



A PUBLICATION OF THE ADULT LOSS OF HEARING ASSOCIATION

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January 2012

NEW!

**First Tuesdays Seminars
(Free) at ALOHA**
February 7th
March 6th
(see details inside)

Home Loop Class
How to install in home.
January 19th 1:00 pm
(free) **RSVP**

**Desert Cochlear
Connections Meeting**
Saturday, January 21st ,
11:00 am
(see inside)

ALOHA Golf Event
This event has been
postponed until March.

Ads in Newsletter
Aloha accepts ads related to hearing loss issues as a means to inform, educate, and publicize products and services available to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community. ALOHA does not endorse any product or service advertised herein. Advertisers assume full liability for the content of ads.

HAPPY NEW YEAR !

Thanks to generous donations from members and others, ALOHA can continue to operate and provide services. It is hoped the March Golf Event will provide the income to see us through 2012.

Also income from the Leaf Car Raffle has helped. **Big Thanks** to all who bought tickets, or sold them for ALOHA! There are still tickets available at ALOHA—get yours! Ask your friends to buy them. **\$25 each, or 5 for \$100.** The drawing is in April. Thanks to Jim Click Automotive for this great funding opportunity!

A Platinum Giving plaque is displayed in the center room of ALOHA. People who give \$1,000 or more, get their name on this plaque. Thank you to those donors!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!

January of each year is renewal time for everyone. We appreciate promptness which saves on postage and paper when we do not have to send you a personal plea to pay your dues.

New members who joined after July of 2011, do not have to pay for 2012.

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. Learn how to install in your home. **Free** to members

**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

Meetings are held the 3rd Saturday of each month September thru May

Date: Saturday, January 21st

Time: 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Dr. Abraham Jacob, neurotologist at the new Arizona Ear Institute at UMC, and his audiologist, Stephanie Adamovich, will give a presentation about cochlear implant, with question & answer period. (see flyer)

.IMPORTANT: To be automatically notified about these meetings. Call ALOHA 795-9887 or info@alohaaz.org (e-mail notification is best way)

If you know of a funder to pay for CART transcription, please let us know! Cost is \$150 per 2-hour session.

Visit our Tucson Support Group

We meet throughout the year. The meetings are open to the public **every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Free!**

You will learn lots about hearing issues, including assistive devices, hearing aids, and coping strategies. And leave with a smile!

SIERRA VISTA ALOHA SUPPORT GROUP:

Karl Hallsten facilitates these meetings held monthly. To Contact Karl, e-mail him at SierraVistaALOHA@gmail.com, or contact ALOHA 795-9887 to get in touch with him for the date and place of the meeting.

Do you know someone who lives in the Sierra Vista area that is hard of hearing? Please tell them about these special meetings.

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 first Monday of the month at the La Posada Recreation Room., 10 am to Noon.**

Green Valley Meeting Dates.

February 6th Reclaim your phone and your life! Heather Schroeder and Cameron Tingey from the CaptionCall company will explain the new telephone. It has a large easy-to-read screen and displays written captions of what your callers are saying. These phones are free to order through ALOHA. ALOHA receives an award for each installation.

March 5th: A presentation by Dr. Janis Wolfe Gasch, Au.D.: "Developments in Hearing HealthCare in Southern Arizona and Its Implications to You"

April 2nd: Lisa Furr from Arizona Relay Service will explain the Cap-Tel telephone and the relay service. The phone allows folks to read what is being said on a digital display screen.

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 made available to low-income seniors in Pima County at nominal cost.

Recycle Hearing Aid Batteries

At ALOHA!

See the green can on top of the sign-in lectern.

Free unused batteries available on table in conference room...all sizes.

Report of Annual Meeting, November 19, 2011

(summary of official meeting notes)

Elected to Board of Directors: Pamela Wood, George Ghorpade, Dale Henson and Karl Hallsten were elected to serve 3-year terms by unanimous vote. Officers of the board will be selected at the mid January meeting.

