

Hear Ye, Hear Ye



From back, Carl Sjobeck, Bob Branigin, Charles Webb, Larry Kavanaugh, Brian Barnes, Mona Kimmelman, Molly Corum, Robert Litza, Gloria Sabin, Howard Sabin, Janet Sheeline, Merle Williams, Kay Shaffer, Don Shaffer, Flo Innes, Dianne Webb, Lea McKing, Hollace Goodman, Patricia Litza, Karla Martin, Joel Rousseau, Tom McKing, Lynn Rousseau, Barbara Emmons. Absent were: Evelyn Wassermann, Gerda Wassermann, Evelyn Grabowski, Alma Parducci, Donna Sherill, John Sherill, Johnny Sherill.



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HLA-FL cruise is smooth sailing

The Hearing Loss Association of Florida's seven-day cruise on the Royal Caribbean Cruise Line *Freedom of the Seas* proved to be smooth sailing to the Western Caribbean. Some cruisers stayed over the previous night near Port Canaveral and the party started early! A shuttle transported them to the ship and they were able to leave their cars at the hotel.

Once aboard the ship, visitors navigated the different decks to find their cabins, food and the public areas, often running into others who were part of their group. Barbara Maher, of GoTravelOrlando Travel agency, was instrumental in giving the group extra perks for joining the group cruise. A \$25-per-cabin on-board credit was offered as well as dinner for two in Portofino's Specialty Restaurant. Ms. Maher also made a donation to HLA-Florida for the booking of so many cabins.

The first event was a *Welcome Aboard Party* held in Cloud 9 on Deck 14 with a fabulous view in which we met each other for the first time with free cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. The red name badges, contributed to us by HLAA's Nancy Macklin, al-

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We are economizing!

Because of increasing costs and decreasing revenue, a four-page edition of *Hear Ye, Hear Ye* is now being mailed every four months for January, May, and September. However, a larger edition of the same issue is posted on our website www.hla-fl.com and e-mailed to those for whom we have email addresses. The printed issue is mailed postally to 2,200 people – HLAA members, licensed audiologists and hearing instrument dispensers in Florida; the issue which is e-mailed (for March, July and November) goes to about 750 addresses. If you are not receiving the electronic edition and wish to, please send a message to hearye.hearye2006@gmail.com

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Editor: [Judy G. Martin](#)

HLA-Florida Annual Meeting and Elections held in Vero Beach

The Hearing Loss Association of Florida Board of Trustees met for its Annual Meeting and Elections at St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church in Vero Beach on October 2. Officers elected for one-year terms were President, Richard Herring, Sun City Center; Vice-President, Don Shaffer, Plant City; Secretary, Kay Shaffer, Plant City; and Treasurer, Carl Sjobeck, Lauderhill. New Trustees elected for three-year terms were Sandra LeBoeuf, Jacksonville; Jodi Pate, Fort

Meyers; and Dayle Steakley, Longwood.

The amendment permitting officers to serve three one-year terms, instead of two, was passed. Speakers included Ray Rogers and Dave Ball from the Sertoma Camp Endeavor for deaf and hard of hearing children in Dundee. They showed slides and explained all the activities that were available. James Forstall, Director of FTRI and one of our Professional Advisors also presented a program.



Seated from left: Lynn Rousseau, Judy Martin, Richard Herring, James Forstall. Standing: Don Shaffer, Kay Shaffer, Carl Sjobeck, Larry Kavanaugh, Lisa Tanner, Nancy Day, Bob Astle, Dayle Steakley, Sandra LeBoeuf, Flo Innes, James Diaz.

—photo by Tom Martin



Newest HLA-Florida Board Trustees Sandra LeBoeuf, Jacksonville and Dayle Steakley, Longwood.



Fr. Mike Goldberg, Rector, and Jo-An Smukala, Vero Beach, were responsible for arranging our meeting space.

HLAA Names New Florida State Chapter Coordinator

October 26, 2010 – The Hearing Loss Association of America is pleased to announce it has named Judy Martin, Immediate Past President of the Hearing Loss Association of Florida, to the State Chapter Coordinator position for Florida.

HLAA also wants to thank Larry Kavanaugh for his two years of service in the position. Most HLAA State Chapter Coordinators fulfill a two-year commitment to the role.

Chapters are at the core of HLAA since it is there that outreach to people with hearing loss takes place and individuals find help through peer interaction and education. Chapters also give the Hearing Loss Association of America an important presence nationwide. The job as State Chapter Coordinator is vital to the Hearing Loss Association of America in carrying out its mission in Florida.

HLAA State Chapter Coordinators are appointed by the national HLAA office and serve as their ambassadors and chief communication link in their state. Coordinators are charged with traveling throughout the state to develop new Chapters and strengthen existing Chapters. The position entails a time commitment averaging 20 hours per week. Computer and Internet savvy, strong communication skills, HLAA membership, leadership of an HLAA Chapter or State organization, the ability to forge strong alliances, and willingness and availability to travel are critical components to Coordinators' effective performance. Coordinators report to HLAA staff member Elizabeth LeBarron, national states and chapters coordinator.

