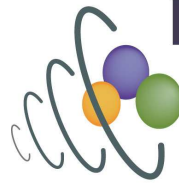


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## **A Lifetime Change**

**By Jeffery A. Newton**

It was 1968: The Vietnam War was still in its infancy, America was still mourning the loss of President Kennedy, and the Cuban missile crisis had settled down a bit. NASA was still in the prep stages to launch the Apollo space program the following year.

While living in rural Douglas County in the late '60s, along the historical Applegate Trail, everyone in my family thought that I, "the cutest kid" from San Francisco, would grow up and experience the life of a cowboy. I eventually proved many of them wrong.

Living on the Applegate Trail was a prime experience, where you could hear the sounds of nature at its best. Then an unexplained medical condition took my hearing by surprise. It shook the family hard; scared my mother, grandmother, and aunt; and worried my grandfather and uncle.

Life would never be the same as my ability to hear sounds of nature would endure a lifetime of challenges and adventure. My grandfather was a military man, a by-the-book brass, who pretty much wanted things to go smoothly as possible. When I lost my hearing, he was more tragically traumatized than any other family member. Each summer, during his vacation, he'd take me from specialist to specialist, up and down the West Coast, to see what could be done to correct my "hearing problem."

He was told that a cochlear implant for me was the way to go, but the price tag was way out of his range. He was a risk-taker and was prepared to put it all on the line for his "boss," his first grandson.

He passed away of a massive heart attack in 1990, never knowing if I'd ever be able to hear again. In the spring of 2006, my hearing was getting worse in my left ear. I hadn't worn a hearing aid in my right ear for over ten years, since he passed away.

I was in a Catch-22 situation between the left and right. When I had my hearing test that same year, I was confronted with the decision of either having a cochlear implant or losing the remaining hearing in that ear and becoming deaf for life. I wished that my grandfather was still around to help with the decision, and time was running on short circuit. [ → page 4 ]

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## From My Lips to Your Ears

Editorial by Chuck Vlcek

Michael Eury left some big shoes to fill.

As I look at what I inherited, I feel challenged to maintain his standard of excellence. After all, my only other editing experience was with a small local Lions Club newsletter, and I am still doing that. But I have capable assistance from Karin Smith who helps look for articles to include, and Karen Swezey who handles the ads and makes helpful suggestions.

The last issue already had articles selected. I just had to do the layout. There were some glitches in the process, but now that I have the template, that part should be easier. This is the first issue that is completely under my watch, and it comes at an interesting time. I just got my second implant on February 6 and am now tuning up my left ear with a Nucleus Freedom processor.

So how did I get to this point? I was born in 1945 with a severe bilateral hearing loss, courtesy of prenatal rubella. I was two or three when my parents suspected and confirmed the hearing loss. Rather intensive speech and hearing therapy followed, first at Washington Speech and Hearing Center, then at Bruce Street School in Newark, NJ. Then my parents moved back to my father's boyhood home in Idleyd Park, Oregon (near Roseburg) and I attended second grade at the public elementary school in Glide. After that I "mainstreamed", before that became a household word. Growing up hearing impaired in a hearing world during the 1950s had its difficulties, but it was pretty tolerable, at least up to seventh grade. After that I never really fit socially until I was well into my adult years. I did have enough intelligence to compensate and hang on academically, and earned a B.S. degree in meteorology at the University of Washington.

I had worn a hearing aid only in my right ear, partly because of cost (we weren't rich) and partly because sounds in my left ear were rather harsh. I was in my mid-thirties when someone talked me into getting a hearing aid for my left ear. By then

I was losing what was left of my higher frequencies in my right. With hearing aids my left ear alone sounded harsh and my right ear alone sounded pale but together I enjoyed a rather rich sound. However, hearing in my right ear continued to fade slowly, and finally died completely in 2002, two years after my retirement.

I had already been contemplating a cochlear implant as that technology was maturing, and the death of my right ear gave me a big shove in that direction. The next nine months, as I researched my implant options, were some of the longest in my life. On my not so wonderful left ear alone I could barely converse face to face and could not enjoy music at all. Finally, I got the implant done by Dr. Schleuning in March 2003, and after a period of adjustment, got my right ear back.

