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NJ Black Deaf Advocates Host 2012 Eastern Regional Conference

By Pam Cody

The 4th Biennial Eastern Regional Conference, themed “Our Future is in Our Hands,” was hosted this year by the New Jersey chapter of the Black Deaf Advocates (NJBDA). The preparation for the conference was a collaborative effort of the Eastern Regional Chapters which include New York City (NYCBDA), Philadelphia (PCBDA), and Washington, D.C (DCABDA). The conference was held at the Holiday Inn in South Plainfield, N.J. from Friday July 13 to Sunday July 15. The three-day event commenced on Friday with an opening reception hosted by Coordinator Adrienne Jennings of the NYCBDA. Upon completion of her remarks, Ms. Jennings introduced Fred Beam, the Eastern Regional Representative. Mr. Beam’s greetings were followed by encouraging words from Benro Ogunyipe, President of the National Black Deaf Advocates (NBDA). The reception concluded with greetings from Debra Fuller-Fleetwood, Chairperson of the Eastern Regional Conference and John Lewis, Co-Chairperson and President of NJBDA. Ms. Fuller-Fleetwood and Mr. Lewis welcomed all present. The reception was

immediately followed by an enjoyable evening of storytelling, comedy, poetry and skits titled “Aunt Martha and Friends” by the esteemed professor of Gallaudet University, Laurene Simms, Ph.D. Dr. Simms, while donning a blond wig, chose to perform her story without interpreters, allowing the viewers to experience ASL in its purest art form.

When NJDBA put out the word that it was in need of volunteer interpreters, several organizations responded. Thanks to such generous organizations as the New Jersey Division of Deaf and Hard of Hearing (NJDDHH), which sponsored two interpreters for both the workshops and the evening program, as well as the National Alliance of Black Interpreters (NAOBI), who sponsored a team of five interpreters, led by the organization’s president Kathleen Taylor. Other generous sponsors included Gallaudet University, New Jersey State Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Marie H. Katzenbach School for the Deaf, and Harris Communications. In addition, NJBDA received volunteer interpreter assistance from the New Jersey Registry of Deaf Interpreters (NJRID) and 360 Translations International, Inc. by way

of reaching out to the volunteers who responded to our need.

Saturday’s festivities began with vendors and exhibitors demonstrating their products. Adhering to their mission to promote leadership and advocacy in the Black Deaf community, the conference offered a broad spectrum of workshops covering varied topics from ballroom dancing and sex education, to advocacy and legal rights for Deaf people. In order to facilitate the flow of information to all who attended, both Deaf and hearing, all workshops were manned by certified interpreters.

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Director's Corner

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

The DDHH is pleased to announce its collaboration with the New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired, and The College of New Jersey to implement the National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution project in New Jersey (NJDBEDP). Funding for this project was obtained in part from the Twenty First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010, Section 105, relay services for individuals who are Deaf-Blind.

Most Americans can choose from a wide selection of digital and Internet-based voice, text and video communication methods to meet their individual needs. Until now, however, accessibility barriers have prevented many people who are Deaf-Blind from enjoying these benefits. This collaborative program is intended to change that.

The goal of the NJDBEDP is to ensure that low-income residents of New Jersey, who are Deaf-Blind, will receive the specialized equipment needed to effectively access telecommunications services, internet services and advanced communication services. This will be accomplished by identifying eligible individuals, meeting with them to assess their technology and communications needs, purchasing appropriate equipment and training the individual in its use.

This is indeed a very exciting project for New Jersey that will positively impact the quality of life for the Deaf-Blind community enabling individuals to be independent, productive, safe and secure. For further information, please contact the DDHH.

We Welcome Your Articles and Ads

The Monthly Communicator is published 11 times per year. Deadline for submissions for the November issue is October 1 and should be e-mailed to: monthlycommunicator@dhs.state.nj.us.

The deadline for the Monthly Communicator is the first of the month for the next month.

Kindly follow these guidelines for submissions:

- Should be less than two pages
- Plain font, such as NY Times #11 or similar
- Type flush left, no tabs
- No art imbedded within
- Send as Word attachment or an e-mail itself, no PDF
- Art, logos, photos may be sent as attached JPG
- Submissions are not normally repeated
- Content should be of interest to readers, events should be accessible to people with hearing loss, no direct selling products, but educational info about new technology acceptable
- Editor has discretion regarding editing, without final approval of submitter

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Letters to the Editor

DDHH Continues Equipment Distribution Program

The DDHH has begun its *21st Annual Equipment Distribution Program*. The following are the statistics for the numbers of devices given to New Jersey residents during State Fiscal Year 2012 (July 1 – June 30). If you are interested in applying for the program and to see if you may be eligible go to www.nj.gov/humanservices/ddhh/equipment/, or call our office at 609-984-7281.

- TTY/Voice Carry Over/Hearing Carry Over/Amplified Phones = 287**
- Artificial Larynx Devices = 23**
- Smoke Detectors with strobe = 157**
- Carbon Monoxide Detectors with strobe = 137**
- Baby Cry Alerts = 12**
- CapTel Phones (800 and 800i) = 209**



In July I retired from eight years at Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital. I interned there for my Clinical Pastoral Education requirement for ordination. I was hired as a chaplain for the deaf unit in 2006.

Because I was born hearing, became hard of hearing and then profoundly deaf, I could relate to a wide variety of communications among patients. My own signing is Pidgin which combines the structure of English with ASL signs. The patients communication ranged from finger spelling to PSE to ASL to mime.

On one occasion when a patient was ill and non-responsive I signed “if you can understand me wink.” And he winked!

Every day brought new challenges and solutions. It was always interesting. I am

grateful for the eight years of my life journey shared with the patients at Greystone.

I look forward to continuing my work as a deaf deacon in the Episcopal Church.

Deacon Sheila Shuford

Eastern Regional Conference *continued*



Saturday evening festivities began with a delicious dinner and the announcement of the newly elected 2014 Eastern Regional Representative, Kimberly Lucas (NYCDBA). Guest speakers for the evening included NBDA President Benro Ogunyipe, followed by keynote speaker, Dr. Simms, who reminded everyone present that they should remember the theme of the conference, “Our Future is in

Our Hands.” An array of entertainment followed dinner, which started with the performance of the Harlem Independent Living Center Signing Choir, led by Banquet Coordinator Patrice Creamer, followed by a solo dance performance by Nathalie Pluvoise. The final performance was by The Wild Zappers/National Deaf Dance Theater, highlighted by the ballroom dance performance by Ms. Pluvoise



and Fred Beam. Immediately after the entertainment, the dance floor was opened to the delight of everyone present. The dance floor remained full from the opening dance, “Electric Slide” to the “Soul Train” line which afforded everyone an opportunity to showcase their individual talents. A good time was had by all, and everyone said that they are looking forward to the 2014 conference.



Potential Dangers of Button Batteries

By Traci Burton, *Field Representative*

Button batteries, or button cells, are found in just about every home as technology plays a large role in our lives. They can be found in hearing aids, cochlear implants, digital thermometers, musical greeting cards, key fobs, flashing jewelry and shoes, assistive listening devices and the list goes on. If swallowed they can cause great harm, even be fatal. Children in particular may be attracted to them as they are small and shiny and fit easily into little hands – and mouths.



