



October 2009



We are the Hearing Loss Association of Pennsylvania's Bucks County Chapter, which is an affiliate of the Hearing Loss Association of America.

Next Meeting:

- December 7, 2009
HOLIDAY PARTY!

2010 Meetings:

- April 19, 2010
- June 21, 2010
- September 20, 2010
- December 6, 2010

This Issue's Highlights:

New Meeting Location

PA 2009 Walk4Hearing

HLA-PA
November Banquet

Art-Reach

2010 HLAA Convention

ON THE WEB:

HLA-PA's website:
www.hla-pa.org

HLAA's website:
www.hearingloss.org

Walk4Hearing website:
www.walk4hearing.org

Our New Look and Location!

WELCOME to HLA-PA's Bucks County Chapter's new and latest newsletter! We have many items to share with you. First and most importantly, please note that the location of our chapter meetings has changed permanently to The Community Room at the Free Library of Northampton Township in Richboro, PA. See the address information below.

**The Free Library of Northampton Township
Northampton Township Cultural Center
25 Upper Holland Road
Richboro, PA 18954
Phone: 215-357-3050**

All of our meetings with guest speakers will now have CART (Real-Time Captioning) thanks to our wonderful AV guy, Martin Lock! We appreciate all of Martin's hard work in the getting CART set up for our chapter meetings! Our meetings will continue to have a loop system as well for those of you who would like to switch their hearing aids to their T-coil setting.

Our next meeting is our Holiday Party, which will take place on Monday, December 7, 2009 from 6:30pm to 8:45pm. A sign up sheet has already started for food contributions for the Holiday Party. If you would like to bring food, drinks or paper products or need further information, please contact Debra Cannon at dtcannon5@msn.com or 215-805-6011. There will also be a Holiday Gift Exchange! Please join us for holiday cheer with good friends! Look for an invitation coming soon!

Pennsylvania's 2009 Walk4Hearing a Success!

On September 26, 2009, in Pennsylvania's Ridley Creek State Park at 10:00am, there was beautiful weather, excitement in the air, and walkers ready to Walk4Hearing! Pennsylvania exceeded its goal of \$50,000 and has raised over \$80,000. This is a tremendous success! Keys to exceeding our goal were the Alliance Organizations (such as The Clarke School for the Deaf, CHOP and Salus University) which brought in over \$30,000 and participation by chapters throughout the state.



Our chapter's team, The Best of Bucks, alone had over 30 team members and raised \$4,300. We came in fourth place of the teams in Pennsylvania that raised the most proceeds. Way to go Best of Bucks! We hope you can join us next year at the 2010 Walk4Hearing. We are proud to announce that our very own chapter member, Debra Cannon, will be next year's Walk Chairperson! We would also like to extend a big thank you to all of our local companies who sponsored the walk includingAdvanced Hearing Systems, Audiology & Hearing Aid Centers, MJ Cannon Home Enhancements and Wegmans!



PA Hearing Loss Association Banquet – November 22

On November 22, 2009, we are having our 5th Annual Eastern PA Hearing Loss Association Banquet and Presentation of the 2009 Marcia Finisdore Award for Advocacy.

Come for Sunday Brunch from 11:00am to 2:00pm at the Philadelphia Marriott West Hotel at 111 Crawford Avenue in West Conshohocken, PA.

All Hearing Loss Association members, family and friends are invited. Hamilton Relay will be on hand to demonstrate the new CapTel 800i phone.

The cost is \$32.00 per person and the deadline for tickets is November 13th. Please contact Diana Bender at 610-731-9387 or Carolyn Meyer at

meyer@hla-pa.org for payment instructions and further information.

CART (real-time captioning) will be provided.