I knew that sooner or later I would have the left ear done since I was barely getting use out of it even with a powerful hearing aid. This time Dr. McMenomey did the honors. Now my ears are coming into balance, with the promise of the best aided hearing I have had in my life. They still sound different but binaural sound is rich and music sounds great!

Thus I can appreciate this issue's lead article by Jefferey Newton. His grandfather helped prepare him for his opportunity to get his hearing back. My parents' early intervention saved me from a serious speech impediment and an even harsher life. Audiologists have remarked on how good my speech was given the severity of my pre-lingual loss.

I can also appreciate Michael Eury's last editorial about the "benefits" of hearing loss or, as I call it, adjustable hearing. Some extrovert types have to have noise all the time, but I like my quiet moments. It lets me sleep and it lets me concentrate. I once had an apartment with a balcony near traffic and used it for some stargazing using a small telescope – with the sound turned off. Truly, I was in the world but not of it.

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### A Lifetime change (from page 1)

But something had to be done—I chose to have the implant done on my right ear, even though I hadn't worn a hearing aid in that ear for many years. I was told some of my sensorineural hearing in my left side would remain as long as I kept it stimulated with my hearing aid—it became a battleground of sorts.

On February 7, 2007, I was driven by my mother to Oregon Health Sciences University Hospital (OHSU) in Portland, Oregon, and had my cochlear-implant surgery done by Dr. Sean McMenemy.

Two weeks later, I once again took an enduring decision to have the speech processor turned on and experienced a moment of changing history. After thirty-eight years of wearing hearing aids, I was able to once again hear the natural voice of my mother's and my own voice.

The voices and sounds pretty much sounded robotic. But, the audiologist told me, it was normal for sounds to be that stage of life after so many years in the cubicle of profound deafness.

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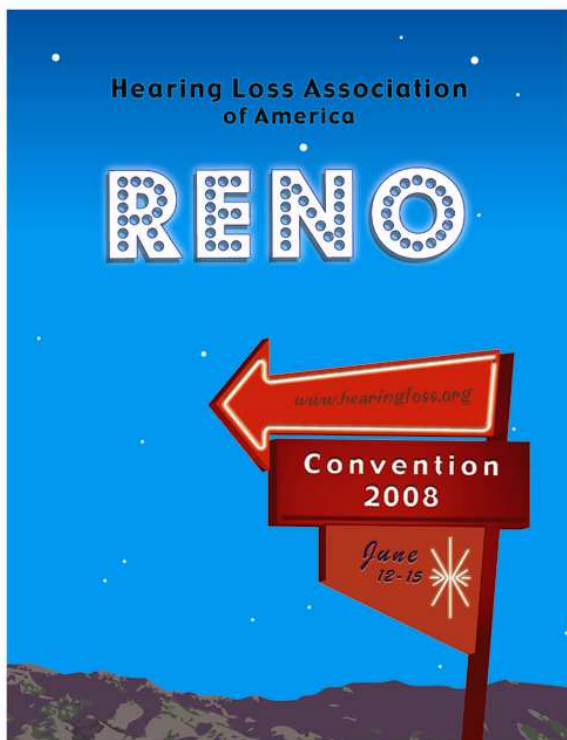
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Applicant's Phone Company (eligible phone company from list above)	Applicant's Phone Number (       )	

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## ***Within Earshot: News You Need to Know***

### **New! Growing Up With Hearing Loss Email Group**

There's a new group at Yahoo called GUWHL--- Growing Up With Hearing Loss.

"The list "Growing Up With Hearing Loss" was formed to encourage people to discuss thoughts about growing up with hearing loss in a hearing world (without using sign language as the primary language). People with early-onset hearing loss who grow up in a hearing world frequently had no one else in their lives to discuss the common impact of hearing loss upon their lives, compared to people who grow up with other people who use sign language. This list is intended to be a vehicle for communication specifically between adults who grew up with hearing loss from a very early age and parents of children with hearing loss/Cochlear Implants (CI's), professionals working with people with hearing loss/CIs, and potentially teenagers with hearing loss and/or CIs. (This list is not intended to replace lists created specifically for parents of children with CIs or children with CIs or similar lists, or to discuss technical issues about CIs or hearing aids that are or can be addressed by other email lists.) To minimize spammers joining this list, people joining this list will be asked to provide an explanation for their interest in this list. "

The best way to join this group is to log into or register at <http://groups.yahoo.com> before or after going to the new group's web page at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GUWHL/>

When you request the ability to join this list, you'll be sent a text file with rules for the group that you'll be asked to read and agree to, and you'll also be asked to explain your interest in the group.

