

Hear Ye, Hear Ye

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2012-2013 HLA-Florida Board of Trustees

Above are the 2012-2013 HLA-Board members. The group met in The Villages on October 6 and elected new officers. Bob Astle, President; Jim Diaz, Vice-President; Don Shaffer, Treasurer and Terri Schneider, Secretary. From left, seated: Joe Nadeau, Richard Herring, Terri Schneider, Judy Martin, Bob Astle, Flo Innes. Standing: Jim Diaz, Cynthia Moynihan, Lisa Tanner, Janis Ward (guest), Lynn Rousseau, Louis Schwartz (guest), Tess Crowder, Carlos Monserrate (guest) and Brad Ingrao. Absent: Don Shaffer, Jodi Pate, Patricia Kricos, and James Forstall.

Mark Your Calendar
HLA-FL Chapter
Collaboration
Workshop II:
May 4, 2013
Sarasota



At right, Janis Ward, HLAA member who lives in The Villages, made all arrangements for our Annual Meeting – hotel, library meeting room, pre-meeting dinner and post-meeting luncheon. As always, she did a yeoman's job as can be seen by the "snacks." THANK YOU, JANIS.

During the past year, the Board was hosted by the South Palm Beach County Chapter – THANK YOU, OSCAR SEGAL – and by the Jacksonville Chapter. THANK YOU, JAX LEADERS.



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Sat. June 1 - TBA



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President's Message

This October marks the beginning of my fourth year on the Hearing Loss Association's Board of Trustees in Florida. As the State Association's newest President, I would like to offer some insight on the projects with the Board of Trustees as we enter our new year. With almost an entire new slate of officers



In with the new and out with the old. Bob Astle, incoming President and Judy Martin, outgoing, enjoy a final amusing moment.

and two new members joining the board, we look forward to continuing the support we offer our chapters, members, and all who encounter hearing loss. Our primary goal is to advocate for and support our chapters and members.

Often the chapters wonder how the board accomplishes this. Currently our Membership committee is working to showcase individual chapters accom-

plishments, photographs, meeting schedules, history, and more. Using information provided by chapter leaders, visitors to our state website will be able to see all that our chapters have to offer in their communities. The Membership committee is also working hard in rolling out a new program to not only reach new members, but also those who have been members for some time. Preparing to attract new members, discover their needs, and retain them for the future is also a part of this project.

The BITAC committee, formerly the Website committee, has several IT professionals working hard to develop options for those chapters without a current website as well as how to increase HLA-FL and HLAA's presence in the current social media market.

Our Fund Raising committee is developing new strategies to better equip the board with the resources it will need to move forward with these projects and others such as Convention Scholarships, Veteran's Outreach, and future access to board meetings by members. We hope to include the chapters in our fund-raising efforts and anticipate announcing such programs in the near future. The board will continue to keep you aware of planned trips such as the

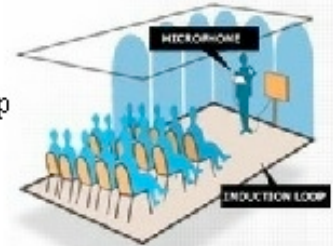


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The By-Laws Committee is currently reviewing our state by-laws, the rules which guide the Board. As we move into the second third of this decade we have encountered new challenges and obstacles. This Committee will be asking for input from Board members and will be presenting their recommendations in the near future.

Our next Board meeting will be hosted by the Greater Miami chapter! This will be our first visit to the Miami area. Since we strive to meet in different areas of the state, we would be honored to plan to visit your chapter. Drop me a message if you would like to host the Hearing Loss Association of Florida.

Having already traveled to some chapter meetings, I am proud of the work going on around the state. HLA-FL has a talented, focused and dedicated group of chapter leaders, and members working together to spread the message and mission of HLA-FL. Please get in touch with me anytime you have suggestions, comments, or just want to say hello.

