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Harlem Globetrotters Surprise DEC Students



Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf students enjoyed their surprise visit from the Globetrotters!

The vibe in the Mill Neck Manor gymnasium was full of high energy as the Deaf Education Center students clapped along to the music playing out of the loudspeaker. Reminiscent of an actual warm up basketball game, the students took turns shooting baskets ... blissfully unaware of why they were all gathered together in the gym during the middle of a school day.

“Is Santa Claus coming?” one student responded when DEC Superintendent Fran Bogdanoff asked if they had any idea why she had called the gathering. Probably the only thing that could top the idea of a surprise visit from Santa was a surprise visit from the world famous Harlem Globetrotters.

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Christmas Magic Comes to Life

The Christmas Magic event at Mill Neck Manor was a jolly good time for the entire family, including photos with Santa, baked goods and hot cocoa from Mrs. Claus, holiday gift items, children’s arts and crafts, tours of the historic mansion and more!



Santa is real!

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State Senator Jim Gaughran

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MNI Visits Nepal

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MNI and Nawalparasi Association of the Deaf empowering women in Nepal

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Deaf Empowerment for Nepal Women

Mill Neck International (MNI) currently supports various Deaf organizations around the world and implements special projects, including training Deaf leaders, gathering data and statistics about Deaf people in their country and more.

More specifically, in Nepal, MNI has partnered with Nawalparasi Association of the Deaf (NAD) to prepare Deaf women to engage in the social, cultural and economic development of their country.

MNI's Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist, Sarah Houge, recently visited Nepal to observe and assist at a four-day empowerment training for Deaf women. The Deaf community in Nepal was so eager to join that 35 women participated—five more than originally planned.

The women joined together to overcome barriers and challenges during certain activities in the training workshop. In particular, the women participants had a breakthrough in understanding how to develop a Problem Tree Analysis, which is used to trace the roots and causes of a problem in society, to show some of its effects and identify potential solutions.

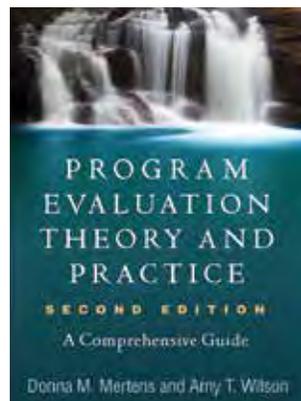
Important questions were asked throughout the workshop, inquiring about possibly designing and planning projects to implement in their own local communities. Although NAD had not initially meant to provide training on project planning and design, they have now added this component to plans for the second phase of their project in Nepal. MNI looks forward to the next training phase and continuing their work with NAD.

Check out MNI's Facebook page to follow along on their journey at facebook.com/mn.intl



Participants of the Empowerment Training for Deaf Women in Nepal

MNI Director is Published



Dr. Wilson and Dr. Mertens' published book

Mill Neck International's (MNI) Director, Dr. Amy Wilson, along with Dr. Donna Mertens, recently co-authored the book, *Program Evaluation Theory and Practice*.

This leading text, which covers both the theory and practice of evaluation in one page-turning volume, has now been revised and updated with additional evaluation approaches (such as mixed methods and principles-focused evaluation) and new methods (such as technologically based strategies).

Dr. Mertens is Professor Emeritus in the Department of Educational Foundations and Research at Gallaudet University and Dr. Wilson leads a team of Deaf education specialists at MNI who share their expertise with individuals in economically poor countries.

"What I enjoyed most about writing this book was sharing real-life evaluations of Deaf programs to illustrate the principles of social justice, cultural responsiveness and the transformative power of evaluation," said Dr. Wilson.

MNI Connects with Fiji

Director of MNI Amy Wilson and MNI Manager Lisa Fisher used Zoom to speak with members of the Fiji Association of the Deaf (FAD).

Using a mix of International Sign Language, Fiji Sign Language (FSL) and American Sign Language (ASL), they discussed data FAD is collecting on different isolated Pacific Islands to learn about the number of Deaf people and their awareness of offered services for Deaf people, or lack thereof.