Interim president, George Ghorpade, expressed hope that we will be able to increase our membership, raise more funds, and increase interest in ALOHA services. George has lined up speakers for monthly First Tuesdays meetings. Treasurer Bruce Stewart noted expenses are stable, but we need to raise an additional \$12,000 per year in operating funds to balance our budget.

Fundraising was discussed:

Leaf Raffle Ticket sales until April.

Golf Event in March

Grant search for renovations/expansion—feasibility of a larger conference room.

Plan: Set up an advisory committee of former board members to advise on specific projects.

Welcome to New Members:

Betty Baldwin	Donald & Jeanne Wells	Frank Pilmar
Patricia Macdonald	Michael Eckert	La Posada, Green Valley, Paul Ide
Premier Hearing Center (2 officers in Tucson)		Aubrey McMullen

Donations Since July:

Patricia Tolley	Marjorie Roper	William Elser
Network for Good	City of Tucson ECAP(member)	Antionette
Don & Barbara Poore	Ernest & Jo Ann Sayre	George Ghorpade
Helga Small	Maurice Bratt	Elizabeth Raff
Dal (Ike) Eisenbraun	Frances Harris	Oro Valley Audiology
Lenore Pille	Margalit Zur-Potts	Ann de Alva
Rosemary Berg	Mary Davenport	Sorenson Communications
Rosalie Ballard	Charles Spencer	Jan Stephenson
Nancy Mahoney	Lou Touchette	Tucson Ear, Nose Throat
Chile Pepper Club	Mike Byers	Patricia Clinch
Clarity Hearing Care	Donald & Jane Cowell	Patricia Brown
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Donations in Memory of Deborah Gabry:

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Mary Gerson & Family	Jill & Lou Lachter Family	Myra & Steve Pressman
Kim Mann	Kathleen Jeffries	Jason Navon
Rosemary Sokas	Melanie Yerman	Jeremy Kahn
Kevin Cummins	Sherry Tropin	Nikki Blacksmith

Captioned Phones & Amplified Phones

By now, many of you know about ALOHA's assistive device center, where you can try products first before considering buying them from a company. In the telephone category we have:

Geemarc amplified phone (has 50 db gain) and is free from the state for Arizona residents.

Fanstel amplified phone

Clarity Professional XL 45 amplified

Clarity Cordless amplified phone

Captioned Phones:

Cap-Tel 800 (free for residents of Arizona)

Cap-Tel 800i (Internet connection required)

CaptionCall (Internet connection required) Free currently from CaptionCall.

Call for an appointment to try all the phones, as well as other devices to help you hear better. Demonstrations are during office hours Tuesday thru Thursday 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Living Well with Hearing Loss Groups: Three classes of 3 sessions each. Start dates: January 26, February 23, March 22. Contact 520-621-7070. Held at the University of Arizona Hearing Clinic, 1131 E. 2nd Street. Directions will be provided. Cost is \$75 for 3-week block (Price includes your communication partner)

Put Arizona on the Map — Who's Looped?

Randy Collins from NAU is putting together an on-line map that will show which public venues in Arizona have inductive looping installed. A loop enables a hard of hearing person to hear better in meetings, lectures, etc. The map is a work in progress. See AT4AZ.org — which stands for "assistive technology for Arizona".

This is a great idea! When you visit a place that has inductive looping, you can ask to add it to the list. As Randy says: "It is a group effort". Arizona is one of the states pushing hard for accommodation for hard of hearing people. ALOHA was an initiator back in 2006, and still going strong to advocate for inductive loops, or whatever else would work in a hard to understand situation.

When Randy saw a lot of back-and-forth e-mail about looping in Arizona, he started a listserv called Loops&Telecoils. His effort caused people from other states to jump in, and start loop initiatives in their towns. Professionals who install or sell loop equipment, as well as grassroots advocates, share a tremendous amount information on that listserv...thus all learning from each other.

Our advice to everyone who reads this newsletter: **Be proactive!** When you enter a venue open to the public, ask for accommodation so you will be able to fully partake of whatever they have to offer. Don't be a wallflower, and don't just stay home because you cannot hear this or that in a public place.

