

“May is Better Hearing and Speech Month”

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May is “Better Hearing and Speech Month”, and it is coming soon. The LISHA Public Information Committee has been diligently working on preparations for our annual event. The committee members are currently completing “final touches” to the 16th Annual Awards night Ceremony, which LISHA runs during the month of May.

This year, the LISHA Public Information Committee is comprised of several dedicated LISHA members including Immediate Past President Christine Morvay and Public Information Counselors Mary Boghosian-Asofsky, Steven Asofsky and Krista Bowden.

“Better Hearing and Speech Month” is a national event. It has been a tradition for LISHA to partake in the celebration. A great deal of planning occurs prior to the month of May to successfully attain our goal of increasing public awareness of speech-language pathology and audiology. LISHA will be publicizing “Better Hearing and Speech Month” through newspapers, television stations and radio stations. Public service announcements and press releases will be provided to the media.

The LISHA organization has been conducting its annual poster contest for “Better Hearing and Speech Month”. All school-aged children in public or private schools, clinical settings and special education programs have been involved in creating posters. Posters are to be submitted by March 31, 2006.

All posters will be judged at the April Executive Board meeting. All LISHA members are welcome to attend the meeting and cast their votes. Last year, over one hundred posters were submitted. Students who participate will receive a Certificate of Participation for their involvement.

The 16th Annual Awards Night Ceremony will be held on Monday, May 8, 2006 at the East Meadow School District at the Salisbury Center in Westbury. This event is free and open to award winners, family members, teachers, LISHA members and the community.

In addition to the poster contest awards, Parent/Caregiver Awards and Joan Fox Awards will be presented during the awards ceremony on May 8, 2006. The Parent/Caregiver Award gives LISHA an opportunity to recognize individuals who have shown outstanding participation and support in furthering the communication skills of a speech-language or hearing impaired individual. In order to nominate an individual for the Parent/Caregiver Award, it is required that a short essay describing the nominee be submitted. The Joan Fox Awards will be presented to distinguished graduate students from local universities.

LISHA is enthusiastic about initiating the events related to “Better Hearing and Speech Month” as well as the 16th Annual Awards Night Ceremony. For further information, please log onto the LISHA web site at www.LISHA.org.

If you have any suggestions or questions regarding “Better Hearing and Speech Month”, please feel free to contact Mary Boghosian-Asofsky and Steven Asofsky at (631) 665-9168 or Krista Bowden at (631) 724-4936.

Additionally, if you have an interest in participating on the Public Information Committee, you may contact Mary, Steven or Krista. As always, the LISHA organization welcomes participation from all of its members!