Bob Astle,
President

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We featured Flo Innes in the January 2012 issue of *Hear Ye, Hear Ye*. You can read her story

here: <http://tinyurl.com/bz6zjfm>
Flo's hearing loss was discovered when she was just six years of age and suffice it to say that next decades of her life were spent learning how to hear better.

When she was a young woman, she moved to Sarasota where she became involved in helping those also affected by hearing loss. Flo eventually opened what was to become the largest assistive hearing device showroom in Sarasota/Manatee counties.

Recently Bob Astle, HLA-Florida's new President and Jim Diaz, the new Vice-President, took a trip to visit her store, called ABH Hearing Center (Advocates For Better Hearing, Inc.) They took some photos to show the rest of us what a store devoted entirely to hearing loss, looks like.

Flo says, "No one has to live in silence. There are so many devices that can be used at home, in the office, for entertainment, etc. If you live in Florida and vote here, you are eligible for a free amplified

telephone from the state of Florida. Ask your doctor or audiologist about this program.

She goes on to say, "All my telephones are modified for those with a hearing loss. There are many cordless, landline phones plus additional accessories such as an amplifier to increase volume; strobe flashing light when phone is ringing; answering machine to slow down the speaker's voice; large display caller I.D.; neckloop for those with a T-coil; bluetooth neckloop for Bluetooth compatible cell phone, etc."

Flo adds that "a Personal Amplifier – the size of a pack of cigarettes – is used for one-on-one con-



versation; personal FM system for a large venue; TV-amplifying systems; leaving hearing aids/processors in with T-coil; headset for those with hearing to mute or keep volume down."

With all the interest in Loop systems and receivers, she reminds us that "there is a Loop Pad one can use in a car or at home; or connect it to a TV and switch on your T-coil and hear clear, crystal sound.



Always

mindful of where she lives, Flo says, "Here in Florida we have high humidity. A hearing aid dryer

keeps your hearing instruments clean and dry."

For those who must rise at a given time, "alarms clocks – waken you with a high-intensity flashlight, powerful vibrations and sound. Some clocks you can connect to your telephone to vibrate when ringing.

If you want to visit Flo's store at 4221 S.Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, Fl. 34231, it is open Monday - Friday 10 a.m. to 4

p.m. You can also call for an appointment 941-922-1242 or email. a4bh@msn.com

Bob and Jim were suitably impressed and urges others who live nearby or who will be in the area to stop in and see all the goodies for those with that invisible disability, hearing loss.

ATTENTION ALL CHAPTERS THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

We are asking all Chapters to email the Membership Committee about their Chapter and suggestions as we connect with Chapters and Members statewide while reaching out to advocate for people impacted by hearing loss. To assist in this effort, the HLA-FL Board reinstated the Membership Committee. The goal - a central means to communication Chapter, members and community hearing loss related activities state wide. We will do this via the Board hla-fl.org website, Membership Committee mass email and in *Hear Ye, Hear Ye* to connect and reach out to new members.



Each Chapter is asked to email the Membership Committee at: hla.floridamember@yahoo.com for the following:

1. To confirm receipt of this message, if you have not already done so
2. Provide the following information (including expected date to submit material requested below):
 - Chapter picture : Including name of all current chapter members. Please confirm acceptance from all members for inclusion on the hla-fl.org site.
 - Chapter background information: Founding date, founding members (if known), history of activities and advocacy, if applicable, and future plans.
 - Welcome package: If in use, please email or scan material or share basic out line of what your Chapter does to welcome visitors and potential Chapter members.
 - Individual Chapter Member Information: You may wish to obtain this by email or group discussion: Obtain information on each member, why they joined, length of Chapter membership and if current HLAA (National) member. Once obtained, you may then forward to the Membership Committee. Please include your official Chapter title in the subject heading.

Monthly highlights of one or more Florida Chapter will be presented about their history, members and activities over the next twelve months. A tentative schedule will be distributed in November for approval by all Chapters. Utilize your month to share Chapter story (stories) and advertise Chapter present and future plans. Whether you are on the cutting edge or struggling, share thoughts ideas or ask for assistance and support. United, all Chapters are better able to reach out and connect with those impacted by hearing loss.

