



**HEAR THIS !  
(It's Personal)**  
by Char Sivertson

**PROGRAMS**



**President's Corner  
– Marilyn  
Weinhouse**

I am very proud of our HLAA Chapter and the many caring people who make it special.

Many thanks to Dianne Laviolette, Corinne Brown, Jan Jensen and Dolli Cutler for volunteering to spread the work about HLAA at the "Live Well, San Diego! Summit" last month. We had a great deal of interest in our booth.

Monthly meetings are full with speakers and discussion so it is hard to find time to just visit. We are planning a relaxing day of lunch and games to be able to do just that. Please sign-up or contact me if you can attend on Saturday, August 25th from 12:00 – 2:30.

The HLAA National Convention was held last month in Providence, RI. I'm sorry no one from our chapter was able to attend, but you can read about the workshops and exhibits on Larry's website - Hearing Loss Web: <http://www.hearinglossweb.com/res/hlorg/shhh/cn/2012/2012.htm>

Next year the convention will be in Portland! I plan to attend. I hope you will join me! Mark your calendars for June 27 - 30, 2013!

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**Join HLAA!**

**New Members** - Please [download this membership form](#) (also available on our website), fill it out, and mail it along with your check to: HLAA-SD, 5663 Balboa Ave #357, San Diego, CA 92111. By passing your **first** application through us, you ensure our chapter receives \$10 of your membership cost!



**Member Spotlight**

Since one of the great things about this group is knowing each other, we showcase members in our newsletter. This month it is **Al Bowen**.

**War Stories, nodding and smiling, and miscellaneous rambling !!!**

I married an Italian... OK... really a Sicilian.. and, I'm not talking about a first or second generation Italian: Connie came over on the boat !!!! (a long time ago with her family)... She's a beautiful lady, wonderful person, and has a fantastic family... (both here in San Diego, and still back in Italy)... After we dated for awhile, it became time for me to meet the "family"... and, I don't mean just momma and papa here, but everybody !!!! While making the rounds at this large family gathering, I was doing my best to talk to everybody.... however, there was one "older" gentleman (probably about my present age), that I had a very hard time understanding... you all will understand the problem: he had a very heavy accent, mumbled, and covered his mouth when talking.... Absolutely impossible to understand a thing he was saying... not one word... After awhile of really trying, I just "nodded and smiled," laughed when he did, and; well I'm sure everybody knows the routine !!!! Finally I was able to move away and "talk" to somebody else.

A little later that afternoon, Connie's sister-in-law came up and mentioned to me that she didn't know that I spoke Italian... When I gave her a funny look and told her I didn't know a word of Italian (well, maybe except when they say it's time to eat): she told me that Mr. Marino was talking to me in Italian for about 10 minutes, and I was carrying on a conversation with him just fine!!!! So, just for the record: I can "nod and smile" in any language !!!!

Connie still thinks I made the story up.... it's a sure 'nuf true story though... and, for the rest of his life; Mr. Marino always spoke to me in Italian !!!!

**HLAA San Diego 2012 Meetings**

(subject to change): Check for updates at [www.hearinglosssandiego.org](http://www.hearinglosssandiego.org)

**January 21** – Stacy Rogers from Med-EI – Hearing Implant Devices

**February 18** – Dr. Sven Schild , Clinical Psychologist – Managing Stress

**March 17** – SDSU Audiology Students – the Audiology Training Program.

**April 21**– Erick Young from WCI – Assisted listening devices and CapTel.

**May 19** – Alec Graham, audiologist and owner of West Coast Audiology

**June 16** – Pam Chapman, Executive Director, Tierra Santa Senior Village – The Senior Village Concept and Time Banking. The Time Bank is the Village's program for members to exchange services, hour for hour, or "time dollar" for "time dollar."

**July 21** – Dr. Art Pammenter, Clinical Psychologist – Living with Tinnitus. Learn coping strategies to reduce stress that accompanies this disorder. Cognitive Therapy, usually combined with Relaxation exercises is used. You can try a relaxation exercise on Dr. Pammenter's website: [www.drartp.com/relaxation-exercise.html](http://www.drartp.com/relaxation-exercise.html)

**August 18** – Karen Wilson, National Center for Deaf Advocacy and Cindi Cassady, Deaf Community Services .

**September 15** – Jennifer Raulie, Advanced Bionics – Cochlear Implants. Also, Gianna Heaviland, discussing the support group she created for Deaf and HOH teens: PACE – Positive Alternatives through Challenge and Experience

**October 20** – Debbie Lousberg, Hearing Loss Support Specialist and Career Coach – Improving Communication in the Workplace. Also, Jonah Kohn, discussing his science project using vibration to enhance music for individuals with hearing loss

**November 17** – Thanksgiving Potluck

**December 15** – White Elephant Gift Exchange and Holiday Songs

## News from Marilyn's Blog:

**I can't wait** to try these captioning glasses created by Sony. Regal Theaters are already beginning to use them. In San Diego, the Edwards Mira Mesa Stadium 18 has them available for every theater! You can watch a short clip about these captioning glasses at <http://heargear.wordpress.com/2012/06/25/sonys-new-entertainment-access-glasses/>



We have 97 "friends" that like our Facebook Page. Join us!

## Talented San Diego Teens:



Thousands of people from more than 100 countries applied to Google's Science Fair, but the contest is now down to just 15 finalists. Jonah Kohn is one of 8 from the U.S. He will be speaking to our group in October.



Gianna Heaviland is making a difference for Deaf and HOH teens in San Diego. She has started a support group called "PACE – Positive Alternative through Challenge and Experience". She will speak to our group in September.

## HLAA at Live Well, San Diego! Summit



Corinne welcomes visitors.



Dolli, Dianne and Marilyn strike a pose.



Dianne shows off her implant.

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

- **New Meniere's Disease Support Group:** [www.sdmenieresgroup.blogspot.com](http://www.sdmenieresgroup.blogspot.com)
- **HLAA-SD – Lunch and Game Day** Saturday, Aug 25<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 – 2:30 LiveWell Center, 4425 Bannock Ave. Come and enjoy a relaxing afternoon with friends. We will provide lunch, beverages, and games. If you have a favorite game, please bring it to share. RSVP to Marilyn at [hlaasd@gmail.com](mailto:hlaasd@gmail.com) or (619) 316-1817.

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

HLAA San Diego:

<http://hearinglosssandiego.org>

HLAA National:

<http://www.hearingloss.org>

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