

THE HEARING LOSS CALIFORNIAN

California State Newsletter of Hearing Loss Association of America
(Formerly Self Help for Hard of Hearing People, Inc.)

Third Annual Walk 4 Hearing Northern California

What a fun and rewarding time was had at the September 21st Walk 4 Hearing! Approximately 250 friends of the Hearing Loss Association and several hearing dogs made the Third Annual Northern California Walk 4 Hearing a smashing success.

We were so pleased to have San Francisco **Supervisor Michela Alioto-Pier** come to our walk, speak to us and cut the ribbon. She is a true friend of people with hearing loss. Alioto-Pier introduced legislation to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors requiring all televisions in the city of San Francisco that are in a public area to display closed captioning while they are on. Enactment of this legislation is a first in the country. "This legislation is about equality for all," says Alioto-Pier. "In waiting rooms, bars and health clubs, people pass the time, get their information and enjoy entertainment from television. People with hearing loss should not be excluded from these activities."

Look at these figures! Can we make it \$1,000,000 in 2009?

- 2006 Walk 4 Hearing, \$304,665
- 2007 Walk 4 Hearing, \$611,721
- 2008 Walk 4 Hearing, \$749,318

We've had walkathons in both the north and south of Californian now, so we are no longer novices. Imagine what we can do next time around!

Here are the final figures on the Third Annual Northern California Walk 4 Hearing. We exceeded our goal of \$45,000 and raised \$46,342.

Top Teams

- Sally and Hadley's Gang, Sally Edwards (\$4,317)
- San Francisco Miracles, Olivia Milward (\$4,285)
- The Rays, Don Ray (\$3,052)

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And a big thank you to those who organized and

conducted another very successful Walk 4

Hearing: Maggie Iller and Pat Parsons, co-chairs; Elizabeth Furber and Lynne Kinsey, co-secretaries; Don Ray and Earl Mizuguchi, co-treasurers; and Raegene Castle, Marilyn Finn, Sally Edwards, Beverly Hawley, Ronda Bonati, Ardeth Greenquist, Bruce Harris, Bern Klein, Olivia Milward, Sister Ann Rooney, Josephine Schallehn, Debbie Sharp, Mary Shafer, Esther Snively, Frank & Roselle Schwartz, Cella Thomas and Bob Zastrow.

Southern Californians, it's our turn now.

Where and when will the

Fourth Annual Walk 4 Hearing be held? Twenty five percent of any money raised will go back to your chapter, so we hope every chapter will participate. Come walk with us.



Cutting the ribbon: Sally Edwards and Supervisor Michela Alioto-Pier.

FOUNDER'S DAY Honoring Rocky Stone

In 1984, Hearing Loss Association of America established **Founder's Day**, the annual celebration of our anniversary to be observed by chapters during the month of November. It is a time to commemorate our beginnings (incorporated November 1979) and our **Founder Rocky Stone**. Founder's Day is a time of gratitude, a time we remember "all our Novembers."

All Chapters making a contribution of \$500 or more will be honored with a **Founder's Day Recognition** at the Awards ceremony at the 2009 HLAA Convention in Nashville, TN. Please make your check out to HLAA – Founder's Day and mail to HLAA, 7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 1200, Bethesda, MD 20814.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

by Mary Clark

Election season is upon us again, and your vote is important to carry on the role of your Board of Trustees. Although there are only three candidates for the three open positions, please submit your vote today.

I was privileged to participate in the **Northern CA Walk 4 Hearing** on September 21, 2008. What a beautiful location, and on such a beautiful day! There must have been about 250 walkers, and more booths and vendors were present than I expected. Congratulations are in order for the team who pulled this event together, and made it one to remember. By last count, the total that was raised was \$46,292.50, which exceeded the goal of \$45,000.

We were honored to have **Supervisor Michela Alioto-Pier** of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors cut the ribbon to start the walk. She was inspiring in her brief talk, and assured the HLA-CA members that she is accessible for any issues needing attention in San Francisco. What more could we ask for? As a wheelchair user, and a political activist for people with disabilities, we could not ask for a better advocate for HLA-CA.

How many of you have kept up with the news out of the national office? Did you know, for example, that there is now an **on line webchat** that features a host with a single topic? We can log on through the **hearingloss.org** website and participate with others around the country to provide input, and learn from others on selected topics. One of the most exciting ones is the newest **discussion group for young adults, called HearingLossNation**. For those of us who have grown up with a hearing loss, we know how special it was to find another young person with a hearing loss. For too many of us, there weren't any others who knew what it was like to walk in our shoes. This is an exciting program being provided by the national office, and hosted by **Patrick Holkins**, who is the cover story in the latest issue of **Hearing Loss Journal**. Do you know someone who has gone through as a student under the guidance of AGBell? These are the young people whom we are trying to reach, so share this information with them.

