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Summer 2013 Newsletter from the Division for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Late Deafened

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THE DIVISION FOR THE DEAF, HARD OF HEARING & LATE DEAFENED

Director's Report

We would like to invite you to attend our Annual Tea in celebration of Deaf Culture Week. It will take place on September 19, 2013, in the Hall of Flags at the State House.

As in past years, the Commission for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Late Deafened will recognize people from the community for their work and contribution to the Deaf community at the Tea. If you feel that someone deserves an award, please take the time to fill out the nomination form, included in this issue, and send it to us by August 16, 2013. The Tea is always a great event and I look forward to seeing you there.

I would also like to share that we are thrilled that LD 1352, “An Act To Provide Integrated Community-based Employment and Customized Employment for Persons with Disabilities” became law during this last legislative session. The law is based on the belief that competitive, integrated employment should be the first and preferred choice of services for people with disabilities.

As a reminder, our next Commission meeting will be held on October 10, 2013. The public is encouraged to attend.

If you know of others who are interested in subscribing to Maine-Lines, a newsletter with information and resources for people who are Deaf, Late Deafened and Hard of Hearing, please encourage them to visit [http://maine.gov/labor](http://maine.gov/labor) and look for the little red envelope. Enter the email address, follow the directions and then choose Maine-Lines from the list.

You may also choose to sign up for Deaf Resources, which provides updates and information of interest to the Deaf community, as well as other email services from the Department of Labor. You may change your subscriber preferences at any time by entering your email address in the box next to the red envelope on the Department’s home page.
MAINE COMMISSION FOR THE DEAF, HARD OF HEARING AND LATE DEAFENED

INVITES YOU TO THE ANNUAL TEA

IN CELEBRATION OF DEAF CULTURE WEEK

ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2013

FROM 2:00 TO 4:00 IN THE AFTERNOON

AT THE STATE HOUSE
HALL OF FLAGS

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PLEASE RESPOND BY SEPTEMBER 10, 2013.
ASL INTERPRETERS AND CART PROVIDED—PLEASE CONTACT NANCY BY SEPTEMBER 1 IF YOU NEED OTHER COMMUNICATION ACCOMMODATIONS.
I nominate:

For the Promoting of American Sign Language, Deaf Culture and Deaf People Award
This award is given to a person who worked to improve Maine’s Deaf community through leadership by promoting American Sign Language, Deaf Culture or Deaf People.
Because:

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I nominate:

For the Outstanding Citizenship Award
This award is given to a person who is a leader in the Deaf community.
Because:

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I nominate:

For the Citizenship Youth Award
This award is given to a student who is a leader in school and the Deaf community.
Because:

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I nominate:

For the Ginny Hewes Advocate for the Needs of the Deaf Community Award
This award is given to a person or organization that advocates for the needs of the Deaf, hard-of-hearing and late-deafened individuals in Maine.
Because:

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I nominate:

For the Special Commendation Award
This award is given to an individual or agency whose activities in and with the Deaf community deserves recognition.
Because:

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Division for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing & Late Deafened

The Division for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing & Late Deafened provides a program of services to Deaf, hard-of-hearing and late-deafened people in Maine, which includes information and referral, advocacy, and accessibility promotion.

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