Of course, there are other systems like Infra-Red and FM. Whatever works! Most of us agree though that looping seems to be the best for a group of people.

LET'S LOOP TUCSON, LET'S LOOP ARIZONA.....LET'S LOOP AMERICA !

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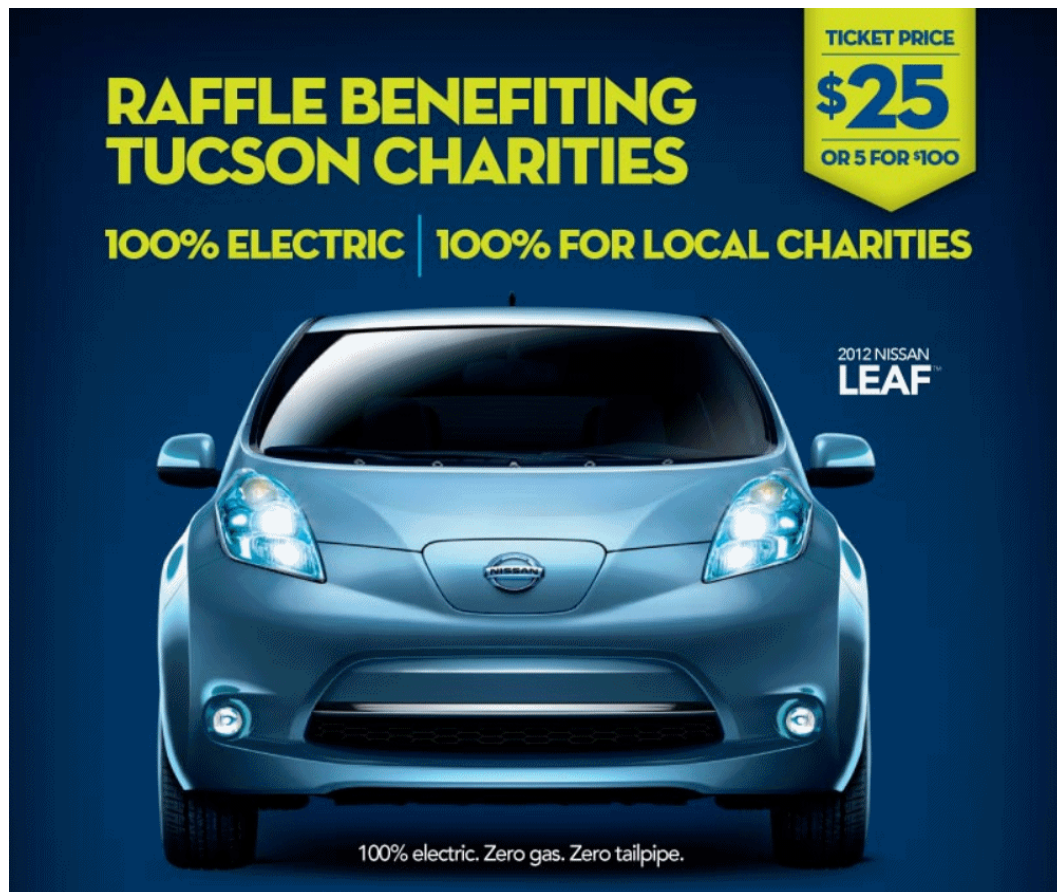
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For every raffle ticket that ALOHA sells it keeps 100% of the proceeds and you get a chance to win a 2012 Nissan LEAF! This is a Win, Win situation for all of us!



Buy your raffle tickets now at \$25.00 each or five for \$100.00 and get a chance to win a 2012 Nissan LEAF Automobile.

You can buy your tickets at ALOHA, or send a check and we will enter you in the drawing, and send you the ticket stubs.

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The raffle is made possible by a generous donation by the Jim Click Automotive Team.