In my last column, I challenged everyone to **join me in helping raise awareness of hearing loss** by identifying ourselves by saying "I have a hearing loss" and something like "can you repeat that?". How is it going? Have you tried it? I find that at the grocery store or at work, it helps defuse the frustration of missing something. If I say "I am hard of hearing" that presumes that the other person knows what to do about it. If I say "I have a hearing loss" there are no assumptions, and we can follow with what we would like the other person to do. (face me, repeat that, change position so they are not in front of the window, etc.). In addition to all of the efforts and projects that are sponsored by HLAA at the national and state level, we, as individuals can help change the image of our invisible disability one person at a time. If anyone has a story to share from using this approach, I'd love to hear from you. You can contact me at **mclark@hearinglossca.org** or by mail at 6160 Salem Road, Yorba Linda CA 92887.

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CONFERENCE UPDATE

by Mary Clark

With the approval of the Board of Trustees, the state conference committee has decided to cancel the HEAR2009 conference which was scheduled for February 2009. The committee reviewed the status of the conference, and realized that we have not generated the expected revenues required at this point in our timeline. The current economic situation is a big factor, and we must face our current economic realities responsibly.

Since the state conferences held every other year are a primary source of income for the state association, the state board of trustees will be facing a loss of operating funds for the next year or so. In the short term the state Board of Trustees will be focusing on alternative ways of generating revenue so we may continue in our mission to support the chapters in the state. The other part of our plan includes cost cutting and taking a hard look at our current expenses, including the likelihood of remote meetings instead of face to face meetings. While this is a challenge for those with a hearing loss, technology has advanced in recent years. So, we are exploring ways of using remote meeting services to minimize operating costs.

The state association will be tightening its belt. So, please be patient as we postpone some of our programs or projects that were designed to help chapters recruit new members. Your state association is here to support the chapters in California and we remain committed to our strategic objectives of supporting chapters, and growing the membership. Our commitment to the Walk 4 Hearing remains as high as always, and we will be announcing plans for a walk in 2009 soon.

If you would like to contribute to keeping HLA-CA healthy and active and remain a key player of HLAA at the national level, there are things you can do to help.

- Get involved with the fundraisers sponsored either at the state level or by individual chapters
- Get involved with the Walk 4 Hearing whether it is in your part of the state or not.
- As chapters conduct their own fundraisers, you might consider donating a portion to HLA-CA towards the loss of operating funds.

While the economy has created setbacks for many of us, your state association remains committed to supporting all of the chapters in California and in fact, all of those with hearing loss in the state who benefit from the tireless efforts of your board of trustees. The decision to cancel the conference was a difficult one; however, we remain focused on our accountability to each of you. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Helen Keller

Blindness separates us from things but deafness separates us from people.

I am just as deaf as I am blind. The problems of deafness are deeper and more complex, if not more important than those of blindness. Deafness is a much worse misfortune. For it means the loss of the most vital stimulus - the sound of the voice that brings language, sets thoughts astir, and keeps us in the intellectual company of man.



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Aural Rehabilitation for CI Users San Diego

Editor: I just had knee replacement surgery and was amazed by how much physical therapy I got. In the first 5 weeks they came to my house 5 times, and then I went to the clinic 5 times. And I can make an appointment to go to physical therapy whenever necessary. With my Cochlear Implant, I feel I'm pretty much on my own outside of getting mapped once a year. There is one person giving aural rehabilitation classes in San Diego but there is nothing in the Los Angeles area that I know of.

Mellisa Essenburg, M.S., CCC-SLP, a Speech-Language Pathologist who offers Auditory-Verbal Therapy, holds a CI Support Group meeting in San Diego, once a month for one hour. The charge is \$10 per person/couple to help toward the expenses of holding the meetings.

The goal of the group is to provide auditory rehabilitation strategies and information for new cochlear implant users and experienced CI users who would like improved performance from their implant. There are opportunities to share successes and frustrations with implant use, compare progress with other users, and exchange tips and tricks that others have discovered to facilitate use of CIs. This month the group is also attending an orchestra performance to work on music appreciation skills with CIs.

She also offers an adult aural rehabilitation class series. This course will meet once weekly for 4 weeks. The charge is \$25 per person/per class (spouses or practice partners are welcome to accompany the participant for only \$10 per class). Mellisa is in the process of developing a Saturday 3 hour workshop for CI users who do not have the ability to attend therapy sessions on a regular basis or would just like a "jump start" in their listening practice at home.

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Why are there no classes like these in the LA area? Why doesn't House Ear Clinic offer classes like these?

Aural Rehabilitation Itinerant Teachers of the hoh/deaf AG Bell, Sonus, HEARx

As part of Aural Rehabilitation, suggest that your clients/students attend the Hearing Loss Association of America's annual convention, June 18-21, 2009, at Gaylord Opryland Resort, Nashville, Tennessee. See www.hearingloss.org.

