



CHAPTER NEWS AND NOTES

August 2010

In Memoriam: Ray Louis McKeever

HLA-LA lost longtime member and good friend Ray McKeever when he suffered a heart attack on July 19. Our message board filled with fond memories of the sweet guy we all called "Grandpa Ray." People remembered him as "cheerful," "positive," "one of a kind," "funny," always making others smile, and always trying to live life to its fullest. Grandpa Ray dedicated much of his life to helping the HOH community. He will be dearly missed. On behalf of HLA-LA, a donation of \$150 was made to HLAA in Ray's name.

CHAPTER MEETINGS

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

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

Saturday, August 28 WCI Presentation on Captel

The Captel 800i phone will be featured in this presentation by Lance Davis and Richelle South from Weitbrecht Communications, Inc. (WCI), the nation's largest distributor of assistive listening devices. To learn about the latest gadgets designed to make your life easier, be sure to join us!

www.weitbrecht.com

Note: This meeting will go until 1pm if necessary

September 25: HLA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE FINALÉ, STEERING COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

We'll celebrate the conclusion of our HLA membership drive with a drawing and prizes. Steering committee voting and results will take place as well.

October 23: ADA DISCUSSION

with ADA Compliance Officer Richard Ray, from the City of L.A. Dept. on Disability.

JULY MEETING RE-CAP:

Brittany Kelley from Envoy discussed the new Esteem invisible hearing implant, and actual recipient Marcia shared how the device has changed her life by giving her back her hearing. www.envoymedical.com

WE MEET THE 4th SATURDAY OF THE MONTH (except Nov. & Dec.) at the HEAR CENTER, 301 E. Del Mar Bl, 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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HLAA Membership Drive - Final Month

We'll be wrapping up our membership drive at the September 25th meeting with a drawing and new prizes, including gift certificates from Ralph's and WCI, a leading assistive listening device distributor. If you haven't joined our national organization, HLAA, visit their website (www.hearingloss.org) to learn how important their work is for all of us with hearing loss. Their current advocacy projects are detailed at: <http://hlaa-advocacy.blogspot.com/>.

Hearing Loss Technology Expo, September 22, 6-8:30 pm

Hosted by the Greater Los Angeles Agency on Deafness, Inc. (GLAD) on Wednesday, Sept. 22, this event, aimed at the HOH and late deafened community, will feature new and current assistive listening technology. GLAD has invited HLA-LA to have a booth there, and we're very enthusiastic. Not only is this a great outreach opportunity, but it's the result of a growing relationship with GLAD that we hope will only get stronger. Contact Pat at pkwidman@sbcglobal.net if interested in volunteering. Expo will be held at GLAD: 2222 LaVerne Ave, L.A. More info on yahoo list soon.

Steering Committee Elections, September 25

We'll be filling five spots on our SC at September's meeting. Nominate yourself or someone else – it's a fun, easy way to be more active with the chapter. Time commitment is minimal, but the rewards are plenty. Note: You must be a National HLAA member to serve on the committee.

Bowling Highlights

Our July 24th outing to Burbank's Pickwick Bowl was a blast! Little Janis was adorable as ever, and Dana wowed everyone as the top scorer of the day. Almost as impressive (but not quite as pretty) were Danny and Bernie in 2nd place. Across the street at Viva Fresh, we rounded out the day with jumbo margaritas, Mexican food and lots of LOUD conversation!

August 21 SoCal Chapter Leaders Meeting - Recap

Southern California HLAA chapters came together for a day of networking and animated discussion, led off by Nat'l States and Chapters Coordinator Elizabeth LeBarron. Topics included membership, leadership development, publicity and programs/speakers. If you missed this fun and energizing event, there will be more – plans are to meet quarterly for continued teambuilding, brainstorming and mutual support. Many thanks to Elizabeth for coming from D.C. to inspire us, Mary Clark for hosting and facilitating the event, and the reps from each chapter who participated.

Ahmanson Theatre Open-Captioned Shows

Don't miss the OC performance of *Leap of Faith*, starring Brooke Shields, on Sat. Oct. 23, 2pm. 213.628.2772, 213.690.4017 (TTY), www.centertheatregroup.org/projectdate

Tip of the Month (words of wisdom found on our message board!)

Phone tactics: If you need information from someone you can't understand on the phone, explain that you're HOH and ask him/her to simply answer **your** questions "yes" or "no". Can't distinguish "yes" from "no"? Ask the speaker to say "positive" for yes. Finally, for help understanding numbers, you can ask questions like: "I'm unsure what number you said - did you mean 4+1 or 8+1?"

HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

9/2: Jim Hogan; 9/10: Paul Kaufman; 9/22: Diane Gross; 9/29: Elizabeth Weiland

AND HAPPY 6TH ANNIVERSARY, HLA-LA!