



**Hearing Loss
Association
of America**
Cape Cod Chapter

Cape Ears May 2010

*Saturday, June 12, 2010
The Chapter is Cooking!*

Member Cookout at Grey's Beach/Bass Hole picnic area in YarmouthPort. Only \$10 a person for a barbeque under a covered pavillion. In addition to the beach and boardwalk, there will be shuffleboard and horseshoes.

Return the reservation form on page 3 by June 1st.

CHAPTER DUES--still only \$10!

Your \$10 goes a long way toward providing the newsletter and other projects. If you want your voice to be heard on Cape Cod issues for the hearing impaired, please join us and help us advocate! There is strength in numbers and organizations are judged on their number of members. Please mail your 2010 dues or pay at the next meeting. Use the handy form inside this newsletter.

The Board needs YOU!

Looking for smart people with good ideas. That's YOU! Educate, advocate, support, have fun. Help others learn to stop faking it. Call Betty at 508-432-3948, email info@hearinglosscapecod.org or drop us a note. Planning in the summer for new season in the fall.

2010 Meetings 1:30 pm -->

--Saturday, May 22-- Bob Prescott, Wellfleet Bay Audubon Society
--June 12, 2010 -- cookout at Greys

We meet at the Dennis Public Library in Dennisport where the meeting room is equipped with a loop that works with your hearing aid telecoil to bring sound right to your ear.
web: www.dennispubliclibrary.org

HLACC Spring Meeting Saturday May 22 at 1:30 pm

**Understanding our Local Wildlife
Current Research at Wellfleet Bay
with**

**Bob Prescott of Wellfleet Bay Audubon Society,
Dennis Public Library**

What do piping plovers, diamondback terrapins, horseshoe crabs and the Wellfleet oyster have in common? They are all subjects of long-term projects conducted by Mass Audubon's Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary. The majority of these projects are done with the help of citizen scientists—trained volunteers, many with no previous experience, who work with Wellfleet Bay staff to meet the goals of the projects. This exciting network of volunteers helps raise our understanding of Cape Cod's wildlife on multiple levels. This behind the scenes look will highlight Wellfleet Bay's current research and monitoring projects and provide insight into what we have learned from our studies. Slides and CART transcription--live computer assisted real time translation--mean you'll understand every word!

from the president Bobbie@hearinglosscapecod.org

May is change of officers time and we need a vice-president, secretary and social committee chair to help us plan an exciting fall and spring program. We have been trying to think outside the box and experiment a little--a cookout instead of a luncheon is one example. The Grey's Beach cookout should be fun and give everyone a chance to relax and have fun with other members. Volunteers are needed, too. See Page 3 for more. Working on the board seems to make for lasting friendships. So if you would like to get involved in the group and make things happen, not just go to meetings and enjoy the information and goodies, then please email or call me. Bobbie (508-432-9385 or bobbie@hearinglosscapecod.org)

News Briefs from National

HLAA Convention in Milwaukee, June 17-20.

Keynote speaker, Bill Barkeley, a young man with hearing and vision loss who climbs mountains and leads outward bound trips.

Joan Marcoux of New Hampshire has reported that a bill requiring private NH health insurance companies to provide \$1,500 coverage over five years for hearing aids, fitting, and adjustment services passed the NH legislature this session. Kudos to HLAA members in NH who worked on this bill!

Member News

Several of our members need rides to attend events. Can you pick up a Nantucket member at the dock? Drive someone from Harwich? Let us know.

Welcome to new member Primrose Craven of Chatham. Hope we will see you at the next meeting!

Congratulations to:

Betty Keeshan is expecting her second great-grandchild in the summer.

Margaret Poxon is moving to Tempe, AZ to be closer to her sister.

Marita Cable's youngest daughter is graduating college in May, and then Marita and Ken are moving to the Cape permanently. No more commute to New Hampshire!

Spring Cleaning Ideas

Use natural non-toxic products in your cleaning chores. You probably already have ammonia, vinegar and baking soda in the house.



