

Hear Ye, Hear Ye

Juliëtte Sterkens, national hearing loop advocate to speak in Jacksonville, Sarasota

The Hearing Loss Association of Jacksonville and the Hearing Loss Association of Sarasota are indeed fortunate to be able to welcome Dr. Juliëtte Sterkens. She will speak in Jacksonville on April 29 and in Sarasota on May 4. Further details are available elsewhere in this issue.

Dr. Sterkens, who moved to the U.S. from the Netherlands in 1981 after her marriage, has practiced as an audiologist in Wisconsin since 1983. She is a licensed Dutch speech therapist, holds a Master's degree from UW-Oshkosh in Audiology and obtained her Doctorate in Audiology (AuD Degree) from AT Still University. She is currently on a sabbatical from her audiology practice.



Dr. Sterkens was named the Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) Hearing Loop Advocate and she travels around the country to increase awareness about hearing loss, and the need for an increase in the use of hearing loops to improve hearing accessibility.

Her companion in travel is her husband, LeRoy "Max" Maxfield. He obtained a Bachelor of Science in Engineering in 1969. After serving in the US Army Signal Corps he returned to civilian life and earned a Masters of Science in Mechanical Engineering. He is retired from Oshkosh Corporation after 27 years in Test & Development. Max has received great personal satisfaction from designing and installing hearing loops and hearing the positive responses from those who were helped. At this time his focus is on hearing loop advocacy on a state and national level.



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Juliette and Max, welcome to Florida. It's not the Netherlands and it's not Wisconsin, but we hope you will find much to please you here and perhaps encourage all of our residents who have hearing loss, as well

as audiologists and hearing instrument specialists to try the hearing loop and spread the word to churches, the government buildings, libraries and anywhere else good people gather.

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**HLA-Sarasota • Hearing Health Expo
Sat., April 13 • Longwood Ranch**

**HLA-FL Chapter Collaboration
Workshop II: Sat., May 4 • Sarasota**

**2013 HLA Convention
June 27 - 30 • Portland, OR**

**Walk4Hearing Kickoff Brunch
Sat., Sept. 21**

San Jose Country Club • Jacksonville

**Walk4Hearing • Sat., Nov. 9
Metropolitan Park • Jacksonville**

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The Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) is the nation's largest consumer advocacy organization for people with hearing loss and is dedicated to providing information, education, support and advocacy to enable those with hearing loss to live full and productive lives.



Invitation to all Florida Chapter Leaders

Chapter Collaboration Workshop

Saturday, May 4, 2013

9am - 3pm, Meet & Greet, 8:30am

Learn New and Better Ways to Build Your Chapter

Join HLA-FL State, Chapter leaders, and Dr. Juliette Sterkens in group brainstorming and break-out sessions to learn new chapter-building tools, how to advocate for loops and much more.



Dr. Juliette P.M. Sterkens, AuD

National Hearing Loop Advocate, HLAA Presidential Award Am. Academy of Audiology 2011
Wisconsin Audiologist of the Year 2011 HLAA Technology Access Award 2011
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How: RSVP to Ed Ogiba at: HLAofSRQ@gmail.com (941) 706-4312

Where: CCDHH, Building J, 1750 17th Street, Sarasota

What else: Reception Friday night for early arrivers, package hotel rates



Living with Hearing Loss classes begin March 13

HLA-Gainesville's Living with Hearing Loss Class is held at the Gainesville Senior Recreation Center. A new class starts on March 13.

Contact mmccaghren@pnhp.ufl.edu to sign up. Space is limited. Dr. Hanna Sibert is our University of Florida audiology leader along with Dr. Pat Kricos.

Angela Vandoli and Samantha Vrobman are student helpers. Being tested for hearing is Jodi Moxley.



Living with Hearing Loss Class



Jodi Moxley being tested.



Angela Vandoli, Hannah Wakely Sibert, Samantha Vrobman

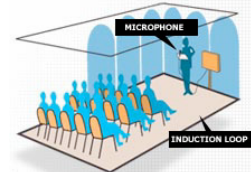


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A Message from the HLA-Florida President

As the new year continues to unfold, the HLA-FL Board of Trustees begins its search for new dynamic board members. With the election of board members and officers in October of each year, the search for potential candidates is a year-round affair.

