax, deafministrynj@yahoo.com.

For buffet only, make check or money order payable to Deaf Ministry and mail with your name, address and email address to: 525 Doe Lane, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034

Adults only (21 years old and up)

Mail no later than November 26.

No children! No refunds!



Deaf Ministry's 25th Anniversary

Christmas Party

Sunday, December 18

12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.



Stuffed shells, meatballs, baked ham, vegetables, tossed salad, rolls, desserts, hot & cold beverages.

Bring one (1) gift for each of your children for Santa Claus to give out.

Do not forget to put your child's name on the gift. If you do not have a child, your donation of a gift would be appreciated! Buy your tickets in advance.

Deadline - December 11, no refunds.

\$8 per person (13 years old & up), \$6 per child (4 - 12 years old)

\$25 per family, under 3 years old free!

At door - cash only; \$10 per person (13 years old & up), \$8 per child (4 - 12 years old),

\$30 per family, children 3 years old and under free.

Activities for children, 50/50 chances, door prizes & more! Christmas plays by CCD children.

Bring a dessert. To buy tickets, see Gracemarie Newman or mail a check or money order made payable to the Deaf Ministry and mail to: 525 Doe Lane, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034.

Info: (856) 795-6481 V/TTY, (856) 482-5657 Fax, deafministrynj@yahoo.com

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Upcoming Events at Union County College

Presented by the S.I.G.N. Club

Saturday, December 3 - 1:00 pm

Cranford Campus Main Lecture Hall

“Alone in the Mainstream, A Deaf Woman Remembers Public School”

Presenter: Gina Oliva

Interpreters and CART provided.

When Gina Oliva first went to school in 1955, she didn't know that she was “different.” If the teacher played a tune on the piano to signal the next exercise, Oliva didn't react because she didn't hear the music.

So began her journey as a “solitaire,” her term for being the only Deaf child in the entire school. Gina felt alone because she couldn't communicate easily with her classmates, but also because none of them had a hearing loss. It wasn't until years later at Gallaudet University that she discovered that she wasn't alone and that her experience was common among mainstreamed Deaf and Hard of Hearing students. ‘Alone in the Mainstream’ recounts Oliva's story, as well as those of many other solitaires.

January/February - Annual Superbowl Social

February - Black Deaf Forum

March - Tentative Masquerade Party

April - Annual ASL Festival

April - Interpreter's Forum

Info: uccsignclub@yahoo.com, www.uccsignclub.org for updated information.

Ocean Deaf Club, Inc

Proudly Presents.

20th Holiday Dinner & Lingo Night

Saturday, December 17

4 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Lakehurst Firehouse Hall, Center Street, Lakehurst, NJ 08733

hot & cold buffet; beef wellington, roast turkey, vegetable lasagna, scallops scampi, broccoli w/hollandaise sauce, rice pilaf, green beans, oven roast potatoes, ambrosia salad, rolls, desserts.

**Admission: \$32 Member, \$36 Non member -
(includes Dinner & Lingo Night at 7:30 p.m.)**

Deadline - December 2

Make check payable to Ocean Deaf Club and send to Ocean Deaf Club Inc.,

P.O. Box 34, Lakehurst, NJ 08733

No walk-ins for dinner. No refund unless due to bad weather.

Info: ODCPRESIDENT2@aol.com

Calendar of Events 2005

November 12

NJRID General Meeting
Toms River Library
Meeting, Board Elections, Workshop
NJRID.org

December 2 - 4

Fifth Annual JDSR Retreat
NTID College Campus, Rochester, NY
Landau9@optonline.net, 908-352-7395 Fax

Scrooge, the musical

Shadow Interpreted Performances -

Sat. Dec 17 at 7:30 p.m. (\$18)

Sun. Dec. 18 at 2:00 p.m. (\$15)

Mon., Dec. 19, 10 a.m. (\$8)

Student Matinee
(856) 858-5230 Voice,
www.ritztheatreco.org.

The Ritz Theatre
915 White Horse Pike, Oaklyn, NJ

August 2006

First Time Trip to Israel
Jewish Deaf Singles Registry
Landau9@optonline.net,
(908) 352-7395 Fax

DDHH Office Closed November 8, 11, 24, December 26
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