



A PUBLICATION OF THE ADULT LOSS OF HEARING ASSOCIATION

# Hear & Now

**November 2010**

Living Well with  
Hearing Loss  
Workshops:

Two **free** workshops in  
Tucson and Green Valley  
**Upcoming:**  
January 2011

Green Valley:  
Date to be determined  
Tucson:  
Date to be determined

The 2 –3 hour workshop  
topic will be *Medical/  
Surgical Approach to  
Hearing Loss.*

Cochlear and Baha  
Surgical implants.  
A panel discussion by  
hearing specialist,  
surgeons, and recipients of  
the devices.

**You need to contact  
ALOHA to make a  
reservation.  
795-9887  
Info@alohaaz.org**

*Funded by Arizona  
Community Foundation.*

## ALOHA ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION OF BOARD

**Date: Tuesday, November 16th, 6:00 pm**  
**Place: ALOHA**  
**4001 E. Fort Lowell Road**

Candidates:  
Kathryn “Kasey” Hope  
Emily Pollock  
Patrick Holkins

See their bios inside, page 4 !

Discussion will center on the status of  
ALOHA, financial and otherwise.

Refreshments!

***Typically, not many members come to  
The annual meeting. Surprise us!***

### 2010 OTICON FOCUS ON PEOPLE AWARDS HONORS LOUIS TOUCHETTE OF GREEN VALLEY

The 2010 Oticon Focus on People Awards is a national competition that recognizes individuals who are helping to eliminate negative stereotypes of what it means to have a hearing loss. ALOHA’s own Lou Touchette was selected as winner in the Advocacy Category. Lou was nominated by Fran Harris, PhD, Clinical Assistant Professor at the U of A, Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences Department. Congratulations, Lou and thank you for your hard work!

**CLASSES, ETC.**  
Beginning & Intermediate  
Sign Language Classes and  
Speech Reading Class:

\$50 Member  
\$75 non-Member

***Taking Requests  
795-9887***

**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.

**NEW! Inductive Loop  
Class: Free.** November 18,  
10 am to noon (at ALOHA)

**Office Hours: 10 a.m. to  
5 p.m. Tue ,Wed & Thur**

**Changed your  
Email?**

Please let us know.

# MEETINGS

## Desert Cochlear Connections Group

At ALOHA 4001 E. Fort Lowell

**November 20th, (Saturday)  
11:00 am to 1:00**

Contact ALOHA: info@alohaaz.org. or phone 795-9887. You can also give your contact information to be notified for meetings.

### **Future CI Meetings:**

**November 20th. 11:00 am. to 1:00 pm.  
None for December.**

*Announcement: We seek a facilitator for this group for next year. Sue Vardon, after six years, needs to pass the baton to someone else, and November will be her last meeting. Thank you, Sue, for your dedication. You will be missed at these meetings!*

***If you know of a funder to pay for CART transcription, please let us know!***



## Visit our Tuesday Support Group

You are invited to come to a peer support meeting . The meetings are open to the public **every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Free!**

***You will be surprised how much you learn at these meetings—and have fun at the same time.***

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## **Hearing Aid Bank Needs Donations:**

Bring used hearing aids to ALOHA, or call UA Speech and Hearing Clinic at 621-7070. The aids are refurbished and given to low-income seniors in Pima County.

# GREEN VALLEY ALOHA SUPPORT GROUP:

Contact Ben Cleveland 399-2219 if you need help with hearing issues in the Green Valley area. All meetings are held at La Posada.

## Green Valley Meeting Dates —10 am

**December 6th—Christmas Potluck and White Elephant gift exchange.**

**January 3rd —** Guest speaker Andrea L. Hardy, M.A., CCC will talk about hearing loss with general discussion about amplification. She is clinic manager at SoundPoint Audiology in Green Valley.

**February 7th —**Guest speaker Joy Newman, a member of the ALOHA Board and “Governor of Midtown Sertoma of Tucson, will speak on Sertoma Club’s mission of “Service to Mankind”. The Primary focus is assisting the more than 50 million people with hearing health issues and educating the public on them.

Programs for March, April and May to be determined.



