

Summer



June 2010

Hearing Loss  
Association  
of America  
Bucks County Chapter

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### Next Meeting:

June 21, 2010

### Future Meetings:

September 20, 2010

December 6, 2010

### Meeting Location:

The Community Room  
The Free Library of  
Northampton Township  
25 Upper Holland Road  
Richboro, PA 18954

*Our speaker meetings  
are looped and have  
CART – Real Time  
Captioning!*

*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.*

## Improve Your Lip-Reading and Enjoy A Sweet Treat!

Come join us for our **First Day of Summer Ice Cream Social** on Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at our next chapter meeting, with guest speaker Judith A. Curtin, AuD from ABC HearingNet in West Chester, PA.

Dr. Curtin will be making a presentation on improving your Speechreading (lipreading)! Dr. Curtin is an AAA Board Certified audiologist and a ASHA certified speech pathologist. She has practiced aural habilitation / re-habilitation audiology for over 30 years. She was awarded her Doctor of Audiology from the University of Florida in December of 2006.



Dr. Curtin is known as an innovator in her field being one of the first to implement a comprehensive, integrative audiology program focused on training the older person to ensure maximum benefit from the hearing aids and to develop listening strategies. Her research and skill allowed Manhattan Eye and Ear to receive FDA approval to implant a congenitally deaf child in the mid 1980's. Her training, research, and publications are known locally, nationally and internationally. She has been recognized for her extensive continuing education by the American Academy of Audiology earning the "Scholar" award for 2003-2004 and by the American Speech and Language Association with the distinguished ACE awards for two consecutive years, 2004 and 2005.

Dr. Judy Curtin is a faculty member of West Chester University (since 2000) and formerly its Hearing Clinic Coordinator. She guests lectures at other similar institutions. She is a former Chair for Hearing and Hearing Disorders in Childhood for the American Speech, Language and Hearing Association.

***So come out, cool off with a sweet treat and brush up on your lip-reading skills on June 21<sup>st</sup>!***

## Mark Your Calendars and Kickoff the Walk4Hearing!



The Hearing Loss Association of PA's 2010 **Walk4Hearing Kickoff Event** is set to take place on Sunday, August 8, 2010 from 10:00a.m. to 12:00p.m., in the Liberty View Ballroom held at and sponsored by The Independence Visitor Center, One North Independence Mall West, 6<sup>th</sup> and Market Streets in Center City Philadelphia, PA.

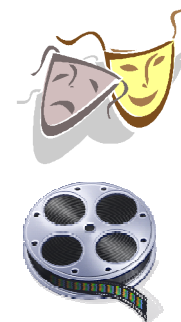
Join us for a delicious breakfast, courtesy of Philadelphia's voted #1 Best Caterers in 2009, Max & Me Catering, and learn how you can fundraise, donate and spread the word about the Walk4Hearing walkathon on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at Ridley Creek State Park in Newtown Square. Afterwards, make it a day by heading over to The National Park Service and go on a tour of Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell or the Eastern State Penitentiary. There are many other historical sites, museums and gardens and tours and attractions, such as The Ghost Tour of Philadelphia, The National Constitution Center, Ride the Ducks and the Cheesesteak Express. The Walk4Hearing Kickoff Event is *free* and is open to families and children! Official invitations will be mailed out the first week of July and will include more information such as parking, transportation and directions. However, seating will be limited, so if you would like to R.S.V.P. now, please contact Pamela Reiher at (215) 740-9024 or [pamelasreiher@gmail.com](mailto:pamelasreiher@gmail.com). CART (Real time captioning) will be provided at this event. If you would like to learn more about The Independence Visitor Center and its tours and attractions, go to [www.independencevisitorcenter.com](http://www.independencevisitorcenter.com). To donate or join a team for the PA Walk4Hearing, log on to [www.walk4hearing.org](http://www.walk4hearing.org) or [http://hlaa.convio.net/site/TR?fr\\_id=1760&pg=entry](http://hlaa.convio.net/site/TR?fr_id=1760&pg=entry). If you would like learn how you can sponsor this year's walk, please contact Debra Cannon at (215) 805-6011 or [dccannon5@msn.com](mailto:dccannon5@msn.com).