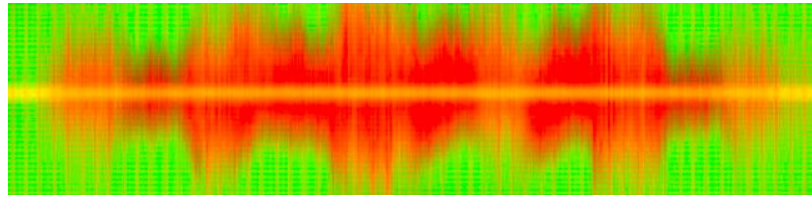
So what makes for a good candidate? First, you must be a member of HLA in good standing. Next, be a person with hearing loss (2/3 of those on the board must have hearing loss). Third, be willing to work toward improving the lives of those with hearing loss through education, advocacy, and support.

There are many benefits to serving on the board, and some can be very rewarding. Being a trustee allows you to grow individually, as well as being part of a growing population.

What kind of talents are we looking for? A variety is the best way to explain it. Folks with communication and teamwork skills. Those with an open-mindedness and ability to think of the needs of others. Even if you have not served on a board in the past, but have the desire to learn, we are open to having you. We also are in need of Professional Advisers. These folks attend board meetings and participate in all aspects of board work with the exception of the ability to vote on board business. Legal, technical, medical, financial, grant writing, public policy, military, non-profit, fund raising, and other backgrounds are in need.

Our Nominating Committee is ready to answer your call for more information and an application. Our web site (hla-fl.org) has more information.

*Bob Astle, President
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Identity as Hearing Deaf

By *Tiffany Kohnen*

Born deaf and growing up hard of hearing, I was blissfully ignorant of the workings of the world. I did not care about the differences between Japanese or Africans, paralyzed or mental retardation: they were all just people to me. I



Tiffany Kohnen

lived in a singular world where these differences did not matter. What mattered were their actions: were they nice or mean to me? The color of the skin or physical differences held no meaning, like the difference between orange and green in a rainbow. I eventually learned there are whole countries of foreign people like those in Japan and Kenya. I learned that there are differences between those who couldn't walk and those with learning disabilities. Yet, I still saw them as people.

As a child, I had to learn how to speak and understand the sounds I heard with a cochlear implant. Up until college, I did not know there was a whole other world just for the Deaf; the Deaf community who lived in silence using sign language. Until then, I never learned the difference between hard of hearing and Deaf, with the capital D to represent the cultural heritage of the Deaf. When I learned that there is a Deaf community, I felt as though I found answers I had to the questions I had

over the course of my life, and then the answers left me with more questions. Am I Deaf, or am I Hearing?

Finding this world was like discovering the lost city Atlantis that held the meaning of humanity. The lost world of Deaf community held the meaning of Deaf. Once I discovered this world, I felt polarized in my being, wondering where I belonged. My right leg was stuck firmly in the Hearing world, and my left in the Deaf. I did not know what to do; I did not belong anywhere in the world of common languages.

Not being able to carry conversations in loud and crowded situations, I usually found myself feeling isolated in the midst of a gathering. The same was true within the Deaf community; my sense of isolation in signing crowds remained unchanged. Despite my six years' worth of study of the American Sign Language, and gained a minor on the subject from a university, I still had a hard time participating in discussions, even in one-on-one conversations. My deteriorating vision that will eventually rob me of my sight, and an inconsistent stream of people to sign with, hampered my study of the sign language.

At this time, I don't consider myself blind because I can still see well, and this increases my frustrations when trying to communicate with the Hearing or the Deaf. I lay my blame not on not being able to see as others do, but on my inability to understand sign or decipher sounds in noisy situations. This sense of frustration leaves me feeling polarized, not quite belonging to either sound or silence. I wondered then, where do I belong?

In the movie, *Through Deaf Eyes*, one person described perfectly the differences between the two worlds: Hearing and Deaf. We have Earth, and we have Eyeth: Ear-th for the hearing, and Eye-th for the Deaf. I have neither good eyes nor ears, and the loss of dual senses, however partial they are, isolated me from most people.

Making friends is hard, especially ones who have never met people with communication needs like I do. For this reason, I both actively and subconsciously avoided strangers. Where do I go to fulfill my social needs? The Internet was the answer. It is both a blessing and a curse. Blessing: I got to know people I would have not otherwise met; curse: it isolated me even further from potential relationships I may have built in real life. I felt that I belonged only to the world of Internet, not Earth or Eyeth.

