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JOYCE'S VOICE

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

As we enter the summer season, I am excited about our upcoming programs and time spent together at our meetings. Our summer programs and indoor picnic, sing along and silent auction are going to be informative and a bushel of fun. Best of all, is our opportunity to visit with each other and hear each other's experiences and insights as we cope with our various hearing losses or family member's hearing losses.

Our HLA family is like my garden in some ways. I am always excited to spend time in my garden watering, weeding, fertilizing and getting rid of slugs and other pests. In return my garden nurtures our family with the fresh and delicious food it produces. Our HLA meeting is like a garden where we are nurtured and watered with food for thought, and fertilized with new ideas. We are the produce as we sustain and support each other through our friendships and encouragement.

All of you who come, contribute and visit are welcome and appreciated in our HLA Garden. You are the ones who help us flourish and grow. Come to think of it, I haven't seen a single weed, slug or pest yet!

Did You Miss It?



Whew! If the last few weeks are any indication, we're in for a long, hot summer.

In **March** Pam Spencer shared photos and stories about her trip to provide hearing aids to children in Guatemala. It was heart-wrenching to see how widespread hearing loss is among these children; and heart-warming to see their delight at finally being able to hear, often for the first time.

At our **April** meeting, Bert Lederer described his experience in becoming a cochlear implant recipient. His determination to do whatever it takes to hear better is a continuing inspiration to us all.

Our program in **May** featured Charles Beall, Chief of Education and Interpretation brought us up to date on improvements to hearing accessibility at North Cascades Park. Kudos to them and to Charlene MacKenzie and Bert Lederer for bringing it to their attention and working with them to make visiting the park more enjoyable for all of us.

Don't Miss This!

July 18 - Summer Social and Potluck. Bring whatever goes with the Lederers' main dish: Kalua (pulled) pork with rolls for do-it-yourself sandwiches. Salads, desserts and side dishes most welcome! This year we'll join pianist, Marian Yunghans for singing "Oldies and Goodies. Also new will be a silent auction to raise funds for our chapter. (See page 2) Make your reservations by July 11 by calling Charlene at 360-738-3756

August 15 - HLA Talent Show and Tell. Members Pat Glahn (Baby Quilting Project), Tom Randall (ceramics, sculpture, and more), and others, will share their talents with us. Expect inspiring examples of life with hearing loss.

September 19 - When Hearing Aids Are *Not* Enough! Linda Day, a CI recipient, works for Cochlear Corporation. She will tell her own personal story which will include what CI's are, how they work, why they make such a difference in hearing when hearing aids just aren't enough for us to hear well enough. She is very upbeat, interesting, and informative.

What's My Bid!?

This July at our potluck social we will be holding our first ever silent auction. Here's how it works.

1. Items up for auction will be displayed with a bid sheet. The bid sheet will give the name of the item with a short description, the name of the donor, the value of the item and the opening bid.

2. Bidders enter their name and amount of bid on the bid sheet. You'll want to check back to see if anyone has topped your bid and decide if you want to up your bid.

3. The auction closing will be announced 10 minutes before it ends so you can put in your final bid.

4. Winners will be announced, money collected and items distributed.

Some of the items donated thus far are knit & crochet, homemade bread, needlework, wood turning, artwork, dog eye exam, jewelry, artificial flower arrangement, gourmet meal, unique sun catchers.

There's still time if you have items you'd like to donate. Just give Kathy a call (733-5161) or email (mason.kathy@gmail.com) with details. There will also be blank bid sheets for any items that show up at the last minute.

Help make our auction a success and provide funds for on-going expenses of making our chapter the very best!

5th Avenue Theatre Captioning Schedule

Fifth Avenue is undertaking captioned performances at the request of the Washington State Communication Access Project (Wash-CAP), a non-profit membership corporation whose goal is to make Washington's public places accessible to people with hearing loss. The captioning arrangement will be very similar to Seattle's Paramount Theatre -- a portable reader-board will be placed to one side of the stage, and the captions will be scrolled in synch with the performance.

Captioned performances for the 2009 season.

"CATCH ME IF YOU CAN"

Wednesday, August 12, 7:30 pm

"JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT"

Friday, Oct. 23, 8 p.m.

"WHITE CHRISTMAS" Sunday, Dec. 27, 1:30 p.m.

Fifth Avenue will sell two tickets to the captioned section at a discounted price of \$37. Buyers of those discounted tickets can buy two additional tickets at the regular price.

For those who can't attend the special captioned performances, Fifth Avenue will offer scripts in illuminated binders at all performances.

<http://www.5thavenue.org/accessibilit y/>.

Paramount Theatre Captioning Schedule

Upcoming ASL and OC interpreted shows:

"WICKED"

ASL: October 4, 2009, 1 pm

Open Caption: September 27, 2009, 6:30 pm

"AUGUST: OSAGE COUNTY"

ASL: November 1, 2009, 1 pm

Open Caption: November 1, 2009, 6:30 pm

"FIDDLER ON THE ROOF"

ASL: November 29, 2009, 1 pm

Open Caption: November 29, 2009, 6:30 pm

<http://www.theparamount.com/patron/accessibility.asp>



GO MARINERS!

The July 7 Mariners' game will be captioned. If you would like to go sign up with Charlene!

Remember to return the 2010 list of suggested programs. Check those that interest you and add your own ideas. What you want is what makes us relevant and interesting. Bring your thoughts to the June meeting or mail them to Charlene. Even e-mails are most welcome.