Come Visit us on the web: [www.hla-pa.org/chapters/buckscounty](http://www.hla-pa.org/chapters/buckscounty)

## Arts & Entertainment

Check out updated events in the arts, theatre and movies in this section. Websites for more information include: [www.phillyfunguide.com/group/detail/9](http://www.phillyfunguide.com/group/detail/9), [www.c2net.org/theatre.htm](http://www.c2net.org/theatre.htm), [www.fomdi.com](http://www.fomdi.com), [www.captionfish.com](http://www.captionfish.com). Events listed below are part of the *Independence Starts Here!* Cultural Calendar of HLA-PA's Community Partner, Art-Reach. Sign up to join HLA-PA's very own email notification list, managed by Art-Reach, and find out about **discounted** open-captioned live arts performances in and around the tri-state area. Click on this link to sign up [http://www.art-reach.org/ARR\\_ISH\\_EGroup.html](http://www.art-reach.org/ARR_ISH_EGroup.html).

Date	Time	Venue	Access*	Event
6/10/2010	2:00pm	Arden Theatre Company	ASL (Shadow)	If You Give a Mouse a Cookie
6/12/2010	2:00pm	Philadelphia Theatre Co.	OC	Ma Rainey's Black Bottom
6/19/2010	2:00pm	Wilma Theatre	OC	Leaving
6/20/2010	7:30pm	Academy of Music	ASL	Avenue Q
6/26/2010	8:00pm	Arden Theatre Company	OC	Sunday in the Park with George
6/27/2010	2:00pm	Arden Theatre Company	OC	Sunday in the Park with George
7/10/2010	2:00pm	Walnut Street Theatre	OC, ASL	Fiddler on the Roof
7/18/2010	2:00pm	Moorestown Theater Co.	ASL	Music Man
7/24/2010	2:00pm	Moorestown Theater Co.	ASL	Music Man



\*ASL – American Sign Language, OC – Open Captioning

## HLAA Announces New Video Series on Hearing Loss

Get accurate information about hearing loss, its causes and what to do about it. The Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) contracted with Knowlera Media to produce a series of seven, four-minute, captioned videos on hearing loss. Information to adequately brief someone on hearing loss is all in one place in an easy-to-access format. If you think you have a hearing loss or know someone who does, please point them to the videos where hearing health care professionals and people with hearing loss talk about what you can do about it. The message throughout the videos is that just about everyone can be helped with their hearing loss. But the first step is to acknowledge it and get a proper diagnosis. John K. Niparko, M.D., otolaryngologist at the Listening Center, Johns Hopkins Hospital, says, "It is a mistake to ignore a hearing loss and simply live with it."

HLAA gathered a team of hearing health care professionals to cover the following topics:

- Hearing Loss Basic Facts
- Hearing Loss Symptoms
- Hearing Loss Diagnosis
- Hearing Loss Treatments
- Living with Hearing Loss
- Hearing Loss Causes and Prevention
- Hearing Aids, Cochlear Implants and Assistive Listening Devices



The last video includes suggestions for finding mutual support through HLAA Chapters and information about the Hearing Loss Association of America and the work it does on behalf of 36 million people with hearing loss in the United States. **The message throughout is that hearing loss is a major public health concern and you do not need to hide it. With the right help, hearing loss is a daily challenge you can overcome.** The open-captioned and non-captioned versions of the videos are on [www.monkeysee.com](http://www.monkeysee.com), the website known for its "See how the experts do it" videos. The videos can be found under "Health and Fitness." Once you get to the videos, the caption versions appear when you click the tab "All Videos by This Expert." The videos also appear captioned on [www.hearingloss.org](http://www.hearingloss.org) and [www.YouTube.com](http://www.YouTube.com).