All of the data they will collect will be presented to government officials to demand that Deaf people receive better education, health care, sign language interpretation and other rights. MNI will help them with analyzing the data, writing their official reports and having a workshop to train Deaf leaders in Samoa on their human rights.



Director of MNI Amy Wilson and MNI Manager Lisa Fisher speaking with members of the Fiji Association of the Deaf



The remote island of Fiji

HANDS-ON: DEAF EDUCATION CENTER

Harlem Globetrotters Surprise DEC Students (Cont.)

Three members of the Globetrotters entered the gym decked out in head-to-toe matching team gear, and were greeted with loud cheers and applause.

Harlem Globetrotters stars Chris “Animal” Hyche, “Zeus” McClurkin and “Hoops” Green presented the team’s T.E.A.M. Up at School program.

The Globetrotters created the school assembly with the National Campaign to Stop Violence. The program discourages bullying, cultivates



Spinning the ball!

empathy and assures the bullied that they are not alone. T.E.A.M. stands for Talk, Empathy, Ask and Mobilize.

During this special assembly, “Animal” used his knowledge of American Sign Language to communicate with the students, as he is the son of two Deaf parents.



Students watching some fancy tricks

Since their inception in 1926, the original Harlem Globetrotters have showcased their iconic talents in 120 countries and territories on six continents, often breaking down cultural and societal barriers while providing fans with their first-ever basketball experience.

A huge thank you to the Harlem Globetrotters organization, for taking the time to visit our students and giving them an experience they will never forget.

Students Participate in Deaf Experience Project

Deaf Education Center students from the eighth grade English Language Arts (ELA) class interviewed six Deaf teachers from Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf to find out what it was like for them growing up in school.

Students were able to take this information and use it productively, whether it was relating it to their own experiences or finding solutions to new challenges they may come across.

Teachers, including Rob Saccente, Larry Manning, Tony Albicocco, Doreen Bodick, Paul Wilson and Rebecca Pilson, answered questions such as: Did you go to a Deaf school or a hearing only school? Were there any interpreters present? And how difficult was it back then without the advances in technology that we have today?

“It was really an eye-opener for them,” said Mill Neck Manor School teacher Sylvia

Sugarman. “Our staff has so many cool experiences, from participating in the Deaf Olympics to many of them going on to a hearing school with no sign language. So it’s been really interesting.”

Sugarman alluded to compiling the teachers’ experiences into a book for the school library to share with the entire Mill Neck Family community.



Students and staff members from the Deaf Experience Project breakfast celebration

DEC Students Learn Flag Etiquette

The American flag is a symbol of respect, honor and patriotism. As a symbol of the country and its people, the flag should be



Rob Saccente, Rob Henrichs and students folding the flag

treated with respect and be honored when on display. Because of this, the Deaf Education Center staff took on a special project to teach students the proper American flag etiquette, rules and guidelines.



Students learning how to care for the American Flag

Mill Neck employee Robert Henrichs donated his own American Flag, which was previously flown in honor of a family member, to the school as the old flag needed to be replaced. Mill Neck staff member Rob Saccente worked with the students on how to properly unfurl and fold the old flag, which will be donated to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the US for retirement.

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Governor Andrew Cuomo speaking at swearing in of State Senator Jim Gaughran

Senator Chuck Schumer, Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli, Senate Deputy Majority Leader Mike Gianaris, Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone, Nassau County Executive Laura Curran, Assemblyman Chuck Lavine, dozens of elected officials, and hundreds of constituents in attendance.

Senator Gaughran won the state senate seat for New York's 5th district on November 6, 2018, winning with more than 68,000 votes. He is the first Democrat in decades to hold the seat. Senator Gaughran will be Chair of the Local Government Committee.

MNIS Launches IAMU Workshop



Mill Neck Interpreter Service (MNIS) is offering a new I.A.M.U. Workshop series, which stands for Interpreters, Appropriately, Modeling and Unity.

This interpreter workshop series will focus on the premise that each interpreter represents who they were, who they are and who they aspire to be. Their shared experiences ultimately connect them and they should be mindful that they are a reflection of each other.

