



East Bay Chapter: Newsletter

June 2025

Here comes the sun!

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June 14, 2025: Join us for an informative session on:

“How to Interpret an Audiogram”

- Have you had your hearing tested before? Were the results thoroughly explained, or did you end up leaving with more questions than answers?
- Join us for an informative session with Dr. Erik Breitling, AUD, FAAA, Lamorinda Audiology, is Audiologist, who will be joining us in person to explain the basics of how to interpret your hearing test results.

Saturday, June 14, 2025

- 9:30 a.m.: Social and Refreshments
- 10:00 a.m.: Presentation (Zoomers can join at 10 am)
- 11:30 a.m.: Complimentary Pizza

Location: Kaiser Permanente, Fabiola Building,

3801 Howe St, Basement Room G-26,

Oakland, CA. Free parking is available across the street at the Kaiser parking structure.

Please come to the in person meeting to meet the speaker, meet others who have hearing loss and enjoy complementary refreshments.

The meeting is available both In-Person and Virtual (Zoom).

Please register at: www.HearingLossEB.org by 5 PM, Fri June 13, 2025

Questions? Info@HearingLossEB.org

HLAA-EB posts our newsletters to the California State Association webpage and a link on our website. **VOLUNTEER! Contact us to let us know you are available! Check out our website at:**

<http://www.HearingLossEB.org/> Contact us at: Info@HearingLossEB.org

Coming Soon:

- July/August: No program. Have a great summer!
- September: Dr. Cohen, of Berkeley Audiology - music and hearing loss
- October - TBA
- November - TBA
- December: Dr. Susanah Storm – What's new with hearing loss
- January, 2025: Brooke Barry from the Spotify research group — sound and music

NOTE: If you have old hearing aids you no longer use, you may donate them. Drop them off at a meeting and we will make sure your hearing aids get new life for someone else.

Bay Area Walk4Hearing Event Summary



The Bay Area Walk4Hearing was a tremendous success, bringing together 162 participants across 14 teams for a meaningful cause. The event has raised an impressive \$40,460 to date, demonstrating the community's strong commitment to hearing health awareness and support. Thanks to Len Bridges, our chapter came in second in raising the most money for the event. See picture left of Peter, Len, Marlene, and Connie at the event.

The walk took place along Alameda's scenic shoreline, providing a picturesque backdrop for participants to enjoy while supporting an important cause. The beautiful weather contributed to the positive atmosphere throughout the day.

The event fostered wonderful opportunities for connection and community building.



Participants enjoyed engaging conversations and had the chance to meet new people who share similar interests in hearing health advocacy. The sense of camaraderie was evident as teams walked together along the waterfront. Alameda High School Cheerleaders added energy and excitement to the event with their enthusiastic participation (see picture next page). There were family-friendly activities such as free balloon modeling (twisting) which were provided

for young participants and some older ones as well, and portrait sketches. Snacks were

available at the beginning of the day as people arrived and wandered about looking at the booths or catching up with friends. Pizza was delivered after the event and there was a shaved ice truck to refresh everyone!.

The Bay Area Walk4Hearing successfully combined community engagement, fundraising, and awareness for hearing health in a memorable and enjoyable format that brought people together for a worthy cause.



Alameda High Cheerleaders

MORE PICTURES:



Walkers at Walk4Hearing Bay Area



Artist did pictures for those who wanted



Marlene showing off her picture with Linda!



Our booth hosted by Connie



Walkers on the path by the Bay

Thanks to Peter Townsend for the pictures and for providing the write up!

HLAA 2025 Convention

Are you a last minute person? You can still hop on a plane and join the HLAA's 40th annual convention, June 11-14, 2025, in Indianapolis, Indiana. Our annual event brings together hundreds of people with hearing loss from around the U.S. to learn, discover and connect. Check out the latest technology and hear from health and industry experts during a series of empowering events designed to help you live your best life with hearing loss. Reserve your spot today! To sign up, go [here](#). Then click on "Learn More and Register".

Convention Highlights

- *Hear an inspiring keynote speaker during the General Session*
- *Attend our Research Symposium exploring "Stigma: Making the Invisible Actionable"*
- *Celebrate and connect at the Welcome Back event and other social functions*
- *Learn from our exciting educational workshops on a wide range of topics*
- *See product demonstrations of the latest technology for people with hearing loss*
- *Walk through the Exhibit Hall featuring cutting-edge tech and hearing health industry advances. Free Exhibit Hall-only passes available*
- *Training: Parent's Education Track: Learn about what you can do to help your child with hearing loss.*
- *Indy Walk4Hearing: Saturday, June 14, morning!*
- *Closing Activity: Indianapolis Indians baseball game at Victory Field!*



We need your help! Can you volunteer? Contact us at: info@hearinglosseb.org

Here is a list of volunteer positions we are seeking to fill:

- **Zoom Assistant** - Assist George Chin, Sr. to run Zoom, cameras, and PA/Audio Loop during in person/hybrid meetings.
- **Camera Operator** - Use a remote control to operate our 2 cameras for in-person Zoom meetings.
- **Volunteer Coordinator**: Contact people who said they could volunteer and tell them about volunteer needs. Recruit for those positions.
- **Outreach Coordinator**: Organize a table for our chapter at various street fairs and other venues. Set up the table. Recruit volunteers to help with the events. Reach out to people who participate in our meetings. Let people know about our chapter.
- **Just want to help?** All of our committees need helpers! All volunteers are welcome! Contact us and we'll help you figure out what would be a good fit for you.

HLAA SF/East Bay Leaders

NEW! The Steering Committee has become the Board of Directors:

Contact us at: info@hearinglosseb.org

President: Len Bridges

Vice President: Peter Townsend

Secretary: Linda Gee

Treasurer: Len Bridges

Director of Technology: George Chin, Sr.

Director of Membership: Connie Gee

Co-Director of Programs: Robin Miller

Co-Director of Programs: Verna Dow

Co-Director of Newsletters: Nancy Asmundson

Co-Director of Newsletters: Kathy Fairbanks

Director of Publicity: Marlene Muir

Consulting Legal Counsel: Gerald Niesar

Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART) services: Audrey Spinka,

JOIN HEARING LOSS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (HLAA) – THEY ADVOCATE FOR YOU!

hearingloss.org Membership is now open to all of our valued supporters who help fuel our mission and change the lives of people with hearing loss. **Everyone who gives is now an HLAA member, helping to amplify our HLAA voice, and fulfill our important mission—together!**

COST OF MEMBERSHIP: The HLAA national office had consolidated the donation and membership processes. Presently, anyone who donates as little as \$1 would become a member of the national HLAA. Additionally, with a donation of \$45 annually, individuals have the option to receive a hard copy of the Hearing Life magazine from the national office.