A teacher in seventh grade listened to my identity crisis when I was going through a difficult time. I explained to her that I felt stuck on a fence, not truly belonging to either worlds. At the time, I did not realize how common this feeling was for others like me who was taught the oral method: speak and hear. So, even though I did not know that there was a world for the Deaf, I couldn't see myself as one who lived in complete silence, so I did not belong solely within Eyeth.

In recent years, I have come to terms with who I am and have become, and where I belong. Recalling my innocence in my childhood, I considered the question, did it matter where we came from or what our physical differences were? I thought, and

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realized what truly mattered is the people themselves, and not the skin of the color, how blind a woman is, or how well a man can walk. If we want to be friends with one another, understanding and respect must be given.

I finally made friends in the last three and half years at University of South Florida, and they have shown me that places of birth or physical differences do not

matter, but what's in the heart. The heart is one language that everyone can understand; kindness speaks louder and seen clearer than spoken or sign language. The world of humanity is where I belong because I can understand acts of violence, and of kindness. Being unable to hear and to see well may have hampered my common languages with the people around me, but I can definitely show how I think of

them, and know how they think of me with simple acts of humanity.

(Tiffany Kohnen appeared during the public comment period of the last meeting of the Florida Coordinating Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (FCCDHH). At that time, we learned of her interest in technical writing as well as her background of hearing loss. She writes for us here for the first time, and we hope not the last. -Ed.)



Members of the Florida Coordinating Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (www.fccdhh.org) met in Tallahassee early in February.

The Council is mandated by statute to serve as an advisory and coordinating body which recommends policies that address the needs of Florida's deaf, hard of hearing, late-deafened and deaf-blind community. It serves as a resource for Floridians with hearing loss who need some assistance with everyday needs including employment, education, and access to services.

Shown above with the organization they represent, clockwise, from left are: **Mary Grace Tavel**, Council Support Staff; **Melvina Wilson**, Office of Minority Health; **Richard Williams**, Hearing Loss Association of Florida; **Judy Martin**, Hearing Loss Association of

Florida; **Diane DeLage**, Support Services Provider; **Darlene Laible-Crowe**, people who are deaf-blind; **Cindy Simon**, Audiologists; **Sherilyn Adler**; AG Bell; **Eloise Williams**, Florida Department of Elder Affairs; **John Jackson**, Florida Department of Children and Families; **Cecil Bradley**, Florida Department of Education; **Chris Littlewood**, Association of Late-Deafened Adults; **Donna Drake**, Florida Association of the Deaf; **Lori Timson**, Deaf Service Centers Association. Center, **Brian Paille**, ASL Interpreter

Terry Schisler, Florida Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, attended by phone and is not shown. **Christa Smith**, parent of a child with hearing loss was absent.

Photo by **Tanya Ward English** (inset), our CART provider.

Vote for Dr. David Myers in the Oticon Focus on People Contest

As a person with hearing loss, whose mother migrated from hard of hearing to complete deafness, [David](#) is committed to supporting the 36 million Americans who are invisibly challenged by hearing loss.

A Hope College social psychologist and author of *A Quiet World: Living with Hearing Loss*, he is the creator of www.hearingloop.org, an invaluable resource on induction-loop systems that broadcast sound directly to hearing aids and cochlear implants.

David's first hearing loop experience occurred in a Scottish abbey with poor acoustics. When he switched on his hearing instruments' telecoils and tapped into the venue's looping system, "the clarity was overwhelming." Since then, David has worked with others to introduce looping technology to U.S. public venues, beginning with [West Michigan](#), where loops are now in hundreds of venues, from worship places and auditoriums to the Grand Rapids airport and Michigan State University basketball arena.

David believes that, with persistent collective effort, looping systems can transform the way America provides assistive listening. His advocacy and public education efforts have occurred through his three dozen hearing loop [articles](#), his thousands of e-mails, and coverage in national media such as [Scientific American](#), [The New York Times](#), and [National Public Radio](#).

David sees looping systems as a way to make a wide range of public venues optimally accessible to the large but invisible minority of people with hearing loss. By transforming hearing instruments into wireless, customized loudspeakers, he observes, hearing loops can greatly increase the number of people with hearing loss who enjoy hearing instrument technology.

David's passion and optimism are contagious. Inspired by his efforts to rally support for looping systems, the Hearing Loss Association of America



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and the American Academy of Audiology jointly launched a "Get in the Hearing Loop" initiative. The national service organization, [Sertoma](#), now promotes looping through its several hundred local clubs across America.

