

2011 CHAPTER DUES--something new!

Your annual chapter dues are still only \$10 and goes a long way toward providing CART for our meetings, printing 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 Saturday

Jan 29, 2011; March 26; May 28 and June social.

December Social at Oliver's on 6A

Many thanks to **Marie McKay** for organizing our December holiday social, despite a broken arm! We had a great turnout, including 4 new members. The room was private and very quiet, and everyone was pleased that we didn't have to deal with the noise that keeps many of us away from restaurant dining.

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*"Going to the Dogs" January 29, 2011,
2 pm. Dennis Public Library*

Sandy Luppi,
Manager of the Brewster Branch,
Animal Rescue League of Boston

Sandy has been the Brewster Animal Care And Adoption Center Manager for the past four and a half years. She has worked in the field of animal welfare for the past twenty-three years. The private/non-profit humane society on Route 6A in Brewster handled over 1300 animals in 2010.

Free and open to the public. Come and learn about this wonderful resource on the Cape. CART will be available, you won't miss a word!

The idea for this topic began when we were discussing the possibility of training our own dogs to assist us with things we cannot hear, like phones, doorbells or emergency vehicles.

Joe Beals has undertaken research on this interesting topic. He would like to know how many of you are interested in training your own animals. **Please fill out the questionnaire on p. 3 and bring it to the next meeting, or email to info@hearinglosscapecod.org**

*If you are considering a hearing dog
(more info at the Jan 29th meeting)*

Cheryl Heppner and Galaxy www.nvrc.org/hearing-dogs

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Get out to the Movies

Foreign Film Series at Cape Cod Community College

Tuesdays, at 3:30 pm in the **Science Building, Lecture Hall A.** Films are subtitled. Free and open to all.

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

and local libraries often have captioned film showings, monthly at Brewster and Dennisport, in rooms with loops. OR, borrow captioned movies FREE at your local library.

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.

See What I'm Saying, The Deaf Entertainers Movie

Open captioned-DVD Release February 22, 2011. The film follows four deaf entertainers: an actor, comic, singer and drummer as they attempt to crossover to mainstream audiences.

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James Battat is president of the Hear@Boston HLAA chapter. He writes that we are all welcome to attend their meetings on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7pm at Mass Eye and Ear Infirmery, Sloane Teaching Room, 3rd Floor 243 Charles Street, Boston, MA 02114. For details on upcoming events, please see: www.HearAtBoston.org/events.html



CAPTIONING AT MOVIE THEATERS. Tell the Dept. of Justice it's important to you. **PLEASE DO THIS by January 24th** and ask your family and friends to participate, also.

from HLAA Executive Director Brenda Battat:
The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) published a notice that it is considering changes to its regulations to require movie theater owners and operators to show captioned movies. DOJ is inviting written comments from members of the public.

If movie captions are important to you, tell the DOJ!

The DOJ proposes to require movie theater owners and operators to show films with closed captioning. DOJ proposes to limit this requirement to no more than 50 percent of the films shown, and DOJ is willing to give owners and operators up to 5 years to get to the 50 percent mark.

HLAA believes that "full and equal enjoyment" of services under the Americans with Disabilities Act means that people with hearing loss must be provided the kind of accommodations that would allow us to attend any movie anytime. For people with significant hearing loss, that means 100% captioning. We believe that an across the board industry cap of 50% is arbitrary and inconsistent with the law.

Complete information and a sample letter available at: www.hearingloss.org/doj_moviecaptions.asp

Disability Rights Section, Civil Rights Division
U.S. Department of Justice
P.O. Box 2885
Fairfax, Virginia 22031 – 0885

Re: Docket # 112; RIN 1190-AA63

Coverage issues. Question #1:

DOJ is proposing that the percentage of movie screens offering closed captioning be set at 10 percent after one year and increased 10 percent a year until 50 percent is reached. Does this approach provide a proper balance between providing accessibility to consumers, on one hand, and giving owners and operators time to acquire the necessary equipment, on the other hand?

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Bd. Mtgs. & Speaker Mtgs. - 2nd Wed. - Dennis Police Station

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

We recycle eyeglasses & cell phones!



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*Next meeting: January 29
Dennis Public Library
Dennisport*