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Jon S. Corzine, Governor

Clarke Bruno, Acting Commissioner

Ira C. Hock, Acting Director

## NEW LEADERSHIP FOR THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Clarke Bruno was nominated by Governor Corzine in July to serve as Commissioner of the restructured New Jersey Department of Human Services. The department, with 14,000 employees and an annual budget of about \$10 billion, is presently focused on effectively delivering high quality health care, disabilities developmental and social services to vulnerable New Jersey residents, including reaching people with human services needs through non-profit agencies and local community organizations. As the Governor's nominee, Bruno is expected to meet with the Senate Judiciary Committee for its consideration of his nomination.



Bruno has been in a leadership role with social services issues and policy initiatives, previously serving as General Counsel to the New York City Department of Homeless Services. For much of that time, he was a key member of the management team that transformed the historically troubled agency into one of the lead-

ing performance agencies in city government. He directed legal affairs and spearheaded the new policies of the agency that addressed the needs of homeless men, women and children.

Prior to joining New York City Mayor Bloomberg's Administration, Bruno was an attorney in private practice. He has served as director on several boards of non-profit agencies whose missions range from economic development concerns to health care issues.

Bruno has served as director of a street outreach program, as well as special assistant for New York City's largest social service agency and executive director of a housing and educational agency in East Harlem, NY. He has vast managerial experience and a strong commitment to and understanding of social services issues that he demonstrated through his service as consultant for Catholic Relief Services in Brazil.

Bruno is a J.D. cum laude graduate of the New York University School of Law and a B.A. honors graduate of Swarthmore College, Pennsylvania. He is married and has two children.

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# Carbon Monoxide Detectors with Strobe Available in Equipment Distribution Program

The Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is happy to announce that the Equipment Distribution Program is expanding to include accessible carbon monoxide detectors. It is a plug-in model that has a strobe light which will activate when gas is detected. This program has grown since 1991, when only TTYs were distributed, and now includes smoke detectors, amplified telephones, and baby alert systems. To obtain an application for a carbon monoxide detector, contact DDHH Coordinator Todd R. Olsen, [todd.olsen@dhs.state.nj.us](mailto:todd.olsen@dhs.state.nj.us). For other equipment, call 1-800-792-8339 V/TTY.



## MC Graphic Artist Sharon Jones Retires

The Monthly Communicator says farewell to Sharon Jones, long time layout editor of the newsletter who worked closely with the Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing to produce a high quality newsletter. Sharon retired at the end of June but amid the floods and the government fiscal shut down was only recently given a farewell by her colleagues. Sharon, all of us at DDHH, within the Department of Human Services, as well as the thousands of subscribers will miss you and all wish you the best of luck.



*DHS staff gather around Sharon, front right, to wish her well during her retirement.*

### Reminder:

The deadline is November 1, 2006 for submissions to the December issue of the Monthly Communicator.

The deadline is December 1, 2006 for submissions to the January issue of the Monthly Communicator.

E-mail submissions to  
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**Deadline for submissions: First of the month for the following month's edition**

# Community Forum Meeting on Senior Citizen Housing

*Forum for all presidents and vice presidents of New Jersey Deaf and hard of hearing organizations  
as well as community members  
By Lila Taylor*

Congratulations to the New Jersey Association of the Deaf (NJAD), which has signed a contract with Cardinal Capital Management, Inc. to develop housing for the Deaf and hard of hearing senior citizens in New Jersey. Cardinal Capital Management, knowledgeable about the needs of Deaf and Hard of Hearing senior citizens, has helped to pull together finances and build deaf senior citizen housing projects, such as the one in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

On Saturday, November 11, 2006, there will be a community forum meeting, focusing on "Future NJ Housing for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing." The meeting will be held in the cafeteria on the first floor at St. Clare's Hospital, Dover Campus, 400 West Blackwell St., Dover, NJ 07801 from 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. A questionnaire will be handed out to each attendee in order to gather information about the needs and opinions of our community in regards to senior housing. All information will be kept strictly confidential. We are also recruiting members for the executive committees, and will share information about which positions need to be filled.

