

Hear Ye, Hear Ye

We have a Winner(s)!

Gloria Sabin, of Sarasota and Delaware, is the lucky winner of the seven-day Caribbean *Cruise for Two* fundraiser. The other fortunate person is her husband, Howard. Congratulations to both of them.

Although Gloria won the actual cruise, we **all** won in the fact that we made our organization and hearing loss a visible concern to those who otherwise might not know about it. Just think of all the tickets out there with our HLA-FL name on the top and information on the back!

YOU can still reach out to the community around us, sharing that good things along with awareness about hearing loss concerns can come from being a part of the Hearing Loss Association of Florida.

Being a visible concern when hearing loss is invisible for the most part, makes it very hard for us to reach out to others. Sharing happy stories is a great way to bring up the subject of the organization itself and what your chapter does in the community or just for each other!

By participating in this fundraiser for just \$10.00, those who worked with us and/or made donations helped to keep our state newsletter in print, keep our

goal reaching out to Veterans with a free membership, send a deserving individual to the National convention and hopefully one day send a hard of hearing child to camp! Just think, if *all* our state members donated \$10.00, how much more we could do as a whole to help others and make a difference!

The chapters who went all out won too! They made 50% of whatever they raised and some raised over \$400 for their own chapters! There was no limit to what one could raise.

—Lynn Rousseau, Immediate Past President
(Read Gloria Sabin's thank you note inside on page 8 and see other photos.)



Howard and Gloria Sabin

There's More to Us Than Meets the Eye

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 400 addresses. If you are not receiving the electronic edition and wish to, please send your email address to HearYe.HearYe@gmail.com

Meanwhile, catch up on the latest news inside this electronic issue or by going to our website:

- What's happening at FTRI
- Photos from the FLAA Convention in Orlando
- Educational Articles
- Dee Boenau wins NCRA award
- Chapter News
- The latest Webinar Schedule from HLAA
- Photos and stories from the cruise raffle drawing
- And more!



Judy G. Martin, Editor

Notice is hereby given of the Annual Meeting, Election of Officers and New Members of the Hearing Loss Association of Florida Board of Trustees, and Amendment to the Bylaws
Saturday, October 2, 2010 - 9:30 a.m. at
[St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church, 475 43rd Avenue, Vero Beach, FL 32968](http://www.staugustineofcanterburyepiscopalchurch.com)
For further information email judygmartin@bellsouth.net



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Saturday, October 2, 2010 - 9:30 a.m.
St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal
Church, 475 43rd Avenue, Vero Beach

We are on Facebook!

If you are a member of Facebook, check us out. You can add news and photos of your chapter, send announcements of events or share hearing loss news of general interest.

www.facebook.com/HLA.Florida



Visit the HLAA exhibit at
the AARP Convention
in Orlando!

September 30 - October 2

Orange County

Convention Center

9800 International Drive

Orlando

[Check it out here!](#)

You Can Help

Currently we are publishing three e-newsletters and three print editions annually. Circulation for the former is about 500 and 2,200 for the latter. All editions are posted on the website and remain there. Rates for the e-newsletter are \$150 for a full page and \$50 for a quarter page. In the print edition, the rate is \$150 for a quarter page. Larger ads are not available in print.

Chapter leaders, please send this newsletter to your members or send us their e-mail addresses.

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Register for HLAA Webinars

Beginning with the September Webinar, the HLAA webinars will require preregistration. Once a registrant is registered they will receive the link to join the webinar and will also automatically get a reminder the day before the webinar with the link.

If the registrant does not attend the webinar, the next day they will receive a link for the playback.

There is no charge to attend HLAA's online seminars but registration is now required.

So register today for the HLAA Webinar for September

[Register Today](#)

Sept. 15, 2010, 7:00 p.m. EDT

Guest Speaker: [Brad Ingrao, Au.D., a.k.a. "Doc OtoBlock"](#)

Topic: *Getting the most from your hearing aids with Real Ear Measurement.*

Detailed information about this webinar and the guest speaker can be found at

www.hearingloss.org

Replay past Webinars:

Help for Tinnitus, Young Children with Hearing Loss and Their Families, Sharpening Your Listening Skills with Hearing Aids or Cochlear Implants, Audiology and Hearing Aid Benefit for Veterans, Development and Regeneration of Hair Cells – the Latest News in Research, Psychological Strategies for surviving the Holidays with Hearing Loss, Hearing Aid Compatible (HAC) Blackberry Smartphones, What Should I Expect from my Audiologist or Hearing Instrument Specialists?