What do they gain by going to an HLAA convention—two things

They will realize they are not alone. There will be over 600 people with hearing loss attending this HLAA convention.

Being hard of hearing is a hidden disability. In my real life I do not know a single hard of hearing person. I always feel like I am the only hard of hearing person there. I would be totally isolated and alone without my HLA friends. It's really special

The Hearing Loss Californian to find others with a hearing loss, to be with people who understand what its like to go through your day straining to hear and understand. Being hard of hearing is all pervasive, all consuming. I wake up in the morning thinking about what hearing situations I will encounter during the day. Being hard of hearing is one of my main topics of conversation. It's comforting to talk to other hard of hearing people with the same problems. Hearing people just don't understand.

By going to an HLAA Convention, they will realize that accessible technology is here. For 3-4 days, they can just relax and hear everywhere and everything--workshops, banquets, entertainment. HLAA conventions are 100% accessible to people with hearing loss.

Here is something NEW for young adults to join - an interactive social website - created by **Patrick Holkins**, a senior at Harvard, the **HLAA Young Adults Group**, <http://hearinglossnation.com>. This is an outreach effort aimed at attracting younger people with hearing loss to HLAA. There is no reason why anyone with hearing loss should feel cut off from a community that, in fact, numbers in the millions. Hard of hearing young people will be able to network, seek support and organize events. **Young adults, this is YOUR community. So, personalize, create, post, and upload to your heart's content!**

If your hard of hearing clients / students would like to receive the free State newsletter, *The Hearing Loss Californian* have them send their mailing address / zip to gtiessen@hearinglossca.org and I will add their name to the database OR they can read it on line at <http://www.hearinglossca.org/html/newsletter.htm>.

RESEARCH – Deaf Genetics

Research scientists at UCLA and CSUN are currently recruiting individuals with sensorineural hearing loss since birth for the following study:

- **Study Title: Deaf Genetics Project.**
- **Purpose of Study:** The purpose of this project is to learn how deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals feel about genetic testing for deafness.
- **Eligibility:** No matter if you are the only person or one of many people in your family who is deaf or hard-of-hearing, you may be eligible to participate as long as you have been deaf or hard of hearing since birth or early childhood and are at least 18 years old. We are specifically looking for people with sensorineural hearing loss.
- **Time commitment:** 2-3 visits to any of the following sites: UCLA, California State University Northridge (CSUN), California School for the Deaf Riverside (CSDR), or California School for the Deaf Fremont (CSDF).
- **Anticipated Benefits:** Project findings will enable deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals to receive better genetic services in the future.
- **Free genetic counseling and genetic testing** for 2 genes (Cx26 and Cx30).
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BALLOT - Deadline December 31, 2008

The Hearing Loss Assn-California Nominations Committee is proud to submit the following well-qualified candidates for the Hearing Loss Assn-CA Board of Trustees. The term of office is three years. Successful candidates will begin their term at the February 2009 Board of Trustees meeting. **Please vote for no more than three candidates by entering an "X" in the space next to the candidate's name.** Voting for more than three will invalidate your vote.

Note: Only members in good standing of the Hearing Loss Association of America National organization may vote. Qualification will be based on the list obtained from HLAA National office showing current members as of December 1, 2008. The return address is the only identifier used, so it is important that your return address matches the records of HLAA membership. Family memberships are identified as Mr. and Mrs. or as two names on the membership records from HLAA National. In this case, each member is entitled to vote. If copies of the ballot need to be made, it is the responsibility of the members to make a second copy or print a copy from the on line version of the newsletter available at <http://www.hearinglossca.org>. Return envelopes containing ballots must show the voter's name and address in the return address area of the envelope, but not on the ballot. Envelopes not bearing a return address and/or postmarked after **December 31, 2008** will be considered invalid and will not be counted.

Please send your completed ballot to: **Pat Widman, 28115 Caraway Lane, Santa Clarita, CA 91350.**

_____ **Mary Clark** – Orange County Chapter *Incumbent*

I am running for reelection to the HLA-CA Board of Trustees because I would like the opportunity to continue to work towards the goals that the board has established. I was elected to the board three years ago, but I have been involved with HLAA for about 7 or 8 years. The opportunity to raise awareness of hearing loss issues has never been greater. With the Walk4Hearing, we have a completely new vehicle to help promote our organization and achieve a national presence that is so sorely needed. At the local level, every chapter deserves to have the support they need to become a resource in their area, to help those who need to find a place where they are accepted, and to join others with hearing loss as we educate, advocate for and support our members. The role of the state Board of Trustees is to assist chapters in whatever ways they need, along with maintaining a presence at the state level with other hearing loss agencies, organizations, and at the legislative level in Sacramento. I look forward to serving you, if you elect me to the board. I appreciate your vote.

