

THE MEDIATOR

WELCOME BACK!

Fall is here, and there's plenty happening across our community!

In this edition of *The Mediator*, we're looking ahead to a season full of opportunities to learn, connect, and get involved – from professional development opportunities to community events and NJRID initiatives.

We're also continuing to build this newsletter with **you** in mind. Share your feedback, send us your ideas, and let us know what you'd like to see in future editions.

So grab your calendar, take a look around, and see what's coming up!



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LET'S GET INTO IT!

For any newsletter-related questions or comments, please email news@nj-rid.org.

DEAR MEMBERS,

As the season changes from summer to fall, kids head back to school, and sweaters come out of storage, NJRID finds itself in a familiar, beautiful rhythm. The change of season is predictable, as is the renewed energy that each fall brings. We have big plans ahead, refreshed initiatives, and a passionate team ready to serve our membership.

Taking Full Advantage of New Tools

We recently transitioned to Google Workspace! Because NJRID is a non-profit organization, we are able to utilize this suite of collaboration and productivity tools at no cost. Moving forward, all board positions and committees will use official @NJ-RID.org email addresses. You will find these listed in the newsletter – please take a moment to add them to your contacts so our communications stay seamless.

Volunteer Opportunities

An organization is only as strong as its active members. We currently have several open chair positions and volunteer needs. Please consider taking an active role—your talents, time, and ideas are priceless in shaping NJRID's future. You'll find more information about current opportunities throughout the issue.

Thank you for your continued dedication, your adaptability, and your trust as we turn this page together. Here's to a powerful, inspiring season ahead.

Warm regards,
Sandra Piscitelli
NJRID President

Upcoming Events + Community Connection

Ruth Huebner, our Fundraising Committee Chair, has collaborated with Charleston Springs Farm for an interactive Fall experience on November 7th that will be fully accessible to Deaf and DeafBlind attendees. It's a fantastic opportunity for family, friends, community, and connection.

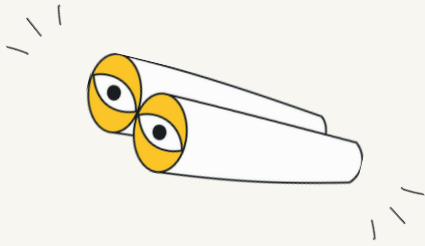
Get your tickets early, and keep an eye out as Ruth plans even more events!

Financial Update

Our organization remains in solid standing with a combined total balance of \$12,430.87.

- PayPal: \$3,076.71
- TD Bank: \$9,219.76





MARK YOUR CALENDARS

FOR OUR UPCOMING GENERAL MEETING

**Saturday
Oct 3, '26**

8:30AM / WELCOME + CHECK-IN 🎉

Ocean County College, Gateway Lecture Hall, Rm 104

| **Workshop**

**Jeopardy or
Justifiable?**

WITH AMANDA KENNON

9:00–11:00AM / JEOPARDY OR JUSTIFIABLE ⚖️

FLIPPING THE SCRIPT ON INTERPRETER ETHICS

\$25 MEMBERS – \$30 NON-MEMBERS – \$20 ITP STUDENTS

[Please click here](#) for more info on discounted full-day pricing.

Registration ends on October 1, 2026.

| **Meeting**

**NJRID General
Meeting**

11:15A–1:15PM / GENERAL MEETING + LUNCH 🍔

Lunch is provided for all workshop registrants! Please submit any special dietary requests for the upcoming NJRID meeting by Friday, September 18.

| **Workshop**

**Who Wants to
Be a Mentor?**

WITH AMANDA KENNON

1:30–4:30PM / WHO WANTS TO BE A MENTOR? 📝

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Registration ends on October 1, 2026.

*More event details can be [found here!](#)



MORE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES



2026 VIRTUAL SUMMIT FOR LEGAL INTERPRETING

October 23–25, 2026

The 2026 Legal Interpreting Summit will be an action-packed virtual summit where interpreters can earn up to 1.6 Legal CEUs. Sessions will include interactive presentations and armchair discussions and are designed to help interpreters optimize the delivery of interpreting services to Deaf, DeafBlind and hard of hearing individuals during legal-related encounters.

