



CHAPTER NEWS & NOTES January 2010

CHAPTER MEETINGS

HEAR Center, 9:30 am to 12 noon
301 E Del Mar Bl, Pasadena

Saturday, January 23: ALL ABOUT CTAP

(California Telephone Access Program)
Terri Howell from CTAP
(www.ddtp.org/CTAP) will provide an overview of this California state mandated program, which distributes telecommunications equipment and services at no charge to Californians who are deaf and hard of hearing.

Note: Steering committee meeting to follow chapter meeting; all are welcome

February 27:

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT COCHLEAR IMPLANTS

Dawna Mills, director of the adult cochlear implant program and audiologist from House Ear Clinic, will answer all your questions about cochlear implants, and provide information from both Advanced Bionics and Cochlear America, the two major implant manufacturers in the U.S.

NOVEMBER 2009 MEETING RECAP

Valerie Stern led a lively session on how to survive the holidays with hearing loss. Hope you all were able to practice some of the great coping tips we discussed!

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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Happy New Year!

We're looking forward to another great year of informative meetings and fun-filled social events. If you have ideas for meeting topics or social activities, don't hesitate to share them, either at the next meeting or through the Yahoo group listserv.

Super Bowl Party, Sunday, February 7 (Kickoff is 3:30 pm)

Once again, the Merwitzers have graciously offered to host our annual Super Bowl party at their lovely Pacific Palisades home. You don't have to like football to join the fun! Details will be presented at the January 23 meeting, and posted to the Yahoo list soon.

"Eyes of Deafness" Photography Exhibit, Saturday, February 20, Opening Reception, 2-4 pm

See photography by deaf and hard of hearing adults, including past guest speaker Jennifer Stuessy, HOH Specialist at GLAD, Inc. The exhibit runs through March 14 at the Armory Center of the Arts, 145 N. Raymond Ave, Pasadena. Opening reception will include exhibition, snacks and refreshments.

3rd Annual National Sign Language & Interpreting Conference, April 30-May 1 in Anaheim

Workshops range in focus from beginning ASL students to professional interpreters. Visit www.ohsoez.com/sign_celebration/sign_celeb_home.htm for registration and scheduling information. Anaheim Convention Center, 800 West Katella Ave

HLAA Convention 2010: June 17-20 in Milwaukee

Registration is open for this year's HLAA convention, taking place at the Hilton Milwaukee City Center and Midwest Airlines Center. First-time attendees get a discount, and anyone travelling to the convention via Midwest Airlines can take up to 10% off airfare. To register, go to www.hearingloss.org/convention/index.asp where you'll find more details on workshops, speakers, and travel information.

Holiday Party Recap

The rain didn't stop over 40 guests from braving the traffic and attending last month's holiday party. There was no shortage of great food, drinks and company, and the "white elephant" gift exchange provided hilarity as always. Special thanks again to Grace Tiessen for hosting us, and for bringing the leftovers to the local food bank!

HEAR Center Donation

Ellen Simon, Executive Director of the HEAR Center, will run a half-marathon next month to raise funds for the Center, where we're privileged to hold our meetings free of charge each month. In normal business hours, the HEAR Center is a non-profit organization "dedicated to helping people at all stages of life be a part of the hearing and speaking world." (www.hearcenter.org) To show our gratitude and support, HLA-LA donated \$500. To donate individually, visit Ellen's fundraising page at www.firstgiving.com/ellensimon.

Tip of the Month

There's been some discussion of movies on the Yahoo listserv lately, and with awards season here, now's the time to catch some of those nominated films. A great website is www.captionfish.com, where you can look up captioned (OC and rear-window) films playing in any zip code, as well as watch captioned trailers of current and upcoming films.

Ahmanson Theatre Open-Captioned Shows, 2010

Jan 23: Mary Poppins • Apr 3: Dreamgirls • May 15: Alfred Hitchcock's The 39 Steps
July 3: South Pacific; All shows on Saturday at 2pm. 213.628.2772, TTY 213.680.4017
www.centertheatregroup.org/projectdate; 135 N. Grand Ave, Los Angeles

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2/3: Samantha Kaplan (Mike & Alicia's daughter turns 3); 2/17: Gus Barden (Chloe Parent's son turns 7); 2/23: Bette Ann Poska (a perpetual kid herself!); 2/27: Aidan Stern (Valerie & Willy's daughter turns 5)