The workshops offered will be geared to better themselves as professional interpreters, emphasizing the point



that "I am you, you are me. We are in this together."

The series will include a variety of topics interpreters encounter during assignments; shared dialogue: experiences, journeys, successes, etc.; team building and building stronger connections with colleagues; growing a supportive community; creating a safe space to discuss issues and concerns; and best practices.

During their first workshop: It's Not You It's Me Owning Our Work in Medical Settings, presenter Danielle Davoli, MSHC, CI/CT, NIC, covered intra-personal demands as an interpreter and how it affects work and interpersonal relationships with both hearing and Deaf consumers. This session also discussed the implications that health literacy has within the assignment in a medical setting, and if the interpreter is not prepared how it will impact the appointment.

Day Hab Gets into the Holiday Spirit



Day Hab Participants during Crazy 80s Day!

non-verbal adults with a range of disabilities, and promotes self-sufficiency and independence in a socialized setting. Their programs and activities allow participants to take control of their lives and become well-informed, engaged citizens.

The individuals and staff enjoyed all the festivities and look forward to next year!

CHH Director Presents at LISHA Fall Conference

The Center for Hearing Health (CHH) Director Susan Antonellis presented at the Long Island Speech-Language-Hearing Association's fall conference at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury, N.Y.

Dr. Antonellis, who holds a NYS license in Audiology, an American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) certification, is a fellow of the American Academy of Audiology and is a licensed NYS hearing aid dispenser, covered Living Well with Conditions and/or Circumstances in her presentation.

"Living well means something different to everyone," Dr. Antonellis said. "Look outside of the box and try to get to know your patients." She continued, advising fellow audiologist and speech pathologists in the audience to talk to their patients and get to know their environment in order to formulate the best plan. Then, it's important to adapt the technological advances in hearing aids to their level of expertise, or lack thereof.

Dr. Antonellis covered a series of new technological advances for Hard of Hearing patients, including: Caption Call, a free service for your home phone that amplifies the voice of the speaker; the Tunity App, which can scan any TV channel's audio right to your headphones or speaker regardless of where you are; and LACE, an interactive computerized training program that assists in developing listening and communication skills.

Want more information or know someone who may need some assistance? Call the Center for Hearing Health today at 516-628-4300 or visit centerforhearinghealth.org.



Director of Audiology, Dr. Susan Antonellis, presenting at LISHA Fall Conference

CHH Employee Awarded at LISHA

Longtime Center for Hearing Health employee Marianne Artinian received the Special Citation Award from the Long Island Speech Language Hearing Association (LISA) for her exemplary service to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing population.

Artinian, who has more than 50 years of dedicated service with Mill Neck, was awarded this honor for her distinguished service with this population and her strong commitment to ensure that people with any disability are not overlooked.

The mother of four children (two of whom are profoundly Deaf) and 11 grandchildren (6 of whom are also Deaf), came to Mill Neck in 1965 with her two children, Peter and Jeanette, who attended Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf.

Artinian's family story was so compelling that it was featured in the documentary "Sound and Fury"—telling the gripping saga of a family torn apart by the use of a cochlear implant.

Marianne soon became active in the school and took a warmhearted interest in the inner-workings of Mill Neck. She is a strong advocate for Deaf rights, saying, "They are people first, and then Deaf."

Artinian's family and colleagues attended the event in her honor.



CHH employees Marianne Artinian and Lucia Larrice

Did You Know?

Center for Hearing Health, located on the beautiful Mill Neck Manor campus, is open weekdays for **FREE** hearing screenings!

Center for Hearing Health is a full-service hearing healthcare provider and is open to all Mill Neck staff, alumni, students, program participants as well as the general public.

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LFD Deaconess Published

Lutheran Friends of the Deaf (LFD) Deaconess Heidi Sias was recently published in *The Lutheran Witness* on her article "Made Perfect Through Suffering."



Deaconess Sias' Article

In her article, Sias eloquently discusses the hard truth of the perceived "perfect life." That often thrown-around phrase can mean so many different things: good health, happiness, successful relationships—a mere "pipe dream" to those who suffer from chronic diseases day in and day out, and in reality for all of us.

