

# Hear Ye, Hear Ye

## Sarasota chapter parties the night away



The Sarasota chapter celebrated this season of miracles with a clever magician, a famous singer plus lots of wonderful holiday food and cheer.

Carol Channing *aka* member Ralph Intorcio, dressed to the nines in drag, brought the house down as she sang a medley of her signature songs, including "Hello Dolly." Ralph was a member of *Young at Heart*, the senior citizen chorus from Northampton, Massachusetts, which has entertained audiences all over the world and which was showcased in the highly acclaimed 2007 film documentary of the same name. *(More about Sarasota on page 8.)*

—Ed Ogiba, President

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Your tax-deductible donations are gratefully accepted. The "Hear Ye, Hear Ye" print edition is mailed to all licensed audiologists and hearing instrument providers throughout Florida. It is the best way we know to keep our name **VISIBLE** in order to continue our mission to educate, advocate for and support people with hearing loss. You may want to give a gift in memory of a loved one, to honor a friend or family member, or to list your business. Your gift will be published in the newsletter.



James Forstall, Executive Director of Florida Telecommunications Relay, Inc. (FTRI) begins his two-year term this month as chairman of the Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program Association (TEDPA). This is the national association for the state equipment programs similar to FTRI. Throughout the year and at the annual meeting, TEDPA members exchange valuable information about state and federal regulatory issues, new equipment and technologies, and best practices for administering and marketing their programs. Mr. Forstall was instrumental in establishing TEDPA nearly 15 years ago. As one of the oldest and largest equipment distribution programs in the country, FTRI is viewed as a model for other state programs.



If you would like information about the equipment distribution programs in other states, check the website at [www.tedpa.org](http://www.tedpa.org)

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Guest Speaker:

**Dr. Jack Wazen**

**Topic: Hearing Research,  
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## Promoting Hearing Loss Awareness: An Idea is Born

By Dr. Noël Crosby, Au.D.

As I was window shopping one day, a jewelry display caught my eye. The sterling silver and shell jewelry in the window had a very distinctive, familiar – and characteristic.



“That’s cochlea jewelry!” I exclaimed to no one in particular. I had never seen such a beautiful combination of sterling silver and shell that, to me, symbolized Audiology, a profession I love dearly.

And then it hit me! This unique jewelry, with its natural shape of the human ear’s cochlea, was the perfect symbol to promote hearing loss awareness and encourage dialogue about its treatment. Audiologists could embrace it as a symbol of the profession we love and our patients could adopt it as a symbol of their first step to accepting their own unique hearing loss!

I decided right then and there that I had to find a way to introduce this beautiful “cochlea” jewelry to the audiology and hearing impaired communities. I contacted the artisans, became a distributor and introduced it at the annual Florida Academy of Audiology meeting. The response was overwhelming and AuDBling was born!

AuDBling jewelry and accessories are the perfect gifts for anyone! We currently offer a variety of cochlea-themed jewelry, as well as scarves and neckties. Not only are these pieces beautiful and fun to wear, but they also serve as natural “conversation starters” about hearing loss and the benefits of treatment...a discussion that is important not

only to audiologists and their current patients, but to those who are living with untreated hearing loss.

### AuDBling and the Chinese Fortune Cookie: Hear with your ears... Listen with your heart.



New ideas for my business often come to me unexpectedly. Recently, after lunching at my favorite Chinese restaurant with my Audiologist girlfriends, Lesley and Susan, we picked up our complimentary fortune cookies. When my friend opened hers and unrolled the tiny slip of paper it read, “Hear with your ears. Listen with your heart.” My mouth dropped, my heart nearly stopped, and a new symbol for AuDBling was born! This is the saying that I will now be using to promote hearing loss awareness!! I had been waiting for this and here it was!! From there, I sketched out my design and then, with the assistance of Patty Toombs, my husband, Michael, my sister Melissa and friends Renee and Sharon, I came up with the final result! The AuDBling pin is my first offering in jewelry that symbolizes the “heart” part of hearing. More products will be available in the near future. It is my hope that one day this symbol will be as widely recognized as the symbol for hearing loss awareness as the pink ribbon is recognized as the symbol for breast cancer.

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### Supporting Hearing Loss Association of Florida

To view our complete line of products, please visit [www.AuDBling.com](http://www.AuDBling.com). If you would like to receive announcements of our new products and special promotions, please email me at [AuDBling@gmail.com](mailto:AuDBling@gmail.com) to let me know. If you would like to place an order, please use coupon code HLAFL2011 for a 5% discount. This will let me know that you saw my story in the HLA-FL newsletter, *Hear Ye, Hear Ye* and as a way of saying thank you, I will also donate 5% of your purchase to the Hearing Loss Association of Florida. My goal is to eventually consistently be able to donate a percentage of my sales to HLA-America.

(Dr. Crosby is the owner of Advanced Hearing Solutions in Sarasota and the founder of AuDBling.)

## Excerpts from the HLA Message Board

When is the last time you visited the message board? There are so many interesting topics and quite knowledgeable people who ask and answer questions based on their experiences as well as relate their every day stories. They discuss hearing aids, cochlear implants, service animals, tinnitus, assistive technology and so much more.

Here’s a sample:

My daughter was just diagnosed a month ago with a genetic hearing loss. I saw it coming but kept telling myself she just had fluid in her ears. The day I was told in no uncertain terms that her hearing loss was significant and her threshold was a 50 db loss, I was devastated. My husband kept reassuring me, saying, “We can afford the hearing aids.” That’s not what I was upset about but I couldn’t get him to understand. I have a loss too, considered severe, and I just hated

that she was going to have the same struggles.

