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The Giving Challenge is an online fundraising event of 24 hours – from noon May 6 to noon May 7.

What makes this event unique & exciting is that the HLAA-Sarasota will compete with other participating non-profits in the Sarasota, Manatee and Charlotte counties for \$660,000! These monies, raised by foundations in the 3 counties, are earmarked to match as many donations as possible and fund incentives to encourage giving throughout the 24 hour event.

Your tax-deductible donation will help HLAA-Sarasota promote hearing loss advocacy, education and support to better serve your needs, as well as expand efforts to reach those with hearing loss that need treatment or assistance.

Please link to our profile: <http://the-givingpartner.guidestar.org/NonprofitProfile.aspx?OrgId=1140282>

The profile includes an in depth



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statement of Chapter objectives which are Education, Advocacy and Support. The Impact Statement in the profile summarizes major accomplishments of HLAA-Sarasota and more—good reasons to contribute as part of the Giving Challenge.

For more information over the next week, “Like” the HLAA-Sarasota page on Facebook then share and ask your friends to share our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Hearing.Loss.Association.of.Sarasota>

Join us at our Annual Community Reception and learn about our initiatives in the community; May 6, 6:30 PM-8:00 PM, Center for the Arts & Humanities, 1226 North Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. RSVP to Eileen at: emkbentley@gmail.com.



Top/above: HLAA-Sarasota members surprise Ed Ogiba with a farewell party at Carigiulo's. More photos P. 3.

Listen Up HLAA-S monthly newsletter offers Education, Advocacy and Support for the 135,000 people with hearing loss in Sarasota and Manatee Counties. For more information visit www.HLAS.org or call 941-706-4312. For comments or suggestions, contact editor Richard N. Williams at RNW1976@aol.com. Opinions expressed in “Listen Up” are those of the Editor or Author. Mention of goods and services in articles or advertisements does not mean the Hearing Loss Association of America or the Hearing Loss Association of America-Sarasota Chapter endorses same nor should exclusion suggest disapproval. **Editor:** Richard Williams

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Let's Work Together!

Our entire Board would like to give an enormous thank you to Ed Ogiba, Immediate Past President of HLAA-Sarasota for his leadership, commitment and contributions on behalf of those with hearing loss in Sarasota/Manatee counties. I would like to express my personal appreciation for the support he has given me throughout the past few years. I know that Ed will always be ready to help us in the future if and when the need arises. Thank you Ed for bringing your passion and experience to HLAA-Sarasota!

As your new President I am so excited to lead the chapter as we move forward. The tireless efforts of our board, membership and volunteers have been an important step in realizing our goals. But, your participation remains crucial in order for HLAA-Sarasota to continue the positive change in the lives of people and their families with hearing loss in Sarasota/Manatee counties. I need your help! Please consider volunteering for HLAA-Sarasota as the continued success of our Chapter is based on our fabulous volunteers!

I am very interested in hearing from you. Please feel free to contact me at jdv.devries8@gmail.com. Thank you for all that you do!!

JoAnne DeVries

JoAnne DeVries
President, HLAA-Sarasota



Welcome New Members

Sarasota: Robert Black, Annette Haney, Deon Haney and Nina Kritopoulou

Bradenton: Roger Kaufman, Donald McFadden, Margaret McFadden, Donnie Pond and Frank Vejrutek

Venice: Dorothy Louise Hollingdale

We encourage all members to come to our HLAA-Sarasota chapter meetings a little early and to stay for refreshments after the speaker to share your hearing experiences and to get to know other members over social time. Our Peer Mentors will be available to answer questions a half hour before and after meetings, as well as by appointment. For more information on our support programs, contact Joan Haber at vp@hlas.org. To become a member, contact JoAnne DeVries at membership@hlas.org.

EVENT CALENDAR

MAY EVENTS

Tuesday, May 6, 2014
6:30 PM to 8:00 PM
HLAA-Sarasota
Annual Community Reception
"Initiatives in the Community"
Center for Arts and Cultural Alliance
1226 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota

Saturday, May 10, 2014
9:30 AM to 3 PM
HLAA-FL Board Meeting
Doubletree, Tampa Airport
4500 West Cypress St., Tampa

Monday, May 12, 2014
5:00 PM to 6:30 PM
HLAA-Sarasota Board Meeting
North Sarasota Library Meeting Room
2801 Newtown Blvd., Sarasota