WARNING

The number of cases of children swallowing button batteries has greatly increased in recent years. Sometimes the battery is swallowed easily. Sometimes it gets stuck in the esophagus and this is when the most dangerous issues can occur. The saliva helps to create an electrical current and chemical burn in as little as two hours; this occurs even if the battery is not leaking or damaged.

A child who has swallowed a button cell may initially appear to have a

cold or the flu. In the following days more severe symptoms will appear, such as coughing blood. If your child swallows a button battery, go to the emergency room immediately and do not wait for it to pass. Do not induce vomiting or allow your child to eat or drink. Also, watch for symptoms such as fever, coughing, belly or chest pain and wheezing.

Awareness is part of prevention. Talk about this concern with neighbors, friends and family. Know where the batteries are in your house, keeping in mind items such as digital

bathroom scales that are on the floor and in easy reach. Do not change batteries in front of small children and properly dispose of them. Keep as many as possible out of reach of children and seek help immediately should a button cell be swallowed.

For more information, contact the National Battery Ingestion Hotline at 202-625-3333 or your poison center at 1-800-222-1222.

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

Lawyer and Daughter Study ASL

By Morris Leo Greb, Esq.

About 30 years ago, I was retained as the attorney for the Deaf Contact Center, to assist the Deaf community. Little did I know then that my grandson, born seven years ago, would be Deaf. I had many thoughts about my role as the grandfather. In all honesty, some were good and some were not. However, the overarching thought was that I must be able to communicate meaningfully with him.



My daughter decided that this event opened many new avenues to pursue. The most important one was her desire to become a certified ASL interpreter. After much research, she decided to study with Dr. Eileen Forestal at Union County College. Wow, I realized that this is what would help me become conversant in ASL. I enrolled, but did not matriculate, as an audit student. Both my daughter and I were very excited as we would be going to college together. September 2012, I will be starting my third year at UCC.

One of the important eye openers for me was learning the paucity of services for the Deaf community. I have been a volunteer for many different social services; i.e., the Deaf Contact Center, Morris County Fair Housing Counsel, my synagogue, Faith Kitchen (a free meal program at Trinity

Lutheran Church, Dover), as well as a political and environmental volunteer.

My education started at Boston Latin School, Boston MA, from which I graduated in 1960, four years later I graduated from Boston University College of Liberal Arts with a bachelor's degree in government and history. I continued my education at Rutgers University School of Law graduating in 1967 and receiving a JD (Juris Doctor) degree. During my educational career, I have studied the following languages: English, of course; Latin; French; German; Spanish; Russian; Hebrew; and ASL. Since graduation, I have been continuously practicing law in Morris and Sussex Counties. I have also taught business and paralegal courses at the County College of Morris.

My goal is to provide efficient legal services at reasonable cost to the Deaf community.

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HLA-NJ News and Views

A Monthly Column from The Hearing Loss Association of NJ

By Peter Yerkes, *Trustee, HLA-NJ*

Walk4Hearing - Walk For Fun

Walk To Raise Money For People With Hearing Loss

October 13, 2012

Registration 9 a.m. Walk begins 10 a.m.

Mercer County Park West

West Windsor, NJ

www.walk4hearing.org



Ask a dozen people why they like the Walk4Hearing, and you get a dozen different answers.

Some say it's fun to be out-of-doors in a beautiful park. Some talk about the pleasure of being with other people with hearing loss, to share stories and coping strategies.

And some, like Lauren Harman, enjoy creating a team to share the experience—and to raise money for the Hearing Loss Association of New Jersey and its national parent organization, the Hearing Loss Association of America. **Walk4Hearing** is New Jersey's biggest and best fundraiser for programs and services that help people with hearing loss.

Starting a team can sound difficult, and some people feel awkward about asking friends and family for money. So I asked Lauren Harman, creator and captain of "Team Lexi," how she made her team such a success.

She started small, she said. She thought it would be a fun family activity to support her daughter, Lexi, who has hearing loss. They could walk together, and make a family donation. (To learn details of registering a team, go to http://hlaa.convio.net/site/TR?fr_id=2000&pg=entry. Or visit www.walk4hearing.org and follow the prompts).

"I signed up my family of four," she said. "Then I started mentioning to family and friends that we were going to do the Walk. I was completely taken aback by the amount of support."

Everyone, it seemed, wanted to know how they could take part. So Lauren explained how to use www.walk4hearing.org to join her team.

That opens the door to participating

in the 5K walk (3.1 miles) and to the fun of meeting new people, snacking on hot dogs and sodas and taking part in face painting and other activities for kids.

"If their schedule doesn't permit them to join in the Walk, I invite them to show their support through a donation." She also uses social media, such as Facebook and Twitter to spread the word.

Thanks to the hard work of Lauren Harman and others, the NJ Walk4Hearing raised \$52,000 last year. Sandy Spekman is another team-builder who had to overcome feeling awkward about reaching out for donations. "When I first started walking, I just walked," says Sandy Spekman. "I didn't want to ask people for donations. I didn't like doing that." But the more she thought about it, the more reasons she found to ask people to join her team, "Hear Ye! Hear Ye," or at least to send a donation. She thought of programs such as scholarships for college freshmen with hearing loss, and HLA-NJ's success in bringing captions to live theaters in New York and New Jersey, in advocating for people with hearing loss in Trenton and in public education.

So she began telling people about the Walk, and about the importance of helping people with hearing loss.

"The more we bring in, the more we can do to eradicate the stigma of hearing loss," she says.

For Jennifer Vistoso, the team started as a family tradition and took off from there as the family spread the word to friends and relatives. "Every year, our team grows. We have special team shirts made and the kids look

forward to getting their faces painted, and to bouncing in the bounce house."

This year, her team has a new member: Gabriella Vistoso.

It's doubtful she will be walking, though. At the end of July, Gabriella was only 3 ½ months old. Maybe in 2013.

Wayne Roorda, this year's Walk chair, hopes more and more people will follow the example of Sandy Spekman, Lauren Harman and Jennifer Vistoso. Even if you don't form a team, Wayne says, he hopes people will come or donate.

"It is fun...and you get to meet people and perhaps to renew friendships from the past," he says. "We have been able to raise awareness of hearing loss issues throughout the state."

To learn more, view the new **Walk4Hearing** movie at the [Walk4Hearing.org](http://www.Walk4Hearing.org) website.

To learn more about HLA-NJ and our scholarship program and the new Assistive Device Demo Center at Montclair State University, please contact Arlene Romoff at info@hearingloss-nj.org.

We also invite you to visit our website at www.hearingloss-nj.org, or to attend one of our local chapter meetings in Bergen, Monmouth/Ocean or Middlesex County, and our newest Morris County chapter. Dates, places and times for chapter meetings are available from info@hearingloss-nj.org.