HLA-PA & Art-Reach Partner on Cultural Access

HLA-PA is serving as a Community Partner on a new initiative Art-Reach is launching this fall called the *Independence Starts Here!* Cultural Calendar. Art-Reach is a nonprofit organization that connects underserved audiences with the arts. Until now there has been no centralized way for audiences with visual or hearing disabilities to learn about all the accessible arts events that are available to them. The *Independence Starts Here!* Cultural Calendar is a one-stop resource for cultural events that are captioned, audio-described or interpreted in American Sign Language. Maintained on the Philly Fun Guide, the region's go-to resource for entertainment and cultural events, the calendar lists all the events offering these services and allows audiences to purchase tickets online. Art-Reach has also launched an email club for audiences who want to sign up for monthly ticket discounts and other special promotions. To see the

calendar and join the email club, log on to www.PhillyFunGuide.com/access.

The calendar features over 20 different events that demonstrate the richness and diversity of the Philadelphia cultural community. Cultural organizations and venues represented on the calendar include Amaryllis Theatre Company, Arden Theatre Company, Enchantment Theatre Company, InterAct Theatre Company, Kimmel Center Presents Broadway at the Academy, Mural Arts Program, National Constitution Center, Pennsylvania Ballet, Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia Theatre Company, Philadelphia's Magic Gardens, Scott Arboretum, Theatre Alliance of Greater Philadelphia, Walnut Street Theatre and the Wilma Theater. The Cultural Calendar serves not only people who are blind or deaf but also those whose vision or hearing is deteriorating due to age or other

factors. "There are many people whose enjoyment of the arts can be enhanced through services like captioning and audio description," said Michael Norris, Art-Reach executive director. The Cultural Calendar is part of a larger initiative, also called *Independence Starts Here!*, on which Art-Reach has partnered with Amaryllis Theatre Company since 2004.

"The whole initiative works on two tracks," said Norris. "One is helping cultural organizations to become more accessible; the other is to build audiences for accessible arts events. Amaryllis leads the first track and now has an audio-description system and an open-captioning system that can be shared across the cultural community at little or no cost.

Art-Reach, which has been connecting audiences to the arts for over 23 years, leads the second track, and the Cultural Calendar is a great way for us to build awareness of and audiences for

The *Independence Starts Here!* Cultural Calendar is made possible by the support of the Greater Philadelphia Cultural Alliance, through its partnership with PNC Arts Alive. Additional support has been provided by the Samuel S. Fels Fund, the Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Foundation and individual Art-Reach donors.

Events:

David Chu, C2net, just got word from the Kimmel that he will be doing two open captioned shows at the Academy of Music:

Mamma Mia
Wed Nov 4th at 7:30pm.

White Christmas
Wed Dec 2nd at 7:30pm.





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www.hla-pa.org/chapters/buckscounty

2010 HCAA Annual Convention in Milwaukee

HCAA's 2010 Annual Convention is set to take place in Milwaukee, Wisconsin June 17th to June 20th at the Hilton Milwaukee City Center and Midwest Airlines Center.

It's never too early to get this trip onto your 2010 calendars. Major hearing aid manufacturers participating in the symposium include: GNResound, Oticon, Phonak, Siemens, Sonic Innovations, Starkey and Widex.



About our Organization

MEMBERSHIP:

Membership in Pennsylvania HCAA chapters is separate from membership in our national organization. The Bucks County Chapter does not collect dues. We just ask that you be a member of HCAA.

HCAA, Inc., a volunteer, nonprofit, non-sectarian educational organization devoted to the welfare and

interest of those who cannot hear well. HCAA, Inc. annual dues are \$35 and include a wonderful bi-monthly magazine, **Hearing Loss**. To join HCAA, Inc., please send your name, address, and check for \$35, payable to: HCAA Inc., 7910 Woodmont Ave., Suite 1200 Bethesda, MD 20814. Phone: (301) 657-2248 (Voice or TTY).

Our chapter meets four times a year on Mondays.

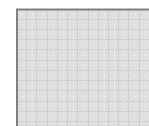
If you would like to learn more about our chapter, how to join us or about HCAA and its events and programs, please contact us!

If you have questions about this publication, please contact our newsletter editor, Debra Cannon at dtcannon5@msn.com.



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