Attendees are encouraged to arrive at 1:00 p.m. The room capacity is 125 people, so entry will be on a first come, first served basis. Please RSVP before November 6 by e-mailing Susan Bartose at [RSVPNov11@aol.com](mailto:RSVPNov11@aol.com), or faxing at 732-774-2677. The Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing will provide interpreters, CART (real-time captioning) and C-Print. Assistive listening devices will be provided upon request. We are very excited about the progress of this project. We know you, too, are equally as enthusiastic. We look forward to your participation.

Contact Lila Taylor, NJAD Senior Chair, at [Ltaylor09@aol.com](mailto:Ltaylor09@aol.com), for additional information or directions.

## Job Available

***Family Therapist for the Deaf at The Consortium, Inc.*** - is seeking an experienced mental health counselor. MA degree with at least two years of experience in CASSP system and fluency in American Sign Language is required. Candidates must have a valid U.S. driver's license and be sensitive to cultural differences of the Deaf and hard of hearing population. Act 33 Clearance is required prior to hiring. This position will provide home visits to eligible children and their families to prevent "out of home" placement due to emotional or mental health issues disrupting the family milieu. Individual who will work as a team with another counselor conducting family therapy sessions in the home on weekly basis and linking with various community resources as family court, DHS, etc. to meet the needs of the families. Benefits: Salary with health insurance and eye/dental coverage, optional coverage with pre-paid legal, opportunity to enroll into Flexible Spending Account for tax savings, two weeks of vacation time after certain hours worked and passed three months of probation. If interested, please contact: Paul O'Rourke, Supervisor, at 215-495-1799 TTY or send your resume to [porourke@consortium-inc.org](mailto:porourke@consortium-inc.org).

### This month in HISTORY...

***Brenda Costa***, deaf Brazilian fashion model who was on the cover of French ELLE magazine (April 2004), was born November 8, 1982.

***Lou Ferrigno***, American bodybuilder and actor best known for his role as the Incredible Hulk in the television series of the same name, was born on November 9, 1951.

***Linda Bove***, long time actress on the emmy award winning children's show Sesame Street, was born November 30, 1945.

# Letter to the Editor -

## *Kudos to DDHH Field Rep Traci Burton*

Dear Editor,

Forgive this letter being a bit delayed but I wish to highly commend your employee Traci Burton. Please make sure this finds its way into her human resource file. Back in January 2006 my husband and I were told his mother, in NJ, had about six months to live. She had suffered a substantial hearing loss and the house phone made it impossible for us to communicate with her. All attempts to acclimate her to the hearing aids we purchased for her had failed. I found out about your program online and started my quest to find any device that would allow us to stay in touch with her in her last months. I didn't have much hope, but thanks to the detailed attention and follow up of Traci we achieved that with the appropriate telephone device obtained through the DDHH Equipment Distribution Program. During her last months, we were thrilled to be able to have comfortable conversations from California to New Jersey. Somehow the phone managed not only to amplify the sound but allowed her the ability to understand the consonant sounds she had lost with

the hearing loss.. It was a pleasure to work with Traci who provided great customer service in a day and age where most of that art has been lost. Our family truly thanks Traci, you and your program for giving us back what had been lost to us... the voice of our loved one. We buried our wonderful mother on August 20, 2006 and because of your phone, were able to speak with her right up until a week before she passed. She had been bedridden for several months and papa held the cordless phone up to her ear when she could no longer hold it herself and still she heard every word. I can't tell you how much it meant to my husband to be able to tell his mom how much he loved and appreciated her in those last days. Your program works! A million thanks...  
Ray and Maria

## New Museum

The NJSD/MKSD Museum in Building #30 is open on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. So many things to see! Four rooms have pictures, archives, and awards; and, one room has Deaf history.

