

Hearing & Beyond

Self Help for Hard of Hearing People
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Everett Area Chapter
November 2002

Next Meeting

November 9th, 2002
11:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Snohomish PUD Building
Commission Room

Meeting Topic
ALD's Demonstration
by

Dave Pearson
(Speaker)

Founder's Day

Month of November

Real Time Captioning
by
Else Meek

Providing Realtime Services



The Prez says.....

Here is a message from Dave Pearson:

Beyond Hearing Aids: Assistive Listening Systems (ALD's)
Learn what may help you to hear and understand better, when used along with (or without) your hearing aids. We all know that sometimes hearing aids are not enough, due to noise, reverberations and the signal to noise ratio. Learn about other devices that can help you to hear and understand better. Assistive Listening Systems are like binoculars for the ears: they increase loudness for specific sounds, bringing sound directly into the hearing aid or ear; they minimize background noise, reducing the effect of distance between a HOH person and the sound source; and override poor acoustics, when used one on one, in large areas such as in restaurants, or when viewing television.

The meeting about different Assistive Listening Systems will be held Saturday, November 9th, at 11:00 AM. Bring along you family and friends so they, too, can see what is out there to help. Everyone is welcome!

Written by Dave Pearson
President – WASA-SHHH

The Prez says.....

Now is the time to get together and discuss Auction for December... again we need as many volunteers for this event.....This is our main source of income to maintain all expenses for the group. We are thinking of having like 20 people to donate items for the auction, it will be a live auction and it should be fun..

Happy
Birthday
to



Myrna KainNov 9th
Dave Pearson....Nov 29th

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Hearing Loss

Excellent Movie**Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye****Pilot Episode****60 min.**

Debut: Deaf actress Deanne Bray is engaging in this inspiring drama based on the true story of FBI agent Sue Thomas.

As the series opens, Thomas (Bray) is en route to Washington, D.C., along with her "hearing-ear" dog Levi, to begin working for the Bureau. During the drive from Ohio, flashbacks trace how she learned to communicate after losing her hearing at a young age. Upon arrival, she's given a job analyzing fingerprints, but that changes when agent Jack Hudson (Yannick Bisson) realizes the potential value of her lipreading skills and gets her transferred to his surveillance team. Their first assignment: Shut down a diamond-smuggling operation. Lucy: Erika Okuma. Charlie: Jack Jessop.

You're a good friend

Given by Lou Touchett

Many people will walk in and out of your life.

But only true friends will leave footprints in your heart.

To handle yourself, use your head.

To handle others, use your heart.

Anger is only one letter short of danger.

If someone betrays you once, it is his fault;

If he betrays you twice, it is your fault.

Great minds discuss ideas;

Average minds discuss events;

Small minds discuss people.

He, who loses money, loses much;

He, who loses a friend, loses much more;

He, who loses faith, loses all.

Beautiful young people are accidents of nature,

Learn from the mistakes of others,
You can't live long enough to make them all yourself.

Yesterday is past, it is history.

Tomorrow is future, it is a mystery.

Today is present, it is a gift.

Friends, you and me.....

You brought another friend.....

And then there were 3.....

We started our group.....

Our circle of friends.....

There is no beginning or end.....

Here is a nice Logo for the Atlanta Convention, it will be June 26-29th
Hope some of you can make it.....



A New Chapter in Camano Island :

Camano-Stanwood SHHH held its 2nd meeting in October. It was very beneficial for the six attendees who expressed their thanks for the meeting and the interesting topic discussed in meeting. The topic for the meeting was Coping Strategy. Since the time flew by so quickly, this topic will continue at the next meeting. With Thanksgiving Day coming up, the next meeting will be on Nov 21st at 12:30.

Do you know you can make a relay call from your computer...
....???

<http://www.sprintrelayonline.com/>

I like to "Thank" the following people for renewing either their membership with SHHH and/or donation to EAC for the Newsletter.....

George Thorleifson joined with SHHH-Bestha

Robert Branigin(renewed),Deborah Thunell(new),Caroline Gormley (New),

Grace Simonson (renewed),Solly Rubin (renewed),Donella Rod (renewed),

Lee Johnson (renewed) Doris and Art Child (renewed).

Telecoils! Telecoils! Telecoils!

New user's should make sure that their hearing aids come with a strong t-coil, is good advice from we "old users".

711**Your connection to the World**

As of October 1st, every state in the U. S. is required to have 711 Telephone Relay Services for people with communication disorders. It's about time, too. Canada is well ahead of us, with 711 services already in affect in each of its provinces.

Access via 711 is a designed to simplify phone calls not only for people with disabilities, but also for "hearing" people as well. Relay users and hearing callers can now remember one simple number 711, in order to access relay operators.

At press time, 32 states had already implemented the program and have seen significant increases in inbound voice calls. Maryland alone experienced a whopping 41% surge after changing to 711.

