

# CHAPTER NEWS AND NOTES January 2015

### Happy New Year!

Looking forward to another year together at HLAA-LA. We welcome ideas for meeting programs, social events, fundraising, advocacy and outreach. Whether or not you are on the Steering Committee, there are always opportunities to get more involved with the chapter. This is YOUR chapter, and your thoughts and contributions are important to us!

**HLAA Convention: Early Bird Registration Ends 1/31** The 2015 HLAA National Convention happens June 25-28 in St. Louis, MO. Register now to get the early bird discount on registration packages - prices will go up on February 1, 2015. HLAA also offers veterans with hearing loss attending the convention for the first time a complimentary education package registration. You can find details about registration, travel, schedules and more at *www.hearingloss.org/content/convention*.

**GLAD Cal MediConnect Event, Thursday 1/29, 5-7 pm** If you receive both Medi-Cal and Medicare, you may want to attend this free GLAD event. Representatives from the five Cal MediConnect plans will give presentations on the Coordinated Care Initiative and Cal MediConnect. Captioning, ASL interpretation and assistive listening devices will be provided, as well as a light meal and free giveaways! 2222 Laverna Ave., Eagle Rock, CA. For more info, contact Sal Pineda: *spineda@gladinc.org* 

### **New Orange County Chapter!**

The OC Chapter had a great turnout at their first meeting on January 10. We can help support them by attending their next meeting February 7. A UC Irvine audiologist will discuss hearing aid selection and audiological services at UCI. The chapter will be meeting the **2nd Saturday each month, 10 am to 11:30 am at UCI Medical Center, 101 City Dr., Orange, 92868** in Building 56, Rooms 113-114. For more information, contact Marla Peoples: *marla\_peoples@yahoo.com* or Rachel McCallum: *rachel.m.mccallum@gmail.com*.

#### **Open-Captioned Live Performances** Ahmanson Theatre:

www.centertheatregroup.org/tickets/project-date-performances Griot Theatre: www.griottheatre.org

Hollywood Bowl: 323.850.2125 (Ask for Dept. 12, Section K3). See performance schedule at www.hollywoodbowl.org Pantages Theater: http://hollywoodpantages.com/accessibility Segerstrom Center for the Arts: www.scfta.org/access; e-mail: RMatuska@SCFTA.org

Happy February Birthdays to:

Samantha Kaplan (Mike and Alicia's daughter) on 2/3; Keiko Kamiya on 2/14; Gus Barden (Chloé's son) on 2/17; Bette Ann Poska on 2/23; Aidan Stern (Valerie and Willy's daughter) on 2/27; and Michael Thal on 2/28!

## **CHAPTER MEETINGS**

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

### Saturday, January 24 Guest Speakers: Kase Martis and Thomas

Kaufmann from Loop LA and Otojoy Loop LA's mission is to obtain equal access for people with hearing loss by promoting the usage of hearing loop technology. Learn about spreading awareness and advocating for increased looping in the community. Plus... we'll re-connect after the holidays with around-the-room introductions and discuss our personal goals for 2015!

#### **Saturday, February 28** Guest Speaker: Audiologist Jeff Grama

#### Saturday, March 28 RAP SESSION: TOPIC TBA

### Saturday, April 25

Guest Speaker: Richard Ray, ADA Technology Access Coordinator, City of L.A. Department on Disability, Disability Access and Services

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

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