

Winter



December 2009

 **Hearing Loss Association of America**
Bucks County Chapter

We are the Hearing Loss Association of America's (HLAA) Bucks County Chapter. HLAA, Inc. is a volunteer, nonprofit, non-sectarian educational organization devoted to the welfare and interest of those who cannot hear well.

Next Meeting:

April 19, 2010

Future Meetings:

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

This Issue's Highlights:

- Holiday Party Reminder
- Resource Fair with CHAD
- Hear Now Recycles Hearing Aids
- Hedgerow Theatre OC Performance
- Cultural Calendar
- Walk4Hearing 2010
- 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

Come To Our Holiday Party!

JOIN US for our Holiday Party on Monday, December 7, 2009 from 6:30pm to 8:45pm! Please contact Debra Cannon at dtcannon5@msn.com or 215-805-6011, if you'd like to attend. There will also be a Holiday Gift Exchange! Please join us for holiday cheer with good friends! Don't forget that this event will take place at our new meeting location in the Community Room at the Free Library of Northampton Township, 25 Upper Holland Road, Richboro, PA 18954. Here's to wishing each and every one of you a very safe and happy holiday and a blessed and happy New Year!

HLA-PA Participates with CHAD at the American Helicopter Museum



The Center on Hearing and Deafness, Inc. (CHAD) will be hosting a Deaf and Hard of Hearing Economic Resource Fair on December 3, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the American Helicopter Museum in West Chester, PA. Many of us are struggling during these tough economic times. Whether you've experienced a job loss, job cutbacks, loss of healthcare, difficulty with bill payments, struggling to meet rent or mortgage payments, are on Social Security but interested in work incentives, or just curious about

resources available for Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals in your area, come for information in a relaxed environment. Resource tables will include our very own Hearing Loss Association of Pennsylvania, as well as the Pennsylvania School for the Deaf, Chester County Mental Health/Mental Retardation, PA Assistive Technology Foundation and many more. Admission is free and pizza and refreshments will be served. Come join CHAD for a night of food, economic recovery information, socializing, and to experience the American Helicopter Museum! For more information, please contact Bill Lockard or Sarah Reed at the Center on Hearing and Deafness, Inc., 139 Market Street, West Chester, PA 19382, phone (610) 918-6250, TTY (610) 918-6251 or visit them on the web at www.chadinc.org. The American Helicopter Museum is located at 220 American Blvd. in West Chester, PA. American Sign Language interpreters will be provided for this event.



Hear Now Program Recycles Used Hearing Aids

Through The Starkey Hearing Foundation, Hear Now is a national non-profit program committed to assisting permanent U.S. residents who are deaf or hard-of-hearing and have limited financial resources. The work of Hear Now is supported through the contributions of many benefactors. Hear Now collects hearing aids for recycling purposes. Any make, model, regardless of age, can be donated to the hearing aid recycling program. All donations are tax deductible and a letter of acknowledgement will be sent to all identified donors. If you wish to donate a salvaged hearing aid or other assistive device, please securely package the donation and mail to: HEAR NOW, 6700 Washington Avenue South, Eden Prairie, MN 55344. To learn more, go to their website at www.sotheworldmayhear.org/hearnow.



Come Visit us on the web: www.hla-pa.org/chapters/buckscounty

Hedgerow Theatre presents Open Captioned Performance

The Hearing Loss Association of Pennsylvania (HLA-PA) invites you and your family and friends to the open-captioned performance of **"Visiting Mr. Green"** starring Alan Kutner, a member of HLA-PA and the DELHOH (Delaware County) chapter, in title role, at the Hedgerow Theatre in Media, PA, on Sunday, February 7, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. Through the efforts of Art-Reach and its *Independence Starts Here!* initiative, this performance can now be enjoyed by those with hearing loss. There will be a Q&A session with the actors immediately following the performance to answer any questions you may have about the play or the captioning.

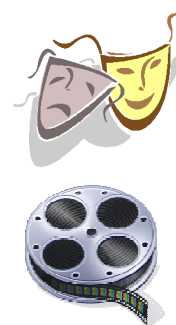
HLA-PA has secured a discounted group rate of \$16.00 per person (non-group rate is \$25 per person). Light refreshments will be served during intermission. To reserve your seats at this great discounted rate and get payment information, please email Marianne Lock at MCL0312@comcast.net, with your name and the number of people in your party no later than January 5, 2010.

"Visiting Mr. Green" is a funny and poignant comedy of when a judge rules that a young corporate executive must help out the irascible Mr. Green. A two character play about love, loss and redemption, this heartbreaking and endearing production will take you on an emotional journey. It will leave you laughing and crying for days to come. Visit www.hedgerowtheatre.org to learn more. Come join us for this amazing open-captioned production and get in on our group rate!



Check Out What's on the Cultural Calendar!

With HLA-PA serving as a Community Partner with Art-Reach's *Independence Starts Here!* initiative, we'd like to dedicate this section for providing updated information for some of the many events on their Cultural Calendar. 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 join the email club, log on to www.PhillyFunGuide.com/access.



The Light in the Piazza
Philadelphia Theatre Company
December 1st to 6th



A Christmas Carol
The Bridge Players Theatre Co.
December 5th – 3.p.m. – last one!



Harold and The Purple Crayon
Enchantment Theatre Company
December 2nd to January 3, 2010



The Nutcracker (audio-described performance)
Pennsylvania Ballet
December 20th



Oliver!
Walnut Street Theatre
December 1st to January 10, 2010



A Feast of Carols
Mendelssohn Club of Philadelphia
December 12th



Wicked
Academy of Music
January 6th to January 24, 2010



Irving Berlin's White Christmas
Academy of Music
December 2nd – Open Captioned Performance

Walk4Hearing 2010 date is set!

Walk4Hearing 2010 is already in the works! It will take place on **September 25, 2010** at Ridley Creek State Park. So please mark your calendars! Plans are already being made and sponsors being sought! It takes lots of work and the help and dedication of many wonderful people to orchestrate this event. If you are interested in volunteering on the day of the walk or serving on the planning committee, please email me, Debra Cannon at dtcannon5@msn.com. Thank you in advance!



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Register Early! For 2010 HLA A Annual Convention

HLAA Annual Convention
June 17-20, 2010
Hilton Milwaukee City Center
Milwaukee, Wisconsin



Announcing some exciting news about registration for Convention 2010:

Early Bird Registration: Register for the full activity package by December 31st and your name will go into a drawing for 3 FREE nights at the Hilton Milwaukee City Center! (Must be used on the nights of June 17 -19, 2010; taxes are the responsibility of the winner.)

First-time Attendee Discount: For first-time attendees, we are offering a registration discount! That's right, if you've never been to an HLA A convention before, now's your chance!

OIF/OEF Veteran with Hearing Loss: Complimentary Registration: Calling all vets of OIF and OEF with hearing loss. We want to show our support and gratitude for your service by offering a complimentary registration. Email convention@hearingloss.org for more info. HLA A'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.

About our Organization

Membership in HLA A 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 HLA A.

HLA A, Inc. annual dues are \$35 and include a wonderful bi-monthly magazine, **Hearing Loss**.

To join HLA A, Inc., please send your name, address, and check for \$35, payable to: HLA A Inc., 7910 Woodmont Ave., Suite 1200 Bethesda, MD 20814 Phone: (301) 657-2248 (Voice or TTY) or go to: www.hearingloss.org.

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 HLA A and its events and programs, or if you have questions about this publication, please contact our newsletter editor, Debra Cannon at drcannon5@msn.com.

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