



CHAPTER NEWS AND NOTES

June 2011

CHAPTER MEETINGS

HEAR Center, 9:30 am to 12 pm or 1pm*
301 E Del Mar Blvd., Pasadena

All meetings captioned and free of charge

*To allow for discussion time, meetings with guest speakers may go until 1pm

Saturday, June 25 HLAA CONVENTION RECAP; HAMILTON RELAY DEMO

HLA-LA scholarship recipients will recap their experiences as first-time National Convention attendees.

Plus, Paul Steussy from Hamilton Relay, a company providing telecommunications services for the deaf and hard-of-hearing, will give a brief presentation.

Note: This meeting will go until 12:00pm

July 23: MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER

You will be entertained and inspired by Linnaea Mallette – professional speaker, author and radio host – who also has profound hearing loss.

August 27:

CAREER ADVANCEMENT WORKSHOP

HLA-LA'S own Malik El-Amin will discuss career planning and advancement, based on the workshop he'll be presenting at the HLAA Convention.

September 24:

STEERING COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Nominate yourself or someone else... the SC is a great way to get more involved with the chapter!

MAY RECAP:

Instead of a meeting, we had our annual Memorial Day get-together. More details to right.

WE MEET THE 4th SATURDAY EACH MONTH

(except May, November and December) at the
HEAR CENTER, 301 E. Del Mar Blvd., 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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HLAA Convention, June 16-19, Washington D.C.

It's finally time for the National Convention! If you are not attending, you can stay on top of the action by visiting the convention blog at <http://hlaaconvention.blogspot.com> or by following on Twitter @HLAA (mention #HLAA2011 or #YAWHL for young adults). We'll also have recaps from scholarship recipients at the June 25th meeting. To those who will be attending the convention, have a great time, and try to keep cool... the forecast looks to be in the 80s! Be sure to check out workshops by HLA-LA members Malik El-Amin, Dr. Alison Freeman, Rhianon Gutierrez and Nanci Linke-Ellis.

Independence Day Party, Sunday, July 3

Our July 4th festivities will occur Sunday, July 3, starting sometime in the mid-afternoon. Bernie Marks has generously offered to host the party at his Sherman Oaks home, **14729 Huston St.**, between Kester Ave. and Van Nuys Blvd. The chapter will provide the main dishes, so feel free to bring side dishes and/or desserts. We'll provide more details at the June meeting and on the Yahoo message board. Save the date!

Memorial Day Party Recap

Thanks to the Merwitzers for hosting a fantastic get-together at their beautiful home. It was a perfect day, with great food, lovely weather, and good friends – both old and new. In addition to our wonderful hosts (Nelson, Sandy, Jon and Mindy), big thanks go to Stephanie Stansell for organizing the event. Photos are posted on our Yahoo site: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HLA-LA/attachments/folder/258456788/item/list>

Another Successful SoCal Walk4Hearing!

There was a great turnout at the June 5th Long Beach Walk4Hearing, with participants from all over SoCal creating visibility for hearing loss. Numbers are still being tallied, and with over \$45,000 counted so far, the Walk Goal of \$50,000 is definitely within reach. HLA-LA had several teams, and collectively, our chapter has raised over \$14,000. Final numbers will be announced soon. To all who participated, congratulations on this impressive achievement, and thank you so much. Special recognition goes to Danny Tubbs, who worked so hard to make this Walk a success. He was also the leading fund-raiser on HLA-LA's "LA Stars," raising over \$2,000 of the team's \$9,500 total! To read or share personal stories from the Walk, visit this page on HLA-California's website: <http://hearinglossca.org/walk4hearing-stories>.

Hearing Loss Association of California on Facebook

For a great way to keep updated on news and events for the deaf and hard of hearing, go to www.facebook.com/pages/Hearing-Loss-Association-of-California/210405375660823 Also visit <http://hearinglossca.org>, or follow HLA-CA on Twitter: www.twitter.com/hla_ca.

Ahmanson Theatre Open-Captioned Shows

Bring It On is showing from Oct-Dec 2011, but the OC performance has not yet been scheduled. Check out www.centertheatregroup.org/projectdate for updates, or email David Kurs at dkurs@CenterTheatreGroup.org. Note: *Les Misérables* on July 23 is sold out. The Ahmanson is located at 135 N. Grand Ave. in downtown Los Angeles.

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

Did you know that the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) offers reduced fares to bus / rail passengers who are deaf or profoundly hard of hearing? (Hearing loss must be 70db or greater in the 1000 and 2000 hz ranges.) For information, check out <http://www.metro.net/around/fares/reduced-fares/> or call 800.827.0829.

JULY CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Michael Kaplan on 7/11; Alicia Fernandez on 7/13; Ram Krishnan on 7/13; Jeanne Trefzger on 7/13; Nancy Gray on 7/14; David Cottun on 7/23; and Dana Sunderland on 7/31!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Linda Allen and Graham Bowmer on 7/16!