Anyway, we did decide to get the hearing aids right away and even rushed them. The aids are pink and the molds are tie-dyed pink and green. She is in little-girl heaven with her cool earrings. Within a week, she stopped struggling with her reading (she’s home-schooled) and went from painstakingly sounding out words like *cat* and *hot* to reading fully on a third-grade level, which is where she should be. Her scatter-brainedness – how’s that for a description? – is also going down. She focuses better now and is even better behaved over all.

I can’t believe the differences hearing aids are making for her! I am so glad this group is here so I can talk to others with similar situations.

To register for the board go to:

[www.hear4life.org/](http://www.hear4life.org/)

**Don't miss  
Convention 2011**

June 16-19  
Hyatt Regency Crystal City



This convention will be 4 days of fascinating workshops plus the opportunity to greet old friends and to make new ones. It includes an out-of-this-world assortment of products and services for the hard of hearing in the giant exhibit hall, banquets, and the opportunity for side trips to the nation's capital.

Four nationally recognized experts will discuss *The Impact of Noise on Hearing* in the research symposium and Christopher J. Artinian, Chief Executive Officer and President of Morton's Restaurant Group, Inc., will be the keynote speaker. The Artinian family is the subject of the Oscar-nominated film *Sound and Fury*, which tells the story of brothers - one hearing, one deaf.



**A Wicked Evening**

Experience a captioned performance of the Grammy and Tony award-winning musical, *Wicked*, at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts on Friday, June 17 (7:30 p.m.). *Entertainment Weekly* calls *Wicked* "the best musical of the decade." The tickets are for seats in the Orchestra Section of the Opera House, the second largest theater in the Kennedy Center. Tickets are limited so make sure you purchase them when you register !!

**Special notice for techies.....**

Overlapping the HLAA convention will be the

**2nd International Looping Conference  
June 18-20**

Attendees will learn basic, complex and creative installation techniques, hearing loop technology from a user's perspective, integration of loop technology with FM and infrared systems, and the status of hearing loop installations in the United States and in other countries.

To register for the convention, the looping conference (or both) or, for more details, go to:

<http://www.hearingloss.org/convention/>

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**Ear assault**

I often walk short distances along the busy street, sometimes to go to a store, sometimes just to relax. From time to time, my ears are assaulted by a roaring motorcycle or by a passenger car that has been modified to make it roar. It damages an otherwise pleasant walk and makes me wonder: Why do they do it?

Can't they feel what an annoyance they are to the pedestrians, people on bicycles, other motorists driving with open windows? I got a new bit of information when I drove past a motorcycle store that had a sign with the words "Rolling Thunder Motorcycles." Are the riders crying for attention like young children?

That noise can do irreversible damage to their hearing. My hearing was damaged by an exploding air bag in an automobile accident a few years ago, and I can tell them that hearing aids are expensive, a nuisance, and make words and music louder but not much clearer. Can you imagine a noisy Buick, Cadillac or Jaguar? Surely the drivers of these noisy vehicles can find a more constructive way to get attention.

- submitted by Robert Lee

*(I noticed the same thing at a parade in Jacksonville on Veteran's Day. There were hundreds and hundreds of people lining the streets watching this three-hour parade. Some noise was to be expected but when the large groups of motorcycles came by, they revved up the motors and seemingly caused backfiring on purpose.*

*The parents around me were horrified while trying to cover up their infant's and toddler's ears. I could feel the backfiring through my body. Many folks wrote to the local daily paper complaining. I hope the parade organizers keep this in mind for the future and set some rules for noise violation.*

*Have you had the same experience? Write to us and we'll include your letter in the next edition of **Hear Ye, Hear Ye.** - Ed.)*



### HLA-Florida February Board meeting in Gainesville

The Board of Trustees will meet in Gainesville at the Best Western Gateway Grande, 4200 NW 97th Blvd. 32606 on 9 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 5. A meet-and-greet will take place at 8:30 a.m.

The first speaker will explain hearing loop technology. The second speaker is board member Dr. Patricia Kricos.

The public is invited. For more information, contact Lynn Rousseau, [hlafloida@aol.com](mailto:hlafloida@aol.com)

### Association of National Advertisers recommends all TV commercials be closed-captioned.

NEW YORK, [December 15, 2010]—The Hearing Access Program announced today that the Association of National Advertisers (ANA) recommends that all television commercials be closed-captioned.

“We hope that all advertisers will implement these recommendations in time for the Super Bowl” said Janice Schacter, the founder and chair of the Hearing Access Program. “Our goal is for the 36+ million people who have some form of hearing loss to be able to enjoy all the commercial that are aired during the Super Bowl.”

The Hearing Access Program applauds the ANA for this major accomplishment. People who are deaf or hard of hearing should have full access to television commercials. We hope the Federal Communications Commission will follow the ANA’s lead in developing standards for television closed-captioning.

–Submitted by Janice Schacter

### Ask Joan about Hearing Loss

Joan Haber, former HLAA and HLA-FL board member, has started a Peer Mentoring program in Sarasota and Manatee counties. The service is also available by phone or online to all Florida residents. There is no charge for anyone to use the service.

What is a peer mentor? A peer mentor is an individual with a hearing loss trained to work with other individuals with hearing loss in need of support, information, teaching, and advocacy, in order to live their life with hearing loss as seamlessly as possible.

Why is peer mentoring needed? There are over 36 million people with hearing loss in the United States. Of these individuals, less than 25% actively use and benefit from technology. The complexity of hearing loss can greatly impact quality of life and an individual’s ability to advocate for their needs. Peer Mentors are needed to work with you, your audiologist, and other hearing health professionals to help meet the diverse needs of individuals with hearing loss.

