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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 is starting 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.

Your Donation Dollars at Work

Thanks to golf pledges and donations from kind folks like you, ALOHA can remedy some things long neglected:

- Roof repair (done)
- Electrical grounding (done)
- New carpet in conference room (done)
- Table top copier for office (done)
- ALOHA brochures (done)
- TO DO:
- New front yard ALOHA sign.
- Gardner to clean up the yard.
- Large heavy duty copier
- Possible new heating/AC unit

And most important, according to Bruce the treasurer “ALOHA can stay open for business” We hit a rough patch last summer/fall, but so many of you came through with golf pledges and other Donations that is keeping ALOHA viable and able to be of help to hard of hearing people in Southern Arizona!

Thank You !!



Volunteers Rule !

With ALOHA's many volunteers, an amazing amount of work gets done. They are so generous with their time & talents!

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

September 22. 11:00 to 1:00
Heidi Lervik, from Cochlear Corp will talk about BAHA implant, and answer general questions.
October 20th Agenda to be announced.
November 10th Agenda to be announced.

.IMPORTANT: 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.



NEW—Tinnitus Support Group
Date: September 22, 10:00 to 11:00 am
Cristi Moore, audiologist from Sonora Hearing Care will open the meeting.

NOTE: The tinnitus support meetings will always precede the above cochlear implant meetings.

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.**

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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.

October 1st: Lou Touchette and Mary Cleveland will share their experiences with cochlear implants.
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. **2:30 to 3:30 pm** at Santa Catalina Catholic Church, 14380 N. Oracle Rd, in the Cholla & Ocotillo rooms.

October 4th: Jennifer Lamfers, AuD. “Do you hear that, or is it just me?” What is tinnitus.

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

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

There will be loop amplification.

County Installing Loops for Employees, Public

By Mike Tully

In an effort to improve the quality of the work experience for hard of hearing employees, as well as access for members of the general public with hearing issues, Pima County has embarked on an effort to install induction loops in various County facilities. The County is legally obligated to provide reasonable workplace accommodations to employees with disabling conditions who are protected by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The County is also legally required to provide reasonable access to County programs and services for members of the general public, including those who are hard of hearing.

“Pima County honors both the letter and the spirit of the Americans with Disabilities Act,” said County Administrator Chuck Huckelberry. “The inclusion of technology for hard of hearing employees and members of the public is a demonstration of that.”

The County has already installed an induction loop in the new Water, Environment and Sustainability campus located near west Camino del Cerro. The loop is located in the training room. Another loop will be installed in the new training room in the Department of Transportation Mission Road facility when it is remodeled this fall. And, next summer, the new office suite for the Human Resources Department will have loops installed in the training and conference rooms. All of these resources are for Pima County employees. The Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department (RWRD) is exploring use of a portable loop system that can be used in several downtown locations as needed. Other Departments are also looking into obtaining portable loop systems for training purposes.

The general public will benefit from the County’s effort to provide more appropriate access for hard of hearing individuals. For example, there will be a loop installed in the new Eckstrom Columbus Branch library, which will undergo renovation beginning in late September 2012. As facilities are constructed and remodeled, more loops will be installed for the benefit of employees and the general public. This is a long-term effort by the County to benefit the community.

Much of the County’s motivation was inspired by our friends at ALOHA, including Pam Wood and Lou Touchette, who conducted a demonstration of induction technology for several County employees last October at the Roger Road Wastewater Treatment facility. Those attending included personnel from RWRD and the Human Resources Department. One of the attendees uses a t-coil equipped hearing aid and was very impressed with the sound quality.

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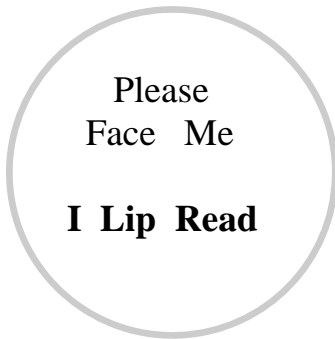
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Special Thanks to Kimberly for helping us in several ways regarding captioning for our cochlear implant meetings, and her offer to help with captioning a video ALOHA plans to make.



We have a limited supply of these magnetic buttons. If you need one, please stop by.



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 !

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 our group and events, check us out on 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 E-Tree email for agenda and name of presenter.

