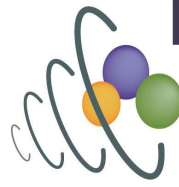


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A Little Help from our Friends

Imagine yourself in a country where nobody speaks your language. It becomes a necessity to rely on your other senses and hone your powers of observation. You welcome the times when you can "fill in the blanks" and get the gist of a conversation. Each situation is stressful: Will you be a participant or an observer?

This is the life of a hearing-impaired person. We are not deaf and, therefore, most of us do not read lips, sign or wear hearing devices 100% of the time. We try to preserve whatever hearing we have left. We walk softly on the fine line between the hearing and deaf communities.

Even our friends are selected carefully. We cultivate friendships based on who is sensitive to our needs. They are the people who are willing to speak a little louder and more distinctly. They are the people who are willing to repeat themselves if they see from your expression that you didn't hear all that was said. They don't wait for you to apologize or "phase out" of a difficult-to-hear conversation. They make sure that you never feel ashamed because of your disability.

Each day is a series of plans — how to seat yourself and others so that you have the best hearing advantage, where to go for business meetings and social events to avoid loud, busy places, etc. Sometimes it is difficult to control the situation.

Envision going to the theater or movies only to find the audience laughing with delight when you have no idea why. Maybe you smile or chuckle to camouflage your discomfort, hoping that this will not recur throughout the movie. These facilities usually offer headsets, which enable you to amplify the volume. Unfortunately, many are not well maintained and cause a static-like sound. It is always a pleasure — and a surprise — when we can enjoy a movie without struggling.

We sometimes avoid talking on the phone, knowing that we may need you to repeat yourself several times. You can understand why some of us choose to communicate by email or text!

We arrive at speaker functions and seminars at least 30 minutes early, so that we can get a much needed front-row seat. Even in the health club, we wear our hearing aids to help follow the class routines. We certainly don't want to be caught doing push-ups when the rest of the group is doing sit-ups.

In spite of our disability, many of us continue to be social and take part in group activities. There is always the fear of asking a question that has already been asked and answered. We understand that you may find it funny, but please know that it is mortifying to us.

On occasion, we may try to monopolize the conversation in order to control what is being said. Even with all the accommodations we give ourselves, all too often we mix up or miss words. We go home feeling embarrassed and wonder why we subject ourselves to group functions.

This is not meant to be a sad commentary. Please do not pity us and certainly don't avoid us. We are very functional and grateful for the hearing ability we still have. We simply need "a little help from our friends." -- *Terry Goldstein*

From My Lips to Your Ears

Editorial by Chuck Vlcek

Editing a newsletter is sometimes a simple cut and paste job, but at other times it is a bit more challenging. Some articles have to be shoehorned into various nooks and crannies between the ads and boxed notices without losing critical information.

Fortunately, the lead article did not need much shoehorning, though it was a tight fit. Having had a hearing loss all my life I can certainly relate to it, though I am now not quite so dependent on “friends” since I have bilateral cochlear implants. I would add that the real angel is the person who sits next to you in group conversation and keeps you informed of the topic of discussion.

I can also relate to the news about looping in “HLAA Happenings”. I was in the Washington, D.C. area in the early 1980s when a group I was in, led by Dr. George Fellendorf, began to advocate for it. It certainly took awhile to take off, but better late than never. If you have internet access you should follow the link to the article itself and to the comments about it.

It is that time of the year again: HLA-OR will be having its annual meeting and board elections – see page 4 for the announcement and page 10 for the bios of the 7 candidates, some of whom are current board members seeking reelection. Most have lost hearing fairly early in life and still managed to accomplish a great deal. The bios make for some inspirational reading.

Walk4Hearing Notice

While last year’s Walk4Hearing was quite successful, the HLA-OR board of directors decided that a walk during the spring would not have to compete with more established and better known events for publicity. To adequately prepare for the next walk, it was determined that we should wait until 2013 to hold the next one. However it is never too early to volunteer for planning and execution of the next walk. Should you be interested or have questions, please contact Kathy Eckert-Mason, Walk4Hearing co-chair for 2013, at k_eckertmason@yahoo.com or kathryn.e.eckert-mason@state.or.us.

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HLA-OR to Hold Annual Meeting

You are invited to attend the next Annual Meeting which will be held at Albany General Hospital on March 17 beginning at 10:00 a.m. The meeting room is in the Reimer building, which is the small white building about 100 feet to the right as you face the main entrance to the hospital. There will be no workshop associated with the Annual Meeting this year. The primary business of the Annual meeting is to elect board members. Seven candidates are on the ballot for seven available board positions. See page 10 for condensed biographies of the board candidates.