To schedule a tour, e-mail [PhySparks@tmo.blackberry](mailto:PhySparks@tmo.blackberry)

If you happen to have old items that belongs to the school that you think should go to the museum, please e-mail Kim Arrigo. If you have anything you think should be included in the museum, do not throw anything away. We have lost many valuable things from our school and would like to recover as much as we can with your help. Donations of old items, uniforms, etc., would be greatly appreciated.

Thank You! Museum Committee

*Dennis Munn (Chairperson), Joshua Beckman, Marion DeLusant, Tom Downs, Phyllis Sparks, Tom Sparks*

The New Jersey School for the Deaf, in existence for 123 years has a rich history.  
Help us preserve it.



## Reaching Out and Touching Others About Hearing Loss Through Your Local Library

by Carol Granaldi

Your local library is always looking for interesting educational programs for local residents. Many of us ALDA-GS members have county libraries nearby and may have attended a program or workshop there. Most libraries have space provided for workshops, presentations, and “show and tell” activities for persons of all ages. Your local library can be an important means to reach out and touch others about a variety of topics relating to hearing loss and assistive technology for hearing. Below you will find a few **steps** to help start a program in your local library:

**Timeline** - You will need at least six months advance time to set a date, make various contacts, provide local newspaper coverage and gather attendees.

**Program** - You will need to decide a specific topic, such as use of hearing equipment, noise awareness, coping strategies when hearing is lost, etc. You need to decide on a target audience such as senior persons, children, young adults or the overall general public. A program should be geared to this demographic, and be interesting to as large a number of persons as possible. When you decide on a topic, you will need to assemble necessary educational handout material, such as printed literature and brochures. You may want to develop a Power Point program which is very popular these days. You can acquire material from various organizations such as the Hearing Loss Association of America, the League for the Hard of Hearing Information, A.G. Bell, Association of Late-Deafened Adults and the Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. There is much available on topics such as “noise damage to hearing,” or “hearing aids help,” or “coping strategies when you can’t hear,” etc.

**Workshop arrangements** - You will need to determine a date and time for your workshop starting with the library. Often, the agenda for library programs are set at least six months or more in advance, so be sure to get a date and one or two alternate dates available. You then can contact your state association president to request permission to provide an outreach program and be its sponsor. You may contact the NJ Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing to assist with communication access in the form of ASL interpreters, realtime captioning, and assistive listening devices (ALD). The NJ Library for the Blind and Handicapped will loan ALDs FM/Infrared upon request, but you must give many weeks notice as to the date of your program.

**Progression** - You will need to publicize to the general public about your upcoming workshop through your local newspapers, religious bulletins, school newsletters, senior centers, at least three months in advance of their printing deadline. Your county library may have its own inter-library agenda printed in a newsletter or booklet in which you may place your information. As you progress, you will then decide what your costs would be for printing any material, flyers, postage, etc. to ensure that your state association will help with expenses. Will you provide food and drinks as refreshments during the workshop break? Do you have another individual to work with you? You should keep a log of “to do” and “done,” items relating to all of the above, and a log of contact names, phone numbers, and e-mail address.

By incorporating your local library in an outreach project of hearing loss topics, you will establish credibility, expand your reach to the public, make new friends, and feel a sense of accomplishment. You will learn some new things, and even have some fun! It’s not hard, it can be fun, so “just do it.”

**While we’re on the topic . . .** Come to the ALDA-GS workshop on December 2, at the East Brunswick Library and we will talk about our “Hearing Awareness in New Egypt” experience. We will have a display of materials, including the nicely framed Proclamation from New Egypt’s Mayor. In addition, the New Jersey Senate and General Assembly Joint Resolution to ALDA-GS association in providing “Hearing Awareness” in New Jersey will be displayed.

# In Vineland, Open House shows New Jersey Relay's New Facility

On Saturday, September 30, 2006, the New Jersey Relay held a very successful ribbon cutting ceremony and open house at their new facility in Vineland, New Jersey, with plenty of good food and entertainment for all who attended. The new facility began operating on February 1, 2006. The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities in collaboration with Sprint Relay provide relay services throughout New Jersey. Sprint contracts with Communication Service for the Deaf (CSD), a private non-profit organization. CSD focuses on the daily operations, including hiring and training employees, while Sprint provides equipment, technology and network access.