Thank you for staying connected and reaching out to all our Chapters state wide. Email with any questions or suggestions. We look forward to working together.

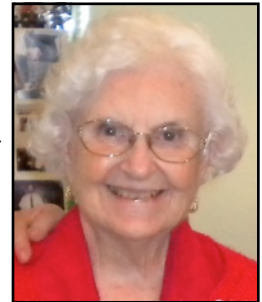
Membership Committee

*Marjie Anderson, Scott Rinehart, Ron Bochenek,
Jodi Pate, JoAnne Devries, Debbie Martin
Cynthia Moynihan, Chairperson*

Two Scholarships offered in Florida for the 2013 HLAA Portland Convention



HLA-Florida's Joan Andrews Scholarship will be available once again through the generosity of her daughters, Judy Waldrop, Punta Gorda; Sara Long, Inverness; and Jane Smith, St. Petersburg. In the last



Joan Andrews

three years, the Association has been honored to be able to send recipients to the Convention to commemorate a great Florida leader.

This award will be given to a Florida resident with hearing loss who has not attend previously and who would not otherwise be able to attend without this assistance. Applicants must be paid up members of HLAA. For more details, see the application on www.hla-fl.org or contact Lynn Rousseau, Chair HLAFLORIDA@aol.com



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 HLAA Convention before. Interested applicants must submit an application before March 14, 2013. For an application or any questions, contact the HLAS Scholarship Chair, Joan Haber joanhaber2012@gmail.com.

Governor Rick Scott Appoints Two to Represent HLA-Florida on the Florida Coordinating Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Governor Rick Scott announced the reappointment Judy G. Martin, Jacksonville, and the appointment Richard N. Williams, Lakewood Ranch, to the Florida Coordinating Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. www.fccdhh.org/

Martin, of Jacksonville, is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Hearing Loss Association of Florida and President of the Hearing Loss Association of Jacksonville. She is reappointed for a term beginning October 16, 2012, and ending July 31, 2016.

Williams, of Lakewood Ranch, has been an attorney in Ohio, Illinois and Florida for over 40 years. He is a Trustee of the Hearing Loss Association of Sarasota. He is appointed for a term beginning October 16, 2012, and ending July 31, 2014.

The Florida Coordinating Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, is mandated by law 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. The Coordinating Council serves as a resource for deaf and hard-of-hearing Floridians who need some assistance with everyday needs including employment, education, and access to services.

More about our new HLA-Florida Board Member

Richard Williams has been a municipal attorney in Ohio, Illinois and Florida for over 40 years. He graduated from Denison University and the College of Law, University of Akron. He served as City Attorney of Hoffman Estates, IL for 35 years and was an adjunct professor at Northwestern University and the University of North Florida for 28 of those years. He is a Trustee of the Hearing Loss Association of Sarasota and had a middle ear implant in 2011. He is also an elected Supervisor in Lakewood Ranch, Florida.

Richard Williams recognized he had a sudden hearing loss in 1999 when a Federal Judge nearly found him in contempt for continuing to speak after an instruction to stop. His Socratic teaching method at the University of North Florida became difficult in that same year. Richard had successfully argued two cases in the U S Supreme Court but the practice of law became a challenge, even with hearing aids, when his hearing approached profound loss. As a dual resident of Illinois and Florida, he was city attorney for a Chicago suburb for 35 years and an adjunct professor at the University of North Florida and Northwestern University. He had a middle ear implant in 2011 and his interest in hearing technology brought him to the HLA. He is a Trustee of the Hearing Loss Association of Sarasota as well as an elected Supervisor for Lakewood Ranch, Florida.



FCCDHH Outreach Position Opening

The Outreach and Education Coordinator position is a part-time OPS position with the Department of Health. Please encourage anyone you think would be qualified and interested to apply.