BALLOT

Hearing Loss Association of Florida (HLA-FL)

Candidates for the 2010 HLA-FL Board of Trustees

If you wish to vote for this entire slate as recommended and endorsed by the Nominating Committee, you need not return the ballot. You must be a current member of HLAA in order to vote.

The current HLA-FL bylaws state that the Board shall consist of a minimum of seven, but no more than 18 members who shall serve on the Board as voting Trustees. At least two-thirds of the Trustees shall be people with hearing loss.

- YES NO **Nancy Day, Gainesville**
- YES NO **Richard Herring, Sun City Center**
- YES NO **Sandra LeBoeuf, Jacksonville**
- YES NO **Jodi Pate, Cape Coral**
- YES NO **Don Shaffer, Plant City**
- YES NO **Dayle Steakley, Longwood**

If you have any questions or concerns about this ballot, direct your comments to: Kay Shaffer - Chair, HLA-FL Nominating Committee, at kshaffer7@tampabay.rr.com.

If you wish to return this ballot by mail, include your name and address and send to Kay Shaffer, 2806 Aston Ave., Plant City, FL 33566, so she may receive it **no later than the deadline date of September 28, 2010.**

**Nancy Day, Gainesville**

I joined HLAA in the 1990's and found it so helpful in dealing with my hearing loss that over time I wanted to become more involved. I became a member of the HLA-FL board in 2007. I have really enjoyed being a part of this dynamic group that is so dedicated to education, advocacy and outreach to the hard of hearing/deaf residents of Florida.

I was first diagnosed with a hearing loss when I was in graduate school at age 30. I have a bilateral sensorineural hearing loss that is probably genetic. It has progressed to moderate-severe loss and I use BTE hearing aids and other assistive listening devices.

My husband, daughter and son have always been supportive in my struggle with hearing and my involvement in HLAA. I am a nurse practitioner and have a work environment that is receptive to providing accommodations which helps me to provide primary care to our beautiful pediatric patients!

I want to continue to reach out by continuing my involvement with our Veterans Outreach program to support returning veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan who suffer from hearing loss as well as veterans from all wars.

**Richard Herring
Sun City Center**

Member of HLAA for 18+ years; Acting President of HLA-Sun City Center, FL; Vice President and Board Member of HLA-FL; Board Member of Communication Access, Inc. in Tampa, FL; Member of the South Hillsborough Lions Club in Ruskin, FL; Statewide Director of the legislated NJ Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing housed in the NJ Department of Labor and later in the NJ Department of Human Services – 1981 to 2000; Recipient - “Special Friend of Persons with Hearing Loss” award at the 1993 SHHH Conference in California; Chairman - NJ Telephone Relay Advisory Board serving the NJ Board of Public Utilities in 1994 to 1998 ; Presented with a Joint Legislative Resolution by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey for meritorious record of service, leadership, and commitment upon retirement in 2000; Interviewed by Fairleigh Dickinson University alumni magazine office for articles that were published.



Sandra LeBoeuf Jacksonville

I was born in Niskayuna, New York with a congenital severe sensorineural hearing loss of which the cause is unknown and received my first hearing aid at age 7. I now use a cros hearing aid which has a telecoil.

My education includes a BA Degree in Sociology and MA Degree in Counseling the Hearing Impaired from Gallaudet University, Washington, D.C., also an MS Degree in Career and Human Resource Development from Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, N.Y.

I've worked 23 years as a Counselor in various settings: School Counselor at The Boston School for the Deaf, Randolph, Ma.; Career Development Counselor at NTID, Rochester, NY; Program Counselor at Hinds Community College, Raymond, Ms.; and Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor at VESID in Albany and Rochester, NY, respectively.

I retired from Counseling field in August 2002 and moved to Jacksonville in April 2009.

A member of HLAA since 1984, I served in various capacities, including that of Recording Secretary for the Rochester, NY Chapter (1984-1990; 1994-2004).

I would like to have the opportunity to combine all of my skills and experiences to serve as a member of the HLA-FL Board of Trustees.