**Hearing Matters:** Janis Gasch, Au.D. of Arizona Hearing Specialists hosts this continuing weekly segment every Sunday from 2:00 to 3:00 pm on radio station 1030 on AM dial. Call in your questions during the show: 790-2040. Or, If you would like to be interviewed, call Janis Gasch at (520) 399-7665.

**Movie Captioning:** The Foothills Mall theater shows movies with rear-window captioning. To know what is playing/ captioned call direct to 742-5050. You need to borrow the viewing device from the box office.

## 2010 ALOHA & TUCSON DOWNTOWN SERTOMA GOLF TOURNAMENT SPONSORS

Thank you, sponsors, golfers, volunteers, and the golf committee ( Don Poore and Tom Sawyer) for making the 2010 golf tournament a success!

**MAJOR SPONSORS:** Hamilton Relay (Arizona Relay Service) and Jack Furrier's Western Tire and Auto Care

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### Welcome to New Members Since July, 2010

Raymond & Charlotte Frank  
Christopher Powell  
Frank & Sandra Hallenbeck  
Jean Dock

Michael Byers  
Eugene Eckert  
Ted Kading

Virginia Salzman  
Neil Dale  
James McCarr

### Thank you for the Donations! (since July, 2010)

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### 21st Century Communications & Video Accessibility Act of 2010

President Obama recently signed this Act into law. The law requires the telecommunications industry to: Make getting to the Internet easier by improving user interfaces on smart phones; Provide audible descriptions of on-screen action to help the blind more fully enjoy television; Add captions to online TV programming to help the deaf; Make the equipment used for Internet telephone calls compatible with hearing aids; Add a button or other switch to television remote controls for simpler access to closed captioning.



**In Memory of: Chuck Ford**, a long-time friend and member of ALOHA passed away in September. He had served on the ALOHA board in the past, and also was very active in local Sertoma Clubs and was a Life Member of Sertoma. His volunteer effort helped many people. We send our sincere condolences to his wife Bessie, and to their children.

## **ALOHA BOARD CANDIDATE BIOS**

### **Emily Pollock:**

I am a native Tucsonan with three grown children.

My past board experience includes: Planned Parenthood of Southern Arizona (3 yrs), Angel Charity (10 yrs), Tucson AIDS Project/Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (10 yrs), and Arizona Theatre Company (6 yrs). I've also been the secretary of my HOA for 25+ years. To be honest, I haven't been on anything for the past few years as hearing has been too much of a "handicap" and I feel I miss too much.

I work part time, swim for exercise and quilt for fun.

### **Kathryn "Kasey" Hope:**

I am a second year graduate student in the University of Arizona's Audiology program. I have been involved in the *Living with Hearing Loss* classes and young adult rehabilitation programs through the U of A's audiology clinic. I enjoy teaching others about hearing loss and the many ways of improving communication. I think that ALOHA provides a wonderful service to the Tucson community and as a 5th generation Tucsonan I want to help keep these wonderful services available! I look forward to working with ALOHA and the community to help improve the communication needs of those with hearing loss.

### **Patrick Holkins:**

Currently I am a law student at University of Arizona. I have hearing loss. My interest in joining the board is to coordinate with ALOHA to form a group for young adults with hearing loss. Approximate ages for this group would be 18 to 35. If you know someone in this age group who would be interested in a social and peer support club for young adults with hearing loss, please let ALOHA know.



### **Enforcement of the Arizona Telecoil Law**

Michele Michaels, Hard of Hearing Specialist at Arizona Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing, answered a question we had about enforcement of the telecoil law. She reports:

1. When we discover it the first time (usually by virtue of a complaint investigation) we will cite the deficiency and receive back a plan of correction. When we discover a second time (on the same licensee) we do the same thing but add a civil money penalty (CMP) of \$250, third time gets the same but the CMP is \$500, and if we see it again after then the CMP goes up to \$500 per client they had seen since the last time we cited them and we take a more drastic action such as a revocation or suspension or restriction on practice, etc.
2. The law is being enforced but only as the violation of the law has become discovered on a case-by-case basis. Michele can be reached at 1-800-352-8161.

***Editor: If you were not told about telecoil and its uses when purchasing hearing aids, please report it!***

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

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

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