

Hear Ye, Hear Ye

It's not too late to help us blow the top off the thermometer!!



April 12 is right around the corner, but it's not too late to stand up and be counted. Help the Hearing Loss Association of Florida meet its goal of \$40,000. As we go to press, the thermometer stands at more than \$27,000! We can do it with your help.

Please go to www.walk4hearing.org and click on Florida. You can find a walker and give a tax-deductible donation. No matter what the amount is, it will help us raise the temperature in that thermometer. Or you can register a team. Ask your friends to join your team and donate. You don't have to travel to Tampa to help increase awareness of hearing loss or raise badly-needed funds for us and for the Hearing Loss Association of America. On Saturday, April 12, you can join us in spirit if you walk down your street, or in your back yard or even the local mall. Or not. Maybe you'd prefer to be on the beach or sailing or fishing or picnicking. We'll take whatever activity you'd like to offer on our behalf.

If you think about what the Hearing Loss Association has done for you—whether it has been the support and friendship from others with hearing loss, or education on the newest assistive listening devices, or news about the latest in hearing aids and cochlear implants, or breakthrough legislation geared to assist people with hearing loss—then you might decide that, yes, you would like to see these things continue. It's not just for you or me, but for the many who will come after us who

will benefit from our struggle as we have from those who have gone before.

We are not alone in our Walk4Hearing pursuit. Other walks around the USA this year include Atlanta; St. Louis; SE Michigan;

Longmont, CO; the Mid-Hudson, NY; Rochester, NY; Columbus, OH; West Michigan; Northern California; Permian Basin, TX; Garden State, NJ; New York, NY; Houston; the National Capital, and Chicago. **It's truly the Hearing Loss Association IN America.**

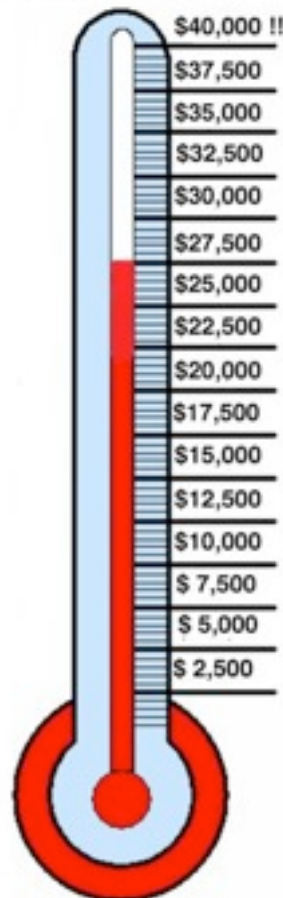
The Hearing Loss Association of Florida Board of Trustees would like more residents of our state to be conscious of who we are and what we do. Along those lines, we plan to publish this newsletter every other month and to increase circulation by placing it in every audiologist's and hearing aid dispenser's office. An ambitious undertaking indeed, but with the profits from the Walk and your help by keeping us supplied with news of your chapters and your hearing loss experiences, we can do it.

Does the figure 16.1 mean anything to you? It is the percentage used to determine how many people there are in Florida with some degree of hearing loss. I'm not too good at math, but what that means to me is, if the population of the state is more than 18 million, then there are almost three million of "us" walking around. We have a lot of ground to cover.

Please join us as we cover the ground in Tampa on April 12.

—Judy G. Martin Co-Chair,
Florida Walk4Hearing

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Kathy Borzell of Tampa is walking. Are you?



Opportunity to represent HLA-FL on a State of Florida Council

The Florida Coordinating Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (FCCDHH) is a legislative body within the State of Florida that represents the three million Floridians with hearing loss. The FCCDHH provides advocacy, education, and referral services and is housed in Tallahassee within the Department of Health. The FCCDHH mandates that two of its 17 seats are filled by members representing the Hearing Loss Association of Florida (HLA-FL). One of those seats is available for reappointment in July of 2008 for a 4-year term. All qualified applicants are encouraged to apply as soon as possible, but no later than May 1. Eligible applicants must be in good standing with the Hearing Loss Association of America and HLA-FL. The successful candidate will be expected to serve on the Board of Trustees of HLA-FL in addition to