In a 2011 *New York Times* interview David summed up his philosophy: "If we build it, they will come," Dr. Myers said. "I see no reason why what's happened here in West Michigan can't happen across America."

The movement to make assistive listening directly hearing aid compatible is rapidly accelerating, thanks to the growing support of hearing professionals, of new hearing loop [vendors](#), and of kindred-spirited hearing advocates and hearing loss associations in [Wisconsin](#), [New York City](#), [Illinois](#), [Arizona](#), [Florida](#), [New Mexico](#), [Colorado](#), [Silicon Valley](#), [Sarasota](#), [Seattle](#), [Rochester](#) and elsewhere. Credit for this national hearing loop movement belongs, David insists, to this whole community of hearing advocates.

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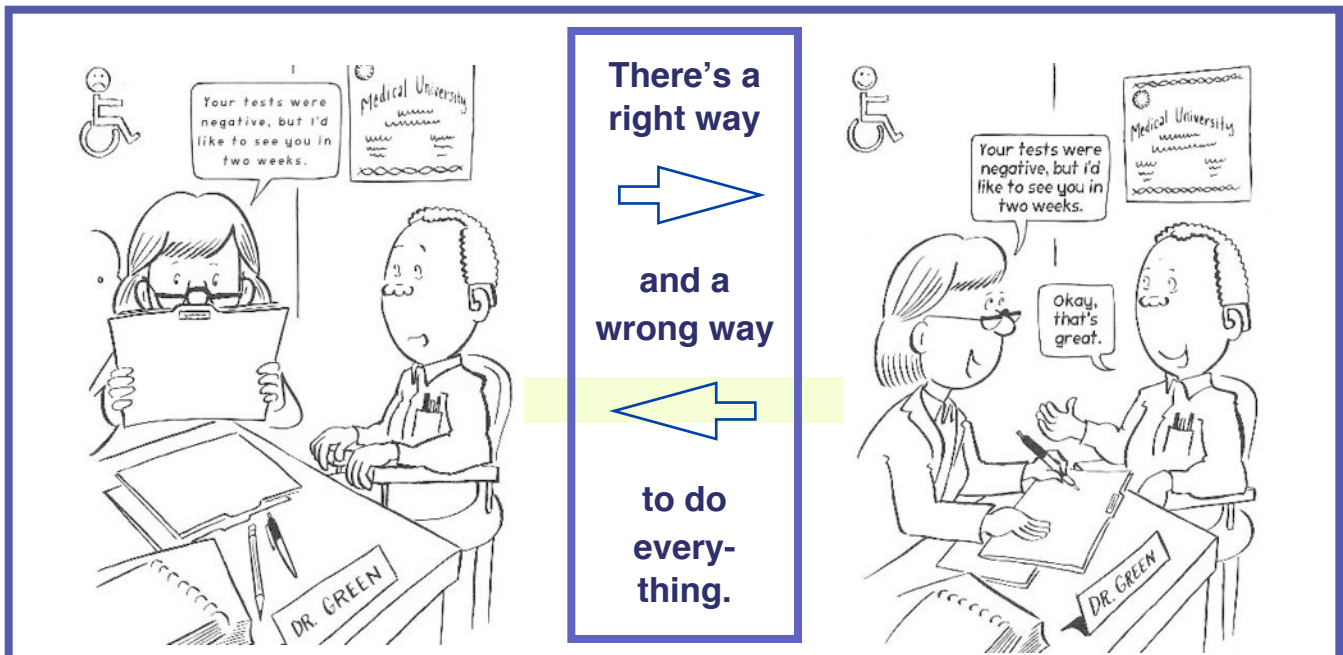


Portland, Oregon is the host city for Convention 2013, June 27 – 30. Registration is Open! Don't be left out! Do it now!

Enjoy registration discounts by registering as an 'early-bird', now through January 31. Start by clicking [Registration](#) on the menu to the left.

Portland, the pioneer of "green" initiatives and sustainability, has so much to offer our Convention 2013 attendees. There are loads of parks, gardens, museums, theaters, **tax-free** shopping, wineries ... the list is end-

less. So start planning now by visiting our "[micro-site](#)" created by TravelPortland – it is chock-full of information about the area as well as day-trips to Mount Hood (via the Columbia River Gorge), and the Oregon Coast (just an hour and a half away). TravelPortland now has a mobile app - visit the micro-site for more information.