What is telecommunication relay service? It allows deaf, hard of hearing, and speech disabled individuals who type on a text telephone (TTY) or via the internet to communicate with people who use a standard voice phone - and vice versa. It is available 24 hours per day, every day by dialing 7-1-1. There is no charge to use relay service (other than the standard long distance charges, if applicable).



*Sprint Relay Account Manager Aparna Lele, middle, is flanked by various community members waiting for the tour of the facility.*



*Vineland Mayor Perry D. Barse (with hat) helps cut the ribbon with NJ Relay Advisory Board members and Sprint staff.*

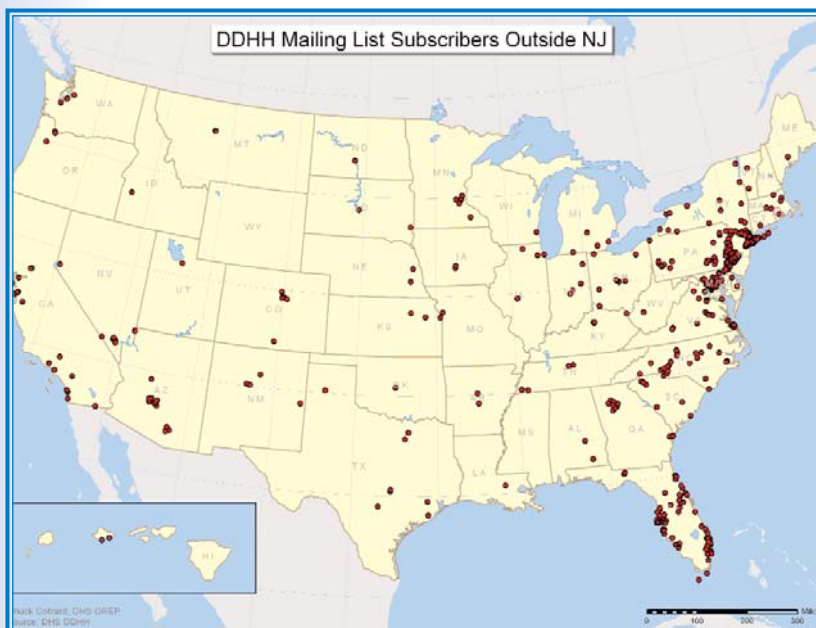
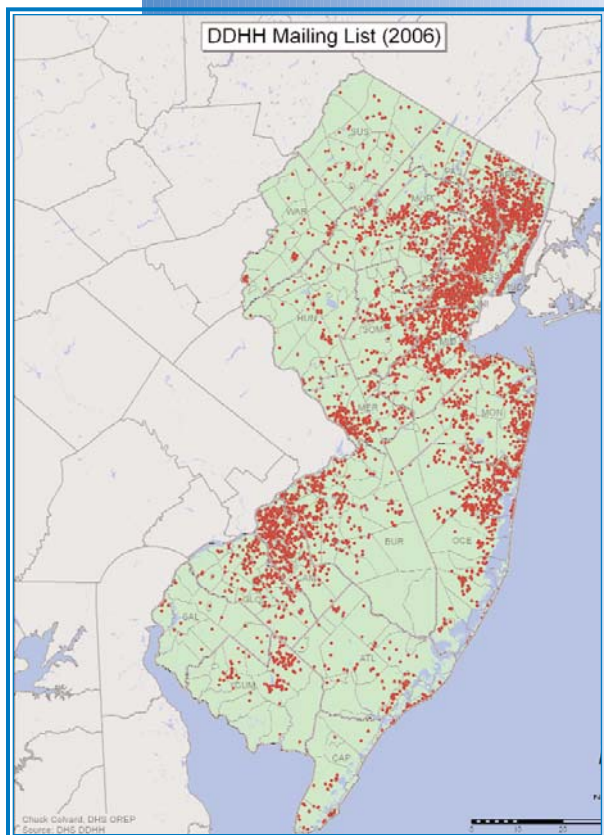


