

Hear Ye, Hear Ye

HLA-FL board meets in Gainesville

The February meeting kicked off with a well-attended presentation on Looping Technology. Entitled, *Come Discover the Best Kept Secret in Town*, audience members were kept highly engrossed. Dr. Patricia Kricos spoke on "Looping America," a joint initiative of the the American Academy of Audiology and the Hearing Loss Association of America. Her talk was followed by Linda Logan and Joe Romano, of the Hearing Loop Group, Inc. from St. Petersburg. Lynn Rousseau of HLA-Gainesville organized the event. Many thanks to the above individuals for providing this needed education.



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Reports were given by all officers and committee chairs. Much discussion centered on fundraising, sending a child to Camp Endeavor, ways to clarify board member responsibilities, website revision, future of the newsletter, feasibility of a scholarship to the HLAA Convention, and a retreat for chapter leaders.

Resignations from Brett Woods, Tampa, and

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James Forstall, Director of the Florida Telecommunications Relay, Inc. and Professional Advisor to HLA-Florida, presented FTRI caps to all the members.

Sandra LeBoeuf, Jacksonville, were regretfully accepted. Larry Kavanaugh, former Chapter Coordinator, was appointed to the Board.

Meetings are open to the public and the next one will be June 4 at a location to be announced.



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Chapter leaders, please forward

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March 24, 2011, 7:00 p.m. EST

Guest Speaker:

Jane R. Madell, Ph.D.,

CCC-A/SLP, Cert AVT

**Topic: Cochlear Implants
 for Children and Adults**

In her HLA webinar, Dr. Madell will be discussing factors that are considered when determining cochlear implant candidacy. She will also discuss degree of hearing loss for adults and children candidates; experience with hearing aids; what to expect



from the implant; and ways to improve performance including therapy possibilities.

Dr. Jane Madell is a renowned audiologist, educator, mentor and advocate. Her pioneering work in audiology, pediatric audiology, licensure and professional development has spanned four decades and lifted the field of audiology to the heights it is today. Her clinical practice and research include evaluation and management of hearing in infants and young children, management of hearing loss in children with severe and profound hearing loss, selection and management of amplification including hearing aids, cochlear implants and FM systems, assessment of auditory function, and evaluation and management of auditory processing disorders.

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How do you feel about your hearing loss?

One of the many ways that HLAA offers support is its message board. Topics include Middle Ear Implants; Tinnitus; Technology Tips; Families, Friends and You; Employment Barriers; and much, much more. Recently a reader asked this question and it became very popular as people poured out their hearts. Register and join us at the HLAA Message Board. You won't be sorry. <http://www.hear4life.org/>

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I think about being fired from my job.

I think about the losing battle to get my job back again.

I think about times when bluffing has left me feeling isolated and embarrassed.

I think about my frustration about my inability to interact socially.

I think of the fear of answering the telephone or of getting into a conversation that I can't understand or continue.

I think about my loss of independence and reliance on others to hear and interpret for me.

I think of losing my ability to hear, enjoy and understand music.

The word that pops into my brain that describes all of this is "humiliation."

Losing my hearing has been a humiliating and humbling experience.

Of course I know it's not good to dwell on negative thoughts.

And I know that there are many strategies for lessening the impact of hearing loss.

But equally, it's not good to live in denial about having hearing loss.

The considerable practical and social difficulties are a daily challenge.

The associated feelings of loss and bereavement are worth describing and acknowledging before moving on with life.

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I feel blessed that my cochlear implant and hearing aid have restored enough hearing for me to be active again.

I am grateful for the members in my HLAA chapter. Their mentoring and support has made a huge difference.

I am thankful our chapter meets in an auditorium which has a hearing loop system.

I appreciate the CART support we have at all meetings.

I am beholden that captions on TV are almost universal.

I am pleased that captions are becoming more

prevalent at movies and plays

I am encouraged that more people with hearing loss are speaking out for our needs

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I often think my hearing loss is like living in a foreign country and not speaking/understanding the language since so much of the speech I hear sounds like some other language.

I wonder what it is like to have "normal" hearing. I would love to know what that is like. I try not to have my own little pity party, and most of the time I am just accepting that, in fact, I don't hear well.

