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An Affiliate Chapter of the National Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc.

## Calendar

### JUNE

#### CHAPTER MEETING & BBQ

Sunday, 11th

11:00-4:00  
Queensbridge Park

#### BOARD MEETING

Monday, 19th

6:00-8:00  
Panera Bread, 34th/5th

### JULY

#### D.I. CONFERENCE

12th-16th

Villanueva, Pennsylvania

#### RID NATIONAL CONFERENCE

20th - 24th

Salt Lake City, Utah

### AUGUST

#### BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, 8th

6:00-8:00  
Panera Bread, 34th/5th

## Harlem Independent Living Center, MOU Partner

NYC Metro RID is excited to announce our first MOU partnered organization with the Harlem Independent Living Center (HILC). Their mission is to assist the communities of people with disabilities in achieving optimal independence through culturally and linguistically appropriate services by advocating, educating, empowering, and being a catalyst for change within the community.



Working alongside their Executive Director Christina Curry, we seek to come together for common issues that impact both the interpreting profession and Deaf communities. For more information on our MOU, please visit our [website](#). For more information on the Harlem Independent Living Center, visit their website at [www.hilc.org](http://www.hilc.org)

## AIDS Walk New York

NYC Metro RID was represented at the 2017 AIDS Walk New York, an annual walk through Central Park to raise money for people in the tri-state area who are living with HIV/AIDS. Our organization raised over \$750 and we aren't done yet. More information on future fundraising walks coming soon. Know of a charitable walk coming up? Let us know at [fundraising@nycmetrorid.org](mailto:fundraising@nycmetrorid.org)



## News Briefs

- The NYC Metro RID Board is currently voting on a new logo for our Affiliate Chapter. For more information, contact [DAL Erika Murray](#).
- NYSD Fanwood, the second oldest school for the Deaf in the United States, recently celebrated their 200 year anniversary. This celebration also comes with the announcement of a new superintendent, Dr. Bradley Porche, currently the principal at the Mississippi School for the Deaf.
- The Deaf Interpreter Conference will be held at Villanueva College, Villanueva, Pennsylvania from July 12-16. Click [here](#) for registration.

## Board Member Spotlights:

### *Justine Rivera, DAL*

Justine Rivera has been instrumental in the planning of NYC Metro RID's Annual BBQ, working alongside other board members, ensuring its success. She has also been the point person to our Membership Committee working at the liaison between our Membership Chair and the Board, in addition to developing communication material that will be shared with our 2017-2018 prospective Membership. Justine will be embarking a new major project within Metro, heading the preliminary planning process of our 2019 Conference! As Director at Large, Justine's outgoing personality and willingness to learn breathes life into our board as she seeks to continue being a valuable asset to not only the board but supporting our chapter's growth as well.

### *Jonathan Lamberton, CDI, SC:L, Treasurer*



Treasurer Jon Lamberton has been key in making sure many of our programs and events have been well financed to be carried out successfully. Currently he is working on developing forms to keep better track on how funds are allotted within the organization and establishing a process for financial requests from committees and board. Jon had been working closely with the Professional

Development Committee as their liaison as we look forward to a comprehensive PD program for the new fiscal year. Jon's diligence continues to be a key component and backbone to our daily operation.

### *Erika Murray, DAL*

Erika Murray is the most recent addition to our board, stepping in to finish the term of a past board member and she has hit the ground running ever since. Erika has been involved a few projects including, gathering information for our new website, assisted in event planning and most recently has taken the lead on the creation of our new logo! Erika seeks to continue placing her high spirited energy into our website making it vibrant and enjoyable for our members.

## Board Election Results

The membership has voted! An election was held for the 2017/2018 Board of Directors May 11-26. Here are the results:

**President** Jose Gomez, NIC

**Vice President** Lydia Callis, NIC

**Secretary** (vacant)

**Treasurer** Jonathan Lamberton, CDI

**Associate Representative** Danielle Piccirilli

### **Directors-At-Large**

Kat Dunams     Lisa Lockley  
Justine Rivera     Erika Murray

## Associate's Corner

Registration for the 2017 LEAD Together Conference is now open for anyone who's interested. The ASL Immersion and Interpreting Skills Development Track is ideal for Associate members. Developing interpreters can take workshops on topics such as semantics, depiction, special mapping, message coherence, and more.

NYC Metro RID board members Jose, Lydia, and Lisa will see you there!

## Terp Tech

Each MetroNews includes a section on tech we would recommend. The category for this edition is **podcasts**.

- Citizens Guide to the Supreme Court
- Stuff You Should Know
- Coffee Break Spanish
- Wellness Force Radio

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