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## SHHH & YOU

More than 24 million people in the U.S. have a hearing loss that can hinder daily communication. That translates to one in ten people. By age 65, one in three people has a hearing loss. This invisible condition affects us, family, friends, co-workers and everyone around us. SHHH believes that people can help one another, can be helped, and can participate successfully in society. The mission of SHHH is to open the world of communication to people with hearing loss by providing information, education, advocacy, and support.

*Self Help for Hard of Hearing People, Inc. (SHHH) is the largest international consumer organization dedicated to the well-being of people who do not hear well.*

If you are not a member of national SHHH, you are encouraged to join. Membership includes the bi-monthly SHHH journal, Hearing Loss, an outstanding information source. Dues are \$25 for USA individual/family, \$50 for Professionals. Make checks payable to "SHHH" and mail to:

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## Myths and Misconceptions About Hearing Loss

By: Betty Saputo RN, MSN

*Myths and misconceptions about hearing loss can cause difficulty in personal and work relationships.*

*Here is a short quiz to test your knowledge about hearing loss:*

### True or False:

- 1) Hearing loss only happens to older people.
- 2) Hearing aids restore normal hearing levels.
- 3) Most people who are hard of hearing can read lips or use sign language to communicate.
- 4) People with hearing loss have "selective" hearing.
- 5) People feel uncomfortable when talking with someone who has hearing loss.
- 6) Hearing Loss is not a disability.

### Answers:

- 1) FALSE. Statistics tell us that 1 in 10 Americans has hearing loss. That's 28 million people! Many are people under retirement age. However, after age 65 the number rises to 1 in 3 Americans with hearing loss. Age related hearing loss is only one type of hearing loss. There are numerous causes of hearing loss including genetic, injuries, exposure to loud noise, inner ear disease and aging.
- 2) FALSE. Hearing aids amplify sound and are very helpful but are limited in what they can do and are situation specific. Hearing aids are not "corrective" in the sense that eyeglasses are. They do not restore normal hearing. In fact, hearing aids may amplify background sound so much that the spoken word is not understood.
- 3) FALSE. Although people with hearing loss can benefit from reading lips (speech reading is the correct term), most do not know sign language. Only about 30% of the English language is visible on the lips. It takes effort and practice to use speech reading effectively. Sign language is only helpful if the person you are communicating with knows how to do it!
- 4) FALSE. "Selective" in this case means choosing not to hear, as when you ask your children to clean their rooms!! Some people with hearing loss have fluctuating hearing, such is the case in Meniere's disease. Even people with mild hearing loss can miss certain speech sounds. Most people have more trouble hearing

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when the background noise is loud. There are many factors that affect how well a Hard of Hearing person hears including: weather, battery strength, speaker qualities, acoustics, etc.

5) TRUE. People can feel uncomfortable while communicating with those who have hearing loss. This is usually due to lack of knowledge or awareness. Persons with hearing loss can help by letting others know about their communication needs. For example, "Joan, my left ear has better hearing, can you move over to this side while we chat?"

6) FALSE: Hearing Loss is serious. It IS a disability. Persons with hearing loss are, by law, included in the provisions outlined in the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA). For more information about your rights under the ADA visit: <http://www.ada.gov>

How did you do on the quiz? Knowing correct information and helping educate others to know different communication tips makes life with hearing loss easier.

*To learn more, the SHHH website at <http://www.shhh.org> has an interesting section on "Facts on Hearing Loss".*

## IMPORTANT REMINDER!

To help reduce expenses MI-SHHH-IGANIAN readers can download and print out the quarterly newsletters from the MI-SHHH website instead of receiving the publication through the mail. To sign up for the email newsletter notification service, please send a message to: [newsletter@mi-shhh.org](mailto:newsletter@mi-shhh.org) and be sure to put "Newsletter Notification" in the SUBJECT line of your message.

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All requests for e-mail notification of the Winter issue, must be received by November 1, 2005.



## ATTENTION PLEASE!

*The 2006 Hear Here Technology Conference and EXPO is fast approaching!*

*Circle the dates of April 28 and 29, 2006 on your calendar. For more information see page 8 of this newsletter or log on to: [www.mi-shhh.org](http://www.mi-shhh.org)*

# Ann Liming Honored at 2005 SHHH National Convention



*Pictured: SHHH Executive Director, Terry Portis, with Ann Liming, recipient of the 2005 Keystone Award.*

Lansing resident, Ann Liming, received the prestigious Keystone Award during the 2005 SHHH National convention, held in Washington, D.C. from June 30th to July 3rd.