I am thankful that I was not born deaf and was able to learn to speak. I am thankful that I was able to work until about 10 years ago and do a good job and am accepting that I won't work at a job again.

I am thankful that I can afford (sometimes) to try out new technologies and am able (usually) to figure them out.

I am thankful that I can see and walk.

I hate that I don't feel good enough (worthy) to join, go, or be a part of whatever interests me.

So, I guess we can all be as happy as we make up our minds to be.

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As a Deaf person, I am happier than I have been in a long time. I have friends that completely accept me and don't see me as "broken." I have a language that will carry me through however much more hearing I lose.

I'm thankful that I found an audiologist that not only listens to me but also makes me laugh (and didn't scoff when I said I wanted earmolds with glitter!).

Sometimes I get frustrated when I have to use the phone and there's someone with a thick accent I can't understand.

I get angry that 72% of Deaf people are un- or under-employed because that number includes a handful of friends who are brilliantly smart and hard-working but can't get an interview because employers don't want to hire an interpreter.

Then, after angry, I get nervous that I won't be able to find another job if something ever happens to the job I have now.

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There is an "inside of me" that is always alone. No one else can visit there. It's been like that since I was a kid.

How do you feel about your hearing loss?

Crushing at times.

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Always lagging conversations, robbed of verbal spontaneity.

Fight or flight, in times of misunderstood crisis? Post-traumatic stress disorder?

So much pretending, faking, bluffing, withdrawal. An innocent means of survival.

Hearing loss is 24/7. I am constantly reminded with every conversation, sound, and puzzled face. It really never stops. Not even asleep at night.

Overcoming the odds, those occasional triumphs, help boost morale. It's a high most others don't understand. And all it takes is a nod, a wink, or a pat on the back.

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I'm too stubborn to let my hearing loss bother me.

Yeah, there are times that I wish I could hear better.

There are things that I'm less likely to do because of my hearing loss.

I live in the here and now. I rarely regret the past and rarely worry about the future.

Life goes on.

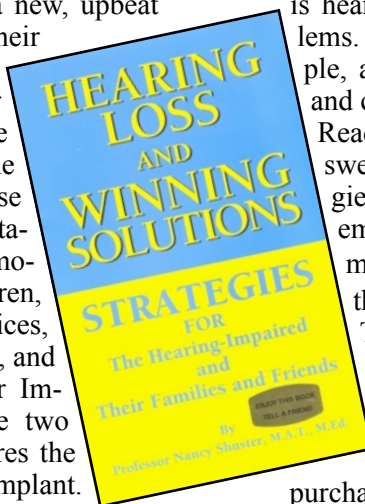
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Do you see yourself here? If you'd like to write to tell us how you feel about your hearing loss, we'll publish it in the next issue – anonymously if you wish.

HEARING LOSS and WINNING SOLUTIONS

A book review by Lynn Smith, Speech –Language Pathologist, MA. CCC-SP

HEARING LOSS and WINNING SOLUTIONS written by Professor Nancy Shuster is a new, upbeat resource for the hearing-impaired and their families. There are ten chapters in the book, and at the end of each chapter there is a page called SOLUTIONS. The ten SOLUTIONS pages summarize the ideas from the chapters in a clear, concise list. Informative topics are listed in the table of contents: Defining the Problem, Emotional Reactions, Hearing Loss in Children, Hearing Aids, Assistive Listening Devices, Strategies that Work, Computers, E-mail, and the Internet, Supports Groups, Cochlear Implants, and Future Research. There are two Appendixes and Appendix One compares the use of hearing aids with the cochlear implant. Appendix Two discusses the Americans with Disabilities Act and what it means to the hearing-impaired.



Professor Shuster has an uplifting philosophy. She is hearing-impaired. She understands the problems. She has made a complex problem simple, and the information is positive, accurate, and current.

Readers with balance problems will find answers as well. In the chapter called Strategies, Shuster includes ideas that will help emotional and physical balance: exercise, massage, meditation, writing, nutrition, these ideas are explained in depth.

