

# Hear & Now

March 2011

## FREE WORKSHOPS

**Better Communication in a Hearing World: coping and communication strategies for those with hearing loss and their families.**

**Thursday, March 24th**

1:00-4:30 pm in the La Perla Bldg/El Dorado Room on La Posada Campus in Green Valley

**Saturday, March 26th  
10 am to 1:30 pm**

UA Dept. of Speech, Language & Hearing Bldg. (1131 E. 2nd Street)

## **RSVP & Information:**

Contact ALOHA at (520) 795-9887 or e-mail [info@alohaaz.org](mailto:info@alohaaz.org)

Presented by ALOHA & the University of Arizona Dept. of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences, and funded in part by the Arizona Community Foundation.

**Space is limited for these workshops. Must RSVP !!**

## **Happy Anniversary ALOHA! 27th Year**

### WHAT'S NEW?

During the past year, ALOHA added the following activities or projects:

+Hear @ Tucson Young Adult Group

+Six free workshops (2 more in March)

+Collaboration with UA Speech, Language & Hearing Sciences Department

+Contact with VA Audiology Dept. for future collaborative effort.

+ALOHA Sierra Vista support group (new this year)

+ALOHA Book Exchange (bring a book, take a book)

The people who receive services at ALOHA often say how much they appreciate the organization and the good it does for people with hearing loss. The sharing of information with others in the same boat helps tremendously.

ALOHA can continue to provide services as long as the community supports its effort.

**Please make ALOHA your choice for a giving opportunity!**

### **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.** Contact ALOHA to be placed on list for future class.

**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

**When: Saturday, April 9th, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm (tentative, see below)**  
**Where: ALOHA 4001 E. Fort Lowell**

Due to the Cochlear Connections meeting being held late during February, there will be no meeting for March. The agenda has yet to be determined, but will be announced in the e-mail reminder. If you have a topic related to Cochlear Implants that you wish to see covered and discussed in future meetings, please email Jim Sipchen at JJS5977@hotmail.com

To be automatically notified of meetings. Call ALOHA 795-9887 or info@alohaaz.org

***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! Friendly conversational format.***

(We seek a volunteer to type at these weekly meetings)



Free Inductive Loop Instruction Class

“Loupin’ Lou” Touchette offers a class of basic instruction on inductive loop installation for homes or small areas. They are held in the ALOHA conference room. Call or e-mail ALOHA to be placed on the list to be notified of the next class date.

## 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  
**April 4th Guest Speaker**

Ben Cleveland will facilitate. We will be sharing our hearing loss journeys with each other. We will discuss 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. As usual, an audiologist will be present to answer your questions.

**May 6th Guest Speaker**

Reclaim your phone—and your life! Having difficulty hearing on the telephone? **Ron Moe** will explain the new “CaptionCall” telephone. This state-of-the-art yet surprisingly simple device features a large, easy-to-read screen that displays written captions of what your callers are saying. That means you can get more from your conversations—and from life.



Hearing Aid Bank Needs Donations:

Bring used hearing aids to ALOHA, or call Joy Newman from Midtown Sertoma Club of Tucson at 743-0124. Sertoma can arrange to pick up the hearing aids. The hearing aids are refurbished and given to low-income seniors in Pima County.

## La Posada Unveils Something Different

The La Posada Retirement campus in Green Valley is adding 15 new homes (ultimately 35). During construction, inductive loop wiring will be embedded in the floors, particularly in the great room and in the master bedroom. Buyers of these homes would then only need to purchase an amplifier and attach the loop wire and connect the amplifier to their TV.

Lou Touchette, ALOHA member and volunteer for the "Let's Loop" project encouraged La Posada to do the wiring. Bill Viner, owner of Pepper Viner Homes made it his quest to be the first home builder in the nation to include inductive loops in all homes he builds.

We hope other builders take heed !