Everyone who is a member in good standing of the Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) is automatically a member of the Hearing Loss Association of Oregon and is eligible to vote. You can obtain a ballot and biographies at our website (www.hearinglossOR.org), via email (info@hearinglossOR.org), or in writing to PO Box 22501 Eugene, OR 97402. Ballots need to be returned by email or postal mail before March 14, 2012 so they can be counted at the Annual Meeting. A short board meeting consisting of new and returning board members will follow the Annual meeting to elect officers.

Following the Annual Meeting we will convene our normal HLA Oregon quarterly meeting. We hope you'll come and participate. Our regular quarterly meetings are open to the public. And you do not need to be an elected board member to participate on a committee. We hope you'll consider becoming an active member of HLA Oregon. Most of our work is done via email or at our quarterly meetings in Albany. Please send any comments or questions to info@hearinglossOR.org.

HLA-OR Quarterly Meeting Dates

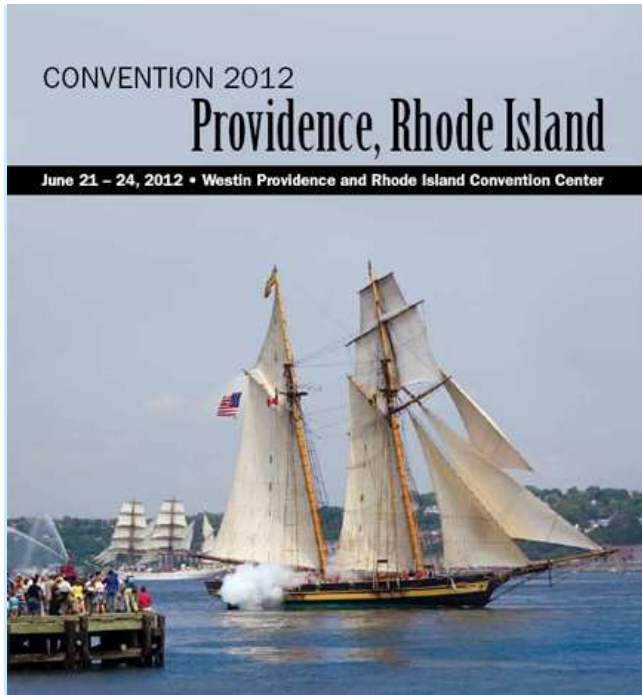
The next meeting will be held on March 17, 2012 at Albany General Hospital

(Reimer Building). Future meetings are June 16, October 20, and December 15.

To confirm, contact President Bob Russell at bhrussell@frontier.com or call him at (503) 614-9730. Guests are invited to attend but should first contact President Bob Russell.

Something to think about ...

Hard of hearing people think they hear much better than they actually do,
because they don't hear what they don't hear.



Come Sail with Us to New England

HLAA has announced Providence, Rhode Island as the host city for Convention 2012.

All workshops, plenary sessions, exhibit hall, and social events will take place at the Rhode Island Convention Center which is connected by skybridge to The Westin Providence. Located in the heart of downtown Providence, you'll find plenty of restaurants, shopping, and points of interest. It's not too early to start planning your trip to New England.

Check the HLAA Convention web page for updates:

<http://www.hearingloss.org/content/convention>

HLAA Happenings

On Oct. 24, 2011, *The New York Times* published a front page article on hearing loops, composer and HLAA Manhattan Chapter Member Richard Einhorn, and the **Get in the Hearing Loop Campaign**.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/10/24/science/24loops.html>

By Tuesday, October 25, NYTimes reported it was their most e-mailed story. Their website had posted more than 125 comments from all over the country responding to the article. HLAA sent in a comment as well. Here's what we wrote:

Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) is thrilled to see this article. People with hearing loss are eager for information about technology to help them hear better: we hear from them daily. The

Hearing Loop is a great way for people to get more satisfaction out of their hearing aids and cochlear implants. To learn more about loop systems please go to: <http://www.hearingloss.org/content/get-hearing-loop>

The best way to connect a hearing aid with a hearing loop, seamlessly, unobtrusively, and cost effectively is through a hearing aid that is equipped with a telecoil. We encourage consumers to request a telecoil when they purchase hearing aids. HLAA is promoting access to affordable hearing aids by supporting [national legislation that would provide a tax credit for hearing aids, HR. 1479 and S. 905](#). In our [September/October, 2011 issue of *Hearing Loss Magazine*](#), we talked about ways to find affordable hearing aids: be an educated consumer, learn about the different price points for hearing aids, and by looking at new models of delivering hearing aids, such as unbundling the cost of the services from the cost of the hearing aid itself.

