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**Desert Cochlear Connections Meeting—
See page 4 inside for May 19th presentation.**

**Congratulations to Cynthia Amerman !
She was presented with the Hamilton Relay Reward on May 1st, celebrating Better Hearing & Speech Month. See her story in the July issue of Hear & Now. She is a very prolific advocate for people with hearing loss. She serves on the ALOHA board as secretary, and she also volunteers doing ALOHA projects. We are happy to know you Cynthia!**

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.

May is Better Hearing Month !

Across the land the focus is on better hearing in May of each year. At ALOHA the focus is year-round!

The question was put to some members:

“What has helped you to have better hearing?”

One gentleman responded that at first he had hearing aids, and then cochlear implant...and then he paused a moment and said the weekly support group at ALOHA is what really helped him with better hearing because he would not have known about T-coil, and might not have pursued getting a cochlear implant otherwise.

We often hear other comments like the above and with the added: “I wish I had known about ALOHA years ago!”



It is essential to have the support of peers who have gone through (or are going through) the same process of seeking better hearing and coping skills.

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: May 19, 2012

Time: 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

See enclosed flyer for details.

.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!

Remember, May is Better Hearing Month !

Need a demonstration of assisted listening devices? Ask us for an appointment.

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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 (except summer time) 10 am to Noon.**

Green Valley Meeting Dates.

Taking a break for the summer. Meetings will resume in September.

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.



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.

Welcome to New Members since January !

John Ferris	Georgette & Mark Dinniman	John MacGregor
Melin Landros	Martha Romero	Phillip Johnson
Doris Seames	John Shaffer Electric	Sara Cohen
Karen Kennett	Joe Snyder	Abraham Jacob, MD
Diane Wilson	Joe & Shirley Presley	Ernest Schwam
Ronald Kelly & Merle	Judith Malmstrom	Sherry Whitfield
Elaine Foster	Anna Marie & George Hewitt	Lisa Furr
John Clymer	Sharon & Dennis Wilson	Richard Coker
Brenda Blanton	Jim Easter	Ann & John Shea
Gifford Tompkins		

Donations Since December—*Thank you very much for your generosity!*

Alit Potts	Don Sawyer	Cynthia Amerman
Kenneth Lange	William Elser	Den Nelson
John Butler	Lew Harris	John & Dee Lohr
Emily Pollock	Jerry Holder	Safija Sarich
Julia Kent	Stewart Foundation	Mead Almond
City of Tucson ECAP	Angel & Laura Sepulveda	Network For Good
Herbert Dubin	Tucson Rincon Lions Club	Helga Small
Sorenson Communications	Maryann Garrahan	LaVerne Foster
John Hoelzel	Raytheon Charitable Giving	Ruth Stroud
Deloss Main	Midtown Sertoma Club	John Clymer
Richard Coker	Michael Byers Family	Virginia Salzman
Cheryl McGill	Jim Click Automotive	City of Tucson E-CAP
Oro Valley United Church of Christ		

Note: *People who pledged for the ALOHA Golf Event held in May, will be acknowledged in the July newsletter.*



SELECTIVE HEARING

OK, so we have heard of this before, or by way of phrases by a parent or perturbed spouse such as, ***“You only hear what you want to hear!”*** Yikes. Well, it happens to be true. There is what is called the “cocktail party effect” of hearing. It involves the remarkable human ability to focus on a single speaker in virtually any environment—a classroom, sporting event or coffee bar—even if that person’s voice is seemingly drowned out by a jabbering crowd.

Oh, wait a minute. That ability to separate one voice out of a crowded room, where everyone is talking, can only work well if one has normal hearing. For a person with significant hearing loss, it seldom works, and usually requires leading the selected talker to a quieter area or completely outside of the noisy room.

The above scenario is a number one complaint by people with hearing loss. Learning to lipread can help, but even for talented lipreaders there is only 33% comprehension of the spoken words.

What do you do in difficult hearing situations? Send your story or advice to us and we will print it!



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A Note Shared:

“I wish to acknowledge the support, the caring attitude, valuable information, the laughs we have shared at ALOHA. Being with people who do understand living with hearing loss is priceless, not to mention the friendships I have made.

“I have decided to share a portion of my profits from the sale of my sandstone rock art carvings with ALOHA.

“Together, we can make a difference!”

Cheryl McGill



Do You Want To Start Your Own Business Or Work from Home?

AzTAP may be able to assist with a low interest Self-Employment for Entrepreneurs with Disabilities (S.E.E.D.) Loan for the equipment you need.

WHO: All Arizona residents with disabilities who want to be self-employed or work from home.

WHAT: Loans from \$500 to \$10,000 to be used to purchase any equipment necessary to be a successful entrepreneur or employee working from home.

WHY: S.E.E.D. is part of a nationwide self-employment project called Telework. The Telework goal is to enable people with disabilities to earn an income from self-employment or home-based employment from an established business.

Call (602) 776-4670 or (800) 477-9921 to obtain additional information, or visit our website at www.azlat.net.



JOIN— hear@tucson !

A group of people ages 18-35 who are hard of hearing. This group organizes **free** social events throughout the year on the U of A campus and around Tucson. For more information about our group and events, check us out on our website hearattucson.com or you may email us at hearattucson@gmail.com

Stock Up For Summer Reading !



Mr. Bookworm says: Use ALOHA's "**Bring a Book, Take a Book**" program. And if you have some extra books to donate, ALOHA readers will appreciate your contribution to the little library of fiction and non-fiction books.

This is a free program. No signing books in or out. Just bring a book to exchange for another of your choice!



Adult Loss of Hearing Association Inc.

A Support and Advocacy Organization

You Are Cordially Invited To Attend Free ALOHA Offerings

Desert Cochlear Connections Meeting, May 19, 2012

Come, participate, and enjoy the following Free Event:

- 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 EVENT:

- May 19, 2012, @ 11:00 AM: Joint Presentation by Jim Sipchen and Erika Sipchen, "Our Comparative Experience with Bi-lateral Cochlear Implants by Two Manufacturers". Jim has bi-lateral implants by Cochlear Americas while Erika has bi-lateral implants by Advanced Bionics. That creates for interesting situations. For example, Erika can swim with her AB Speech Processors but Jim, with CA Speech Processors can't! They will share their comparative experiences and educate us on how they selected and now use their implants and speech processors.
- Note to ALL Desert Cochlear Connections Members: This will be the last meeting of the season as we'll be on a hiatus June-August and will resume our meetings in September. Peer Support Group will continue to meet on Tuesdays during Summer with some of us with CI's available to help. Jim Sipchen will facilitate our meetings next season. Please give him your comments, suggestions, and feedback.

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- Free Installation
- Free Phone
- Free Captioning
- Free Support



Get a Free CaptionCall Phone and Help Reward ALOHA!

ALOHA has its own special promotion code – HS1072.

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People who would like to sign up for the phone can either call the CaptionCall Customer Service number 1-877-557-2227, or they can go to the CaptionCall website www.captioncall.com and click on the REQUEST INFO button. If you call or fill out the form and use **promo code HS1072** you will get the free phone, and ALOHA will receive a donation for the referral. One of the local CaptionCall trainers will contact you as soon as possible to schedule an installation appointment at your convenience.



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):	
Significant Other:	
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Work Phone:	
FAX Number:	
Email Address:	

Emergency Contact Information (Optional, But Recommended):	
Name:	
Phone:	
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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**Please call in advance to confirm hours.
Thanks!**

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