



July 2021 Newsletter

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Our July meeting will be held July 10. Our speaker will be: Christine Miller, Marketing and Sales Associate from Sonic Alert, who will be presenting the HomeAware System. HomeAware is a comprehensive system, that is also fully customizable, using light, sound, and vibration to notify the user that a video/telephone call is being received, a guest is ringing the doorbell, or an emergency is occurring – such as the triggering of the smoke or C/O alarms. The HomeAware Main HA360MV – which is the decision-making center for the system -- is available through the California Telephone Access Program (CTAP) to eligible residents of California for FREE!

The program will be presented on Zoom. Please RSVP at www.hearinglosseb.org. Greetings start at 9:30 am. The presentation will follow at 10:00 am.

Register for this free event here: www.hearinglosseb.org After you register, you’ll be sent the link to join the meeting. Consider staying after the meeting for AfterWords – a chance to ask more in-depth questions, as well as discuss anything you want with fellow members!

HLAA-EB posts our newsletters to the California State Association webpage and a link on our website. Check out our website at: <http://www.hearinglosseb.org/> Contact us at: info@hearinglosseb.org

OUR 2021 BAY AREA WALK4HEARING held on Saturday, June 12 was a huge success! HLAA-EB teamed up for a spectacular virtual Walk4Hearing event right here in the Bay Area to celebrate and promote hearing health. The celebration energized our community, provided support and offered encouragement. Our impact and stories were shared by members of our hearing loss community, and entertainment was provided by a star-studded line-up that included:



D.J. Demers – Standup Comedian



Mandy Harvey – singer/songwriter



No Limits for Deaf Children

Your participation was a great asset! The goal for the Bay Area Walk4Hearing was \$50,000, but was surpassed by \$5,553 for a total of \$55,553. On the Team Honor Roll were: Bay Area Local chapters: \$15,100; Team Avery (out of Lodi): \$7,775; Diablo Valley Chapter: \$6,760; Castle Team: \$5,305; and our very own East Bay Hear-Oh's: \$3,540. Thanks to all who contributed and made this event a success! We hope you had a chance to enjoy our annual Walk4Hearing along with us and then got out and did some walking around town or your neighborhood in support of this important event.

Prizes were won!

The following prizes were won by some lucky participants:



Fitbit Versa 3



Sound PLA 240 Small Room Loop Amplifier



Amazon Gift Card

HLAA Virtual Convention 2021 was held June 24 – 26, 2021. Nancy Asmundson had planned to attend but due to family visits and obligations she was unable. Did you participate? Let us know how you liked it! HLAA National let us know that later next week, recordings will be available to Virtual Convention registrants on the Showcare platform for 30 days after the event. In two weeks, per HLAA's grant with [NIDCD](#), the Research Symposium recording will be made available on HLAA's website to everyone. The Happy Hour on June 24 and our Virtual Exhibit Hall sessions were not recorded. Next year, HLAA Convention will be held in person in Tampa, FL, June 23 – 25, 2022.

East Bay Leadership Team

The chapter is run by a Steering Committee, Leader Dale Davis, ddavis94605@gmail.com, who also oversees the Membership Database.

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OR, if you prefer to pay by check or card thru the mail, Nancy Asmundson has membership forms to send to you, or contact HLAA at 301-657-2248 or e-mail membership@hearingloss.org. Your membership form & payment go to HLAA, 6116 Executive Blvd., Suite 320, Rockville, MD 20852.

COSTS: Regular Membership/year (will receive *Hearing Life* magazine in print and digital format):

Individual - \$45; Couple/Family - \$55; Professional - \$80; Nonprofit - \$80;

Online Membership receives *Hearing Life* mag. in digital format only: Individual - \$35; Student - \$25.

Veteran Membership: Complimentary one-year Regular Membership & Lifetime Online Membership.