SHHH Executive Director, Terry Portis, presented the award to Ms. Liming on July 1st at a special breakfast reception for all 2005 SHHH Award Recipients and convention attendees.

The Keystone Award is a unique tribute presented to SHHH members for their outstanding achievement and/or contribution to the establishment, advancement and continued success of SHHH. The names of Keystone Award recipients are inscribed on a plaque at the SHHH National Office in Bethesda, MD.

Ann Liming is a member of the SHHH National Board of Trustees (BOT). She served as Secretary of the BOT before being elected to the position of President. Ann is currently on the BOT Executive Committee as Immediate Past President. She continues to be involved in Michigan SHHH at the state and local levels. In February of 2005, Ann retired as the Hard of Hearing Specialist for Division on Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DODHH) after more than 5 years of service.

Ann's passion and commitment to advocacy on behalf of persons with hearing loss is a beacon of inspiration! She was instrumental in founding Michigan SHHH 10 years ago. On behalf of all who are honored to know and work with Ann, Michigan SHHH applauds her efforts and accomplishments!!!

## *An Opportunity to Support MI-SHHH Programs*

*By: Janet Haines*

### **Feeling Lucky?**

Michigan SHHH is having a fundraising raffle!!! The prizes are tempting, the prizes are tantalizing, and lucky winners will receive...

**First Prize \$4000**  
**Second Prize \$1000**  
**Third Prize \$500**

Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. The drawing will be held on Saturday, April 29th, 2006 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids during the Hear Here 2006 Conference and EXPO. (See article on page 8 for more EXPO information.) You do not need to be present to win, but we sure hope you are because a super conference is planned. Get those tickets now!

### **Not a Gambler?**

You may think, "I'm not much of a gambler," but you can still purchase a ticket or two. Raffle tickets make wonderful stocking stuffers, for instance! Just think of the good you'll be doing by supporting MI-SHHH programs. Raffle proceeds will help fund this Newsletter, MI-SHHH chapter startup, Annual Chapter Leadership Workshops, Hearing Technology Resource Specialist trainings, the MI-SHHH website, as well as help to keep fees low for the 2006 Hear Here Conference and EXPO.

You really get a big bang for your dollars at Michigan SHHH because nearly 100% of your donation goes toward our programs. MI-SHHH volunteers do all the work and because they are so generous with both time and resources, we have near-zero operating costs.

### **Sold! But wondering how to get tickets?**

Contact your local chapter leader first. Chapters who sell a certain amount of tickets will receive a donation back from MI-SHHH! Yes, we want the local chapters to benefit from this as well. So start with your local chapter. Chapters can obtain tickets by e-mailing me at: [jhaines@mi-shhh.org](mailto:jhaines@mi-shhh.org). If there is no local chapter near you, please contact the above e-mail to buy tickets.

### **Is there any fine print?**

Yes, there is a tiny bit. Every person selling tickets will have a brochure that outlines the details. The item that will probably be most interesting to ticket purchasers is that we need to sell 1300 tickets to be able to give away the full prize money. If fewer tickets are sold, the raffle will revert to a 50-50 raffle.

***So please, sell, sell, sell and buy, buy, buy!***  
***Michigan SHHH really wants to award full prizes***  
***because that will be the most fun for everyone!***

# MI-SHHH Chapter Activities

By: Marla Schindler

Why attend a meeting where you're "sure" you won't understand what is being said? Or worse, be asked to participate in a discussion? What can possibly be learned from a roomful of strangers? How can these people help when no one else has bothered before now?

The welcoming atmosphere of MI-SHHH Chapter meetings helps Hard of Hearing persons gain support, understanding and become empowered. Attend a meeting in your area and experience the wonderful camaraderie that's offered in each group.

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## **BIRMINGHAM AREA SHHH**

**September 8** - Meniere's Disease

**October 13** - Hearing Assistive Technology Update

**November 10** - "Hearing Loss Can Be A Kick In The Self-Esteem".

**December 8** - Annual Holiday Party (bring a dish to pass)

## **CAPITAL AREA SHHH**

**September 13** - Paws With a Cause Puppy Dog Trainer

**October 11** - MI-SHHH Chapter Coordinators Liz Kobylak and Brenda Stimson

**November 8** - Dismissed and Unimportant

**December 13** - Annual Holiday Party (contact chapter for details).

## **DEARBORN AREA SHHH**

**September 21** - How To Read Your Audiogram (bring copy of personal audiogram)

**October 19** - Communication Access Needs Program for Hard of Hearing Drivers

**November 16** - Gearing up for the Holidays, Coping Strategies for Persons Living With Hearing Loss

## **DOWNRIVER AREA SHHH**

The annual chapter "picnic" for this year included a restaurant meal and a cruise on the Detroit River. Audiologist, Joanna Crawford, will present this fall. We will also feature a presentation about telephones for persons with hearing loss. Outreach efforts continue in surrounding communities where the SHHH mission and message is being shared.