*New Jersey Relay Advisory Board Chairperson Phil Jacob addresses the crowd.*



*Relay Center Manager Janie Flores, rear right, and her staff demonstrate how a relay call works.*

# MONTHLY COMMUNICATOR SUBSCRIBERS, WHERE ARE YOU?



● indicates location of subscribers

These maps illustrate the location of Monthly Communicator subscribers; 8,600 copies are printed each month. While the vast majority are sent to New Jersey residents, many people who move out of state like to stay in touch with activities here. There are also many agencies serving people with hearing loss in other states who have requested our newsletter. If you would like a free subscription, contact the New Jersey Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing at 800-792-8339 V/TTY (in and around NJ only), 609-984-0390 FAX, or 609-984-7281 V/TTY. Also, we are always seeking articles, photos, and accessible activities that may interest our readers. Send submissions in Microsoft Word format to the editor at: [alan.champion@dhs.state.nj.us](mailto:alan.champion@dhs.state.nj.us). Photos should be sent on CD, which will not be returned to: MC Editor, PO Box 074, Trenton NJ 08625.

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THE MID-ATLANTIC POST-SECONDARY CENTER  
FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

AND

THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
DIVISION OF THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

Proudly present CCC's own

Dennis Jones with:  
Tarnished Halos and Crooked Fences

A Presentation and Book Signing

Saturday, November 11, 2006

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Camden County College (CCC) Blackwood Campus CIM Auditorium

.2 CEUs will be available fro this event

Camden County College  
PO Box 200 College Drive  
Blackwood, NJ 08012  
[www.camdencc.edu](http://www.camdencc.edu)

*Dennis will take us on a journey that lead him to the world of the deaf and hard of hearing where, through trial and error, he slowly began to forge a new identity and to find inner peace. Dennis tells his story in a straightforward manner with his characteristic sense of humor.*

"A person's identity is the core of their being. Without it, they are a shell. If you ever want to destroy another person without actually killing them, take away their sense of being . . ."

~Dennis Jones~

Admission is Free! Interpreting, C-Print Captioning, and ALD's Provided

For more information, questions, or directions, contact: Kathy Earp at [kearp@camdencc.edu](mailto:kearp@camdencc.edu);  
856-227-7200, Ext. 4255 Voice; 856-374-4855 TTY; 856-374-5003 FAX.



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## TOUCH THE SOUND Extravaganza

### *“TOUCH THE SOUND” WITH EVELYN GLENNIE*

Join us for a screening of “Touch The Sound,” a closed-captioned documentary which explores the connections among sound, rhythm, time, and the body by following percussionist Evelyn Glennie, who is nearly deaf. While a student, Evelyn Glennie learned that she was going deaf. Rather than abandon her study of music, in which she had shown talent, she turned her focus toward percussion instruments and developed her ability to feel the sound through her body. This documentary follows her as she performs in New York, Germany and Tokyo, sharing her insights into the nature of music and the ways in which we experience it. Following the screening, there will be a discussion, Q & A, and a short performance by Ms. Glennie.

*Monday, November 13 - 7:00 p.m.*

Toms River Branch of the Ocean County Library,  
101 Washington Street, Toms River, NJ 08753  
Info: (732)349-6200 Voice



## **TWO ROOMS - A PLAY BY LEE BLESSING**

**NOVEMBER 19, 2006, 2 P.M.**

*ASL interpreted and Audio-Described.*

Performances (November 10 - 19) will be in Kean University's  
The Little Theatre, Kean University Center

The two rooms of the title are a windowless cubicle in Beirut where an American hostage is being held by Arab terrorists and a room in his home in the United States, which his wife has stripped of furniture so that, at least symbolically, she can share his ordeal. Provocative and compelling, this arresting work deals with a subject much in the minds of contemporary society - the taking of innocent hostages by political terrorists.

