

SHHH News

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SELF HELP FOR THE HARD OF HEARING

Calendar of Coming Events

May 20, 2006 –Debra Hilstrom (DFL) 46B Representative-speaks on hearing loss. Potluck lunch. Held in our meeting rooms.

June 29 – July 2, 2006 – National Convention in Orlando, FL

September 16, 2006 – Aware Fair

NO meeting in June, July, or August.

NO MEETING SEPTEMBER 16, 2006

DUE TO THE AWARE FAIR

Meetings are held at:

**Courage Center
3915 Golden Valley Road
Golden Valley, MN 55422**

**September through May
9:30 AM – Noon
3rd Saturday of each month
(Except June, July & August)**

**See Page 12 for contacts
and more information.**



Cliff



*Good-bye
dear
friend -
We miss
you
already*

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www.hearingloss.org

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From the President

On April 25th, Cliff Miller passed away, leaving his family and friends for another calling. Lori and I will miss his dedication of helping others through his generous way of accepting anyone and everyone as equals. I first met Cliff 12 yrs ago while attending my first SHHH meeting, and Cliff was the first one to introduce himself to me and offer his friendship. Throughout the years, Cliff has shown me what it takes to be a man of many coats. I will always remember his Ole and Lena jokes and his passion to treat everyone as important in his everyday life. Cliff was a very compassionate human being whom we all learned from. Probably what sums Cliff up the most is that he loved everyone and was equally loved in return. He will truly be missed.

Sincerely,

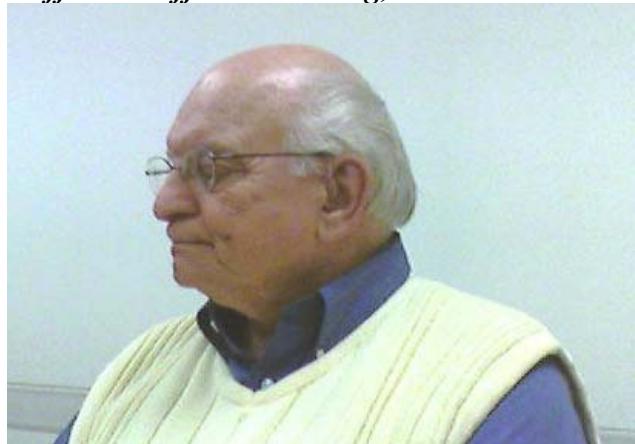
President of SHHH MN Chapter #1

Joseph O'Brien

Cliff Miller

Age 76, of New Hope. Preceded in death by his first wife, Barbara. Survived by wife Beth, Daughters Ann Miller, and Alida Adams (Todd), Grandchildren Analise and Bryce Adams, and special family friend Stephanie Ripley. Former employee of Minnesota State Council on Disability and Department of Vocational Rehabilitation. Longtime volunteer in the community, especially with Thrivent, **SHHH**, and Robbinsdale Area Schools Community Education. Former member of Christ Church Lutheran, Mpls. and Faith Lilac Way Lutheran Church, Robbinsdale, current member of First Lutheran Church of Crystal. He was a loving husband, father, and Papa. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends. He truly believed "laughter is the best medicine". Special thanks to the staff at both Methodist Hospital Hospice and Our Lady of Good Counsel Hospice for their warmth and kindness. Funeral Service Monday 10:30am at First Lutheran Church of Crystal, 7708 62nd Ave. N., Brooklyn Park. Private interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Visitation Sunday 5 – 8pm at Gearty-Delmore Robbinsdale Chapel, 39th Ave. N. and W. Broadway and one hour prior to service at the church. Thanks to all, Beth, Ann, and Alida

Cliff at the officer's meeting, November 2005.



Papa

By Analise Adams, Cliff's Granddaughter

*Sad,
I feel so sad.
Papa's going to die.
Mad,
I am so mad.
I hate cancer.
Papa only has a few months left.
I will treasure each month.
Each week.
Each moment.
Papa is special to me.
He is very smart.
Charming.
Goofy.
Loving.
Caring.
Helpful.
Supporting.
A good role model.
I don't want him to leave me.
I want him to stay.
He is so good to us.
He is so strong.
We can't live without him.
No one can.
I want him to stay till my end.*



REMINDER: Memberships are due for everyone on September 16, 2006 for next year.

Taming the Telephone

Phone use is a challenge for anyone with a hearing loss. Talk to your friends, co-workers, and family members face-to-face about using the phone. Teach them the best way to speak to you.