## **GRAND RAPIDS AREA SHHH**

**September 14** - Joyce Thorson, HARC Mercantile; demonstration of hearing assistive technology.

**October 12** - Ann Liming, advocacy for hearing aid insurance coverage, and other legislative issues

**November 9** - West Michigan MoPix: information about Studio 28 Theatre's rear window captioning

**December 14** - An open discussion on coping with hearing loss during the holidays.

**Self Help in Michigan...** If you do not already belong to a MI-SHHH Chapter, we hope you will find one near you and plan to attend meetings. Programs benefit not only those with hearing loss but also their families and friends. Everyone is welcome at all MI-SHHH functions, regardless of hearing ability.

Please contact the individual chapters, or visit [www.mi-shhh.org](http://www.mi-shhh.org) for further meeting information. The street addresses below provide meeting locations.

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## **BIRMINGHAM AREA SHHH CHAPTER**

Meets 2nd Thursday of the month

12:30 - 2:30 PM

Birmingham Area Senior Citizen Center  
2121 Midvale Avenue, Birmingham 48009-1509

Contact: [birmingham@mi-shhh.org](mailto:birmingham@mi-shhh.org)

## **CAPITAL AREA SHHH CHAPTER**

Meets 2nd Tuesday of the month

6:30 - 8:30PM

Foster Community Center, Room 110  
200 N. Foster Ave., Lansing 48912-4104

Contact: [lansing@mi-shhh.org](mailto:lansing@mi-shhh.org)

## **DEARBORN AREA SHHH CHAPTER**

Meets 3rd Wednesday of the month (except July & August)

12:30 - 2:00 PM

Dearborn Senior Center  
Ford Community & Performing Arts Center  
15801 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn 48126-2904

Contact: [dearborn@mi-shhh.org](mailto:dearborn@mi-shhh.org)

## **DOWNRIVER AREA SHHH CHAPTER**

Meets 1st Tuesday of the month

1:30 - 3:00 PM

Ford Senior Center  
6750 Troy ST, Taylor 48180-1633

Contact: [taylor@mi-shhh.org](mailto:taylor@mi-shhh.org)

## **GRAND RAPIDS AREA SHHH CHAPTER**

Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month (except July & August)

7:00 - 8:30 PM

Metropolitan Hospital (West Conference Room)  
1919 Boston SE, Grand Rapids 49506

Contact: [grand-rapids@mi-shhh.org](mailto:grand-rapids@mi-shhh.org)

## **HEAR ME NOW SHHH CHAPTER**

Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month

9:30 - 11:30 AM

Waterford Senior Center  
6455 Harper, Waterford 48329-1338

Contact: [waterford@mi-shhh.org](mailto:waterford@mi-shhh.org)

## **Hi/Low TONES - ROYAL OAK SHHH CHAPTER**

Meets 4th Tuesday, monthly (except July & August)

6:30 PM Social, 7:00 PM meeting

1st Presbyterian Church  
529 Hendrie Blvd., Royal Oak 48068

Contact: [royal-oak@mi-shhh.org](mailto:royal-oak@mi-shhh.org)

**JACKSON AREA SHHH CHAPTER**

Meets 3rd Tuesday of every other month  
 6:30 - 8:30 PM  
 Disability Connections  
 409 Linden, Jackson 49203-4065  
*Contact:* Jackson@mi-shhh.org

**KALAMAZOO AREA SHHH CHAPTER**

Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month  
 7:00 - 9:00 PM  
 First Congregational Church  
 129 S. Park St., Kalamazoo  
 Corner of W. Michigan & Park St.  
*Contact:* kalamazoo@mi-shhh.org

**MACOMB COUNTY SHHH CHAPTER**

Meets 4th Thursday of the month (*except July & August*)  
 1:00 - 3:00 PM  
 Knox Presbyterian Church  
 25700 Crocker Blvd., Harrison Township  
*Contact:* macomb-co@mi-shhh.org

**MI CI SHHH CHAPTER**

This is a "mobile" chapter, meeting in 3 different locations throughout Michigan.  
*Contact:* See MI-CI SHHH, on this page, for information.