She leaves the reader feeling comforted as she says, "Our Lord does not leave us unanswered or abandoned, however; He comes down to earth, God with us, in the flesh, our Immanuel." (Matt. 1:23)

She explains that Paul reminds us in Romans 5 that our "suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame" (3-5).

LFD Visits Hong Kong and Macau Schools

Members of Lutheran Friends of the Deaf traveled to Hong Kong and Macau in support of the Lutheran Deaf Mission of the LCMS, which they have been associated with for several decades.

In particular, Deaconess Diana Rice, who was born in Macau, is Deaf and graduated from Concordia School; and LFD mission council member Jennifer Ceyanes, who is also Deaf, both visited the Hong Kong Lutheran School for the Deaf and Macau's Concordia School for Special Education

(CSSE). The goal of their trip was to teach Deaf language and culture and also explore how LFD might better serve the mission of these schools.

During their visit, Deaconess Rice presented on Deaf Respect and Deaf Culture; they arranged activities between both CSSE with Hong Kong students; and they toured various attractions, historical places, restaurants; and more in Macau. Another highlight of the trip was the introduction of the students from the Hong Kong Lutheran School of the Deaf to the students from CSSE in Macau. Although the CSSE students could not sign, the students were able to interact well by participating in some activities. This was a great opportunity to connect with the students and get to know them better.



Deaconess Diana Rice visits Macau's Concordia School for Special Education

The 2019 Sign Language Camp, held on July 29 - Aug. 2 and Aug. 5 - 9, is a terrific way for kids, ages 8 to 16, to learn American Sign Language (ASL) and have fun doing it! Located on the Mill Neck campus, our program is designed to teach sign language to children with or without previous experience. Campers will learn how to sign everything from the alphabet to colors to conversational ASL, while making long-lasting friendships in the process. Please visit lutheranfriendsofthedeaf.org for more details and contact information.

CITI: 2019 Save the Date!

The Church Interpreter Training Institute (CITI), held at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Ind., on June 13 to 16, instructs American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters, church members and professional church workers in church interpreting and Deaf ministry.

Participants gain knowledge and skills through courses, including: ASL linguistics; Facial and body expression; Religious vocabulary; Deaf Culture; Biblical studies; Interpreting Scripture, liturgy, sermons, hymns and songs.

Continuing education credits for RID (Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf) interpreters is in process. Please visit lutheranfriendsofthedeaf.org for more information.