Another way to join this new list is to send email to [GUWHL-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:GUWHL-subscribe@yahoogroups.com), but this way might not let you view the other features of the GUWHL web site if you are not registered at Yahoo.

### **FCC Inaugurates Online Disability Complaint Form**

Source: Captioning listserv

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) revised their online complaint Form 2000 so that consumers with disabilities may find it easier to alert the FCC of accessibility problems in telecommunications and media, including filing of captioning complaints.

You may access the FCC Form 2000C DISABILITY ACCESS COMPLAINT which you can get to at <https://esupport.fcc.gov/sform2000/formC!input.action> OR you can use your mouse to click on Form 2000 at [http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/complaints\\_general.html](http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/complaints_general.html)

On the Form 2000 page, click on "C". You will note the following message: *This form should be used for complaints about disability access. If your complaint is about closed captioning only, you must first contact the station or video programming distributor. More info about closed captioning is available at [www.fcc.gov/cgb/consumerfacts/closedcaption.html](http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/consumerfacts/closedcaption.html).* Then click NEXT.

When you get to this page, first click on YES to the "security" question, and then scroll down to blue FORM 2000C in the middle of the page, and then fill out the information they ask for. Remember to scroll down and click SUBMIT at the bottom of the page to make sure the FCC gets the information. Retain the acknowledgment number they send back as this will be your complaint number that can be used to track your complaint later.

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## HEARING LOSS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA NAMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**March 3, 2008, Bethesda, Maryland:** Brenda Battat, M.A., of Bethesda, Maryland, has been named executive director of the Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA), the nation's largest organization for people with hearing loss. She officially assumed the title and duties on March 3, 2008, having been unanimously chosen for the position by the HLAA Board of Trustees at their February 29-March 2 meeting in Bethesda.

Ms. Battat brings a wealth of experience to the position having joined the HLAA national staff in 1989. She has been deputy executive director and served as acting executive director on three interim occasions. She brings this experience to the position as well as her personal exposure to hearing loss as a user of a cochlear implant and a hearing aid.

Ms. Battat is well known among her peers in the field of hearing loss, disability access, and key industry, government, and hearing health professions. Her collaborative approach to advocacy and finding common ground among consumers, industry, and government is well known and respected. Among her most noted accomplishments at HLAA is her work on hearing-aid-compatible mobile and cordless phones and Internet captioned telephone.

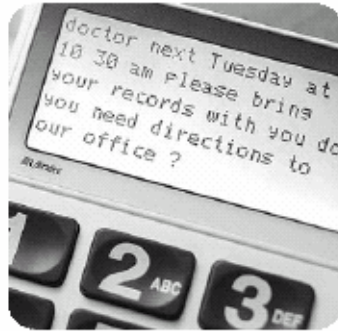
Her skills as a leader are well recognized by her colleagues, national staff, and HLAA leaders and members who trust her judgment and avidly seek her advice. As a leader with a unique intelligent common-sense approach, plus a faculty for teamwork, she is a proven strength of the organization.

Battat says after her tenure with HLAA: "I am ready to take on the challenge of leading this great organization in a changing world where hearing loss is burgeoning, technology exploding, and social networking a way of life. Nothing in today's society is business as usual, with the exception of the stigma of using hearing aids and we have to change that."

Ms. Battat holds a bachelor's degree in physical therapy with 15 years working in the field in Europe and North America. She holds a master's degree in counseling from Indiana University. She is married to Joe Battat and lives in Bethesda. They have two grown children Anna and James.

Anne T. Pope, president of the HLAA Board of Trustees commented: "The Board of Trustees is delighted that Brenda Battat has agreed to become the next executive director of the Hearing Loss Association of America. Brenda is unequalled as an advocate for people with hearing loss. For almost 20 years, she has been a key leader in securing federal legislation and regulation to accommodate our challenges, and has taught thousands of our members how to work for accessibility at the state and local levels.