When you are speaking with a stranger, develop the skill of making specific suggestions instead of just stating that you cannot hear. Helpful hints may include:

- “Please slow down your speech”
- “Please talk a little softer/louder”
- Confirm details: “Did you just say that the meeting is at 7 pm?”
- “I am not good at recognizing voices. Who is calling please?”
- Ask the person to turn off the noise in the background at their location.
- “That is the perfect speed and volume for me to understand. Thank you.”
- “Let me repeat this back to you to be sure I heard it correctly.” Provide feedback to the person you are talking to. Both of you will know if you understood correctly.
- Ask the person to rephrase what was said.
- Do not bluff. That is a “no-win” situation for both of you.

If you find you are almost always unable to understand on the telephone, it is time to check out the latest telephone technology. Captioned telephones and relay services can help you maintain your telephone independence.



BYLAWS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS AT THE MAY MEETING



As most of us are aware, *Self Help for Hard of Hearing People (SHHH)* is now *Hearing Loss Association of America*.

In order to change our chapter name to Hearing Loss Association of America, MN Chapter 1, we need to amend our bylaws as explained at the last monthly meeting. Our bylaws encourage anyone paying fees to Minnesota Chapter #1 to be a member in good standing with HLAA (National), and any chapter officer is required to be a member of HLAA (National). There will again be an opportunity for discussion at the May meeting, and then the chapter will vote on this amendment to the bylaws of MN Chapter #1.

We will also be voting for officers at the May meeting. We will be electing a vice-president, secretary, and treasurer.

As we do each year, we will be concluding the year with a pot luck lunch.



Hearing Loss Association of America 2006 Convention Orlando Florida, June 29 - July 2, 2006

THURSDAY, JUNE 29:

11:00 a.m. Registration Opens; Exhibit Hall Opens

1:00 p.m. First Time Attendees Meeting

5:00 p.m. Opening Session, Lou Ferrigno, "The Hulk" Followed by a reception sponsored by Cochlear Americas.

8:00 p.m. Get Acquainted Party with Tama Leao's Polynesian Show.

FRIDAY, JUNE 30

8:30 a.m. Awards Ceremony and Breakfast
Join us as we recognize our extraordinary and dedicated people and organization that helped us to advance to our mission, goals and values.

10:30 a.m. Workshops, State meetings and Roundtable discussions

4:00 pm 6:00 pm "Celebrate Technology"
Special Exposition Mexican buffet in the exhibit hall.

SATURDAY, JULY 1

All Day Workshops and Presentations

6:00 p.m. Banquet Reception

7:00 p.m. Association Banquet
Featuring Michael Chorost, author of "Rebuilt: How Becoming Part Computer Made Me More Human"
Sponsored by Advance Bionics Corporation

SUNDAY, JULY 2

8:00 a.m. Worship Service

9:00 a.m. Research Symposium: "Hearing Aid Manufacturer's Forum

Aware Fair 2006

*An educational and social event for
Deaf, Deafblind, Hard-of-Hearing,
and hearing people.*

Date: Saturday, Sept. 16, 2006

Time: 10:00 to 4:30

**Location: Brookdale Center,
Brooklyn Center
Just south of I 694 at Highway
100**

Sponsored by the Metro office of Deaf
and Hard of Hearing Services

For more information, contact Marie
Koehler at Marie.Koehler@state.mn.us,
or check their website at www.dhhsd.org.

Our chapter will have a booth, and we
would appreciate volunteers to help set
up and staff it. Please contact Merrilee
Knoll at the May meeting or at
rknoll5200@aol.com to volunteer.



Directions to Brookdale:

From the North:



I-94/694 to Shingle Creek Parkway
South on Shingle Creek to Bass Lake Road

From the East:



I-694 or I-94 West to Shingle Creek Parkway
South on Shingle Creek to Bass Lake Road

From the South:



Take I-35 North to I-494 West to Hwy 100
North and exit #152 (Brooklyn Blvd)

Steak Fry

It is with great pleasure to tell you that the April
Steak Fry put on with the Crystal Lions Club
made us \$620.00. A great job well done by one
and all. The effort we put forth netting us a total
of \$725 with ticket sales, tips, and donations.
By the numbers we did the following: 82 tickets
sold by members, 88 tickets sold at the door,
151 great steaks served.

