

Audiologic Rehabilitation: What's New and what it Might Do for You – February 15, 2012 at 1:30 p.m.

The featured speaker will be Dr. Theresa Chisolm, Chair, Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders, University of South Florida.

The meeting will be held at the North Sarasota Library Meeting Room, 2801 Newtown Blvd. Refreshments will be served following the program.

Young Hearing Group (YHG) – February 28, 2012

Michele Guilford, Supervisor, Florida Vocational Rehabilitation Services, will present *Vocational Rehabilitation: how it may assist you in employment*.

Meeting will take place at the Sarasota Herald Tribune, 1741 Main St., Sarasota in the Conference Room at 6 – 7:30 p.m. (Meet in the lobby next to front reception).

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Are you coming to the BIG meeting?

A HLAA statewide meeting will be held on Saturday, March 24, 2012 at 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. at the Waldemere Fire Station Hall, 2070 Waldemere Street in Sarasota. HLAA Executive Director Brenda Battat will present “How HLAA is Addressing Your Hearing Needs, Access and Rights. In addition, Pat Kricos, Past President of the American Academy of Audiology, will discuss “Let’s Loop Florida. How Hearing Loops Can Transform Your Community.”

All Florida chapter members and the public are invited to attend this special event. You are also encouraged to become a HLAA member because much of what HLAA offers to the community comes from national advocacy programs by HLAA. Now is your chance to show your support for HLAA. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for this special event.

Meet HLAA Member Dave Anderson

Dave Anderson grew up in West Chester PA, a western suburb of Philadelphia. His hearing loss was first detected in 10th grade and an evaluation at Johns Hopkins revealed it may have been from scarlet fever at age 5 or possibly a genetic permutation of a family RP gene (retinitis pigmentosa) which is an eye disease. There are no other cases of hearing loss in his family.

Dave attended Virginia Tech on a Navy scholarship for naval architecture and graduated in 1964. His career with the Navy in Washington DC progressed without use of hearing aids until he was about 25 years old. Despite his hearing loss, Dave had an active career with the Navy as Ship Design Manager working on most of the modern surface combatants since the mid 60's. His job included chairing many large meetings and making presentations in auditoriums to large groups. The communication aspects

of his work became much more challenging toward the end of his career because of the lack of available assistive listening devices.

Dave was also a volunteer fireman for many years and later was a fire captain as well as driver/pump operator. He stopped volunteering when his hearing loss became a concern because of safety issues.

After retiring in late 1997, he came to Sarasota for five years as a snowbird and started living here full time in 2002. Dave's reasons for choosing Florida were the outdoor activities that are offered - tennis, golf, biking, hiking, fishing and kayaking. Dave met Kelley here and they were married in 2005.

Dave read about HLAS in the local newspaper and decided to give it a try. He was really impressed with the knowledge that various members had. It did much to improve his quality of life and help improve the communication concerns that all hearing impaired share.

Since his hearing has further deteriorated he has gone through the process of evaluation for a cochlear implant and hopes to start that process later this year. Dave says, "I am grateful to the many members of HLAS that have helped me with that decision and answered all the questions about alternative options, vendor choice and so forth. HLAS has also been a tremendous help in making me aware of various assistive listening devices used in homes and automobiles."

Welcome New Members

Leslie Guinn

Bob and Kathy Modrcin

Linda and Paul Yoder

Larry Klepper

Dr. Kenneth J. Perhai

Shirley S. Ziesche

Anthony Iannone

Terry Rawson

Hearing Loop Updates at Sarasota Venues

Asolo Theatre – No, should be installed by Jan 31

Alderman Oaks Retirement Community - Yes

Caragulio's Restaurant - Yes

Ear Research Foundation - Yes

First United Methodist - Yes

Glasser Schoenbaum Human Services Center - Yes

North Sarasota Public Library - Yes

Owen's Fish Camp - Yes

Sarasota Opera – No, date for installing to be determined

Sarasota Orchestra - Yes

Selby Auditorium, USF - Yes

Florida Studio Theater (Gompretz Stage) - No, installation to be delayed by renovations

Florida Studio Theater (Keating Stage) - No, should be installed by Jan 31

The Players Theater - Yes

Unity Church of Sarasota – No, should be installed by next week

Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall – Yes

Westcoast Black Theatre Troupe - Installation date to be determined

Whole Foods Market, Cash Register #1 – Yes

New HLAS Editor

Beginning with the March 2012 HLAS Bulletin, HLAS member Richard Williams will be the new editor. Please submit announcements, articles, etc. before the end of each month to Richard at RNW1976@aol.com Thank you Richard for volunteering to do this.