Zella Fry Theatre, VE 118, Kean University,  
1000 Morris Avenue,  
Union, NJ 07083

Ticket prices: \$10 Students; \$12 Kean faculty, staff, alumni, senior citizens; \$15 general public

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## HOLIDAY DINNER PARTY

Holy Spirit Church, Basement, 580 Hazel-Brace Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ

**Hot Buffet Dinner with Desserts, Beverages  
Prizes, 50-50, Banknote**

**Sunday, November 26, 12:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.**

**Admission: \$28**

Deadline: November 17, no refunds, no one under 18 may attend

Make check or money order to: Ron Krushenski,  
PO Box 85, Barnegat, NJ 08005

## *Poetry Reading*

The Distinguished Poets Series of the Poetry Center at Passaic County Community College will present a poetry reading by Nick Flynn and David Tucker at the Hamilton Club Building, 32 Church Street, Paterson, NJ

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2006 AT 1:00 P.M.**

An open reading and reception will follow.

Admission is free. A sign language interpreter will be present.

A poetry writing workshop is scheduled with Nick Flynn and David Tucker at 10:00 a.m. at the Hamilton Club. Fee: \$10.00.

Pre-registration is required.

For information, please call the Poetry Center at 973 684-6555 or visit [www.pccc.edu/poetry](http://www.pccc.edu/poetry).

*Maria Mazziotti Gillan is the Executive Director of the Poetry Center.*

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NEW JERSEY REGISTRY OF INTERPRETERS FOR THE DEAF  
IN ASSOCIATION WITH BERGEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE,  
DIVISION OF THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING  
AND DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IS PROUD TO PRESENT:

## *“Shifting Signs: Navigating Language, Role and Expectations in Mental Health Settings”*

Presenter: Molly R. Wilson, CI

This presentation will bring the audience inside the experience of interpreting in various mental health settings. Where will an interpreter work in mental health? How do these settings differ from “regular” interpreting assignments? What language issues can an interpreter expect to face? What if an interpreter does not understand the deaf patient? How does an interpreter work with someone with affected, broken or non-existent language? How does the interpreter convey what they are seeing to a doctor or clinician so they can understand what the interpreter understands? What about transference? What skill set is needed? These questions and many more will be addressed over the course of an hour and a half presentation.

### THE WORKSHOP WILL BE DIVIDED INTO THREE PARTS:

**Language** - How to handle unknown or unrecognized signs, non manual behavior, hallucinations, pressured language, is organized language

**Role** - What role is played in psychiatric sessions, therapy, group and individual, emergency situations/ Crisis Intervention, intake screenings, treatment teams, inpatient vs. outpatient settings,

**Expectations** - Understanding expectations from patients/clients, doctors and clinicians, other interpreters, residential staff, vocational staff

Participants should leave with a better understanding of how to navigate the complexities of a psychiatric session, as well as develop strategies for specific situations and practical tips for, and practice in, applying those strategies in their work. It is be open to all interpreting levels and to non-signing mental health professionals.

Also presenting is Carol Uckar, CI and Peggy Harris. Carol is a seasoned professional with 25 years experience as a service provider and advocate for individuals with disabilities, with a specialty in deaf and hard of hearing consumers, individuals with developmental disabilities and psychiatric disabilities. Presently serving as director of ACCESS-Barnert Hospital, Paterson, NJ.

### Meeting/Workshop Information

Date: December 9, 2006

General Meeting: 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Lunch: 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.