[More information found here.](#)

2026 VIRTUAL SUMMIT FOR MENTAL HEALTH INTERPRETING

November 13–15, 2026

The 2026 Summit for Mental Health Interpreting will be an action-packed virtual summit where interpreters can earn up to 1.6 CEUs. Sessions will include interactive presentations and panel discussions and are designed to help interpreters optimize the delivery of interpreting services to Deaf, DeafBlind and hard of hearing individuals during mental health-related encounters.

[More information found here.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY



| DEAFOPIA

Saturday, September 19, 2026
American Dream Mall, NJ

[More information found here.](#)

| ASL ROCK N' ROLL SHOW

Friday, October 23, 2026 / 7pm
Grunin Theatre @ Ocean County College

[More information found here.](#)



...and more events!



OCC SIGN CLUB EVENTS

*Oct 29, 2026 / 5-7pm

ASL Halloween Party

*Nov 19, 2026 / 5-7:30pm

ASL Friendsgiving

*Dec 18, 2026/ 5-8pm

ASL Holiday Movie Night

[More information found here.](#)



NJCCD Thanksgiving Affair

Saturday, November 14, 2026 / 12-5pm

VFW Post 281 / 6 Veterans Place

Elmwood Park NJ

[More information found here.](#)

Hands + Highlands Fundraiser



HOSTED BY NJRID

**Join NJRID for an accessible fall
afternoon with Highland cows,
farm animals, raffles + more!**

**ASL interpreters available*

**Deafblind accessible*

**Vendors + volunteers welcome*



Questions? Reach us at
fundraising@nj-rid.org



* Nov 7, 2026, 12-2:30pm + 3-5pm

* Charleston Springs Farm

* \$60 per person

➔ [Click here for more details!](#)



🌟 ARTWORK 🎨

[DEAF VISUAL ARTS](#) ↗

[LAURIE ROSE ART STUDIO](#) ↗

[MAUREEN KLUSZA DESIGNS](#) ↗

🍰 FOOD ☕

[ROSEMARY'S FABULOUS CAKES](#) ↗

[LA MOSSA DE CAFE](#) ↗

💖 MISC 🎁

[ZD&T PLACE TO BE](#) ↗

[OYA REIGNS LLC \(PHILLY\)](#) ↗

[SHADES OF GLAMOUR](#) ↗

👕 CLOTHING 🧦

[ZULEYKA'S SHOP LLC](#) ↗

[ILY BY MARA \(NYC\)](#) ↗

[KISSFIST STITCH](#) ↗

Be featured in our next newsletter

NJRID is built on the voices and experiences of its members, and this newsletter is one way we can share those stories with each other. If you have a reflection or resource you'd like to share, we invite you to submit an article for a future issue. Whether it's personal, professional, or community-focused, your perspective matters.

Get in touch with the newsletter committee via news@nj-rid.org with the subject: "**Article Submission**".

Open positions

Looking to become more involved with NJRID? We are currently seeking members for several open committee positions, including **Nominating, Archives, Stipend, Mentorship, and Biennial.**

Email for more information: secretary@nj-rid.org.

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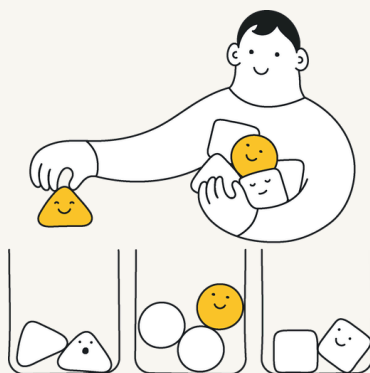
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just for fun



*Answers on the next page



**Share your
thoughts –
your feedback
matters!**



Your responses will directly
inform future initiatives and
newsletter content.

[Or click here!](#)

Each submission counts as one entry towards our raffle! One entry per person;
winner need not be present to win. Winner will receive free admission for a
future workshop. The winner will be selected at the upcoming NJRID meeting.



SEE YOU IN THE NEXT ONE! 🙌



Thank you for reading, connecting, and continuing to be part of the NJRID community. We hope to see you at our upcoming event — and right back here in our next issue.

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