Judy has been an HLAA member since 2005 and served as president of the HLA of Florida from 2008 – 2010. She is still an active member of HLAA's Jacksonville Chapter.

"There is no doubt in my mind that your experience as President of the Hearing Loss Association of Florida will benefit you tremendously," stated HLAA Executive Director Brenda Battat in her welcome letter to Judy. "The Chapters there are thriving. HLAA and Florida are so fortunate to have you in this new role."

Welcome, Judy!

Take just a minute for this survey

From [Juliette Sterkens](#) who is in the forefront of the initiative to Loop Wisconsin: "We are looking for experienced hearing loop or hearing aid users who are willing to complete a survey. Please note that this link allows you to take this survey only once from your computer. If you are an audiologist please contact me."

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QBF86ZH>

FLAA & HLA-FL BFF

In the modern vernacular – BFF (Best Friends Forever) – is what we've been aiming for in the last many years. The first seed of the idea for the Florida Academy of Audiology (FLAA) and the Hearing Loss Association of Florida (HLA-FL) working together sprang from the minds of former members Kathy Borzell and Joan Haber. It wasn't until last year, however, that the seed grew. At the 2009 FLAA Convention, Joan Haber, Judy Martin and Valerie Stafford-Mallis from FCCDH, were able to set up a booth and interact with hundreds of Florida audiologists. This year the convention was tended to by Richard Herring, Don and Kay Shaffer and Judy Martin.

With the continued hard work of Noel Crosby, then president of FLAA, the plant has bloomed and their Board agreed that our two organizations should begin a formal collaboration. Our own Lisa Tanner tipped the scales with a heartfelt speech at the FLAA business meeting. So it was that during the second week in October, both presidents signed a formal agreement of how we will best serve each other as association partners. Noel Crosby of FLAA and Judy Martin of HLA-FL will serve as liaisons for their respective organizations.

Congratulations to all of us. This is a partnership where everyone wins.



News from Bethesda

HLAA is filming a video about our organization at the national office. It is to be shared with HLA chapters to help members better



On October 8, President Barack Obama signed into law the Twenty-first Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010 and Hearing Loss Association of America was there. HLAA has been working with COAT (Coalition of Organizations for Accessible Technology) to move this bill forward for several years. We provided input into the language of the bill, provided help by talking to legislators and urging our members to talk to legislators when the bill was being considered by Congress, we provided information to our Chapters to encourage them to join this coalition, and action alerts when it was being voted on. We did all that because we believed from the beginning that this legislation will help people with hearing loss get better access to the Internet. We believe that for as long as we did not succeed, consumers with hearing loss would be held back, that many of the great strides being made in emerging technology would not be accessible to us.

HLAA was thrilled to be able to be part of the White House celebration. Pictured above are Joe Gordon, Brenda Battat and Lise Hamlin.

understand what the national organization does and how the states, chapters and the national office all fit together to carry out our mission. The idea for this video and the funding for it was a gift from the Manhattan (NY) chapter's Walk4Hearing funds.

The Better Hearing Institute

has granted HLAA funds for the reproduction and dissemination of the Hearing Loss 101 series of seven videos. The DVDs will be disseminated to hearing health professionals, HLAA chapters, AARP chapters, and other groups that can show the DVDs in their waiting rooms, at programs and health fairs. The purpose of the DVD is to encourage people who have been diagnosed with hearing loss or think they may have a hearing loss to seek help. Currently 80% of the people who could benefit from hearing aids do not get them.

Patricia Tomczyszyn (pronounced like musician) is the new HLAA Program Manager. She will oversee the American Academy of Hearing Loss Support Specialists® (The Academy) and the Hearing Assistive Technology (HAT) training program. Patricia has a background of working in the disability field for the Washington DC Metro Subway and the Epilepsy Foundation.

There will be HAT training for people with hearing loss on November 12 - 14, 2010 on the campus of the University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA. This is an opportunity to learn the latest about hearing aids, cochlear implants, listening systems, alerting & signaling devices, telephone technologies and advocacy for technology in the workplace and public places. The course is being presented by HLAA with the Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center on Hearing Enhancement (RERC-HE) of Gallaudet University and the University of Iowa. For more info go to http://www.hearingloss.org/learn/hat_training.asp

We have exciting news! AARP has agreed to be the Presenting Sponsor for the Walk4Hearing, c. A Presenting Sponsor is the highest level of sponsorship and we believe having the weight of the AARP brand behind the 2011 Walk4Hearing, will be a big advantage. AARP does have very strict guidelines on the use of their brand that HLAA and all states and chapters who copy information from our newsletters must abide by.

As part of the Get in the Hearing Loop project, HLAA participated in a meeting with representatives from Amtrak to discuss the looping of Penn Station in NYC. Ellen Semel of the NYC Manhattan Chapter organized the meeting that was attended by many advocates from HLAA and other organizations.

The Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) is the world's largest and most successful annual workplace charity campaign. The season runs from September 1 to December 15. Pledges made by federal civilian, postal, and military donors during the campaign season support eligible non-profit organizations that provide health and human service benefits throughout the world. If you or people you know work for the Federal government, the number to designate for HLAA is 11376.

