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Desert Cochlear Connections Meeting—
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NEW: Tinnitus Support Group at ALOHA. Do you sense buzzing, humming or other sounds in your ears? ALOHA has started a Tinnitus support group. See Page 2 for details.

New: Oro Valley ALOHA Support Group. Since folks find it difficult to travel to central ALOHA from Oro Valley and Catalina, we hope this new meeting group that meets once a month will be of help to them. See Page 2 for details.

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.

ALOHA Annual Meeting & Board Elections

When: November 14, 5:30 pm
Where: ALOHA 4001 E. Ft. Lowell Rd.

Come join us, meet the board, and share some snacks!

See page 3 for details.



The Giving Time of The Year

There are many worthy charities to give to. We hope ALOHA is one on your list to donate to!

Your donations can be restricted or unrestricted as far as what you wish your gift to be used for. Here is a suggestion for the *ALOHA Wish List*.

New heating & cooling unit. The unit went out this summer and is too old to fix. It will cost about \$7,000 to replace.

4 New tables for the conference/meeting room. Current ones are very old and beat up and too heavy to move around easily. Cost: about \$800

Any amount you might contribute towards these items would be greatly appreciated !

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 on one Saturday of each month September thru May.

Time: **11:00 am to 1:00 pm.**

November 10th: Cell Phone workshop.

December: No meeting.

Want to be automatically notified about these meetings? Call ALOHA 795-9887 or info@alohaaz.org

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

Tinnitus Support Group

Date: November 17, 9:00 to 11:00 am

Cristi Moore, audiologist from Sonora Hearing Care will conduct the meeting.

Date: December 15, 9:00 to 11:00 am
Jennifer Born from Tinnitus Today



Visit our Tucson Support Group

We meet year-round The meetings are open to the public **every Tuesday at**

1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

NOTE: On 1st Tuesdays of the month, a guest speaker is invited.

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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.

November 5th: John Cobb, audiologist
“What’s New with Hearing Aids”

December 3rd: Christmas Party Potluck and White Elephant gift exchange.

SIERRA VISTA ALOHA SUPPORT GROUP:

Karl Hallsten facilitates these meetings held monthly., first Monday of the month. 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 meetings.

ORO VALLEY ALOHA SUPPORT GROUP

NEW—They will usually meet the 1st Thursdays of each month through May. **2:00 to 3:45 pm** at Santa Catalina Catholic Church, 14380 N. Oracle Rd, in the Cholla & Ocotillo rooms.

November 8th: Prof. Fran Harris “Living Well with Hearing Loss”

December 6th: Michele Michaels, of ACDHH, Hearing Specialist “ADA rights & Self Advocacy”

There will be loop amplification.

Thank you to Judy Huch, AuD., Oro Valley Audiology, for donating the funds for the loop.

ALOHA Annual Meeting & Election of Board Members

When: November 14th, 2012 **Time:** 5:30 pm. **Where:** ALOHA conference room.

Members are encouraged to come to the meeting and vote for the candidates below, and to learn from the board members about the ALOHA's progress and what they want to do for the coming year to sustain and further services for hard of hearing members and constituents. Questions and suggestions are welcomed!

Slate of Candidates for a 3-year term:

Bruce Stewart, MD (incumbent) Dr. Stewart is an Ear, Nose & Throat Specialist at University Physicians Hospital. He joined the ALOHA board in 1990, served as president several years, and is now treasurer. He is dedicated to serving people with hearing loss.

Joy Newman, Retired Businesswoman (incumbent) Joy served on the ALOHA board for three years. Joy plays an active role in the Sertoma organization at the state level. She is interested in fostering a more collaborative effort relationship between ALOHA, Sertoma (Service to Mankind), the UofA Speech, Language and Hearing Department, and other organizations that offer services to the Deaf and hard of hearing people.

Cynthia Amerman, MSW (Master of Social Work (New)) Cynthia was appointed to the board earlier this year, and now wants to serve a 3 year term. Cynthia was past-president of ALDA (Association of Late Deafened Adults) and continues her work with that organization. She also volunteers at ALOHA giving presentations about hearing loss and helping man the table at area health fairs. She also serves on the state Hard of Hearing Task Force. She is a true advocate, and has hearing loss and uses a cochlear implant.

Rachel Van Oosbree (New) Rachel was appointed to the board earlier this year. She had done hearing aid dispensing in the past, and currently is in the graduate Doctor of Audiology Program at UA. She is hard of hearing and belongs to the ALOHA-UA affiliated Hear@Tucson group for young adults with hearing loss. Rachel wishes to continue advocating for people with hearing loss by serving on the ALOHA board.

Jeremy Kahn (New) Jeremy moved with his wife, Deborah, to Tucson in 2011 from Washington, DC after retiring from his career as a private sector lawyer dealing with federal regulation. Deborah, who had a serious hearing loss and dealt with hearing issues during her career at OSHA, was starting to become active in ALOHA when she tragically died. Jeremy wants to join the Board to use his background to help further ALOHA's good works.

