

# Sound News

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## OUR LOCAL HLA PRESEDIENT HAS DIED



**Shirley Louise Perry**  
1935 - 2016

Shirley Perry, a long-time resident of the Lane County area died Saturday, February 6, 2016 from terminal stomach cancer. She was born November 29, 1935 in Merrill, Oregon. Shirley received an Associated Degree in Humanities/ Science from Lane Community College. Shirley worked for Children Services Division from 1971-1976 and then went to work for Lane Community College in 1976 and retired after 20 years. Shirley is survived by her 4 children, James F. Rankin, Merril L. Tate, Micheal R.L. Rankin, Roseana Perry and her son Patrick E. Rankin passed on 9-11-2015. Shirley has 6 step children, 17 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and 2 great -great- grandchildren. Shirley would like to let you know that her work here is done after 80 years. She received a call, a sort of an offer you can't refuse, for an appointment from which she will not be returning. This assignment comes with a huge sign-on bonus, a reunion with family and friends she has not seen in a long time. Job security is exactly 110 percent. Her new mission takes her to a wonderful place where she will be socializing, dancing, gardening and reading to her heart's content. Music, laughter and love are guaranteed. Food is delicious and you never gain an ounce. She left detailed instructions for her children to celebrate her mission here, which has now been completed. Low adherence to this instruction will not be tolerated. There are no services planned. Please donate in memory to Lane County Hearing and Loss Association.

*Please sign the guest book at [www.registerguard.com/legacy](http://www.registerguard.com/legacy)*

### NOTICE:

Due to the closure of Eugene Hearing and Speech Center and our commitment to our patients for their continuation of care we have arranged to have all patient files transferred to Grant's Hearing for storage and management on 2/15/16.

Grant's Hearing will comply with HIPPA required privacy and confidentiality practices. Your records will be available for you by calling 541-344-4442 or faxing your request to 541-344-4501.

Eugene Hearing and Speech Center appreciates all the community support through this transition. If you need any assistance please contact the business office at 541-485-8521 or visit our website ([www.eugenehearingspeech.org](http://www.eugenehearingspeech.org))

Eugene Hearing and Speech would like to thank their patients, employee's and the community for everything they have done through the years. It was a great pleasure to serve you.

**HLALaneCo will truly miss Shirley and her hard work and joy she brought to all of us.**

**We extend our love to her family and our thanks.**

## Leone's Line



Good friends help you  
find important things  
when you have lost  
them...things like your  
smile, your hope and  
your courage.

*Leone*

## Volunteers needed:

*Welcome*

We need members to be **at the Welcoming Table** at the beginning of our general meetings.

Duties will be written out for easy reference and are basically to arrive at 6:40 and greet people as they come in. Hand out raffle tickets and ask new people to sign in to receive a free Welcome pack about our chapter. This is an easy, but *essential* role to help our chapter. For more information contact: Lesley Bergquist at [lesleyb@earthlink.com](mailto:lesleyb@earthlink.com)

The Oregon Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services (ODHHS) Advisory Committee is looking for two individuals... one a parent of a child with hearing loss and the second an individual who is hard of hearing. Further, they are looking for an individual who is a "person of color" to serve on Committee. They have one applicant who is hard of hearing Hispanic woman.

The ODHHS Advisory Committee assists the Oregon Deaf and Hard of Hearing Service Program (ODHHSP) by providing information and expertise on issues affecting individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing. The ODHH Advisory Committee:

Assists members of the public and state agencies in making agency programs available and accessible to individuals who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing.

Identifies and publicizes the needs and concerns of individuals and consumers organizations.

Acts as a resource to the Department of Human Services (DHS), other state agencies, local governments and members of the public.

Provides referral information to individuals with hearing loss.

Coordinates and assists other interest groups in promoting rehabilitation and employment.

Facilitates a continuous program of information and education to employees, the public and employers.

.Applications can be found at: <http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/BUSINESS-SERVICES/ODHHS/Pages/Advisory-Committee->

Contact Clark Anderson if you plan to apply (see box below)

Members: if you have changed your e-mail address please notify Karin Smith of the change [karinsm@efn.org](mailto:karinsm@efn.org)

Hearing Loss Assoc.-Lane County, Oregon Information calls are taken by Linda Diaz 790-1290

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## Out and About

**Andrea Cabral, Tim and Lesley**

**Bergquist** registered for the workshop "Live Healthy Lane: Defining Our Future" held on February 10th. Lesley requested CART.