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## HEARING LOSS AND JOB INTERVIEWS

Reprinted from the national SHHH (now HLAA) newsletter

**SHHH Advocacy and Legislative Update 21 November 2005:** *When to disclose your hearing loss.* Whether you are working in a large company, engaging in a conversation with strangers, or attending a professional conference, you'll be faced with situations where you'll need to know when and how to disclose your hearing loss to others. Ultimately, it is a personal decision. Depending on the industry that you work in, you should ask yourself several questions to help you decide when you should disclose your hearing loss to your employer.

Can I conduct an interview without accommodations? Will I need accommodations to perform my job? What kind of accommodations do I need?

Working in the field of social science (i.e. social work, non-governmental organizations, clinical work, etc.), it may be easier for you to disclose your hearing loss to your coworkers and employers because they may be more understanding and flexible than a more competitive work environment (e.g. law firms, politics, business, etc.).

Therefore, you should decide whether you want to disclose your hearing loss at the interview, before you are hired, or after you are hired. There is no right or wrong way to do it, but whatever you decide you must be prepared to face the consequences. Though subtle, you could experience discrimination if you announce your hearing loss up front. Even though there is a law to protect

against such discrimination, people hire people, and they enter the process with their own biases and degree of awareness of hearing loss. That can impact their decision to hire or not to hire you.

How should I disclose my hearing loss? Learn all you can about the interview (i.e., place, time, number of people attending, etc) and prepare accordingly. For example, if you learn that your interview will be a group interview in a noisy environment then you may need an FM system to operate at your optimum capacity, then prepare yourself in advance just like you would prepare yourself for any interview.

Make sure you bring all of the devices that you'll need. Briefly explain in your introduction that you have a hearing loss, and that you'll need to use an FM system for the interview.

Just like an introduction should be, your explanation should be very short. Remember that employers want to know what you have to offer their institution. Your self-confidence, applicable skills, personality, and motivation will get you the job, not your storytelling ability.

Finally, it is extremely important to remember that disclosure is a personal choice. Unless you are comfortable with your own hearing loss, you will not be able to ask for the accommodations that you need. Your hearing loss is personal, and the details of how and when to disclose your hearing loss may be situational.

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Based on letters from Beethoven to his brothers

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*Mr. Beethoven, some have accused you of being impetuous, fiery, and even a bit nasty. Care to respond to them?*

"Oh! ye who think or declare me to be hostile, morose, and misanthropical, how unjust you are, and how little you know the secret cause of what appears thus to you! My heart and mind were ever from childhood prone to the most tender feelings of affection, and I was always disposed to accomplish something great. But you must remember that . . . I was attacked by an incurable malady."

*Right. You went deaf near the height of your career. You think the critics mistook your malady for misanthropy?*

"My misfortune is doubly severe from causing me to be misunderstood. No longer can I enjoy recreation in social intercourse, refined conversation, or mutual outpourings of thought. Completely isolated, I only enter society when compelled to do so."

*But why didn't you just tell people that you were going deaf, and that you were suffering emotionally from it?*

"Alas! how could I proclaim the deficiency of a sense which ought to have been more perfect with me than with other men -- a sense which I once possessed in the highest perfection, to an extent, indeed, that few of my profession ever enjoyed!"

*Well, no one denies your remarkable accomplishments, made all the more remarkable by your affliction.*

"Let anyone similarly afflicted be consoled, by finding one like himself, who, in defiance of all the obstacles of Nature, has done all in his power to be included in the ranks of estimable artists and men."

*An inspiring thought. Thank you, Mr. Beethoven.*

"Farewell. Love each other. . . . Amen!"

## WE NEED YOUR VOTE!

Oregon members of Hearing Loss Association of America we need you to help us form the Board you believe will best serve your interests. Ballots for the Hearing Loss Association of Oregon's Board of Directors will be available as of April 6, 2008. Requests may be made at any time from now until April 10, 2008 for ballots and should be sent to:

Peter Johnson  
Attn: Ballot Request  
3075 SW Flower Terrace  
Portland, Oregon 97239

Or by email: [moggio85@gmail.com](mailto:moggio85@gmail.com) with the word "Ballot Request" in the subject line.

All ballot requests should be submitted by email or by US Mail by April 10, 2008. Ballots will include instructions for how to complete them.