Good news from Michigan! The state has passed a hearing aid tax credit bill! Both local HLAA and AG Bell volunteers deserve tremendous credit for working with legislators to move the bill to this point. The Michigan Senate is controlled by Republicans, and the sponsor of the bill is a Democrat, an indication that bi-partisanship is at work there. The bill scores at \$7 million a year, although the state

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HLAA Leadership Conference in Bethesda



Above, from left: Brenda Battat, Toni Barrient, Pat Bailey, Debbie Mohny. Below: Jeff Bonnell, GA, and Michael Eury, NC, pray they pass the leadership test. (It looks like they are praying to Brenda!)



Seated: Judy Martin, FL; Mary Hononichi, TX; Lois Johnson, TX; Sister Ann Rooney, CA; Elizabeth LeBarron, MD; Marisa Sarto, WI; Second Row: Nanci Linke-Ellis, CA; Patricia Bailey, CT; Brenda Neubeck, MI; Arlene Romoff, NJ; Debbie Mohny, CO; Teresa Nellans, PA; Eloise Schwartz, WI; Third Row: Ton Barrient, MD; Jeff Bonnell, GA; Michael Eury, NC; Kim Henney, MI; Donald Bataille, MA; David Viers, OR; Shari Koeper, TN; Anne Taylor, GA; Robin Taber, CO; Ronald Haynes, KY.

They came from the four corners of the USA – California, Oregon, Florida, Connecticut – and many in between: Colorado, New York, Tennessee, Wisconsin, Texas, Kentucky, Georgia, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and Michigan. All of them were bent on becoming the best state leaders they could be. They were welcomed first, by Brenda Battat, Executive Director, and then by Elizabeth LeBarron, the Coordinator for Chapters and States. Other familiar

faces were there too: Lise Hamlin, Toni Barrient, Joan Kleinrock, and Brandi Dotson.

Many group discussions were held on Strategies for Success and Challenges, Starting and Reviving Chapters, Future Leaders, Goals and Financial Considerations. Presentations were given by Lise Hamlin (Advocacy Update); Elizabeth LeBarron (Defining Leadership and Pace of Change); Anne Pope (Walk4Hearing); Michael Eury (Invisible No More); Debby Mohny

and Judy Martin (Effective Communication Skills); Toni Barrient (Outreach/Membership); Arlene Romoff (Effective Statewide HLAA Partnership).

Time to play was available in the evenings and everyone took advantage of getting to know their colleagues from around the country. All agreed it was 36 hours well-spent on receiving new knowledge, having old ideas seen in a new light and being inspired to spread awareness of HLAA with a new enthusiasm.

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has a \$484 million budget deficit.

Judy Harkins, PhD, director of the Technology Access Program (TAP) and professor in the Communications Studies Department at Gallaudet University has announced her retirement. Dr. Harkins has been a professional technical advisor for HLAA for many years and we have benefitted enormously from her expertise and advice on both technical issues and policy.

She is known for her research into accessible technologies, emergency alerting systems, and her leadership of TAP. We will miss her.

Linda Kozma-Spytek, MA, CCC-A has agreed to take over the role of HLAA technical advisor. She has worked with Dr. Harkins at Gallaudet as a research scientist/audiologist in the TAP program and has worked closely with HLAA on hearing aid compatibility and volume control.

Linda conducted a webinar on telecoils on October 20. This webinar was the first of three webinars that are part of the **Get in the Hearing Loop** project.

HLAA has been invited to testify at a hearing of the Boston City Council to discuss the feasibility of installing hearing loops in the community. Kudos to Nancy Sonnabend, a new HLAA board member, who pushed her council member to hold this hearing.

Applications – Your Cell Phone’s Evolution

The days of voice and text phones are vanishing fast!

If you go into any cell phone carrier’s store and ask to see phones for voice/text plans only, they will wave toward two or three phones in a far off corner – that’s it!

Today, all the marketing and phone evolution is geared toward having everyone use expensive voice/text/data plans. And, I’m amazed that many consumers feel able to afford the high monthly overhead required by such plans.

It’s not just that your cell phone likely has an integrated camera and MP3 player. The evolution is toward hand-held computers with an operating system (OS for short) that comes preloaded (you don’t get to choose) that runs applications written specifically for that operating system.

In the computer market the standard operating systems are Windows and Macintosh (also Linux for a few independently minded geeks).

In the much newer cell phone market, there are many operating systems competing to become the industry standard. Apple, Palm, Blackberry, Nokia all have their own proprietary operating systems while Windows Mobile Professional/Standard, Android, Symbian UIQ, and the new Windows 7 are used by many manufacturers from HP to HTC to Sony Ericsson.

Why is an operating system so important? Because the OS serves as the platform from which to run applications. And, applications are the programs that we actually use and find beneficial. Apple, Blackberry and Android have thousands of applications that can be downloaded and installed on their operating systems. A good example of an application for people with hearing

loss is Hamilton’s “Mobile Web Captel” for iPhone, Blackberry and Android. Other more frequently used applications include: news, social networking, maps, GPS, games, calorie counters!

