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Delray/Boynton Chapter

**Our purpose is
to help people
with all degrees
of hearing loss
to understand
their problem,
learn how to deal
with it, and cope
with day to day
situations.**

Monthly Meetings at South County Civic Center, 16700 Jog Rd, Delray Beach
We meet every third Friday of each month September through May at 9:45 AM.

NEXT MEETING DATE
September 15, 2006, at 09:45 AM

PROGRAM

Welcome to the first meeting of the 2006/2007 season. We'll talk about new devices and methods coming our way to improve hearing for those of us who are hearing impaired.

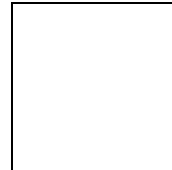
Ask questions, talk about problems that have arisen, and what you are interested in learning about for the coming year.

Join us for bagels and coffee, and bring a friend or two.

We love having guests, and hope that by their third visit they will love us enough to become members.

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President's Message

Our first meeting of the 2006/2007 season is at once a welcome back session and an opportunity to show case some of the new assistive hearing devices coming into the market place, and some of the advances in hearing aid technology that may soon be available to us. Last season was productive and saw us grow both in stature, and in size with many new members coming on board.

This year will be even better. We are planning more interesting and informative programs, and are getting ready to vigorously promote our chapter throughout the tri-city area that we serve.

The operative word here is "serve." We exist for only one purpose - to make life easier for those of us who suffer hearing impairment by providing information and "know how" about getting along in a hearing world. Join us for bagels & coffee; bring a friend or two, and ask questions.

Editor's Notes *by Nina Tamber, Editor*

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Hope you all had restful, interesting summers and are looking forward to re-joining us. The HLAA convention in Orlando was the highlight of the summer. More on that follows.

Harold and Ruth Brodsky are leaving Delray, moving to New Jersey. We will miss them. We wish them good health, and the joy of being near their son.

In addition to the generosity of his donation to us, Dr. Steven Sederholm has renewed his ad in the Bulletin. He included some very kind words of support for the work we do.

If you haven't already heard about our Merry Rubinstein, you will read about her in the following pages.

Goldie Zammito Has reached the 90 year milestone. Bravo,Goldie!

Sadly, we have lost our member Stephen Friedman. Our heart-felt condolences to his family and friends.

Convention in Orlando

The 2006 National Convention in Orlando was exciting, stimulating and exhausting! Our chapter had six representatives; Lee & George Hoppen, Merry & Morris Rubinstein and Nina & Jerry Tamber.

Since our president, Oscar Segal, was unable to attend, Jerry was in charge. George Hoppen tells all about it on page 3.

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LIP READING POSTPONED

Regrettably, Merry Rubinstein's Lip Reading classes must be postponed. Merry is recovering from hip surgery. As you know, hip replacement therapy is a long, painful and arduous process. When she is up to resuming teaching she will be in touch with her students. Merry's classes have been an outstanding feature of our chapter and she is surely beloved by all.. We eagerly await her complete recovery.

DELRAY/BOYNTON AT THE CONVENTION

Our chapter's presentation "How to Acquire New Members; How Keep Them, and Why Your Chapter Needs to Grow," was well attended and well received. It was largely due to the preparation by President Oscar Segal (who could not be there due to his recent BAHA surgery). It was my honor, as his representative, with the assistance of Jerry, Nina, Merry, and my wife, Lee, to make this presentation.

Oscar's program for growing the organization includes slides in a Power Point presentation we used as the focal point of a number of seminars we hosted for hearing impaired people. The seminars were held in public libraries, houses of worship, and as programs for social clubs throughout our area. The presentation also included several videos that simulated the different levels of hearing loss as heard by hard-of-hearing people. There is always an amazing reaction on what sounds the hoh hear and what is heard by the hearing world!

After Oscar's presentation, working members re-emphasized the various benefits of membership. The program includes extensive displays of assistive listening devices, informative hand-outs and brochures.

The convention attendees were from all over the country, Canada and Alaska, and wanted

more info about our program. The video could not be shown but much discussion followed.

Past President Jerry Tamber made pertinent remarks about recruiting and attracting new members. As Program chairman he described how he invited speakers from the Fire & Sheriffs' departments, Emergency services, etc.

Nina Tamber, (Bulletin Editor & Board member) reinforced need for the non-hard of hearing to understand how we hearing-impaired hear. Also the need for publicity in local papers, on TV and radio about upcoming meetings (place, date, etc.).

Merry Rubinstein (Treasurer and Lip Reading Instructor) mentioned the importance of providing transportation for those who needed it. Have a telephone squad and reward volunteers with a luncheon...

At the Round Table discussion, emphasis was on where to find new members: various clubs, religious organizations, homeowners associations, condos,wtc. Movies such as "Unheard Voices," books and brochures are available as recruiting tools

In conclusion I think we can be proud of our contribution in helping spread the word that there is help for those of us who have hearing problems. Again, I thank. Oscar for making this opportunity available to me.

George Hoppen

A TRIBUTE TO HAROLD BRODSKY

Harold Brodsky is leaving Delray and we owe it to him to tell you more about him and what he has done for us.

Harold joined our chapter in April, 1984 and became a Board member and Treasurer. He was very interested in Assistive Listening Devices (ALD's), learned as much as possible and shared his knowledge by announcing at every meeting that he made "house calls."

In 1987, Harold, with the help of Regina Rabinowitz, organized a one-day cruise, the chapter's first social and fund raiser. For many years after that, Harold was instrumental in arranging pre-Thanksgiving weekends at the Saxony Hotel in Miami Beach. These weekends were lots of hard work but very successful and lots of fun for all.