AN IMMERSION WEEKEND: A HANDS-ON WORKSHOP IN BECOMING A CDI

	Dates	Location	Description
PART 1	Friday, September 28th (7pm-10pm) Saturday, September 29th (9am-4pm) Sunday, September 30th (9am-12pm)	Union County College 1033 Springfield Ave. Cranford, NJ 07016 <i>*Room numbers TBD</i> <i>*Lunch on your own</i>	The workshop will provide an overview of the field of interpreting and Deaf interpreting; identification of responsibilities and requisite skills and aptitudes; professionalism, current and evolving roles of Deaf Interpreters. The workshop will also discuss and explain the processes of becoming an interpreter; sociolinguistic trends and issues as well as ethics and ethical issues and decision making related to ethics and RID's Code of Professional Conduct.
PART 2	Saturday, October 27th (9am-4pm) Sunday, October 28th (9am-4pm)	Union County College 40 West Jersey Street Elizabeth, NJ 07206 <i>*Room numbers TBD</i> <i>*Lunch on your own</i>	The workshop will be a continuation of Part 1 with on-going development of foundational and advanced skills in processing, discourse mapping and analysis, language and cultural mediating. Participants will have opportunities to work on sight translation, consecutive, simultaneous and mirror

Attendance for both parts REQUIRED2.4 CEUs (professional studies)****

Eileen Forestal, Ph.D., RSC: Eileen is now in her 34th year as Coordinator and Professor of ASL and Deaf Studies and ASL-English Interpreting Programs at Union County College in New Jersey. Her Ph.D. is from Capella University, with a specialization in Postsecondary Education and Adult Learning. The title of her dissertation is Deaf interpreters: Exploring their processes of interpreting. She holds a B.A. degree in Sociology from the University of Missouri and a M.Ed. from Western Maryland College in Deaf Education. She is a certified Deaf Interpreter with RSC from Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc. Eileen has a Certificate in Teaching ASL/Interpreting from University of Colorado and a certificate in Master Mentor Program from Northeastern University. She has been a member of NCIEC's Deaf Interpreter Work Team since its inception in 2006. Eileen is a nationwide consultant and trainer on ASL, ASL Discourse and Prosody, Deaf Interpreters, Deaf-Hearing Interpreter Teams, Mentoring and interpreting-related topics. Her chapter on the research, "The Emerging Professionals: Deaf Interpreters and Their Views and Experiences on Training" was published in *Interpreting and Interpreter Education: Directions for Research and Practice*, 2005. She co-authored an article, *Teaching and Learning Using the Demand Control Schema*, published in *RID 2007 Pre-Conference Meeting*, 2008. Also Eileen was co-writer and co-director with three others for a DVD production, *Deaf Interpreting: Team Strategies*, through Gallaudet University's Academic Technology TV & Media Production Services, Graduate School and Professional Programs (2006).

****All personal checks must be postmarked by September 14, 2012.****

After September 14th **only** money orders and certified checks will be accepted when registering via mail.

No on-site registration.

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NJ Now Offers SSP Services

By Katherine Gabry, SSP-NJ Program Director

SSP services are now available throughout New Jersey to assist persons who are Deaf-Blind in participating in the communities where they live and work. The philosophy of Support Service Providers of NJ (SSP-NJ) is grounded in the assumption that all people are created equal and that human relationships thrive when the community is accessible to all. With this goal in mind, SSPs provide visual and environmental information, human guide, and access to communication so that a person who is deafblind can make his own informed decisions.

SSP-NJ is a collaborative effort between the New Jersey Commission for the Blind & Visually Impaired/NJ Department of Human Services and The College of New Jersey. Because the program is supported by federal vocational rehabilitation funds, we support the state's deafblind residents in activities related to employment, such as preparing for, finding and keeping a job. A wide variety of activities supports this goal of employment, including looking for a job, staying healthy, maintaining a home, and participating in community-based activities and peer support groups. SSPs accompany persons who are deafblind, but they do not drive them.

"We're excited that the program is available to promote independence for New Jersey's Deaf-Blind residents," says Dr. Jerry Petroff, principal investigator of the program at The College of New Jersey. SSP-NJ staff includes Program Manager David Rims, Program Director Katherine Gabry, and Administrative Assistant Dot Loesch.

SSP-NJ services are for self-directed adults who are eligible for vocational rehabilitation services from the New Jersey Commission for the Blind & Visually Impaired. Candidates for this service must be capable of directing and managing an SSP. Eligible participants receive 16 hours of SSP services each month. There is no charge to eligible consumers for our services, although they are required to carry workers compensation insurance to protect the safety of their



SSPs while on the job. This insurance costs \$32 per year.

Those who use the services select and schedule their own SSPs, and rate their satisfaction on every SSP assignment. "We started as a pilot program in July 2009," explains Dr. Petroff. "Since then, we have processed more than 800 SSP assignments, with a 99.9 percent satisfaction rating, which points to the high level of commitment on the part of both our Deaf-Blind program participants and our SSPs."

SSPs are trained professionals. They must pass a criminal background check and complete a 10-hour, 3-module training program, which includes training by trainers who are Deaf-Blind. They are also required to continue their professional development each year. SSPs must be flexible, personable, patient and ready to adapt their skills to the needs of the deafblind individual. The way the SSP utilizes her skills is paramount to promoting independence for the individual who is Deaf-Blind.

When is a person considered "Deaf-Blind"?

Many people think that a person who is "Deaf-Blind" can't see or hear anything; however, that is not necessarily true. The New Jersey Commission for the Blind & Visually

Impaired describes "an individual who is Deaf-Blind" as one who:

1. Has a visual acuity of 20/70 or worse in the better eye with corrective lenses, or a visual field of no greater than 40 degrees (fully sighted people have a field range of 180 degrees), or a progressive visual loss with the prognosis being one or both of these conditions; and
2. Has a chronic hearing impairment so severe that most speech cannot be understood with optimum amplification, or a progressive hearing loss that has a prognosis leading to this condition; and
3. For the combination of these impairments causes extreme difficulty in attaining independence in daily life activities, achieving psychosocial adjustment or obtaining a vocation

If you would like more information about SSP-NJ services, or if you are interested in signing up for SSP services or working as an SSP, please contact us at ssp.nj.tcnj@gmail.com or call 609-771-2587.

Qualifications to Use SSP Services

- An adult (over the age of 18 and out of the K-12 school system)
- Eligible for services from the New Jersey Commission for the Blind & Visually Impaired
- Preparing for work, looking for work, maintaining work
- A New Jersey resident living in the community
- Capable of directing and managing an SSP

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Hackensack High School Program for the Deaf, BCSS Hosts Transition Breakfast

By Dr. Candi Mascia Reed, *Principal, Hackensack High School Program for the Deaf, Bergen County Special Services School District*

We feel that information is the key to success; therefore, our panel of former graduates will answer questions related to how they prepared for the work force and/or post-secondary education after graduating from high school.

