



CHAPTER NEWS AND NOTES

January 2016

CHAPTER MEETINGS

HEAR Center, 301 E. Del Mar Blvd., Pasadena
10:00 am to 12:00 pm (doors open at 9:30 for social time; meetings start at 10:00 am sharp.)
Meetings are captioned, looped and free of charge.
Refreshments and coffee provided.

Saturday, January 23 OVERVIEW OF PCAST REPORT

The President’s Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST) issued their annual report in October 2015. Focusing on aging Americans with hearing loss, the report makes recommendations on how to open the market for new innovation in hearing technologies and make hearing aids and ALDs more accessible to people with hearing loss. Ken Cluskey will discuss the report and its implications for consumers and hearing healthcare providers. Please join us for this informative presentation, and find out how you can help advocate for changes in hearing healthcare delivery!

Saturday, February 27 MIXED COUPLES PANEL DISCUSSION

Join us for an engaging panel discussion about relationship issues facing “mixed couples” - one hearing and one hard-of-hearing partner.

WE MEET THE 4th SATURDAY EACH MONTH (except May and December)

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Fond Farewells and Enormous Thanks

Founding member and current VP Alicia Fernandez is resigning from the Steering Committee. Besides recently starting a full-time job that takes up most of her Saturdays, Alicia would also like to devote more time to her family. We are so grateful for all her years of dedication to this chapter. Georgia Fleischer is stepping down as Advocacy Chair. With her passion and perseverance, she has kept the Advocacy committee active for several years and has been successful in getting venues throughout Los Angeles to provide open captioning at live performances. Many thanks to both Alicia and Georgia for their service to HLAA-LA and to the hearing loss community!

SC Election - February 27 Chapter Meeting

With Alicia leaving, we have a vacant spot on the Steering Committee. An election will be held at the February chapter meeting to fill her seat. Please note: you must be a member of HLAA National to serve on the committee. If you have any questions, email Pat Widman pkwidman@sbcglobal.net.

HLAA National Convention - Important Information

Taking place June 23-26 in Washington DC, the 2016 HLAA Convention will be a joint event with the International Federation of Hard of Hearing People (IFHOH) Congress. For early-bird rates, register by the deadline of **January 31** (go to: <http://hearingloss.org/content/registration>). All early-bird registrants will be entered in a drawing for an iLuv Smartshaker, a wireless alarm controlled by your smartphone. HLAA is also offering complimentary registration for veterans with hearing loss who are attending their first HLAA Convention. Please also consider applying for a scholarship offered by HLAA National. **Deadline to apply is February 19.** For info, go to: <http://hearingloss.org/content/convention-scholarships>.

The host hotel, the Washington Hilton, is offering discounted rates to attendees. See details at <http://hearingloss.org/content/convention>. Finally, if you’d like to check out a preliminary schedule, go to: http://hearingloss.org/sites/default/files/docs/Schedule-at-a-glance_preliminary.pdf.

HLAA Announces Departure of Executive Director

Anna Gilmore Hall, HLAA Executive Director for the past 2.5 years, is relocating to Florida with her husband. Margaret Wallhagen, chairperson of the HLAA Board of Trustees, states “Anna has effected many positive changes and leaves HLAA poised for future growth.” Deputy Executive Director Barbara Kelley is acting executive director while a search for a new Executive Director is conducted. Read more at: <http://hearingloss.org/content/hlaa-announces-departure-executive-director-anna-gilmore-hall>

Open-Captioned Live Performances

Ahmanson Theatre: Call Audience Services at 213.628.2772 or buy tickets at: www.centertheatregroup.org/tickets/project-date-performances

Griot Theatre: www.griottheatre.org

Grammy Museum: Email pgarces@grammymuseum.org

Hollywood Bowl: 323.850.2125 (Ask for Dept. 12, Section K3).

See schedule at www.hollywoodbowl.com/tickets/calendar-fullseason

LA Master Chorale at Walt Disney Music Hall:

Request captions 8 weeks before date of show by phone: 213 972-7282 or email: tickets@lamc.org. www.lamc.org/box-office/accessibility

Pantages Theater: <http://hollywoodpantages.com/accessibility>

Segerstrom Center: www.scfta.org/access; RMatuska@SCFTA.org

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