



**Hearing Loss Association**  
of Los Angeles  
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# CHAPTER NEWS AND NOTES

## NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2010

### CHAPTER MEETINGS

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

All meetings are captioned and free of charge

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

### Saturday, November 20:

(3rd Saturday of the month due to Thanksgiving)

#### RAP SESSION: SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS WITH HEARING LOSS

Moderated by Valerie Stern

Come to share tips, find support, vent, laugh and of course, EAT! We'll rap about getting through the holidays with hearing loss, then feast on yummy potluck offerings. Bring a dish you'd like to share, as well as any helpful coping strategies! Coffee, water, soda and cider will be provided.

**Note: This meeting will go until noon.**  
**SC meeting to follow - all are welcome.**

**December:** In lieu of a meeting, our annual holiday party will take place **DECEMBER 4 from 6-11pm**. See more info to right.

### January 22, 2011:

#### RAP SESSION AND GOALS FOR THE YEAR

We'll kick off a new year by reconnecting after the holidays with a rap session, topic to be decided. Chapter goals will also be discussed.

### February 26, 2011:

#### MÉNIÈRE'S DISEASE PRESENTATION

We'll discuss the effects of Ménière's Disease, and possibly touch on other balance and vestibular issues. Speaker to be confirmed soon.

### OCTOBER MEETING RECAP

Richard Ray from the L.A. Dept of Disability gave a highly informative presentation on the ADA, employment and other issues.

### 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 or 1pm\* (9:30-10am is social time,  
Meetings start promptly at 10am)

\*Meetings with guest speakers may go to 1pm.

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### HLAA Founder's Day - November 29

It's that time of year again to remember Rocky Stone, who founded SHHH, now HLA. What he began 31 years ago is now the nation's leading organization for people with hearing loss. To show our support, HLA-LA will donate \$500 to HLA. To donate individually, go to [hearingloss.org](http://hearingloss.org). While there, check out the Rocky Stone remembrance pages, a collection of memories about this visionary man, whose work continues to benefit all of us affected by hearing loss. [www.hearingloss.org/aboutus/remembrances.asp](http://www.hearingloss.org/aboutus/remembrances.asp)

### HLA-LA Holiday Party, Saturday, December 4, 6-11 pm

Grace Tiessen is once again opening up her lovely Pasadena home, 714 Prospect Blvd. Main entrées will be provided, as well as various alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. Guests are encouraged to bring appetizers, sides or desserts, and any drinks of choice. We'll also be having our always-hilarious "White Elephant" gift exchange, so start digging through your closets now for that perfect item (which may likely turn up at next year's garage sale)! Please also bring canned goods to donate to the local food bank. Map to house: [www.mapquest.com/maps?city=Pasadena&state=ca&address=714+Prospect+Blvd](http://www.mapquest.com/maps?city=Pasadena&state=ca&address=714+Prospect+Blvd)

### HLA-OC Holiday Party, Saturday, December 11, 2-6 pm

The Orange County chapter has graciously invited us to their annual holiday party, which will include a potluck, raffle prizes, and gift exchange game (bring a wrapped gift worth \$15.00 to participate). The main meal, drinks and coffee will be provided. Please RSVP to Kathy Rowsell at [rowsellka@yahoo.com](mailto:rowsellka@yahoo.com). Party location: Frontera Village Clubhouse, 2996 Jackson Street, Anaheim. Look for the HLA Banner!

### HLA-LA Super Bowl Party, Sunday, February 6, 2011

Halfway through football season, and we're already thinking about our annual Super Bowl party! We're looking for volunteers to host the party (food and cleaning will be provided by the chapter). If interested, or if you have any other ideas for social events in 2011, contact our Social Activities chair, Stephanie: [stephanie.stansell@yahoo.com](mailto:stephanie.stansell@yahoo.com)

### HLAA Convention 2011, June 16-19, Washington D.C.

2011's convention will take place at The Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Arlington, VA, with Keynote Speaker, Chris Artinian, whose family was the subject of the Oscar®-nominated film *Sound and Fury*. Registration will open soon at [hearingloss.org/convention/index.asp](http://hearingloss.org/convention/index.asp), where a tentative schedule is now available, and lots of other pertinent information. Also look for registration forms in the Nov/Dec issue of *Hearing Loss Magazine*.

### Ahmanson Theatre Open-Captioned Shows, 2010-2011

Dec 18, 2010: *Next to Normal* • In 2011, Feb 26: *33 Variations* • May 28: *God of Carnage*  
July 23: *Les Misérables*. All shows on Saturdays, 2:00 PM, 135 N. Grand Ave, downtown L.A. See [centertheatregroup.org/projectdate](http://centertheatregroup.org/projectdate) for show descriptions and ticket info. 213.628.2772, TTY 213.680.4017, or contact DJ Kurs: [dkurs@CenterTheatreGroup.org](mailto:dkurs@CenterTheatreGroup.org). Group discount for 15 or more HLA members!

### Tip of the Month

Holiday shopping? Check out these ways you can help HLA-LA while you're at it:

- Go to [www.iGive.com/HLA-LA](http://www.iGive.com/HLA-LA) and join free of charge. Then, shop online at over 800 participating stores such as ebay, Amazon.com, Nordstrom, and JCPenney, and a portion of your purchases go to HLA-LA.
- Shop at <http://shop.cafepress.com/hearing-loss-association> for nifty HLA-LA items. With each purchase, HLA-LA gets a portion back.
- These HLA-LA watches make great gifts, AND you'll be giving back to our chapter too. Just \$15 each! Email Danny at: [metromann@yahoo.com](mailto:metromann@yahoo.com).



### DECEMBER AND JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

**BIRTHDAYS:** 12/19: Mary Smith • 12/27: Danny Tubbs • 1/2: Willy Stern • 1/9: Atticus the dog  
1/12: Ruth Pealer • 1/12: Jila Haghighat • 1/18: Gail Homan • 1/24: Kenny Hobson • 1/26: Chloe Parent  
**ANNIVERSARIES:** 12/26: Dan and Mary Smith • 1/7: Jim and Pam Hogan