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YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND A NEW ALOHA FREE OFFERING

FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH SEMINAR

COME, PARTICIPATE, AND ENJOY THE FOLLOWING FREE EVENTS:

- PRESENTATION BY NOTED EXPERTS IN ALOHA'S LOOPED MEETING ROOM,
- CART PROVIDED FOR 100% ACCESSIBILITY,
- ASK QUESTIONS, FIND ANSWERS, LEARN THE LATEST TECHNOLOGY,
- MEET, GREET, AND NETWORK WITH EXPERTS, FRIENDS ALOHA'S LOOPED MEETING ROOM, AND ENJOY GOOD CONVERSATION,
- ENJOY LIGHT REFRESHMENTS.

SCHEDULED EVENTS:

1. Tuesday February 7, 2012 @1:00 PM: S. Randall Collins, Director, Arizona Technology Access Program (AZTAP), Northern Arizona University, Phoenix, AZ. "Loop Arizona website at4az.org/". Randy will talk about this joint AZTAP/ACDHH project and present the new exciting web site and talk about future web site possibilities with the HOH community.
2. Tuesday March 6, 2012 @1:00 PM: Joint Presentation by Dr. Christi Moore, AuD and Dr. Christopher Cox, DC. "Tinnitus: The Audiology and Chiropractic Perspectives". Drs. Moore and Cox will discuss various aspects of tinnitus cause and treatments from their different perspectives.

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DESERT COCHLEAR CONNECTIONS MEETING,

JAN. 21, 2012

COME, PARTICIPATE, AND ENJOY THE FOLLOWING FREE EVENTS:

- PRESENTATION BY NOTED EXPERTS IN HEARING LOSS FIELD,
- PRESENTATION IN ALOHA'S LOOPED MEETING ROOM WITH CART FOR 100% ACCESSIBILITY,
- ASK QUESTIONS, FIND ANSWERS, LEARN THE LATEST TECHNOLOGY,
- MEET, GREET, MINGLE AND NETWORK WHILE ENJOYING LIGHT REFRESHMENTS.
- SCHEDULED EVENTS:
- Part I. 11:00 AM: Dr. Abraham Jacob, MD, Director of The University of Arizona Ear Institute, and Dr. Stephanie Adamovich, AuD, UAMC and at UA Speech & Hearing. "Q/A Session to Introduce New CI Program at University Medical Center". Drs. Jacob and Adamovich will answer any and all questions regarding cochlear implants and procedural management of Meniere's disease.
- Part II. 12:00 PM: Louise Loiselle, PhD Candidate, ASU and Consultant, West Region for Med-EL. Presentation on "Latest Cochlear Implant Technology and Products by Med-El". Ms. Loiselle will talk about Med-El in general and touch upon hearing preservation and Med-El clinical trials for electric-acoustic stimulation.

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Adult Loss Of Hearing Association (ALOHA) Application Form

*CATEGORIES	COST	LENGTH OF TIME
Individual Member	\$25.00	1 Year Membership (See below)
Family Membership	\$30.00	1 Year Membership (See below)
Business / Organization Member	\$50.00	1 Year Membership (See below)
Bronze Donor (Less than \$250.00)	\$	100% Tax Deductible
Silver Donor (\$251.00 - \$500.00)	\$	100% Tax Deductible
Gold Donor (\$501.00 - \$1,000.00)	\$	100% Tax Deductible
Platinum Donor (More than \$1,000.00)	\$	100% Tax Deductible
Total Enclosed:	\$	Make Check Payable to ALOHA (See address below)

***Members are encouraged to select a Donor Category to help YOUR Association sustain its service and be pro-active in meeting YOUR needs and desires.**

Note: ALOHA is a non-profit organization in accordance with Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code. Please consult your tax advisor or the Internal Revenue Service regarding deductibility.

NAME (First, MI, Last):	
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Relationship:	

(All members receive the "Hear & Now Newsletter", and Discounts on classes.)

How do you want to receive your newsletter? On-line Regular mail

If a new member, how did you hear about ALOHA?:

(Signature)

(Date)

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

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

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