**ALL BALLOTS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY EMAIL BY THE CLOSE OF APRIL 15, OR IF SUBMITTING BY MAIL, POSTMARKED APRIL 13, 2008 TO:**

HLAO Board of Directors  
ATTN: ELECTIONS  
PO BOX 22501  
Eugene, Oregon 97402

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# Chapters in Oregon

Local chapter meetings are open to all. Family, friends, and professionals are encouraged to attend and become involved. Through chapter meetings and newsletters you'll find:

- *Insights into effectively living with hearing loss*
- *Support/Referrals/Information*
- *Information about the latest technology*
- *Coping strategies & tips*
- *An opportunity to make a difference*
- *Diminished feelings of isolation and aloneness*
- *Opportunities to share concerns and hear from others*



We believe in education - for those who hear well and those who cannot - so that both may understand the causes, challenges and possible remedies for hearing loss. At our meetings, you'll find a comfortable place where hearing loss is accepted and not a problem. Many people report that being a part of a Hearing Loss Assoc. group has made a major difference in their lives. Your participation benefits not only you, but others who attend as well. Following is a list of the current chapters and contact people in Oregon.

**Bend Hearing Loss Association meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month – 6:00PM at the St. Charles Medical Center - Rehabilitation Conference Room - Bend**

Contact: Lois Johnson  
e-mail: tomloisj@yahoo.com  
(541) 388-6869

**Hearing Loss Assoc. of Lane County meets 2nd Thursday each month - 7 PM at the Hilyard Community Center, 2580 Hilyard Street - Eugene.**

Contacts: Andrea Cabral  
e-mail: angora@comcast.net  
(541) 345-9432 voice  
PO Box 22501  
Eugene, OR 97402

Linda Diaz  
warmheart2@comcast.net  
(541) 345-3212

**Central Oregon Coast Hearing Loss Assoc. Chapter is currently inactive. Interested people can contact Cindy Campbell for information and support as well as updates on meeting dates and times.**

Contacts:  
Cindy Campbell  
e-mail: hgnw@charter.net  
(503) 922-1961 or  
1 (877) 271-7620 toll free  
4202 NE 43<sup>rd</sup>  
Neotsu, OR 97364

**Hearing Loss Assoc. of Clackamas County meets 2nd Tuesday each month - 2PM at the Adult Community Center, 505 G St. - Lake Oswego**

Contact: Karen Jacobson  
e-mail: jkaren4@comcast.net  
(503) 635-3856  
3166 Stonebridge Way  
Lake Oswego, OR 97034

**Hearing Loss Assoc. of Portland meets the 3rd Tuesday each month - 7 PM at the Good Samaritan Hospital in the Wistar-Morris Conference Room - NW 22nd & Marshall – Portland**

Contact: Mark Foster  
e-mail: [hey\\_foster@hotmail.com](mailto:hey_foster@hotmail.com)  
(503) 413-7348 - voice or TTY  
PO Box 2112  
Portland, OR 97208  
[www.shhhor.org/portland/](http://www.shhhor.org/portland/)

**Hearing Loss Assoc. of Douglas County meets the 2nd Monday each month - 7 PM at the Mercy Hospital Community Education Room - 2459 Stewart Parkway -Roseburg (between Parkway Pharmacy & OfficeMax)**

Contact: Lorene Russell  
e-mail: [rlrussell@mcsi.net](mailto:rlrussell@mcsi.net)  
(541) 679-9655  
732 Mulberry Lane  
Roseburg, OR 97470

**Hearing Loss Assoc. of Lebanon meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month – 6:30 PM at the Senior Center – 65 “B” Academy Square – Lebanon**

Contact: Bob Williams  
e-mail: [robertiw@comcast.net](mailto:robertiw@comcast.net)  
(541) 258-5818  
2020 South 12<sup>th</sup> #111  
Lebanon, OR 97355

**Hearing Loss Assoc. of Salem the 2nd Wednesday each month - 6:30 PM at the Salem Rehabilitation Hospital – Room 2A 2561 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor) 2561 Center St. NE**

Contact: Kathy Ladd  
e-mail: [SHHHSalem@aol.com](mailto:SHHHSalem@aol.com)  
(503) 394-3863  
38427 Shelburn Dr.  
Scio, OR 97374

***If you are interested in starting a chapter in your area, contact:***

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(503) 922-1961  
4202 NE 43<sup>rd</sup>  
Neotsu, OR 97364  
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(the National Office}  
e-mail: [tbarrient@hearingloss.org](mailto:tbarrient@hearingloss.org)  
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