A link to the Outreach position, as well as other open Council seats, is on the homepage of our website – check out *Open Positions*.

www.fcchh.org/services/council-openings.html

Mary Grace Tavel
Human Services Program Specialist
Florida Coordinating Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Office of Minority Health



Judy and Tom Martin man the Council's table at the Florida Registered Interpreters for the Deaf (FRID) Conference in Jacksonville during October.



HLAA Executive Director Speaks at TEDPA Conference

Colleen Schuster, FTRI Outreach Manager

HLAA Executive Director, Brenda Battat, was the keynote speaker at the 15th annual conference of the Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program Association (TEDPA) in Lake Buena Vista, Florida, October 17-20, 2012. Florida Telecommunications Relay, Inc., was proud to serve as host for this national association of state equipment programs. TEDPA Chairman and FTRI Executive Director, James Forstall, invited Ms. Battat more



Brenda Battat, Executive Director of the Hearing Loss Association of America

than a year ago with the hope of further strengthening HLAA's relationship with the state equipment programs.

"We were honored to have Ms. Battat speak at our conference," said Forstall.

"She shared her vision of HLAA and discussed several opportunities to build both the state programs' and TEDPA's involvement with HLAA."

For more information about state equipment distribution programs: www.tedpa.org

OUR CHAPTERS SPEAK . . .



The Broward County (Fort Lauderdale) chapter is busy. At October's meeting, information about the new Sony glasses for captioned movies was shared. A new audiologist shared information about her "office on wheels." On November 14th, we will share travel stories based on some of the wonderful information shared by members around the country on the HLAA website. December 12th, we will be meeting at the movies for a special screening opportunity to try out those new glasses. Arlene

Romoff, author of 2 books about her cochlear implant experiences, will be speaking at our meeting on January 9th. All are welcome to join us. We meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month during: September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May at the Northwest Regional Library, 3151 University Drive, Coral Springs, 10:15-12 noon, room 214. Contact Andrea Wilson, Chapter Leader, for more details at awilson4@comcast.net. See you soon!

Do you live in or near Daytona Beach? Are you interested in joining an HLA chapter?

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Sarasota Meeting Draws An Audience Plus Several State and Chapter Leaders

The October 17 meeting of the Sarasota Chapter featured three audiologists and four audiology students from the University of South Florida demonstrating aural rehab programs. The session drew a crowd of 87 attendees including leaders from five chapters with five HLA-FL Board of Trustee members



Dr. Susan Fulton of USF introduces the membership to the four aural rehab programs that were each demonstrated live on four separate computers. Members got to try each program to see how they could work for them at home

also among the attendees

The meeting was a sequel to the chapter's September meeting, which featured a recap of the HLAA National Convention with a focus on the Brain Deafness findings presented by the Johns Hopkins medical scientists. Johns Hopkins recommended auditory training (AR) as the best way to restore lost hearing and brain functions. USF provided the members in attendance with a hands-on demonstration of the four programs their work has proven to be the most effective to include: LACE (Listening And Communication Enhancement), Read My Quips, Brain HQ and Hear Coach.

The state leaders in attendance included Bob Astle, the new President of the HLA-FL Board of Trustees

and fellow state board members: Jim Diaz, Flo Innes, JoAnne DeVries and Dr. Brad Ingrao, plus chapter leaders Oscar Segal, South Palm Beach, Art Matlock and Ron Pushee, both from the new Lakeland chapter, as well as Joan Haber and Ed Ogiba of the Sarasota chapter. The meeting allowed several hearing loss leaders to gather for a luncheon discussion beforehand.

For those not familiar with the Johns Hopkins work on how hearing loss affects the brain, their studies show that untreated hearing loss leads to Brain Deafness, which significantly increases one's risk of tinnitus, dementia, falls and isolation. Johns Hopkins recommended treatment, which in most cases was hearing aids and wearing them at all times, to prevent brain deafness. They also encouraged the use of auditory training programs to restore lost brain functions and hearing. If you would like a summary of how Brain Deafness develops and how to prevent it, or more details on the four auditory training programs mentioned, contact Ed Ogiba at ed@groupefo.com.