**MID-MICHIGAN SHHH CHAPTER**

Meets 4th Monday of the month  
 7:00 - 8:30 PM  
 Butman-Fish Library  
 1716 Hancock St., Saginaw 48602-4045  
*Contact:* saginaw@mi-shhh.org

**NORTHERN LightSHHH CHAPTER**

Meets 2nd Sunday, monthly (*except July & August*)  
 1:30 PM  
 Traverse Area District Library  
 610 Woodmere Ave, Traverse City 49686  
*Contact:* traverse-city@mi-shhh.org

**WASHHH CHAPTER**

Meets 1st Monday of the month  
 7:00 PM  
 Turner Senior Resource Center (Sun Room)  
 2401 Plymouth Rd., Ann Arbor 48105  
*Contact:* info@washhh.org

**WESTERN WAYNE COUNTY SHHH CHAPTER**

Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month (*except July & August*)  
 6:30 - 8:30 PM  
 Garden City Hospital  
 6245 Inkster Rd., Garden City 48135-4001  
*Contact:* wayne-co@mi-shhh.org

**WESTSHORE SHHH CHAPTER**

Meets 4th Monday of the month  
 6:30 PM social, 7:00 - 8:00 PM meeting  
 Roosevelt Park Community Center  
 3106 Roosevelt Rd. Muskegon 49441  
 Corner of Roosevelt Rd & Glenside Blvd.  
*Contact:* muskegon@mi-shhh.org

**Hi/LowTONES - ROYAL OAK SHHH CHAPTER**

**September 27** - A fun evening of games  
**October 24** - Rap session  
**November** - No Meeting, Happy Thansgiving  
**December 6** - Annual Holiday Pot Luck Dinner

**KALAMAZOO AREA SHHH CHAPTER**

**September 14** - Social Security & Medicare Drug Card Update  
**October 12** - Cochlear Implant Information  
**November 14** - AAA presentation about elderly driver programs, etc.  
**December 14** - Annual Holiday party

**MACOMB COUNTY SHHH CHAPTER**

**September 22** - Lynn Hoekstra, Paws With a Cause  
**October 27** - Audiologist, Heide Sedaros, will speak about Cochlear Implants.  
**November** - No Meeting, Happy Thanksgiving  
**December 15** - Holiday potluck party, White Elephant exchange, sing-a-long and Harp music by Joyce Sheehy.

**MI CI SHHH CHAPTER**

**September 10** - In Muskegon, Annual Picnic from 10Am to 2PM.  
**September 17** - In Mt. Pleasant, CI technology options for listening to music 11AM  
**October 16** - In Ann Arbor, Paulette Daniels, Michigan Ear Institute CI Audiologist, 1:30PM  
**November 13** - In Grand Rapids, Holiday Potluck, 1PM  
 For more information contact:  
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 Pam McGuinty at: Ann-Arbor-CI@mi-shhh.org  
 Julie Armstrong at: Grand-Rapids-CI@mi-shhh.org

**NORTHERN LightSHHH CHAPTER**

**September 11** - A discussion about how members used and protected hearing assistive technologies in summer weather conditions -- moisture and heat.  
**October 9** - A visit by the MI-SHHH Chapter Coordinators.  
**November 13** - Information about the extent and type of services that veterans receive for hearing loss.  
**December 11** - Traditional OPEN HOUSE for library visitors as well as snacks.

**WESTERN WAYNE COUNTY SHHH CHAPTER**

**September 14** - Paws With A Cause presentation  
**October 12** - Coping Strategies and Skills for persons with hearing loss  
**December 14** - Annual potluck holiday party

**WESTSHORE SHHH CHAPTER**

**September 26** - Representative from the Social Security Administration will discuss Medicare Changes.  
**October 24** - Speech Reading  
**November 28** - Speech Reading  
**December 13** - Holiday Party

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## *For Your Information!*

### **BREAKING THE SOUND BARRIERS** **A Conference for People with Hearing Loss**

The Ontario Chapter of the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association (CHHA Ontario) will hold its annual conference for people with hearing loss this fall. Conference details are as follows:

**Date:** October 21-23, 2005

**Where:** Institute for Learning  
350 Pharmacy Avenue  
Scarborough (Toronto), Ontario

**For more information contact:**

Gael Hannan at  
416-237-1274 or [gaelh@rogers.com](mailto:gaelh@rogers.com)  
[www.hearinglossontario.org](http://www.hearinglossontario.org)

OR

**Breaking the Sound Barriers Conference**  
Ontario Chapter of the  
Canadian Hard of Hearing Association  
c/o Lucina McPhail, Registrar  
406-989 Eglinton Ave. West  
Toronto, ON Canada M6C 2C6

Conference will be accessible via CART and FM systems.  
Lodging is also accessible.