The book is written in simple language and is easily read. To order a copy, e-mail Nshu4@aol.com. The price is \$15 plus \$3 for shipping and handling. The author is offering 10% of all sales of books purchased through this newsletter. You can check out her blog here:

www.captionsbest.blogspot.com/

This Month in Bethesda February 2011

Organizations are being invited to sponsor the 2011 HLA Convention in Washington, DC (June 16-19) and the Walk4Hearing held in cities across the country. National sponsors of the 2011 Walk4Hearing to date include AARP, T-Mobile, Advanced Bionics, Sorenson, Cochlear Corporation, and Ultratec.

Last year's Walk4Hearing business chairs are back on board for 2011: Rob Engelke, UI-

tratec (Milwaukee), Paul Kershnik, Sorenson (Salt Lake City), Chris Smith, Cochlear Americas (Colorado), and Dr. Gerhard Roehrlein, Advanced Bionics (Long Beach).

Mike Orscheln of Phonak is the national business chair and Reed Doughty of the Washington Redskins is the National Honorary Chair.

For more information about the HLA Convention, go to www.hearingloss.org. For more information about HLA's Walk4Hearing, go to Walk4Hearing.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/>

or call (301) 657-2248

Sinusitis & Tinnitus

Sinusitis is a swelling of the inner lining of the sinuses resulting from inflammation of the sinus passages and over-secretion of mucus in the nose and throat. There are two main types of sinusitis, acute and chronic. Sinuses are the spaces between the bones in the face that allow air to pass and mucous to drain into the nose. Most people with sinusitis experience head cold like symptoms with stuffy, runny nose, dizziness and headaches.

Sinusitis in most cases is temporary and can be treated using a variety of methods including herbal and

homeopathic options.

Causes of sinusitis:

- Allergies
- Sinus infections
- Poor air quality and pollutants
- Dry sinuses

Remedies for sinusitis:

- Pungent foods including garlic and onions
- Irrigation of the sinus cavity (nose wash)
- Vitamin A (carrot juice)
- Hot & cold pack application of the nose

An estimated 20% of people worldwide struggle with allergies, many of which are diagnosed with having chronic sinusitis. Of these, most use some form of antibiotic, antihistamine or other drug to treat their sinuses and associated symptoms.

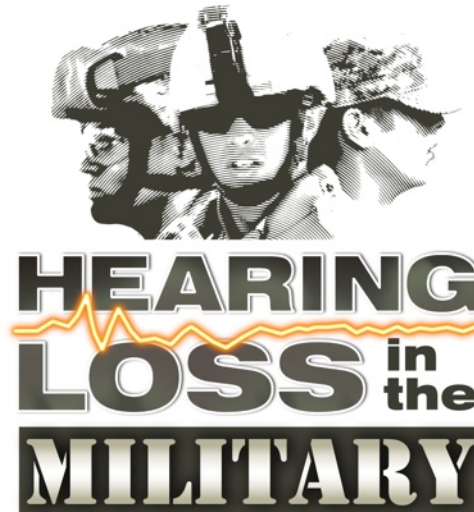
Unfortunately, one of the most common side effects from treating sinusitis includes tinnitus. Use of these drugs can lead to a thickening of mucous in the inner ear. As you know this can lead to a ringing, buzzing or other sound in the inner ear resulting in tinnitus.

It is important to remember that the ears, nose and throat are all interconnected. Care should be taken when treating any of these as one can impact the other. In this case the treatment of or lack of treatment of sinusitis can lead to or cause tinnitus or tinnitus-like symptoms.

From Tinnitus Insider

<http://www.stop-the-ringing.com/blog/about/>

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A free one-year HLAA membership is offered by HLA-Florida to veterans of all wars who have a hearing loss and who are residents of the state. For information, contact Nancy Day: dayjoy@cox.net

FTRI and Social Media – It Works!

Erin Lewis, FTRI Outreach Specialist

While FTRI has maintained a Facebook Personal page for several years, in November we set up the more fitting Business page. We have encouraged our old Personal page friends to “Like” our Business page, and we launched an aggressive strategy to increase the number of people who regularly view – and like – the FTRI page.

A big part of boosting traffic is consistently posting useful content. We’ve made a concerted effort to post a range of information including weekly news about Deaf and Hard of Hearing populations, seniors, upcoming FTRI and Regional Distribution Center events, and communication technology resources for Florida residents. If you look back at our posts, you’ll see several are about HLAA.

