

# Hear & Now

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A Publication of the Adult Loss Of Hearing Association, Inc.  
Hearing Education Advocacy Rehabilitation



*BETTER  
NEW YEAR !*

**CLASSES, ETC.**

(Optional: Members get discounts on selected classes)

## **Beginning & Intermediate Sign Language Classes *Taking Requests***

Cost: \$50 Member  
\$75 Non-member

## **Speech Reading Class: *Class in Spring Taking Names Now!***

Instruction combines lip-reading and environmental strategies.

Cost: \$50 member  
\$75 non-member  
\$25 spouse

**Assistive Device Demos:**  
**by appointment only.** Listening and signaling devices demonstrated. None for sale, but a vendor list is available. Also, loop demos.

**Peer Support Meetings:**  
Weekly, on **Tuesdays, 1 to 2 PM.**  
Loop amplification.  
Friendly discussions and info shared about hearing aids, assistive devices, inductive looping, etc.

**Office Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**  
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday  
(Closed Mon., Fri., & weekends)

## *Membership has its Privileges Also a Duty*

Sending your dues every January ensures you will receive the newsletters which contain information that can help you cope with your hearing loss. In addition, you get a discount on sign language and speech reading classes.

The *duty* of paying dues is another matter. These dollars support services to you and to others who need the help. ALOHA is the only organization in Southern Arizona to give low-cost or no-cost help to hard of hearing people.

Please help stuff ALOHA's mailbox with your renewal or new membership. If you have already paid — **THANK YOU!**

### ***Testimonial from a Member:***

ALOHA has become an important part of my life. The support group meetings on Tuesdays at 1:00p.m. are upbeat, reassuring and informative. The format is informal and warm so that everyone attending feels comfortable participating. Those who prefer to listen and learn are made to feel equally welcome. The meeting room has inductive looping, which enables all of us, no matter the degree of hearing loss, to enjoy the discussions.

At ALOHA, I learned about the assistive devices that help me to interact with others and enjoy social gatherings and performances. The classes in speech reading taught me how to communicate more effectively with others; currently, I am enrolled in a sign language class. ALOHA is an invaluable resource for all of us...one that can make a significant difference for anyone living with hearing loss.

***Dixie Nixon***

## **MEETINGS**

Desert Cochlear Connections Group  
At ALOHA 4001 E. Fort Lowell

**January 30 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**Program:** Lisa Furr will be speaking at the Desert Cochlear Connections meeting on January 30th. Lisa will share information from the Arizona Relay Service concerning the latest Cap Tel 800i phone and newest communication technology.

**Call or E-mail for the future dates**  
**795-9887 info@alohaaz.org**

Cochlear implant information, DVD's, etc. can be borrowed.

**New:** Cochlear Americas donated a practice program of sounds, words, sentences, music. It is installed on two ALOHA computers. Call ahead and come in to try it!

**Cart Transcription:** Paid for by HAMILTON RELAY. **Thank You!**

**NOTE** Donations needed to continue to provide CART transcription for Cochlear meetings. \$150 per 2-hour session, but any amount appreciated!

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**Tuesday Support Group, February 9th, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.**

As above, Lisa Furr from Hamilton Relay/ Arizona Relay Service, will tell us about the new Cap-Tel 800i phone. With this kind of communication, the Internet is used.

She will also answer any questions about regular Cap-Tel phone service. A Cap-Tel is for people who have difficulty hearing even when using an amplified telephone.

## **GREEN VALLEY** **ALOHA SUPPORT** **GROUP:**

MEETING: February 1 10:00 a.m. to noon at La Posada

At this February meeting we will be sharing our hearing loss journeys with each other. In addition, we will discuss our hearing aids, what kind we have, where we got them and who our hearing aid dispenser or audiologist is/was. This will be a free exchange of information among ourselves with the idea that we can better appreciate each other and what we all have gone through. For those who have not yet gotten hearing aids, there should be some good product feedback to help you make that important decision of whom to see when the time comes, and what hearing instrument to buy and with which features.

March 1st Speaker—Green Valley Today our guest speaker is **Ronald R. Brill**, a noted speaker and author of the book "**Emotional Honesty and Self-Acceptance: Education Strategies for Preventing Violence**". He has conducted workshops for seniors in Green Valley over the past few years, including "The Challenge of Intolerance," "Coping with Aging/ Retirement Stress" and "Senior Life Comedy". His topic today is "**The Relationship Between Senior Emotional Health and Hearing loss**".

Note: For those who received a questionnaire, please return to Mr. Brill as soon as possible. rbrill3@cox.net

**To find out about future meetings, you may call Mary 648-1266 or call Louis (Lou) 625-9536**

They meet at La Posada in Green Valley, usually on the 1st Monday of the month. Loop amplification is provided.