If you changed your e-mail, or never gave us your e-mail address, make sure you send us a message at info@alohaaz.org, so you never miss out on **Breaking News!**



My Dog Hears for Me

By Allen Smith (ALOHA volunteer)

I have come to realize that I have a very good hearing service dog. The amazing thing is that she did this all on her own, maybe instinct for this breed. Maybe part of this is because she has big ears and hears really well. The dog I am talking about is Brandy, our little purebred Papillon. Brandy is a shelter dog. We rescued her from an animal shelter in Phoenix a couple of years ago. Actually, we think she rescued us.

When Brandy hears the phone ring, someone at the front door (knock or ring), microwave/oven timer go off, she barks. This morning I was in the other room and Brandy started barking and when I investigated, the phone was ringing in the other room. We can't adjust the ringer volume on this phone and so it is not very loud. I can barely hear it when I am in the same room. She is not a "barker" so when she barks, we check things out. I guess you could say she has trained us very well. I want you to know there are a lot of great animals available for adoption at a local animal shelter or the Humane Society.

Editor note: Did you know there are two organizations in Tucson where you can get your dog trained to become a hearing service dog (or for other type of disability)?

Handi-Dogs: 75 S. Montego Drive, Tucson, AZ 85710 326-3412 www.handi-dogs.org
On Sunday, October 28 from 10 am to 2:00 pm they will have "Dogtoberfest for Handi-Dogs" to be held at St. Gregory School, 3231 N. Craycroft Rd. See www.dogtoberfestAZ.org for information. ALOHA plans to have a table at this event.

CanDo Canines of Arizona 400-6507 www.candocaninesofarizona.org

Note of Appreciation

By Anne de Alva

I got involved with ALOHA because my husband, Bill, a retired physician, is hard of hearing. We met the volunteer president, George Ghorpade, PhD and his hearing dog, Rover, trained and certified by Handi-Dogs, at a seminar presented by the U of A Audiology department. Soon after, we attended an ALOHA meeting.

ALOHA teaches hard of hearing people how to become their own advocates for accommodations in private and public life. My husband, Bill, has become much more comfortable with his deafness, now seeing it as a disability NOT a personal shortcoming. He has lost the embarrassment he used to feel when asking people to speak up and he knows what accommodations are available, how to use them and how to ask for them.

ALOHA and some members were recently involved in a lawsuit by the Attorney General of AZ which resulted in a successful settlement to expand access to movies. Bill is now a beneficiary of ALOHA's efforts every time he goes to Cinemark Century or Harkins theaters.

Editor note: Bill and Anne will be volunteering with the new Oro Valley ALOHA chapter.

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.

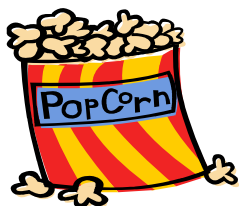
Recycle Hearing Aid Batteries

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.



See You at the Movies ! Neckloops & Closed Caption Devices

ALOHA had been in touch with Dean Olson while he lived in Tucson. He got the ball rolling for movie theaters to provide neckloops, so people with hearing aids with telecoils could hear movie dialogue better. Some ALOHA members joined him in this effort. A lawsuit was filed, and with the help of the Arizona Attorney General's office, and the Arizona Center for Disability Law, the lawsuit was settled with Cinemark. The press release in July says: "With the addition of neckloops, Cinemark offers a full range of devices for the hard of hearing and deaf customer including closed caption devices (for movies produced with closed captions) and standard and neck-loop assistive listening devices (for any movie or performance) "

The one Harkins theater in south Tucson also provides these devices.

When you go to a movie, you need to check with the theater if the devices will be available for the movie you want to attend. When you get to the theater, you ask for the devices you want, and if a first-time user, ask for assistance in operating them. You might, for instance get a neckloop with the device, and also, if you want, the closed captioning device too.

ALOHA has a few Cinemark tickets for a free movie for a hard of hearing person. The requirement for using the ticket is to afterwards give a report of your experience, good or bad, and this information is shared with the Attorney General's office, to track compliance with the lawsuit.

Golf Pledge Donations, continued....from July newsletter

Pam Wood, SW Hearing Care
John Cobb
Pamela Cleveland
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Avi Persellin
Karl Hallsten
Lisa Hendrickson
Ben & Mary Cleveland
Randy Collins

Thank You!

John Kressley
Louis Escalada Family
Caryle Dundon
Charles Root
Joy Newman

In Memoriam:

Pamela Wood, in memory of her father, Leonard Hoffman
Tobin & Sandra Robbins, in memory of Deborah Gabry



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

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

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_____ (Signature)

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

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Let's Loop Tucson