Membership in HLAA is \$20 -- student, \$35 -- individual, \$45 -- couple/family, \$50 -- professional.

Membership includes the award-winning bi-monthly magazine, *Hearing Loss*. Write to HLAA, 7910 Woodmont Ave., Ste. 1200, Bethesda, MD 20814; 301-657-2248 (Voice); 301-657-224 (TTY); 301-913-9413 (Fax) or www.hearingloss.org.
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Within Earshot: News You Need to Know

Ototoxic Drug Research

A class of ototoxic drugs called systemic aminoglycosides was studied to determine how they were able to enter and destroy cochlear hair cells. The result of the study was published in Scientific Reports (16 Nov. 2011) by Hongzhe Li and Peter S. Steyger, under the title of "Systemic aminoglycosides are trafficked via endolymph into cochlear hair cells."

This technical article can be viewed online: <http://www.nature.com/srep/2011/111116/srep00159/full/srep00159.html> . The significance of this finding is that it gives researchers a chance to find a way to block the drugs from reaching the cochlea while still utilizing its life-saving power. Co-author Peter Steyger lost his own hearing due to the use of these drugs to fight life-threatening infection when he was 14 months old. He is currently employed as a researcher at Oregon Hearing Research Center.

Internet Captions Required by FCC

The FCC issued a Report and Order requiring that video programs previously shown on television with captions must be displayed with captions when shown on the Internet.

On Friday, January 13, 2012, TDI eagerly welcomed the long-anticipated news from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) about new rules requiring captions on online television programs using Internet protocol (IP), which will be mostly phased in over the next two years. The Commission's Report & Order also mandates captioning capabilities for many devices that display video programming, regardless of size. These new regulations are part of the 21st Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act (CVAA) signed by President Obama in October 2010.

While the consumer groups were pleased with the overall scope of the bill, there was one weak spot. Video clips excerpted from full-length programs such as many news, sports and entertainment segments are not covered by the Commission's rules, although programming displayed in its entirety but split into segments is covered.

Finally, all physical devices manufactured on or after January 1, 2014 that receive and play back video programming must support captions, including televisions, personal computers, and set-top boxes. Since the 13-inch size threshold is eliminated, smaller devices such as smart phones, tablets, and similar devices will be required to display captions. This will solve concerns from captioning users regarding problems with Blu-Ray players, and other devices that do not support captions on broadcast as well as online video programming.

The full FCC report and order can be found at:

http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2012/db0113/FCC-12-9A1.pdf

Wireless Phone Purchases

There has been much confusion for persons with hearing loss when purchasing wireless phones. At the HLAA Convention in June 2010, the FCC representative confirmed our rights when we have a hearing disability. We have 30 days to try the phone outside the store, with no restocking fee, if the phone does not provide us with adequate hearing. If you are purchasing the phone you must go to the manager if there are any questions, tell them of your rights and of your hearing disability, and write down the manager's name, the date and store location. If it is documented in their system for you and accepted that they will allow the 30 day trial, then you are all set. If they reject your request, and refuse to accommodate this, you should inform the person that you are going to file a complaint with the FCC as soon as you leave the store.

Here is the complaint information. Be sure to include all details mentioned about your experience. It is important for all of us that you follow through with this complaint.

www.fcc.gov/complaints (an online complaint form) or call the FCC Consumer Center at 1-888-225-5322 or write to:

Federal Communications Commission
Consumer Inquiries and Complaints Division
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Association of Medical Professionals with Hearing Losses

Candie Corriher, DVM, AMPHL President

The Association of Medical Professionals with Hearing Losses, abbreviated as “AMPHL,” provides information, promotes advocacy and mentorship, and creates a network for individuals with hearing loss interested in or working in health care fields. AMPHL was founded in 2000 by individuals who recognized the profound need to address issues surrounding their hearing loss as members of health care fields.

AMPHL allows deaf/hard of hearing health care professionals and students to give and receive support from each other regarding obstacles faced and solutions to those challenges. AMPHL also helps educate the colleagues and instructors of deaf/hard of hearing health care professionals and students. Schools, training facilities, media, and other interested parties turn to AMPHL for information and ideas regarding deaf/hard of hearing health care professionals and students.

