



# CHAPTER NEWS AND NOTES September 2011

## CHAPTER MEETINGS

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

All meetings captioned and free of charge  
Refreshments and coffee provided

\* Meetings with guest speakers may go until 1 pm

### Saturday, September 24 FOCUS ON HLA-LA:

**STEERING COMMITTEE ELECTIONS, BY-LAWS,  
GOAL SETTING and OUR 7-YEAR ANNIVERSARY!**

Elections for four Steering Committee members will take place, with results tallied by end of meeting.

See more details at right.

We'll have a group discussion on chapter goals for 2012, and go over by-laws. Your input is wanted.

And don't miss out on the festivities – pizza and cake in honor of HLA-LA's 7th anniversary\*!

Note: SC meeting follows regular meeting; Newly-elected and current SC members are expected to attend.

### October 22:

#### AUDIOLOGIST PRESENTATION

An audiologist from the HEAR Center will discuss the facility's services, and help us better understand audiograms, hearing tests and anything else we may have questions about when we visit our audiologists.

### November 19:

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

#### AUGUST MEETING RECAP:

Malik El-Amin provided excellent career advancement strategies in this information-packed presentation. Transcripts are available on our Yahoo group site.

\*ERROR ON AUGUST'S NEWSLETTER: SEPTEMBER 12, 2011 MARKED HLA-LA'S 7th ANNIVERSARY, NOT ITS 8th.

#### 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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## Steering Committee Elections, September 24

At September's meeting, elections will be held to fill four openings on our nine-member Steering Committee (SC). Danny Tubbs and Lisa Yuan will be up for re-election, and two additional spots are available. Remaining on the SC and up for re-election in 2012 are Katherine Burns, Malik El-Amin, Chris Grafil, Stephanie Stansell and Pat Widman. The SC thrives on new energy. Whether you've just joined HLA-LA or are a long-time member, your contributions are wanted to keep our chapter moving forward. To be elected, you must be a paid National HLAA member, be able to attend the majority of chapter and SC meetings, and have regular email access. It's an easy, fun way to get involved! Votes will be tallied before the meeting ends. An SC meeting will follow the regular meeting; newly-elected and current SC members are expected to attend.

## Chapter Goals and Objectives

What do YOU want from HLA-LA? Share your thoughts at the September meeting, as we discuss as a group where we'd like to see our chapter headed in 2012.

## Thanks To Our President, Katherine Burns

All great things must come to an end. After three years, Katherine will hand over the reins to another SC member at September's SC meeting. We have been so blessed with Katherine's warmth, dedication and hard work. We'll miss her as our leader, along with Danny Tubbs as "first dude," but know they'll still be active members of HLA-LA.

## HLA-CA Board Of Trustees Annual Elections

Applications are due by **October 10** to serve on the HLA-CA Board of Trustees. Check out [http://hearinglossca.org/about\\_us/board-of-trustees/board-application](http://hearinglossca.org/about_us/board-of-trustees/board-application) to learn how you can be part of this organization, which provides support to all Californians with hearing loss. Send completed applications to Ellen Mastman at: [emastman@hearinglossca.org](mailto:emastman@hearinglossca.org).

## Other Southern California HLA Chapters

Interested in checking out other local chapters? San Fernando Valley and Ventura are just two of the many SoCal chapters that meet regularly. Find information on all local chapters at <http://hearinglossca.org/southern-chapters>. For Westsiders, a Santa Monica chapter is under way - contact Nanci at [nanci@linkeellis.com](http://nanci@linkeellis.com) if interested.

## Hearing Loss Association of America Website

HLAA just launched its new and improved website: [www.hearingloss.org](http://www.hearingloss.org), easier to use and filled with information for people seeking resources and support for hearing loss. Be sure to bookmark it to keep updated on the latest news from our National organization.

## Ahmanson Theatre Open-Captioned (OC) Shows

**Bring It On:** Dec 3, 2011, 2 pm – Tickets now on sale. Call 213.972.4400 or go to <http://www.centertheatregroup.org/tickets/reserve.aspx?performanceNumber=8379>.

2012 shows: **Funny Girl:** Feb. 25; **Green Day's American Idiot:** Apr. 21; **Fela!** June 2; **War Horse:** July 21. All performances are Saturdays at 2pm. Tickets sell out fast; call 213.972.4444 for season tickets. 135 N. Grand Ave., downtown L.A.

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

Getting online support is now easier than ever, thanks to Jennifer Stuessy, the hard-of-hearing specialist at GLAD Inc., who created a wonderful group on Facebook. Join at [www.facebook.com/groups/273116229365519](http://www.facebook.com/groups/273116229365519) and start connecting with others affected by hearing loss!

## OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:** Jon Merwitzer on **10/1**; Eileen Lee on **10/2**; Heather Schuster on **10/10**; Liz Pruyn on **10/12**; and Arlene Patton on **10/31!**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:** Nanci Linke-Ellis and Steve Ellis on **10/4**; Katie Lovato on **10/17**; and Michael Kaplan and Alicia Fernandez on **10/31!**