## Join the BEST OF BUCKS Team and Walk4Hearing!

Let's add more team members to this picture!!!! The Bucks County Chapter's **BEST OF BUCKS** Walk4Hearing Team is now up and running on the Walk4Hearing website at [www.walk4hearing.org](http://www.walk4hearing.org) or go to [http://hlaa.convio.net/site/TR/Teamraiser/2010PennsylvaniaWalk/1091687837?pg=team&fr\\_id=1760&team\\_id=16451](http://hlaa.convio.net/site/TR/Teamraiser/2010PennsylvaniaWalk/1091687837?pg=team&fr_id=1760&team_id=16451). This year's Best of Bucks Team Captain is our very own **Kate Gargiulo!** You can reach Kate at [kgar@verizon.net](mailto:kgar@verizon.net) if you have any questions about how to join the team or donate. Our fundraising goal for this year is \$3000. With your help and support we can reach this goal! So join our team and Walk4hearing!

**GO BEST OF BUCKS!**

## HLA-PA Hosts Employment Conference on October 29<sup>th</sup>

The Hearing Loss Association of PA (HLA-PA) proudly presents "WORKING TOGETHER", a one-day conference for hard of hearing employees, job seekers, and employers.

**Where:** Radisson Valley Forge, First Avenue, King of Prussia, PA

**When:** Friday, October 29, 2010, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$40 per person/\$70 for a student and parent (includes welcome coffee/tea and buffet lunch)



**Working Together** is a conference designed to bring together hard of hearing people who are now employed and those seeking employment (including students entering the workforce) and employers, human resources personnel, rehabilitation counselors and placement services staff. Workshops will address on-the-job accommodations, legal protections and issues related to working with a disability and how the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) serves its HOH customers. The exhibit hall will provide information on assistive equipment and resources. Real time captioning (CART), assistive listening devices, and ASL interpreters will ensure that all presentations are fully accessible to those with a hearing loss. Information and registration forms are available at [www.hla-pa.org](http://www.hla-pa.org) or from HLA-PA at 1371 Cushmore Rd., Southampton, PA 18966. A request for a registration form can be made by email at [conference@hla-pa.org](mailto:conference@hla-pa.org).



## Hear This!

Sources from Hearing Health®, a publication of the Deafness Research Foundation; The Hearing Journal; and blogposts by Lise Hamlin, director of public policy and state development, HLAA; [hamlin@hearingloss.org](mailto:hamlin@hearingloss.org)

**This new section will provide news and updates in technology, trends and research in the hearing loss industry.**

**Operation of Certain Wireless Microphones Prohibited after June 12<sup>th</sup>** Under a new FCC rule, anyone who uses a wireless microphone, or similar device, that operates in the 700 MHz Band will have to stop operating their wireless microphone, or similar device, no later than June 12, 2010. To see if this law affects your wireless microphone, check our Manufacturers Equipment list at <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/wirelessmicrophones/manufacturers.html>. All users of 700 MHz Band wireless microphones and similar devices - including theaters, churches, schools, conference centers, theme parks, sports leagues, and musicians - will need to retune or replace, if necessary, their equipment no later than June 12, 2010. Wireless microphones that operate outside of the 700 MHz Band are not affected. Those not affected by this change are assistive listening devices that operate on the 49 MHz, 72-76 MHz, and 216-217 MHz bands and audio induction loops or infrared systems that have corded microphones.

**Former President to Speak at Hearing Center** Lexington, KY-- Former President Bill Clinton will speak about his personal struggle with hearing loss at an August 13<sup>th</sup> celebration of the Lexington Hearing and Speech Center's 50th anniversary, the school announced at its recent preschool graduation. The celebration will kick off a \$2 million fund-raising campaign to replace the school with a new, larger building. The center has a waiting list because its present facility building can't accommodate all the students who want to attend.