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serving on the FCCDHH. Governor Crist selects and appoints all applicants for Councils and Commissions in Florida. Candidates must complete a Questionnaire and provide references. Council members are required to attend four two-day meetings per year and to contribute their expertise to further the goals and mission of the Council. This is a volunteer unpaid position; however, all travel expenses are reimbursed by the State of Florida. Expenses incurred serving on the HLA-FL Board are not reimbursed. The Questionnaire can be obtained from: The Governor's Appointments Office - Attn: Jamila Jackson either by Email: Jamila.Jackson@eog.myflorida.com or by phone at 850-488-2183. The actual application form is located at this web address: http://www.flgov.com/pdfs/appoint_questionnaire.pdf
 Any questions about the Council itself can be sent to Joan Haber, Chair of the FCCDHH, at 941-323-1418 or joan1@comcast.net

Everyone is invited to join the **Walk4Hearing** walkathon as we raise funds to support hearing loss awareness and programs.



**SATURDAY,
APRIL 12, 2008**

**REGISTRATION STARTS:
8:30 A.M.
WALK STARTS:
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*Help "...make hearing loss an issue of national concern."
Rocky Stone, Founder (1925-2004)*

A Message from the President

At the February 2 meeting, the Hearing Loss Association of Gainesville hosted the Hearing Loss Association of Florida's Board meeting as well as an event that included several guest speakers.

Brandy Harvey, mother of two children with bilateral cochlear implants and spokesperson for Cochlear Americas was outstanding as she explained how we hear sound. She spoke in easy-to-understand terms so that the audience could really understand how the cochlear implant works. Brandy also touched on how important hearing aids are and encouraged doing whatever is best for you.

The Walk4Hearing co-chairs, Kathy Borzell and Judy Martin, explained how the walkathon will help all of Florida's residents who have concerns about hearing loss by providing information, support and advocacy. They encouraged people to share information with their audiologists, family and friends and perhaps form a team.

As the Florida Team Leader Coordinator, I am happy to help anyone form a team online. This is easily done by contacting me by e-mail at HLAFlorida@aol.com. Please put Walk4Hearing on the subject line.

James Forstall, Executive Director of FTRI, had a wonderful display of amplified telephones and information for the public.

Many thanks are due for making this presentation a success:

Tammy White, Sales director at the Best Western Gateway Grande Hotel and Jessica Brunick, Sales and Catering Coordinator helped with the planning and went out of their way to assist us in making the event a possibility with sponsorship of the meeting room.

Nancy Fisher, of the Alachua County Tourism and Convention Bureau helped us welcome attendees from as far as North Carolina! They were provided with souvenirs and information about Gainesville. Several attendees from out of town planned a visit to the Harn and Butterfly museum. The Alachua County Tourism and Conventions Bureau was also acknowledged as a sponsor.

The managers of Romano's Macaroni Grill provided the use of

The Board of Directors has proven to really be a working board. I am proud of everyone's commitment to making us *Florida's voice for people with hearing loss* a reality.

Last but not least, when asked how the audience heard about the event—flyers, radio?—it was the articles that were printed in the Gainesville Sun and the Gainesville Voice which got their immediate attention.

Those who have any degree of hearing loss most often rely on the written word to know what is being said, what is happening in their community or to keep up with current events. Therefore, it was very important that this was printed with times, date and place. It also opened the doors to communication for the Hearing Loss Association of Gainesville and those who have concerns about hearing loss. Hearing loss is an invisible condition and the newspaper enabled information to be visible!

It is important to make a community connection through support and yet difficult when having to rely on others. This presentation would not have been a success without the support of all of the above.

I encourage all readers of *Hear Ye, Hear Ye* to share this publication with your audiologist, friends and family. Ask for assistance in getting the word out about the Walk4Hearing. Ask for contributions for ads to support the newsletter.

This is YOUR newsletter, free to read and share, but not free to print. Help by asking for support in any venues such as the Walk, the newsletter, your own chapters. Speak out, because if we are silent, who will know we exist?

*Lynn Rousseau, President
Hearing Loss Association of Florida*

The Harvey family of Jacksonville is walking. Are you?



the more private, quiet and well-lit room for delicious dinner for the members of the Hearing Loss Association of Florida Board of trustees the night before.

Although the Hearing Loss Association of Gainesville had been working on this event for months, all the people mentioned above made "Welcome to Gainesville" a reality.

James Diaz, board member and Immediate Past President, is to be commended and thanked for his never-ending responsibility of setting up the microphones and communication devices.

Melissa Trauthwein was presented with her HLAA award for Best National Website, for which her talents and hard work we are all grateful.