Joan can provide peer mentoring services to you in person, over the phone, by email, chat, or Skype and is available for Q&A on Facebook – search for *Ask Joan about Hearing Loss*. Here are a few examples of instances in which you may want to contact Joan for peer counseling: problems coping with communication breakdowns, not sure about how to shop for a hearing aid or find a qualified hearing health professional, wondering about cochlear implantation as an option, need help with technology issues. Joan’s phone number is 941-323-1418 and her email is [joan1@comcast.net](mailto:joan1@comcast.net).



### Exclusive \$99 offer to HLAA members and their family and friends

The TV Talker™ listening system from Williams Sound is ideal for TV listening, meetings or any small-group listening application. Listen at the volume of your comfort without disturbing others. The system connects directly to your TV, VCR, or DVD equipped with standard output jacks. Features high-quality, low-distortion sound and angled ear couplings for maximum comfort and performance. On/Off switch is built into the arms of the receiver, so it can never be left on to drain the batteries. Select from lightweight, under-the-chin style receiver or neckloop (perfect for telecoil hearing aid users). Experience television as it was meant to be heard-in high-quality stereo sound!



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## An invitation to join the Collaborative for Communication Access via Captioning

-Lauren E. Storck, Ph.D., Founder of the CCAC

Quality captioning universally is the mission of the CCAC. We invite you to join us in the online grass-roots project called the CCAC if you have interest in more captioning in many places. It is said that "captioning speaks to us all – it's our language," and yet it is missing in innumerable places.

A great number of us cannot comprehend speech well in group situations, even with other resources and technologies. Because good communication is vital for everyday life, we require quality captioning/subtitles in so many places. Our group outlines what we call the *ten CCAC categories of life*, from education, employment and entertainment, to government, healthcare and transportation, and more.

In the autumn of 2009, we conferred with many friends and colleagues in several circles of people with hearing loss and deafness, and decided that a new focused project was needed, at first in the USA, and quickly it attracted interest internationally.

The CCAC is comprised of all volunteers and a *working community* online. It's an advocacy organization with members who are deafened, hard of hearing, deaf, hearing, and others. Membership is free for all *consumers*. A nice balance of *consumers* and *providers* are now members, all working together online to encourage and create new captioning inclusion projects. Any captioning advocacy project, from a small local one, to a regional or national project, and collaborations internationally too, are invited. The CCAC has no resources other than our energy and the large need we see for millions of us globally, to have real time captioning for healthy lives.

While many fine organizations advocate for captioning (including CART, real time speech-to-text, with various names in different countries), they have wider agendas by advocating for many other resources for us, or wider constituencies in the advocating for people with many different disabilities. The CCAC has one single theme only – it aims for group collaborations. Individuals can accomplish much, yet groups can do more.

CCAC is not-for-profit and are all volunteers in shared advocacy. Consumers are the ones who drive progress, by asking for speech to text over and over again, often a long process that requires persistence and a do-not-give-up attitude. CCAC member consumers have any level of hearing loss, or any interest in this struggle for all. For example, many people with different language and learning needs also require quality captioning, even though they do not have a hearing loss. United we can advocate, agitate, and legislate, yet this sometimes

takes years. As a last resort, there is legal action, and at times this is the only way to force equal rights.

CCAC itself does not sell any captioning, CART, or broadcasting services or products. The founder is a person who is deafened, and is also a member of many established organizations. One CCAC goal is to build bridges for a focus on much more inclusion of captioning.

In one short year, since it was founded, the CCAC has some good success stories which are shared on the website. It has developed an informative public site with

useful articles and videos. It also has an active Members' Forum online that many describe as intelligent and effective. The CCAC has helped members in "CCAC Action Requests," not only for specific information, but also with *letters of support* when any member is seeking real time speech to text. The CCAC also offers public data-collection documents on the website – for all to submit information about local and broader captioning advocacy, so oth-

ers can be inspired, and we can share information together online.

As many who are reading this know – and too many in the hearing world do not – captioning is a mainstream solution because only a tiny fraction of deaf or people with hearing loss are sign language users as opposed to the millions who use captions.

Toward the final months of year one of the CCAC, it was apparent that providers wanted to be able to contact consumers in the CCAC directly, to provide (and sell) services. The CCAC designed a creative plan for 2011 which is this - all CCAC provider members agree to provide one hour of free service to eligible consumer members of the CCAC. With donated hours, consumer members of the CCAC will be able to educate and advocate more, and the CCAC will offer this community service where consumers and providers can advocate together. In some countries, real time captioning is expensive, and we aim to find ways to demonstrate how important it is. Some say it is our *ramp* for communication and access, similar to wheelchair ramps which are generally accepted and provided in most countries.

More information is available on the website including the membership application. The CCAC is also on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. We welcome your interest and support! [www.ccacaptioning.org](http://www.ccacaptioning.org) Email: [ccacaptioning@gmail.com](mailto:ccacaptioning@gmail.com)



## ASHA Poll at AARP: Outreach Needed to Older Adults

by Greg Weimann

Audiologist Anne Hains Peters of Orlando, provided advice to one of many 2010 AARP Life@50+ Convention participants who visited the ASHA booth.

More than half (53%) of respondents to an ASHA poll believe they or their spouse have hearing loss, yet only a quarter have consulted an audiologist.

Findings of the poll, conducted at the 2010 AARP Life@50+ Convention in Orlando, combined with respondents' lack of familiarity with audiology and speech-language pathology, suggest the need to reach out to older Americans about identification, prevention, and treatment of speech, language, and hearing disorders.