## A Primer on Charitable Giving

By Sally Hart, J.D., M.B.T.

The world is suffering an economic downturn just now, which has brought the unmet needs of many people into sharper focus. Some of those needs are met by charitable organizations such as ALOHA, whose work is supported by financial gifts from concerned individuals. This article is the first of a series in *Hear & Now* that will describe a variety of tools for charitable giving by people who would like to help.

There are many different ways in which individuals can make charitable donations. Congress encourages people to make donations to support their favorite charities by tax incentives that lessen, or in some cases eliminate, the financial burden on the individual.

The first and simplest kind of donation is an immediate gift of money or property. A second way to donate is to leave money by a will that is effective upon the death of the donor. Somewhat more complicated is a gift of money or property to charity through a trust established by the donor; trusts can be established during lifetime—called “intervivos”, or at death by will—called “testamentary”. A fourth and less common way of gifting is through naming the charity as the beneficiary of life insurance, an IRA, or an interest in property such as joint tenancy, life estate, or remainder interest. Finally, there are several sophisticated vehicles for charitable gifting such as the charitable remainder trust that have been given special income and estate tax advantages.

In subsequent issues of *Hear & Now* these vehicles for charitable giving will be described in turn. We will point out the particular advantages and the tax treatment of each of these kinds of charitable donations.

Please contact Loretta Butler at ALOHA (795-9887) if you are interested in information about charitable giving that is directed to your personal situation. We can also refer you to an attorney who is knowledgeable in this area of practice.

*Thank you for the Donations!*

Donation In Honor of Kay Tate  
Marguerite Carmichael  
Lenore Pille  
Alyce Gatchell  
Dal “Ike” Eisenbraun  
Sally Hart  
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Pat Clinch  
Gwynda Downing  
Ann Alden  
Adobe Hearing Center  
Ray Hollingsworth

**New Business Member: Clarity Hearing Aid Center, Jill Klein 219-1151**

## **ALOHA Annual Meeting — November 21, 2009, 11:40 a.m.**

The purpose of the annual meeting is to elect board members and answer questions about the organization as requested by general membership.

Members elected to serve on the board: Bruce Stewart, Dede Wilpizeski, Sally Hart, Joy Newman. Cynthia Amerman was nominated from the floor, and then approved.

### **Questions and comments from the general membership:**

Discussion: the state of ALOHA's By-laws and nondiscriminatory policies. A By-laws committee is to be appointed at the January 2010 board meeting.

A member asked about the financial condition of the organization: Treasurer Don Poore reported that ALOHA recently had to dip into the savings account, since no golf tournament was held in 2009, which in the past allowed the organization to run without utilizing saving account funds. Don said a golf event would be held in the fall of 2010. Other fundraising ideas: A December letter to members asking for early renewal of membership dues, and the possibility to hold a "walk" to raise funds.

## **ALOHA Open House, November 21, 2009**

Wine and cheese and snacks donated by the board of directors lent comfortable ambiance for the public in which to view and try the new Pignatelli Assistive Listening Media Center products. Funding for the center was donated by James and Dyan Pignatelli and they were present for the dedication. A plaque is now displayed in the center commemorating their donation.

Door prizes were given to people who came to the event. Photos were taken by volunteer Allen Smith and an Arizona Daily Star photographer. A reporter from the Star followed up with an interview with Pam Wood, vice-president of the board. The published article resulted in dozens of inquiries from the public for demonstrations of the inductive looping and other assistive devices. The people who came for the demonstrations were amazed (no exaggeration) at how they experienced clearer hearing with the help of assistive technology using an inductive loop system or other devices.

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**NOTICE:** Over the past year or so we have added many names to our mailing list as *temps* or as *complimentary*. Many people had signed up at health fairs ALOHA went to. Because of the high cost of printing and mailing we need to downsize our mailing list of non-payers.

**We ask, can you please pay membership to support the effort of ALOHA?** Alternatively, anyone on our list can receive the newsletter by pdf e-mail.

**ALOHA Office Room for Rent:** This room is ideal for a small type business. It is 135 sq. foot. Inquire at 795-9887.

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- Pamela Wood, Vice President
- Don Poore, Treasurer
- Louis Touchette
- Dede Wilpizeski
- Dale Henson
- Patricia Clinch
- Kimberly Dale
- Sally Hart
- Joy Newman
- Cynthia Amerman

- Loretta Butler, Office Director

**Office Hours: 10 AM to 5 PM, Tues. - Thurs.**

**Please call in advance to confirm hours.  
Thanks!**

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Let's Loop Tucson & Arizona!