



# CHAPTER NEWS AND NOTES

## September 2010

### Congratulations on Two Great Years!

It's time to sign in a new HLA-LA president, but we couldn't without first thanking our president of the last two years, Katherine Burns, for her incredible commitment to our group. Under her outstanding leadership, HLA-LA has truly thrived. She and "First Dude" Danny have shown warmth, compassion and dedication -- not just in the past two years, but since HLA-LA began 6 years ago -- that has been integral in shaping our chapter into the phenomenal support group that it is. We'll certainly miss them as our President and First Dude, but know they'll continue to be invaluable, cherished members of our group. Thank you both for two great years!

### 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, September 25 Celebration Time!

We'll wrap up our National membership drive with a raffle and lots of prizes for new and renewing HLA members. Bring your ID numbers and come join the fun. We're also celebrating HLA-LA's 6th anniversary with cake and PLENTY of food. Amidst the festivities, we'll hold our annual steering committee (SC) elections, with six spots to be filled by the end of the meeting.

**Note: This meeting will go until 12 noon. SC to meet after regular meeting; all are welcome**

### October 23: ADA DISCUSSION

Become more informed about the American with Disabilities Act, as Compliance Officer Richard Ray joins us from the city of L.A.'s Department on Disability.

### November 20: COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS RAP SESSION

Share tips and get advice on getting through the holidays with hearing loss. Note: meeting takes place on the 3rd Saturday this month.

**December:** In lieu of a meeting, we'll have our annual holiday party, probably the 1st or 2nd Saturday of Dec. More info soon.

### AUGUST MEETING RE-CAP:

Lance Davis and Richelle South of Weitbrecht Communications Inc. gave a great presentation on the 800i Captel phone and all its amazing features and benefits. [www.weitbrecht.com](http://www.weitbrecht.com)

**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.

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE [www.hla-la.org](http://www.hla-la.org) AND JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST, [hla-la@yahoogroups.com](mailto:hla-la@yahoogroups.com)**

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### Hearing Loss Technology Expo, September 22, 6-8:30 pm

Hosted by the Greater Los Angeles Agency on Deafness, Inc. (GLAD), this first annual technology expo, aimed at the HOH and late-deafened community, will feature new and existing assistive listening devices and loads of valuable information. GLAD graciously invited HLA-LA to have a booth, and we are thrilled to participate. Come check it out at: 2222 LaVerna Ave, L.A. (cross streets: Eagle Rock Bl and LaVerna Ave.) Please avoid parking in the LaVerna Ave lot next to the pink house. Use parking lot west of the pink house (closest to Ellenwood Dr) or park on street. [www.gladinc.org](http://www.gladinc.org)

### HLAA Membership Drive - Grand Finalé, September 25

It's not too late to join our national organization, HLAA, and be eligible to win some great prizes at our September 25 meeting. Annual membership is \$35, and you'll be supporting the nation's leading organization representing people with hearing loss. The information, education, support and advocacy they provide for all of us affected by hearing loss is invaluable. Read more about what they do at [www.hearingloss.org](http://www.hearingloss.org). Membership also includes a subscription to the Hearing Loss magazine--full of interesting, informative and inspiring articles.

### Steering Committee Elections, September 25

Six spots are up for grabs on our SC. If you'd like to be more involved with our chapter -- whether with meeting programs, social events, outreach activities or more -- consider nominating yourself. You must be a National HLAA member to serve on the committee, be able to respond to emails in a timely manner, attend most chapter meetings, and last not but not least, like to have fun! Detailed SC guidelines and nomination forms have been posted to our yahoo list. Also, if elected, be prepared to stay after September's general meeting... an SC meeting will take place immediately following, during which a new President will be elected.

### GLAD's VCC Grand Opening, September 29, 4-6pm

A gift of the S. Mark Taper Foundation, GLAD's new Visual Communications Center will offer the deaf and HOH public access to top-notch videophone equipment in a private setting. Reception will include refreshments and a ribbon-cutting ceremony. 2222 Laverna Ave, L.A.

### Mike and Alicia's Halloween Party, October 30, 2pm

Calling ghosties, boys and ghouls of every age! Mike, Alicia and Sam are hosting a spooktacular open house (at their new home in Riverside) which will include kids' activities, games, prizes and fun for all. Costumes are encouraged but not required. There will be folks from HLA-LA, as well as friends and family -- everyone who makes the trek to Riverside is welcome. More details soon!

### Ahmanson Theatre Open-Captioned Shows

Don't miss the OC performance of *Leap of Faith*, starring Brooke Shields, on Sat. Oct. 23, 2pm. 213.628.2772, 213.690.4017 (TTY), [www.centertheatregroup.org/projectdate](http://www.centertheatregroup.org/projectdate)

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

Audio books are a great auditory training tool, if you can get a print copy of the book and read and listen at the same time. Diane Gross has a shelf-full of audio books she's generously offered to loan out (first-come, first-served). If interested, contact her at [eyeheardi@yahoo.com](mailto:eyeheardi@yahoo.com).

### OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS! HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

**10/1:** Jon Merwitzer; **10/10:** Heather Schuster; **10/12:** Liz Prun; **10/31:** Arlene Patton

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO: 10/4:** Nanci Linke-Ellis & Steve Ellis (35 years)

**10/31:** Michael Kaplan and Alicia Fernandez (6 years)