

October 10 Chapter Meeting

Meet trainer Jennifer Dentino and her deaf dog Kaos

We'll have a four-legged guest this month—Kaos, a deaf dog. But deafness didn't stop her from learning: Jennifer, a certified dog trainer, has trained Kaos to respond to sign language. Jenn will demonstrate how Kaos follows hand signals instead of verbal commands.

In addition to holding titles in obedience and agility, Kaos is a Pet Prescription Team Therapy Dog. She's earned a Canine Good Citizen title and has completed over 100 therapy dog visits since being certified in 2015.

Jennifer Dentino has been training dogs and teaching classes since 2010. She currently holds credentials as an ABCDT (dog trainer Certified by Animal Behavior College). She enjoys helping pet owners find the fun in training, and watching the bond grow between pet owner and dog. Besides training, Dentino competes with her own dogs in a variety of dog sports.



UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

Unless otherwise noted, all events are at the Weingart Center, 5220 Oliva Ave, Lakewood 90712. (See map on last page.)

Oct 10 Chapter meeting

Thursday, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
Deaf Dog that responds to Sign Language

Oct 23 Board meeting

Wednesday, noon to 2:00 p.m.
Open to any chapter member

Nov 9 HAT Demonstration

Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to noon
(no HAT demo in October)

Nov 14 Chapter meeting

Thursday, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
Gloria Williams, CSLUB: What's New!

Lip Reading classes (ongoing)

Wednesdays 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. with Linda

Chapter meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month from September through May, and are always free and open to the public. Meetings are telecoil looped, with live projected captions, and free use of assistive listening devices so everyone can hear. Refreshments and a drawing are included. Come join us!

UK researchers identify 44 genes tied to age-related hearing loss, raising hope for future treatment options

September 28, 2019

LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM—Researchers from King's College London, and University College London (UCL), have identified 44 genes linked to age-related hearing loss. The study helps shed light and provide a much clearer understanding of how the condition develops, and also potential treatment options in the future.

The study, published in *The American Journal of Human Genetics* on September 26, analyzed the genetic data from over 250,000 participants of the UK Biobank aged 40-69 years to see which genes were associated with people who had reported having or not having hearing problems on a questionnaire. A total of 44 genes were identified to be linked with hearing loss.

By the age of 65, one-third of people are affected by some degree of hearing loss which can lead to social isolation and disability and has been

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

from **Gail Morrison**

Well I'll be looped!

The name of Antonio Stradivari (1644-1737) is legendary in the world of music. His violins, cellos, and violas are so treasured for their craftsmanship and CLARITY OF SOUND that many have been given their own names. One of them, for instance, is known as the Messiah-Salabue Stradivarius. After violinist Joseph Joachim (1831-1907) played it, he wrote, "The sound of the Strad, that unique 'Messie,' turns up again and again in my memory, with its combined sweetness and grandeur."

When I read the above in my Daily Bread reading and came upon the words CLARITY OF SOUND, I instantly connected them to the loop! We are soon to enjoy a new and permanent loop that will be installed in our chapter room at Weingart on October 11 by Rick Archbold of Hearing Now USA. Most of us who have experienced the loop appreciate the CLARITY OF SOUND that a loop

provides. And, it's instant. For first-time users, it's amazing.

We were hoping to have it up and running for our October 10 meeting, but it's in the works! We can't thank Craig Bowlby, Sabrina Junkin and the City of Lakewood enough for working through the summer to make this happen.

Our Fall programs continue, and on October 10, we have a "Deaf Dog" program that is just amazing. The dog is deaf and responds to Sign Language. Owner Jennifer Dentino, who is not hearing impaired, will tell us how she came about to train this deaf dog sign language. For November 14, we have Gloria Williams, Deaf and HOH Counselor at CSULB who will tell us of the many programs offered for HOH and Deaf students enrolled at CSULB. December will be our Holiday Party, so plan on attending all of these with more to come in 2020!

Just think: soon we will be experience CLARITY OF SOUND again and again with our loop, and experience it's "combined sweetness and grandeur."

