

Next Event--Holiday Luncheon for Members. Saturday December 4th at 12:30 pm at Oliver's on Route 6A. Pay your 2011 dues and save \$2.50 off the price of your meal. Forms are inside.

CHAPTER DUES--something new!

Your annual chapter dues are still only \$10 and goes a long way toward providing the newsletter and other projects. We are also offering a LIFETIME membership at only \$100.

The Board needs YOU!

Looking for smart people with good ideas to 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.

We meet at Dennis Public Library, 5 Hall Street, just off Route 28 in Dennisport where the meeting room is equipped with an induction loop that works with your hearing aid telecoil to bring sound directly to your ear. Headphones also available. web: www.dennispubliclibrary.org

Upcoming Meetings on Saturdays

Holiday Luncheon, December 4
Jan 29, 2011; March 26, 2011; May 28, 2011 and June social.

Welcome to a new advertiser!

The Lions Club of Dennis and Harwich are now advertising in the newsletter, and therefore have become members in good standing for 2011. Thanks to Lion Bill McCormick for spearheading it.

CapTel and The Equipment Distribution Program with Melanie Darosa, Massachusetts EDP, September 25th

The Mass 911 Department has taken over equipment distribution formerly done by Verizon at a phone store at the Hyannis Mall. Melanie is the contact for the Southeast Region and the person who will bring your new equipment to your home and train you to use it. Through a simple application, people with hearing and/or vision problems can receive equipment for free. If you are already on the free distribution list and your equipment is no longer working, you do not need to reapply, just call the office. Ken Amesbury is the latest member to have a CapTel phone, and he is getting used to it. There is a little delay receiving the captions but he now enjoys using the phone. (it's faster with an 800i, which you can purchase for \$99, but must use with high speed internet.) www.massrelayedp.com



**Brenda Battat, Executive Director,
Hearing Loss Association of America
October 16th**

In an interesting and wide-ranging talk, Brenda described the HLAA's successful advocating in Washington. including closed captioning, airline access, hearing loops and phone compatibility, and how much more needs to be done.

About the telephones, she said there are many phones on the market that you can use very comfortably with a hearing aid with or without the telecoil setting. Look for labeling for microphones (M3 or M4) or telecoils (T3 or T4). Both numbers work well with your hearing aid or implant but 4 is better than 3. It's important to try out the phone because hearing aids have certain **immunity levels**. You can find out the immunity level of your hearing aid from your audiologist. The lower the immunity, the more comfortable you'll be. Immunity means how well does it ward off interference from the environment. How immune is it? Hearing aids are being made more and more immune now to avoid interference from a computer or fluorescent light or when you hold a phone up to your ear. If your audiologist doesn't know the immunity, they should contact the manufacturer.

Brenda also said that hearing aids and cochlear implants with telecoils have a telephone "sweet spot" that takes practice to find. Call an 800 number with a long recorded menu like the IRS or Social Security or Amtrak.

[The website for the HLAA is www.hearingloss.org and it has a wealth of information. By becoming a member of national, you are represented in their advocacy and counted, making for a stronger organization. We suggest you join HLACC and HLAA this year! ed.]

Get out to the Movies

The Foreign Film Series at Cape Cod Community College

Tuesdays, at 3:30 pm in the **Science Building, Lecture Hall A.** The films are subtitled. Free and open to all, weekly through Dec. 14. Call 508-362-2131, X4453 for info and to join mailing list or website: www.capecod.edu/web/events/foreign-film-series

[Cape Cinema-www.capecinema.com](http://CapeCinema-www.capecinema.com) and local libraries have captioned film showings, monthly at Brewster and Dennisport, in rooms with loops.

Showtimes by email subscription: ncam.wgbh.org/receive-email-announcements

www.mopix.org -- accessible films and showtimes
captionfish.com -- captioned, subtitled and/or described films by zip code. Put it on your cell phone.