On June 1, 2012, Hackensack High School Program for the Deaf, Bergen County Special Services School District, hosted a Transition Breakfast that featured past Deaf graduates from the BCSS Total Communication High School Program, formerly Midland Park High School, SHIP. Guest panelists included: Ms. Nancy Evaristo, 2003 graduate and currently a hairdresser for Cappelli E. Mani Designs in Springfield, Mr. Neil McDevitt, who joined his fellow panelists on SKYPE, is a graduate of Gallaudet University and a Disability Integration Communications Specialist with FEMA, Ms. Dana Sawyer Kennedy, a 2001 SHIP graduate with an Associates in Early Childhood Education from Bergen Community College, Ms. Eliana Castillo who holds a BA in Psychology from Montclair University, worked as a Residential Counselor and

currently works with deaf students at the Phoenix Center School in Nutley, Ms. Geeta Sagar and majored in Biology at CSUN – California State University, Northridge – and recently became a certified yoga instructor last year, and finally, Mr. Ken Chen, a 2005 graduate of Bergen Community College with an Associate’s Degree in Liberal Arts and a Master’s Degree in Physical Education currently working as a full time Residential Counselor for the Deaf in Paterson.

Our Keynote Speaker, Mr. Gary Mitchell, is a graduate of Gallaudet University with a Bachelor’s Degree in Communications Arts and a minor in Business Administration. He holds a Master’s Degree from NYU in Deafness Rehabilitation Counseling. Mr. Mitchell is currently a Counselor

for the New Jersey Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Passaic. Mr. Mitchell shared his personal philosophy with students and attendees: How did I get to the position I am in now - with a strong work ethic, education and good networking of friends. Also, I believe my past work history, education and experiences played a role in getting my foot in the door. Also, traveling, reading, and mentoring others to achieve their goals in life. ‘Disability’ is two words - Dis. or Ability - you can choose to let others control your life being a ‘disability’ individual, or you can choose to believe that you have the ‘ability’ to soar and show the world you can do it. We all face challenges and adversities in life.

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Coordinated by the HHS Teacher and Interpreter Team, invited middle school students from Union Street School came prepared with questions for the panelists and Mr. Mitchell as HHS seniors greeted panelists, invited guests, case managers, parents, and administrators.

Transition services, activities and opportunities provided to Deaf and Hard of Hearing students in the Hackensack High School, are coordinated within the design of a mainstream academic program. To see the HHS Program for the Deaf Four-Year Transition Plan of Activities, please contact: Dr. Candi Mascia Reed, principal, at canree@bergen.org; or BCSS Case Manager, Kellie Berkoff at kelber@bergen.org.



VSA New Jersey Seeking Authors for Statewide Writing Competition

The Unlimited Potential Theater Company (UPTCo), a project of VSA New Jersey (VSA/NJ), is seeking poems, essays, short stories and plays by New Jersey residents eighteen years of age or over for its 19th annual Joyce Indik New Jersey Wordsmith Competition. The contest is open to all writers, and submissions by writers with disabilities are especially encouraged. All works submitted will be juried by a panel of judges who are professionals in the fields of theater and/or literature. Selected works will be showcased at the New Jersey Readers' Theater in the Spring of 2013. The deadline for submissions is September 18, 2012.

VSA/NJ is a part of the international

VSA arts network, an affiliate of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and is dedicated to promoting the creative power of people with disabilities.

UPTCo is a project of VSA/NJ. Founded in 1978, VSA/NJ is a part of VSA, a program of The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Major funding for VSA New Jersey is provided in part by the



Middlesex County Cultural & Heritage Commission and NJ State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts and by funds from the National Endowment for the Arts as well as additional foundations and donors.

There is no entry fee for this competition. In lieu of a fee, a donation of any amount is welcomed and encouraged to cover the cost of the competition. To request an application or to receive additional information, contact VSA arts of New Jersey, 703 Jersey Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901; (732) 745-3885, (732) 745-3913 TTY or info@vsanj.org; www.vsanj.org.

New Jersey Disability Pride Parade and Celebration

By Carole Tonks

Executive Director, Alliance Center for Independence



On Friday, October 5, 2012, hundreds will gather for the 2012 New Jersey Disability Pride Parade & Celebration in downtown Trenton, New Jersey. The purpose of this parade is to bring people, organizations and businesses together to celebrate pride with the disability community and to promote the belief that disability is a natural and beautiful part of human diversity while generating national awareness for the disability community. We are relying solely on sponsorship and donor funds to cover the costs of this event and hope that you will partner with us by becoming a sponsor.

The second annual NJ Disability Pride Parade & Celebration is an excellent opportunity to market your business to a growing population of people with disabilities, their families, friends and supporters. In addition to supporting your community at a statewide event, your sponsorship will bring widespread visibility to your company through promotional materials, media attention and exhibitor space opportunities.

The NJ Disability Pride Parade & Celebration is organized and hosted by the Alliance Center for Independence (ACI) with the support of the statewide disability community. ACI is a 501(c)(3) community-based, grassroots organization that supports and promotes independent living for people with disabilities in Middlesex, Union and Somerset counties. Founded in 1986, ACI provides information and referral services and develops and implements educational programs and innovative activities that promote activism, peer support, health and wellness, employment and independent living skills for people with disabilities and their allies. Largely operated by individuals with disabilities

in collaboration with members of the neighboring community, ACI provides these services at little to no cost to individuals with all types of disabilities.

Thank you for considering becoming a sponsor for the 2012 NJ Disability Pride Parade & Celebration. We appreciate your support as we continue to fulfill our mission to support the rights of persons with disabilities while promoting disability pride.

Potential Agenda:

9:30 a.m. - Gather at the Statehouse

10:00 a.m. - Walk from Statehouse to Mill Hill Park

10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Entertainment / Celebration

A shuttle will be available back and forth from the train station. Interpreters will be provided by ASL Interpreter Referral Service, Inc.

Please visit www.njdisabilitypride.com for more details regarding this event. If you have any questions, please contact me at (732) 738-4388 or ctonks@adacil.org.

Struggles of Hearing Loss in College and the Workforce to Advocacy

By Jennifer Beilis

I always had my struggles with hearing loss in school and the work force. When I was going for my BA degree the hearing loss made it harder to learn as the material became more challenging. I used tape recorders and closed captioning back then. The college did not have closed captioning and wanted me to drive more than one hundred miles to watch the movies at home. I wrote an article to the editor and the college found a TV with closed captioning in the local high school. I used tutors to help me catch up to the pace of college so I would not fall behind in my studies.

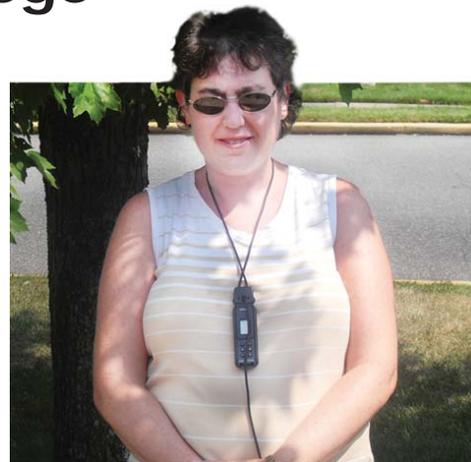
In graduate school my hearing loss started to plummet even more. I had a car accident that caused me to have vertigo which causes a fluctuating hearing loss every day. Over time it became harder for me to hear when others were speaking. In 1998, my dad suggested that I write to Mrs. Carol Granaldi, Past President of HLAA. She and I spoke through the computer for a year. When I had my one of my first conventions for HLAA we had become friends and she is my mentor to this day.