_____ **Marilyn Finn** – San Francisco Chapter *Incumbent*

I am your immediate past president. Being president was an amazing opportunity, an honor that I treasure. My current board position is Advocacy/Legislative Chair. This committee is your liaison between the board and what is happening for hard of hearing people statewide and in the nation.

Just prior to retiring I served for three and a half years on the staff at HLAA (then SHHH) in Bethesda, Maryland as Chapter Development Coordinator. My job was supporting the 250 chapters and growing more. I appointed and supported the 47 state chapter coordinators around the country. We hosted an annual leadership training weekend for chapter leaders, sponsored by AT&T, which I coordinated. I was proud to travel to chapters throughout the ten regions, to put together a State Coordinators Day at our national conventions, to write chapter pages for each *Hearing Loss Journal*, and to put out a newsletter for chapter leaders four times a year.

I see a crop of new people emerging into our leadership positions and am excited about what the years ahead hold for us. If re-elected, I look forward to representing you and to being a part of the excitement and changes coming in the future.

_____ **Grace Tiessen** – San Fernando Chapter *Incumbent*

In 2001-03 I was President of Hearing Loss Association of California. I am the editor of the California state newsletter, *The Hearing Loss Californian*, and the webmaster for the California State Website.

In 2003, I received the Keystone Award, the highest award given by HLAA National.

I was featured in the Summer 2008 **Kaiser Permanente Outlook** in the article, *Thriving with Hearing Loss*. This was distributed to 600,000 Kaiser members in California.

My hearing loss has given me an interesting problem to solve - how to make everyone aware of how many of us have this invisible disability, and how to make the real world truly accessible to hard of hearing people.

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For Parents

Independently Merging Parents Association of California (IMPACT)

Parent group focused on securing the best for children regardless of methodology,
<http://www.deafkids.org>

Hands and Voices

Similar approach as IMPACT but nation wide <http://www.handsandvoice.org>

For Youth

HLAA Young Adults Group

Interactive social website
<http://hearinglossnation.com>

Training and Advocacy Group (TAG), Los Angeles

A self-advocacy group for deaf/hard of hearing children and teens.
<http://www.tagkids.us>

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Clinics

The HEAR Center, Pasadena since 1954

Audiology, Hearing therapy, Speech pathology, Community outreach, hearing aid dispensing. All ages,
<http://www.hearcenter.org>, 626-796-2016

House Ear Institute

213-483-4431, <http://www.hei.org>
 Research on hearing loss and vestibular disorders. Cochlear implant services.

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Pediatric hearing loss, free services world wide
<http://www.johntracyclinic.org>,
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Oberkotter Foundation

Pediatric hearing loss, free materials, oral schools
<http://www.oraldeafed.org>

Financial Aid

Audient Alliance

<http://audientalliance.org>, 206-838-7194

Let them Hear Foundation, Palo Alto

650-462-3143, <http://www.letthemhear.org>

Captioned movies

Regal Entertainment Group, twice a day,
 7/365

www.regmovies.com/ticketsandshowtimes/

Mann Theatres

<http://www.manntheatres.com/movies/dtsaccess.php>

Rear Window Captioned Films.

ncam.wgbh.org/mopix/nowshowing.html

Fomdi, Captioned Films by zip code search.

<http://www.fomdi.com>

Career Counseling and Employment

Careers

GLAD/EDD

GLAD/Employment Development Department

<http://www.gladinc.org>

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Vocational Rehabilitation provides service

for clients who meet eligibility requirements. Assistance with hearing aids and devices may be provided to clients who need such devices to secure or retain employment. <http://www.dor.ca.gov>

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Free Telephones (CTAP)

<http://www.ddtp.org/ctap>

How to get Real Time Captioning

Captioning for workshops, lectures, courts

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Captioning at College

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Assistance Dogs for hard of hearing / deaf

Canine Companions for Independence

<http://www.cci.org> 800-572-2275

Sam Simon Foundation

Rescues and trains assistance dogs for the deaf and hard of hearing
<http://www.samsimonfoundation.com>,
 310-457-5898

Other Resources

Lip reading classes

hearinglossca.org/html/lipreading.htm

Aural Rehabilitation Group for CIs,

San Diego

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www.SanDiegoSpeechPathology.com

www.auditoryverbaltherapy.blogspot.com

Hearing Aids 101

Information about all brands of hearing aids.

<http://www.hearingaids101.com>

Better Hearing Institute

Educates the public and medical profession on hearing loss, its treatment and prevention, 202-449-1100,
<http://www.betterhearing.org>

Living and Coping with Hearing Loss by

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Hearing Loss Network & Web, San Diego

<http://www.hearinglossnetwork.org>

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Deafness in Disguise

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<http://beckerehibits.wustl.edu/did>



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