More frequent postings – along with FTRI staff members requesting their friends “Like” our page – has paid off. Our posts have been viewed 9,647 times since last November and our fan base continues to grow. Internet traffic from Facebook to the FTRI website is also on the rise. When comparing the statistics from November 2010-February 2011 to those from July 2010-October 2010:

- The number of visits to the FTRI website through Facebook more than doubled (24 to 54)
- The average number of pages viewed more than doubled (2.88 pages to 7 pages)
- The length of time on the website more than quadrupled (1:49 minutes to 8 minutes)

Are you one of the more than 500 million active Facebook users? If so, we invite you to “Like” our page and encourage your friends to do the same. The more people spread the word, the more likely we’ll reach Floridians who never heard about our program.



[Join FTRI on Facebook](#)

This Month in Bethesda

To ensure the future of HLAA we are promoting planned giving and encouraging people to join the HLAA Legacy Circle. A new brochure is being printed and will be available to anyone who wants to know more about planned giving with HLAA in mind. Since the fall 2010 when this became a focus of HLAA development, eight new planned gifts have been committed

Hearing Loss Rate in Older Adults Climbs to More than 60 Percent in National Survey

Newswise — Nearly two-thirds of Americans age 70 and older have hearing loss, but those who are of black race seem to have a protective effect against this loss, according to a new study led by Johns Hopkins and National Institute on Aging researchers. These findings, published online Feb. 28 in the *Journal of Gerontology: Medical Sciences*, provide what is believed to be the first nationally representative survey in older adults on this often ignored and underreported condition.

Contrary to the view that hearing loss is of only minor importance in old age, study leader Frank Lin, M.D., Ph.D., assistant professor in the Division of Otolaryngology at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and a core faculty member in the Johns Hopkins Center of Aging and Health, says studies including his own have strongly linked it to other health problems, such as cognitive decline, dementia, and poorer physical functioning. And he notes that relatively little is known about risk factors that drive hearing loss.

[Read the complete article](#)



Deaf Cat Crossing!

Submitted by Kay Shaffer

The dangerous decibels

Loud noises can have a negative impact on one’s hearing and can lead to permanent hearing loss. The higher the noise, the higher the risk of damage. Thus, less time passes in which one can tolerate the noise before the damage is done.

To many, the idea that listening to loud noises for a long period of time can cause hearing damage sounds like simple, common sense. But what is perhaps not so clear is the way in which sounds are measured. They are measured in decibels on a logarithmic scale. This means that one more decibel is equal to a much higher sound level. The sound level actually doubles with every three decibels. This also means that just a few more decibels dramatically shortens the time in which one can listen to a sound without it leading to hearing damage.



Louder noises = shorter time

If you put the volume on your MP3 player on a medium setting, that is the same as around 85db, which the ears can tolerate for around eight hours. If you turn the volume up to 88db, the ears can only tolerate such a level for around four hours. On maximum volume, many portable music devices will reach a level of 120db. This means that your ears can be damaged after only eight seconds. 120db is equal to the jet engine of a large plane taking off.

In other words, the sound level doubles between 85db and 88db and therefore halves the time in which one should listen to music. One should be aware that just a slight turn of the volume dial means a much shorter time in which one can listen to music if one is to avoid the risk of damage.

Decibels - Time		Decibels - Time	
121	8 secs	100	15 mins
118	15 secs	97	30 mins
115	30 secs	94	60 mins
112	60 secs	91	2 hours
109	2 mins	88	4 hours
106	4 mins	85	8 hours
103	8 mins		

Service Dog – a best friend

by Oscar Segal, President
HLA South Palm Beach County

There are approximately 15,000 service dogs in the U.S. People who can’t do the ordinary activities of daily living that others take for granted, are able to function independently with the help of their canine partners. At a recent meeting, Liza, a service dog and her owner, Penny were the featured presentation. The trainer, Marti Hohmann, accompanied them and I had the opportunity to interview her.

Marti is a Certified Professional Dog Trainer and was able to answer these questions:

How is the dog selected?

Any breed, including mixed breeds, is a possible candidate. The optimum age is anywhere from nine months to seven years. An alert dog should be a dog that lives in the home with you and is a companion dog that has been socialized to people and other dogs. There is no need to purchase a “hearing alert dog” or adopt another companion dog if you already have a good relationship with your present dog, and he knows how to learn.