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Assistive Listening System-Advocating

Using the American Disabilities Act as reference and eliciting the cooperation of other hard of hearing residents, a request was made to the Executive Director of Jacaranda Trace Independent Living and Assisted Living complex, in Venice, Florida, to install an Assistive listening System in the auditorium.

The need for an Assistive Listening System was based on the fact that many residents have hearing aids but complain of missing some words and music during large group meetings, concerts and other events in the facility's large auditorium, due to background noise and limitations of some hearing aids. Some residents with no hearing aid simply have very poor hearing and some speakers do not articulate very well.

Initially, a verbal request to the Executive Director was made to acquire an Assistive System Listening System. The request was greeted cautiously based on dubious need and cost of an elaborate set up and the fact that an excellent sound system exists there already. However, the Director asked for a layout of details and potential costs of such a system, for possible consideration.

At an ensuing meeting with the Director, three types of assistive listening systems were presented, via a leading supplier's catalog, by three hard of hearing residents, including myself. The systems included: a wireless FM system; an Infra Red system; and the Loop system; all were accompanied by cost of equipment. The pros and cons of each system were discussed as well as the role of the telecoil in each. Concern was expressed by the Director relative to the shared use of headphones by sequential users, in terms of hygiene, and how to tie in multiple microphones with the transmitter. It was decided to invite a local supplier/distributor in to review the three systems and explain technical concerns.

At a third meeting, including the distributor, it was agreed that the FM system was the most practical and the distributor assured us that several microphones could readily be patched to the wireless transmitter.

At the next general event for residents, the Director asked for a show of hands as to who would welcome an ALS and be willing to purchase their own receiver and headset, for hygiene concerns. About twenty residents raised their

hands in favor of acquiring a system and personal equipment.

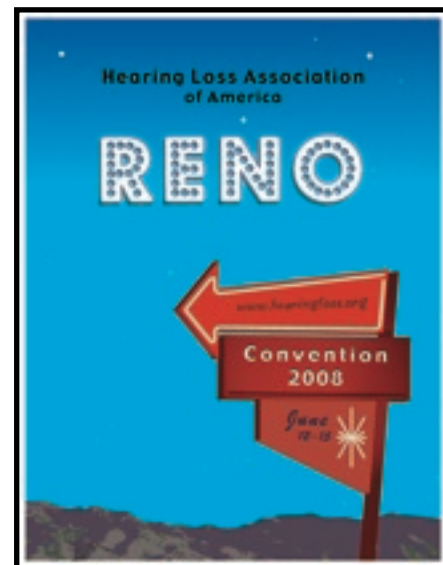
The system was purchased and residents were given the option of purchasing personal devices at a cost of \$89 for the receiver and \$15 for a headset of their choice. Four receivers with mini earphones were part of the FM ALS package, for residents opting to use 'house' receivers and mini earphones. For residents with telcoils in hearing aids, neck loops could also be purchased. The supplier/distributor, a local electric supplies distributor, installed the system using the technical specifications required.

Jacaranda Trace, an Independent Living and Assisted Living, high rise complex, in Venice, Florida now boasts a sound system that facilitates hard of hearing residents in its auditorium, complying with the spirit of the American Disabilities Act.

As some of us become senior citizens, and our hearing falters, the inclusion of an assistive listening system is another meaningful reason to consider residency in Jacaranda Trace.

Frank Corica, Resident
Jacaranda Trace Independent Living
Board Member, Hearing Loss
Association of Charlotte Count

The Haber family of Sarasota is walking. Are you?



Walk4Hearing Kickoff Luncheon a Huge Success!

The Florida Walk4Hearing was officially “kicked off” on Saturday, February 16 at Safety Harbor Spa & Resort in Safety Harbor, FL, just a few miles from Philippe Park, site of the Walk scheduled for Saturday, April 12. The room where the luncheon was held overlooked the spa and Old Tampa Bay. A delicious buffet lunch was served.

With 55 people in attendance, the luncheon was opened by co-chair, Judy Martin. Sponsorship Chair Joan Haber recognized all of the Florida Walk sponsors. Co-chair Kathy Borzell spoke on the history of Hearing Loss Association of America and the development of the Walk4Hearing program.

Judy re-opened the program and introduced guest speakers, Brandy Harvey of Cochlear Americas and HLA-FL State Chapter Coordinator Larry Kavanaugh. Brandy and Larry shared their own hearing loss stories and why they decided to participate in the Walk.