Submitted by Bob Knoll, Steak Fry Coordinator

*Editor's Note: Many thanks to the hard workers
at the Steak Fry! Merrilee, Lori and Joe did the
serving, while Bob cooked. See pictures on the
next page.*



Steak Fry at Crystal Lions, April, 2006



April Synopsis

Dora Weber

Our President, Joe, opened our meeting by welcoming everyone on such a beautiful spring day.

Dora introduced Jim from St Paul. Jim has a bilateral hearing loss and came to the meeting seeking info.

John Lindlan, our treasurer, reported that the treasury is in good shape .He asked for volunteers to help at the AWARE FAIR booth on September 16th at Brookdale Mall .He also announced that there will be a DEAF BLIND Technology Expo on the 29th and a free hearing screening on April 25, 26. and 27th at the Association of Hearing at Maplewood.

Lori updated us on Cliff Miller's condition. She reminded everyone to sign up for the May picnic. Because of the AWARE FAIR our September meeting will be cancelled Legislation Day was a success. There were about 100 people in attendance. Lori asked for help to distribute magazines.

Shannon Turley did a great job while in the spotlight. She shared her family hearing history and answered several questions from the audience. Bob Knoll will be in the spotlight in October.

Bob told us about some changes that need to be made in the By-Laws .They need to be in compliance with National before we can change our name.

After a break Ole Nelson introduced our speaker, Roger Badenhop, the incoming V-district Governor of Lion's International

Roger shared the work of the Lions Hearing foundation at the U of Minnesota.

1-Haircell regeneration

2- Implantable hearing aids

3-Tinnitus research

4-Lion's new born hearing screening

5-Children's Hearing Center

6-Otitis Media (middle Ear infection)

7 –Cochlear Implant program

8-Affordable hearing aids through the Lions

Joe closed the meeting with a reminder that voting for new officers will be held at the May meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Dora Weber



IThe U of M has a Coffee and Chat for Cochlear Implant Patients or those just wanting to learn more about them on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:00. Contact Linda Senechal for more information

Bits and Pieces



From Jodi Miller, just in time for your summer vacation:



Just enter your zip code in the site below, and it tells you which gas stations have the cheapest prices (and the highest) on gasoline in your zip code area. It's updated every evening. Be sure to scroll down after getting a map of your area.

<http://autos.msn.com/everyday/gasstations.aspx?zip=&src=Netx>



From **Hearing Health, spring 2006**. The National Technical Institute for the Deaf at Rochester Institute of Technology has been awarded a \$400, 000 grant to develop a **PC-based approach to note taking**. Students will be able to view notes on their own wireless tablets that have been taken by another note taker and will be able to add their own notes as well. For more news, visit www.rit.edu/ntid/newsroom

Harris Communications: When you see the ad for 15% off an item, what exactly does that mean? Well, it means if you are a member of National SHHH/HLAA in Bethesda, Maryland, you have a card, a number, you receive the Hearing Loss Magazine, and then you receive

15% off. National and local are two different things. Also: The discount will be off regular priced items, not sale or clearance items. There are some products that would not be discounted at all, such as pagers.

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Hollywood, CA-Movie posters, scripts, photos and other Hollywood collectibles signed by stars Lindsay Lohan, Kelly Clarkson, Jane Fonda, John Travolta and more were sold on EBAY as part of the Hollywood Auction for **Hearing Health for the House Ear Institute (HEI)**.

Florence Henderson is the Institute's Hollywood Ambassador for the online charity auction which ran May 5 -7. For more information call (213) 483-4431 or visit the Web site at www.hei.org

The **Starkey Hearing Foundation** will hold its annual "So the World May Hear" Awards Gala on Saturday, June 17, 2006 at the RiverCentre in St. Paul, Minn. Honored guests will be racing legend Richard Petty, Johnny Rutherford, Sir Jackie Stewart, and Al Unser, Sr.; tennis legend Billie Jean King; baseball Hall of Famers Harmon Killebrew and Willie Mays; and Twin Cities businessman and philanthropist Glen Taylor.

Last year they raised \$4.2 million.

To purchase tickets call 1-866-354-3254.
<http://www.sotheworldmayhear.org>

New stats: There are over 42 million people in the US with hearing loss, there are 500 million in the world with hearing loss. The last census tells us there are now 280 million people who live in the US, of those 15% have a hearing loss.