When attending HLAA's convention in New Orleans, my eyes opened up to learn about advocacy for hearing loss. I saw the following: flashing lights, hearing dogs, TTY'S, relay operators, and FM's for the use of school/work settings. In retrospect, I had stood up in front of many people and asked who wanted to pay for my Master's Degree or have a job for me. Out of the three people that approached me, Tim Cronin, DVR, informed me about NYU's Deafness Rehabilitation and Education program.

In graduate school, I learned about self-advocacy with hearing loss and used FM's, tape recorders, tutors and interpreters when needed. It became very hard for me to hear the other students so I used the interpreters to help me hear the them. In addition, I had a note taker to help me keep the pace of graduate school. The tutors were able to pinpoint the areas to help me catch up to my fellow students. Currently, I work for a community college in New Jersey teaching Psychology, Administration off Campus and Life Skills

(Developmentally Delayed Adults.) I have opened my own business; Jenny's Tutoring in the following areas: American Sign Language, English as a Second Language, Basic Skills, Special Needs, English and more. Throughout my entire college career I had tutors help me understand what the professor was teaching. I also have been involved in the HLAA and ALDA groups. It is very important to have support for your hearing loss should you want assistance to learn more about advocacy.

I believe that anyone with a hearing loss can indeed graduate from college and succeed in the work force. I utilize my hearing aid and FM (transmits sound from the person's voice directly to the hearing aid) when I teach or tutor. It is very crucial to be upfront with others about your hearing loss, for example: "Please speak slowly and clearly" will help. People feel at ease and are more helpful with information how to assist if need be. I have found my students and colleagues to be wonderful in helping me understand and hear what they are saying by repeating or writing down something. I have also used a microphone or had



changed classrooms if they were too noisy. Being a strong advocate for hearing loss will result in effective communication.

I am always eager to have new students to tutor. Please call or email me: Mrs. Jennifer Beilis (732)785-8337 or Jenny08520@aol.com. We can use SKYPE and or meet in Monmouth/Ocean County area. In addition, I am also looking for a full or part time position in the following areas: Education, Psychology, Special Needs, Basic Skills, and Administration etc. Thank you so much for reading my story and I thank everyone who helped me along my journey as well as the ability to advocate for others as well.

Sign Language Basics Class Offered

Sign language is the third most used language in the United States. The class objectives are to promote cultural awareness, and develop vocabulary and practical conversational skills. American Signs in straight English word order, with voice, is used in all classes.

Instructor: Rose Marie Johnston, RVCC Staff
CRN 10152

Wednesday, Oct 3 - Dec 12 ; 5:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. (No class on 11/ 21)

Course fee: \$160 (\$15 Reg., plus fees)

Sign Language Intermediate

This is a continuation of the Sign Language Basic course, introducing more vocabulary, grammar and comprehension skills.

Instructor: Christine Hogan, RVCC Staff
CRN 10153

Wednesday, Oct 3 - Dec 12; 5:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. (No class on 12/ 21)

Course fee: \$160 (\$15 Reg, plus fees)

For more info: Brenda Fisher
Office of College Advancement
Raritan Valley Community College
908-526-1200 ext. 8367

www.raritanval.edu/ce/ced/enrichment.html



County Executive Kathleen A. Donovan Announces Award Winner

Jim Thebery, M.A., CSW, Director of the Dept. of Human Services' Division on Disability Services, received the Innovator of the Year Award from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Kathleen A. Donovan announced. The award recognized the Divisions work establishing "Access for All Committees" in various communities. The event took place on the Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton, New Jersey.



From left to right: Don Ehman, NJ State Council on the Arts, Thomas E. Shaw, Director of the Mercer County Office on the Disabled, Jim Thebery, M.A., CSW, awardee, Jane Linter, Director, Bergen County Dept. of Human Services, Anne Schmidt, Administrative Assistant to Mr. Thebery and John McEwen, Exec. Director, New Jersey Theatre Alliance.

Communities such as Allendale, Ridgewood, Glen Rock, Tenafly, Hasbrouck Heights, Fort Lee, Fair Lawn, Bergenfield, Waldwick, Montvale, and Paramus have established Access for All Committees composed of town residents with disabilities and local officials, who work collaboratively with

the Mayor and Council to address issues of access within its boundaries. "Municipalities that have established Access Committees share experiences

and strategies that will ensure residents with various disabilities have access to municipal recreation and services," said Donovan. "This initiative provides access that benefits all residents."

"I am very much honored to receive this award and thank the Council for the Arts for this recognition," said Jim Thebery. "The Freeholders recently passed a resolution supporting this endeavor and another joint resolution from the Senate and Assembly has been created, as we turn to a statewide effort."

To receive additional information on creating such a committee in your community, please contact the division at 201-336-6500.

NJ AG BELL 2012 Fall Conference

Saturday, October 13, 2012

Literacy and Deafness

Listening and Spoken Language

Speaker - Lyn Robertson, Ph.D.

Associate Professor, Dept. of Education, Denison College

President, AG Bell Academy for Listening and Spoken Language



Today, children born deaf/hard of hearing can learn to read, write, sing, play musical instruments and can even learn more than one spoken language. This workshop will increase the knowledge and expertise of parents, teachers, and related professionals regarding learning to listen and speak in order to learn to read and write. The purpose of this workshop is to assist parents and professionals to understand their roles in preparing children for literacy.

PARENTS – PROFESSIONALS

Everyone is welcome! Discounts will apply to AG Bell members.

Contact: sschmidberger@optonline.net for registration materials.

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Registration

9:00 a.m. – 1:20 p.m. Conference

ASHA CEUs TBD LSLs CEUs TBD

4 Contact Hours for Continuing Education for New Jersey State Certification Renewal

Montclair State University 1515 Broad Street Bloomfield, New Jersey 07003

(Off campus audiology facility / easy to get to – plenty of parking!)

Hard of Hearing Hair Stylist Succeeds

I have spent all of my childhood being known as the hard of hearing girl, especially when I was the only one in school who needed an interpreter. My parents, teachers and friends always told me I could be whatever I wanted to be when I grew up - except anything that required listening, which leaves me with few choices. At least that's what I thought anyway.

I would express my concern to my family and they assured me I was smart and could communicate so well that I could do so many things and not limit myself. So I tried college, which wasn't bad because I interacted with others just like me so I wasn't alone. I ended up quitting with only one year left (I wanted to be a teacher) but I was so afraid I wouldn't be able to do it. Would the students take me seriously? Who knows what they will do or say when my back is turned? So I decided to do something I've always loved and have been doing all my life: hair.

It would be more one on one and include a mirror so I could see the person's lips at all times. Unfortunately, for

the first time ever, the school couldn't afford to pay an interpreter for me. So there I went, by myself, into the big, scary, world of hearing people.



It wasn't always easy, but I had some pretty awesome friends and teachers to help me and I did it! After graduating, I landed my first job at a salon as a shampoo girl and assistant. I struggled to deal with ignorant people as I explained that although there is something wrong with my ears, my hands and eyes are in perfect working condition.