Some operating systems just perform better than others and some are capable of multi-tasking so that you can run more than one application at a time. But the major point is that not all applications are available to run on all operating systems. You can only download and install an application if it is available for your cell phone’s operating system

So, to complicate the cell phone purchasing decision just a tad more, one not only has to consider M/T ratings, headset jacks, Bluetooth profiles, screen size and clarity, keyboard layouts, memory, carrier coverage and price plans, etc., but also an operating system and its associated array of available

applications.

By-the-way, if you are looking to search for and compare cell phones, carriers and features, try PhoneScoop:

www.phonescoop.com/phones/finder.php

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www.hamiltoncaptel.com/mobile_captel/what_is_mobile_captel.html

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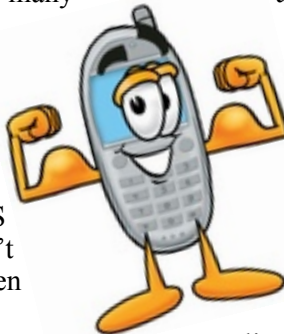
appworld.blackberry.com/webstore

Android applications:

www.android.com/market

Paul Willington, www.tecear.com

(Paul is a moderator for the HLAA message board and oversees the assistive listening technology and hearing aid sections.)



Thank you, Larry

On behalf of the Hearing Loss Association of Florida (HLA-FL), I want to acknowledge Larry Kavanaugh for having successfully completed a term of almost three years as State Chapters Coordinator for Florida. Since January 2008, Larry has carried out all of his responsibilities in an efficient and professional manner. He has diligently kept Florida chapters informed of meetings taking place at other chapters throughout the state, answered a multitude of queries and acted as the HLA-FL representative at public

events.

In whatever HLA-FL committees Larry chooses to be involved, we may be confident he will expend his best efforts. He is unquestionably an asset to HLA-FL and to networking with people who have hearing loss. We are fortunate to have him with us.

I would appreciate your joining me in thanking Larry for a job well done.

Richard Herring, President
Hearing Loss Association of Florida

Cruise is smooth sailing (continued from page 1)

lowed us to easily spot each other from afar. It also held our cabin keys/cards and schedules.

Afterwards, we all went to the first Welcome Aboard showtime in the theater with captions! Dinner was served at 8:30 p.m. and we all sat as a group. For the next dinner seatings, some chose to eat at the earlier times and yet we still met up at various events on ship.

Our first day was at sea when we discovered different areas of the ship – the library, internet room, casino, and the Royal Promenade – where coffee, shops and more food was offered. The Windjammer Cafe was always open for the hungry folks! The entertainment by the pool was fun to watch. Johnny Rockets took us back in time with an old fashioned jukebox, milkshakes, hot dogs and hamburgers in a diner setting. A parade along the promenade was colorful and fun to watch.

We celebrated birthdays at dinner – among them board members Flo Innes and Don Shaffer – and laughed as we related our experiences that day. There was no shortage of places to dance the night away, either in Latin or Contemporary styles.

The visit to the island of Labadee in the clear blue waters was fun with cookouts, floating mats, and snorkling being offered. The island has been updated with trolleys to drive folks to different areas.

Next, visits to the Port of Ocho Rios, Grand Cayman and Cozumel offered a chance to shop or just sightsee. Everyone planned their own excursions off ship.

Back on board, more showtimes with Captioning by Karla Martin, ice skating shows and a game show *The Quest* which kept everyone busy. The *Love and Marriage* game show was funny and also captioned! The cruise staff was accommodating to our needs.

Seven days went by fast! On Saturday, all of us met together to discuss pros and cons of this cruise. We were provided CART and held an informal HLA meeting since most in attendance were members of HLA! Suggestions were made for future cruises and all agreed that another one should be in the plans.

The weather was great and being in the the company of everyone was wonderful! Thanks to all who made this cruise a fun and successful one.

–Lynn Rousseau



Freedom of the Seas
 Standing, Robert and Patricia Litza, Brian Barns.
 Seated, Gloria and Howard Sabin



Mona Kimmelman, Merle Williams,
 Janet Sheeline, Hollace Goodman



Merle Williams and Janet Sheeline





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Kay & Don Shaffer, Barbara Emmons, Evelyn Wasserman



Diane Webb, Lea & Tom McKing



John, Donna and Johnny Sherrill with Bob Branigin



Group Meeting with CART



Alma Parducci, Molly Corum, Evelyn Grabowski



HOLLACE GOODMAN & LYNN ROUSSEAU



DON & KAY SHAFFER



CARL SJOBECK & LARRY KAVANAUGH



MOLLY CORUM, JOEL ROUSSEAU, FLO INNES



Thanks for the memories



If I could, I would sing out my appreciation for the support given to me during my term as president. Aided and abetted by a cohesive, responsible and amiable Board of Trustees, HLA-Florida continues its mission to spread awareness of hearing loss and to teach people how to advocate for themselves. I take this opportunity to extend best wishes to our new president, Richard Herring. I have no doubt he will receive the same support that I have during the past two years.

I will not list the board members who helped our association continue its reputation as a respected hearing loss advocacy group in Florida for fear of leaving someone out, but you can see those names on page two of this issue.

