



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

Cape Ears May 2011

Upcoming events

June 18th Cookout at Grey's Beach in Yarmouth port

You must be a member (or guest of a member) to attend the picnic. Last year everyone had a good time enjoying the food, the beach, the boardwalk and the good company. Planners needed. Marie McKay's son has volunteered to help cook. Thank You! We will have grilled hamburgers, both vegetarian and non, and hot dogs. Price is only \$15 and the reply form to mail is inside. It's important for us to know how many people are going EARLY in the planning. Also we want to arrange for car pools if needed.

2011 CHAPTER DUES--

Annual chapter dues are still only \$10. Or consider a LIFETIME membership at only \$100.

Contact us!

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.

Our Meeting Room

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

Thank you to Members who gave additional donations

--Marie McKay

--Matt Ferrara

May 28th Meeting 2 pm Games and More Games

We are going to have a couple hours of social time to relax, chat, learn new games and maybe find people with common interests.

There will be three half-hour sections of game playing. You are welcome to bring a favorite game, a card table and a snack. You can sign up on a chart to play Boggle, cribbage, scrabble and cards (Go Fish in sign language) or we'll add a game that you bring. It would help if you let Bobbie (bobbie@hearinglosscapecod.org) know beforehand for planning purposes.

Before we begin, we will conduct a little business and vote on our slate of officers. We are very pleased that June Barrett of COD in Hyannis has agreed to join our board. June is the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Advocate at COD. You can reach her at june@cilcapecod.org COD stresses independent living, and the "cil" means Center for Independent Living. She is an advocate there and will be a great addition to our board. Unfortunately, she has a prior commitment and cannot attend the May meeting. Thanks, and welcome, June!

March Meeting: Advanced Hearing Aid Technology and Connectivity

Tiffany Pflieger and Leanne O'Neil Fletcher, AuD. Co-owners of Advanced Audiology Associates in Mashpee and East Dennis gave an interesting illustrated talk on the technological improvements in hearing aids. The RITE/RIC style of hearing aid has gotten very popular. There is no mold in the ear, just an open tube. Besides being almost invisible on the wearer, its small size has several other advantages: there is no thick plastic mold blocking sounds into the ear, it can be reprogrammed in the office, and the open tip drains less power. *Multiple processors* run at the same time in some models, allowing programming for recognizing noise from speech. *Adaptive directionality* can change the noise into a different range. Of course, there is still no magical cure for noisy restaurants. In binaural processing, one hearing aid can make speech louder and the other hearing aid reduce the noise. Bluetooth connectivity is also becoming more available--wireless connectivity to other devices like televisions. The wave of the future is *NFMI*, near field magnetic induction, 2.4 GHz wireless systems that can occur over long distances with no time delay. Adaptors are necessary to use now because it is too big to fit inside of the hearing aid. There is not enough room here to summarize all the information in the presentation, plus they patiently answered a number of questions. Thank you Tiffany and Leanne for making this confusing, but important subject so understandable.

Moira Hennessey, MassRelay Community Relations Manager spoke about "Making Telephone Communication Possible for Individuals with Hearing Loss and Speech Difficulties. Please contact her with questions. We are so fortunate to have such a knowledgeable and accessible person willing to give us her time.

MassRelay is a free service that allows communication between individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, deaf-blind or have difficulty speaking, and standard telephone users. Captioned Telephone is a helpful service for people who have difficulty hearing over the phone. The website is www.mass.gov/massrelay Several people used the loaner CapTel phone and were very happy with it.

Get out to the Movies
Foreign Film Series at Cape Cod Community College Tuesdays, at 3:30 pm. Call 508-362-2131, X4453 for info and mailing list www.capecod.edu/web/events/foreign-film-series

[Cape Cinema-www.capecinema.com](http://www.capecinema.com)

Your Public Library: Brewster and Dennisport monthly movies shown in rooms with loops. OR, borrow captioned movies FREE at any local library. www.clamsnet.org

captionfish.com -- captioned, subtitled and/or described films by zip code. Regal Theater in Hyannis and Harwich has limited open caption.

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

www.mopix.org

Assistive Equipment for hearing and sight loss

www.mass.gov/massedp
Voice/TTY 800-300-5658
Mon - Fri 8:30am to 5:00pm
E-Mail JoinIn@MassEDP.co

Website of Interest:

The Cape Cod Disability Access Directory, which has been published for 15 years by JAM Specialists, Inc, Jean Ann McLaughlin, Editor, will only be available online this year at <http://www.capecoddisability.org/>

The directory evaluates transportation, restaurants, beaches and other facilities on the Cape and includes telephone access numbers.

Saturday, June 18, 2011 Member Picnic 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? Bring your binoculars to watch the ospreys.

Send \$15 for each member, check made out to **Hearing Loss Association, Cape Cod Chapter** to:
Marita Cable, 7 Spruce Street, South Yarmouth, MA 02664

We're cooking hamburgers (vegetarian and otherwise), hot dogs, corn.

name: _____
address _____
phone _____ number of guests @\$15 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 -----

2011 Convention website: www.hearingloss.org/convention/index.asp
You can still register for the upcoming convention in Washington, DC on June 16-19. To show support for **veterans with hearing loss** who have served in Iraq and/or Afghanistan, HLAA offers a complimentary one-year membership as well as free **convention registration**. Email Nancy Macklin (nmacklin@hearingloss.org) for more information.

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DENNIS-HARWICH LIONS CLUB
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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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Playing Games
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