Now, I have moved on to a more accepting environment and I look forward to be more than just a hard of hearing stylist, but a successful one. I hope to see a lot of hands flying in the air as I encourage deaf and hard of hearing individuals to join me for an experience in a relaxing environment where high end fashion meets affordability.

If anyone is interested please ask for Renee at Kraze Hair Salon, 208 N. White Horse Pike, Magnolia, NJ 08049. Visit our website www.krazesalon.com or call 856-240-1619.

Thanks for your support!

**Come Celebrate the
Metropolitan Asian Deaf Association's
10th Anniversary**
Saturday, November 3, 2012
7 p.m.-11 p.m.
The Palisadium
700 Palisadium Drive
Cliffside Park, NJ 07010
Overlooking the New York City skyline and the Hudson River

All are invited! Enjoy a festive celebration with a delicious Korean Buffet.

ADMISSION: \$75 before October 15, 2012 Free for children under 5 years old

Payment must be received by October 15, 2012 No tickets will be sold at the door!

DRESS ATTIRE: No Jeans/T-Shirt/Sneakers!

Entertainment ♦ Prizes ♦ 50/50 Raffle

For more information: Contact Candice Hsu at candicehsu@gmail.com

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Metropolitan Asian Deaf Association 10th Anniversary Celebration

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE: _____

EMAIL: _____ TOTAL: \$ _____

Please make a check payable to "MADA"-RSVP by October 15

Be sure to put the memo "MADA 10th Celebration on your check.

Mail to Tina Tolentino, MADA Registration Coordinator, 3 Primrose Lane Apt 1P, Fords, NJ 08863

Interpreted 12 Step Meetings in New Jersey



Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - A Twelve Step meeting for people to share their experience, strength, and hope in an effort to overcome their misuse of alcohol. There are no dues or fees. The only requirement to attend is a desire to stop drinking.



Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - A Twelve Step meeting for people to share their experience, strength and hope in an effort to overcome their misuse of drugs. There are no dues or fees. The only requirement to attend is a desire to stop using drugs.



Twelve Step Meeting (12 SM) - A Twelve Step Meeting using the principles of Alcoholics Anonymous to address the problems of addictive behavior. There are 12 Step Meetings for addiction to alcohol, specific drugs, gambling, compulsive shopping, overeating, etc.



Al-anon meetings are 12 Step Meetings for people who are effected by a loved ones addictive behavior.

12 Step Meeting Access for Hard of Hearing and Late Deafened

There is a FM Loop System available at the-Al-an Club, Cass St. Trenton, NJ for all 12 step meetings. SOS has a FM system available to loan recovering persons or meeting places. Call SOS office to request other communication access services

North Jersey Area

Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
Assembly of God Church,
30 Manning Ave
Butler, NJ
AA : O, SP, NS, I

Central Jersey Area

Monday, 7 p.m.
Hightstown Women's Meeting
First Union Methodist Church
198 Stockton Street
AA: C, Women Only, I

Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Nar-Anon Mercer County
Lexington Sq. Office Park
2117 Route 33 "Faith,
Hope & Inspiration"
O , I

Tuesday, 8 p.m.

Lost and Found
Lawrenceville Road Pres. Church
1039 Lawrenceville Road
AA: O, SD, I

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

Big Book
Al-An Club, Trenton
761 Cass Street, 2nd floor
AA: NS, O, I

Thursday 8 p.m.

St. Paul United Church of Christ
62 South Main Street
(School Bldg Behind The Church)
Milltown, NJ
(732-828-0020)
AA: I, O, SP, NS, W

Friday, 8 p.m.

Plainsboro Women's Meeting
500 Plainsboro Road
AA: W, C, BB, I

South Jersey Area

Friday 7:30 p.m.
Southern Ocean County Hospital
Route 72
Manahawkin, NJ
AA: I, O, D

Sunday 7:30 p.m.

Southern Ocean County Hospital
Route 72
Manahawkin, NJ
AA: O, ST, I

For all additional meetings who would like an ASL interpreter provided, please contact Lisette or Amanda at Signs of Sobriety.

(voice) 609-882-7677

(vp) 877-899-0923

(tty) 800-332-7677

(email) info@signsofsobriety.org



Abbreviations:

O - Open (Everyone Welcome) **C** - Closed (For Alcoholics/Addicts only)

I - Interpreter provided for deaf members **ASL** - mtg. conducted in American Sign Language **D** - Discussion, **SP** - Speaker, **ST** - Step, **TP** - Topic,

B - Big Book or Beginner , **NS** - No Smoking, **WC** - Wheelchair Accessible

This 12 Step Meeting list was updated 10/08. If you have any questions, notice mistakes, or are aware of other 12 Step Support Groups that provide special communication access for the deaf and hard of hearing in the New Jersey area please notify Signs of Sobriety, Inc. If you plan to travel or are interested in 12 Step Meetings in other states please call SOS office at 609-882-7177. For more information visit our website at www.signsofsobriety.org.

To Arrange interpreter or communication services at a 12 Step meeting in your area email

Lisette Weiland at communication@signsofsobriety.org or call 609-882-7177-TTY

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Montclair State University offers Audiological Services



Montclair State University's Communications Sciences and Disorders department believes this is a good time to consider having your hearing tested and determine if you are one of the estimated 28 million Americans who have a hearing loss that can be treated.

You may have a hearing loss if you:

- Frequently ask people to repeat themselves
- Often turn your ear toward a sound to hear it better
- Understand people better when you wear your glasses or look directly at their faces
- Lose your place in group conversations
- Keep the volume on your radio or television at a level that others say is too loud
- Have pain or ringing in your ears

"Anyone who has even one of these symptoms should see an audiologist for a hearing test as even a slight hearing loss can have an impact on your daily life," said Janet Koehnke, chairperson of Communication Sciences and Disorders at Montclair State University. "Hearing loss is often treatable, and there is no reason for anyone to miss all the important sounds of life."

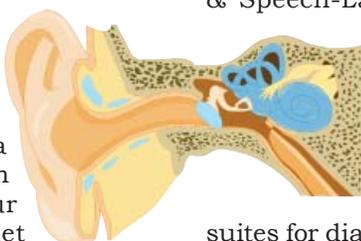
Annual hearing checkups are a good idea for people age 45 and

up, according to audiologists, the professionals who specialize in preventing, identifying, assessing, and treating hearing disorders. Audiologists can prescribe hearing aids and assistive listening devices, and they can teach people with hearing loss how to concentrate on hearing all sounds.

Additionally, more than 5 million children in the United States have a speech, language, and hearing disorders. Parents are often uninformed and unsure about what to do when they suspect their child has a hearing disorder. Parents should be aware of how they can prevent noise-induced hearing loss by teaching their children how to use personal audio technology safely.

Montclair State University's Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders has recently relocated the Center for Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology to a new 40,000 square foot state-of-the-art facility located at 1515 Broad Street in Bloomfield, NJ. The Center is open to the public and includes two sound suites for diagnostic audiology testing as well as rooms dedicated to evoked potentials testing, balance testing and fitting hearing aids and other assistive devices. We now accept Medicare with the submission of a prescription.

