



CHAPTER NEWS AND NOTES

May 2011

CHAPTER MEETINGS

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

All meetings captioned & free of charge

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

NO MEETING IN MAY

Instead, join us for our annual **Memorial Day get-together** on Monday, May 30, starting at 1pm. See details to right.

June 25: Convention Recap

First-time attendees and scholarship recipients Malik El-Amin and Lisa Yuan will recap their experiences at the HLA Convention. Plus, Paul Steussy of Hamilton Relay will discuss some of the latest products geared for the deaf and HOH.

July 23: Motivational Speaker

Linnaea Mallette - author, speaker and radio host who also has a profound hearing loss - joins us for what will surely be an inspiring and entertaining session!

August 27: Career Planning

Malik El-Amin will discuss career advancement and goal-setting, in this workshop similar to the one he'll be leading at June's HLA Convention.

April Recap:

Kelly Reavis from UC Irvine's Tinnitus Center gave us an educational overview of tinnitus and shared some of her latest research findings.

WE MEET THE 4th SATURDAY OF THE MONTH (except May, Nov. & Dec.)

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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Memorial Day Party, Monday, May 30, 1pm

Instead of a monthly meeting, we're getting together for a Memorial Day BBQ/potluck at the lovely westside home of Nelson, Sandy and Jon Merwitzer. Many thanks to our gracious hosts! The chapter will provide hot dogs, burgers, and beverages, so please feel free to bring side dishes or desserts. RSVP to Stephanie: stephanie.stansell@yahoo.com or simply post a message to the Yahoo board. Please also let Stephanie know if you can help with set up or clean up.
871 Chautauqua Blvd., Pacific Palisades (directions have been posted on the Yahoo board).

2011 Long Beach Walk4Hearing, Sunday, June 5

Registration: 9am, Walk: 10am. Sign up now, if you haven't yet! Join HLA-LA's "LA Stars" at http://hlaa.convio.net/site/TR/Teamraiser/LongBeachWalk?teamid=18420&pg=team&fr_id=1885 or start your own team. Either way, be sure to write your name and chapter, HLA-Los Angeles, on any donation checks. Anyone who raises \$100 or more receives a t-shirt. This is a major fundraiser for HLA, but will also help HLA-LA immensely, as we'll receive 40% of funds our members raise. Please participate! Besides raising much needed money for HLA and HLA-LA, you'll be spreading awareness for hearing loss, getting exercise, and socializing with other walkers - a great way to spend a Sunday morning! Long Beach Marina Green Park, directions at <http://hearinglossca.org/driving-directions>

HLAA Convention 2011, June 16-19, Washington DC

Registration ends on May 25! If you're unable to attend this year's convention, you can stay on top of the action by visiting the convention blog at <http://hlaaconvention.blogspot.com/>.

"Living Well with Hearing Loss," June 15, Washington DC

6-9 pm. If you're in town for the convention by June 15, consider attending this workshop presented by the Ida Institute (www.idainstitute.com). You and your partner will explore what it means to "live well with hearing loss." Light dinner included. Hyatt Regency Crystal City, 2799 Jefferson Davis Hwy. Pre-register: www.conferencemanager.dk/DD741319CC6C4129B5AB25CB03A3D9D3/the-event.html

HLA-LA's National Convention Scholarship Winner

Congratulations to Evelyn Keolian who was chosen as the recipient of HLA-LA's scholarship award to attend the HLA convention! HLA-LA will pay her registration fees, plus give her \$500 towards travel costs. Our fundraising efforts throughout the year enable us to offer this scholarship to deserving members. We'll start the process earlier for next year's conference, so start thinking about it now.

HLA-California's New and Improved Website

Check out the re-vamped site: www.hearinglossca.org, filled with information, resources and great articles. You can also follow HLA-CA on Twitter: www.twitter.com/hla_ca and on Facebook: www.facebook.com/pages/Hearing-Loss-Association-of-California/210405375660823

Ahmanson Theatre Open-Captioned Shows

July's *Les Misérables* is sold out, but *Bring It On: The Musical* is now added to 2011's schedule. Find updates at www.centertheatregroup.org/projectdate, or email dkurs@CenterTheatreGroup.org.

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

With taxes due last month, members shared noteworthy tips. Most of us know about health deductions, but if you work, you may be able to deduct hearing loss costs as work-related expenses instead. Do some research for next year; see www.irs.gov/taxtopics/tc500.html for info on all types of deductions.

HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAYS: Judy verMehr on 6/10; Evelyn Keolian on 6/27; Carlos Ballesteros on 6/29; Beth Koenig 6/30, Carly Rose Stern on 6/30 (Valerie and Willy's daughter turns 4!)
HAPPY JUNE ANNIVERSARIES: Diane & Ken Miller on 6/5; Paul Kaufman on 6/24

Special Note: As newsletter editor, I'm thrilled to announce that HLA-LA has been selected as the Chapter Newsletter Award recipient for this year's convention. Thank you all for your constant positive feedback, and huge thanks to Diane Gross and Katherine Burns for always catching my typos!