



**HAAA-NJ NEWS, VIEWS & DATES  
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**Top News of the Month: Walk KickOff, Sept. 10**

**Followed by: Walk4Hearing on October 16**

***KickOff Details:***

**Saturday, September 10, 2016 (12:00 pm to 2:00 pm), includes free lunch, at**

Maggiano's Little Italy  
Commons Mall  
600 Commons Way  
Bridgewater, NJ 08807

**Because of food service, to attend you must RSVP by: September 2, 2016**

**RSVP contact:**

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## ***What is a Walk KickOff?***

The three main reasons to hold a Kickoff event before the Walk are:

1. To gather as many confirmed and likely potential supporters of the Walk together at one time to get them excited about the Walk and motivated to support it.
2. To provide these supporters with some basic training on how to use the materials they will receive at the Kickoff to organize a team of walkers to participate in the Walk and to raise money for the Walk.
3. To distribute the Walk materials (primarily a Walk team captain instruction folder, Walk posters and brochures) to all volunteers in an efficient, cost-effective manner.

## ***The 2016 Walk4Hearing:***

**Sunday, October 16, 2016 – Walk4Hearing: Mercer County Park, Hughes Drive, West Windsor and Hamilton, NJ, 10 AM, Registration and Check-In; 11 AM, Walk begins.**

Walk4Hearing events are fundraising 5K (3.1 miles) walks held across the United States. Since its formation in 2006, Walk4Hearing has raised over \$9 million dollars for programs and services for people with hearing loss, and has grown into the largest awareness and fundraising event for the Hearing Loss Association of America® (HLAA). Collaborating with local HLAA chapters, Walk4Hearing educates the general public about hearing loss while easing the associated stigma. Striving to make hearing loss a public health issue, thousands of people of all ages, races, and backgrounds have come together to display their compassion for the cause and to make hearing loss an issue of national concern. For further details about the HLAA-NJ Walk, contact Wayne Roorda at [bigbearnj@gmail.com](mailto:bigbearnj@gmail.com)



The Walk is also a great place to meet other people with hearing loss, and the event includes refreshments, children's activities, technology exhibits and other attractions.

## **Wanted: Computer Guru Volunteers HLAA-NJ Needs Your Website, Graphics Help**

HLAA needs your help, if you are either a graphics or website guru, to help our webmaster with our expanding computer needs for making improvements on both our website and our monthly newsletter. Or, if you can't volunteer long term, we are looking for one or a few good people who can assist us either on a one-time, consulting basis, or have the appropriate graphics software packages to help us finalize such elements as our looping logo, and occasional other individual online or individual offline projects. If you can assist, please contact either [joel.strasser@hearingloss-nj.org](mailto:joel.strasser@hearingloss-nj.org), or our webmaster, [bigbeamj@gmail.com](mailto:bigbeamj@gmail.com), at your early convenience.

## **Chapter News for September**

**HLAA-Morris County Chapter** will meet on **September 17, 2016**, from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM, at Summit Speech School, 705 Central Avenue, New Providence, NJ, to hear Arlene Romoff, past-president of HLAA-NJ, and author of two books on living and deadline with hearing loss, discuss "Advocacy Tips for People with Hearing Loss." Captioning will be provided by NJ Division of Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DDHH), and a sound field FM system is also available to enhance hearing. Enjoy refreshments and plenty of free parking at Morris County Chapter's regular meeting place.

In addition, HLAA-Morris County seeks to attract 18 - 35 year olds so they can start their own group. Please pass this information on to anyone in that age group. Questions may be directed to [Pat.Dobbs@hearingloss-nj.org](mailto:Pat.Dobbs@hearingloss-nj.org)

**HLAA-Paterson Chapter** does not plan any meetings until October, 2016. Please see our next issue for date, time and place of HLAA-Paterson Chapter's next meeting. For further information about meetings or programs, please contact Sharrieff Bugg at 973-684-4608 or email [Sharrieff.Bugg@hearingloss-nj.org](mailto:Sharrieff.Bugg@hearingloss-nj.org)

**HLAA-Middlesex County Chapter**, which meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month, except for July and August, will meet on **Tuesday, September 20, 2016** at 7:30 pm at First Baptist Church of South Plainfield, 201 Hamilton Blvd., South Plainfield, NJ. For program details or if you would like to attend please contact Marie Nordling by e-mail: [right54@optonline.net](mailto:right54@optonline.net) or telephone 732-721-4183.

