



CHAPTER NEWS AND NOTES

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2009

CHAPTER MEETINGS

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

Saturday, November 21:

(3rd Saturday this month due to Thanksgiving)

RAP SESSION: SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS WITH HEARING LOSS

(moderated by Valerie Stern)

Get ready to share tips, frustrations, and a sense of humor about the challenges we all face during this time of year.

Plus, feel free to participate in our **THANKSGIVING POTLUCK** (dishes don't need to be Thanksgiving-related!) Coffee, OJ, water & soda will be provided.

December: No meeting. Instead, our holiday party is Dec. 12. See info to right.

January 23, 2010:

CTAP OVERVIEW: Roberta Smith from CTAP, the California Telephone Access Program, will discuss the many services and benefits available through this wonderful program.

February 27, 2010:

COCHLEAR IMPLANTS: Dawna Mills, AuD from House Ear Clinic, will discuss all you ever wanted to know about cochlear implants, including information from both Advanced Bionics and Cochlear Americas.

OCTOBER MEETING RECAP

We celebrated Halloween with a captioned flick, "Abbot & Costello Meet Frankenstein."

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: social time,

Meetings start promptly at 10am)

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We Came, We Walked, We Conquered!

As the fog burned off the beautiful shoreline of Long Beach, we burned off calories at the Walk4Hearing on Nov. 8. We definitely created visibility – not just with our bright green t-shirts – but with a huge turnout, a good percentage being members of Team HLA-LA: the **L.A. Stars**. And "Stars" we were indeed, raising approximately \$10,000, making us the hands-down fundraising leader of all participating teams! Just as important to our success were the numerous volunteers helping with everything from registration to clean-up, many arriving hours early to set up. Endless gratitude to all of you; and a big "thumbs up" to everyone who participated.

November 29: Founder's Day

HLAA'S 30th ANNIVERSARY! For 30 years, HLAA has continued to impact all of us affected by hearing loss, working to promote education, support and advocacy. Founder's Day is a time to be grateful for being part of this organization, by celebrating its past while helping to ensure its future. HLAA-LA will do so with a chapter donation; if you care to donate individually, go to hearingloss.org.

Saturday, December 5: Film Festival

Come support one of our own! Rhianon Gutierrez, a budding film-maker, CI wearer and self described "wandering soul", will have her captioned film "When I'm Not Alone" shown as part of the Artist Film Festival on Dec. 5 at Hollywood's Egyptian Theater. Tickets are free, though you must make reservations. For more info, visit the website and look for her film: artists.org/tickets/index.php?option=com_videographer

Saturday, December 12: HLA-LA Holiday Party

6:00 to 10:00 pm, at Grace Tiessen's beautiful home, 714 Prospect Bl, Pasadena
A main dish will be provided. Guests are welcome to bring appetizers or desserts. We'll have beer, wine, egg nog, spiked punch and water, but feel free to bring your own booze or sodas. Instead of buying gifts, we'll have another "White Elephant" Secret Santa exchange - time to dig out a "treasure" from the back of your closet! PLEASE use eco-friendly wrapping for your gift. Canned goods will also be collected for donation to the food bank. See map to house at: mapquest.com/maps?city=Pasadena&state=ca&address=714+Prospect+Blvd

HLAA Convention 2010, June 17-20, Milwaukee

Early Bird Registration now open until Dec. 31, 2009. First-time attendees get a discount, and OIF/OEF vets with hearing loss receive complimentary registration. Email convention@hearingloss.org or visit hearingloss.org/convention/index.asp

Ahmanson Theatre Open-Captioned Shows, 2010

Jan. 23: *Mary Poppins* • Apr. 3: *Dreamgirls* • May 15: *The 39 Steps* • July 3: *South Pacific*
All shows on Saturday at 2:00 PM. 135 N. Grand Ave, Los Angeles. Purchase tickets at centertheatregroup.org/projectdate. Ph: 213.628.2772, TTY 213.680.4017.

Tip of the Month...

To prepare for our rap session, here's a holiday party tip from hearingloss.org:
"Be upfront to those around you about what you can and can't hear!" Don't be afraid to make requests, like having the music turned down, in order to help you communicate.

Calling All Research Subjects...

House Ear Institute has ongoing studies for cochlear implant users and possibly hearing aid wearers. If interested, contact Sandy Oba at SOba@hei.org, Ph: 213.353.7054.

DECEMBER AND JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

12/19: Mary Smith • 12/27: Danny Tubbs • 1/2: Willy Stern
1/9: Atticus the dog • 1/24: Kenny Hobson • 1/26: Chloe Parent

DECEMBER and JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

12/26: Dan and Mary Smith • 1/7: Jim and Pam Hogan

AND A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY SEASON TO ALL!