SUMMERTIME, SUMMERTIME...
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From the (Interim) Editor - Ken Arcia

A recent airfare sale had ALDA's social media buzzing with excitement for our upcoming ALDAcon, Oct. 30-Nov. 3, 2023. Not only was the timing perfect (Early-bird Registration ends June 30), but it got me thinking...

Summer is here and I asked the ALDA News contributors to comment on this theme: "Now that things are opening up, post-COVID, what are your plans for travel for this Summer? Do you have any communication tips as a traveler with hearing loss?"

This issue has a few articles on that topic. It also has our regular

Advocacy Corner

John Waldo reports on the status of federal court cases for hearing aid insurance coverage and ADA "Frequent Filers".

Treasurer's Report

A summary of ALDA's finances for 2023 from our Treasurer, Joe Linder.
articles from John Waldo, an update from our Treasurer along with our regular column from Karen Krull, "One of Us" featuring Region III Director Catherine "Cat" Broadhead.

Last but, not least, we have Chapter News updates from several of our chapters. Enjoy this issue out by the pool or maybe while camping with friends and/or family. Wishing you a wonderful Summer. Thank you.

Oversea Travel Tips
by Joe Linder (ALDA Treasurer)
In preparation for travel to Ireland and Scotland as well as attending the Say What Convention in Vancouver, B.C., I was advised to make sure our passports do not expire less than 6 months after the ending date of our two trips outside of the United States. This applies to all travelers departing for overseas travel. Read the whole article.
New Hampshire has ten miles of beach, most of it open to the public. Most people don’t know this but to those who have discovered Hampton Beach, it is popular to locals and tourists from all over the world. We locals don’t need to go anywhere for all summertime brings…ocean, mountains, artisans, cultural events and outdoor eating are never far away. Pick your mode of transportation, we’ve got it from airports to rail to bicycle and walking rail-trails. We tend to want to stay put right here and enjoy all we can as the kids are out of school and the daylight is long enough to savor late evening socializing…until it gets dark. Then what does a lipreader do? Continue reading...

In Memoriam: Greg Kimberlein
by Larry Littleton / Ernie Epps
Greg Kimberlin was instrumental in sharing ALDA information with me many years ago. I was fortunate to have been a vendor, sent to Rockford, Ill for the ALDACon, and I was instantly drawn to the organization and its members.

It was Greg, who perked my interest in a cochlear implant. One day, we were on the golf course and Greg answered his cell phone. He proceeded to have a perfect conversation. I began my research on cochlear implants, shortly thereafter.

What Greg and I shared deeply was our competitive spirit, our love for golf, snow skiing, and our quest for the best sushi. I was fortunate to travel extensively with Greg on ski trips.
Don't Forget to Pack a Second Set of Eyes on the Next Road Trip

by Shanna Grove

"Hitting the open road is one of my favorite warm weather activities. My family and I have traveled Route 66 twice and frequented highways in the U.S. West, South, and East. We’ve visited places like Oklahoma and Texas more times than I can count to see family and friends.

Despite the joys of summer travel, driving and I don’t always get along. I blame this stress on my need to lip-read while driving the family places. It’s difficult to have any... continue reading
conversations in rush-hour traffic or even long stretches of desolate interstates. And night driving? It just doesn’t work well with my reliance upon lip-reading."

**Take a Walk with Hearing Loss: Let's Go!**

ALDA Region 1 Director Debra Bare-Rogers writes, "As an avid hiker and backpacker, I take every opportunity to go outside, smell the fresh air, kick up some dirt and enjoy the quiet, unplugged energy of the outdoors. Have you ever climbed a mountain or challenged yourself to walk one more mile?"

**New Member Bio / Intro**

by Dory Piccard Dickson

I'm a 71 year-old retired teacher, also retired from driving big trucks in the summer. During retirement, I co-founded a nationally recognized organization of volunteers to welcome migrant farmworkers to New Jersey for the blueberry harvest."

Share your hearing loss experience/stories today! Contact us at membership@alda.org.
We look forward to hearing from you.
How refreshing is that! Hearing loss doesn’t have to stop you from exploring nature." Read her tips for hiking with hearing loss.

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**One of Us**

In the latest in this series of interviews by Karen Krull, we get to know ALDA's Region Three Director, Cat Broadhead.

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ALDAcon 2023 "Early Bird Special" Registration rate expires on *June 30th, 2023* - Click [here](mailto:https://mailchi.mp/alda/alda-news-summer-9567062?e=0018afec41) to register!
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how was your vacation? the pictures you shared looked amazing did you want to get together for dinner next week?
ALDA CHAPTER NEWS

ALDA Seacoast NH

We have been working with a local theatrical group for better and better communication access accommodations. On April 15 we attended Neil Simmon's RUMORS on stage. Tickets were a reasonable $20, payable online so we could choose seats according to our preference for being closer to stage to facilitate lip-reading. Further testing of the system is being refined with the mic system this community players group is currently expanding which are drop down instead of each individual actor wearing one. Continue reading...

ALDA Suncoast

Hello from the Florida Suncoasters!

Every month, we try to plan at least one social, sometimes we have 2 or 3! We all take turns hosting a social for the month. Marjie Anderson and Judith Greaves kicked off the year with a New Year's Day picnic/potluck. In February, Bernie Palmer and his wife Bonnie had a fabulous Weekend at Bernie's at his home where other ALDA friends from out of state came to enjoy the ALDA friendship. We had a farewell dinner at Widow Fletcher's, for Judith Greaves, our Canadian
member who stays with Marjie Anderson for the winter. Continue reading...

ALDA Boston

**Upcoming Events**
Annual Picnic- July 16
ALDA's traditional picnic site is not available, so we are bringing down the house of Lou and Linda Sakin in Framingham and their beautiful outdoor space for the summer picnic and annual meeting- tentative in July... details to come.
Attendees must be paid up members, and will be asked to pre-register and bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Continue reading...

ALDA Chicago

No update this issue
Deaf and hard-of-hearing students bring a variety of life experiences and communication preferences to RIT, but all have one thing in common—RIT is the right fit for them.

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Chapter/Group Outreach!

Thanks to our ALDA Chapter and Groups, we are reaching more individuals experiencing hearing loss and late-deafening. Looking for support near you? Get involved with your local Chapter or Group – or start your own today!

Per the new submission guidelines provided, ALDA chapter and groups can now submit their reports directly to ALDA News Submissions.

Please advise if your chapter/group are using other outlets to share your news and events.

Thank You!
There is room for a limited number of volunteers for the following areas:

- Submitting articles for the quarterly ALDA Newsletter
- Volunteering with the Social Media Committee to help create content and work on the website

Simply email at alda@alda.org and share why you would like to volunteer.

Many thanks to all our ALDA volunteers and our members. Together, we maintain the ALDA tradition to learn, advocate, support, make life long friends and have fun.

Whatever Works!

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