The poll was completed by 484 respondents who stopped by the ASHA exhibit at the AARP convention from Sept. 30 through Oct. 2. The exhibit was staffed by Anne Hains Peters, an Orlando audiologist, and ASHA staff members. The poll explored respondents' view of their own and their spouses' hearing, what they value most from a health care provider, level of familiarity with audiologists and speech-language pathologists, and the most effective way to communicate to this population.

AARP members' responses to the poll also revealed:

- \* The vast majority (91%) do not own a hearing aid.
- \* Accuracy in diagnosis and treatment was the attribute most valued in a health care provider by the majority (74%) of respondents.
- \* Only about one-third of respondents reported visiting an audiologist in the last few years; 6% reported visiting an SLP.
- \* About a third (35%) of respondents reported no familiarity with audiologists; 43% indicated no familiarity with SLPs.

\* Direct mail is the best way to communicate about hearing health for 39% of respondents.

Maintaining a continued onsite presence and implementing marketing campaigns (commercials, brochures, etc.) were among the suggestions offered on how ASHA could raise consumer awareness of the professions at future AARP conventions.

"We hope members find the results of this poll useful to their efforts to promote their services," said ASHA President Tommie L. Robinson Jr. "The association also welcomes the opportunity to work with AARP in other ways that highlight how our members' expertise can serve the communication health of older Americans."

*From The ASHA Leader, a publication of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association  
December 21, 2010*

## What do you do when your hearing aid gets wet?

*(Editor: So what do you do when your hearing aid gets wet? Here are some good suggestions from the folks at [hear-it.org](http://hear-it.org). Do take a minute and visit their excellent site.)*

A hearing aid, like most electronic devices, should be kept away from water. But if you lead an active life, your hearing aid might get wet by accident. You may also forget to take off your hearing aid before taking a shower.

If your hearing aid gets wet, here is some advice for you: Switch off your hearing aid immediately.

\* Remove the battery from the hearing aid. Dry the battery meticulously with a dry cloth.

\* Shake the hearing aid to remove all possible water. Before shaking it, make sure that the battery compartment is open.

\* Place your hearing aid on a newspaper, placed on a moderately warm radiator for some hours with the battery compartment open.

### Using a dehumidifier

A dehumidifier is a very useful device for the maintenance and care of hearing aids. The system removes all humidity from the hearing aid, dries the wax out, and eliminates the bad smell and bacteria.

\* Open the battery compartment and take out the battery, leave the battery compartment open.

\* Dry the hearing aid and the battery with a dry cloth.

\* Place your hearing aid and battery in an appropriate dehumidifying system.

\* Keep your devices in the dehumidifying system for 24 hours, or 3-4 drying cycles.

\* After the 24 hours or the 3-4 cycles, place a new battery into the hearing aid and check if it works.

### Salty or dirty water

If your hearing aid gets wet with salty or dirty water, the same procedure is still correct, but the device should be rinsed immediately with fresh water before being placed into the dehumidifier.

### Need more help?

If you have followed this advice and your hearing aid is still not working, take it to your hearing aid provider to see if it needs to be repaired. If you in doubt, contact your hearing aid provider to get more information about your specific hearing aids.

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## OUR CHAPTERS SPEAK . . .



### Holiday Party Features Parlor Magic and Carol Channing

Bob Banta, the President of the local ring of the International Brotherhood of Magicians dazzled our membership with amazing illusions



The card trick shown in this photo involved having 12 members each pick a card from a deck that we had cut, and then watching in wonderment as he read our minds to correctly identify each one in succession.

### HLAS launches Young Hearing Group

The Sarasota Chapter has 125 members, but only one is under 40 years old. We knew we had to reach out in a new and unique way if we were ever going to attract young adults, especially young professionals. Under the direction of Alex Boakes, our 39-year-old Board of Trustees member, the chapter debuted the Young Hearing Group (YHG) on December 15 at Café Palm in downtown Sarasota.

Four young professionals, including one who is a hearing instrument specialist, came for a rap session that sparked a very lively discussion, which lasted three hours as opposed to the planned one hour. We talked about everyone's expectations and needs, which were varied. However, the group clearly has a much greater need to network than our regular members.

The only other conclusion reached was that everyone found the session to be rewarding and a lot of fun. All enthusiastically signed up for another meeting on January 19 and the current plan is to meet monthly.

—Ed Ogiba, President  
HLA-Sarasota



**From Sarasota with love, our best wishes for a happy holiday to all!**



*Attendees at the first Young Hearing Group meeting, from left: Dante Russell, Ashley Camblin, HLAS member Valerie Stafford Mallis, Steve McTeague, HLAS President Ed Ogiba, HLAS member Joan Haber, Richard Wood and YHG leader Alexander Boakes.*



The Hearing Loss Association of Jacksonville held its final meeting in 2010 during November the West Regional Library. All seven of the videos prepared by the Hearing Loss Association of America were shown. They were watched with a great deal of interest and enthusiastically applauded during video #7 which showed a couple of photos taken during our regular meeting. Most chapter leaders have received a copy of the videos, but if you haven't looked at them you can see them here:

1. [Hearing Loss Basic Facts](#)
2. [Hearing Loss Symptoms](#)
3. [Hearing Loss Diagnosis](#)
4. [Hearing Loss Treatments](#)
5. [Living with Hearing Loss](#)
6. [Hearing Loss Causes and Prevention](#)
7. [Hearing Aids, Cochlear Implants and Assistive Listening Devices](#)

Members are looking forward to a presentation by LeAnn Boone, AuD. in January. In February, a representative from St. Augustine will talk about Sertoma's primary mission of assisting more than 50 million people with hearing health issues.