For those interested in scheduling a hearing examination, please contact (973) 655-3934 .



Smit Conducts Workshop for Interpreters

The NJ Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (NJRID) hosted a workshop entitled "Not Legally Blonde" presented by Clara Smit, Esq. after their general meeting on June 16, in Ocean Township, NJ. In her practice, Ms. Smit concentrates primarily on discrimination cases and through her legal victories, she has made significant policy changes in hospitals, doctor's offices, courts, prisons, employment settings and police departments. The workshop focused on laws relating to equal access and reasonable accommodations for services for people with hearing loss.

Interpreters often have to discuss issues regarding the provision of interpreter services, but say things that may not reflect the true intent of the law. Ms. Smit addressed the terms "reasonable accommodation" and "effective communication" and how they do not necessarily mean that an interpreter must be provided in all situations. With regard to the provision of interpreters in hospitals, the use of interpreters 24/7 (around the clock) and video remote interpreting (VRI) services were discussed. While a Deaf patient may be entitled to an interpreter while in the hospital, it may not be "reasonable" to expect the hospital to provide the services around the clock. Additionally, the hospitals may not have to comply with a request for a "live" interpreter over VRI services, as long as the VRI services are "effective" for the patient. Accommodation needs must be addressed on an individual basis depending on the circumstances of the assignment and the specific needs of the Deaf/hard of hearing consumer.

Ms. Smit did a wonderful job addressing these issues and other concerns of interpreters. The information she provided will prove extremely valuable to those interpreters that attended her presentation.

In honor of Deaf Awareness Week - NWJAD, Inc. hosts 19th Annual ASL Storytelling Contest

Saturday, September 29

Door opens at 6:45 p.m. Contests start at 7:30 p.m.

V.F.W Post #6699 6 Winslow Place Paramus, NJ 07653

Share your favorite Deaf Culture and Story individually or form a group (up to 4 people)
Deaf, HH & CODA only may enter the contest.

Sign up on September 29. No advance registration necessary!

Admission: \$10 - Pay at door only!
5 minutes limit!

1st prize: \$100

2nd prize: \$75

3rd prize: \$50

4th prize : \$25

Free soda, iced tea and bottled water
Refreshments will be sold. If you bring a dessert,
you will received 3 free 50/50 raffle tickets.

For more info: www.nwjad.org and
email at nwjad2011@nwjad.org

Chairperson: Philip Jacob

HLA Morris County Chapter

The Chapter's Voice for People with Hearing Loss

- Information • Education
- Support • Advocacy

Chapter Meeting Saturday,
September 8, 2012
10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.
Madison YMCA
111 Kings Road
Madison, NJ 07940

Captioning and Assistive
Listening Devices

We are delighted that Arlene Romoff, past president of HLA-NJ and author of Hear Again and Listening Closely, will be our guest presenter. She is a dynamic speaker on every aspect of hearing loss, with an uplifting story. She will also have autographed copies of her books available for sale. Please join us for this wonderful program, with ample opportunity for questions and answers.

Contact Information:

Pat Dobbs; 973-479-8083 or

pat@HearingLossResourceCenter.com

blog:

www.HearingLossResourceCenter.com

Community Forum

Hosted by NJ Deaf Senior Housing Committee

NJ Relay Sponsors

Community Forum about
the NJ Deaf Senior Housing Project

Come and learn more about housing information!

- Find out if you are eligible for affordable housing
- Question and Answer Session about Deaf Senior Housing plans
- Games & Fun

When: Saturday October 6, 2012

Where: Montville Senior Center
356 Route 202
Montville, NJ 07045

Time: 11 am to 4 pm

Admission: \$5

Proceeds go towards NJ Senior Housing Fund



Light refreshments will be served in the morning and lunch will be provided by NJ Relay

RSVP by October 1, 2012

Limited to 200 seats



Guest Presenters:

Katie Voss, Housing Consultant of
Cardinal Capital Management

Lori Timney, NJ Relay & CapTel



Please make check or money order payable to: NJAD - NJ Deaf Senior Housing
Mail to: NJAD - NJ Deaf Senior Housing, PO Box 212, Millburn, NJ 07041

Name (s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

I will not be able to attend and would like to make a donation for \$ _____

Admission and non-attendance is tax deductible a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization.

Communicator Signboard



The NJ School for the Deaf – Middle School Auditorium event
Dancing with the Stars, event scheduled for October 27 by
the NJ Deaf Senior Housing Committee has been canceled.

COUNTY OF BERGEN DIVISION OF SENIOR SERVICES
46-50 Center St., Midland Park, N.J. 07432



NORTHWEST BERGEN SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER
(201)445-5690 • FAX (201)493-8911

Kathleen Donovan, County Executive



The Northwest Bergen Regional Senior Center is hosting a talk and exercise demonstration titled **“Oh My Aching Shoulder”** on **Thursday, September 20 at 1:00 pm**. Evan Chait, Physical Therapist and owner of Kinetic PT in Ramsey will be sharing information and techniques to help those who suffer from shoulder pain. Exercises and proper body mechanics will be shared as well as other useful information pertain specifically to shoulders. There will be an ASL interpreter. Refreshments will be served. For additional information, directions or to register for this event, contact The Northwest Bergen Regional Senior Center at 201-493-8911 Fax or e-mail and recobb@optonline.net.

The Katzenbach Parent and Staff Educational Foundation
invite you all to join

**Magic Morgan, Liliana and
International Deaf Magicians**
for a two hour exciting magic show

**Friday, September 21, 2012
7 p.m.**

the NJSD Middle School Auditorium

Tickets are \$12 for adults; \$10 for students
For tickets email;
Kim_Arrigo@mkzd.state.nj.us

**In honor of Deaf Awareness Week
NWJAD proudly hosts
“Big Breakfast”**

Served by President Joey and Board

Thursday, September 6

11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Doors open at 10:45 a.m.

Northwest Senior Center

46-50 Center Street

Midland Park, NJ 07432

Admission: \$5 per person

Donation will go toward

“Bonnie’s Kiddie Korner and Youth Fund”

Comedian Joey Garth show: 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Bingo: 1:00 p.m.

Contact: Rose Pizzo on Rosevin52@aol.com

Make check or money order payable to

NWJAD, Inc. and mail to

Northwest Senior Center, (BC Deaf Senior Citizen’s),

45-50 Center Street

Midland Park, NJ 07432

Communicator Signboard

A Night Out - Panera Bread, Hamilton, NJ



Interpreter Chat – A Night Out
Third Wednesday of every month

Panera Bread, 375 Marketplace Blvd., Hamilton, NJ
5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

We work every day without ever really meeting others in our profession. This is an opportunity to come out to chat, make connections and meet new friends! (Ethical guidelines are followed.)

Interpreters, teachers of the deaf, para-professionals, job coaches, students. Very informal, all are welcome.

For more info/questions: grace_samis@mac.com
or trogfamily@comcast.net



**Mid-Atlantic
Deaf & Hard of Hearing
Festival**
hosted by the
**The Maryland
Deaf Seniors Citizen, Inc (MDSC)**
November 17, 2012
Howard County Fairgrounds
West Friendship, MD.