Team Leader Coordinator Lynn Rousseau encouraged everyone to get involved as a walker or team leader.

Kathy introduced guest speaker Anne Pope, president of the HLAA board of trustees. Anne shared her Walk experiences and showed a DVD filmed during the Manhattan chapter’s Walk.

Judy, Lynn and Kathy then answered questions and encouraged everyone to take a team leader packet and posters to get the word out to the community about the Walk4Hearing.

Kathy Borzell, Co-Chair
Florida Walk4Hearing



Larry Kavanaugh, State Chapter Coordinator, tells the audience why he is joining others for the Walk4Hearing. Read his story on page 8.

—photos by Judy Martin



The dining room was beautifully decorated in a Valentine’s Day theme and love was in the air everywhere, thanks to the creative talent of Kathy Borzell and her sister, Rosemary Tuite from Arizona.



Anne and John Pope from New York City enjoy the fellowship of friendly Floridians and the good weather. She is president of the Board of Trustees of HLAA.

Hearing Loss Association of Florida Calls for Applications

The Hearing Loss Association of Florida (HLA-FL) is seeking qualified individuals to serve on the HLA-FL Board of Trustees for a three-year term beginning October 4, 2008.

Who is Eligible?

All members of Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) who are Florida residents are eligible. HLA-FL is committed to assembling a board comprised of individuals with a diversity of skills, backgrounds, hearing loss, and ages. Hearing applicants with sensitivity to the needs of people with hearing loss will be considered. Ability to work with others is essential. Positive thinkers with the desire to improve the quality of life for hard of hearing Florida residents are encouraged to apply. HLA-FL members can nominate themselves for board membership or nominate another Florida HLAA member (with permission).

What is Required?

The board meets at least three times a year in lo-

cations that vary to provide equitable geographic access. Members are encouraged to attend all meetings. Costs of travel are the members' responsibility. Members are asked to take active roles on standing and ad hoc committees. Meetings are presently held on Saturdays to accommodate employed members. Major committee work occurs between board meetings and is most often transacted by e-mail or chat room, and thus, Board members are required to have e-mail access. Reimbursements of previously approved expenses on behalf of HLA-FL are available to trustees upon request.

How to Apply for the HLA-FL Board:

Application forms are available by contacting Richard Herring, Chair, Nominating Committee, 1317 Caloosa Lake Ct., Sun City Center, Florida 33573-4869 or by e-mail at: rhmann@tampabay.rr.com

Applications must be returned no later than August 15, 2008

Why I am walking

by Larry Kavanaugh

<SoundFX> Sleigh Bell Jingles

Did you hear that?

How many of you saw the motion picture, The Polar Express? I happened to watch it on DVD with my mother over the holidays. At the risk of spoiling it for the rest of you, there happens to be a sleigh bell in the film. Only those who believe in the spirit of Christmas can hear the bell ring. So obviously, the "tiny tots with their eyes all aglow" can hear that jingle but adults cannot. For example, in the movie, a grownup picks up a bell, shakes it and discards it, saying, "Hmm – broken." Now, have you ever noticed that as hard of hearing or deafened people, we are so accustomed to having to compensate for the lack of movie dialogue that we tend to write our own storyline? So, I am watching this movie and thinking: this is not a metaphor for the loss of innocence; this is a story of age-related hearing loss.

But what do I know? My hearing loss was discovered when I was 8 years old. Was it just because I no longer believed in Santa Claus? In those days there was no Hearing Loss Association of America or even Self-Help for Hard of Hearing People. But in my hometown we had an organization called the Plainfield Hearing Society. This group pro-

vided the resources my Mom and Dad needed to raise a hard of hearing boy.

I remember one of the women going with my Mom and me to learn about different types of hearing aids. They were mostly bigger than a cell phone, but they were getting smaller; in fact, they had started incorporating them into eye-glass frames.

The Hearing Society offered lip-reading lessons which I took once a week for years, delaying my first hearing aid until I was sixteen. With the encouragement of the president of the Hearing Society, I began a young adult chapter of the Society while I was in college. I think we were really a groundbreaking organization. Does this kind of support for families and for all people with hearing loss ring a bell?

<SoundFX> Sleigh Bell Jingles

I don't know if the Plainfield Hearing Society still exists (this was back in the late 1950s, early 60s.) Maybe it is somehow affiliated with the Hearing Loss Association of America, because 50 years later, we at HLAA are providing the same sort of education, advocacy and support across the nation.

