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Hearing Loss Association of America

North Shore of Long Island Chapter

Meeting Location

Long Island Jewish Hearing & Speech Center is located on the grounds of the Long Island Jewish Medical Center. Enter the grounds from LAKEVILLE ROAD and it is the first building on your left. Free parking is available behind the hearing and speech building: first entrance to parking lot after building. DO NOT go into the main parking building. Go to the Conference room on the Lower Level 270-05 76th Avenue New Hyde Park, NY 11040.

If you are in doubt as to whether there is a meeting, or if you'd like further information, please call Sal: 516-331-0231.

Meeting News

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

**Refreshments and Social Time begins 6pm.
Meeting begins 6:30pm.**

Topic: The Hearing Loss Revolution!

How would it be if we declared a revolution on how we view our hearing loss and clearly understood that our hearing doesn't define us in any negative way? How would it be if we truly let go of the idea that hearing loss makes us stupid or disengaged? Imagine a world where the cost of hearing aids was affordable and public venues were all equipped with functioning assistive listening devices. Hearing loss will have lost its stigma. We can make it happen by changing our attitudes about hearing loss. Join us to learn more about the Hearing Loss Revolution and the Nine Guiding Principles.

This revolution must start with us!

Speaker

Pat Dobbs started losing her hearing when she was twenty. She now wears two cochlear implants. It was only after she launched the "Hearing Loss Revolution and Its Nine Guiding Principles," that she discovered her true calling: Advocating for people with hearing loss. Pat is the creator of the Hearing Loss Revolution. She has written and presented on Communication Strategies and Coming to Terms with Hearing Loss. She is the President of HLAA-Morris County Chapter, Trustee of HLAA-NJ, and HLAA Representative to NJ Department of Deaf and Hard of Hearing.





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Oscars 2018: Star Uses Sign Language In Acceptance Speech

BBC News

A film starring a six-year-old deaf British girl and made by two former Hollyoaks stars has won an Oscar.

The Silent Child, which tells the story of a girl who struggles to communicate, was named best live action short film.

It stars Maisie Sly, aged six, from Swindon, and Rachel Shenton, who played Mitzeeee Minniver in the Channel 4 soap.

Shenton also wrote it and used sign language in her acceptance speech. It was directed by Chris Overton – AKA Hollyoaks cage fighter Liam McAllister.

“I made a promise to our six-year-old lead actress that I would sign this speech,” Shenton said while accepting the statuette at Sunday’s ceremony in Hollywood.

“My hands are shaking a little bit so I apologise,” she added.

The Silent Child tells the story of a profoundly deaf four-year-old called Libby, played by Maisie. She lives a silent life until a social worker, played by Shenton, teaches her how to communicate through sign language.

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Ghost is Now Washington's First Deaf K-9

BY KALIN KIPLING

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From the streets of Florida to Washington state service, the past few years have been a wonderful whirlwind for a pit bull mix named Ghost.

Ghost's life had a rough beginning.

As a puppy, he was found as a stray in Florida. (He is estimated to have been born in September 2015, according to the Washington State Department of Corrections.)

Animal control officials in Florida listed him as "unadoptable" because he was deaf, had a lot of energy and could be indifferent toward people, according to KIRO7 and King5.

But the nonprofit Swamp Haven Rescue of Saint Augustine, Fla., wasn't going to give up on the puppy.

After reaching out to organizations nationwide, Swamp Haven received a response from Olympic Peninsula Humane Society in Port Angeles, Wash., saying it would take the pup, KIRO7 reported.

After Ghost made his cross-country move from Florida to Washington, he drew the attention of Barb Davenport, K-9 program manager for the Washington State Department of Corrections who has been training dogs to search for drugs since the 1980s. She started working with dogs at age 10.

Davenport "works with shelters, humane societies and rescues throughout the state to provide quality K9 trained dogs to public service, which simultaneously saves as many rescue dogs as possible," said Jeremy Barclay with the Washington State Department of Corrections.

