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Calendar

DECEMBER

Tuesday, 5th

6:30pm

NYCLJ:**ANNUAL BENEFIT**

180 Central Park South NY

Saturday, 9th

11:00-7:00

**DEAFOPIA HOLIDAY
EXPO**555 Knollwood Road
White Plains NY

Thursday, 21st

6:00pm

METRO HAPPY HOURSlainte Bar & Lounge
304 Bowery, Manhattan

JANUARY

Tuesday, 16th

6:30-8:00

BOARD MEETING

Panera Bread, 34th/5th

FEBRUARY

For more events, check out
DeafNYC.com

Emergency Action Plan

Last year, President Jose Gomez shared with the membership the Boards intent to establish an Emergency Action Plan. The goal is to establish a system to connect with and inform our members of emergency events. Once completed, this plan will allow for us to report the needs of our members impacted by the event. This is especially important given the violent storms and hurricanes that have battered southern states, Puerto Rico, and the USVI; the wildfires that have engulfed California, Oregon, and Washington; the terrorist attack and attempts that have once again targeted the people of New York.

In the recent New York City incidents, members may have noticed alerts coming from the Chapter through email and social media. That is the beginning phase of this action plan, and we have a lot more to do. By surveying community needs, we can determine what our members need, and how we can best support Deaf New Yorkers in the process.

As a member-driven Organization, the Board is looking to turn this work over to a committee. If you are interested in helping to develop and maintain this effort, contact [President Jose Gomez](#) or [Secretary Jason Farr](#).

Deaf-Hearing Teams Workshop

In November NYC Metro RID partnered with ASLI to host a two-part workshop series taught by Chris Tester. Part One was intended to support hearing interpreters in identifying and articulating the need for deaf interpreters. This work is crucial as hearing interpreters are often the gatekeepers to deaf interpreters having opportunities to work. Part Two delved into the fundamentals of a deaf/hearing team. Participants learned about power dynamics, consecutive vs simultaneous Interpreting, team building strategies and more. Both workshops went well and MetroRID and ASLI were grateful to see such a turnout.

In Memory: Oni Wilson

On November 22nd, NYC Metro RID Member Oni Wilson passed after a lengthy battle with cancer. Oni graduated from LaGuardia Community College's Interpreter Training Program, and was most recently working at Lexington School for the Deaf as a tri-lingual ASL/English/Spanish Interpreter. The family has established a fundraiser on YouCaring.com to assist with medical and funeral costs.

Board Member Spotlights



Secretary Jason Farr has brought a lot more to the board this past term than just secretarial duties. He has been the driving force behind our MetroNews publication, the creation of our informational brochures and the one who birthed the idea to host our Annual BBQ. He has been working closely with President and Vice President on our efforts to establish more partnerships with various organizations as well as our MOU partnerships. With his experience serving on various boards, he has also been integral to the parliamentary aspect of our business meetings. With his attention to detail and work ethic, we are looking forward to yet another successful year as he continues to cross our t's and dot our l's.



Tim Smith, our newest addition to the board at our Director at Large position, has been one of our most frequent visitors at our business meetings for quite some time. As he observed, and learned about NYC Metro RID he saw areas that needed assistance. Without hesitation, and before he landed a board position, he participated in committees and assisted us, hands on during all of our social events. Now shadowing our Secretary Jason Farr in the handling of our MetroNews and other promotional material, Tim will soon be participating in our recruitment efforts to increase our membership and their involvement. Please help us in welcoming Tim Smith to our board.

Associate's Corner: Mentorship Series

The new season of the Mentorship Series is back with an awesome line up in the works! Mentorship is a FREE monthly meet-up for Metro members who are recent grads and/or novice interpreters. This opportunity is perfect for Associate Members and newer interpreters. The series focuses on the importance of getting involved in the community as a new interpreter, skill building, RID Chapters, ethics, business practices, and open discussions about the field from a Certified interpreters! For more info and to RSVP email: Mentorship@nycmetrorid.org

MetroNews would like to invite members to submit articles for upcoming editions. Submissions can be of any length, and sent to secretary@nycmetrorid.org for review. We are also looking for members interested in video recording our quarterly MetroNews, so that we can begin working towards offering both English and ASL MetroNews formats.

Committees & Chairs

Looking to get involved? Have a question for our committees? Here's a list of Metro Committees and Chairs:

Advertising: **Jenna Gorman**
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