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**President's Corner
– Marilyn
Weinhouse**

Greetings everyone! September is here and I am not decorating bulletin boards for my classroom. Yeah! But,

as a retired teacher, I love books, so we are starting a new lending library and plan to have books, DVDs and assisted listening devices for members to borrow. Dale Laney has been working hard to get donations of assisted listening devices. We have purchased a few DVD's and I am donating some books. Dorothy Wormser has donated some ALD's that belonged to her late husband, Eric. If you have any books related to hearing loss that you would like to donate, please let me know.

Since we are talking about cochlear implants today, I would like to recommend some books on this topic. These two are in our library:

- *If a Tree Falls, A Family's Quest to Hear and Be Heard* by Jennifer Rosner
- *To Hear the Birds Sing, Conversations with my heart/ One woman overcoming the impossible* by Marie Younkin-Waldman

I would also like to recommend these books by Arlene Romoff:

- *Hear Again: Back to Life with a Cochlear Implant*
- *Listening Closely: A Journal to Bilateral Hearing (thanks to Jennifer Raulie, our speaker, who has a copy for everyone today!)*

Please see our complete list of materials (on back) and I hope you will take advantage of these resources and enjoy our new library!

**HLAA-SD Steering Committee
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Member Spotlight



Introducing Char's sister Sheila, who is visiting from Wisconsin where she co-founded an HLAA Chapter.

Sheila Andersen.

1. Tell us about yourself.



I live in Madison, WI, and am self-employed as a publisher of a quarterly bookstore catalog that contains

some of the latest body/mind/spirit books, music and CDs. I am a brand new empty nester, as my daughter is now in college and so is her big brother. I have two beautiful Shelties that I love to walk every day. Now I am busy looking into new classes and activities to fill my time. I love to read and watch movies. . People often said our mother looked like Bette Davis, so my sister, Char, and I are going to have a Bette Davis film fest of our own this week.

2. Tell us about your hearing loss.

I began losing some hearing in one of my ears just a few years ago. Then the nerves in both ears were damaged further when I was treated with chemotherapy for Lymphoma three years ago. I have a moderate hearing loss and wear two hearing aids. But my audiogram is very zig zaggy due to the nerve damage.

3. How has hearing loss affected your life?

Since my sister's hearing loss began when she was 14, and my mother's hearing loss began when I was in high school, I thought I knew a lot about it. But it was a great shock when I started to lose my own hearing and I didn't have friends in a similar situation. So I ordered my first pair of hearing aids online and that was a challenge because I had no audiologist. Now I am on my third pair of hearing aids, which I purchased at Costco through their hearing aid technician.

4. How did you become involved in HLAA?

A few years ago Char and Larry came to Madison and took me to my first HLAA convention in nearby Milwaukee. It was such a wonderful experience! I took the workshop on how to start your own chapter, and soon was one of the founders and the first president of a new HLAA chapter in Madison. Even though I am off the board now, I continue to publicize their events through the media. I have learned so much at our meetings and being in that group has helped me to accept my hearing loss.

HLAA San Diego 2012 Meetings

(subject to change): Check for updates at 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.

July 21 – Dr. Art Pammenter, Clinical Psychologist – Living with Tinnitus. Learn coping strategies to reduce stress that accompanies this disorder.

August 18 – Karen Wilson, National Center for Deaf Advocacy and Cindi Cassady, Deaf Community Services – Local Resources for deaf and hard-of-hearing

September 15 – Jennifer Raulie, MA, CCC-A Advanced Bionics – Cochlear Implants. Learn about the world's first swimmable sound processor, as well as a new breakthrough sound processing algorithm, ClearVoice™, designed to improve speech understanding in noise.

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. Plus Game Day!

December 15 – White Elephant Gift Exchange and Holiday Songs

News from Marilyn's Blog:

Eric Wormser 1926-2012



Eric Wormser passed away on August 15, 2012. Eric and his wife, Dorothy, have been involved with the Hearing Loss Association – Escondido Chapter since it began in 1986. Eric and Dorothy have both served as president and helped lead the group for over 25 years! Eric sold assisted listening systems to local churches and other venues serving the hard-of-hearing. Dorothy donated some of his listening devices to us and we have added them to our new library. Eric will be missed and Dorothy, who is moving to Virginia to be close to her son, will also be missed.

Rechargeable Hearing Aids !



I just read that Hansaton USA is coming out with a [rechargeable hearing aid](#). What a great idea! No more changing those pesky little batteries! No more hearing that annoying "beep-beep" warning that your battery is low! No more collecting batteries to be recycled!

[Siemens](#) also makes several rechargeable hearing aids and [Costco's Kirkland Signature Premium Hearing Aid](#) is rechargeable. An added advantage of these hearing aids is that the recharging case also dries the aids without the need for a desiccant. Love seeing advances in technology that make our lives easier!

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Sign up to be notified of emergency information: <http://www.readysandiego.org/alertsandiego/>

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

Introducing the HLAA-SD Library

BOOKS

1. If a Tree Falls, A Family's Quest to Hear and Be Heard by Jennifer Rosner
2. Listen with the Heart, Relationships and Hearing Loss by Michael A. Harvey
3. Living with Hearing Loss by Marcia B. Dugan
4. Odyssey of Hearing Loss, Tales of Triumph by Michael A. Harvey
5. Our Forgotten Children, Hard of Hearing Pupils in the Schools by Julia M. Davis
6. Speak Out! About Inaccessible Information and Telecommunication Technology by Georgia Tech Research Corporation
7. Speechreading, A Way to Improve Understanding by Kaplan, Bally and Garretson
8. To Hear the Birds Sing, Conversations with my heart/One woman overcoming the impossible by Marie Younkin-Waldman

DVDs

- "Learn About Hearing Loss" from HLAA
"Sound and Fury" by Josh Aaronson
"Sound and Fury – 6 years later" by Josh Aaronson

ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES

Coming Soon!

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. Send your news to Char Sivertson at csivertson@juno.com

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!

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