



Hearing Loss Association

AND ALL OF SAN DIEGO'S NORTH COUNTY

JOSLYN SENIOR CENTER

210 Park Avenue

Escondido, CA 92025

JANUARY - FEBRUARY, 2012

Our Chapter is sponsored by the Senior Service Council

GENERAL MEETING:

WHERE: Joslyn Senior Center Auditorium

WHEN: Saturday, January 14, 2012

TIME: 10:00 a.m. until noon

PROGRAM: The program at this meeting will be to get acquainted with the new owners of the Auditory Assistants Hearing Aid Center, **Mark and Lynn Shaw**. As you know, Auditory Assistants was formerly owned by Rosemary and Ken Patterson. The Shaws will tell us something about themselves and then answer your questions to the best of their ability on anything you want to ask them.

Bill Klein will start the meeting promptly at ten, so please come early to sign in, and also to give you time to buy the raffle tickets for the 50-50 drawing. Bring your money and get in on the fun. (Please: No \$20 bills!) You are also helping our Chapter's treasury this way.

Remember, there is parking in the back of the Senior Center and you may enter through the kitchen.

During the meeting, if you have a t-coil in your hearing aid (if you don't, you should!) turn it on to take advantage of the loop system that is installed in the auditorium of the JSC. We also do have listening devices on the back table and headsets in the event your hearing aid is bereft of the t-coil.

After the business meeting and before the program we have a 15-20 minute social time with coffee and cookies. This is a great time to socialize with one another.

ATTENTION: Now that you all have your appointment calendars, (if you don't, Jackie might have some left for you to pick up at the next meeting) please turn to the September, 2012 page and in the box for the 8th day, enter "HLA meeting cancelled." JSC didn't say why, but the bottom line is we can't have the auditorium for that morning. In a future newsletter maybe I'll be able to tell you why not. Stay tuned.

FROM MY COMPUTER:



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

This year will be our 25th since our SHHH group was established. Sylvia and I, along with our hearing husbands, Dean and Eric, are the only ones left who were there at the very beginning and who are still in it. We met in a small room in the JSC to listen to

Rosemary Patterson, Julie Gomez and David Illich tell us what all it involved. Mind you, Sylvia and I were not going to be involved in it in any way, but we had such a gung ho gal, Verna Dull, who actually wanted to be the president! (try to get a new one in our chapter now!) and who got Syl and me into being an officer one way or another and it's been that way ever since.

A couple of years or so later our group became an official chapter, SHHH-Escondido. (The name was changed to HLA about 5 (?) years ago because SHHH sounded just like that, "Be quiet!")

So it's been quite a ride for the four of us. We've met so many nice people who were in the same hearing loss boat that Syl and I were in throughout those years.

Dorothy

The Hard of Hearing Driver

A police car, with its lights flashing and the siren wailing, pulls up behind a hard of hearing man who is speeding. The man doesn't see the flashing lights because his car is loaded with suitcases and clothes for his trip. When stopped the officer sternly asks, "Didn't you see my lights?" "I'm sorry," the driver responds, "There's so much stuff in back I couldn't see." Cop: "Then how about my siren?" "No, officer, I'm hard of hearing." "Well maybe you ought to get hearing aids if you're going to drive so fast." "Nah," the man replied, "Tickets are a lot cheaper."

From Wired for Sound, Albuquerque

“ . . . and the winner is . . . **Cathy Henry!**”

The judges selected Cathy's essay as the winner in the “Hear for the Holidays” contest that David Illich has put on for the last 6 years. Cathy is a wife and a mother of two who works in the lounge at the Hunter Steakhouse in Oceanside as their head bartender – maybe if you have dined there you have met her? Her daughter's hearing was tested at age 10 along with her Mom's. She got hearing aids but Mom couldn't afford a pair for herself and that was ten years ago. So winning this contest made it a Very Merry Christmas for her, in fact for the whole family.

Don't you love happy endings!

A Deaf Person's Lament

By Ruth Evers (hearing impaired since 1985)

Living with a person who can hear can be quite challenging. One would think quite the opposite. But just ask a person who is hearing impaired. We constantly have to remind the other person to:

Face me, keep your hands away from your face, don't talk with food in your mouth, don't talk to me from another room, and slow down. And then, when we hear something and say, “What was that noise?” Their immediate response is, “You heard that?”

What people who can hear don't understand about us is that it is not that we cannot hear; it's that it is we often can't decipher/understand what is being said. Those who hear can't really understand the handicap we are forced to live with. They simply forget, because they live with us, and love us, and do not think of us as being handicapped.

Most of us maintain a good front, and go on with our daily lives. But not hearing is very difficult to deal with. People don't understand us. It's not just that we don't understand them; they hang up on us when trying to have a conversation on the telephone. They walk away from us if we don't seem to be following what they're saying. They become extremely impatient with us. And they continue to carry on a conversation, even if we don't respond. They just go right on talking.

We need to educate our loved ones about how they can help us to manage better.

Source: New Bern, NC Chapter Newsletter

A policeman arrives at the scene of an accident, where a car had smashed into a tree. He rushes over to the vehicle and asks the driver,

“Are you seriously hurt?”

“How do I know?” the driver responds. “I'm not a lawyer!”

American Legion Magazine

AN APPLAUSE THAT A DEAF SPEAKER HATES

What is an applause from the hearing people that the deaf speaker, with interpreter, hates?

It is when a deaf speaker gives a wonderful speech about something. The hearing people stand up and give a very loud applause after that speech.

One thing was wrong. The applause was for the interpreter, not for the deaf speaker!

Deaf Digest

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If a DOG was your Teacher

When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.

Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride.

Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.

When it is in your best interest, practice obedience,

Let others know when they have invaded your territory. Take naps and stretch before rising.

Run, romp and play daily.

Thrive on attention and let people touch you.

Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.

On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree.

When you are happy, dance around and wag your entire body.

No matter how often you are scolded, don't buy into the guilt thing and pout; run right back and make friends.

Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.

Eat with gusto and enthusiasm.

Stop when you've had enough.

Be loyal.

Never pretend to be something you are not.

If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.

When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by, and nuzzle him (or her) gently.

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NOTICING THAT HIS SON was studying while watching TV and listening to music, the father told him, "When Abe Lincoln was your age, he was studying books by the light of the fireplace."

The son replied, "When Lincoln was your age, he was president."