**HLAA-Essex County Chapter** will hold its next meeting **Saturday, September 17, 2016**, 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM, in the Union County Public Library, 1980 Morris Avenue, Union, NJ. The program, entitled “Signs of Fall,” is their 2016 KickOff Meeting and is billed as “Our fun day for learning American Sign Language, and ‘We will learn basic alphabets with a few ‘see how fast you can sign competitions.’ “Learning of American Sign Language provides cultural enrichment,” their advertising flyer declares. For questions or info about this chapter, contact Latisha Porter-Vaughn at [Latisha.Porter-Vaughn@hearingloss-nj.org](mailto:Latisha.Porter-Vaughn@hearingloss-nj.org)

**HLAA-South Jersey Shore Chapter** will meet **Thursday, September 15, 2016**. This group serves deaf and hard-of-hearing residents of Cape May, Atlantic and Cumberland Counties, and meets starting at 6 PM, at Cape Regional Medical Center, Maruchi Room, 2 Stone Harbor Boulevard, Cape May Court House, NJ 08210. Interested participants are encouraged to make further contact with Carolyn Richards at [Carolyn.richards@hearingloss-nj.org](mailto:Carolyn.richards@hearingloss-nj.org)

**HLAA-Bergen County Chapter** remains on hold with no regular general membership meetings for the immediate future while the Chapter works to install a looping system in one of its traditional meeting places, either the Ethical Culture Society building in Teaneck, NJ., or the Puffin Center. Until there is more to report, the Chapter welcomes comment and participation from those interested in the local Bergen County effort, as well as contact from interested potential members and leaders, who are invited to contact Ken Keuhlen at [kbk1011@hotmail.com](mailto:kbk1011@hotmail.com)

### ***Non-Affiliated Group of Mutual Interest***

**Ocean-Monmouth Hearing Loss Support Group** will meet **Sunday, September 11**, to hear Carrie Shapiro-Basen, New Jersey-licensed audiologist, who has served both pediatric and geriatric patients for the past quarter century, discuss hearing loss issues, tinnitus and communications strategies for deaf and hard of hearing people. The Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> meeting begins at 1:30 PM at the Manalapan Library, 125 Symmes Drive, Manalapan. All are invited and there is no charge to attend. Projected simultaneous CART captioning will be provided to aid hearing-challenged attendees.

The Ocean-Monmouth Hearing Loss Support Group is an unaffiliated local organization offering regularly-scheduled meetings and programs. The Group offers emotional support, camaraderie, tips and techniques for living with hearing loss, and technical information about hearing assistance devices. Meetings are open to everyone, and are a rewarding way to spend a few hours socializing with other hard-of-hearing individuals who share similar problems and concerns. For more information about the group, write to [oceanmonmouthhla@yahoo.com](mailto:oceanmonmouthhla@yahoo.com)

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# CAPTIONED LIVE THEATER PERFORMANCES IN NJ

By Arlene Romoff

Below is a listing of the Open Captioned (OC) performances at the five theaters in NJ that provide one open captioned performance per production, for the 2016-2017 season. All of them provide discounted ticket prices. To order tickets, call the box office and request to be seated in view of the captioning - and be sure to request their discounted price.

Paper Mill Playhouse - Millburn, NJ – 973-376-4343

<http://www.papermill.org/about-us/audience-info/accessibility-info.html>

**The Producers** - Sunday, October 23, 2016 at 7 PM

**The Bodyguard** - Sunday, December 18, 2016 at 7 PM

**A Comedy of Tenors** - Sunday, February 26, 2017 at 7 PM

**Million Dollar Quartet** - Sunday, April 23, 2017 at 7 PM

**Mary Poppins** - Sunday, June 18, 2017 at 7 PM

George Street Playhouse - New Brunswick, NJ – 732-246-7717

<http://www.georgestreetplayhouse.org/accessibility.php>

Open-captioned performances for patrons with hearing impairments follow below:

**Mama's Boy** - Saturday, November 11, 2016 at 2 PM

**Daddy Long Legs** - December 12, 2016 at 2 PM

**American Son** - February 25, 2017 at 2 PM

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**Bad Jews** - April 8, 2017 at 2 PM  
**TBA** - May 20, 2017 at 2 PM

