

# Hear & Now

July 2011



## **ALOHA Book Exchange**

We call it —“*Bring a Book, Take a Book*”

Time to stock up on some summer reading —better than TV re-runs? And what else can we do in this blazing weather?

We now have three bookcases, two are nearly filled.

Thanks to support group people for donating the first bookcase, and to Allen Smith and Margaret Garaway for donating the other two.

And thanks to readers who brought in books.

The library is down the hall in the last room, the southeast room of the ALOHA building. A color poster points the way.

**Happy Reading!**

## **New ALOHA/Sertoma Golf Event**

We have made a major change in the format of the tournament in order to allow more golfers to play and to allow more individuals to be supporters. It will be called:

### **ALOHA/Sertoma \$15K, 100 Putt Golf Tournament**

Each player will be allowed 100 putts and will be competing to see how many holes he or she can make. To raise funds for ALOHA, each player will solicit individuals to “sponsor” them by agreeing to pay the golfer for each hole they make. The amount per hole will be decided by each individual sponsor. It can be \$1, \$2, \$5, or as little as 25-cents per hole.

As most of you know, this is ALOHA’s only fundraiser and is critical for the successful, ongoing operation of our/your organization. So, when you are asked to support one of our golfers, be sure to participate. We sincerely need and appreciate your help.

The tournament will be held in cooperation with the Downtown Sertoma Club.

The final date of the tournament will be decided soon, as well as the golf course to be used.

Don Poore, ALOHA  
Tom Sawyer, Sertoma

**PLEASE HELP ALOHA !!!**

### **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 the list for a 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

**On Summer Break, until fall. Call ALOHA 795-9887 if you have questions. We also have informational materials about Cochlear Implant you can view or borrow.**

. 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  
At ALOHA Conference Room

Our support group attendance has expanded and we added another table for our “round table” discussions. **every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Free!**

You will be surprised by the number of topics that are discussed. You ask a question, and you’ll get at least one answer and likely more. We are a real savvy bunch of folks.

Join us and see for yourself!



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 to be announced

**On Summer Break Until Fall**

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## **SIERRA VISTA ALOHA SUPPORT GROUP:**

We are happy to announce meetings started in Sierra Vista to help hard of hearing people learn about options to help them.

Contact Karl Hallsten by e-mail at SierraVistaALOHA@gmail.com He facilitates the group. Or call ALOHA 795-9887 to get in touch with him.



The Hearing Aid Bank Needs Donations:

Bring used hearing aids to ALOHA, or call John Masunas 730-7965 for pick-up. The hearing aids are refurbished and given to low-income seniors in Pima County.

ALOHA Accepts Used Assistive Devices.

If you have hearing or alerting assistive devices you no longer use, but are in good, clean condition, we might be able to use them in our demonstration room. If not, we find a good home for them! You would be given a donation receipt for tax purposes. These donations are much appreciated!

## You Can Help Spread the Word

Member, George Ghorpade (and Rover) thought of a solution to distribute the ALOHA brochures to hearing care offices. The next time you visit your audiology office, take a supply of the brochures. The high cost of mailing packets of brochures is a strain on the ALOHA budget.

PS: to all the hearing care offices that receive this newsletter: You may also stop by any Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday 10 to 5:00 to pick up brochures.

Thank you one and all to help the hard of hearing public learn of services available to them!

In Addition: George (and Rover) visited two banks in June. He took ALOHA's portable counter loop with him to demonstrate loop technology that can be used at bank teller windows and cubicles. The bank management personnel were very polite and interested in the portable loop as a way to better connect with their customers. George also noted there was no signage to welcome service animals. He pointed out this lack and then had Rover give a demonstration of how he helps George.

***Ed Note: What George did was ADVOCACY at its best! !! You can do it too, and George hopes you will do likewise.***

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## Health Fair Committee Update

Charles Spencer, Chair of the ALOHA Health Fair Committee, held two meetings in the past two months. The last was a training meeting to impart ideas of how to handle a booth at a health fair on behalf of ALOHA. This is another way to promote ALOHA services to the public. No date is set for the next meeting, but if you can help with this project, please e-mail [info@alohaaz.org](mailto:info@alohaaz.org), or call 795-9887 and we will get word to Charles.

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## Assistive Technology Demonstrations

Did you know you can try various devices in ALOHA's assistive device center. No sales, no pressure to buy because we don't sell the devices. The only **requirement** is to call or e-mail for an appointment day and time. Hours for demo are **11:00 am. to 3:00 pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday**. Appointments usually take 1/2 to 1-hour, depending upon how many devices you want to try.

**New products:** There is a set-up now with 3 captioning telephones: Cap-Tel 800, Cap-Tel 800i, and CaptionCall. The 800i and the CaptionCall require high speed internet at your home. The captioning service is free, paid for in part by a tax on our phone bills.

We have a new amplified phone called a Geemarc Ampli 500. It also has speakerphone option., and amplifies to 50 db. This product is one of the choices the state loan program gives out to hard of hearing people.

Some time in July we will get more telephone products to try: Cordless phones with answering machine capability, also in the 50 db range. **So, make an appointment !**

## New Appointees to Board of Directors

We welcome new directors to the ALOHA board, appointed in May!

S. "George" Ghorpade, Ph.D. (Metallurgic Engineer, retired)

Frances Harris, Ph.D., CCC-A, CCC-SLP (UA Dept. of Speech, Language & Hearing Sciences)

## International Loop Conference

Members Lou Touchette and Cynthia Amerman attended this conference in Washington DC in June. It was a two-day event and they connected with many people there who strive to further the project of "Let's Loop America!" They learned a lot and will be sharing their experiences and what they learned for months to come. *(See Page 5 and 6 for a compelling letter of advocacy for looping, written by composer Richard Einhorn. To see his letter on-line go to [www.alohaaz.org](http://www.alohaaz.org) "Let's Loop Tucson"*

## Courtroom Accommodation

Hard of Hearing or Deaf people called to serve jury duty must have assistive accommodation provided by the court. This can be Infra-Red or other listening devices, CART (real-time) captioning), or sign language interpreting. The same rule applies if you need to appear for a court case or deposition. It is up to the individual with hearing loss to request the services ahead of time.

Welcome to New Members !

(since March)

Beth Cegavske  
Karen Liptak  
Gwen Perrin  
Alice Hoyler  
Richard Cordero

Maggie Covert  
Phyllis & Sam Turner  
William Simon  
Shirley & Dominic Conventino  
DeLoss (Sam) Main

Kenneth Lange  
Maureen Luikart  
Betty Hickman  
Elizabeth Booth  
Eric & Yvonne Huth

Thank You For the Donations!

(Since March)

Noreen Temple  
Lou Touchette  
Eugene Eckert

Kenneth Lange  
Frances Harris  
Phyllis & Sam Turner

Ruth Elaine Berry  
Maureen Luikart  
Network for Good

Sam Main  
Cavell Bair  
So. AZ CFC

Midtown Sertoma Club of Tucson  
Episcopal Church of St. Francis in the Valley  
Harry & Marjorie Stewart Foundation  
City of Tucson ECAP

Tucson Uptown Sertoma Club of Tucson  
Little Chapel of All Nations  
Raytheon Charitable Giving (employee)  
Oro Valley United Church



## ***Condolences...***

Long-time member and contributor, Gene Ringbauer, passed away in June. Condolences to his family and friends.

Roger Touchette, younger brother of member Lou Touchette, passed away in June after a long illness. Condolences to Lou and Family.

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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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