### *SHHH Joins AUDIENT Alliance*

*From Terry Portis, Ed.D., SHHH Executive Director*

*I am pleased to announce that SHHH has joined AUDIENT, an alliance for accessible hearing care for low income populations who are challenged by the cost of hearing health care. This alliance, formed by the Northwest Lion's Foundation for Sight and Hearing, includes hearing healthcare providers, hearing instrument manufacturers and leading institutions across the country who want to serve SHHH members who are unable to pay for the hearing care their families need.*

*To qualify for reduced cost of care, your annual income must not exceed \$23,500 for a single adult, \$31,225 for a family of two.*

*To receive care or learn more about the program, AUDIENT can be contacted directly at 1-877-283-4268.*

*You can also visit the AUDIENT website at: [www.audientalliance.org/index.htm](http://www.audientalliance.org/index.htm)*

**To every disadvantage there is a corresponding advantage.**  
*W. Clement Stone*

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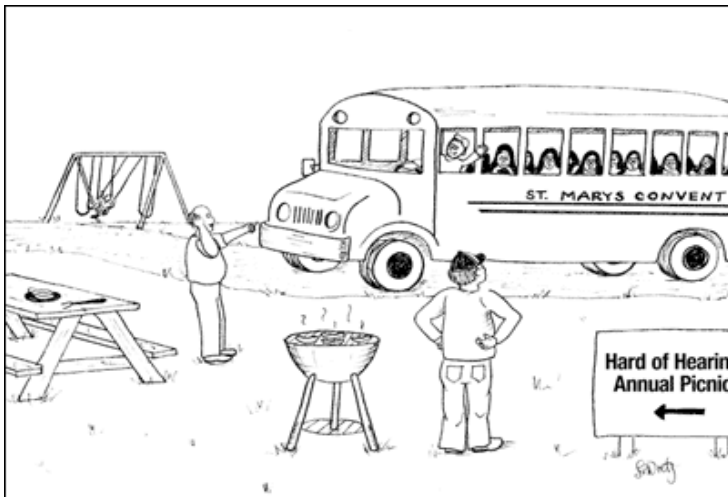
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**Introducing... Jocosity!** The MI-SHHH-IGANIAN is happy to present the following cartoon by Rich Baldwin. Rich is a well known Michigan author who is also hard of hearing. He is available to give presentations to MI-SHHH chapters, showing many other cartoons of interest to persons with hearing loss. More cartoons can be found on the following web site: [www.jocositycartoons.com](http://www.jocositycartoons.com). You may contact Rich Baldwin through the website listed above.



Hal was convinced he was asked to bring two dozen nuns to the picnic.

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## ***Hear Here 2006 MI-SHHH Technology Conference and EXPO***

**Make plans now to attend the MI-SHHH Technology Conference and EXPO on April 28th and 29th of 2006!**

For the first time ever, the EXPO will be held in Grand Rapids at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, featuring modern facilities and upscale accommodations.

The Speaker and Workshop program will be top-notch, as always! At the time this publication went to print, the following expert presenters have already committed to be a part of the EXPO: SHHH Executive Director Terry Portis and his wife, Denise; Psychologist David Myers; and retired Michigan State Representative Vic Krause.

The Exhibit Hall will feature Assistive Technology and Service Providers, as well as a fun-filled Silent Auction. There will be a Dinner Banquet (extra charge) on Friday evening, the 28th.

The 2006 EXPO will be fully accessible for persons with hearing loss by means of video and real time captioning, induction floor loop, assistive listening systems and sign language interpreters.

EXPO conference registration forms will be sent out to all persons in the MI-SHHH data base in September of 2005.

### **EXPO Conference Costs**

\$75	Early Bird Registration (postmarked by 3-1-06)
\$100	Regular Registration (postmarked after 3-1-06)
\$65	One Day Conference
\$65	Student Rate
\$125	Walk-ins (either day)
\$30	Friday's Banquet

This is an excellent value event!!! The Conference Registration includes all presentations and workshops, hand out materials, admission to the Exhibit Hall, Continental Breakfast (both days), Lunch (both days), break time refreshments (both days).

The cost of lodging rooms at the upscale Crowne Plaza for this event will be \$83 per night, plus applicable taxes. Reservations may be made by phone, fax, snail mail or online!!! Please check the registration form for more specific details. EXPO updates can be found on the MI-SHHH website:

**[www.mi-shhh.org](http://www.mi-shhh.org)**

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