In the last two years we have had a successful Walk4Hearing;

manned booths at health fairs, conventions, veterans celebrations and other special events; sponsored an award-winning newsletter and forged ahead in planning for a new and improved website; we have a presence on Facebook, Yahoo and Twitter; a cruise which accommodated those with hearing loss was offered along with a chance to win free trip for two; entered into a formal partnership with the Florida Academy of Audiology (FLAA); are embracing the HLAA initiative of *Get in the Loop* using looping technology; and have offered scholarships to the HLAA Convention and HLAA memberships to veterans of any war with hearing loss.

During my tenure we lost two major personages on the HLA-FL Board of Trustees who have since moved or moved on – Kathy Bor-

zell and Joan Haber. Aside from being my personal friends, they were the heart and soul of HLA-FL for many years. They are deeply missed.

I'm happy to say that many of our members are part of other organizations which deal with hearing loss. In addition, we are all proud of the fact that our Professional Advisor, Dr. Patricia Kricos, is President of the American Academy of Audiology.

Now I'm on to a new challenge – that of State Chapters Coordinator. Someone said to me that I'll find the position "a bit different from being president of the state association but no less rewarding." We shall see. As we say in church, *I will with God's help.*

–Judy G. Martin
Immediate Past President

OUR CHAPTERS SPEAK . . .



The highlights from our monthly meeting were:

1. We received a great tutorial on how to advocate for our hearing rights

Joan Haber provided an incredibly insightful presentation, which is loaded with so many informative web sites. Thank you, Joan, for also stimulating a very engaging brainstorming session which led to some new initiatives we will be discussing at future meetings.

2. Brainstorming session identifies some new opportunities

Joan Haber's brainstorming session helped the membership to identify new opportunities that included: (1) approaching Hollywood 20 to consider a Hearing Loop System and providing more readable captions; (2) hosting a HLAS OC movie night at Hollywood 20; (3) approaching SRQ airport for better hearing access on their monitor system and with a loop system; (4) and approaching Sarasota Memorial Hospital for a loop system. We plan to make a brainstorming session a regular feature at future meetings, so please bring your ideas for how we can improve hearing access in town.

3. Hollywood 20 now running Open Captioned (OC) movies in prime time

Hollywood 20 has added OC movies at or near 7 p.m. three to four days a week after a long hiatus of only running OC movies the fringe hours of noon and after 10 p.m. The new OC schedule includes at least one prime time running on Friday or Saturday. Please try to support this initiative by giving them your movie business and thanking the staff. And remember the best planning guide for captioned movies is <http://captionfish.com>

4. HLAS Advocates Hearing Loop Systems

Our chapter's major advocacy project this year is to promote Hearing Loop Systems to local audiologists, doctors, theaters, churches and other venues where better hearing access is needed. I am happy to report that the Silverstein Institute/Ear Research Foundation, Selby Public Library, Sarasota Friendship Center and the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall have all accepted meetings this coming week to learn how this system could benefit their audiences. Members are encouraged to take the Hearing Loop Survey if you have not already done so at:



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Location:

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For more information, please send e-mail to

jforstall@ftri.org or carlos_s_monserate@yahoo.com

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Z9XV2JZ>

5. Experience all the hidden power of t-coils & hearing loop systems, November 17

Our November 17 meeting will allow you to test drive the amazing hearing loop system and unleash all the power of your t-coil which most hearing aids and cochlear implants come equipped with. If you are uncertain if you have a t-coil or whether it has been activated, please see your audiologist before this meeting.

6. HLAS Board of Trustees is delighted to add Alexander Magnus Boakes

Alex was unanimously elected to the Board of the Trustees by the membership. He has made a wealth of contributions to our group in the short time he has been with us and one of his first initiatives is the Young Professional Group mentioned below.



Alex is a Realtor with Coldwell Banker, a Financial Representative for Priamerica and also has his own radio show on WSLR under the stage name of DJ Magnus. He also serves on the Boards of SYR (Sarasota's Young Realtors) and GRAS (Green Realtors of Sarasota).

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by Judy G. Martin

We had a special treat in September provided by our member, Walt Ivey. Walt is an audiologist and also a musician. A little backstory: We had a celebration for St. Andrew's Day complete with marching Bagpipers and Drummers. One man whose face was familiar but out of place, puzzled me for second. It was then I realized he belonged to our HLA-Jacksonville chapter and not our church. Not only that, but it was a facet of his life with which I was not familiar. I questioned him, and a little more investigation on Facebook led me to the information that music had pretty much been his life. "Hmmm," I thought, "a musician with hearing loss. The perfect speaker for us."

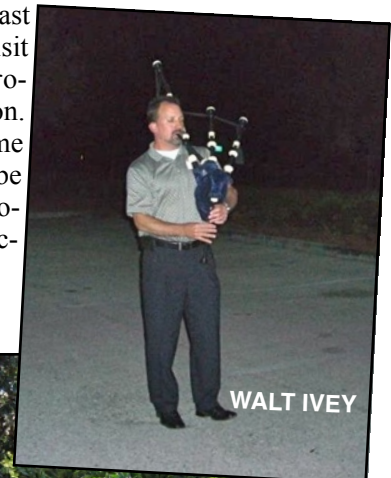
Walt was 21 when he was told he had the hearing of a 70-year-old. He couldn't hear birds much any more but he rationalized that maybe there weren't many birds any more. At the behest of his Dad, though, he had a hearing test. That's when he began wearing hearing aids.