Member News

Margaret Poxon and Duffy are settling down in Tempe Arizona. Duffy already knows which door leads outside. We wish them the best.

Arthur Barbash is moving to a retirement community in Westborough on December 2nd. Hope you get your Captel phones set up again quickly and enjoy your new place!

Betty Keeshan is the subject of an article by Barbara Ravage in *PrimeTime magazine* called "Beyond Hearing Aids: the wide world of assistive devices" with a photo of Betty surrounded by her favorite things, including a book and the *New York Times*. Download at primetimecapecod.com or pick one up at the grocery store. Betty said: Things that weren't included in the article were the importance of people looking at us to speak, not turning their head in another direction, not talking and walking into another room, and what I've gained by being

a member of our chapter. Barbara did a lot of research on what is available for us; just a few facts were wrong. My kids did not grow up in Montclair, *I did*. I'm no longer a member of the Embroiderer's Guild. But, I *will* enjoy having my hearing aid programmed to get sound from tv directly to it, when David comes to do that. And I am going to see about the phone, Melanie Darosa is coming to talk about that. I'll be happy to share all I learn with anyone who is interested. --Betty K.

January Meeting Goes To The Dogs

Joe Beals is planning a program about dogs on January 29th. Dogs that can help us when the phone rings; dogs that can help us when somebody is knocking at the door and can tell us the difference between the two. We're going to have some fun with this and maybe ultimately develop our own program that would be uniquely suited to our needs and then make it available through national to all the other chapters. But that's in the gestation stage, just like this meeting. Come to the January meeting and we'll have some fun and we'll learn about the companion dogs that can help us hear.

Watch for Cold-Stunned Turtles

For 30 years the Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary has been assisting in the rescue and rehabilitation of cold-stunned sea turtles. Volunteers help canvass beaches and drive rescued turtles to Boston for their rehab with New England Aquarium. If you'd like to help, please contact volunteer coordinator Cynthia Franklin at cfranklin@massaudubon.org or 508-349-2615 x101.

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Hard of Hearing Independent Living Specialist in Worcester. 15 hrs/wk. Send resume, list of references and cover letter to: Susan Collette, Human Resources Center for Living & Working, Inc. 484 Main St., Suite 3405 Worcester, MA 01608

A man feared his wife wasn't hearing as well as she used to and thought she might need a hearing aid. Not quite sure how to approach her, he called the family doctor to discuss the problem. The doctor told him to perform a simple test.

"Here's what you do," said the doctor, "stand about 30 feet away from her, and in a normal speaking tone see if she hears you. If not, go to 20 feet, then 10 feet, and so on until you get a response."

That evening, the wife is in the kitchen cooking dinner, and he was in the den about 30 feet away. In a normal tone he asks, "Honey, what's for dinner?"

No response.

So the husband moves closer to the kitchen, about 20 feet from his wife and repeats, "Honey, what's for dinner?"

Still no response.

Next he moves into the dining room where he is about 10 feet from his wife and asks, "Honey, what's for dinner?"

Again there is no response.

So he walks right up behind her...

"Honey, what's for dinner?"

Ralph, for THE FOURTH TIME!
CHICKEN!"

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Dinner Migs. - 4th Wed. - Riverway Lobster House, SY

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## Luncheon

**December 4th 12:30 pm at Oliver's**

**960 Route 6A, Yarmouth Port**

**corner of Bray Farm Rd. (508) 362-6062**

Only \$15 per person for 2010-11 members, HLACC pays the difference. Membership form on page 3, join now for 2011.

Return this form and your check made out to Hearing Loss Association, Cape Cod Chapter for reservations by NOVEMBER 24th to

Marie McKay, 97 John Nelson Way, Harwich, MA 02645

Choose one per person:

\_\_\_\_\_ broiled scrod or haddock

\_\_\_\_\_ chicken stuffed with broccoli and cheese

\_\_\_\_\_ roast sliced angus beef with mushroom gravy

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