



# CHAPTER NEWS AND NOTES

## April 2011

### CHAPTER MEETINGS

HEAR Center, 9:30 am to 12 pm or 1pm\*  
301 E Del Mar Blvd., Pasadena

All meetings captioned and free of charge

\*To allow for discussion time, meetings with guest speakers may go until 1pm

**Saturday, April 23**  
**TINNITUS PRESENTATION - MEETING BEGINS AT 9:55 AM**  
 Audiologist Kelly Reavis joins us to discuss her research at UC Irvine's Tinnitus Center. Due to scheduling conflicts, she must leave by 11am, so will start her presentation no later than 10am.  
**PLEASE ARRIVE BY 9:55 AM!**  
 After the break, we'll hear a brief announcement from a special guest, Jeff Grama, a wonderful audiologist whose clients include many HLA-LA members. Also, Toni Barrient, recently retired from HLA, will discuss an exciting captioned phone product, Caption Call, and have demos available during the latter part of the meeting.  
 Note: This meeting may go until 12:30 or 1pm

**May: NO MEETING THIS MONTH**  
Save the date, May 30, for our Memorial Day party!

**June 25: CONVENTION RECAP**  
Scholarship recipients Malik and Lisa will briefly recap their experiences from the Convention. Plus, Paul Steussy of Hamilton Relay will discuss some of their products geared for the deaf and HOH.

**July 23: MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER**  
Be entertained and inspired by Linnaea Mallette, professional speaker, author and radio host, who also has profound hearing loss.

**MARCH MEETING RECAP:**  
We had an entertaining panel discussion of mixed couples, all with one hearing and one HOH partner. Thanks to all who participated!

**WE MEET THE 4th SATURDAY OF THE MONTH**  
 (except May, Nov. & Dec.) at the HEAR CENTER,  
 301 E. Del Mar Blvd., Pasadena 91101, 9:30 am to noon\*  
 (9:30-10am is social time; meetings start promptly at 10am)  
 \*Meetings with guest speakers may go to 1pm.

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**"On the Job with Hearing Loss", May 14, 9:30am-4:30pm**  
Spend a Saturday with "hearing loss coach" Mary Clark, who will teach you tools and strategies for managing workplace challenges. Quality Inn and Suites, 16905 S. Pioneer Blvd., Artesia; \$50, includes lunch. For more info or to register, email: [maryl@hlcoach.com](mailto:maryl@hlcoach.com)

**Memorial Day Party, Monday, May 30**  
Mark your calendars... planning is underway for an HLA-LA Memorial Day celebration at the Merwitzer's lovely home in Pacific Palisades, 871 Chautauqua Blvd. A big thank-you to Nelson, Sandy and Jon for once again offering to host us. Stay tuned for more details soon.

**2011 Walk4Hearing, Sunday, June 5, 9am Registration**  
Get involved with the biggest fundraising event for hearing loss in the nation. More participants means more funds and visibility for hearing loss! See [www.walk4hearing.org](http://www.walk4hearing.org), or contact Ronnie Adler ([Radler@hearingloss.org](mailto:Radler@hearingloss.org)) or Rebecca Lander ([Rlander@hearingloss.org](mailto:Rlander@hearingloss.org)) for more info. Walk begins at 10am in the Long Beach Marina—a beautiful place to spend a Sunday morning!

**Join HLA-LA's Walk4Hearing Team, Now Online!**  
Join "The L.A. Stars," HLA-LA's team led by captain Katherine Burns, at [http://hlaa.convio.net/site/TR/Teamraiser/LongBeachWalk?team\\_id=18420&pg=team&fr\\_id=1885](http://hlaa.convio.net/site/TR/Teamraiser/LongBeachWalk?team_id=18420&pg=team&fr_id=1885). Or, form your own team by going to [http://hlaa.convio.net/site/TR?fr\\_id=1885&pg=entry](http://hlaa.convio.net/site/TR?fr_id=1885&pg=entry) and clicking on "Start a Team." Just make sure you designate HLA-LA as your affiliated chapter, as we'll get 40% of all funds raised by our members.

**HLAA Convention 2011, June 16-19, Washington D.C.**  
The national convention is right around the corner! For info on schedules, presentations, activities, registration and discounts, check out [www.hearingloss.org/convention](http://www.hearingloss.org/convention). A truly valuable experience for anyone affected by hearing loss, the convention this year will feature workshops by HLA-LA members Malik El-Amin, Rhianon Gutierrez and Dr. Alison Freeman.

**Convention Scholarship – Still Open for Submissions**  
HLA-LA would love to award one of its members the opportunity to attend the Convention, so we've extended the deadline. If you've never been to a convention and want to apply for a scholarship, write a brief essay on why you should attend, and submit it to Katherine Burns ([Kat.Burns@gmail.com](mailto:Kat.Burns@gmail.com)). Congratulations to the three HLA-LA members chosen as recipients of convention scholarships from National: Malik El-Amin, Reema Radwan, and Lisa Yuan!

**Garage Sale Success!**  
Thanks to everyone who donated items and helped out, we had another successful event this year, with net proceeds of \$1000 – enough for a year's worth of captioning at our meetings. We're grateful to everyone who contributed, but special thanks go to Katherine and Danny for hosting us, to Michael for his sales and haggling expertise, and to our "VIP" Bernie, not just for his hard work from morning till day's end, but for his generous \$100 donation!

**Steering Committee Changes**  
Michael Kaplan and Dana Sunderland have resigned from the SC due to job commitments. We're so grateful to them both for their dedication to HLA-LA! Michael's many years of service will never be forgotten, and we're thankful that he'll still help with the website. Dana, in her brief time on the SC, has graced us all with her warm spirit, and we congratulate her on her new job in San Diego. Chris Grafil will now take her place as membership chair, and more details on next September's SC elections will be discussed soon.

**Ahmanson Theatre Open-Captioned Show**  
July 23: *Les Misérables*, 2pm. See info at: [www.centertheatre.org/projectdate](http://www.centertheatre.org/projectdate)

**Tip of the Month** (words of wisdom found on our message board)  
Looking for more events for the deaf and HOH? Check out [www.kodawest.org](http://www.kodawest.org) (Kids Of Deaf Adults) for some fun upcoming events, including bowling, tennis, and a day at the beach.

**HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS to** Dan Smith on 5/2; Pat Widman on 5/3; Valerie Stern on 5/5  
**HAPPY MAY ANNIVERSARIES to** Malik and Sabah on 5/9; Judy verMehr on 5/9

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