AMPHL started out with only two professions (physicians and veterinarians) and has since grown to represent twelve professions: Audiologists, Dentists, Fire/Rescue/Emergency Personnel, Nurses, Pharmacists, Physical Therapists, Physician Assistants, Physicians, Podiatrists, Psychologists, Respiratory Therapists, and Veterinarians. New professions continue to be added when leaders for them emerge. Oregon has two chiropractors with hearing loss that AMPHL knows of, and hopes to soon add chiropractors to the list. Oregon is also home to at least several nurses with hearing loss, a deaf psychologist, and a deaf veterinarian.

AMPHL is primarily website-based at www.amphl.org and can also be found on Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter. AMPHL does not have members; rather it has subscribers. Subscribers pay an annual \$25.00 fee to obtain access to the AMPHL Forums message boards and AMPHL’s mentor list (sorted by geographical location and professional specialty).

Approximately every 3 years, AMPHL holds a conference that allows for networking, idea exchange, and socialization. Conference attendees greatly benefit from informative presentations as well as experimenting with various technological devices including stethoscopes. In between conferences, AMPHL representatives will sometimes participate in panels at other deaf/hard of hearing conferences or have informal gatherings at national health care meetings. AMPHL’s most recent conference was held in Portland, OR in August 2011. It was a smashing success, with over 100 in attendance including some from as far away as Australia and New Zealand. AMPHL’s next conference is tentatively being planned for 2013 or 2014 in Austin, TX.

AMPHL’s latest project is trying to create regional or state branches of AMPHL. These branches of AMPHL will be working closely with the Educational Outreach and Mentorship Committee. Those in Oregon who are deaf/hard of hearing medical professionals or medical professional students with hearing loss who would like to be added to our email list to be notified of local gatherings, or who are interested in being mentors or mentees, please email AMPHL at outreach@amphl.org.

Chapter Capers

Salem Chapter: Donald Ladd has retired as secretary and has been replaced by Mary Fagan. Other chapter leaders are Wayne Seely and Cathy Sanders. The auditorium in the Salem library has been equipped with an FM system and ALD's are available for any events taking place there. Future chapter meetings will be held there. Kelly Jacobs is the contact person at the library and can be reached at 503-588-6064 or kjacobs@cityofsalem.net. David Kellog of Salem Audiology will speak about Bluetooth and other technologies for hearing aid and CI users. We also want to learn more about how to connect with our cell phones, TV, and other devices.

Lebanon Chapter: An Open Forum was held in September with the emphasis being upon helping hard-of-hearing persons find jobs. Anthony Montoya from Albany Vocational Rehab was the speaker and did an excellent job in facilitating the discussion. In October, Shirley Albright, the ESD Audiologist for Linn & Benton Counties, showed us how to read our audiograms and additionally talked about a wide range of hard-of-hearing issues including the many benefits of earwax. Another Open Forum was held in November with the emphasis being upon the needs of veterans who have lost their hearing and how and where they can find help. The December meeting was a salad and dessert potluck get-together. Bob Williams brought his music keyboard and they sang a good variety of Christmas songs. He also played some of his arrangements of Christmas songs concluding with "The Hallelujah Chorus." The January meeting was cancelled due to floods. In February representatives from the Lebanon Fire Department and the Lebanon Police Department will talk about the unique needs of hard-of-hearing and lately-deafened people in the area of Emergency Preparedness. Shirley Albright will also participate in what will be a give and take discussion format to help folks learn from each other.

What is your chapter doing? Send your story to the editor at cvlcek@centurytel.net

See pages 14-15 for contact information for these chapters and events.

CI Corner

You or someone you know have just qualified for an implant. What's next? There are some issues to consider. Let's begin with insurance. Most companies will cover the first implant, but getting coverage for a bilateral implant (either simultaneous or sequential) is a bit tougher. Many private companies will cover a second implant. Medicare supposedly does not but a couple of individuals have reported getting coverage, though one was originally informed that Medicare would not cover. The staff on the cochlear implant team is likely to have someone who can assist in the process. Get as much information as you can, then decide carefully how to proceed. According to a CI forum, some people have had problems while others had smooth sailing.

There is also a small risk of complications from surgery. Your implant team will inform you of these risks, what the likelihood is of having various problems, and how to minimize the risks. Vaccinations for meningitis and pneumonia are required. Tinnitus, balance problems, and nerve irritation have been reported, but most of the time these side effects are temporary.