Dayle Steakley, Longwood

I am Dayle Steakley from Longwood, which is just north of Orlando. I have been a member of HLAA on and off for thirty years having read about SHHH in an Ann Landers column. I am a recently retired social worker with a strong belief in volunteerism. I

have been active in the Association for Children with Learning Disabilities and as an Addition for Orange County Public Schools. I have just finished serving for three years on the board of trustees at my church. There I have been active in fund raising, organizing events and membership. My hearing loss was discovered in fifth grade but I did not get a hearing aid until 15 years later. Now I wear two aids and use other assists for my moderately severe hearing loss.

I am a divorced mom who raised two wonderful daughters. My younger daughter and her husband have one adorable son. They are expecting another baby in January.

I have educated people on hearing loss wherever I have worked or volunteered. I believe that educating others is the key to being treated as equals and I would like to continue educating the hearing and non-hearing public through HLA-FL.

Don Shaffer, Plant City



Due to maternal rubella, I was born with a severe hearing loss that worsened over time. Since 2008, I have used a cochlear implant.

I have been a member of the National Association of the Deaf since 1973, SHHH and HLAA since 1991, and the HLA-FL Board since 2007.

Currently, I am the treasurer of HLA-FL, and I hope to continue serving on the Board as the vice-president. I am actively involved in determining the feasibility of having HLA-FL provide financial assistance for hard of hearing children wishing to attend a camp for deaf and hard of hearing children in Dundee, Florida.

Since 1968, I have been married to Katherine Miller Shaffer. We moved from Indianapolis to Plant City in 2006. We have a daughter in Valrico, Florida, a son in Dublin, Ohio, and three grandsons. I am looking forward to our first cruise, which is sponsored by HLA-FL for hard of hearing people.

Jodi Pate, Cape Coral



I was born profoundly hearing impaired as was my brother. At four, I wasn't speaking and while my brother had a good vocabulary, our parents were convinced that something was wrong. At the Portland Speech and Hearing Center we were both diagnosed profoundly hearing impaired and were fitted with hearing aids.

My hearing had deteriorated until I lost all the hearing in my right ear in 1996. I was implanted with a cochlear implant, first in 1996 and the second in Tampa in 2000. I was able to start a new career in real estate.

When I first moved to Florida, I was embraced in the world of fly fishing and for 13 years racked up 17 world records. I started the International Women Fly Fishers (IWFF) in 1998 where I was elected first President for this group. I established by-laws, set up the 501c3 Corporation, and organized yearly festival events, fundraising through live and silent auctions to generate operational funding, public relations with newspapers and magazines, and membership.

I joined HLAA in April 2010. I hope to bring to HLA-FL my lifetime experience of problem solving with hearing aids, cochlear implants, education, service dogs, fund raising, public relations and awareness of new technology.

Working Together For You: FTRI and Our Professional Partners

A.J. Sondossi, FTRI Outreach Specialist

Florida Telecommunications Relay, Inc. (FTRI) always strives to meet the needs of Florida's Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Deaf/ Blind, or Speech Impaired individuals. We partner with several service providers such as Audiologists, Hearing Aid Specialists, Speech Pathologists, and other professionals to ensure their patients or clients have access to the free specialized telecommunication equipment from the FTRI program. We emphasize the value – added component of promoting the FTRI program to their clients.

Under the Florida Telecommunications Access System Act (TASA) of 1991, the approved service providers include Audiologists, Hearing Aid Specialists, Licensed Physicians (general practitioners, ENT Specialists, etc.), Speech Pathologists, State/Federal Agency representatives (Vocational Rehabilitation or Veterans Affairs), State certified educators for the Hearing Impaired/ Visually Impaired, and Deaf Service

Center directors. They have the credentials to certify the FTRI applications

This summer, FTRI attended the Florida Academy of Audiology (FLAA) conference and the Florida Society of Hearing Healthcare Professional (FSHHP) conference. We were encouraged by the number of professionals who knew about our program and actively refer patients. It was a great opportunity for FTRI to interact and hear what their patients have said about our specialized telecommunication equipment. FTRI also exhibits at the Florida Association of Speech – Language Pathologists and Audiologists (FLASHA) conference and the Family Café conference to maintain a presence in front of these important referral sources to our program.