Stay Safe Electronically

The electronic age has produced electronic criminals. Here are a few things to think about.-

- A friend of a friend left their car in the long-term parking at San Jose while away, and someone broke into the car. Using the information on the car's registration in the glove compartment, they drove the car to the people's home in Pebble Beach and robbed it. So, I guess if we are going to leave the car in long-term parking, we should not leave the registration/insurance cards in it, nor the remote garage door opener. This gives us something to think about with all our new electronic technology.

- GPS. A couple of weeks ago a friend told me that someone she knew had their car broken into while they were at a football game. Their car was parked on the green which was adjacent to the football stadium and specially allotted to football fans. Things stolen from the car included a garage door remote control, some money and a GPS which had been prominently mounted on the dashboard. When the victims got home, they found that their house had been ransacked and just about everything worth anything had been stolen. The thieves had used the GPS to guide them to the house. They then used the garage remote control to open the garage door and gain entry to the house. The thieves knew the owners were at the football game, they knew what time the game was scheduled to finish and so they knew how much time they had to clean out the house. It would appear that they had brought a truck to empty the house of its contents. Something to consider if you have a GPS - don't put your home address in it. Put a nearby address (like a store or gas station) so you can still find your way home if you need to, but no one else would know where you live if your GPS were stolen.

- MOBILE PHONES. This lady has now changed her habit of how she lists her names on her mobile phone after her handbag was stolen. Her handbag, which contained her cell phone, credit card, wallet, etc., was stolen. Twenty minutes later when she called her hubby, from a pay phone telling him what had happened, he said, "I received your text asking about our Pin number and I replied a little while ago." When they rushed down to the bank, the bank staff told them all the money was already withdrawn. The thief had actually used the stolen cell phone to text *hubby* in the contact list and got hold of the pin number. Within 20 minutes he had withdrawn all the money from their bank account. Moral of the story:

- Do not disclose the relationship between you and the people in your contact list. Avoid using names like Home, Honey, Hubby, Sweetheart, Dad, Mom, etc.

Joan Andrews 2013 Convention Scholarship Award

This scholarship will entitle the winner to a registration to the Hearing Loss Association of America convention in Portland, OR from June 27 - 30, 2013. The scholarship will also include a room at the convention hotel for three nights and round trip airfare between Florida and Portland, OR. **ELIGIBILITY:** An applicant must be a Florida resident and member in good standing of the Hearing Loss Association of America.



Joan Andrews

A link to the application may be found on our website home page, [Scholarship](#). The deadline for receipt by the Committee of the completed application is **March 15, 2013**. For more information, please contact Lynn Rousseau, Committee Chair, HLAFLORIDA@aol.com

For The Hard of Hearing.

Oh Lord!

*When God gave out Brains.
I thought he said trains, so I missed mine.
When God gave out Looks.
I thought he said books, so I didn't want any.
When God gave out Noses.
I thought he said roses, so I ordered a big red one.
When God gave out Chins.
I thought he said gins, so I ordered a double.
When God gave out Legs.
I thought he said kegs, so I ordered 2 fat ones.
When God gave out Heads.
I thought he said beds, so I asked for a big soft one.*

O Lord - I am in a MESS!



Contributed by James Forstall

And very importantly, when sensitive info is being asked through texts, CONFIRM by calling back.

b. Also, when you're being texted by friends or family to meet them somewhere, be sure to call back to confirm that the message came from them. If you don't reach them, be very careful about going places to meet "family and friends" who text you.

*Shared by Lou Touchette,
Green Valley, Arizona*

OUR CHAPTERS SPEAK . . .



The Broward County Chapter celebrated Valentine's Day with a twist at its February 13 meeting. Andrea Wilson, current Chapter Leader and long time member, Charlotte Roth, presented a gift to the past Chapter Leader, Karen Frauman, for her many years of service. The group gave her a silver heart on a necklace with an inspirational quote from Helen Keller written when she was 11 years old!



Ron Dreyfus, Cap-Tel, gave an informative presentation about the newest phones appreciated by all who attended.

Future spring meetings include:

March 13: An audiologist and an ENT will discuss tinnitus, vertigo and balance disorders



From left, Charlotte Roth, Andrea Wilson, Karen Frauman

April 10: Kim Schur, Executive Director, Center for Hearing and Communication-FL presents "Communication Strategies"

May 8: Oscar Segal, South Palm Beach County Chapter, presents: "Hospital Visits: Helpful Tips"

All are welcome to join us at our meetings held at the Northwest Regional Library, room 223, 3151 University Drive, Coral Springs. Meetings begin at 10:15 and end at noon. Contact Andrea Wilson for additional information at awilson4@comcast.net.