How are they trained?

Marti says, “I prefer teaching the dog to alert with the owner present in a series of 30-minute private lessons. The owner will need to practice what we do daily for about ten minutes each day. How long it takes for the dog to learn depends on how well the team practices and the dog’s previous training. A good ballpark figure is 60-90 days, start to finish, for a few sounds.



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To what kind of alerts are they trained to respond?

Commonly requested sounds include the doorbell, landline phone, cell phone ringtones, watch alert (to take medications, for example) stove alarm, smoke alarm and alarm clock. The beeping a truck makes when it is backing up is a sound I’d like to explore more in the interest of public safety. Recent requests have included the sounds of cars or people behind or nearby. Although more complicated, this too, is within the realm of possibility for a hearing alert dog.

The best hearing dogs are at least moderately sensitive to sound. For example, if you ring a bell, the dog will turn its head or orient its body to the sound.

When out of the house, in Liza’s case, she wears a bright orange-colored identification vest that grants her unlimited access to any facility, public and private. The tag, attached to her collar, identifies her as a certified service dog.



At a recent meeting, the chapter offered information on a different kind of assistive listening device. It was Liza, a service dog. Liza and her owner, Penelope Blake, who is deaf, gave a fascinating demonstration.



Liza at work

Liza is Penny's friend and constant companion as well as her ears. It is her job to alert Penny when there is a knock on the door or the doorbell rings, when the phone rings (she can tell the difference between the house phone and the cell phone), when a stove alarm goes off, a fire alarm, etc.

The audience was thrilled to see how Liza responded to those various sounds and how she

alerts her owner for each different sound.

Under the able leadership of Oscar Segal, the South Palm Beach chapter continues to be the leader in members served. The average monthly attendance is between 80 and 90 people. Oscar says their speakers are not only interesting, but are educational, practical and useful. He says there is a lot more to hearing than just using hearing aids.

The chapter was very sorry to have lost member Joe Kriteaman, long-time presence at the Boca Raton group where he was membership chairman for years. More recently he was at the helm of the Telephone Alerting Committee where he was a hands-on, dedicated manager. He will be missed.

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 next meeting is March 18, 10 a.m. to noon, at the South County Civic Center, 16700 Jog road, in Delray Beach (opposite Morikami Park).

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Retiree spends time helping others with hearing loss

Mort Mazor
delrayforum@tribune.com

Delray Beach resident Oscar Segal, 84, devotes his retirement years to helping people with hearing loss.

"Having suffered progressive hearing loss since early childhood I know how difficult it is for people who are deaf or hard of hearing to manage daily life, build a career, maintain a family and build friendships. This has been a constant struggle, he said. "I was never able to fully participate normally because I could not hear properly. That changed when I found the Boynton, Delray, Boca Raton South Palm Beach County Chapter of the Hearing Loss Association of America."

As the chapter's president, Segal helps people learn how to make the best of their level of hearing. He currently wears a hearing aid and a BAHA implant (behind the ear hearing aid).

"This is the only source for person-to-person information that can help people with all levels of hearing loss improve the quality of their lives," he said. Segal has drawn on a lifetime of experience as a hearing-impaired person to create a series of one-of-a-kind educational Power-Point presentations designed to help people survive in a world where everyone hears except you. "At our monthly meetings we have guest speakers who are knowledgeable about hearing loss and its dangerous implications. The speakers provide insight as to new methods, medical techniques and aids designed to help improve hearing for the hearing impaired. The topics are varied and range from the latest in medical and hearing aid technology to cell phones, assistive listening devices, 911 emergency situations, and how to cope with your hearing loss in everyday situations," he said.

Born in Lynn, Mass., Segal teems with creative energy. He learned to fly at 15

and has logged nearly 1,800 hours. Denied the opportunity of flying for the Air Force because of a hearing problem, he served as an aircraft instrument mechanic during World War II. After the war he attended the University Of Miami, where he majored in Electronics, followed by an associate's degree in Mechanical Engineering.

