



Have you Heard?

HLAA-SBC.org

Next Chapter Meeting

Saturday, November 8
10am - 12pm
Advanced Bionics
Wood Glen Hall
3010 Foothill Road
Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Meghan Crimmins, AuD., CCC-A, Cochlear Implant Consumer Specialist for Advanced Bionics will be giving a presentation on cochlear implants and on Advanced Bionics' technology and products.

Cochlear Implants are the next step for those that are profoundly deaf or severely hard-of-hearing due to sensorineural loss.

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 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. When using the parking lot, park on the right side or in the disabled parking spot.

Chapter News

Open House: Our Open House on Saturday, October 11th was a huge success. We estimate about 80-85 people attended.

A lot of effort went into making this event happen – securing the Davis Center and insuring we had access to all the necessary equipment; working with our exhibitors, sponsors and various media outlets; advertising our open house at the Senior Expo; creating our flyer and advertising ads; mailing & posting our flyers around town; organizing and buying all the foods and drinks; and setting up and cleaning the hall.

Thank you to the following people for their proactive participation and support, without them this event would not have been possible- Mary & Don Kohler, Claire & Nick Sanford, Claudia Herczog, Jazmin Kildare, Anne Szymanski, Nancy Van Antwerp, Helen Caldwell, & Cherie Alvarez.

A special thank you to our sponsors and exhibitors for participating in and supporting our first Open House. You made this event worth attending and helped make it successful – Ryan Enoch (Integrate), Jo Black (Independent Living Resource Center/Let's Loop Santa Barbara), Betsy Randle (CapTel), Kendra Polucha (CTAP), and Harris Communications for loaning us their demo kit for free.

Plans have already started for next year's Open House. If you attended this year's event, we would love to hear your thoughts about it; good and bad. While we felt the event turned out great for our first time, we definitely know there is room for improvement.



Mayor's Awards Breakfast: The 10th Annual Mayor's Award Breakfast was held at the Cabrillo Art's Center on October 15. The event recognizes businesses that have made progress in the employment of persons with disabilities. This year's event honor three businesses:

Employment/Accommodation Award went to **DuPont Displays** (Cherie Alvarez's employer).

Design/Accessibility Award went to the **Lobero Theatre**.

Mayor's Award for Outstanding Effort went to **Otojoy**.

The keynote speaker for this event was Cherie Alvarez, our Chapter President. You can read the Santa Barbara News-Press article about this event at the below link:

<http://loopsantabarbara.org/media.html>



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 Meetings

December 13: Holiday Social with a possible short presentation by CaptionCall on their new cellphone app.

January 10 : Hearing Aids 101 - Tentative presentation.

February 14: Traveling Tips - Tentative presentation.

If you have a presentation suggestion, please share your ideas with us at our chapter meeting or by email at info@hlaa-sbc.org.

**It was ability that mattered,
not disability, which is a word
I'm not crazy about using.**

Marlee Matlin

HAAA National and State News

HAAA Celebrating 35 Years

Hearing Loss Association of America will be 35 years old this November. They are planning a year-long celebration of events and activities across the country to celebrate 35 years of success and promote a national public awareness campaign about hearing loss. Information will be shared in the Hearing Loss Magazine. To support the HAAA and your local chapter, become a registered member today.

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

HAAA Awards Nominations:

2015 HAAA awards, given out every year at the annual convention, are now open for nominations. Those nominated must be HAAA members. Forms are due December 5.

<http://www.hearingloss.org/content/hlaa-awards-program>

Webinars

November 19, 5 -6pm PST:

A Tale of Two Ears. Dr. Rob Jackler will provide a broad overview of the state-of-the-art in the bioscience and technology of hearing loss with an emphasis upon emerging new methods of treatment and promising lines of research which may lead to new cures

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

Transcripts of past webinars can be found here.

<http://www.hearingloss.org/online-community/webinars/transcripts-replay-webinars>



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.

How to follow us

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

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

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:

HAAA, 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

President: Cherie Alvarez

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