I'm looking forward to seeing you on Thursday, October 10!

news from **HAT** Hearing Assistive Technology

by **Katie Wright**, HAT Chair

At our last meeting, the HAT committee decided to hold its Demos on an every-other-month basis. We've lost a couple of long-time volunteers and we're hoping that taking a break will ease our burden a bit.

Our next demo will be on November 9th. It's a great opportunity for you to come see what devices will help you hear "beyond your hearing aids"—maybe even explore something that a family member might like. Christmas is coming!



HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

CHAPTER NEWS

Refreshments

Thanks to Margaret Pyo and Ram Kakkar, who volunteered to bring refreshments for our October Chapter meeting.

Please pitch in to supply refreshments! Sign up with Adela Praderas or Joyce Bowlby to bring a finger food treat to a future chapter meeting.

Free and fun!
Join anytime

Lip Reading Class

**Wednesdays
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
with Linda**

Hearing Assistive
Technology

**HAT
Demonstration**

**Saturday
Nov. 9, 2019
10:30 a.m.– Noon**

both at the Weingart Senior Center in Lakewood

44 genes

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identified as a possible risk factor for dementia and cognitive decline.

Shedding light on possible future treatments for age-related hearing loss?

The findings of this study will allow researchers to determine how the condition of hearing loss develops as we age and may identify potential targets for new therapies.

“We now know that very many genes are involved in the loss of hearing as we age,” said study co-lead author, professor Frances Williams. “This study has identified a few genes that we already know cause deafness in children, but it has also revealed lots of additional novel genes which point to new biological pathways in hearing.”

“Before our study, only five genes had been identified as predictors of age-related hearing loss, so our findings herald a nine-fold increase in independent genetic markers. We hope that our findings will help drive forward research into much-needed new therapies for the millions of people worldwide affected by hearing loss as they age.”

–Dr. Sally Dawson, co-lead author of study

“The next steps in this research are to understand how each identified gene influences the auditory pathway, providing opportunities to develop new treatments.

Dr. Ralph Holme, Executive Director of Research at Action on Hearing Loss, was quoted: “These findings are incredibly significant. We believe they will speed up the discovery of treatments to slow or even halt the progressive loss of hearing as we get older, something which happens to at least 70% of over-70-year-olds. This research was funded by us thanks to the generosity of our supporters and we know from people with hearing loss that being able to hear well again would completely transform their lives. The identification of these genes linked to age-related hearing loss throws open the door to many new lines of research into treatments.”

Source: King’s College, UCL

https://hearinghealthmatters.org/hearingnewswatch/2019/hearing-loss-age-genes-identified-future-treatment/?fbclid=IwAR34uVxBif72HDSwvoTmiwQcvAdNp7tw_61_qxbTZgPT9M7kWgmLC_C-NvY

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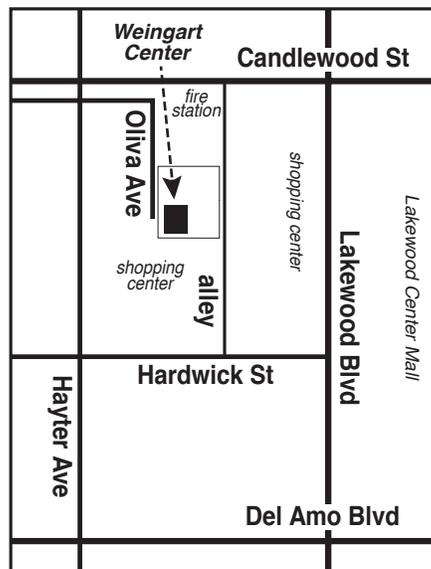
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What's New!
- Dec 12** Holiday party!

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September through May

All Chapter meetings, Board meetings, lip reading classes, and HAT demonstrations are held at:

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5220 Oliva Ave.
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- We have a high quality sound system
- We'll lend you an assistive listening device
- If you have hearing aids with telecoils, we have a hearing induction loop.
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