The pre-meeting luncheon included: (from left) Donna Carlton, CCDHH Executive Director, Art Matlock, HLA-Lakeland, Flo Innes, HLA-FL Board, Oscar Segal, HLA-South Palm Beach, Joan Haber and Ed Ogiba, both of HLA-Sarasota. JoAnne DeVries, HLA-FL Board (not shown) also attended.

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The Sarasota Chapter has formed a Movie Club to take advantage of the new Sony Caption Glasses that recently debuted at the local Regal Theatre in downtown Sarasota. The new personal caption system displays the movie's dialog on clear glasses worn by the recipient. The real-time captions end up appearing on the movie



Standing left to right: HLAS members Marcy Sarkozy, Arlene Horowitz, Karen Reynolds, Joan Haber, Dave Donnelly, Nancy Cabral and in front, Ed Ogiba

screen much like closed captions, except they are in bold, bright green type. The glasses are adjustable for fit, brightness and easily fit over prescription glasses if need be. Unlike other movie captioning systems, which have only been able to support less than 10% of the films at only one or two daily showings, this system is available at over 200 Regal theatres nationally for over 90% of the films and 100% of the showings for these movies.

The HLAS Movie Club is called "Private Eyes" and members meet once a month at the Hollywood 20 to be briefly educated on how to use the glasses before seeing a new flick supported by the cutting-edge system. The club attends an early evening movie, followed by socializing time with other members over a drink and dinner. HLAS members who have never tried the glasses are entitled to a free movie ticket, donated by the chapter.

"These glasses are the easiest to use and most reliable personal caption system to date, and we're delighted that so many of our members agree and now can enjoy movies more often," said Chapter President Ed Ogiba. "Because of the movie club, the managers at Hollywood 20 have become more aware of the need for captioning and how grateful we are for their support,

which has motivated them to add more Caption Glasses units to cater to more of our members and the community."



The Private Eyes Movie Club is free and provides a free movie ticket for all HLAS members on their first outing. To join or learn more about setting a club up for your chapter, contact the chapter's movie maven, Joan Haber at joanhaber2012@gmail.com.

Young Hearing Group (YHG)

Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2012

6 to 7:30 p.m

Joan Haber
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Our September meeting featured Lee Hoyt representing Canine Companions for Independence. Founded in 1975, Canine Companions for Independence (CCI) is a non-profit organization that provides highly trained assistance dogs and ongoing support for FREE to children and adults with physical and/or developmental disabilities. We learned how these companions are trained and how they are partnered with their eventual owners.

In October, our speaker was Rosa Heard who told us the inspiring and touching story of how having a daughter with a profound hearing loss caused by spinal meningitis changed their lives. Lucky to be alive though, her daughter Patty started wearing hearing aids when she was two. Her Speech Pathologist at Jax Speech and Hearing is still there today, some 25 years later. And so is Patty. Now a young woman using two cochlear implants, she works in the very same place – the Speech and Hearing Center of Jacksonville – where she once spent many hours with speech therapy.

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Spirit of the ADA 2012 at the Jacksonville Zoo & Gardens.

On October 14, more than a thousand guests celebrated the creation of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) While strolling down the sidewalk into the zoo, visitors could check out what services are available for people with disabilities. Activities for kids were offered at all tables. Everyone enjoyed the luncheon courtesy of the City of Jacksonville and the Independent Living Resource Center (ILRC).



All morning the rain came down in cats and dogs and zebras. By noon, the sun was shining brightly.



Above, Lee Hoyt, from Canines Companions for Independence. Below, Rosa Heard described how she and her family dealt with the hearing loss of her daughter.



At left, Tom Martin, HLA-Jax member mans the booth.

Below, Anita Budd, HLA-Jax Treasurer, with Executive Director of ILRC Matthew Motko. ILRC is sponsor of the event to which over a thousand folks with disabilities were invited.