"Barb found Ghost to be a very stable dog," Barclay told The Bee. "He was very focused and determined to locate his ball when thrown or hidden. This makes for a more trainable dog" for drug contraband detection. His high energy was also key.

Now about 2.5 years old, Ghost officially started searching for drugs in state prisons and other facilities in January, according to King5.



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If You're New, This is for You!

More than 48 million people in the US have a hearing loss, which can hinder daily communication. By age 65, one in three Americans has a hearing loss. This invisible condition affects the quality of life of the individuals with hearing loss, as well as family, friends, coworkers and everyone with whom they interact. HLAA believes people with hearing loss can participate successfully in today's world.

Founded in 1979, the mission of HLAA is to open the world of communication to people with hearing loss through information, education, support and advocacy.

HLAA is the nation's foremost membership and advocacy organization for people with hearing loss. HLAA publishes the bimonthly *Hearing Loss Magazine*, holds annual conventions, a Walk4Hearing, and more. Check out: www.HearingLoss.org

The North Shore Chapter is a dynamic group of individuals working together as a team. To join, please fill out the Membership Form in this newsletter. Welcome!



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Giving her acceptance speech complete with sign language, Shenton said: "Our movie is about a deaf child being born into a world of silence. It's not exaggerated or sensationalised for the movie.

"This is happening. Millions of children all over the world live in silence and face communication barriers, and particularly access to education.

"Deafness is a silent disability. You can't see it and it's not life threatening so I want to say the biggest of thank yous to the Academy for allowing us to put this in front of a mainstream audience."

Shenton, from Stoke-on-Trent, was inspired to write the film by her father, who went deaf after receiving treatment for chemotherapy when she was 12.

She became a qualified British Sign Language Interpreter and ambassador for the National Deaf Children's Society.

In his acceptance speech, Overton thanked Shenton – his fiancée. He said: "It's really your hard work for the last 12 years that has really made this project authentic."

Overton also thanked their parents for making cup cakes to raise funds for the film, and those who backed its crowdfunding campaign.

He told BBC Breakfast they raised "over £1,000 in cupcakes."

"My mum and dad made the cupcakes and Rachel's mum and her mum's partner Nigel sold them at their work," he said. "We crowdfunded this all by ourselves and we had the support of so many people, but it was made on a shoestring."

The pair cast Maisie, who had never acted before, after a nationwide search involved advertising on the websites of deaf organisations. They auditioned 100 children before they found their star.

Maisie's family had recently relocated 160 miles from Plymouth to Swindon so Maisie could attend a mainstream school where deaf children are supported.

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Ghost is living it up with his new handler, Joe Henderson, and they are both employed with the Washington Department of Social and Health Services, according to Barclay.

"I think it's wonderful that he has his forever home while benefiting the public safety of our citizenry," said Barclay.

The former stray puppy from Florida is making history as Washington state's first-ever deaf K-9—and possibly the first in the nation.

HLAA opens the world of communication to people with hearing loss through information, education, support, and advocacy. HLAA is a 501(c)(3) organization.

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Donating Hearing Aids to the Lions Club

By Michelle Gross

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Gallaudet University Seeks Study Participants

With funding from the National Institutes of Health, Gallaudet University's Deaf Health Communications and Quality of Life (DHCQoL) Center is conducting a national study that investigates health and quality of life outcomes in deaf and hard of hearing populations (PROMIS-DHH project). To date, the DHCQoL Center has collected data from more than 1,000 adults who are deaf or have a hearing loss who use American Sign Language. The next step is to include at least 250 more adults who are deaf or have a hearing loss and who use spoken English in this study.

The DHCQoL Center is inviting those who became deaf or hard of hearing prior to turning 13 years old and prefer spoken English to communicate to participate in the survey project. Each participant will receive a \$25 American Express gift card as a gratuity. Email deafhealth@gallaudet.edu with questions or for more information.