At our next meeting on March 14, we will have Jeremy Stone, a pharmacist from Mulberry Pharmacy who will speak the topic of *Drugs and Hearing*. This should be of interest to all people, as many common drugs can have an effect on your hearing.

Other Chapter activities:

We have added a few enhancements to our web site, including a Blog where we will post various hearing-related information. Additionally, we have Facebook and Google+ pages.

We were permitted to publish a free article in the February issue of the Central Florida Health News (Polk County edition). The article was titled *The Trouble with Hearing Loss* and highlighted our Chapter and our role in helping the hard of hearing. We are work-

ing on the possibility of publishing routine articles.

The Lakeland Chapter secured a \$3,000 Grant from Cochlear Americas to support our Looping program. This is the third Grant that our Chapter has received to help implement Looping in our community.

Chapter members have volunteered to participate in three Health Fairs this month. These have proven to be a great way to distribute literature and talk with people about hearing loss.

Chapter meetings are held:

The second Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

Central Florida Speech & Hearing Center,
Community Room

3020 Lakeland Highlands Road
Lakeland, FL 33803

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Chapter e-mail: hla-lakeland@hotmail.com

Chapter Website: www.hla-lakeland.org



**Hearing Loss
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of Jacksonville**

Seven Years of Good Luck!!

The Hearing Loss Association of Jacksonville celebrated its seventh birthday at its last meeting. Formed on February 21, 2006, fourteen people attended at the Jacksonville West Regional Library. HLA-Jax has had many speakers with super presentations. We learned so much, had a lot of laughs as well as some tears, and made good friends. Folks have come and gone but the chapter stayed steadfast in its mission to advocate for, support and educate others with hearing loss.

Shown above right are three long-time members helping us to celebrate. From left: Aimee Ivey (joined February 19, 2008); Verona Romero (joined January

16, 2007) and Melissa Trauthwein, a charter member (joined February 21, 2006).

Melissa went on to become a member of the HLA-Florida state board for three years and won the 2007 Best Chapter/State Website award at the Convention in Oklahoma City.

This year, we look forward to continuing to meet at the Library but alternating with the Nemours Children's Clinic in order to broaden our outreach to more people in Jacksonville, which is the largest city in the US in terms of square mileage.

Happy Birthday, HLA-Jax. We wish you many more.



Lend an Ear Outreach

Lisa Sheek, Jane Burns, AuD., and Sheryl Rousseau, founders of Lend and Ear Outreach, were present at our February meeting.. Lisa was the first to speak. She was working with about 200 seniors and knew first-hand how some of them would withdraw from social events because they couldn't hear and couldn't afford hearing aids. It was when Dr. Jane Burns came in to see patients that Lisa began learning how hearing aids could be refurbished and refitted. They call began to discuss what could be done.

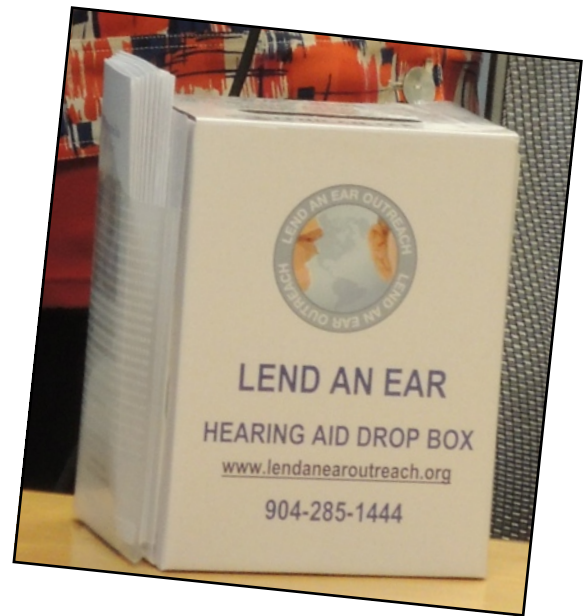
the recently published information regarding the connection between hearing loss and dementia. In addition, some may losing their eyesight as well. All of this leads to avoidance of social situations which in turn increases the isolation that can lead to dementia. She says it is critical to reach out to help these folks hear the television, attend movies, and socialize with their families and peers. Currently, only seniors are being assisted buy they hope to eventually branch out to reach children as well.