If you know or recommend any service providers that can partner with FTRI, please do not hesitate to call 1-800-222-3448 (Voice) or 888-447-5620 (TTY).

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The hard of hearing driver

A police car with its lights flashing and siren wailing pulls up behind a hard of hearing man who is driving too fast. The man doesn't see the flashing lights because his car is loaded with suitcases and clothes for his trip. The officer finally pulls him over by driving alongside and motioning to him.



When stopped, the officer sternly asks, "Didn't you see my lights?"

Driver: "I'm sorry, there's so much stuff in back, I couldn't see."

Cop: "Then how about my siren? You didn't hear my siren?"

Driver: "No, I'm hard of hearing."

Cop: "Well, maybe you ought to get hearing aids if you're going to drive so fast."

"Nah," the man replied, "Tickets are a lot cheaper."

–Borrowed from Wired for Sound, Albuquerque

New Video Series

Have you watched the new video series about hearing loss produced by HLAA? These are so perfect to show to your chapter meetings, or presentations to other group to promote awareness. There are seven of them, about four to five minutes each. I was pleased to see two pictures of our HLA-Jacksonville meeting in video #7.

DVDs of the series are in production now and will soon be available. We will announce their arrival on our website. Meanwhile check them out here:

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

**Are you a Veteran with a hearing loss and a FL resident?
The Hearing Loss Association of America would like to give you
a gift of a one-year membership.**

To qualify for this offer, the following criteria are required:

- You need be a legal resident of Florida
- You are a veteran of any war or conflict beginning with the current operations in Iraq and Afghanistan going as far back as WW2
- You have a hearing loss
- You would like to gain valuable information and help adjusting to your hearing loss
- Have not previously been a member of HLAA



The Hearing Loss Association of America is the largest consumer group in the US that represents people with hearing loss. Florida HLA is a state organization that promotes the principles of HLAA and supports the 3 million Floridians with hearing loss. Membership in the Hearing Loss Association of America entitles you to the benefits of both organizations.

Check out the website at www.hearingloss.org

Here's what your membership provides:

- 6 issues per year of the award-winning magazine *Hearing Loss*, full of news that is actually helpful
- Network of Chapters located throughout Florida where you can learn more about your hearing loss and valuable resources that are available
- Assistance from the State office of HLAA with education/advocacy and support services and referrals

To Receive our free offer, just complete the simple application below and mail to:

Nancy Day, HLA-FL Veterans Outreach

300 NE 13th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601

Email Nancy at dayjoy@cox.net or phone 352-377-7883 for additional information if needed

Full Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State and Zip: _____

Phone Number with Area Code: _____

Email address: _____

Years and Branch of Military Service: _____

Dee Boenau crowned National Realtime Champion by the NCRA

Deanna "Dee" Boenau of Sarasota won the National Court Reporters Association's coveted National Realtime Contest in Chicago on August 7. This annual competition, along with the National Speed Contest, can be referred to as the "Olympics" of court reporters,



Sue Lynn Morgan, NCRA President (right), presents Dee with the Realtime trophy.

CART providers, and captioners. The Realtime Competition is designed to recognize a stenographic reporter's accuracy for instant speech-to-text translation.

Forty challengers from across the country vied for the 2010 National Realtime Champion title by typing dictation at speeds up to 225 words a minute on a steno machine, simultaneously outputting instant text translation to a computer. Upon completion of the dictation,

contestants were not allowed to do any editing or correcting. Only seven of the forty qualified overall, including past champions. Dee won with nearly 99% accuracy.

The National Realtime Competition consists of two parts, and Dee has won gold in the two voice testimony in 2007 and 2008, while taking the gold in the Literary portion in 2009. Before winning the 2010 title last week, she had placed either second or third six times in the overall competition.

Dee has also won the 2005 Pennsylvania Cup for Realtime and each of the three Florida Cups for Realtime. Dee received the Florida Court Reporters Association Pro Bono award in 2004 for services she provided to various deaf and hard of hearing organizations. She also shared the 2005 Florida Association of the Deaf Achievement Award for Accessibility with partner Jack Boenau.

Dee is Vice-President of Sarasota-based AmeriCaption, Inc. and a Registered Diplomate Reporter, which is the highest level of certification available to court reporters, CART providers, and Broadcast Captioners through the National Court Reporters Association.

