



Have you Heard?

HLAA-SBC.org

Next Chapter Meeting

Saturday, September 13
10am - 12pm
Share your story
Wood Glen Hall Library
3010 Foothill Road
Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Our first meeting of the 2014/15 program year will start with a meet & greet style round table. Attendees are invited to tell their story, share their experiences, thoughts, problems, and solutions as they relate to hearing loss. Do you have questions, this is the perfect opportunity to ask them. Our meeting will be led by Jazmin Kildare, who will share her hearing loss journey.

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

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 $\frac{3}{4}$ 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.

Please use street parking, unless you are disabled. When using the parking lot, park on the right side or in the disabled parking spot.

HLAA National and State News

The HLAA Public Policy and Advocacy Agenda is now completed. These ten key goals and outcomes is a guide for all of us-chapters, states and national- as we work as one organization to make hearing loss an issue of national (and local) concern.

- ◇ Policy makers and the public recognize that hearing is critical to healthy living and that hearing loss impacts all aspects of life. As such, hearing health care providers are knowledgeable about hearing loss and hearing health care is included in all aspects of health screening and health maintenance.
- ◇ Hearing aids, cochlear implants and aural rehabilitation are affordable and accessible, and covered by the Medicare, Affordable Care Act, and third-party payers.
- ◇ Affordable and accessible hearing health care along with appropriate consumer choice, education and transparency is provided to all who need it.
- ◇ Public and private venues, including all types of public transportation are communication accessible through technology such as hearing loops, FM, infrared, captioning and other technologies.
- ◇ All education and entertainment media (television, Internet video programming, and movies) meet the highest quality captioning and audio quality standards that en-

sure equal access, full understanding and enjoyment by consumers.

- ◇ Consumers have comprehensive choice and access to captioned and hearing-aid-compatible (HAC), high-fidelity, landline phones and mobile devices.
- ◇ Consumers are actively involved in the design and development of emerging hearing assistive technology.
- ◇ Hearing assistive technology (HAT) products are compatible and interoperable regardless of brands through open-source wireless technology.
- ◇ Emergency preparedness communication systems are accessible for people with hearing loss and first responders are knowledgeable about the needs of persons with hearing loss.
- ◇ Workplaces are communication accessible and welcoming to people with hearing loss.

Webinars

September 17, 5-6pm PST: Federal Relay Services and Solutions for Functional Equivalency in the Workplace.

October 15, -6pm PST: Untreated Hearing Loss: Effects on Physical, Cognitive, and Social Well Being

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

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Future Meetings

October 11, 2014:

We will be hosting an Open House for our October meeting at the Davis Center, 1232 De La Vina Street. We will have three short presentations on HLAA, Home Looping, and Assistant Technology. There will be six information booths including Integrate (Loop Installer), Donna Faith Audiology, CapTel (Captioned Phones), Let's Loop Santa Barbara, HLAA Santa Barbara Chapter, and a Harris Communication demo table.

Flyers will be available at our September chapter meeting.

November 8: Advanced Bionics

December 13: Holiday Social

Become a Loop Volunteer

The Let's Loop Santa Barbara (LLSB) Campaign's mission is to obtain equal access for individuals with hearing loss by promoting the usage of hearing loop technology. The campaign has been running strong for the last 16 months with 26 venues, between Goleta and Carpinteria, now accessible with a Hearing Loop.

However, to keep this equal access movement going, the campaign is in need of volunteers.

If you benefit from hearing loops and would like to insure that current loops are working and continue to operate correctly, consider becoming a Loop Checker. In this role, you would carry out loop

checks on venues in our community and complete an evaluation of the systems, as it pertains to your visit.

If you would like to see additional venues looped in our community, consider being a volunteer loop advocate, working directly with Kase Martis, Hearing Loop Advocate and lead for the Let's Loop Santa Barbara campaign. In this role, you would reach out to venues in our community where looping would be beneficial and encourage them to become Hearing Loop accessible.

Contact Kase at:

info@loopsantabarbara.org

LLSB Website:

www.loopsantabarbara.org

CTAP & Chapter Information

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.

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

Fundraising Programs

iGive.com – Hearing Loss Association of Santa Barbara.

Ink Cartridge Recycle Program: Bring your used ink cartridges to our monthly meetings.

Chapter Information

Steering Committee

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