The program is about six months old and they are actively seeking used hearing aids and looking for audiologists who will give time to the project to see patients for free. The hearings aids are sent out and made into almost-new condition. Fees are based on a sliding scale.

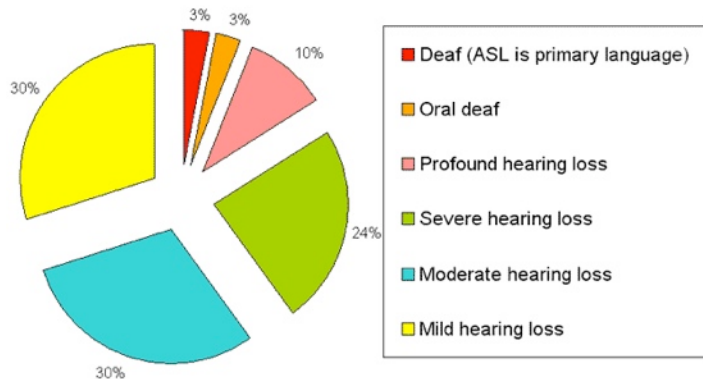
If you have used hearing aids and want to help others to hear again, please contact Lend An Ear Outreach. If you want some drop boxes or more information, please contact them.

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Dr. Burns spoke at length about



Approximate Deaf and Hard of Hearing Population in the United States





MEETING SCHEDULE, September to May

Saint Lucie County:

First Thursday of Month, 6 p.m.
 Grace Lutheran Church
 555 SW Cashmere Blvd.
 Port St. Lucie, FL 34986

Indian River County:

Third Saturday of Month, 10:30 a.m.
 Indian River County Main Library
 1600 21st Street
 Vero Beach, FL 32960

Subscribe to the HLA-Treasure Coast newsletter *Sound Waves of the Treasure Coast*. Subscribe by contacting tcfhla@live.com

Chapter Website: www.treasurehearing.org
 Chapter Motto:
 "Save Tomorrow's Hearing Today"

The Hearing Loss Association of America is the "Nation's Voice for People with Hearing Loss"



March 6, 2013

Does My Cochlear Implant Meet My Expectations?

Panel discussion with cochlear implantees
 Moderated by
 Lisa Tanner, Au.D., CCC-A, F-AAA
 Advanced Diagnostics and Hearing Solutions Brandon

All HLA-SCC meetings are captioned by Tess Crowder, Communication Access, Inc. (CAI). The meeting room is equipped with an induction loop to benefit people who have t-coils in their hearing aids or cochlear implants.

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall, 1239 Del Webb Blvd., W. Sun City Center, FL.
 Meetings start at 9:30 a.m.

For more information about HLA-SCC, www.hla-scc.com

Deaf Rights Night Workshop

In Jacksonville



**How to Access ADA related services at the new Duval County Courthouse
 March 13, 2013**

Ever wonder how you get an interpreter or CART services when you go to court? Want to learn about the accommodations the Court makes for deaf, hard of hearing or deaf/blind people?

Now is your chance to answer these questions, and see the inside of the new Courthouse. You will also get to meet the employees who help provide services for deaf, hard of hearing and deaf/blind citizens who use the court.

When: Wednesday, March 13, 2013, 4:30 – 6:00pm.

Where: The new Duval County Courthouse, in the Jury Assembly Room (2nd Floor) at 501 West Adams Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

ASL Interpreters and CART services will be provided. Deaf-Blind Interpreters are provided upon request.

This workshop is being sponsored by Jacksonville Area Legal Aid Inc. and The Fourth Judicial Circuit Court.



Selling ourselves at the St. Paul's Episcopal Church Health Fair. Judy Martin, President of HLA-Jax met and networked with many new community-minded friends.