HLA-Jax offered much information about hearing loss on its table as well as activities for the kids. Many young ones (and older) lined up to decorate their own cookies. They also were able to color and make their own zoo animal hand fans. It was HOT in the afternoon so they came in handy.

At left, decorating a yummy cookie with icing, all provided by Anita Budd (and daughter). Upper right, waiting their turn to decorate cookies.



Busy kids, patient mothers.



Do you like my Zebra fan?



Lee Hoyt and friends, Canines Companions for Independence.



Aimee and Walt Ivey help man the table. She is the Webmaster and he is the 2nd Vice President.



At the Tower Road Library, Lynn Rousseau presented the program, *Effective Communication in the Workplace*.



The CFC event took place at the Gainesville VA hospital. It was a cold morning (for Florida) yet the sun shined on all who participated. Many attendees took an interest in both the HLAA and Open Doors organization (of which I am a part) and were so pleased to have information on coping with hearing loss. The offer to receive a free one-year membership to HLAA from HLA-Florida was welcomed by many veterans with hearing loss.



Haven Lynn Rentschler, who is Lynn's granddaughter, was her helper.

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Richard Herring, President of HLA-SCC, announces forthcoming chapter meetings in Sun City Center:

December 5, 2012

Assistive Listening Devices
 Holiday Gifts for People with Hearing Loss
 Speaker: Flo Innes - Advocates for Better Hearing
 Holiday Party

January 2, 2013

Interaction between Law Enforcement and
 People with Hearing Loss
 Speaker: Sergeant Steve Gaskins,
 Public Affairs Officer, Florida Highway Patrol

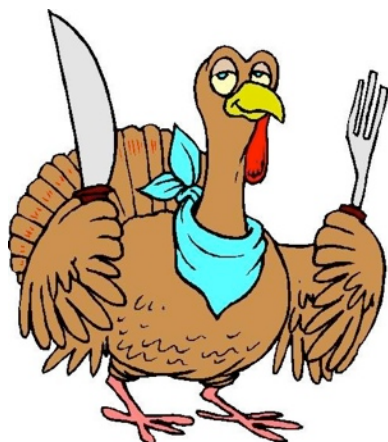
February 6, 2013

Psychological and Mental Health Issues
 Related to Hearing Loss
 Karen Goldberg, M.D.
 Assistant Professor of Psychiatry
 Dept. Of Psychiatry & Neurosciences, USF

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.

Meetings take place at 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, you may visit www.hla-scc.com.



I had the opportunity to loop the Costco Hearing Center Continuing Education seminars in Orlando this weekend, October 19-21.

Bob Astle, from the Orlando chapter who is the HLA-Florida President, was there to lend a couple of hands during the installation.



While there I met Tammy Clark (pictured left), Director of Training for Costco Hearing Aid Centers and Soris Parajon-Pena, she is the corporate buyer for hearing aids for all of USA. She was a HIS at Costco in Aventura and fitted me with my current hearing aids.

Bob and I spoke at length about looping and HLAA and HLA-Florida and HLA Miami describing our efforts helping the hearing loss community and how HLAA and AAA are working together promoting loops.

Tammy was glad to have the four conference rooms and dinner looped and told me she was approached by several members who were very happy - they were used to coming to the events and being bored to tears because they could not hear a thing. Now they can hear every word.

Joe Dashiell
joe.dashiell@gmail.com



Maria Elena Septien and Joe Dashiell (not shown) were at the health and fitness expo in Miami.



Clearwater will be continuing its meetings on Wednesdays with no change. The CART schedule was worked out to enable our meeting day to remain the same. After two months of remote captioning we will again have CART in house for the November meeting. It was good, though, for our members to learn about remote captioning, how it works and all the possibilities.

Mary Ann DeMeo loops again. Mary Ann, a member of the Clearwater Florida Chapter HLAA, was instrumental in installing a loop in her church and now she is the sole advocate with her employer, Safety Harbor Library, in the installation of a loop in the meeting room of the library, where her chapter holds its monthly meeting. Mary Ann announced at the chapter meeting that the loop would be installed in November. Way to go, Mary Ann!

