



CHAPTER NEWS AND NOTES

June 2010

HLAA Convention 2010, June 17-20 in Milwaukee

It's finally here! HLAA's 25th convention features the latest in technology and services (from 20+ new exhibitors), over forty workshops, and ongoing fun-filled social events. Follow the action online: an exhibit and program guide, a convention blog, and workshop presentations are available at www.hearingloss.org/convention/index.asp. Attendees from our chapter, including president Katherine Burns, will recap the convention at the June 26 meeting.

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, June 26 HLAA CONVENTION RECAP AND RAP SESSION

Rap session topic TBD. Plus, we'll re-visit our HLAA membership drive at its halfway point! If you're already a member, bring your ID number.

Note: This meeting will go until noon.

July 24: ENVOY ESTEEM HEARING IMPLANT PRESENTATION

Brittany Kelley from Envoy Medical Corp. will discuss their new implantable device, the Esteem Hearing Implant, already causing a flurry of interest in the HOH community.

August 28: WCI PRESENTATION

Johnny Gallegos from WCI, the nation's largest distributor of assistive listening devices, will demo the Captel i800 phone and many other useful gadgets for the deaf and HOH.

September 25: HLAA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE WRAP-UP

Steering Committee elections to also occur.

October 23: ADA DISCUSSION

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

MAY MEETING RE-CAP:

See Auditory Training paragraph to right.

**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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Alive & Well LA Expo, June 26 & 27, 10am-5pm

HLA-CA and local chapters will run a booth at this free expo, co-sponsored by KNBC4 at the L.A. Convention Center (1201 S. Figueroa St, downtown L.A.). We're thrilled to be among the over 50 exhibitors covering the latest in health and fitness. With 50,000+ attendees expected, we need volunteers at our booth, mainly **Saturday**. Email Diane Gross, eyeheardi@yahoo.com, if you can volunteer, and also if you can loan any assistive devices to display, or have ideas for giveaways.

2nd Annual Summer Beach Party, Monday, July 5, 10am

Spend July 4th weekend at the beach in Santa Monica, at the lovely Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Hwy. Bring your own food and if you'd like, snacks to share with others. Or, order from the on-site cafe, which serves breakfast, sandwiches, salads and burgers until 3pm. Beach umbrellas are available to rent, and if you'd like to use the pool, passes go on sale at 9:30am (adults, \$10; kids, \$4). Parking is \$6. For directions and more info, go to www.annenbergbeachhouse.com. More details on the Yahoo message board soon.

Bowling Bash, July 24, 2pm

We're going bowling after the July 24th meeting, at Burbank's Pickwick Bowl, 1001 Riverside Dr. Afterward, we'll head to the cantina across the street for margaritas and Mexican food! If you'd like to join the fun, contact Pat Widman at: pkwidman@sbcglobal.net.

Dodger Game, August 7, Game Time: 7:00pm

Come root for the home team as the Dodgers take on the Washington Nationals, Saturday, August 7. Please sign up by **July 15** either on the Yahoo message board or by emailing Pat directly at pkwidman@sbcglobal.net. Please also let Pat know if you'd be interested in taking the Metrolink from the station by the Hear Center in Pasadena. The shuttle bus goes from Union Station to Dodger Stadium for free, which sure beats driving and parking!

Auditory Training Research at House Ear Institute (HEI)

We had a great meeting in May with Sandy Oba, research audiologist at HEI, who discussed her valuable work in auditory training. She's had impressive results with her research subjects, and is always looking for more candidates, both cochlear implant and hearing aid users. If interested in participating, email Sandy at SOba@hei.org. HEI provides compensation for your time.

Ahmanson Theatre Open-Captioned Shows

The last one of the season! *South Pacific*, on Saturday, July 3, 2pm. Phone: 213.628.2772. See www.centertheatregroup.org/projectdate or email: dkurs@centertheatregroup.org.

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

Find basic info on hearing loss all in one place, with HLAA's new 7-video captioned series! Each video is less than five minutes and packed with information from hearing health professionals and from people with hearing loss themselves. Available at www.hearingloss.org, [youtube](http://youtube.com), and www.monkeysee.com/play/16596-hearing-loss-basic-facts-captioned.

HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAYS!

7/11: Michael Kaplan; **7/13:** Alicia Fernandez; **7/13:** Jeanne Trefzger;
7/14: Nancy Gray; **7/23:** David Cottun