McCarter Theater - Princeton, NJ—609-258-2787

[http://www.mccarter.org/VisitorInfo/VisitorDefault.aspx?page\\_id=32](http://www.mccarter.org/VisitorInfo/VisitorDefault.aspx?page_id=32)

Tickets are a discounted \$25 each

**Bathing in Moonlight** - Saturday, October 1, 2016 at 3 PM

**Disgraced** - Saturday, October 22, 2016 at 3 PM

**Bedlam: Hamlet/Saint Joan** - Saturday, February 4, 2017 at 3 PM

**Murder on the Orient Express** - Saturday, March 25, 2017 at 3 PM

**Intimate Apparel** - Saturday, May 27, 2017 at 3 PM

Two River Theater - Red Bank, NJ—732-345-1400 [http://](http://www.tworivertheater.org/about/accessibility.php)

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Tickets are a discounted \$25 each

Scheduled Open Caption performances for the 2016/17 Season:

Ma Rainey's Black Bottom	Saturday, October 1 at 3pm
The Lion in Winter	Saturday, December 3 at 3pm
Hurricane Diane	Saturday, February 11 at 3pm
The Merry Wives of Windsor	Saturday, March 25 at 3pm
The Women of Padilla	Saturday, April 29 at 3pm
The Ballad of Little Jo	Saturday, June 24 at 3pm

For open captioned performances in NYC, one must register with TDF at their website - [www.tdf.org](http://www.tdf.org) and click on Accessibility Programs and follow instructions. Tickets need to be ordered in advance and are mailed.

<https://www.tdf.org/nyc/33/TDFAccessibilityPrograms>

## **HLAA-NJ's Looping Action Center Update**

What's a loop? An induction hearing loop is single piece of wire installed inside a meeting room that, when activated, allows meeting attendees and audience members to switch on the T-coils located inside their hearing aids and/or cochlear implants. With T-coils switched on, the audio content of the content or program of the meeting or assemblage can be clearly heard and understood by those with either hearing aids or cochlear implants. If your meeting room or facility is not looped, or does not provide any method for meeting attendees to access the meeting's business or content, then they are not compliant with either Federal (Americans with Disabilities Act -- ADA) or State laws and regulations requiring accessibility, as constitutionally guaranteed to all.

HLAA-NJ has been sending letters to venues that lack any assistive listening systems, being alerted to these venues by HLAA-NJ members. The letters inform the venue of the need to provide assistive listening systems, and explaining why induction loop systems are usually the method of choice.

If you attend facilities that are lacking assistive listening systems, please send HLAA-NJ the name of the facility with the contact person, so a letter can be sent. If the venue fails to respond, then follow-up complaints may be filed. Send your information to [joel.strasser@hearingloss-nj.org](mailto:joel.strasser@hearingloss-nj.org)

## **Important Dates on the 2016 HLAA-NJ State Calendar**

Members and friends of HLAA-NJ are cordially invited to attend business meetings and other functions of HLAA-NJ as we meet at various times during the year to plan and finalize the activities of the state association. Help us further our collective mission to represent and provide New Jerseyans with hearing loss with information, education, support and advocacy outreach that allows them to function in mainstream society, and enhance their quality of life, while raising awareness of hearing health/hearing loss.

Our successful initiatives have included bringing captioned movies and open captioned live theater to NJ, improving patient care in hospitals/medical settings, an annual scholarship program for high school seniors with hearing loss, bringing captioned telephone and conference call services to NJ, ensuring full communications access at

public events, and advocating for increased funding and staffing at agencies and organizations serving people with hearing loss.

### **October – 2016**

**New Jersey Walk4Hearing**  
Saturday, October 16, 2016  
10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Mercer County Park  
Hughes Drive, West Windsor or Hamilton, NJ

### **November – 2016**

**Hearing Loss Association of New Jersey**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting & Special Looping Presentations**  
**Annual Meeting & 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**  
Saturday, November 19, 2016  
1:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
East Brunswick Public Library  
2 Jean Walling Civic Center  
East Brunswick, NJ 08816-3529

### **NEWS from HLAA-NATIONAL:**

**Please note that all newsletters from HLAA-National will be sent separately to all members of this distribution list as they are issued by our national office. Or, if you have not seen any recently, please go to the national HLAA site, [www.hearingloss.org](http://www.hearingloss.org), and register for features and publications that you'd like to receive.**

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