Aimee Ivey was appointed our secretary/public relations person. Judy Martin, Melissa Trauthwein, Bill Sheibe and Tom Martin continue as president, vice-president, treasurer and technology person. Theresa Taylor of [The Caption Company, Inc.](#) provides CART for all of our meetings.

We were saddened to learn that one of our charter members, Virgil Rogers, passed away on December 30. He will be very much missed since he attended nearly all meetings except during a recent illness. RIP Virgil.

We also pray for member Bill Scheibe who had three bypasses and a pacemaker inserted. He is doing well.

Happy New Year from all of us.

*Members at our recent Jacksonville meeting are, from left, Theresa Taylor, CART provider; back row from left, Tom Logue, Aimee Ivey, Walt Ivey, Tywana McGee, Melissa Trauthwein, the late Virgil Rogers, Bill Scheibe and in front row, Tom Martin. Absent are regular members Waldo and Verona Romero.*



I was proud that Tallahassee was my first chapter "visitation" as the recently appointed Florida State Chapter Coordinator. James Forstall and Carlos Monserrate, chapter leaders, were the hosts for this presentation held at the Florida Telecommunications Relay, Inc. offices on Park Avenue. After lunch and a tour of the offices, we met in the spacious conference room.



*Rose Ann Monserrate interprets as LeAnne Boone discusses cochlear implants.*

LeAnn Boone, AuD. was the presenter of the workshop on Advances in Assistive Hearing Technology including updates on Aural Rehabilitation and Communication Strategies for Individuals with Hearing Loss. A representative of Med-El cochlear implants, LeAnn was a knowledgeable and engaging speaker. Her PowerPoint offered many excellent ideas.

Rose Ann Monserrate interpreted for several members and FM technology was available as well.

—Judy G. Martin



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**Tuesday, January 4, 7 p.m.,**  
Building J, Room 104, Indian River State College's  
Ft. Pierce campus, 3209 Virginia Avenue.

Topic: Hearing Loss in Children.

**Friday, January 21 - 11 a.m.**

DOGS FOR HEARING

The Chapter will host the Dogs for Life, Inc. in a presentation of its hearing guide dogs program, with a demonstration, in the meeting room at the St. Lucie Lanes Bowling Alley, 6759 S. Federal Highway (US 1), Port St. Lucie. Plans are for presentation by two hearing guide dog teams with Shelley Ferger, Founder and Executive Director of the Dogs For Life program.

This is a *first-ever* moment for the Chapter.

For more information, contact Cheryl or Bill at (772) 466-5687 or email [noisegone@treasurecoastflhlaa.com](mailto:noisegone@treasurecoastflhlaa.com).

**The meetings are free and open to the public.**



Dr. Pat Kricos, Lynn Rousseau and Nancy Day were resources for information on this story in the *Gainesville Sun*. Grace Presbyterian Church has had a hearing loop system installed and you can read about it here: [Hearing loop a boon for those with hearing issues](#).

—submitted by Lynn Rousseau, President  
HLA-Gainesville



#### MEETING INFORMATION

Meets the First Tuesday of Each Month  
Social - 5:30 p.m. • Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

#### NEW LOCATION:

Piccadilly Restaurant

11810 Dale Mabry Hwy • Tampa, FL 33618



**January 5, 2011\*\***

What's New With Hearing Aids.

For Those with Mild/moderate Hearing Loss & Those  
with Severe/profound Loss

Scott Simms, Au.D., CCC-A, F-AAA

Physician's Choice Hearing & Dizziness Center

**February 2, 2011**

Induction Loop Systems and How They Benefit Per-  
sons with Hearing Loss

Joe Romano - The Hearing Loop Group

Certified in design, engineering & installation of induc-  
tion loop systems in small & large areas

Jan Romano, M.S. (Audiology)

**March 2, 2011\*\***

Coping With Hearing Loss as a Couple

Merv (hearing loss) and Bev

(hearing) Daniels

Developed curriculum and con-  
ducted workshops on coping  
strategies and team work for  
persons with hearing loss, their  
spouses, family members and



friends. Members of HLA-Orlando.

**April 6, 2011**

Understanding and Solving Balance Disorders

Lauren Wazen, Doctor of Physical Therapy

Body in Balance Therapy,

Bradenton Sarasota Memorial Hospital

**May 4, 2011**

Psychology of Hearing Loss

Ken Barringer, Ph.D.

Retired Clinical Psychologist

President, South Shore Coalition on

Mental Health & Aging

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**Communication Access, Inc.**

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**\*\*Meet at local restaurant after meeting for  
brunch and conversation.**

*I have unwittingly helped to invent and re-  
fine a type of music that makes its principal  
components deaf. Hearing loss is a terrible  
thing because it cannot be repaired.*

—Pete Townshend of *The Who*



**NaplesEars** is the local chapter of the Hearing Loss Association of America. HLAA is the nation's foremost membership and advocacy organization for people with hearing loss. We are officially known as HLAA/Naples Chapter. Our mission is to open the world of communication for people with hearing loss through education, information, advocacy, and support.

Our meetings are from 10:30-12, usually the second Friday of the month. We meet at The Community Room, North Collier Government Services Center, 2335 Orange Blossom Road, Naples. Our CART provider, Marianne, displays what is said on the wall at all our meetings. All are welcome.