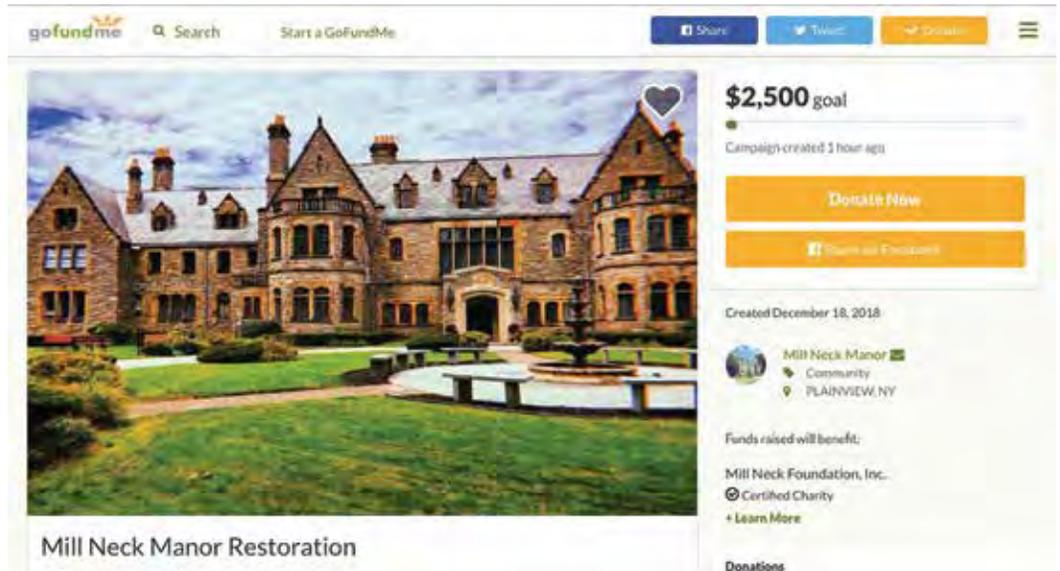
GIVING BACK: MILL NECK FOUNDATION

Mill Neck Manor Launches GoFundMe Campaign

The Mill Neck Manor is embarking on a new chapter in its story as we begin our latest push for restoration in the Manor. In an effort to secure funding for new projects, we have launched a GoFundMe campaign to reach a wider audience for donations. All donations will help us to raise funds so that we can fix immediate issues in the Manor, acquire correct furnishings and better secure the Manor's state for many years to come!

Since 2016, Mill Neck Manor has undergone a process of extensive restoration and

preservation to return the home to how it would have looked in 1925. The hope of the Mill Neck Family of Organizations is that the home may be better exhibited to the public during our tours and events, as all funds raised by Mill Neck Manor directly benefits Deaf children and adults! To find out more information or to donate, go to: [gofundme.com/mill-neck-manor-restoration](https://www.gofundme.com/mill-neck-manor-restoration)



History: A look back at the Mill Neck Manor Master Bedroom

In 1949, the Lutheran Friends of the Deaf purchased Sefton Manor from Lillian Sefton Dodge for only \$216,000. Three years later, after finally securing the funds to open their school and with the home's name changed, the Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf opened in 1951. About 3,500 people attended the Sunday dedication of Mill Neck Manor on September 23, 1951, and the school officially opened on September 26, 1951, serving 19 Deaf boys and girls. In just three years, the school would go on to have 40 students.

These two photos show how Mill Neck Manor has adapted over the years to benefit the school and its students. The top photo from 1934 shows the alcove area of Lillian Sefton Dodge's master bedroom where she kept her desk. The bottom picture shows the same spot in the early 1950s. The school used the master bedroom as a nursery for the youngest students. There, they would learn and play for many years.

Today, the master bedroom has evolved once again for the benefit of the Mill Neck Family of Organizations. While the rest of the home has been undergoing restoration, the master bedroom is currently used as a state-of-the-art conference room for corporate meetings. This shows how the Manor continues to evolve and provide many benefits for our foundation, and will do so for many years to come!



1934: the alcove area of Lillian Sefton Dodge's master bedroom



1950: the school used the master bedroom as the nursery for students

SPECIAL EVENTS: MILL NECK FAMILY

Christmas Magic Comes to Life



Children all smiles with Santa and Mrs. Claus

The enchanting Mill Neck Manor was adorned with holiday décor during the Christmas Magic event in December.

This festive, family friendly took place inside of the historic Mill Neck Manor and featured photos with Santa, baked goods and hot cocoa from Mrs. Claus, holiday gift items, children's arts and crafts, tours of the historic mansion and more!

To celebrate our local sponsors, Christmas Magic presented a Festival of Wreaths, where local businesses and community groups purchased and decorated a wreath that was auctioned at the event.

A huge thank you to: Nassau County Camera Club for photography; Festival

of Wreaths Participants: Oyster Bay Yoga, Blush Boutique Locust Valley and Nicole Troncone, Pine Hollow Country Club, Appliance World, Oakcliff Sailing, Yolo Strong Foundation, The Life Enrichment Center of Oyster Bay, Dodd's and Eder, Grenville Baker Boys and Girls Club; Our Vendors: Gooseberry Grove Amusements, Sweet Treats- Heather Denatale, Daphne Fenelon Accessories and Little Lexi's Barkery- Mindy Abbruzzese.

All proceeds from the event benefited the Mill Neck Family of Organizations' vision of creating a world in which Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals are included, empowered, celebrated and embraced as equals through quality educational, employment, audiological and spiritual programs and services.



Checking his Christmas list with Santa!

Save the Date for our 2019 Events!

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Saturday and Sunday
Oct. 12 and 13, 2019

Christmas Magic
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Saturday and Sunday
Dec. 7 and 8, 2019

