



# CHAPTER NEWS & NOTES

## February 2010

### CHAPTER MEETINGS

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

#### Saturday, February 27 COCHLEAR IMPLANTS: ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW

Presented by audiologist Dawna Mills, director of the adult cochlear implant program at House Ear Clinic. She'll also provide information from both Advanced Bionics and Cochlear Americas. If you have questions about cochlear implants, you won't want to miss this meeting!

Note: This meeting will go until 1pm.  
See right for more details.

#### March 27:

##### CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP DRIVE KICK-OFF!

Come join the fun as we officially kick off our drive to join HLAA (see details to right).

#### April 24: DISCUSSION WITH CSUN PROFESSOR JOYCE LINDEN

With 46 years in deaf education, Joyce grew up with deaf parents, is an expert on communication issues, and is known for her successful fingerspelling workshops.

#### JANUARY MEETING RECAP

CTAP's Terri Howell gave an informative presentation on the program's many great services. [www.ddtp.org/CTAP](http://www.ddtp.org/CTAP)

**WE MEET THE 4th SATURDAY OF  
THE MONTH** (except May, 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)

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### New 3-hour Chapter Meeting Format in February

Time constraints at recent meetings have led to cutting discussions short or rushing guest speakers. So we're trying a longer format at the Feb. 27 meeting: social time as usual will start at 9:30, then the guest speaker at 10:00. After the break, we'll have introductions and discussion time until 1:00pm (with captioning!). This is a test-run – based on how well it goes, the steering committee will decide whether to implement the format permanently. Your feedback will be most important, so please remember to share it with us!

### Chapter Membership Drive for HLAA

The March meeting will officially kick off our membership drive for our national organization, Hearing Loss Association of America. It would be great to get 100% participation from our members! Starting by updating our chapter database of member contact information, we'll be giving everyone a brief form to complete at upcoming meetings. Please let us know if you're already an HLAA member. Your HLAA membership ID number can be found on the mailing label of your Hearing Loss magazine, or on the ID card you were sent upon joining.

### Super Bowl Party Recap

Our first social event of the year was a big success! We ate, gabbed, and cheered the New Orleans Saints to victory. Thanks again to our wonderful hosts, the Merwitzers. See photos at: [www.flickr.com/photos/blueskycreative/sets/72157623322\\_834163/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/blueskycreative/sets/72157623322_834163/) (thanks to Alicia).

### HLA-California 2010 Chapter Leadership Training Seminar

Chapter leaders from all over southern California gathered in Lakewood on Feb. 13 to learn techniques, share tips, and network. HLA-LA members Danny Tubbs and Katherine Burns gave a presentation entitled "Building Membership Month by Month." Other LA members included Nanci Linke-Ellis, Diane Gross, Bernie Marks, and Pat Widman.

### HLA-California Board of Trustees Meeting Highlights

Strategic planning for future projects was the main discussion topic at the Feb. 14th meeting. Fundraising and community outreach were stressed as top priorities for chapters. Mary Clark was re-elected Board President, and HLA-LA's Diane Gross will serve as Secretary for 2010.

### Annual HLA-LA Garage Sale, Coming in April...

at Katherine and Danny's in Glendale. Start saving items now, and stay tuned for details!

### "Eyes of Deafness": Photography Exhibit

Photography by deaf and hard of hearing adults at Armory Center of the Arts, Pasadena 145 N. Raymond Ave. Opening reception Feb. 20, 2-4 pm. Exhibit runs through Mar. 14.

### "See What I'm Saying" - Los Angeles Film Screening

The first open captioned commercial film in American history, this documentary follows the journeys of four deaf entertainers. Premieres Mar. 18 at the Egyptian Theatre; then plays Mar 19 - Apr. 1 at Laemmle Sunset 5. Details at: [www.seewhatimsayingmovie.com/](http://www.seewhatimsayingmovie.com/)

### Sign Language & Interpreting Conference, Apr 30 - May 1

Anaheim Convention Center. See: [www.ohsoez.com/sign\\_celebration/sign\\_celeb\\_home.htm](http://www.ohsoez.com/sign_celebration/sign_celeb_home.htm)

### California Walk4Hearing 2010, May 22 in San Francisco

Walks alternate yearly between north and south, with this next one taking place in beautiful Crissy Field. If you can get away for a weekend, this is a fun and rewarding way to do it!

### HLAA Convention 2010: June 17-20 in Milwaukee

Registration discounts apply to first-time attendees (\$30 off), Midwest airlines travelers (10% off), and volunteers working 8 hours or more (25% off). More registration, scheduling, scholarship and travel information at: [www.hearingloss.org/convention/index.asp](http://www.hearingloss.org/convention/index.asp).

### Ahmanson Theatre Open-Captioned Shows

Apr 3: Dreamgirls • May 15: Alfred Hitchcock's The 39 Steps • July 3: South Pacific; All shows at 2pm. [www.centerthetheatregroup.org/projectdate](http://www.centerthetheatregroup.org/projectdate); 213.628.2772, TTY 213.680.4017

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3/12: Pete Zabriskie; 3/13: Diane Miller; 3/18: Lisa Yuan (also the date of her CI activation!)