Marjie Anderson, current President, will end her term in January, so they are looking for people interested in running for office to lead the chapter while Marjie transitions to a supporting role.



Brendan Gramer and Lynn Rousseau, Gainesville HLA President, in Chicago. Brendan is one of the founders of Captionfish for captioned movie listings, along with Nancy Linke-Ellis, an HLAA member! Brendan and Lynn both serve on the United Airlines Accessible Travel Board.



What's Free for Seniors?

On Saturday, November 17, a presentation of "What's Free For Seniors" will be given by Teri Watling of WellMed at our Vero Beach Meeting, 10:30 a.m., History Room, Indian River County Library:

Teri Watling, Marketing & Community Relations Specialist with WellMed Medical Management of Florida, Inc., will present "What's Free for Seniors" at the Saturday, November 17 meeting of the Treasure Coast Chapter, Hearing Loss Association of America.

The Hearing Loss Association Chapter is a non-profit, 501-(c3) Organization, whose primary purposes are information, education, support and advocacy for those with hearing loss.

Ms. Watling will present and show items that help those 55 and over answer questions and save money for their retirement years.

The meeting starts at 10:30 a.m in the History Room, Indian River County Library, 2100 16th Avenue, and is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Bill or Cheryl at (772) 466-5687, or email tcfhla@live.com

Coming in December Holiday Strategies for Hearing Loss

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

HLA-Treasure Coast has a newsletter called *Sound Waves of the Treasure Coast*. Don't forget to subscribe by writing to tcfhla@live.com

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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"



We had a great August meeting with Cynthia Moynihan and her dog Larue. There were 19 in attendance and three dogs. We would recommend this presentation especially if you have never had one for canine assistance.

Thirteen attended Jack Adam's presentation in September. Jack is an audiologist with offices in Cape Coral and Ft. Myers. We have discovered that not many audiologists are willing to donate time to speak to such groups. We were informed of the latest technology in hearing aids.

Our November meeting should be very interesting if all goes well. Scott Rinehart could not make connections to be in Ft. Myers by 10:30 on November 2 so we are going to try modern technology--Skype. The December 7th meeting will be a very informal jam session.



Jim and Lois Smith, with Jack Adams (center).

Lori Timson, Deaf Service Center director, will give a short talk about "life with the Lee County Chapter at the DSC" as our Chapter started one year ago. In September we were informed that the Center reception area and the large meeting room would be looped. It wasn't installed by October but hope it will be for November.

We will learn more about looping January 4, 2013 when Ed Ogiba will present HOW TO ADVOCATE FOR LOOPS. There are very few buildings looped in Lee County. February 1, John Hoglund, Southwest

Florida Tinnitus and Hearing Center, will speak. Many people ask us about tinnitus. We are used to both pronunciations! In August we were contacted by a representative of the Transportation Security Administration for Southwest Florida airports. They are very interested in sharing information with groups like ours that could benefit from some of their new initiatives for special populations. That will be our March 1 meeting. It should be very informative especially for our many travelers. At the moment we do not have specific plans for the April 5th meeting or the May 3rd meeting. Will we have summer meetings again this year? That will depend on the members of the Lee County Chapter.

LEE COUNTY CHAPTER
FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH
10:30 a.m.-12 noon
 Deaf Service Center
 1860 Boy Scout Drive B-208
 Ft. Myers, FL

JANUARY 4, 2013
 Ed Ogiba
HOW TO ADVOCATE FOR LOOPS

FEBRUARY 1, 2013 John Hoglund
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA
TINNITUS AND HEARING CENTER

MARCH 1, 2013
 Representative from
TRANSPORTATION SECURITY
ADMINISTRATION

APRIL 5, MAY 3, 2013 TBA
 We encourage all who are hard of hearing, live with someone who is hard of hearing, know someone who is hard of hearing, or just interested in the "life" of the hard of hearing to attend our meetings.

CART provider will be present. There is no charge.

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