

HEAR THIS!

(It's Personal)

PROGRAMS

President's Corner – Marilyn Weinhouse



Welcome everyone! Today we will have a chance to learn from Dr. Don and share communication tips with each other. I hope we will all walk away with at least one new strategy to try.

Next month we will have our annual (yummy) Thanksgiving potluck....and a good chance to try out our communication skills!

I'd like to encourage you to start thinking about attending the upcoming HLAA-CA conference and/or the National HLAA convention. The state conference will be in Oakland in February and the national convention will be in Providence, Rhode Island in June.

Many thanks to Jacqueline Hunter, Syndi Lyon, and Sue Paccione! They participated in the WALK4HEARING in Long Beach and designated HLAA-SD as recipient of the funds they earned. We really appreciate it!

HLAA-SD Steering Committee Officers:

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If you are not an HLAA member, you can sign up any time. Membership is good for one year from date you join.

How much does membership cost? Yearly dues are \$35 individual or \$45 couple. Make checks out to "Hearing Loss Association of America" and notate on the check *for San Diego Chapter.* Checks will be collected and we will send them to National, which will then send us \$10 back for each membership.

HLAA Web Sites:

http://hearinglosssandiego.org/home * http://www.hearingloss.org/

Facebook: http://tinyurl.com/34x87dg

*If you are looking for past news, these newsletters and events are always found on our HLAA SD website.

Member Spotlight Since one of the gre

Since one of the great things about this group is knowing each other, we showcase members in our

newsletter. This month it is:

Scruffv!



1.Tell us about yourself.

Ok, well my name is Scruffy. and Larry and Char are my humans. I was asked to share my story as a dog with hearing loss.

2. Tell us about your hearing loss.

My humans and I did not notice it right away. They were a little upset when I did not respond to their calls while at the beach. They thought I was ignoring them intentionally. I must say my feelings were hurt. But then my humans noticed that I did not react to cars pulling into the driveway, like I always had before, barking and carrying on like any self-respecting dog will do

3. How has hearing loss affected your life.

Um, not so much. My humans have a bit of experience with this hearing loss thing. And they appreciate how attentive I have been in getting Mom out of bed in the morning because she cannot hear the alarm. I don't hear the alarm either – I just always know what time it is.

I had great hearing when I was younger and now I don't hear so well, but I am still me, still the center of the universe.

4. How did you become involved in HLAA?

This is my first experience with HLAA. I would love to join you all but I understand dogs are not allowed? Don't you think that is discriminatory? (whew, that is a big word!) There are a lot of places I would love to go: Home Depot, Target, restaurants (yes, especially restaurants) but I always get left alone at home when my humans go to those places.

Say, this was kind of fun. My humans ask that if you haven't told your story yet, this newsletter would love to tell it!

Bow Wow!

HLAA San Diego 2011 Meetings (subject to change):

January 15. Our own Larry Sivertson talks about speech reading, formerly known as lipreading. Fun and games!

February 19. Roberta Smith from Deaf & Disabled Telecommunications Program (DDTP) will be talking about all the great phones available through the California Telecommunications Access Program (CTAP), which provides phones at **no cost** to Californians with hearing loss.

March 19. Audiologist Linda Oliver will be discussing the latest in hearing aid technologies, what we can expect in the near future, and how to get the most out of your hearing aids.

April 16. Dawna Mills from the House Ear Institute will discuss the latest in Cochlear Implant technology, who is a CI candidate, and what to expect as you go through the process.

May 21. Our own Marilyn Weinhouse presents on assistive technology, a field changing so fast it's hard to keep up!.

June 18. Joe Pelatt, Awareness Network Manager for Cochlear in the Southwest. Don't miss this; it's going to be fantastic. Joe suffered sudden unexplained deafness in both ears, 22 years apart. He was implanted in April 1998. Read about Joe's story here: http://www.cochlearcommunity.com/JoePelatt Joe is located in Phoenix and will be coming to San Diego just for us.

July 16. We'll have an ice cream social at our July meeting. This is a great opportunity to chat with folks and get to know each other a little better.

August 20. Learn about the CaptionCall telephone. Toni Barrient presenting.

September 17. Dr. David Landsberger from the House Research Institute brings us up to speed on cochlear implant research.

October 15. Dr. Don Weinhouse, Professor Emeritus, Colorado State University leads an interactive workshop on "Communicating with Family and Friends – Tips that Work."

November 19. We will celebrate Thanksgiving with turkey and all the trimmings.

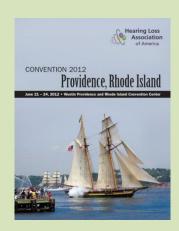
December 17. Holiday Brunch and White Elephant Gift Exchange! Our holiday brunch is always amazing.

UPcoming Events and News (share with friends and families!)

National and State HLAA Conventions!



It's not too early to think about attending the 2012 HLAA Convention June 21-24 in Providence, Rhode Island. For more info: http://www.hearingloss.org/content/convention





State Conference

Feb. 17 - 18, 2012

Oakland Airport Hilton Hotel

More info:

http://hearinglossca.org/stateconference

Mary Kay Boutique and Fundraiser Saturday, November 12, 10:30 – 12:30

Clairemont Friendship Center

\$5.00 for fun, make-over, opportunity to buy gifts, raffle and lunch!

Registration required: Marilyn – 619 316-1817 or xweinhouse@aol.com

Final Notes

Register at Ralphs

HLAA-SD is now registered with the Ralphs Community Contributions program. Our number is #93313. Use your Ralphs REWARDS card and register at www.ralphs.com. Ralphs will donate to us with no cost to you.

New Website If you haven't visited the HLAA website in a while, check it out. It has had a complete make-over and it is full of good information about hearing loss. www.hearingloss.org.

Donations to HLAA SD: It is great to report that we received a \$200 grant from Northrop Grumman Corporation, where Char works as Publications Manager. AND we received \$50 from a CaptionCall telephone purchase made by one of our members after the company's presentation to us at our August meeting.

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