Harold, together with Regina and Harry Steinberg, held seminars at Heritage Park West and Delray Hospital in 1989.

1990: SHHH Delray was presented with community awareness recognition by our national organization.

1991: Harold became president.

1993: Helen Brodsky (Harold's sister-in-law and a hearing person) became financial secretary. She served until 1996 when she passed away.

1997: Harold was again Treasurer. He has always been an active member of our Board, giving us input and ideas.

As of 2006, he was still arranging the bagels & cream cheese breakfasts and Chuck-a-Bucks for our regular meetings.

We would be remiss if we did not mention his loving wife Ruth who has been at his side almost 65 years and given Harold not only her

whole-hearted support, but quietly, on her own initiative, was making telephone calls for our telephone squad.

We all wish them good luck and good health in New Jersey. They both will be sorely missed.

With Affection, Merry Rubinstein.

RESEARCHING NEW TECHNOLOGIES for PEOPLE with HEARING LOSS

*By Gallidet University, Entymotic Research
Center & Motorola*

PARTICIPANT: Merry Rubinstein

PURPOSE: To better understand compatibility requirements of hearing aid telecoil users for digital telephone use

Merry spent about 1-1/2 hours with questionnaires on her hearing status, hearing aid use and telephone use. While using her telecoil she heard speech, then speech mixed with a variety of interfering noises that cordless and cell phones might produce. She was asked to adjust speech and noises to different usability levels and rate what she heard. Measurements were taken in her ear canal while listening through her hearing aid.

Results of this study will be provided directly to the standards groups which develop the technical requisites for telecoil compatibility of cell phones and cordless phones.

As Merry puts it, "it was an extremely interesting experience."

Jerry Tamber (who witnessed the process) will be happy to answer questions about this research test at our September meeting.

Special Care Units

Palm Beach County has established a Special Needs Program to provide for citizens with certain medical problems during a major hurricane. The Special Care Units (also known as SCUs) are facilities that have auxiliary power and are not located in areas that have a high risk of flooding during a hurricane. Physicians and nurses are assigned to the Special Care Units by the Palm Beach County Health Department.

Following are requirements to be eligible for the Special Needs Program:

1. Persons who cannot be without electricity because they depend upon their own electrically energized life support equipment within the home.
2. Persons that are too immobile and/or have a chronic stable illness, but are not suitable for regular shelter placement.
3. Insulin diabetics who depend on refrigeration for their insulin.
4. Persons who are bedridden and require custodial care.

Participation in the Special Needs Program requires registration, and an application that must be completed by a doctor. That application must be sent to the Division of Emergency Management. The Palm Beach County Health Department will determine if the applicant is eligible for the Special Needs Program.

If you do not live in an area which must be evacuated prior to a hurricane and have certain medical problems, there are alternatives to applying for the Special Needs Program: *Continued Page 7*

IMPORTANT NOTES

SPECIAL OCCASION - Want to make a donation for a special occasion or in remembrance of a loved one? We have lovely "In Honor of," "In Memory of," and "Thank You for Your Contribution" cards that we will send to the person(s) or family advising them of your donation (minimum \$5). All contributions to S-H-H-H are TAX deductible. Call Goldie Zammito at 499-2854. ALSO let her know if you have heard of any members who are ill, celebrating special occasions, etc. so she (and the Bulletin Editor) can acknowledge these situations.

FREE PHONES - The Deaf Service Center on Linton Blvd & Dixie Hwy in Delray has free amplified and TTY telephones for residents of Florida who have verified hearing loss. The Center also provides other workshops and services. The office is open on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. Call (561)278 6444 for further information.

TINNITUS HELP - The Tinnitus Group meets the second Thursday evening of each month at 7:30 P.M. at the South County Civic Center on Jog Road, south of Linton Blvd. For further information, call Ellen Ratner at 1-800-732-9217

OLD HEARING AIDS - Have any old hearing aids no longer in use (or in the drawer)? Please give them to Angela Doherty at one of our meetings for recycling or call Angela at 637-6194.

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Special Needs, *From Page 5*

- talk to your doctor about your sheltering alternatives to the Special Care Units.
- install impact-resistant hurricane shutters.
- install retro-bracing garage doors for resistance to higher winds.
- reinforcing roof trusses or roof framing systems
- making arrangements with your oxygen vendor for an adequate supply of portable oxygen cylinders to sustain you in the event you lose electrical service.
- buy a portable electrical generator
- buy insulin that does not require refrigeration (with your doctor's approval)
- designate a safe room such as a bathroom or large interior closet and stock up on supplies (drinking water, non-perishable food, battery-powered radio, etc.)

SPACE AT THE SHELTER IS LIMITED AND PRIORITIZATION IS BASED ON NEED

For further information about the Special Needs Program, call 561-712-6400 and ask to speak to the Special Needs Coordinator.

Editor's Notes, *From Page 2*

What we found most outstanding for all of us (and many of the people we met who came from as far away as Alaska), was the change of our name from SHHH (Self Help for the Hard of Hearing to which we were, and still are, emotionally attached), to Hearing Association of America (HLAA) which the leaders felt was more attuned to our changing times. We had the pleasure of hearing Ahme Stone, the widow of Rocky Stone, our Founder, and I spoke to her personally. Neither she nor her family, had been asked for or notified of the change of name which I feel was lacking in respect!

We heard many lectures, saw many new products, from which many ideas will be featured in future Bulletins. George and Jerry gave an interesting seminar (more about that later).

The downside of this exhilarating experience was Merry Rubinstein's great pain which turned out to be a broken hip due to a fall previous to the convention. Merry is now recovering, which will be long, arduous and painful, but we hope successful. She has all our best wishes and then some!

Nina Tamber

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