Be prepared for a few glitches here and there: 711 may not work with cellular phones, and some office phones systems may require reprogramming.

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President's Message of SHHH

Ann Liming of Lansing, Michigan, was elected president of the SHHH Board of Trustees by her peers and took office during the 17th International SHHH Convention in Seattle, June 21-24th.

In 1989, she co-founded the Lansing (Capital Area SHHH) Chapter and continues her involvement in local and state activities. She served as the Michigan state co-coordinator for seven years, during which time, she helped establish a state level organization. She has been a member of the board since 1998, and served as the Board's secretary before becoming president. As president, she represents the Board and presides over all meetings of the board and executive committee.

Ann Liming holds a bachelor's and master's degree from Michigan State University and taught nursing at Lansing Community College for 30 years. She is currently the hard of hearing specialist for the Division on Deaf and Hard of Hearing for the state of Michigan. With an inherited, severe hearing loss, and a sister who has a cochlear implant, she brings a uniquely personal insight into hearing loss and its impact.

Ann Liming can be reached at president@shhh.org.

Starting this month, I will be listing several Internet addresses pertaining to "Hearing Loss" Information

Advanced Bionics..
www.cochlearimplant.com
Ameriphone...www.ameriphone.com
Audiological Engineering Corp..
www.tactaid.com
AVR Sonovation....www.avrsono.com

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE CONTACT: Kathryn Stephens

November 1, 2002 Interim Executive Director

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NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR HARD OF HEARING PEOPLE NAMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

November 1, 2002, Bethesda, Maryland - Terry D. Portis of Greensboro, North Carolina, has been named executive director of Self Help for Hard of Hearing People (SHHH), the nation's largest organization for people with hearing loss. He will officially assume the title and duties of his position on December 5, 2002.

Terry Portis is a doctoral candidate in counseling psychology from Argosy University in Sarasota, Florida, and holds a master's degree in education from North Carolina A&T State University, and a bachelor's degree in organizational behavior from Covenant College in Lookout Mountain, Georgia. He is currently president and chief executive officer of the Brain Injury Association of North Carolina (High Point, Charlotte and Raleigh). In that capacity, he oversees all aspects of operation for a statewide non-profit organization with three offices and 24 local chapters. The Brain Injury Association serves more than 1,800 families each year and is a facilitator of public policy initiatives and strategic alliances to improve services and public awareness. Before serving as president, he was regional director for the association and was responsible for grants development, public policy, training, and development of Internet-based services.

In addition to 14 years of management and leadership experience, he brings a personal insight to, and experience with, hearing loss and its impact on a family. His wife, Denise, has had a hearing loss in one ear since age six. Two years ago, she began to experience hearing loss in her other ear to the point where she can no longer use a cell phone, watch TV unless it is captioned and carry on a conversation in a noisy environment. Mr. Portis says, "We value the support and information we've received from the local SHHH Chapter in Greensboro." Mr. Portis, his wife, and two children, Kyersten (12) and Christopher (11) will relocate to the Washington, D.C., area. When talking about SHHH and its members, Portis comments: "We must do everything we can to ensure that membership in SHHH has real value. If someone is affected by hearing loss, either himself or his family member or friend, or professional working with them, we want them to be a part of SHHH and feel like they are missing out if they don't join us." The selection of Terry Portis was made by the SHHH Board of Trustees at the October 26, 2002, board meeting in Bethesda. The full board interviewed three final candidates selected by a board-appointed search committee. The Board voted Terry Portis to be the new executive director to continue the work of SHHH established by Rocky Stone when he founded the organization in 1979. The Board of Trustees is pleased to appoint a new executive director who will guide SHHH as it strives to improve the quality of life for people with hearing loss through education, advocacy and self help.

Check one or more boxes that apply to you.

SHHH, Everett Area Chapter meets monthly Sept. through June (with a picnic in August). The chapter sends out the "Hearing & Beyond" newsletter on the same schedule. We need your support to keep the SHHH, Everett Area Chapter functioning. You can help us continue to support and educate people who are hard of hearing. With an annual contribution from you of:

- ☐ • \$13.00 for one person, (Newsletter)
or
- ☐ • \$15.00 for a family (Newsletter)
- ☐ • \$25.00 to become a member of SHHH. This include the "Hearing Loss" Journal plus other benefits.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____ TTY / VOICE (Please circle one)

E-mail Address _____

How did you learn about SHHH (Self Help for Hard of Hearing People)?

Please make the check to SHHH, Everett Area Chapter and mail it along this form to:

Annette Johnson, Treasurer
8521 238th St. S.W. #B
Edmonds, WA 98026

Thank you for your Contribution

SHHH-Everett Area Chapter

c/o Dave Pearson

8521 45th Drive NE

Marysville, WA 98270

Guests are always Welcome



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