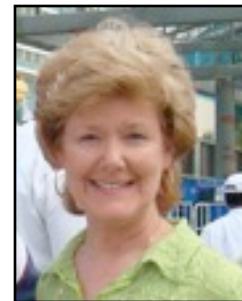
As for me, I believe:

- I was blessed to grow up with a life-long hearing loss.
- It gave me lots of practice at lip-reading.
- I avoided the grieving process that later-deafened adults go through.
- I never regarded hearing loss as a sign of old age – which it is not.

• I became comfortable with many new hearing technologies as they developed.

Believe me, hearing loss is no minor inconvenience – it affects our safety as well as our social interaction. But I believe that as more people become aware of the Hearing Loss Association of

Molly Corum of Tampa
is walking. Are you?



America, they will discover that there are so many of us who have already walked down that road. We are ringing the bell ahead of them, and the Walk4Hearing is just one way that we can help them to hear it.



Things to WATCH OUT FOR before investing in hearing aids.

• "Free Hearing Test"

Make sure you are truly getting a free hearing test, and not just a free "sales pitch." Are you getting a short screening test (which is common), or a true evaluation?

A true hearing assessment should include:

- Case history
- Physical exam with otoscope
- Pure tone audiometry

Middle ear assessment, either by tuning fork, bone oscillator, or tympanometry

Speech discrimination assessment

Speech audiometry

Always ask if you will receive a copy of your hearing test. You should keep a copy for your own records. Part of the HIPAA act gives you the right to have access to your own health records.

Often the best way to select a reputable healthcare provider is to ask friends and acquaintances if they have someone they would recommend.

• Is it a "One Brand Only" provider?

If the provider can only fit one brand, you may be limiting yourself from getting the newest or best technology. Hearing aid brands are very competitive, but sometimes a hearing instrument manufacturer comes out with new technology earlier than others. If you would be best served by a new breakthrough that was just introduced by one particular company, you want to be able to get that technology.

Also, many times the "one brand" providers are locked into a franchise or financing agreement that requires them to pay a premium price for a protected territory, or they pay extra for each hearing aid to pay back an "advance" or loan they received from the manufacturer. Some manufacturers provide equipment or loans, but require the hearing aid provider to purchase only from them. In many cases, the cost to be fit with hearing aids from a "single brand" provider will be significantly higher than someone who has the ability to chose

from a number of brands, and can select what would be the most effective for a particular situation.

Most manufacturers now own several different brand names. Often an identical hearing instrument to the "franchised" brand name can be purchased for much less, under a different, more generic brand.

• Does the company have an established, permanent, full time office?

It's great to be able to have someone come to you, especially if it is

supposed to be trained under direct supervision of a licensed professional. Make sure the person you are working with is licensed, experienced, and accredited for your state.

•Read the fine print on advertisements. If the offer seems "too good to be true," it probably is.

•Beware of "Low Price" leader ads. Most hearing aids advertised at an uncommonly low price are entry level instruments, often using out dated or very basic technology. Just because the word "Digital" is used, does not mean it is a high technology hearing aid.

Often consumers who respond to a low price ad are told "Your hearing loss is too bad for that hearing aid - you need a different model," which of course, costs more. If you insist on the "bargain" priced instrument, it often ends up not being used, because it has very little functionality and adjustability.

•What about the Internet?

If you are an educated, experienced hearing aid user who is well informed, you might consider the internet as one option, knowing full well that you will give up personal service and optimum fine tuning by shopping on the internet for a hearing aid. Most people would never consider buying and adjusting braces for straightening their teeth on the internet, because they don't have the training to do that. Hearing aids, especially digital hearing aids, require programming and fine tuning to work at their best.

Much better results can usually be obtained with digital hearing aids by having them programmed and fine tuned while wearing the hearing aid to respond to the changes. Many of the higher quality digital aids can not achieve their best performance until they have been calibrated for feedback and best response while in the ear.

There are internet businesses that sell hearing aids, and connect you with a local provider for the testing, fitting, and service. This seems to be *(Continued on next page)*

Judy and Tom Martin of Jacksonville are walking. Are you?



difficult to get around. A sizable portion of the cost of hearing aids is for service, adjustments, and warranty coverage. If you can't locate your provider when you need assistance several months or a year after you are fit with new hearing aids, you have paid for services that you didn't receive.