Keynote and Workshops: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Place: Bergen Community College; Technology Building;

400 Paramus Road; Paramus, NJ

(Parking in Lot B)



Send registration (check payable to NJRID) to: NJRID, 16 Anna St., Fords, NJ 08863

Registration deadline (for workshop/lunch): November 30, 2006. NJRID is an RID-approved sponsor of Continuing Education Units in the CMP and ACET programs. The workshop is worth .4 CEU's in the Professional Studies category, and the level of instruction is Intermediate. For directions to location - <http://www.bergen.edu/pages/1690.asp>

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## FOUNDATIONS FOR DEAF INTERPRETERS

Presented By: **Betty M. Colonomos**, MCSC

Hosted By: **The New Jersey Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing**

**When:** February 15 to 17, 2007

**Time:** Feb 15<sup>th</sup> 1p.m.-4 p.m., Feb 16<sup>th</sup> 8a.m-4pm, Feb 17<sup>th</sup> 8a.m.-12p.m.

**Where:** NJ Library for the Blind and Handicapped

2300 Stuyvesant Avenue, Trenton, NJ 08618

<http://www.njlbh.org/>

**Cost:** *FREE*, but must register before December 1, 2006

*Light refreshments will be served*



### **1.2 CEU's will be awarded!**

NJRID is an RID-approved sponsor of Continuing Education Units in the CMP. This workshop is worth **1.2** CEU's in the Professional Studies category, and the level of instruction is Introductory to Intermediate.

***SPACE IS LIMITED TO 21 PARTICIPANTS!!!***

***(First come, first served)***

### **Presentation Description:**

This widely acclaimed training focuses on components of the Colonomos (integrated) Model of Interpreting in a low stress, highly interactive environment. From this workshop, participants will: Be introduced to an integrated model of interpreting that can be practiced in mentored situations. Process equivalent messages in ASL and English through graduated texts and activities in the consecutive mode of interpreting. Develop tools for understanding and improving their own internal processes. Develop language necessary to discuss the interpreting task with each other and integrate strategies for continuing their own improvement. The curriculum and materials for this training have been adapted to the requirements and need of CDI's or Deaf people interested in the interpreting process.

**Special Requirements:** This workshop is only for Deaf interpreters and/or Deaf community members wishing to develop similar language processing skills or to learn more about the interpreting process

**Attention NJ Teachers:** DDHH is a registered NJ Professional Development Provider. **12** Professional Development hours can be accrued by participating in this workshop.

**Note:** This workshop will exclusively be conducted in American Sign Language. Voice interpretation will not be provided. **Participants must attend all three days and complete any pre-readings.**

**For more information, further details, registration form, etc., contact Todd R. Olsen:**

The New Jersey Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing: e-mail [todd.olsen@dhs.state.nj.us](mailto:todd.olsen@dhs.state.nj.us), Phone (609) 984-7283 V/TTY or (800) 792-8339 V/TTY, or (609) 984-0390 Fax



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## North Jersey Community Center of the Deaf, Inc. Children's Christmas and Chanukah Party



**St. John's Lutheran Church, 810 Broad Street, Clifton, NJ**  
**Saturday, December 2, 2006 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**



Each ticket is entitled to free food and juice for everyone,  
gifts, dancing and holiday fun!

Santa will visit and present gifts and pictures to all kids.

Magic Bob and Kids Comedy Magician & World's Greatest Balloon Animals

Members \$ 8, non-members \$ 10, children under 11 - free.

No tickets can be purchased at door. Order tickets in advance by mail before November 22, 2006.

Why? Because Santa Claus needs time to work in his workshop with his helpers. To help Santa Claus, provide information for ages of boys and girls with your ticket order. Send check or money order payable to NJCCD, Inc. and mail to Dawn La-Catena-Nelson, 406 Prospect Ave., Apt. 4E, Hackensack, NJ 07601. Info, contact Dawn at UnicGrnys05@aol.com or visit [www.njccd.org/xmas\\_2006.htm](http://www.njccd.org/xmas_2006.htm).

**It's the  
Holiday  
Season!**

**ATLANTIC COUNTY SOCIETY OF THE DEAF**  
VFW, 601 N. Dorest Avenue, Ventnor, NJ 08406  
Saturday, November 18, 7:00 pm

General Meeting

Dingo, 50/50, Banknite

Admission: Members \$6, Non-members \$8  
and Christmas Dinner Saturday, December 9, 6 p.m.

Reservations only! No tickets sold at door.