AmeriCaption is a Sarasota-based company that provides a range of services including Closed Captioning (CC) for TV, CART (Communication Access Realtime Translation) for the deaf and hard-of-hearing, and Convention Reporting. For more details, please visit: <http://www.americaption.com>

—submitted by Ed Ogiba, Sarasota

Part-Time Position Available at HLA Program Manager

High energy person to manage and support an association's educational and technology programs related to disability. Current programs include a self-paced on-line training for hearing loss support specialists and an assistive technology training program for consumer volunteers.

Candidate should be able to develop, budget, manage and implement programs that further the association's mission. Person should have excellent project management, communication and computer skills. Also a solid background in writing technical assistance materials and public speaking. Position requires planning and implementing programs for a variety of constituents in the hearing loss related area.

Yes, I'm interested. Tell me more.

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We have all heard about the health benefits of fish oils, also referred to as Omega 3 fatty acids. Some include cardiovascular health, joint health, and treatment for dry eyes, to name a few. Now a recent study has revealed fish oils have a protective capability against hearing loss.

The study published in The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition found if you eat two servings of fish (and the fried fast food fish doesn't count), you lower the risk of hearing loss by 42% if you are 50 years or older. The study also found supplements of omega-3 fatty acids lowered the risk of hearing loss by 14% - a number significant enough to consider adding these supplements to your daily diet.

Bottom line? Dietary intervention with omega-3 fatty acids could prevent or delay the development of age-related hearing loss, according to the study researchers.

To learn more about how fish oils and Omega 3 fatty acid supplements may help prevent hearing loss, visit: [Hearing Loss Treatment: Fish Oils Provide Hearing Loss Protection.](#)

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A thank you from the winner

First of all, I want to thank HLA-Florida for its efforts on behalf of the hearing impaired and for sponsoring the raffle for the cruise. I was completely overwhelmed and frankly, did not believe Lynn Rousseau when she called to tell me that my name was drawn and I had won. At first I thought it was a sales gimmick and I told Lynn to send me some info in the mail. Finally, she got through to skeptical me and I couldn't stop laughing, and saying, "I can't believe it, I never win anything."

Although it is my husband who has hearing loss (he has worn hearing aids for about 50 years), we both attend the meetings of our chapter in Sarasota. Incidentally, he is on the board of HLAS. In fact, it was at one of the board meetings that I was allowed to sit in that I bought the raffle ticket that was the winner. I feel very strongly that more people with or without hearing loss should be aware of the need for education about this ever-increasing problem.

I was the editor of two weekly newspapers in my hometown of

Oceanside, NY, did PR for a local school district and was president of the Oceanside Library Board of Trustees for 11 years. I am presently serving on the board of our condominium and I run a book club. In my spare time, I love to read, write, travel and catch up with the doings of my six grandchildren.

Again, I want to thank HLA-Florida for my upcoming trip (my husband thanks them, too!) and I wish them good luck in their efforts to enlighten and help the public.

--Gloria Sabin

It was party time at drawing for the Cruise winner.

Several HLA-Florida board members were in attendance when Paige Beck, local newscaster of TV 20 in Gainesville, drew the winning ticket for the *Cruise for Two* on Saturday, July 10. Taking place at the [Broadmoor Clubhouse](#) in Gainesville, Paige and Lynn Rousseau, Immedi-

ate Past President of HLA-Florida, were joined by other members, Richard Herring, Flo Innes, and Kay and Don Shaffer. The winner, Gloria Sabin of Sarasota, was more than surprised as can be read in her thank you letter. Many thanks to all the chapters and individuals who participated. Look for a full report in our next issue of *Hear Ye, Hear Ye*.



Paige Beck, left, and Lynn Rousseau prepare for the drawing. The winner was Gloria Sabin of Sarasota and Delaware.



HLA-Florida participates at FLAA Convention



Noel Crosby and Debra Shimon display winning ticket.