Dilute vinegar with water for windows and floors. Leave baking soda on rugs then vacuum up for a fresh smell. Use diluted ammonia on tile floors. NEVER MIX AMMONIA AND VINEGAR. Send us your tips!

Heidi L. Reed, Commissioner, MCDHH --budget update

MCDHH is funded to provide programs and services which result in statewide communication access and to coordinate accessibility and quality of the Commonwealth's services to adults and children who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing. MCDHH began FY 2010 with a budget of \$5,334,020. As a result of 9C cuts, the budget was reduced by \$343,567 and the current projected budget for FY'10 is \$4,990,453.

The Governor's House 2 budget for FY'11 allocates \$4,895,345 for MCDHH, a 3% decrease below FY'10 projected spending. The House Ways and Means Committee budget proposes a decreased budget of \$4,830,218, or 1% below the Governor's House 2 budget.

Although some funds were restored in social services on April 29th, no funds were restored or increased in the MCDHH budget.

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*Understanding CapTel*

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The Massachusetts Equipment Distribution Program (EDP) will offer CapTel phones to consumers that apply and are approved through the MCDHH once we have a service provider. The phone that will be offered in MA is the **800**. It is different from the **800i** as it does not require internet service.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or if I can be of any further service. We also provide outreach for all of our programs with materials and presentations available upon request.

Monna R. Wallace

Director of Programs (Mass EDP, Mass Relay, Public Education Training)

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**[Arthur Barbash says he loves his two CapTel phones. The demo we saw at Tom Driscoll's office was blindingly fast! goodbye TTY!]**

**The Chapter is Cooking! Saturday, June 12, 2010  
12 noon to 3 pm rain or shine!  
Gray's Beach (Bass Hole) in YarmouthPort  
off 6A by the playground to end.  
(400 Center Street by gps)**



This picturesque spot on the north side has a covered pavilion with tables, barbeque grills, beach, boardwalk, bathrooms, walking trails, a horseshoe pit and other games. We'll be there rain or shine with lots of food and drink (non alcoholic). Can you bring a cooler with ice?

Send \$10 for each person, check made out to **Hearing Loss Association, Cape Cod Chapter** to:  
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We're cooking hamburgers (vegetarian and otherwise), hot dogs, corn.  
**You bring the dessert and well have a potluck dessert table.**

name: \_\_\_\_\_  
address \_\_\_\_\_  
phone \_\_\_\_\_ number of guests @\$10 ea \_\_\_\_\_  
email \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to help: set up 11am to noon \_\_\_\_\_  
show my cooking talents on the grill \_\_\_\_\_  
organize games \_\_\_\_\_ horseshoes and???  
clean up 3 pm to 4 pm \_\_\_\_\_  
-----cut and mail or bring to May meeting -----

**Coming to the Cape??**

[See What I'm Saying , a movie](#)

directed by Hilari Scarl, follows four deaf entertainers - a comic, a drummer, an actor and a singer as they overcome personal obstacles. Tom Driscoll went to the NYC premiere and says it's great. He hopes to bring it to the Cape. Would anyone like to help with this?

<http://www.seewhatimsayingmovie.com>

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Make new friends and support our mission in a direct way by joining the Board or a committee. Do you have a special skill or a great idea? Tell us! We're looking for a few good volunteers who want to get involved and make a difference!

We are losing another board member. Margaret Poxon is moving. Please consider -- vice president, secretary or social committee chair.



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We are an official chapter of Hearing Loss Association of America. **Join now and add your voice to the thousands of other members. Some chapters have made a goal of 100% membership in National.**

www.hearingloss.org a very informative website

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The **Hearing Loss Association of America**, formerly SHHH, is a hard working organization.

Part of the mission statement says:

Self Help: - HLAA believes people with hearing loss can help themselves and one another to participate fully and successfully in society.

HLAA promotes self-confidence; empowers individuals with skills to improve their lives; and provides an opportunity for affiliation among people with hearing loss, their friends, families, and professionals.

**Join today to receive the magazine and learn how to advocate.**



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