Walt played the trumpet in high school, but started off in college as a music major in piano since he had played growing up. That wasn't working well so he went into architecture which wasn't the right step for him. It was after that he found out about his hearing loss and realized he'd have to follow a different path. He eventually found his way into the audiology program at the University of Florida. Walt told us about some of the problems he has as an audiologist with hearing loss, especially in the high tones. He told his story with grace and humor and we listened in fascination.

Did Walt give up his music? No, he did not. He now plays the bagpipes and has learned to accommodate himself when it comes to the instrument. The high point for our members was when we walked out into the li-

brary parking lot to listen to him play several selections. It was a good, inspiring program, enjoyed by all.

In October, in lieu of our regular meeting, some of us traveled to the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens to join almost a thousand other people to celebrate the the third annual Spirit of the ADA, for Disability Awareness Month. Sponsored by the City of Jacksonville's Military Affairs, Veterans and Disabled Services Office and the ILRC of Northeast Florida, the all-day visit plus lunch was provided for \$2 per person. We all had a great time and were happy to be able to spend time together in a less structured environment.



Standing Aimee Ivey, Tywana McGee, Melissa Trauthwein, Judy Martin. Seated, Walt Ivey and Tom Martin

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7. HLAS Young Hearing Group (YHG) to Debut December 15

We all know that hearing loss affects all ages, yet we have no young members in our group. Holding meetings in the middle of a workday probably heads a longer list of reasons why we have not cultivated younger visitors or members. The HLAS Young Professional Group will debut under the leadership of Alex Boakes with its first meeting on December 15 from 6:30 to 7:30 at the Palm Café. The Palm Café is at rear of the Media on Main store at 1341 Main Street, the previous site of Sarasota Books & News. Please encourage any younger people with hearing loss you know to check it out.

8. Holiday Meeting to feature a Magic Show – December 15

In keeping with the Holiday spirit, our December 15 meeting is more of a party and chance to socialize with other members. Our featured act will be Parlor Magic performed by the Sarasota Chapter of the International Brotherhood of Magicians. Save the date.

9. Welcome new members

We are delighted to welcome new members, Dolores English, and Judi & Bob Picha. And to former long-time member, Susan Mitloff, we welcome you back. Judi just completed her cochlear implant surgery and will have her implant activated on November 5. Our best wishes to you, Judi, for a healthy healing and better hearing ahead.

Thank you everyone for all your contributions. See you all at the November 17 meeting!

–Ed Ogiba, HLA Sarasota



Speaking up on hearing loss

A series of free classes will tackle many of the problems faced by people living with hearing loss. The education series is sponsored by the University of Florida Speech and Hearing Clinic and the Gainesville chapter of the Hearing Loss Association of America.

Hearing impairment affects 36 million Americans, and although the majority of people with hearing loss could be successfully treated with hearing aids, only 22 percent of people who would benefit currently use a hearing aid, said Patricia B. Kricos, a professor in the College of Public Health and Health Professions' department of speech, language and hearing sciences.

The first of four classes will be offered Oct. 13. Topics include "Coping with Hearing Loss," "A Thousand Ways to Say 'Huh?'," "Handling Difficult Listening Situations" and "What Other Help is There?" Multiple dates are available for each class, continuing into December.

Classes are held on Wednesdays from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the United Way of North Central Florida office, 6031 N.W. First Place, Gainesville. Participants are encouraged to bring family and friends to the classes, but space is limited.

E-mail mmccaghren@phhp.ufl.edu or call 352-294-5151 to register.



Monthly Meeting

Sat., Nov. 6, 2010 • 10 a.m - 1 p.m.

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Robert Burns Ogg Sun City Center

Robert Burns Ogg, passed away Sept. 2, 2010 after a long battle with cancer.

He was born Aug. 7, 1921 in Davenport, IA to John Edmonston Ogg, a native of Scotland, and Mary Frances Staffenbiel Ogg. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Mathilda (Billie) Kolb Ogg, and his brother, Donald Cameron Ogg.



Robert was educated in the public schools of Davenport before serving in the U.S. Army Air Corps for four years during WWII. He graduated from Iowa State University's School of Economics and was employed by the Kimberly Clark Corporation for 35 years in its consumer products division.

In that time he settled in Neenah, WI, where he was the director of customer and sales services during the 15 years prior to his retirement.

Robert and Billie were married in Seymour, CT on Feb. 5, 1953 and enjoyed 52 years together until her death, Dec. 2, 2005. They were devoted to the service of Christ and His church. Rob was a life-long Presbyterian, baptized in the First Presbyterian Church in Davenport, IA. He was elected Elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Neenah, WI. In 1984 Rob and Billie moved to Sun City Center, where he also served as Elder at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, and Billie was a Deacon. At St. Andrew, Rob sang in the choir, served on various committees, including two pastor search committees. He was especially devoted to mission in service to others. Rob served on the board of directors for Tampa Bay Presbytery's Beth El Farm Workers Mission in Wimauma and the President's Advisory Council at Berea College in Berea, KY.