**Audiology Convention Shows Off Top Technology** Souped-up ultramodern miniature sound amplification systems made up of computers, directional microphones and speaker modules that are driven by software and carry high price tags ---- yes, hearing aids have come a long way since the days of the "ear horn." At "Audiology Now!" the April 2010 conference of the American Academy of Audiology, more than 7,000 hearing health care professionals descended upon the San Diego Convention Center for four days last week. The largest gathering of its kind, the conference was also the scene of many new product debuts. Companies such as Phonak, Oticon, Starkey, Siemens, Widex, Unitron, and AudioSync are among those competing for the \$5.2 billion hearing aids and audio devices market. That market has been projected to grow to more than \$7 billion by 2016 as the population ages, according to iData Research, Inc., an international market research company. The evolution of digital technology has had a sweeping effect on the dynamics of the industry, making it possible for manufacturers to use advanced technologies such as built-in wireless capabilities, remote controls, feedback suppression, directional mikes, digital speech enhancement and multiple memories that can be adjusted to suit different listening environments.

**Cochlear™** is offering incentives to its users of Nucleus Freedom to upgrade Cochlear's Nucleus 5 System, which is compatible with users' current implants and features Cochlear's smallest sound processor, Remote Assistant, dual microphone technology and AutoPhone™ automatic phone detection. Call 800-587-6927, visit [www.cochlearamericas.com/upgrades](http://www.cochlearamericas.com/upgrades) or email [upgrades@cochlear.com](mailto:upgrades@cochlear.com).



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### We're on the Web!

HLA-PA's website:  
[www.hla-pa.org](http://www.hla-pa.org)

HLAA's website:  
[www.hearingloss.org](http://www.hearingloss.org)

Walk4Hearing website:  
[www.walk4hearing.org](http://www.walk4hearing.org)

## HLA-PA ChesCo Hosts Annual Picnic

The Hearing Loss Association of PA's Chester County Chapter invites you to the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Southeastern Hearing Loss Association PA Picnic on Sunday, July 11, 2010 from 12:00p.m. to 6:00p.m. at Pavilion 11B at Ridley Creek State Park in Newtown Square, PA. Bring family and friends! Will be held rain or shine. Cost is \$6.00 per person and \$10.00 per family. Send your R.S.V.P. by July 7<sup>th</sup> and any questions that you may have to: Bill Pfeifer at [bpfeifer@verizon.net](mailto:bpfeifer@verizon.net).

## You Can Still Go to Milwaukee!

Although on-line registration for HLAA's 2010 Annual Convention in Milwaukee from June 17<sup>th</sup> to June 20<sup>th</sup> is now closed, you can still register on-site! Whether you want to go for the entire convention or stay for just a few days, there is a registration package just for you! View all the packages and rates by [clicking here](#).



## Calendar of Events

**June 17-20**  
Milwaukee Convention 2010

**June 21**  
Chapter Meeting  
Speechreading by Dr. Judith Curtin

**July 11**  
HLA-PA 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic

**August 8**  
Walk4Hearing Kickoff Event

**September 20**  
Chapter Meeting

**September 25**  
Walk4Hearing Walkathon

**October 29**  
HLA-PA Employment Conference



Information – Education – Advocacy – Support  
The Nation's Voice for People with Hearing Loss

## About our Organization

HLAA's Bucks County Chapter is a local group of people of all ages with different degrees of hearing loss that offer support, information and social activities throughout the year. We provide a place where you can ask what others are doing to cope with their hearing loss and learn and share strategies for daily living. We also offer ways to get connected to audiologists, hearing aid specialists, assistive technology counselors and other professionals in many fields associated with hearing loss.

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

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

Our chapter meets four times a year on Mondays in the Community Room at the Free Library of Northampton Township, 25 Upper Holland Road, Richboro, PA 18954. If you would like to learn more about our chapter, how to join us, about HLAA and its events and programs, or if you have questions about this publication, please contact our newsletter editor, Debra Cannon at [dtcannon5@msn.com](mailto:dtcannon5@msn.com) or call 215-805-6011.

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