Activation of the current generation of implants is now done two weeks after surgery. Then begins a series of "maps", basically programming the processor to optimize the sound for the recipient. This process is somewhat akin to programming an advanced digital hearing aid. Your audiologist first tests to determine the softest sound you can hear with the implant at various sound frequencies, and that information is stored in the processor. Then you will be tested for the loudest sound at each frequency that you can "comfortably" listen to. This topic will be described in somewhat more detail in the next issue.

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Bios for HLA-OR Board Candidates

Wayne Seely lost some hearing at age 17 due to ototoxic drugs used to treat infection. He became a certified teacher and has a Masters Degree in Rehabilitation Counseling at Syracuse University. He worked for 33 years as a counselor for Deaf and Hard of Hearing with the NY State Office of Voc. Rehabilitation. He joined SHHH in New York state in the early 1980s and served as a local Chapter President, and Chapter Coordinator, then as the NY State SHHH President. He currently serves as treasurer on the board of HLA-OR. He is also the treasurer for HLA Salem. He is currently a member of the board of ATUNE which coordinates services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing through the Independent Living Centers here in Oregon.

Karin Smith had a progressive hearing loss since childhood. She now has a cochlear implant. She is a trained Librarian and obtained two Master degrees at the University of Oregon. She has been involved with HLA-Lane County since the 1990s and has also served on the HLA-OR Board for several years. She joined and led several committees. She has conducted research into a variety of hearing loss topics, participated in the development of resources for the deaf and hard-of-hearing, and advocated for accessibility of emergency services for people with hearing loss.

Sara Weiner-Collier and her twin brother have had a hearing loss since childhood. She enrolled at the Rochester Institute of Technology/National Technical Institute for the Deaf (RIT/NTID) and earned a bachelor's degree in Social Work. Later, she went to Columbia University in New York City, earning a dual masters' degree in Clinical Social Work and Public Health. She served in numerous organizations including the Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing as well as the Oregon Public Health Association - Disability Caucus, and is currently on the Advisory Board for RIT/NTID for the past three years. She has advocated for people with disabilities to get the right accessibilities at hospitals, clinics, and other health institutions.

Kate Seader became profoundly deaf overnight at the age of 18 due to a genetic condition called neurofibromatosis type 2 (NF2). Kate graduated from college with honors and received a Masters degree in ecology. She now lives in Corvallis where she works for the EPA. Kate has applied for entry to a master's program in rehabilitation counseling for the deaf. Contingent upon election to the Board of HLA-OR, Kate's goal is to increase the visibility of the organization through increased advertising and outreach, especially focusing on those with recent hearing loss.

Karen Brockett has had a hearing loss since her mid-teens which has progressed to what is now a severe loss. Currently she is a member of HLAA and a member of Oregon Communication Access Project and a recent member on its board. HLA-OR helped her to full accessibility for attendees with hearing loss at a conference in 2010. She was extremely impressed by the helpfulness and knowledge of the HLA-OR volunteers and now would like to join the board.

Kathryn Eckert-Mason is currently a Deaf and Hard of Hearing Specialist for the State of Oregon, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation Services and has taken on an adjunct faculty position teaching in the Rehabilitation Counselor Education program at Western Oregon University. Kathryn has been hard of hearing since age 5 (due to mumps), is an active hearing aid user, and is fluent in American Sign Language. She has been on the Board of HLA-OR for the past 3 years and was one of the co-chairs of our recently successful Walk 4 Hearing this past fall.

John Hood-Fysh has used hearing assistance since the early 1990s to help him communicate. He was born in Canada and came to the US in the late 1990s to work on the Y2K computer problem. He became a US citizen in August of 2008. He has had numerous positions in business, including technical support, computer programming, inside and outside sales, adult education, technical writing, and web development. He is currently working full time as a type-setter/layout/designer with a Corvallis printing firm.

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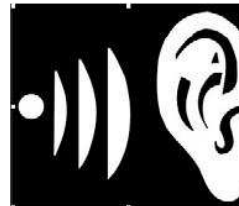
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- *Information about the latest technology*
- *Coping strategies & tips*
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- *Opportunities to share concerns and hear from others*



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.

HLA of Central Oregon (HLACO) meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 6 to 8 PM at the St. Charles Medical Center, 2500 NE Neff Road, Bend, in Conference Room A (by the front entrance).

Contact: Julie Schneider
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HLA of Portland meets the 3rd Tuesday each month (except June, July and August) - 7 PM in the North-South 1st Floor Conference Room, Building #2 of Legacy Good Samaritan Medical Center, 1040 NW 22nd Ave., Portland 97210

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