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## ACDHH to Hold Conference in Tucson

Arizona Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing will hold a visioning conference in Tucson on Saturday, March 19th, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The purpose of this session is to gain feedback from Arizonans about ACDHH and its programming. To RSVP go to <http://www.eventbrite.com/event/1250950627>, or contact ACDHH at (602) 542-3323 V or 602-364-0990 TTY. Place of Conference: University of Arizona Bio 5 Institute, 1657 E. Helen St.

**Editor: Make your needs known !**

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## East Valley Sertoma 23rd Annual Golf Classic

This event will benefit several programs of importance to hard of hearing people.

When: Saturday, May 7th, 2011. Check-in 6:30 to 7:00 am Shotgun 7:30 am

Where: Superstition Springs Golf Club, 6542 E. Baseline Rd, Mesa, AZ 85206

[www.superstitionspringsgc.com](http://www.superstitionspringsgc.com)

Fee: \$100/person Mail to: Brenda Allen, All Points Meetings & Incentives, LLC, 2040 S. Alma School Road, Suite 1—PMB 421, Chandler, AZ 85286 (480-607-3980)

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## Handi-Dogs has New Brochures

We received Handi-Dogs' new brochures....pick one up! They teach you to train a dog you choose to assist you in various disabilities, including hearing loss. Positive reinforcement training methods are used based on rewarding good behavior and understanding dog language & behavior. The center is located at 75 S. Montego Drive in Tucson. Phone: 326-3412 Website: [www.handi-dogs.org](http://www.handi-dogs.org)



*Condolences to Jose Cintron on the passing of his wife Yvonne. They had been members of ALOHA since 1989.*

*Condolences to the Stewart Family on the passing of Jennifer's mother. They are long-time members of ALOHA, and Bruce serves on the board of directors.*

## Officers of the Board of Director

At the January meeting of the ALOHA board, the following officers were elected:

Ben Cleveland, President                      Pamela Wood, Vice-president  
Bruce Stewart, Treasurer                      Patricia Clinch, Secretary

We welcome Ben Cleveland as the new president of the board. Bruce Stewart had served many years in that position. The board thanked Don Poore for his many years serving as treasurer.

## ALOHA BOOK EXCHANGE—*New!*



One member's idea became reality fast. It was found our members and friends of ALOHA love to read. Attendees at support group donated towards a bookcase, another volunteer donated another bookcase, and a third bookcase is promised. Members brought in bags of books to get it started. The way it works is you bring a book and take a book in exchange. No signing books in or out. The back room on the SE side of the building is the Book Exchange Library. It's open during office hours, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 10 am. to 4:30 pm. Anyone can participate. During spring cleaning if you find books you want to donate, that would be appreciated—fiction or nonfiction.



Welcome to New Members !  
(since January)

Margaret Garaway                      Arthur Langeloh                      Giraffe Hearing, Inc.  
Dennis & Geraldine Murano                      Tommy Richardson                      James & Erika Sipchen

Thank You For the Donations!  
(January & February)

Lew Harris	Pat Clinch	Don Poore	Dale Henson
Bruce Stewart	Raytheon Employee	Helga Small	Melody Weber
Robert Mitchell	Rodric Himebaugh	Giraffe Hearing	Don Sawyer
John & Laura Hoelzel	Jerome Holder	Robert Maddox	Julia Kent
Nancy Mahoney	City of Tucson ECAP	Loretta Butler	Clifton Wilson
Charles Spencer	Sally Hart	John & Dorothy Lohr	Anonymous
Tucson Rincon Lions Club	NOTE: Mrs. Hoelzel doubled her donation thru Macy's Foundation		

## ***NEW!! SIERRA VISTA ALOHA***

Karl Hallsten, a new member of ALOHA who lives in Sierra Vista, has started a support group there. They had their first meeting March 7th. They will meet first Monday of each month from 11:00 am to noon at the SVRHC Wellness Depot in the Sierra Vista Mall near Sears. The room will be looped for use with telecoils.

The e-mail contact for the Sierra Vista ALOHA support group is:  
SierraVistaALOHA@gmail.com  
See flyer at [www.alohaaz.org](http://www.alohaaz.org)

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- 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**