Even if you can't leave the house, make sure that your provider has an established office. It shows financial responsibility, and you can send your instruments by mail or have a friend take them to the office for cleaning or service.

•Is your provider an accredited, licensed professional?

Most states have a temporary permit program for trainees, who are

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working out great for most people. Make sure you are comfortable working with the person you are sent to see. If not, call the internet company back after your appointment, and ask them if they have a different provider in your area.

Any first time hearing aid user should go to either a local provider, or through an internet provider that sends you to a local dispenser or audiologist for the testing and follow up service. If you've never worn a hearing aid before, you will want the extra time and personal counsel that a local professional can provide.

Robert C. Bare ,Director, Hearing Haven
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Finding Real Time Captioning (CART) Providers

by Neil Bauman, Ph.D.

Real-time captioning (CART) at meetings and events is a blessing for those of us who can't hear/understand everything the speaker is saying. Sometimes we just glance up at the screen to catch the odd word we miss. Other times, we rely almost exclusively on the words magically appearing on the screen in order to get the speaker's message.

The question is, "Where can you find the people that provide the real-time captioning services?"

Here is the link to the National Court Reporter's Association: <http://cart.ncraonline.org/Directory/locator.htm> They list the CART providers for each state in the USA (and in Canada too). Just click on your state and see all the CART providers in your area.

Can't find a CART provider in your area? Not a problem. Use remote CART instead. In this case, just click on the "Remote CART Providers" link.

With remote CART, the CART provider can be anywhere in the country as long as they, and you, have a computer hooked to an Internet connection. For example, your CART provider could be on a terrace in southern Florida over-

looking the Caribbean Sea, while you are in a remote oil camp in northern Alaska. Whatever anyone says will appear on your screen just as though the CART reporter was there captioning in person. Even better, your CART provider could be in Alaska (Hi Sandy!) and you could be the one in the meeting on the terrace overlooking the Caribbean.



Joan Haber, a board member of HLA-FL, was the keynote speaker at the Deaf & Hearing Connection's Annual Gala on January 25 at the Ruth Eckerd Hall in Clearwater.

The Deaf & Hearing Connection for Tampa Bay is a non-profit agency serving deaf, late-deafened and hard of hearing people. Joan shared her own hearing loss story and spoke about the work of the Florida Coordinating Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. She is Chair of the Council.

Melissa Trauthwein of Jacksonville is walking. Are you?

Flo Innes of Sarasota is walking. Are you?

I have used both CART and remote CART many times and the quality is the same either way.

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H“ear”ing Expo a success

A H“ear”ing Expo was held at the Tallahassee Senior Center in mid January. I was asked to speak on my hearing loss history. I didn't know if I could cover my life in 30 minutes, but I knew I could try. Having had a loss since about the age 12 would mean many years would have to be covered. I touched on my life with one hearing aid, with two hearings and finally with one hearing aid and one cochlear implant. To impress upon my audience the great difference in my hearing levels over the years, I prepared three 2' x 3' audiograms showing my hearing without hearing aids, with hearing aids and finally with cochlear implant and hearing aid. They were appreciative of the immense change and asked many questions. Afterwards, I served on the panel that fielded many questions from the audience.

About a hundred seniors attended this symposium which was coordinated by Ruth Nickens, R.N.,B.S., who is Health Program Coordinator. Other speakers included Lisa Myrik, Au.D.; Tricia Skinner, ARNP, ENT; Andree Howard, FFAST, Jonathan Gray, FTRI, and Officer Tommy Tension, Charlie Crime Prevention/CPTED. Exhibitors were numerous: CART; Beltone; Div. of Blind Services; FTRI; Vocational Rehab; Ability First; FIRE; TPD; FFAST; Audibel; Hearing and Balance Associates; Audio Rehab Lab; Starkey Foundation; Ryan Sullivan, LMT; FCCDH and HLA-FL.

I was happy to have the opportunity to spread awareness of my experiences with hearing aids, cochlear implants and hearing loss in general.

—Judy G. Martin



Judy Martin explains the chart (audiogram) showing her hearing loss with hearing aids.



Left, Ruth Nickens (seated), listens as an audience member asks a question of the panel. At right, is the exhibition table for FCCDHH manned by Dawn Saunders, DOE representative, and Mary Grace Tavel, Administrative Assistant to the Council.



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