His most recent contribution of time and talent was as an organizing founder and President of the Sun City Center Chapter of the Hearing Loss Association of America in which he expended much energy in spite of a debilitating illness. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends in his church and community.

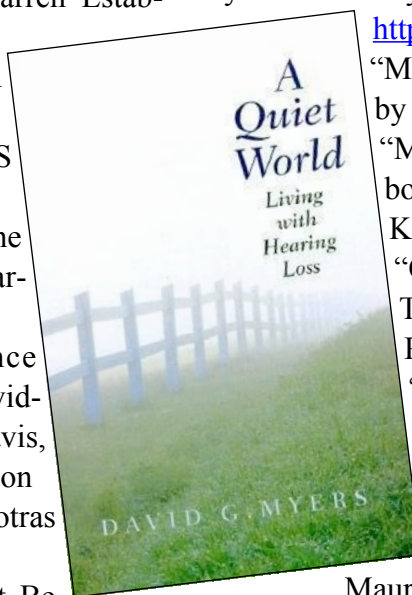
Survivors include his niece, Susan Ogg Mariscal; her daughter Ann Beauchesne, both of Bryson City, NC; sons David Mariscal of New Port Richey; and Christopher Mariscal of St. Petersburg; and many other nieces and nephews in their extended family.

Donations may be given in Robert Ogg's memory to Beth El Farm Worker's Mission, 18240 N. U.S. Hwy 301, Wimauma, FL; Life Path Hospice, 3010 Azelee St., Tampa, FL; or a charity of one's choice.

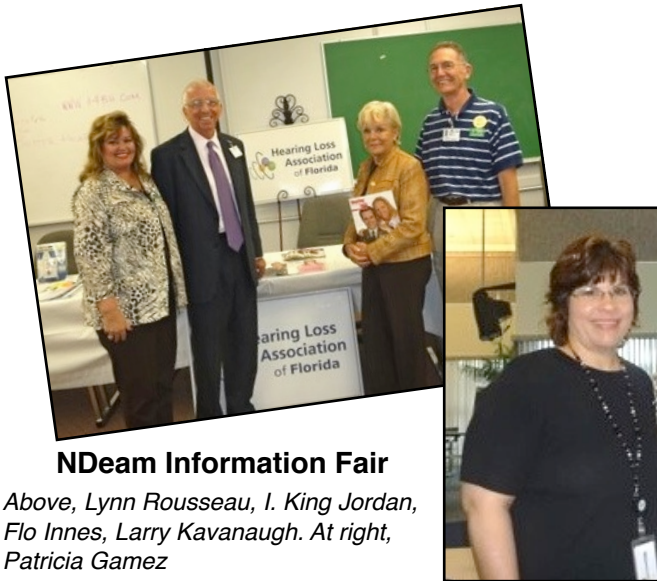
A memorial service to celebrate Robert Ogg's life and faithful witness for Christ was held on September 13.

SUGGESTED READING compiled by Karen Swezey Eugene, Oregon

- “An Invisible Condition: The Human Side of Hearing Loss” by Rocky Stone
- “Auditory-Verbal Therapy” by Warren Estabrooks, Editor
- “A Quiet World: Living with Hearing Loss” by David Myers
- “Assistive Devices: Doorways to Independence” by Cynthia Comptom
- “Balancing Act” by Virginia M. Scott
- “Bright Silence” by Margaret H. Ferris, Editor
- “Cochlear Implants for Kids” by Warren Estabrooks, Editor
- “Coping with Hearing Loss” by Susan V. Rezen
- “Deaf Like Me” is by Thomas S Spradley and James P. Spradley
- “Do You Hear Me? Laughs for the Hard of Hearing by the Hard of Hearing” by Maxwell Schneider
- “Demystifying Hearing Assistance Technology: A guide for service providers and Consumers” by Cheryl Davis, Samuel Atcherson and Marni L. Johnson
- “The Feel of Silence” by Bonnie Potras Tucker, J.D.
- “Full Face: A Correspondence About Becoming Deaf in Mid-Life” by Claire Blatchford
- “Grandmom and Me and the System” by Peg Adamucci
- “Hear, A Four Letter Word” (autobiography) by Ciwa Griffiths, Founder of Hear Center
- “Hearing Loss and Hearing Aids: A Consumer’s Handbook” by Dr. Richard Carmen (1998)
- “Hear Again - Back to Life with a Cochlear Implant” by Arlene Romoff
- “Hear: Solutions, Skills, and Sources for Hard-of-Hearing People” by Anne Pope
- “Hearing Aides, What I Don’t Hear I Make Up” autobiography by Charlotte Schamadan
- “How to Survive Hearing Loss” by Charlotte Hember
- “IDEA Advocacy for Children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing” by Bonnie Poitras Tucker, JD
- “Keys to Living with Hearing Loss” by Marcia Dugan
- “Listening-Ways of Hearing in a Silent World” by Hannah Merker
- “Listen with the Heart” by Michael Harvey
- “Listening Closely: A Journey to Bilateral Hearing” by Arlene Romoff
- “Living with Hearing Loss” books and materials by Sam Trychin available at <http://Trychin.com/bookstore.html>
- “Metered Time: Jagged Time” poetry by Ciwa Griffiths
- “Missing Words: The Family Handbook on Adult Hearing Loss” by Kay Thomsett and Eve Nickerson
- “Odyssey of Hearing Loss: Tales of Triumph” by Michael A. Harvey, Ph.D.
- “One Out of Ten” autobiography by Ciwa Griffiths
- “Our Forgotten Children” by Julia M. Davis, Editor
- “Patrick Gets Hearing Aids” by Maureen Cassidy Riski and Nikolas Klakow
- “Reading between the Lips” autobiography by Lew Golan
- “Sunny and her Cochlear Implants” by Susanna Dussling
- “The Silent Garden” by Paul V. Ogden
- “To Hear the Birds Sing – Conversations with my Heart” by Marie Younkin-Waldman
- “When the Phone Rings, My Bed Shakes”, memoirs of a deaf doctor, Philip Zazove, M.D.
- “Wired for Sound: A Journey Into Hearing” by Beverly Biderman
- “What’s That Pig Outdoors (A Memoir of Deafness)” by Henry Kisor
- “Yes, You Can Heather!” (Heather Whitestone), autobiography by Daphne Gray



