

Upcoming HLAA Convention

The 2008 Annual Convention of the Hearing Loss Association of America will be held June 12-15 at the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino in Reno Nevada. If you haven't attended one of these conventions before, you don't know what you're missing! There are excellent talks by experts on hearing loss and cutting edge research on hearing loss, focus groups on topics related to living with hearing loss, and my favorite – lots of beautiful and well-trained hearing dogs! It's a great chance to meet active, positive-thinking people with hearing loss from around the world.

This year, the Academy of Rehabilitative Audiology will be presenting at the HLAA Convention. Gaby Saunders, John Greer Clark, and I will be providing an interactive session titled ***Wheel of Communication: Strategies for More Effective Communication***. We are hoping that this will lead to an ARA presentation each year at the Annual HLAA Convention.

The keynote speaker will be Olegario "Ollie" D. Cantos, special counsel to the acting assistant attorney general for Civil Rights in the US Department of Justice. One of the best aspects of the Annual Convention of the HLAA is the Research Symposium, which is always held on Sunday mornings from 9 to 12, allowing in-depth coverage of hot research topics. The title of this year's Research Symposium is ***Lifelong Learning for Individuals with Hearing Loss***. A number of consultants and research experts will share the latest research and information on lifelong learning and how individuals with hearing loss can access opportunities that exist throughout the nation.

Can't make it this year? Mark your calendars for the 2009 HLAA Convention, June 18-21 at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel in Nashville TN. And if you live in the vicinity of Nashville, we hope you'll consider presenting on behalf of the Academy of Rehabilitative Audiology

For more information about the HLAA Convention, visit their website at:

<http://www.hearingloss.org/convention/index.asp>