In the early 1960s Segal worked for RCA, designing computer logic, teaching solid-state computer theory to newly hired electronics engineers from the old "tube theory" school. He lives in Delray Beach with wife, Enid. They have a daughter, two grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

In 1998, he joined the Boca Raton Computer Society where he edited and published Boca Bits, the organization's 24-page monthly newsletter. In 2000, he was elected to the board, and six months later, elected president. Segal retired from BRCS after five years to take on the



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presidency of the South Palm Beach County chapter of the Hearing Loss Association of America.

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OUR CHAPTERS SPEAK . . .



One of the best-attended and best-received events was held in January. A panel discussion on how to improve communications between a hard of hearing and normal hearing couple struck a chord with many. Special thanks to Dr. Diane McKay who led the discussion and to Joan and Stephen Haber and Mary and Lee Ibsen who participated. Joan orchestrated the event. There were 25 first-time visitors.



Dr. Diane McKay

The Player's Theatre and the Hearing Loss Association of Sarasota conducted a joint pilot test of open captions at the Charity Opening of Neil Simon's play, *Rumors*, on February 15. It went extremely well. There was a lot of positive feedback from both hearing loss and hearing people which drowned out the few expected naysayers among hearing people who saw it as a distraction. The Players Theatre, which was very cautious and skeptical about



Panel discussion led by Dr. McKay included Stephen and Joan Haber and Mary and Lee Ibsen.

this, is now discussing with us how to best proceed. The play, *Rumors*, was a perfect venue for captions as

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Hearing Loss Association of Sarasota

Hearing Loss Affects Everyone

Wine 'n Cheese Reception April 12 5-7 pm

1 in every 6 Sarasotans has a hearing loss, one of the highest incidences in the US.

It is not just an issue for the old, as 1 in 5 teens has a loss.

Hearing loss creates communication breakdowns, which can affect the whole family colleagues and many other relationships. So whether you have normal hearing or are hard of hearing, join us to learn how you can improve your communications at home, work and across the community.

SPEAKERS

 Eileen Hampshire Chair, Downtown Sarasota Alliance Board of Directors, Ear Research Foundation	 Suzanne Atwell Commissioner, City of Sarasota Citizens With Disabilities Advisory Board
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Learn how you can reach the 1 in 6. The speakers will be supported by:
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C.A.R.T., courtesy of Amercaption

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Tickets: \$10 per person. \$12 at the door. Covers wine, beer, cheese and other delights.

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For more info: contact Edward F. Ogiba, HLAS President, at 941-966-8999

the quick-paced Neil Simon dialogue would have been a challenge for many people to follow without it.

With the City of Sarasota's help, the chapter has started an advocacy mission to make the community more aware of the increasing needs of the 60,000 people with hearing loss in Sarasota. To this end, new programs have been developed with government officials and an Advisory Board has started that includes City Commissioner Suzanne Atwell and County Commissioner Joe Barbetta.

The first community effort will be a reception on April 12 with the City and County officials to make more influential people in town aware of many of the major initiatives such as promoting hearing loop systems and the awareness of the t-coil.

HLA-Jacksonville celebrated its Fifth Anniversary in February.



Jeff Winkler, from [RealSense](#) in Jacksonville, made financial education and tax preparation both witty and interesting.

A festive celebration followed with gifts and cards presented to the president and to the CART provider. Theresea Taylor of The Caption Company, Inc. has served *pro bono* since February 2006 and received a gift card to help with gas expense. President Judy Martin was given a necklace and pin created by AuDBling. www.AuDBling.com The jewelry is shell-shaped reminiscent of the cochlea. AuDBling gives a

5% discount plus 5% of the proceeds from all merchandise purchased through this newsletter, *Hear Ye, Hear Ye*, to HLA-Florida.

The group also remembered one of its charter members, Virgil Rogers, who passed away suddenly. A faithful member since January 2007, he is very much missed.

In lieu of the regular meeting in March, members will meet at the [River City Brewing Company](#) on the St. John's River for food and fellowship. A speaker from Sertoma will be present at the April Meeting.

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Jeff Winkler explains how Real \$ense can help save taxpayers money.



Sale of AuDBling jewelry brings 5% of purchase to HLA-Florida treasury



Hearing Loss Association of Jacksonville celebrates its Fifth Anniversary



The guest speaker for March 1 was Elizabeth Royer, AuD who is also member of the Board of Trustees and Chairperson for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services of the Treasure Coast, Inc. She spoke on types of hearing loss and adapting to a hearing aid. The chapter meets at the Indian River State College. [Cheryl and Bill Nolte](#) are the leaders.



