



CHAPTER NEWS AND NOTES

July 2010

Another Year, Another Great HLAA Convention

If you missed the national convention, or June's meeting which recapped the event, check out www.hearingloss.org/convention. You'll find an Exhibit and Program Guide, plus a Convention Workbook, a compilation of all workshop presentations. And a special note... HLA-LA had two members who received convention awards: Diane Gross for her role as SoCal Chapter Coordinator, and Danny Tubbs who received the Family Involvement Award. Congratulations to both of them!

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, July 24 ESTEEM® HEARING IMPLANT PRESENTATIONS

Brittany Kelly from Envoy Medical will discuss their exciting new Esteem® implant, the first totally implantable, invisible hearing device for people with moderate to severe sensorineural hearing loss. www.envoymedical.com
Note: This meeting will go until 1pm.

August 28: WCI PRESENTATION

Jamie Machotka from WCI, the nation's largest distributor of assistive listening devices, will demo the Captel 800i phone and many other useful gadgets for the deaf and HOH.

September 25: HLAA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE WRAP-UP, STEERING COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Nominate yourself or someone else for the SC; it's a fun and easy way to get more involved.

October 23: ADA DISCUSSION

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

JUNE MEETING RE-CAP:

Attendees of the June HLAA Convention recapped their experiences. You can also visit www.hearingloss.org/convention for more details from the event.

**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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Thanks to All Who Helped at the Alive & Well LA Expo!

Volunteers from HLA-LA and HLA-OC worked hard all weekend, making this event a big success. With Diane Gross leading the way, we were able to reach countless folks of all ages, who stopped by the HLAA booth to gather info and ask questions. It was HLA's first major outreach event in Southern California, with more to come in the future. See photos at www.hlaa-la.org.

July 5th Beach Party Recap

Despite the morning clouds, a great time was had by all who gathered at the beach to close out the holiday weekend. Special thanks to the Merwitzers, who arrived extra early to stake out a spot and set up. And thanks also to Mike and Alicia, who promptly posted photos at: http://web.me.com/kaplanmike/HLA-LA_Events/Annenberg_Beach_House_2010.html

Bowling Outing! Join Us After the Meeting, July 24, 2pm

We're going bowling after July's meeting, at Burbank's Pickwick Bowl, 1001 Riverside Drive. Remember, you don't have to know how to bowl in order to join the fun. Afterward, we'll head to Viva Fresh cantina across the street for margaritas and Mexican food. Prices for bowling: \$3.75 per game, \$3.00 for shoes. Email Pat Widman for more info: pkwidman@sbcglobal.net.

Glendale Open Studio Tour, July 24, 12-6pm

Free citywide event! Glendale art studios invite the public to view works by local artists, including several by HLA-LA's Mary Rappazzo. 1020 E. Palmer Ave, www.glendaleartsandculture.org

Aug. 7 Dodger Game Cancelled

due to too little interest. Maybe next year!

Congratulations to Jennifer Stuessy!

Jennifer, HOH Specialist at GLAD, Inc (Greater LA Agency on Deafness), past guest speaker and a wonderful resource provider, welcomed a beautiful baby girl into the world on June 24. We're thrilled for her! While she's on maternity leave, we're very lucky to have Alicia Wolfson in her place at GLAD. Contact her at 323.478.8000, 323.478.4221(TTY), awolfson@gladinc.org.

HEAR Center Clean-up Help Wanted

Not much is free these days, which is why we're extremely grateful for the use of the HEAR Center room for our monthly meetings. But in order to keep it free, we need to leave the space exactly as we find it each month. This means any chairs moved must be moved back to where they were, and any mess we make must be cleaned up completely. If anybody is able to lend a hand in setting up and/or cleaning up, the Steering Committee would definitely appreciate it.

Ahmanson Theatre Open-Captioned Shows

Correction to last month's newsletter... *South Pacific* in July was not the last OC show of the season. Based on Steve Martin's movie, *Leap of Faith* with Brooke Shields, is showing captioned on 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!)

- The Captel 800 is now available and free to all qualified CA residents, through the California Telephone Access Program. Call Roberta Smith, 800.806.1191, or see <http://ddtp.cpuc.ca.gov>.
- **CAPTIONED** is an iPhone App currently in development that will display captions for HOH and deaf movie-goers. To keep updated on this exciting new tool, register at www.captionedapp.com.

HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!

8/1: Wendi Washington; 8/2: Katherine Burns; 8/7: Rhianon Gutierrez
8/15: Renee Palanco, 8/29: Janis (chapter member Heather's adorable daughter) turns 7!