Ebba Andersen (New) (B.A., M.Ed.) For many years she was a public high-school and community college reading/writing tutor. She played in a Scottish fiddle music orchestra and Chinese Erhu music ensemble. Before moving to Arizona she taught Tai-Chi and glass fusing. Since moving to Green Valley she works in her glass studio. She states, "Until I joined ALOHA I was quite ignorant of the many services and variety of equipment available that make life more enjoyable for the hard-of-hearing. The weekly meeting and monthly speakers have made a huge improvement in my life. Being a member of the Board and working with the Green Valley Chapter of ALOHA would give me the opportunity to learn more and to let others know of these valuable services."



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Captioning of Internet Video Programs

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has ruled that captioned programs that appeared on TV, must be captioned when run on the Internet. This ruling began in September, and will be phased in through September of 2013, giving companies time to comply.

For info: <http://www.fcc.gov/guides/captioning-internet-video-programming>. It also gives instructions how to file a complaint when videos are not shown captioned on the Internet.

Not all videos on the Internet are required to be captioned, but only those that were previously shown on TV and were captioned there.

We hope the ruling does not result in some TV programs to run without captioning, which might be one way for stations to bypass the ruling.

JOIN— Hear@Tucson !

Welcome to Andrew Couch, who will lead this group.

This is a group for 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 events, check our website hearattucson.com, **Facebook**, or you may email us at hearattucson@gmail.com

First Tuesdays on Fort Lowell:

The ALOHA Tucson group meets on Tuesdays from 1:00 to 2:00 pm. The special meetings for **1st Tuesdays** (of each month through May), will resume in October. Watch for E-Tree email for agenda and name of presenter.



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.



Oral Dean Nelson, Ph.D. (1928-2012)



Dean was a long-time member of ALOHA. His obituary states his careers as farmer, minister, brigadier general, professor, and library director at his church. At ALOHA we knew him as past president of the board, and chair and founder of the Let's Loop Tucson project.

He originally came to meetings to seek help for his hearing loss, but then rolled up his sleeves and volunteered. His church, St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal was the first to be "looped" in Tucson, in addition to the church library where Dean volunteered. In 2006 he invited Prof. David Myers of Michigan to give a seminar on inductive looping. Dr. Myers had gotten most venues in his college town looped, and was ALOHA's inspiration to try to do likewise in Tucson.

In 2009, Dean was presented with the Sertoma **SERvice TO MAnkind** award for his efforts to promote looping as a way to help hard of hearing people. Dean also served on the Arizona Hard of Hearing Task Force.

He volunteered at his church and at ALOHA until Parkinson's disease curtailed his mobility. A memorial was held at St. Philip's church on October 27th. He is survived by his wife, Violette, and a son, daughter, and two grandchildren.

One way to celebrate Dean's life is to encourage venues to install listening systems for hard of hearing people. There are three types: FM, Infra-Red, and inductive looping, with looping being the best to serve the most people, and usually the most trouble-free. ALOHA has a large supply of loop brochures, and we hope members and those reading this, will request them so they can give them to managers/owners at venues to encourage them to install a system and provide access for people who have a hard time hearing.

William E. de Alva, M.D. (1925-2012)



Dr. de Alva and his wife, Anne, came to ALOHA this past year for help with his hearing loss.

He was very impressed with the services ALOHA provides. After attending the peer support meetings, he wished to start a chapter in Oro Valley. That was accomplished in September, with the first meeting having over 50 people in attendance.

He was taken too soon from us, the result of complications from a fall and having surgery. His obituary is a long one of accomplishments. He started as a photographer, and became interested in medicine when one of his children was diagnosed with leukemia. He became a surgeon, and practiced in occupational and family practice.

A note from Anne, his wife, appeared in the September issue of Hear & Now. A memorial was held October 17 at Santa Catalina Catholic Church. His family requested donations in his memory be made to ALOHA.

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 except 13.

Donations since July, 2012 Thank You !

Jerome Holder Caroline Cassino Peggy Ann Perkiins Tolbert Stokes Paul Gralian
City of Tucson (ECAP) Wm and Susan Groner (In memory of Deborah Gabry) Assistech
Macy's Foundation Raytheon Charitable Giving Sorenson Communications Rick Gollner

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Frances Winick Margaret Moore Craig Bevan Rockwell Jackson Frances Slaby Joan Eddy
Nancy Welch John Lee Joseph F. Gross Suzanne Werbelow Caroline Cassino Helen Porter
Mike and Gloria Magula Lenore Monroe Stanley Kruggel Judith Anderson

TV Captioning at Businesses—Just Ask!

Jim Click Automotive dealerships has closed captioning on TV's in waiting rooms. Thanks to member, Lou Touchette, for bringing this to Jim Click's attention.

WE NEED YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Please send a note to ALOHA with yours (If you're not already receiving our special announcements on upcoming news and events related to hearing loss issues).

Condolences to the family of Cary and Millie Birenbaum on the passing of Father, Raymond Birenbaum in September.



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.

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Emergency Contact Information (Optional, But Recommended):	
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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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