



CHAPTER MEETING

Saturday, June 11

10:00am - 12:00pm

Wood Glen Hall

3010 Foothill Road, Santa Barbara*

~~Chapter Planning, Board Elections and Committee Sign-ups~~



- We need your help planning next year's chapter activities, particularly the frequency of our chapter meetings.
- We will have elections for two open board roles, Vice President, Secretary and up to 3 board member. If you are interested in joining our board, please attend this meeting.
- Volunteers are needed to keep our chapter active. We will have sign-ups for members to join various committees that will keep our chapter running and help us advance our mission statement. Advance. Please see the next page for more information.



Meetings are open to the community and supported by **Hearing Loop System** and **CART**



HLAA, Santa Barbara is the local chapter of the Hearing Loss Association of America whose mission is to open the world of communication through education, advocacy and support.

We host monthly education and support meetings on the second Saturday of the month at 10 am at Wood Glen Hall in Santa Barbara (except July & August). For more information or support between meetings, contact 805-563-1097, email: info@hlaa-sbc.org, or visit our website at www.hlaa-sbc.org.

* **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.



www.hearingloss.org

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-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.

Chapter Committees/Teams

As discussed at our May Chapter meeting, our chapter is at a critical turning point. We need new board members to keep our chapter operating, and additional volunteers to continue offering 10 monthly chapter meetings per year and to advance our outreach efforts.

I have been our chapter President for 3 years, we operated last year without a Vice President, and our current secretary position ends on June 30. Our treasurer has been on our board for six years. We have had the same people leading our chapter for the last three years, some for much longer than that. It is time for a change.

We are in need of fresh ideas and new volunteers to keep our chapter vibrant. To help determine our path forward, our June chapter meeting will be dedicated to planning and volunteer sign-ups.

If you are not able to attend our June meeting, but you are interested in volunteering in some way, please email me at CherieA@hlaa-sbc.org or call 805-684-2010 by June 25 so I can include you on our final listings. No effort is too small. Your talents and services will be used in a way that best suits you, your availability, and your comfort level.

For our committees, we would

like to have 2-3 core members, who will work together to reach the committee's goals, and we'd like to have several support members who can help based on their time, talents, and interest. If you would like to help a committee, but have limited time to offer, a support member could be a good option for you.

Proposed Committees:

Chapter Meetings: This committee will be responsible for choosing meeting topics and obtaining speakers.

Communications: This committee will lead efforts to better communicate with our members and the general public through our chapter newsletter, our website, Facebook, email news blasts, etc.

Senior Expo: This committee will lead our annual table at the Senior Expo, which will be on Wednesday, October 5. Members will pick a theme, decide what information will be distributed, and help staff the event.

Driver Communication Card: This committee will work together to determine path forward on educating the public on the driver card, picking places to have the cards available and distributing the cards.

Audiologist/Hearing Aid Dispenser Kits: This committee will create a new patient information kit which will include useful information for new hearing loss patients. This committee will decide what information to include in the kit, work with local Audiologists and Hearing Aid dispenser to introduce the kit and encourage them to share with their patients. Help will be needed to order material and put the kits together.

Hospital Kits: This committee will work with Cottage Hospital to introduce the hospital kit and drive its implementation, including funding for the kits. We have an existing kit to start working with and a contact within Cottage Hospital.

Restaurant Friendly Committee: Our restaurants are loud. Can we encourage restaurants to offer a "quiet" night or designated "quiet" areas in their restaurants. Should we test restaurants. Should we sound test restaurants to determine those that would be considered "hearing friendly" and start a listing to share on our website? Should we educate restaurants about the dangers of loud noise? This committee will explore these questions and determine if this is something for our chapter should get involved in.

Volunteers don't necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.

Moving our Chapter Forward

Dear Fellow Members,

I highly encourage everyone to attend this important chapter planning meeting, if you can. Even if you are not able to volunteer, at this time, we would like your input, thoughts and ideas to help us with the decisions we need to make. Decisions that will impact our chapter.

This will not be a volunteer pressure session. I completely understand that we all give of our time and do what we can, when we can; and there are many reasons why people volunteer or are

not able to volunteer.

My goal is to make sure everyone is aware of where we are and the level of support that is needed to keep our chapter active, so you can make an informed decision on whether you are able and interested in volunteering and to what extent.

I enjoy being part of our chapter and being the President has been a very rewarding experience. I want to stay actively involved in our chapter, but I am ready for someone else to take the lead as our chapter President

or if two people would like to co-lead.

I will do what I can to help our chapter through some needed changes. I am willing to help each committee over the next few months to get them started. I want to see our chapter continue to grow. If you have the time and are interested in being involved, I hope you will join our board or a committee.

I look forward to seeing you on June 11.

Thanks,

Cherie

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

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To file a compliant or compliment

Phone: (805) 882-3912

Email: captioning_complaints@keyt.com

Website:

<http://www.keyt.com/about/closed-captioning>

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

Fundraising Programs

iGive.com— Hearing Loss Association of Santa Barbara.

Ink Cartridge Recycle Program: Bring your used ink cartridges to our monthly meet-

Chapter Information

Steering Committee

President: Cherie Alvarez

Vice-President: Claudia Herczog

Treasurer: Mary Kohler

Secretary: Claire Sanford

Contact Information

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