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April

Thursday, April 19, 6:00pm - 8:00pm. LSRID Workshop: 4th Annual Water Cooler Conversations. West Asheville Recreation Center.

Saturday, April 21. Smokey Mountain Deaf Club. Please contact for more information at smdc.communitynews@yahoo.com.

Wednesday, April 25, 12:30pm. Disney's Beauty and the Beast. Presented by Asheville Christian Academy Theatre. Performance will include sign language interpretation. If you wish to attend please contact (828) 581-2200

May

LSRID Workshop is pending for May. More information will be available at www.lsrnid.org

Saturday, May 19, 2012. Smokey Mountain Deaf Club. Please contact for more information at smdc.communitynews@yahoo.com



Do you or someone you care about have hearing loss?

Announcing the formation of the HEARING LOSS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA Brevard Chapter

Join us to learn about hearing loss and how to manage it, strategies that help people with hearing loss and their communication partners to cope, assistive listening and alerting devices, laws and the rights of people with hearing loss.

Meetings are on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 1:00 p.m. at Transylvania Regional Hospital, 260 Hospital Drive, Brevard. Enter at the main entrance to the hospital. There is plenty of parking available just across from the hospital.

Meetings Dates – April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8, (No meeting in October) November 10, December 8

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**Looking for Experienced Hearing Aid Users
to Volunteer to Mentor New Hearing Aid Users**

NC DSDHH Equipment Distribution Service offers the option of applying for one hearing aid. In order to help people be successful users of a hearing aid, we are in the process of developing a peer mentoring program that would have local volunteers experienced in wearing hearing aids to serve as mentors to new hearing aid users. What we are envisioning at this time, might be a person who already comes to the local senior center, for example, and is possibly known to that person already. We are envisioning that the volunteer might be available to meet with people maybe one day a month. We are just at the stage of developing the program (the person would receive training and handout tools that would enable them to serve as a resource). That trained volunteer mentor would probably be meeting with the person for approximately 30 minutes. The mentor would know when to refer on to a specialist (clinician) or to the Regional Center for further assistance.

While we are in still in the development stage, we would like begin growing a list of potential volunteers ready to contact as we progress to the point of getting the program on the road!

Please contact Judith Pittillo, Hard of Hearing Services Specialist at Asheville Regional Center to express your interest! We need people in all 14 counties in our region. Don't be shy, contact Judith!

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