



May 2010 e-NEWS RID REGION I REPORT: Long Island RID and Maine RID Profile

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RID's new approach to sharing information with the membership from each of the affiliate chapters continues this month with the May 2010 e-NEWS. This month the Region I Report profiles Long Island RID and Maine RID. We hope this will be a new and innovative way for RID members to learn more about each of the affiliate chapters as well as for each of the affiliate chapters to spotlight themselves and their members.

Hello everyone!

I'm keeping this month's edition short and sweet, though you should all should have received an e-blast from me with further salient information. The most important thing to inform you of at this moment is this: we are well on our way to *record-breaking* numbers of registrants at our Region I Conference this August in Albany! Are you one of them? If so, THANK YOU for registering early. Your money and time will be well spent. If you haven't yet registered, what are you waiting for?! Send in your registration today. This is an experience you simply cannot afford to miss! For more information, check our Web site, which is being generously hosted by Vermont RID (VTRID) and administered by Cory Brunner. Thank you VTRID, Cory, Kelly Decker, Trudy Gilbert and all of our current and future conference registrants. Albany will never be the same after Region I takes the stage!

I wish you all the best and ample amounts of sun (with SPF, of course!) Read on for our May 2010 affiliate chapter spotlights!

Until next time,
Jackie
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<http://www.vtrid.org/region1conf.htm>

Affiliate Chapter: Long Island Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (LIRID)
President Laurie Nash

Number of Members: around 112

Web site address: www.lirid.org

Describe the programs and services your affiliate chapter provides:

Our very active chapter plans several professional development activities per year as well as fundraising events to maintain these programs. We have an active mentorship committee that provides outreach to local interpreter education programs as well as to new interpreters to coordinate and/or provide mentorship support. We maintain a lending library that currently consists of over 150 resources from which members may borrow.

How would you define the members of your affiliate chapter?

A very active and motivated group of interpreters and students. The experience of our membership runs the gamut from 30 plus years to just getting started.

What is your affiliate chapter's claim to fame?

Best Web site for chapters under 150 members and Best Newsletter for chapters under 150 members as awarded at the 2007 RID National Conference.

Please list any upcoming meetings, events, workshops, conferences:

Our chapter typically takes a hiatus during the summer months but we expect some activity in light of the Region I Conference in August. In September, we will host a mini-legal workshop after our general membership meeting.

What else would you like to share about your affiliate chapter?

We recently established an emergency fund for working interpreters/members who experience financial hardship as a result of catastrophic events in their lives. We regularly provide scholarships for members to attend national and regional conferences. We recently held elections and will have a new board beginning their terms in July 2010. We have a pending application with RID to become an approved sponsor of CEUs.

Maine RID Updates (MERID)

President Jillian McLaughin

New Officers:

As my term as the Maine RID president comes to a close, I would like to take this moment and thank the current board. Two board members have committed to a third term: Regan Thibodeau, our new vice president and Roseane Ryerson, our legal representative. Thank you for your dedication and commitment! I would also like to thank outgoing board members: Lisa Masure, Vice President; Deb Myers, Northern Representative; and Sarah Hill, Member-at-Large, for all of their hard work and dedication over the past two years. Your contributions have truly been appreciated. Lastly, I would like to thank those who joined the board just this last year and who continue to serve: Karla Doucette, Treasurer; Kelly McCormick, Secretary; Vicki Munor-Ludders, Educational Representative; and Ann Swope, Medical Representative. I have greatly appreciated everyone's contributions and support and I am grateful for all of the work that you have done. Thank you!

I would also like to congratulate and welcome our new board members: Judy Kegl, President; Grace Cooney, Member-at-Large Rep; Arricka Nowland, Southern Region Rep; and Sarah Tanner, Northern Region Rep. Welcome and thank you!

Web site:

We finally have our new Web site up and running. Check out the new Maine RID Web site at www.mainerid.org. Members will be able to log in and access "member only" areas of the Web site, such as videos, a member directory and member chat rooms.

Betsy Reifman Leadership Award:

In honor of Betsy Reifman, our beloved colleague, Maine RID established the Betsy Reifman Leadership Award. This award is presented annually to a Maine RID member who exhibits the qualities that Betsy embodied and that we all admired: leadership within Maine RID, active participation in the interpreting community, dedication to ethical decision-making and support of the profession's growth. This year's award recipient is Judy Kegl. Congratulations, Judy! To read more about our deserving recipient, please visit <https://www.mainerid.org/betsy-reifman-leadership-award/>.