### 2011

Friday, January 14, Dr. Jack Wazen, Silverstein Institute, Sarasota, speaker

Meetings are scheduled for February 11, March 11, April 8, May 13

For further information, contact Walter and Cynthia Renner

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### State Chapter Coordinator's Corner

I have begun my two-year term as Coordinator by visiting the Tallahassee chapter. Florida is such a large state but I hope to visit at least some of the chapters, especially during their regular meetings. I will be in touch about that.

Wearing two hats – that as newsletter editor and state coordinator – I will be able to combine the two to help publicize all the many, varied events with which the chapters are involved. And there are many. Just looking at the various websites show how some chapters are so innovative. I plan to feature the chapters' activities in our bi-monthly issues of *Hear Ye, Hear Ye* and hope that you will keep me updated and send photographs as well.

In future *corner* messages, I would like to focus on increasing HLAA membership in Florida, developing new chapters, and nurturing potential leaders. In addition I will be acting as conduit between chapters and the national office as it pertains to HLAA activities and issue positions. To borrow a few words from the Coordinator's Guidelines, these are "lofty but attainable" goals. We want to reach out to people with hearing loss in every corner of the state. I hope you will help in attaining that goal.

There are more folks with hearing loss than ever before. We can educate and support them in enormously helpful ways, but first we have to find them.

–Judy G. Martin



Our December program featured a series labeled "The Dangers of Living With Hearing loss." It is an educational program that illustrates how we are vulnerable in a number of venues because we can't hear properly. Not understanding an instruction or giving a wrong answer to a critical question can be harmful or worse.

We are the largest Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) chapter serving South/Central Palm Beach County. We provide person-to-person information from a variety of sources how to survive day-by-day in a world where others hear, and we do not. We are a non-profit; non-sectarian organization whose primary objective is to educate as many people suffering from loss of hearing, no matter how slight, that there is help; that there are ways to improve what and how they hear, thereby improving their quality of life. To that end, we host monthly meetings, conduct public seminars, and publish a monthly newsletter.



Meetings and seminars are open to the public. In addition, we are happy to provide these seminars as programs for Special Interest Group meetings, Gated Community Association meetings, and more. The schedule for 2011: January 21, February 18, March 18, April 15, May 20.

We meet every third Friday, September through May, 10 am to Noon, at the South County Civic Center, 16700 Jog road, in Delray Beach (opposite Morikami Park).

For information, contact Oscar Segal, 561-499-9873. Email: [trip3584@comcast.net](mailto:trip3584@comcast.net)  
<http://hldelrayboynton.org/>

We have created PowerPoint presentations on the following important and timely subjects:

**Safety for Deaf Travelers in Hotels or Motels**

**Friendly Skies – Deaf Flier Beware**

**Hospital Safety – Inform and Be Informed**

**Important Information in case of Accident**

**Importance of Telecoils**

**Implants: Cochlear vs BAHA**

**About Induction Loops**

**Options for Captioned Telephones**

## Take Care of Your Ears – Facts About Hearing Loss

*From Angie's List.com*

The chirping of birds, the joyous laughter of loved ones and the rustling of leaves are all sounds that help shape our world.

"Our sense of hearing is extremely important," says Debbie Abel, an audiologist with the American Academy of Audiology. "It allows us to maintain communication with family and friends, keeps us safe in our environment and on top of our game at work."

But life's noises are either muffled or silenced for an estimated 36 million people in the U.S.

"There's no shame in hearing loss," Abel says. "The shame is doing nothing about it."

To find a specialist, talk to your primary care provider or search the audiology, [ear/nose/throat care](#) or otolaryngology categories on [AngiesList.com](#).

### Types of hearing loss

Conductive Hearing Loss occurs when sound waves aren't transmitted properly from the outer to the middle ear. Common causes are inflammation caused by colds, allergies and ear infections; the presence of a foreign body or built-up earwax in the ear canal; a perforated eardrum; or fluid in the ear.

"To hear, the three little bones in your middle ear

must move freely," Abel says. "If there's fluid, it affects your ability to interpret sound." If you suffer from this kind of loss, Abel adds, you can most likely regain your hearing through treatments with medicine or surgery.

**Sensorineural Hearing Loss** occurs when the cochlea of the inner ear, or the nerve pathways to the brain, are damaged. Diseases and viruses — such as Lyme disease and herpes — as well as certain drugs can cause this hearing loss.

"Some medications, like antibiotics with the suffix -mycin or -micin, can damage the hair cells in the cochlea," Abel says. "Unfortunately, this kind of damage is permanent."

Humans are born with 30,000 hair cells per ear. They convert the sound vibrations that travel from the middle ear into electrical impulses that are carried to the auditory nerve.

Abel adds that other possible culprits of sensorineural hearing loss are noise exposure, head trauma and aging.

**Mixed Hearing Loss** is a combination of both conductive and sensorineural — is the third kind of hearing loss.

### Don't play it by ear

Follow these tips to prevent noise-induced hearing loss:

- If you're exposed to loud noise like a lawnmower or hair dryer on a daily basis, wear protective earplugs or muffs for protection.

- Turn down the iTunes. Abel says you know the volume on your MP3 player is too high if someone next to you can hear your music. "Follow the 60/60 rule for headphones," she says. "Don't listen at more than 60 percent of the maximum volume longer than 60 minutes."

- Silence is golden. Give your ears a break by alternating quiet activities with louder ones.

- Rock on responsibly. Abel says at 110 decibels or more, music concerts of any genre can be damaging. "Wear comfortable earplugs to avoid doing harm."

