

# HLA-NJ News and Views

*A Monthly Column from The Hearing Loss Association of NJ*

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## Hearing Loss Association of NJ Sets November 16 for Annual Meeting/MiniFair at East Brunswick

The Annual Meeting and MiniFair of the Hearing Loss Association of New Jersey (HLA-NJ) will be held November 16, 2013, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the East Brunswick Public Library. In addition to its election of officers for their succeeding two-year terms, the day's event will also feature stimulating speakers and exhibits from many of New Jersey's outstanding hearing help and assistive listening groups and organizations.

Welcoming remarks will be offered by Dr. David Alexander, director of the New Jersey Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. The day's featured speaker for the event will be Jody Prysock, on "How to Manage Communication in Healthcare Settings."

Ms. Prysock is an adjunct professor at the CUNY Disabilities Studies program, and former director of Language, Culture and Disability Services at the NYU Langone Medical Center. A certified sign language interpreter, Ms. Prysock also has served as a strong advocate and problem solver for patients and healthcare providers.

The annual meeting event also will be the site of a MiniFair featuring agencies and organizations that HLA-NJ works with collaboratively on an on-going basis. During the past year, these have included and among featured exhibitors will be:

- State of New Jersey, Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- NJ Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (multiple booths for different NJ locations)
- Sprint CapTel
- CaptionCall
- New Jersey Theatre Alliance
- EmCom Looping Systems.

The MiniFair will also include an:

- "Ask the Audiologist" booth, and an
- HLAA Information Booth
- Display of HLA-NJ Scholarship Winners Newspaper Articles Published during 2013

Light refreshments will be served to all who attend. Members of HLAA nationally are automatically members of HLA-NJ and have voting rights at the November 16 meeting. Moreover, the Annual Meeting and MiniFair is open to the public, and all those with any interest in hearing loss issues are cordially invited and welcome to attend, along with friends and family members. Readers with any questions may contact Joel Strasser at 732-415-7556, or [jjas888@aol.com](mailto:jjas888@aol.com).

## **HLA-NJ Annual Meeting and MiniFair**

**Saturday, November 16, 2013**

**1-4 p.m.**

**East Brunswick Public Library**

**Refreshments • Speakers • Exhibits**

**All are welcome to attend.**