As part of the continuing collaboration between HLA-Florida and the Florida Academy of Audiologists (FLAA), several board members recently participated in FLAA's 14th annual convention – *Absolute Audiology* – at the Gaylord Palms in Orlando. Amid beautiful surroundings, it was a great opportunity to interact with audiologists from around the state

Many visitors stopped by HLA-FL booth to check out the literature, ask questions, drop a business card in a bowl for the chance to win free advertising in this newsletter and satisfy their sweet tooth with a mini-chocolate bar. The exhibit table was covered for three days, at various times, by Kay and Don Shaffer, Richard Herring and Judy Martin. They were pleased with the response and look forward to the next time.

The surroundings were especially beautiful. Kay, Don and Richard were invited to the President's reception where they found a very congenial crowd. Judy Martin joined the audiologists for lunch on Saturday before which Past President Noel Crosby and President Debra Shimon drew the winning ticket (business card) for free advertising in *Hear Ye, Hear Ye* for six issues. The prize is worth \$300, so congratulations to William J. Lopez II, Au.D. of Sarasota. (People from Sarasota are incredibly lucky this year!

FLAA and HLA-FL continue to work toward formalizing their relationship for the betterment of people with hearing loss who live in Florida.

–Judy Martin



Richard Herring, Kay and Don Shaffer and Judy Martin enjoy their time at the FLAA Convention whether behind the table or in front of lush green surroundings in the atrium of the Gaylord Palms.



HLA-Jacksonville wraps up successful year

The Hearing Loss Association of Jacksonville chapter is now in its fifth year of existence. While we have not increased our membership very much, we are happy to maintain our numbers. HLA-Jax continues to meet the third Tuesday of the month from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. nine months of the year. Our accommodations are above reproach, with a large meeting room in the fairly new Jacksonville West Regional Library. The staff is solicitous and goes out of their way to give us any assistance. The heart of our chapter is our CART provider, Theresea Taylor, a partner with Cindee Deen in [The Caption Company](#) who serves *pro bono*. Theresea is with us for every meeting and truthfully, we'd be hard pressed if we didn't have her. We thank both Cindee and Theresea for helping us this way.

Our programs have been varied, interesting and instructional. They've included speakers from the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue on Emergency Preparedness; Vocational Rehab; a demonstration of software

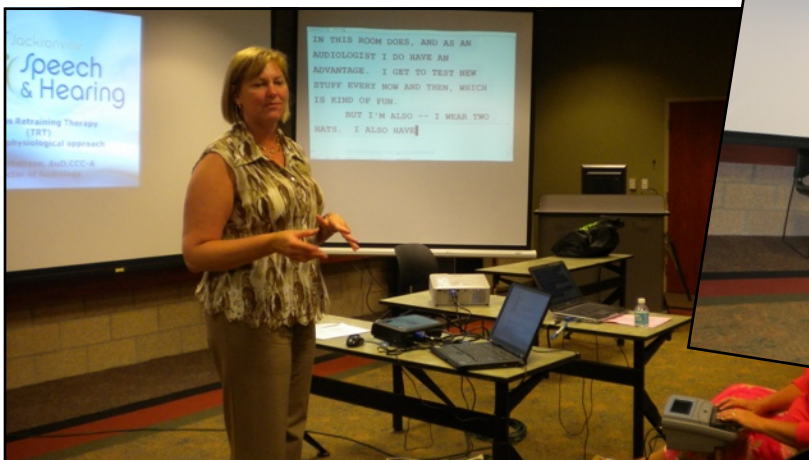
programs – LACE (listening and Communication Enhancement) and Seeing and Hearing Speech by Semiotics; a lesson of some basic signs and discussion of ASL (American Sign Language); a cochlear implant surgeon who asked the question, *Is Cochlear Implantation Ever Performed Unnecessarily?*; a Tinnitus Treatment Program; and the Jacksonville Human Rights Commission. We learn a lot and very often the speakers learn from us. Supporting each other and new members remains a large part of our activities

Our new season begins with a treat. One of our members will play the bagpipes for us, and then talk about his life as a hard of hearing musician and audiologist.

We are the only chapter of the Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) serving Duval, Clay, St. John's and Nassau Counties and were founded February 2006. You can visit us [here](#).



At left, the chapter members listen (or read) intently. Below left, Fenja Mattson, from the Jacksonville Speech and Hearing, explains the Tinnitus Treatment Therapy. Below right, Linda Grant-Hunter explains the workings of the Jacksonville Human Rights Commission. We learned much we didn't know and were able to pass on information to the speaker as well.