Deadline: December 4, No refunds, Party dress-up (no jeans),  
Adults only!

Buffet style by Tasty Buds catering - hot roast beef, meatballs,  
baked ziti, chicken parm, rolls tossed salad with dressing,  
sheet cake, coffee & wine

Donation: Member - \$18, Non member - \$22

Make money order/check payable to and mail: Atlantic County  
Society of the Deaf, C/O Christmas Dinner, PO Box, 3088, Margate, NJ 08402  
Info: ACSD66@aol.com, Chairperson: Russell & Lesley Jobes

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## Meeting, Social Night, and Election of New Officers

**Saturday, November 10, 2006**

Members please attend - we need your support!

Doors open at 8:00 p.m. Members free; non-members \$4. Refreshments will be sold (alcoholic beverages are not served). Everyone is welcomed, including sign language students. Held at St. Peter's Episcopal Church 215 Boulevard, Mountain Lakes, NJ. For info or directions: [www.nwjad.org](http://www.nwjad.org) or [nwjad@nwjad.org](mailto:nwjad@nwjad.org).



## NWJAD Proudly Announces 20th Anniversary 20th Anniversary Holiday Banquet and New Year's Eve Party

**Two Parties! Same Night!**

With John Maucere! (Deaf Jay Leno)

Generously sponsored by NJ Relay with DJ Supalee!  
(USA's Famous Deaf, Awesome DJ!)

Dinner buffet and comedy show with John Maucere  
Dancing and great door prizes

**When:** Sunday, December 31, 2006

**Time:** 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

**Where:** Sheraton Parsippany Hotel

(Formerly Tara Hotel) 99 Smith Road, Parsippany, NJ 07054

For hotel room reservation, call soon, rates will go up. Call 888-627-8148 Voice and mention NWJAD for the rate.

**Cost:** Before November 30, 2006: \$80 per person; \$150 per couple.  
December 1 to December 15, 2006: \$90 per person; \$170 per couple.

Contact: Co-chairs - Joey Garth & Diane Montemorano at; [cochairs@nwjad.org](mailto:cochairs@nwjad.org)

To register you can also fill out the form at  
<http://www.nwjad.org/holiday2006.html>.

Checks payable to: NWJAD, Inc. Mail check with registration form to:  
Tom Montemorano 52 Heritage Court Towaco, NJ 07082

Sorry, No Refunds.

For info, directions: [www.nwjad.org](http://www.nwjad.org)

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## New Jersey Black Deaf Advocates

Thanksgiving Dinner Party

**WHEN:** Saturday, November 18, 2006

**WHERE:** KatManDU (Restaurant/Club),

50 Riverview Executive Park

(Route 29) - Trenton, NJ

[www.katmandu.com](http://www.katmandu.com)

**TIME:** 6:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. (Dinner is served 7:00 p.m. sharp & after 11:00 p.m. night club)

**COST:** \$40 per adult (includes buffet, beverages, and night club.)

**DRESS CODE:** Must dress to impress.

**PAYMENT DEADLINE:** November 10, 2006 - space limited to 50 people!

*The true measure of our Thanksgiving is not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them.* Please come and join us in celebrating this festive Thanksgiving dinner party.

Directions: Take New Jersey Turnpike Exit 7A to 195 W. Continue approximately 5 miles. Rte 195 ends and becomes 129/29. Follow signs for Rte. 29/ Lambertville (New Tunnel).

Continue through the tunnel and at second light, make a left into KatManDu parking lot which has free parking.

Contact: [NJBDA23@yahoo.com](mailto:NJBDA23@yahoo.com)



## DDHH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

January 26, 2007

9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

East Brunswick Library

2 Jean Walling Civic Center,

East Brunswick, NJ 08816

RSVP to DDHH 800-792-8339 Voice/TTY

Open to the public

# Calendar of Events 2007

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**DDHH Office Closed**  
**Election, Veteran's and Thanksgiving Day November 7, 10, and 23,**  
**and Christmas, December 25**  
**Regular Office Hours Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

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