



Have you Heard?

HLAA-SBC.org

Next Chapter Meeting

Saturday, May 10
Communication Strategies
10am - 12pm
Wood Glen Hall Library
3010 Foothill Road
Santa Barbara, Ca 93105

Our presentation for May will be a chapter lead presentation on communication strategies for both the hearing impaired and those that communicate with the hearing impaired. An open discussion will follow to share member's challenges and successes in resolving communication barriers.

Light refreshments will be available. Our meeting room is looped and our meetings are captioned.

Directions to Wood Glen Hall

- From the 101, take the Mission Street exit and drive east toward the mountains.
- Travel four blocks, and turn left onto State Street.
- Drive about ¾ of a mile to the first light at Alamar Avenue.
- Turn right and drive about ½ mile to Foothill Road. Go through the traffic light, Wood Glen is the first building on the right.

Please use street parking, unless you are disabled. Use the right side of the parking lot or the disabled parking spot when using Wood Glen Hall parking lot.

Our Chapter

Steering Committee:

President: Cherie Alvarez
Vice-President: Jazmin Kildare
Treasurer: Mary Kohler
Secretary: Claire Sanford, Nan Cisney
Past President: Claudia Herczog

Committees:

Hospitality: Claire Sanford
Advocacy: Helen Caldwell
Literature: Claudia Herczog
Communication: Cherie Alvarez, Jazmin Kildare
Membership: Bonnie Adams

Meeting Survey:

After our meetings, please take a few moments to complete our new meeting survey. We are in the process of planning our 2014/15 program and we would like your suggestions for meeting topics.

Contact Information:

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Annual Elections

Chapter Elections

Hearing Loss Association of America, Santa Barbara Chapter has two Steering Committee positions open for nominations.

These positions began on July 1, 2014 for a two-year term. If you would like to join your chapter Steering Committee, please see the enclosed Annual Election Notice for more information regarding these roles and how to submit your candidacy.

Submission deadline is **Monday, May 19, 2014.**

Help Needed

Newsletter Editor: We are in need of someone to help organize the monthly newsletter with articles written by the Steering Committee.
 # of hours: About 6 a month.

Calendar Coordinator: If you have computer experience, we need someone to input our monthly meeting notices into various online media calendars or send emails to various media outlets for inclusion in their printed calendar.
 # of hours: About 3 a month.

Falling down is part of life, getting back up is living.

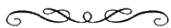
HLAA-SBC is affiliated with the Hearing Loss Association of America, an international organization dedicated to opening the world of communication to people with hearing loss by providing information, education, support and advocacy. We are a non-profit and non-sectarian.

Future Technology

Stem cell research continues to make some pretty impressive progress. This article talks about how Cochlear Implants could be used to deliver gene therapy to the cochlea to help re-grow auditory nerves. <http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2014/04/140423143011.htm>

The future of hearing aids just continues to look better and better. Hearing Aid manufactures and Bluetooth Special Interest Groups are teaming up to find ways to get hearing aids to communicate directly with Bluetooth, rather than through an ASL device. <http://www.hear-it.org/New-Bluetooth-technology-for-hearing-aids-on-the-way>

Cochlear Implant technology is also looking to take big leaps into the future with no exterior hardware. Instead, future implants could use your ear to get sound to your internal device, which would be recharged wirelessly. <http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2014/02/140209152452.htm>



Future Meetings

June 14:: Betsy Randle: CapTel Caption Phones. This is our last meeting before the summer break. We will have our annual potluck after Betsy's presentation. You are invited to bring a favorite food, dish or snack to share. Coffee and water will be provided.

July & August:

No meetings - have a wonderful summer break

HLAA National and State News

HLAA National Convention

The annual HLAA Convention is from June 26-29 in Austin, Tx. There's still time to register if you are considering attending. Registration can be completed at the HLAA Online Portal

<https://17291.thankyou4caring.org/sslpage.aspx?pid=291>

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You'll know you're supporting HLAA because you'll see AmazonSmile in the left corner of your screen and **Supporting:** Hearing Loss Association of America, Inc next to it.

This is a very easy way to support the HLAA!!

Misc Info

CTAP

California Telephone Access Program (CTAP) Field Office

Where: Independent Living Resource Center at 423 West Victoria

When: 2nd & 4th Wednesday of every month

Time: 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.

Fundraising Programs

iGive.com– Hearing Loss Association of Santa Barbara.

Ink Cartridge Recycle Program:

Bring your used ink cartridges to our monthly meetings .

Tax Deductible Donation

We are a non profit 501(3)(C) organization and all donations to our chapter are tax deductible. You can mail donations to:

HLAA, Santa Barbara Chapter
c/o Mary Kohler
PO Box 91
Carpinteria, CA 93014

Or make PayPal donation via our website. <http://hlaa-sbc.org/donate/>

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Facebook: [Hearing Loss Association of America, Santa Barbara Chapter .](#)

Website: <http://HLAA-SBC.org>

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



2014 Annual Election Notice

The following Steering Committee positions for the Hearing Loss Association of America, Santa Barbara Chapter are now open for nominations. Steering committee members provide leadership for the chapter; assist and work closely with committee members; and identify goals, objectives, and resulting projects for the chapter.

All Steering Committee members must hold an HLAA membership. If you are not a national member, you can join at <http://hearingloss.org/content/join>. Steering Committee members are elected to serve a two year term, with the possibility of one consecutive re-election. The below positions began on July 1, 2013.

Please submit your candidacy interest to Cherie Alvarez via email at CherieA@hlaa-sbc.org or call 684-2010. Submission deadline is Monday, May 19.

Secretary

Role

The secretary's primary responsibility is to take notes (the minutes) of our bi-monthly Steering Committee meetings. This role also assists with member correspondences, including thank you and welcome letters.

Responsibilities

- Record the proceedings of meetings so that there can be no questions as to what action was taken. If required, prepare copies for distribution.
- Call the meeting to order in the absence of the president and vice president, and preside until a chair pro tem is appointed.
- Distribute minutes, agenda, and other announcements as requested.
- Attend to all routine correspondences of the affiliate.

Board Member

Role

The general board member attends all bi-monthly Steering Committee Meetings, votes on issues requiring a vote, and assists other Steering Committee members when needed.

Responsibilities

- Attend bi-monthly board meetings.
- Attend monthly chapter meeting.
- Assist other Steering Committee Members, when needed.