Spreading the good news of HLAA



NDeam Information Fair

Above, Lynn Rousseau, I. King Jordan, Flo Innes, Larry Kavanaugh. At right, Patricia Gamez

On October 8, the Hearing Loss Association of Florida was invited to take part in the 2010 National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM Information Fair). This event was hosted by the Disability Awareness & Action Working Group.

The guest speaker was I. King Jordan, the first deaf president of Gallaudet University, who was very gracious and had a great sense of humor. He remembered being the keynote speaker for HLAA and made many references to the need for effective communication for all by using CART.

Magazines and HLAA information brochures were plentiful to hand out to the attendees. Flo Innes of Advocates for Better Hearing, a non-profit store in Sarasota show-cased many assistive listening devices.

We were invited to have lunch with the hosts and Dr. Jordan. Many thanks to Patricia Gamez of the NDEAM committee for her invitation and information as to where to get our badges and directions to the various places on the KSC grounds. Security was very tight and the process to enter the grounds was planned way in advance. It was well worth the chance to represent HLAA and HLA-Florida.

-Lynn Rousseau



AARP Convention in Orlando

From Sept. 30 to Oct. 2, HLAA members fielded questions from hundreds of senior citizens as they browsed through the huge convention hall.

The booth was headed up by Nancy Macklin, HLAA

Director of Events and Marketing, and she was ably assisted by members in Florida. *Top photo from left: Nancy Macklin; Tom & Judy Martin, Jacksonville; and Mr.-Extremely-Good-Looking Guy. Above right are Lynn Rousseau, Gainesville; Janis Ward, The Villages; Flo Innes, Sarasota; Tom, Nancy and Judy. Not pictured, but volunteering on other days were Cheri Land, Longwood; and Joan Haber, Sarasota.*



-photos by Micah Levi Spangler
Better Hearing Insititute

Lynn Rousseau received an acknowledgement gift given to her as a member of the *Customers with Disabilities Advisory Board* for her participation as a board member for nearly three years .

United and Continental have officially merged under the name United Airways and will continue its mission to provide safe, reliable, and accessible travel for people with disabilities. Under the new name they will continue to make air travel a more pleasant experience for everyone and for those with hearing loss, more effective communication and easier access to flight attendants when announcements are being made.



Bill Burnell, Manager Customer First and Regulatory Programs, Airport Services, Policies and Procedures, Continental Airlines with Lynn Rousseau, CDAB Board Member.

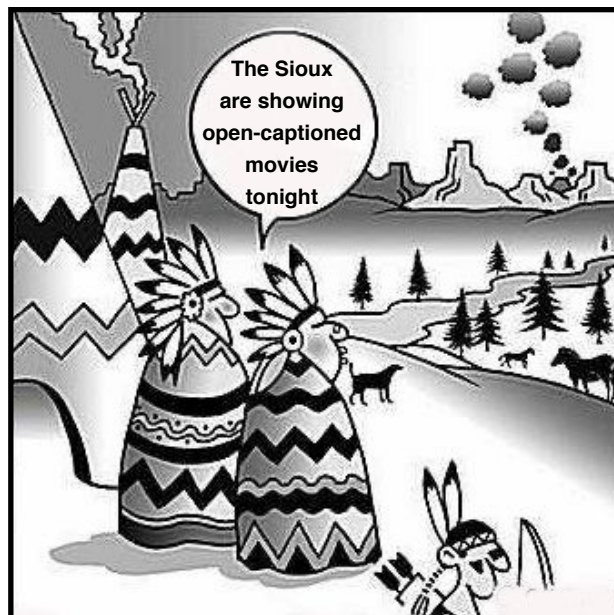


Many of you read in the last issue of Dee Boenau's accomplishment as being crowned the National Realtime Champion.

Dee has captioned for some of our board meetings and for some of you as well. A few of you may have seen this youtube video which I found posted on the HLA message board. I had not seen it, and just in case you haven't either, the link is attached. I'm sure you will be as proud as I am that she calls Florida home.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-mZTvN79Dkc>

P.S. The video is captioned, of course.



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