Walk4Hearing Planning Meeting

Walk - November 9 • Kickoff Brunch - September 21

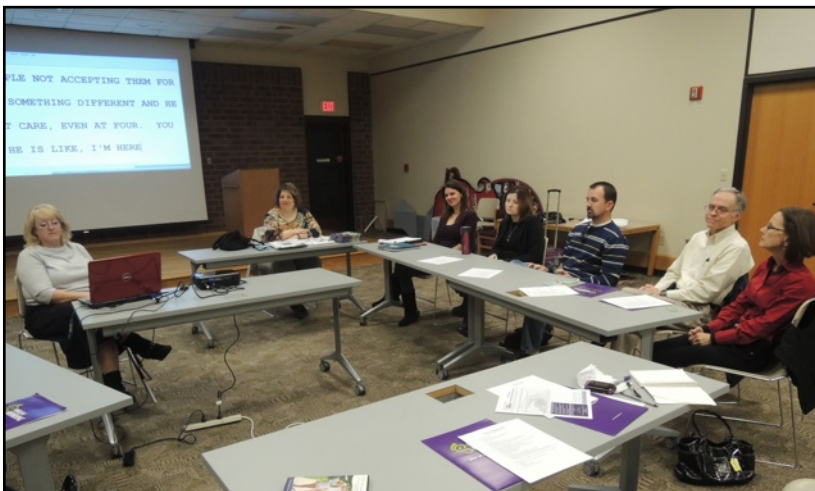


We are proud that the next HLA [Walk4Hearing](#) will be held in Jacksonville. However, it is being held for every chapter and every organization which wants to spread awareness of hearing loss and to raise funds their hearing loss projects. The preliminary planning meeting was held on February 2.

The meeting, held at the Mandarin branch of the Jacksonville Public Library, was presided over by National Walk4Hearing Director, Ronnie Adler. Also attending was co-chair Patty Heard; HLA-Jax members Aimee Ivey and Walt Ivey, Judy Martin and Tom Martin, Anita Budd and Dr. Gerry Budd, and JoAnn Martinez. Also attending were Jeni Guidi, Rebecca Sampayo, Jim Richards and Theresea Taylor, our CART provider.

Following the meeting it was announced that the Jacksonville Walk4Hearing will be on Saturday, November 9 at Metropolitan Park preceded by the Kickoff Brunch on September 21 at the San Jose Country Club.

-- photos by Judy G. Martin



Raise funds for your hearing loss-related projects. As a chapter, an individual or an alliance, you can form your teams now. YOU choose where your money goes.

Go to www.walk4hearing.org and click on Jacksonville
Questions? Contact judygmartin@bellsouth.net



Education Session
March 2013



"Can we try that in B flat?"
Improving Your Relationship With Music

Wed. March 13th
North Sarasota Library, 1:30 PM

- Why does hearing technology help us hear speech well, but music "just isn't the same?"
- Why is music such a challenge for people with hearing loss?
- Some real-world advice on how to reduce the frustration and make listening to music more enjoyable



Speaker:
Dr. Brad Ingrao, AuD
a.k.a. "Doc Otoblock", the jazz saxophone musician
The Hearing Spa
Group and private Q&A following presentation

Meeting supported by CART (Captions on big Screen) & Hearing Loop System

The Hearing Loss Association of Sarasota offers education, advocacy and support for those with hearing loss and their families. We have meetings featuring expert speakers on the second Wednesday of every month at 1:30 PM at the North Sarasota Library. Meetings are always open to the community. Individual mentoring and support sessions are available for anyone in need at no cost. The Young Hearing Group meets quarterly on weekday evenings.

For information, please call (941) 706-4312 or visit www.HLAS.org

North Sarasota Library, 2801 Newtown Blvd. Sarasota
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Scholarships offered in Sarasota for the 2013 HLA Convention

HLA-Sarasota is offering a scholarship of up to \$1,000 towards expenses for a member to attend the 2013 National Convention in Portland Oregon next June. The scholarship has been modeled after the HLA-FL Scholarship and will focus at supporting a member in need, who has never attended a HLA Convention before. Interested applicants must submit an application before March 14, 2013. For an application or any questions, contact the HLA Scholarship Chair, Joan Haber joanhaber2012@gmail.com.

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Breakfast Meeting, Thursday May 2, 7:30am



Dr. Juliette P.M. Sterkens, AuD

National Hearing Loop Advocate, HLA Presidential Award Am. Academy of Audiology 2011
Wisconsin Audiologist of the Year 2011 HLA Technology Access Award 2011
Larry Mauldin Award 2011 Member National HLA/AAA Hearing Loop Task Force

LEARN:

Why hearing loops are being added to so many local venues:
Theatres • Houses of Worship • Community Residences • Hospitals • Medical Offices

How hearing aid wearers have responded:
Greater attendance at theatres, religious services and community meetings
Greater use and improved overall satisfaction with hearing aids

How the loop affects those with untreated hearing loss:
86% of people with hearing loss have not sought treatment
Recent Brain Deafness findings from Johns Hopkins could renew call to action

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