Wednesday, May 14, 2014
1:30 PM to 3:00 PM
Chapter Meeting
Maribeth McDermott, LMHC
"Impact of Hearing Loss on Mental Health"
3:00 PM – Refreshments/Social Time
North Sarasota Library Meeting Room
2801 Newtown Blvd., Sarasota

Saturday, May 24, 2014
7:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Downtown Sarasota Farmers Market
Free Hearing Screenings
1920 State Street, Sarasota

Tuesday, May 27, 2014
6:00 PM to 7:30 PM
HLAA-Sarasota
"After Hours", Education, Social, Support
Dr. Lindsey Nalu, "Effects of Untreated
Hearing Loss on Physical, Cognitive and
Social Well-Being"
Center for Arts and Cultural Alliance
1226 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota

Saturday, May 31, 2014
10AM to 3PM
Hearing Wellness Expo-Lakeland
First Presbyterian Church
175 Hollingworth Drive, Lakeland

Manhattan and Sarasota Share Top Billing

At the HLAA Convention in Austin next month, a workshop will address our new membership program: "two of our most successful chapters are currently conducting similar pilot programs promoting a unified membership program in which all chapter members are also members of our national organization. In this workshop chapter leaders from the Sarasota and Manhattan chapters will discuss how each pilot program works and explain how it benefits their chapters".

In 2014, all of our membership applications are being converted to dual HLAA / Sarasota memberships. The cost is \$35 for an Individual membership, \$45 for a Couple.

If you have any questions on Membership please feel free to contact JoAnne DeVries at 941-320-8825 or e-mail at membership@hlaa.org.

HLAA-Sarasota Volunteer Opportunities

The Hearing Loss Association of America - Sarasota is an integral part of Sarasota and Manatee County. HLAA-Sarasota hosts monthly meetings, organizes social events and participates in community outreach. In the past few years, the Chapter has grown to over 200 members and the Board is committed to continuing that growth. In order to accomplish this, your support is necessary.

There are so many ways you can make a difference. Please contact JoAnne DeVries if you can give of your time but cannot attend our Chapter meetings at membership@hlaa.org.

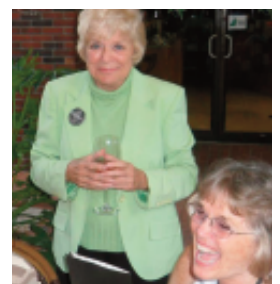
HLAA-Sarasota Trustee Applications

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Surprise Farewell Party For Ed Ogiba

HLAA-SC members surprise Ed Ogiba with a farewell party at Carigiulo's in Sarasota.



Chapter Financial Info

The Chapter is an all volunteer organization. No Executive Director, no expense accounts, small budget. The Officers, Trustees and Speakers all volunteer their time. We do have expenses in carrying out our advocacy and education efforts. The Board feels it incumbent to share all financial information with its members and friends. Please link to the Community Foundation website below to review our financials, mission statement, impact statement and more.

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APRIL MEETING RECAP

How to Improve Your Enjoyment of Music

Dr. Susan Fulton, an HLAA-Sarasota Board Member, addressed the topic, "How to Improve Your Enjoyment of Music". She explained how hearing aid amplification causes distortion in music and why loud noises affect us through 'loudness recruitment'. Dr. Fulton stressed the importance of learning about the musicology of the piece you will hear to make it more understandable. She demonstrated some phone/iPad apps that assist in music discrimination.

Our President, Ed Ogiba handed the gavel to our new President, JoAnne DeVries and made some farewell comments before cake and refreshments. Ed has taken the position of Director of Chapter Development with HLAA. He will remain in the area – just taking his skills to the national level.



Above: Ed Ogiba and his farewell cake.

UPCOMING MEETING MAY 14

The Impact of Hearing Loss on Mental Health



Hearing loss may lead to a higher risk of developing mental health issues. Due to the challenges of coping with hearing loss, these individuals may be more vulnerable to experiencing the symptoms of depression or anxiety.

Maribeth McDermott, Licensed Mental Health Counselor, will discuss

some of the factors affecting those who are hard of hearing and the impact on their well-being. She will present coping strategies for those dealing with hearing loss. **May 14 at 1:30 PM, North Sarasota Library Meeting Room, 2801 Newtown Blvd. Sarasota.** Meeting supported by hearing loop & CART. Refreshments will be served following the program.

May "After Hours" Meeting



"After Hours" will meet at it's permanent location, The Center for Arts and Cultural Alliance, 1226 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota.

May 27 at 6:00 PM. Dr. Lindsey Nalu will speak about "Effects of Untreated Hearing Loss on Physical, Cognitive and Social Well-Being". Complimentary Wine & Snack Bar.