HLA-Sarasota plans for new season

Meetings are held at the Selby Public Library Geldbart Auditorium, 1331 First Street in Tampa.

Wed, September 15 - 1:30 p.m.
Read My Quips, the New Speech Comprehension Training System.

Read My Quips is a new, highly-advanced program that helps one to hear better in noisy environments by improving one's speechreading abilities. This self-administered rehab program works on your computer providing entertaining exercises of someone speaking to you. One of the novel benefits is that it adapts the difficulty level as your ability to understand what the people on screen are saying improves, consistently reinforcing your growing proficiency. Nancy Muscato, an audiologist with the



University of South Florida's Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders and a board member of HLA-FL, will demonstrate the program's many innovative features and answer your questions.

Wed. October 20 - 1:30 p.m.
Advocacy 101: How to Be a Proponent for Greater Communication Access.

This workshop will explore the role and importance of advocating with a focus on how every one of us can effectively lobby for greater hearing access in schools, theaters, airports and other public venues. Joan Haber, long-time Chair of the FCCDHH, Board member of HLA-FL and the HLA Rocky Stone Humanitarian Award winner of 2010, will present opportunities for individual and group advocacy projects and guide us to help build these initiatives with group brainstorming and networking.

Go [here](#) to learn more about the Sarasota chapter.

FCCDHH welcomes new members

The Florida Coordinating Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (fccdhh.org) met in Tampa in August and welcomed new members who were appointed by Governor Charlie Crist. The Council is comprised of 17 people representing various stakeholders in the deaf and hard of hearing community and professionals who work with individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, late-deafened or deaf-blind. The two seats held by the Hearing Loss Association of Florida (hla-fl.com) are currently held by Judy Martin, Jacksonville, and new member, Carl Sjobeck, Lauderhill.

The FCCDHH meets quarterly around the state and provides valuable input to the Governor's Commission on Disabilities about the needs of persons with hearing loss in every aspect of life, including education, employment, healthcare,



FCCDHH Class of 2010: Seated, from left, John Jackson, Department of Children and Families; Vicki Johnson, Certified Access Realtime Translator; Sherilyn Adler, Alexander Graham Bell Association; Eloise Williams, Department of Elder Affairs; Joseph Chiaro, M.D., Department of Health. Standing, from left, Chris Littlewood, Association of Late Deafened Adults; Judy Martin, Hearing Loss Association of Florida; Carl Sjobeck, Hearing Loss Association of Florida; Susan Herring, a Person who is Deaf-Blind; Cecil Bradley, Department of Education; Cindy Simon, Audiologist; Terri Schisler, Florida Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf; Lori Timson, Deaf Service Center Association; Randy Ellsworth, Hearing Aid Specialist. Seats open are for Florida Association of the Deaf (2); Parent of a Child who is Deaf.

independent living, transportation, emergency preparedness, and civil rights. The public is invited to comment after every meeting, so please watch for scheduled dates in your area.

Hearing Loss Association of America Chapters in Florida

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENT

In accordance with the Bylaws of the Hearing Loss Association of Florida), Article X, A., all Hearing Loss Association of Florida members in good standing are hereby advised that certain proposed Bylaw amendments will be submitted to the Board of Trustees for its approval on the October 2, 2010 Board Meeting in the St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church, 475 43rd Avenue, Vero Beach, FL 32968. All members of the Hearing Loss Association of Florida in good standing will be provided a forum for discussion before a vote is taken by the Board of Trustees. Please notify the chair in writing or by e-mail at least 10 days before the date if you intend to appear. Late notification will not be honored.

If you would like a copy of the 21-page official bylaws of The Hearing Loss Association of Florida, adopted March 11, 1995, revised June 2, 2007, and amended October 7, 2008 by e-mail, please send your request to judygmartin@bellsouth.net. If you would like a black and white paper copy, the cost is \$5.00 for each set. Please mail your remittance to Judy G. Martin, 8019 Leafcrest Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32244.

Following is the proposed amendment:

Under Article V: Governance, Section A, Item 7a:

a. Officers shall be elected by a majority of Board of Trustees present and shall hold office for a term of one (1) year. No officer shall serve more than three (3) consecutive terms in the same capacity.

Respectfully submitted for the
Bylaws Committee, HLA-FL
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