Gallaudet On The Ropes

By Merrilee Knoll

After Irving King Jordan (IKJ) took the role as President of Gallaudet University (GU) in 1988 after the "Deaf President Now" rally, things were expected to go smoothly for the next president. He was the first deaf President of Gallaudet since its start up in 1864. Perhaps you remember the protesters back on the campus shouting and signing DPN in opposition of the newly appointed President Elisabeth A. Zinser. Her reign lasted only 7 days; she was hearing and did not use American Sign Language. The students were ready for a deaf leader.

IKJ is now reaching retirement after 18 years of service. He and his wife Linda live on campus, he has two grown children. Jordan grew up hearing and using English as his first language. He served in the Navy for 4 yrs. After a motorcycle accident at age 21, he became profoundly deaf. Irving earned a B.A., M.A. and Ph. D. in psychology from G. IKJ then joined the G. faculty, became professor, dept. chair, dean, exchange scholar in Poland, visiting scholar and speaker, research party in Scotland, and president. He is well known and highly respected by students and staff. Unfortunately he may not go out as popular as he came in, due in part to the new person chosen by the Board of Trustees (BOT) with his blessings to take his place in Jan. 2007. Until that time he will stay on the Gallaudet pay role.

Jane Fernandes 47, was born deaf but grew up oral and learned to sign when she was 23. Her mother and brother are also deaf, they all use spoken Eng. Jane always attended public school and is not a graduate of G. She is married and has 2 children. She is not unfamiliar to the University, as she has been Provost at GU since 2000. She previously served as VP for the Clerc Center at G from 1995-2000. So how can there be any problem

with such a "good fit?"

She has said that her problem with the GU staff, students, alumni and faculty is that she is not deaf enough. She said she is not the "perfect deaf person" who had 2 deaf parents, ASL was the first language, went to a deaf school, went to deaf clubs, went to deaf church, went to G, married a deaf man, had 2 deaf children. She thinks this is the problem!!!! She is wrong, this is not the problem at all.

The problems actually are; she is not a people person, she is arrogant, she seems out of touch with the students she is there to serve, she knows few by name staff included, she said she is fluent in ASL but many blogs at G beg to differ, in the jobs at G so far she has not kept her promises in what she said she would do, so she is not considered trustworthy by either staff or student, she has had many people fired, the present staff feel if they voice any difference of opinion to her they too will soon be axed when and if she becomes president. She also assigned her husband a prominent job at Gallaudet.

So this leads us to what is the family of Gallaudet actually asking for in their 9th president? They want somebody they can respect and be respected in turn, admire, lead them, talk with, a role model. Someone not to be feared of losing their grant money, their school status, or their jobs if they come to you with an idea that may differ from your own. The GU family wants to be able to go to you with their concerns and ideas to make sure Gallaudet stays the wonderful University that it is known to be, as the only deaf oriented University in the world, accessed and trusted by many young people around the globe.

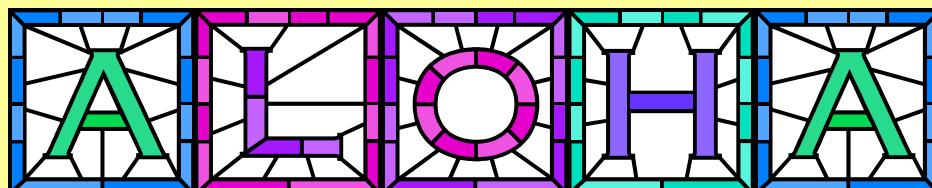


Hello fellow SHHHers!

I love spring and its wonderful weather! It is also a time of change. Last month we were visited by Ole and Roger from Lions International. They informed us of their ongoing quest to make sure every baby born in the state of Minnesota with a hearing loss will be given the chance to hear- either with a hearing aid or cochlear device. This is one of Lions International many campaigns they charter on a daily basis. The meeting was a ROAR of good info. After the May meeting, my term will be ending as President, so we will be electing new officers for the positions of vice-president, secretary and treasurer, followed by our annual end of the year picnic. I encourage all to attend!

Enjoy!

Joe



Hi, Everyone)

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May - **NO** Aloha dinner

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June 10 - Jeff & Tracy Blodgett-more info. to come (MITC)

July - possible brunch (MITC)

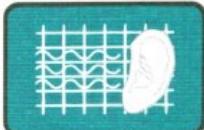
Aug. 12 - annual picnic, Burnsville (MITC)

Sept. 9, Oct. 14, Nov. 11 (MITC)

Dec. 9 Burnsville (MITC)

Enjoy our nice Springy weather and I'll get back to you, eventually, with the June Aloha details and your Aloha suggestions. Ellen

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