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Join Us at the HLAA National Convention in Austin Texas in 2014

The HLAA Convention will take place on June 26-29 in Austin.

As always, an Exhibit Hall with over 60 Exhibitors and Educational Workshops over three days will have all the latest products and innovations for people with hearing loss.

Why Attend Convention 2014?

- Attend communication-accessible workshops and sessions
- Over forty communication-accessible workshops and demonstrations on topics such as employment, advocacy, hearing aids, cochlear implants, assistive technology, and relationships. There are also dynamic and interactive workshops for leaders of HLAA Chapters and State Associations.
- Meet other people with hearing loss

- Opening Session features keynote speaker, Richard Einhorn, a music composer who suffered sudden sensorineural hearing loss in 2010.
- Symposium, Emerging Technology for People with Hearing Loss, moderated by the executive director of the CEA Foundation, Stephen Ewell.

<http://www.hearingloss.org/content/about-destination>.

HLAA WEBINAR MAY 14th: Getting and Keeping Tax Exempt Status: Why It Matters"


May 14 2014 - 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Presenter: HLAA's controller, Sean Smith


Each month, HLAA presents an online Webinar. Take advantage of your membership and "tune in". To go online live, you must be a member and use your password, the direct link is <http://www.hearingloss.org/content/webinars>.

Once a live broadcast is presented, the presentation is placed in the HLAA online archives. Members can access the archives at the "online community" link at: <http://www.hearingloss.org/>


This month, HLAA's controller, Sean Smith, will be discussing an issue of interest to Chapter leaders or anyone involved with a 501-(c)-(3) non-profit organization, "Getting and Keeping Tax Exempt Status: Why It Matters"




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The Private Eyes Movie Club next "meeting" will be July 23.

The Club meets monthly on the 4th Wednesday of the month for a movie at the Hollywood 20 around 4 PM followed by dinner if you choose. Members are entitled to a free movie ticket at their first movie. To get the notice of the movie selected, which goes out the weekend before the movie date, contact Joan Haber at: mentorjoan@hlaas.org.

THEATRE CLUB

The 2013-2014 season at Players Theater concluded with the musical Urinetown.

The Players Theatre allots twenty complimentary tickets to HLAA-Sarasota each year. Next season's productions commence in October



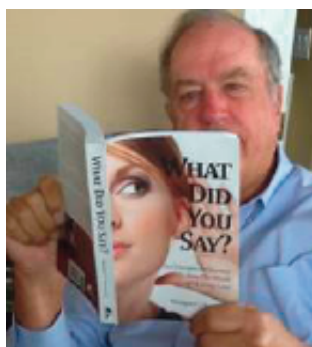
and include Lend Me a Tenor, Addams Family and Cabaret.

Left: Theatre Club members at Players Theatre.

"Between the Covers" BOOK CLUB

The HLAA-Sarasota "Between the Covers Book Club" will meet again next Fall and a book will be selected after the HLAA Convention. You're "Listen Up" editor (photo, right) recommends "What Did You Say" for summer reading.

Monique Hammond's compelling and humorous story on coping with hearing loss is most informative. Along the way, she explains the alphabet soup of hearing loss: CI, BAHA, MEI, ALD, ASL, MRI NIHL and SSHL.



IN MEMORIAM

Don Foulkes passed away on Monday April 7, 2014 at home surrounded by his loving family. It was his wish to have a service up in Connecticut.



Don was a former Board member of HLAA-Sarasota and a long time member and friend of our chapter. He was also an avid Theatre Club member. It was a very touching night at Van Wezel a couple of years ago when we went as a chapter to see the "Rat Pack" perform. A teary-eyed Don was awed by hearing music at a live performance for the first time in 20 years thanks to the loop. Don will be missed by his many friends in HLAA-Sarasota. Cards may be sent to: Nancy Goddard, 4733 Peridia Blvd. E., Bradenton, FL 34203.

HLAA-Sarasota At the Downtown Farmers Market



**Saturday May 24th
7am to 1pm**

Our monthly information and support booth offers an opportunity for people to learn how to address their hearing loss.

HLAS has a permanently assigned site, 1920 State Street between Lemon and Pineapple.

There will be free hearing screening each month by one of HLAA-Sarasota's Pro Partners. If you have a friend who needs hearing help and cannot make one of our meetings, please suggest they visit us here.

Members are encouraged to volunteer a two hour shift. Let Dave Donnelly know if you can help HLAA-Sarasota out by contacting hlaa.sarasota@gmail.com