MEETING INFORMATION

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

NEW LOCATION:

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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 March 11, April 8, May 13

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A Nominating Committee was elected at the least meeting. Fundraising is being planned to provide support for CART services to the chapter. A new meeting time and location was discussed.

On April 9, the Fourth Annual "Caring for Our Community" Celebration will be held at the Wyndham Tampa Westshore from 7 to 10 p.m.

The guest speaker for the April meeting will be Lisa Tanner, AuD., the 2010 Successful Specialty Doctor of the Year in Brandon. Lisa is also a board member of HLA-Florida.

Check out the chapter's new website. Marjie Anderson is the webmaster. marjieal@gmail.com

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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
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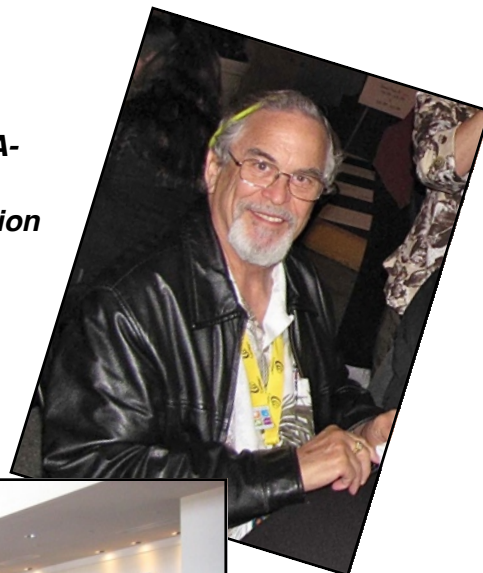
Cochlear Celebration 2011

At right, beach site of the Opening Evening Welcome Party at Coronado Resort Hotel at Disney World. More than a thousand people with cochlear and BAHAs implants and their family members gathered for four days. Center: Jim and Susan Conner, HLA-Gainesville members; lower right, Tywana McGee and Chilli, HLA-Jacksonville, member; lower left, Molly Corum, HLA-Tampa and Tom Martin, HLA-Jacksonville.





← Dr. Sherilyn Adler, South Florida, Chair, FCCDHH
Don Shaffer, Plant City, HLA-Florida board member→
Break time between education sessions, at the Cochlear Celebration in Orlando↓

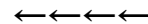


Lee Krause, Melbourne, CEO Audigence, Inc.

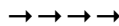
Scott Rinehart (Tampa), Cochlear Americas Network Manager, Judy Martin (Jacksonville) State Chapter Coordinator.



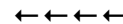
They came from all over – the lower 48, Alaska, Hawaii, Canada, Puerto Rico, the Maritimes, Mexico, Honduras, Costa Rica and more. They all came to post their ☆ on the map.



Tom and Judy Martin, Jacksonville, share a laugh with Chris Smith, CEO of Cochlear Americas.



At the Disney World Hollywood Studios movie set of Manhattan. This part of the park was closed down during the evening for our group. More than 100 tables of ten were set up on either side of “Broadway” as well as on the side streets. The evening was balmy as barbecued pork and grilled mahi-mahi was enjoyed by all.





Friends who know each other from the Cochlear Forum or from HLAA. Seated, from left, Carol Finkelstein, South Florida; Julia Morrison, Orlando; Molly Corum, Tampa; Standing: Karen Keil, CO; Judy Martin, Jacksonville; Marion Roset, Pinellas Park; Gail Wachtel-Smith, Lakeland; Lillian Klein; Roseann Kraft, HLA-Tampa; Margo Klug; Carol Burns, WI.



From HLA-Tampa: Gail Wachtel-Smith, Roseann Kraft and Marion Roset

Julia Morrison, HLA-Orlando

Lisa Johnston, CART provider, Palm Bay

Congratulations to Juliette Sterkens!

The Wisconsin Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Association (WSHA) honored her as its "Audiologist of the Year." This is in recognition of her amazing efforts to promote hearing assistance in WI and beyond, of her educational leadership, and of her "exemplary" support of her clients and community. Juliette, as you may recall, is also being honored by the American Academy of Audiology in April.



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