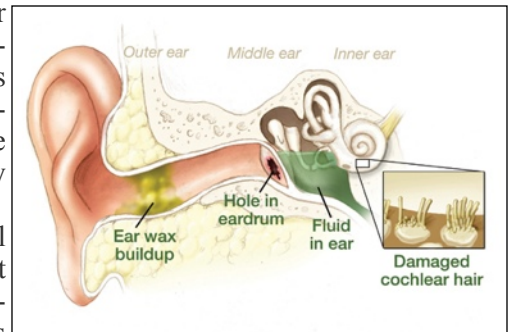


Illustration by Megan Rojas



"Jasper! I told you to go get the TRUCK."

## When people ask, what does HLAA do for us . . .

### ←←← Looking Back at 2010

—by Brenda Battat, Executive Director  
Hearing Loss Association of America



**Brenda Battat**

This is the last issue of 2010 and it seems like a good time to take stock of what HLAA has accomplished over the past 12 months. Here is a sampling of what we have done to bring more public attention to hearing loss, reduce the stigma, expand communication access, and protect your rights in the workplace.

- Produced seven captioned videos on Hearing Loss 101 to encourage people to seek help for their hearing loss. We partnered with Knowlera Media, Inc., to produce the videos which are posted on YouTube, [www.monkeysee.com](http://www.monkeysee.com), and on [www.hearingloss.org](http://www.hearingloss.org). With funding from the Better Hearing Institute, the DVDs are available free on request from HLAA for anyone who wants to show them in their waiting rooms, at HLAA chapter and state events, or for other educational uses.

- Developed a new informational Wiki for parents of children with hearing loss. The goal of the site is to empower parents of children who are hard of hearing and deaf by providing the resources necessary for them to make informed decisions about their children's hearing loss. [www.kidsandhearingloss.org](http://www.kidsandhearingloss.org)

- Partnered with the American Academy of Audiology on the "Get in the Hearing Loop" project to increase usage of technology beyond the hearing aid that benefits people with hearing loss. With funding from two family foundations, we are developing educational materials on telecoils, assistive technology and how to advocate for them in local communities.

- Secured funding to hold the 2nd International Hearing Loop Conference overlapping with the Hearing Loss Association of America 2011 Convention in June

- Held 18 Walk4Hearing events throughout the nation to raise public awareness and generate funds to improve services for people with hearing loss

- Conducted a Leadership Training for HLAA state and chapter leaders.

- Advocated for a mandate for captioned tele-

phone nationwide; a hearing aid tax credit; the standard on classroom acoustics to be added to the Americans with Disabilities Act; captioned movies in theaters, on airline flights, at live events and on the Internet; hearing-aid-compatible wireless handsets; continuation of the infant screening law; access to 9-1-1 and emergency preparedness

- Testified before Congress in support of laws to require captioning of videos on the Internet. The Bill passed in both the House and Senate and was signed into law by President Obama on October 8, 2010

- Successful in getting the Federal Communications Commission to include our recommendations for accessibility for people with hearing loss in the national broadband plan

- Stopped a tax from being imposed on hearing aids in the new health care reform

- Reversed the Department of Justice's employment testing policy so that the Marshal Service's hiring policy allows court security officers to keep their hearing aids in when undergoing hearing testing.

- Provided direct support to employees with discrimination issues in the workplace.

- The HLAA Board of Trustees approved a new position paper on Job Qualification Testing: <http://www.hearingloss.org/advocacy/positionpapers.asp>

- For consumer protection, produced a checklist for consumers to know what to expect when purchasing a hearing aid and a chart of state regulations outlining the sales of hearing aids and dispensing laws. These can be found at [www.hearingloss.org/learn/hearingaids.asp](http://www.hearingloss.org/learn/hearingaids.asp).

There is still much to be done to reach our ultimate goals, which are to: • have hearing loss recognized as a health issue; • have hearing aids and cochlear implants be the standard of care; • de-stigmatize hearing loss in society; and • increase consumer protection: educated consumers.

Along with the national office staff, and the Board of Trustees, I wish everyone happy holidays.

## Individuals in Florida with hearing loss by county

County	US Census Bureau 2008 Estimates	Percent (16%) of Population with Hearing Loss (FCCDHH 2007 Report)
Alachua	241,364	38,618
Baker	26,164	4,186
Bay	163,946	26,231
Bradford	29,012	4,642
Brevard	563,521	90,163
Broward	1,751,234	280,197
Calhoun	13,617	2,179
Charlotte	150,060	24,010
Citrus	141,416	22,627
Clay	184,727	29,556
Collier	315,258	50,441
Columbia	69,092	11,055
Dade	2,398,245	383,719
Desoto	33,991	5,439
Dixie	14,957	2,393
Duval	850,962	136,154
Escambia	302,939	48,470
Flagler	91,247	14,599
Franklin	11,202	1,792
Gadsden	47,560	7,610
Gilchrist	17,191	2,751
Glades	11,175	1,788
Gulf	15,667	2,507
Hamilton	14,348	2,296
Hardee	28,888	4,622
Hendry	39,453	6,312
Hernando	171,689	27,470
Highlands	100,011	16,002

County	US Census Bureau 2008 Estimates	Percent (16%) of Population with Hearing Loss (FCCDHH 2007 Report)
Hillsborough	1,180,784	188,925
Holmes	19,328	3,092
Indian River	132,315	21,170
Jackson	49,656	7,945
Jefferson	14,547	2,328
Lafayette	8,013	1,282
Lake	307,243	49,159
Lee	593,136	94,902
Leon	264,063	42,250
Levy	39,460	6,314
Liberty	7,957	1,273
Madison	18,895	3,023
Manatee	315,766	50,523
Marion	329,628	52,740
Martin	138,660	22,186
Monroe	72,243	11,559
Nassau	69,835	11,174
Okaloosa	179,693	28,751
Okeechobee	40,359	6,457
Orange	1,072,801	171,648
Osceola	263,676	42,188
Palm Beach	1,265,293	202,447
Pasco	471,028	75,364
Pinellas	910,260	145,642
Polk	580,594	92,895
Putnam	73,459	11,753
Santa Rosa	150,053	24,008
Sarasota	372,057	59,529

