

Stockton's Manahawkin Site and SCOSA Present: 'How Treating Your Ears Can Help Keep Your Brain Healthy' at Free Lunch & Learn Session Aug. 6

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Galloway, NJ - The Manahawkin Instructional Site and the Stockton Center on Successful Aging (SCOSA) will present a Lunch & Learn lecture, "Hearing Loss and Brain Function: How Treating Your Ears Can Help Keep Your Brain Healthy," on **Thursday, Aug. 6**.

Adults ages 55 and up are invited for an hour of education and discussion beginning at noon at Stockton University's Manahawkin Instructional Site, 712 East Bay Ave., Suite 20. Lunch will be provided.

Dr. Kimberly Richards, of Garden State Hearing & Balance Center in Ocean County, will give a PowerPoint presentation and discuss different types of hearing loss, causes, signs and symptoms, and treatment options. She also will present a segment called E-patient, which gives an in-depth visual of the auditory system and the features of anatomy with regard to normal hearing and hearing loss.

Dr. Richards joined Garden State Hearing & Balance Center in May 2011 as an audiology resident and is now GSHB's newest full-time audiologist. She moved to Toms River, NJ from Morgantown, W. Va., where she earned a B.S. in Speech Pathology and Audiology in 2008 and a Doctorate of Audiology in 2012 at West Virginia University.

Dr. Richards holds certificates in the fields of Gerontology and Disability Studies, and recently became a Fellow of the Academy of Audiology. She is also a member of the New Jersey Academy of Audiology.

Preregistration is required for this event, open to adults 55 years old and older. To register, or for additional information, please call 609-626-3883.

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