It will be an all-day event in their new 40,000 square feet building and open to everyone. **Admission and parking is FREE.** Entertainment and children's activities will be provided. The last Maryland Deaf and Hard of Hearing Festival in 2001 attracted 4000+ participants.

For information contact; Phil Aiello, Chair, Mid-Atlantic Deaf & HH Festival; VP: 240-436-3173 or aielloap@gmail.com

Religious Access



the Struggle tour
**BEGINNING
SEPTEMBER 2012**

**TENTH AVENUE
NORTH**

*with
AUDREY
ASSAD*

**& REND COLLECTIVE
EXPERIMENT**

**Tenth Avenue North
The Struggle
ASL Interpreted Event
Thursday
September 13, 7 p.m.
TD Bank Arts Centre
- Sewell, NJ**

**Visit Ticketmaster® or
call: 1-800-982-2787
Sponsored by
Bethany Christian
Services**



Finger Singers of Faith
A Concert featuring Sign Language and Dance

Saturday, September 15, 2012
3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

*Free Admission Refreshments will be served
Free Will Offereing donated to the Haitain Deaf earthquake community.
Contact: Valerie Turner Williams: vtwcansign@gmail.com 732-690-2494
First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens
771 Somerset St. Somerset, NJ 08873
Rev. DeForest B. Soaries, Jr., Senior Pastor Rev. Alyson B. Johnson, Exec. Pastor

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תפארת ישראל
TOWN & VILLAGE SYNAGOGUE
Building Community & Commitment
www.tandv.org
334 East 14th Street Manhattan

Interpreted Services

We're thrilled to announce another sign-language-interpreted Shabbat Morning Service, soon to be followed by our third annual ASL-interpreted Kol Nidre Service on Yom Kippur.

**A Saturday Morning Service
with full readings from the Torah
and Haftarah (Prophets)
10:00 a.m - 12:30 p.m.**

**Saturday, September 1
Town & Village Synagogue
334 East 14th Street**

**between 1st and 2nd Avenues in Manhattan
Jessica Ames & Naomi Brunnlehrman**

A Kiddush (refreshments and social hour) will follow services, where all will be welcome to participate!



**A Kol Nidre Service to begin Yom Kippur
6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 25
14th Street YM-YWHA
344 East 14th Street
between 1st and 2nd Avenues
in Manhattan**

**Presented by Town & Village Synagogue
Cathy Markland & Bram Weiser**

IMPORTANT: Space at Kol Nidre is limited, so reservations are **STRONGLY** suggested. Please email bramweiser@usa.net with names and email addresses of those who would like to come. The service is free, but, if you'd like to donate and support the ASL interpretation, we'd greatly appreciate it!

Note: Out of respect for Shabbat and Yom Kippur, pen, paper and electronic devices cannot be used at these services. For additional information, contact Bram at bramweiser@usa.net or (212) 677-0368.



Bnai Keshet High Holy Days Service Schedule

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, September 16
Central Presbyterian Church
46 Park Street Montclair, New Jersey
8:00 p.m. Evening Service CART*

First Day Rosh Hashanah

Monday, September 17
Central Presbyterian Church
46 Park Street Montclair, New Jersey
9:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m Shacharit Service CART*

Erev Yom Kippur

Tuesday, September 25
Central Presbyterian Church
46 Park Street Montclair, New Jersey
6:15 p.m Kol Nidre CART*

Yom Kippur

Wednesday, September 26
Central Presbyterian Church
46 Park Street Montclair, New Jersey
9:30 a.m to 2:00 p.m Shacharit Service CART*
2:00 p.m to 5:00 p.m Alternative Musaf Study and Meditation
5:00 p.m to 6:00 p.m. Minchah CART*
6:00 p.m. Neilah and "Break the Fast" CART*

Congregation Bnai Keshet, a Reconstructionist Congregation in Montclair, NJ, will again offer *CART (Communication Access Real Time Translation) at its High Holiday Services this year. CART makes the services accessible to deaf and hard of hearing individuals. CART will be available on the first evening and first day of Rosh HaShanah, during Kol Nidre services, and on Yom Kippur. Services will be held at Central Presbyterian Church.

Bnai Keshet welcomes everyone to its High Holiday and other services. Donations are welcome, but no tickets are required. We do ask that guests call our office, 973-746-4889, to let us know that you will be joining us.

If you have any questions about the services, or logistics, please call Bnai Keshet, 973-746-4889, or email: stuart@bnaikeshet.org or visit www.bnaikeshet.org.

Religious Access



Victory Assembly of God

3 Services, 2 Locations
Sunday: 9:15 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

(This service is interpreted for the Deaf)
Schalick High School, 718 Centerton Rd., Elmer, NJ

Coffee hour: 10:30 a.m.

Sunday: 6:30 p.m.
Bethany Assembly of God
90 Fox Rd., Pilesgrove, NJ

Coffee hour: 6:00 p.m.

www.victoryaog.org

Contact Connie: 856-358-8313 Voice

Upcoming Events: Church Picnic

September 2, 2012 & October 14, 2012
1:30 p.m.

Marlton Park, 123 Marlton Road, Pilesgrove, NJ

South Jersey Christian & Catholic Deaf/HOH

Is Westmont a little too far to drive?
Try Open Door Alliance Church!



Services and Worship Songs are both signed. We will start a social club after services and adult Sunday school before services once interest is shown.



**Services are Sundays at 10:30 a.m. at
Open Door Alliance Church
904 Cooper Road
Voorhees, NJ 08043**

**When you get there just ask anyone for Renee.
For more information call (V) 856.375.9873
or (VP) 856.874.8423. Leave message.**

GBC OF THE DEAF

**Grace Bible Church of the Deaf
October 20, 2012
Grace Bible Chapel,
100 Oakdale Road, Chester, NJ**

Guest Speaker:

**Rev. Kenton Hoxie of Maryland
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

**Registration with breakfast and lunch - \$10
Registration without meals - \$5**

**Deadline - October 12, 2012
No payment at door**



**Archbishop Ryan School for the Deaf
is celebrating its
100th Anniversary on
Sunday, November 18, 2012.**

Archbishop Chaput will celebrate Mass at
12 o'clock in Holy Innocents Church at
4251 L Street
Philadelphia, PA 19124

followed by an Open House in school and a
banquet at the Chateau Restaurant.

All are invited to celebrate this special occasion with us.
For more information or to sponsor an ad in the
program booklet email: Ryans100th@gmail.com.

If you are an alumnus of Archbishop Ryan School for the
Deaf, please send us your name, address, graduation year
or attendance years and scans of pictures you may have.

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Make a check payable for \$10 to Grace Bible Chapel and mail:
Roy Siskind, 288 Janine Way, Bridgewater, NJ 08807
Info: Roy Siskind at Rojogolfer@hotmail.com or
Michael Sarsfield at ms1262@aol.com

Number of Adults ____ Number of Children ____ Children under 12 years old ____
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Calendar of Events 2012

Friday, October 26

NJ DDHH Advisory Council

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

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*We hope
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summer!*



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