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## Individuals in Florida with hearing loss by county

County	US Census Bureau 2008 Estimates	Percent (16%) of Population with Hearing Loss (FCCDHH 2007 Report)
Seminole	410,854	65,737
St Johns	181,540	29,046
St Lucie	265,108	42,417
Sumter	74,721	11,955
Suwannee	39,802	6,368
Taylor	21,546	3,447
Union	15,141	2,423
Volusia	498,036	79,686
Wakulla	31,089	4,974
Walton	53,837	8,614
Washington	23,928	3,828
Florida	18,355,340	2,936,854

### Definitions:

1. Hearing Loss - this term covers all individuals having various hearing losses, ranging from mild to profound - including those who are deaf or hard of hearing.
2. State and County Population estimates on May 15, 2009 were provided by the Census 2008 Data for the State of Florida, Public Information Office, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, D.C. 20233., Website: [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov).
3. Percentage of Floridians with hearing loss provided from FCCDHH 2007 Report to the Governor. Website: [http://www.fccdhh.org/files/1/File/2007\\_reporttogovernor.pdf](http://www.fccdhh.org/files/1/File/2007_reporttogovernor.pdf)

Submitted by Richard Herring, President,  
Hearing Loss Association of Florida

## Managing the Fear and Anxiety of the Unknown

By Stanley Popovich

All most everybody worries about what will happen in the future. The prospect of not knowing if something good or bad will happen to you in the near future can produce a lot of fear and anxiety. As a result, here is a list of techniques and suggestions on how to manage this fear of dealing with the unknown.

Remember that no one can predict the future with one hundred percent certainty. Even if the thing that you are afraid of does happen there are circumstances and factors that you can't predict which can be used to your advantage. For instance, let's say at your place of work that you miss the deadline for a project you have been working on for the last few months. Everything you feared is coming true. Suddenly, your boss comes to your office and tells you that the deadline is extended and that he forgot to tell you the day before. This unknown factor changes everything. Remember that we may be ninety-nine percent correct in predicting the future, but all it takes is for that one percent to make a world of difference.

Learn to take it one day at a time. Instead of worrying about how you will get through the rest of the week or coming month, try to focus on today. Each day can provide us with different opportunities to learn new things and that includes learning how to deal with your problems. When the time comes, hopefully you will have learned the skills to deal with your situation.

Sometimes, we can get anxious over a task that we will have to perform in the near future. When this happens, visualize yourself doing the task in your mind. For instance, you

and your team have to play in the championship volleyball game in front of a large group of people in the next few days. Before the big day comes, imagine yourself playing the game in your mind. Imagine that you're playing in front of a large audience. By playing the game in your mind, you will be better prepared to perform for real when the time comes. Self-Visualization is a great way to reduce the fear and stress of a coming situation and increase your self-confidence.

Remember to take a deep breath and try to find something to do to get your mind off of you anxieties and stresses. A person could take a walk, listen to some music, read the newspaper, watch TV, play on the computer or do an activity that will give them a fresh perspective on things. This will distract you from your current worries.

A lot of times, our worrying can make the problem even worse. All the worrying in the world will not change anything. All you can do is to do your best each day, hope for the best, and when something does happen, take it in stride. If you still have trouble managing your anxiety of the future, then talking to a counselor or clergyman can be of great help. There are ways to help manage your fear and all it takes is some effort to find those answers.

*Stan Popovich is the author of "A Layman's Guide to Managing Fear Using Psychology, Christianity and Non Resistant Methods" - an easy to read book that presents a general overview of techniques that are effective in managing persistent fears and anxieties. For additional information go to: <http://www.managingfear.com/>*

## Percutaneous Cochlear Implant Study

**Martha Morales** lost most of her hearing when she was just eleven years old and by the time she was seventeen, she was deaf. Martha came to Dr. Robert Labadie at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. On this video you will see Dr. Labadie install an electronic device, called a cochlear implant, deep in Martha's inner ear. It will help her hear for the first time in years.

Installing a cochlear implant is major surgery. It can take two to three hours, requiring on O.R. and a full surgical team. Dr. Labadie realized there had to be a better way—image guided surgery—much like a GPS system in your car. The doctor uses a three-dimensional picture, created from a CT scan, to explain how this image can help a surgeon guide a tiny drill into the inner ear. The doctor calls it a Percutaneous Cochlear Implant, meaning "through the skin." Dr. Labadie was convinced that this could be done in 30 to 40 minutes, maybe even in an out-patient setting.

That is where Martha Morales came in. She volunteered to be a part of the study, putting Dr. Labadie's

surgical theory to the test. It was paid for by a grant from the National Institute of Health.

### Watch the video to see this exciting procedure.

"The science could not go forward without people participating in the study and we are eternally grateful to them. Contributing to this study and being a part of it helps others. That other person might be somebody in your family. It might be one of your children. It might be a neighbor. It might be somebody you don't know but that's how all of medicine moves ahead. We're very thankful to people for considering this."



*Dr. Robert F. Labadie*

—Dr. Robert F. Labadie  
Thanks to Susan Scheibe, Mount Juliet, TN, former member of HLA-Jacksonville, FL

<http://www.mc.vanderbilt.edu/root/video/flash.html?movie=cochlearimplant.flv&w=640&h=640>

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