



Program Meetings:

Saturday, May 11, 2013 10AM - 12PM
Saturday, June 8, 2013 10AM - 12PM

Committee Meetings:

TBD

All are welcome to attend our Committee meetings. Please contact Claudia or Bonnie for more information and specific meeting dates.

Steering Committee:

Co-Leaders: Bonnie Adams, Claudia Herczog

Treasurer: Carol M. Smith

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Directions to Wood Glen Hall 3010 Foothill Road

- From 101 take the Mission Street exit and drive east toward the mountains.
- Travel four blocks, and turn left onto State Street.
- Drive about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile to the first light at Alamar Avenue.
- Turn right and drive about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to Foothill Road. Go through the traffic light, Wood Glen is the first building on the right.
- See below parking tips..

Parking Tips

- Come early to give yourself time to park and get comfortable.
- Think green & carpool if you can.
- Call Easy Lift at 681-1181 in advance for transportation. Rides cost about \$7 round-trip.
- Parking in the parking lot is reserved for disabled only. Please park in disabled or visitor parking spots.
- Parking on the street has no time limits.

HLASB Chapter Meeting Saturday, May 11

Tri-County GLAD

10AM - 12PM at Wood Glen Hall Library

3010 Foothill Road, Santa Barbara

Please join us for our May meeting with Tri-County GLAD (TCGLAD), a subsidiary of the Greater Los Angeles Agency on Deafness, Inc (GLAD). Our meeting will be led by Christina Montero, a Community Advocate of TCGLAD, which services the Ventura, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo counties. They are located in Ventura.

TCGLAD provides Advocacy, Communication Access, Peer Counseling, Employment Development, Information and Referrals, Independent Living Skills and Community Education services for the deaf and hard of hearing community. They also do community outreach by being a liaison between the community and organizations; providing social gatherings, hosting booths at events and fairs and expanding service to traditionally neglected areas.

Christina will share with us all that the TCGLAD has to offer the Hard-of-

Hearing in our community. As we continue our outreach efforts to help more people in our community with a hearing loss, it makes sense for us to understand what various programs already exist and what they offer, so we can effectively point people in the right directions for help.

TCGLAD offers some amazing, free Communication Education Workshops, Parent Workshops, and Mental Health Workshops every month.

Learning to live with a hearing loss is challenging, as we all know. And knowing the resources available to all of us and others in our community is an important step to taking control of our lives and helping ourselves and each other, to live the best possible life we can.

Our meeting will be captioned and light snacks and refreshments will be available.
See you on May 11

Looping Santa Barbara

•Otojoy is starting a priority list of Santa Barbara venues we, the hard-of-hearing community, would like to see looped. This is an opportunity for your voice to be heard from the comforts of your own home. Please take a few minutes to fill out their brief survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/sbloops>

Our Looping Santa Barbara efforts are continuing with the following updates:

•We have contacted the Santa Barbara Zoo regarding looping their new Discov-

ery Pavilion, which is currently under construction and slated to be completed next year. Communication with them has started.

•Efforts are under way to get the Ensemble Theatre on board with looping. Some of you may have signed the petition at the April meeting.

•The Carpinteria Library is very interested in looping their utility room, which they are looking to renovate in the near future with a grant.

Join HLAA

Membership of our national organization is \$35 annually for an individual (\$95 for three years and \$140 for five years). You will receive 6 issues of Hearing Loss Magazine, Information, support, & access to a network of many other hard of hearing (HOH) individuals. Please remember you are not alone. <http://www.hearingloss.org/content/join>

CTAP

California Telephone Access Program (CTAP) Field Office is at the Independent Living Resource Center at 423 West Victoria on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of every month between 9-12 and 1-3. (805) 963-0595. No appointment needed. Visit CTAP website for an application [http://ddtp.cpuc.ca.gov/uploadedFiles/New_Navigation_Structure/Applications/EnglishCertForm\(1\).pdf](http://ddtp.cpuc.ca.gov/uploadedFiles/New_Navigation_Structure/Applications/EnglishCertForm(1).pdf) or pick one up at our monthly chapter meeting.

HLA/SB Fundraising Programs

iGive.com: Join iGive and turn your shopping & searching into donations for Hearing Loss Association of Santa Barbara. It's free to join.

Ink Cartridge Recycle Program:

Bring your used ink cartridges to our monthly meetings and Bonnie Adams will recycle them at Staples for \$2 store credit to help buy needed chapter supplies.

HLAA Convention 2013

June 27-30 2012

Portland, Oregon

Oregon Convention Center

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

How to reach us

For further information about our chapter, please contact one of our co leaders:

Claudia: 684-2788 / czog16@gmail.com

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Monthly Newsletter

To receive this newsletter by email, provide suggestions or comments, or to submit an article for inclusion, please contact: Cherie Alvarez at chalvarez@cox.net.

HLASB Member Profile

- Name-** Cherie Alvarez
- How severe is your hearing loss?** Profound
- What device(s) do you use for hearing?** Cochlear implants
- How long have you had a hearing loss?** 25 years
- What type of hearing loss do you have?** Progressive
- Hearing Loss Cause?** Hereditary/ Congenital Hearing Loss
- How long have you been a member of the HLAA/HLASB?** HLAA since 2006, HLASB since 2010
- How did you first get involved with HLASB?** I somehow ended up on Anne Szymanski email listing for HLASB newsletter (we have no idea how). After 3-4 years of receiving them, I inquired about the meetings. I connected with her in the summer of 2010. She "retired" before I attended my first meeting.
- What is an advantage of your hearing loss?** I've come to enjoy the ability to turn on the silence whenever I want to.
- What is the most challenging aspect of your hearing loss?** Noisy environments and understanding the TV.
- Can you hear on the phones? If not, how do you compensate?** I can now hear on the phone. Prior I used my husband and relay via AIM (AOL chat). I had a hard time with the captioned phone. Maybe a mental thing. I still don't like the phones even though I can hear pretty good on it. Not perfect. But it's not my friend.
- What is your favorite hearing assistant device or gadget?** My CI portable cable. It allows me to listen to music on my cell phone or computer. Love it!
- What kind of work do you do or did you do (if retired)?** Accounting
- Where did you grow up?** Santa Barbara
- Where is your favorite place to be?** In our RV, parked on the Rincon RV Parkway next to the beach.
- In my spare time?** I enjoy playing "computer" games with friends via my iPhone and going on mini RV trips.
- My hobbies are...?** Biking with my family and reading (including listening to books on tape in my car).
- One of my short term goals is?** To attend the HLAA Convention. I'll be attending in June, so almost have this one off my list.
- One of my long term goals is?** To create scrapbooks, with my daughters. We have thousands of pictures of them since birth.
- Favorite quote, saying, or motto?** Happiness is not something ready made. It comes from your own actions.
Dalai Lama



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Join Our Yahoo Discussion Group

<http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/HLAA-SB/>

Tax Deductible Donation

We are a non profit 501(c)(3) organization and all donations to our chapter are tax deductible. We must rely on the generosity of our Chapter members to provide the kind of support that you all deserve. You can mail donations to our treasurer

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