The program was already offering ASL and Spanish. Despite several earnest attempts by the event coordinator - Heather Mrhein, Community Health Program Manager, United Way of Lane County was not able to provide any type of HOH assistance. Please speak up and ask for accommodations so the hearing world knows we are out here!

## Hybrid Ear Implant Improves Hearing

*Hearing Planet*

There is finally hope for individuals with hearing impairment for whom hearing aids have not worked. The hybrid ear implant is a breakthrough device that offers a better hearing experience to people who have proven to not be a good candidate for a hearing aid.

Generally speaking, if a person experiences a slow and progressive type of hearing loss and then receives a hearing aid, it isn't a final solution. This is largely due to the fact that a hearing aid merely amplifies the sound that the ear is hearing. However, if an individual has difficulty comprehending what is being said when listening to speech with this type of hearing loss, a hearing aid will not work because it only makes the incomprehensible even louder.

In addition, not every person with hearing loss is a good candidate for better solutions such as the Cochlear ear implant, a surgically implanted device that enables deaf individuals to hear. To that end, there is the hybrid ear implant. It was approved by the Food and Drug Administration in the spring of 2014, and is essentially a combination of a regular hearing aid and the Cochlear ear implant. This combination makes for a better overall hearing experience for individuals with certain types of hearing loss so that they are able to better hear what they need to when there is music or background noise present, such as in restaurants or at parties.

Have Questions About Hearing Loss? Call: 1-855-210-1555

The hybrid ear implant differentiates itself from other types of ear implants because it is made up of a processor that absorbs sound and transforms it into electrical activity, which is then sent to the inner ear. This piece is held in place with a magnet, which means that if the person is swimming, showering or going to sleep, they can remove both the magnet and implant.

The hearing technology is truly groundbreaking and should prove to be extremely valuable to many people suffering from hearing loss. There is a requirement prior to receiving surgery for the hybrid implant in the form of a meningitis vaccine. The implant may cost as high as \$50,000 and insurance coverage to pay for it depends on your plan and other factors. A possible side effect to consider is that the face might droop on the side where the device is implanted.

## Keeping Your Batteries Charged

### *Information You Can Use*

10.6% of all adult Americans say they have difficulty hearing. These are the findings of the MarkeTrak9 survey which was carried out in the US in 2014.

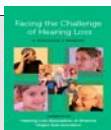
In America, 35 million suffer from hearing loss, but more than 25 million of them do not have a hearing aid.

The American 2005 MarkeTrak VII report projected that the number of Americans with hearing loss will increase to 40 million by 2025 and 53 million by 2050.

A majority of senior citizens who suffer from hearing loss choose to ignore treatment with hearing aids and are in denial about the negative effects of hearing loss, an American survey shows. They also over exaggerate how others will react if they wear hearing aids while at the same time underestimating others' perception of untreated hearing loss.

According to the survey, more than half of the seniors asked admitted to having some degree of hearing loss, yet only one in six chose to wear hearing aids.

The survey also found that 14% of the respondents have only had one or two hearing tests in their entire lifetime, while 16% have never had their hearing tested.



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**Our chapter will follow the same guidelines for canceling the general meetings as the Eugene 4J school district. If the schools are closed that day or close early we will not have a general meeting.**



## Hearing Aid Help

There are also several non-profits geared to helping low-income people obtain hearing aids.

**Sertoma** is a national service organization committed to helping those with hearing loss. They work with schools, clubs, hospitals and non-profits to fund hearing aids. They also refurbish and recycle hearing aids for distribution to those in need.

**Audient** helps low-income families purchase new digital hearing aids at prices ranging from \$495-975 per hearing aid. Those who qualify for the Audient program and meet the income qualifications can buy name-brand devices at greatly reduced prices. The Audient Alliance is an affiliate of Epic Hearing Healthcare, which provides Hearing Service Plans (HSPs) to individuals and companies.

**The Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Project** is offered through many local lions clubs nationally. With a qualifying income, you may be able to purchase a new digital hearing aid for around \$200. Find out if this resource is available to you by contacting Lions Club.

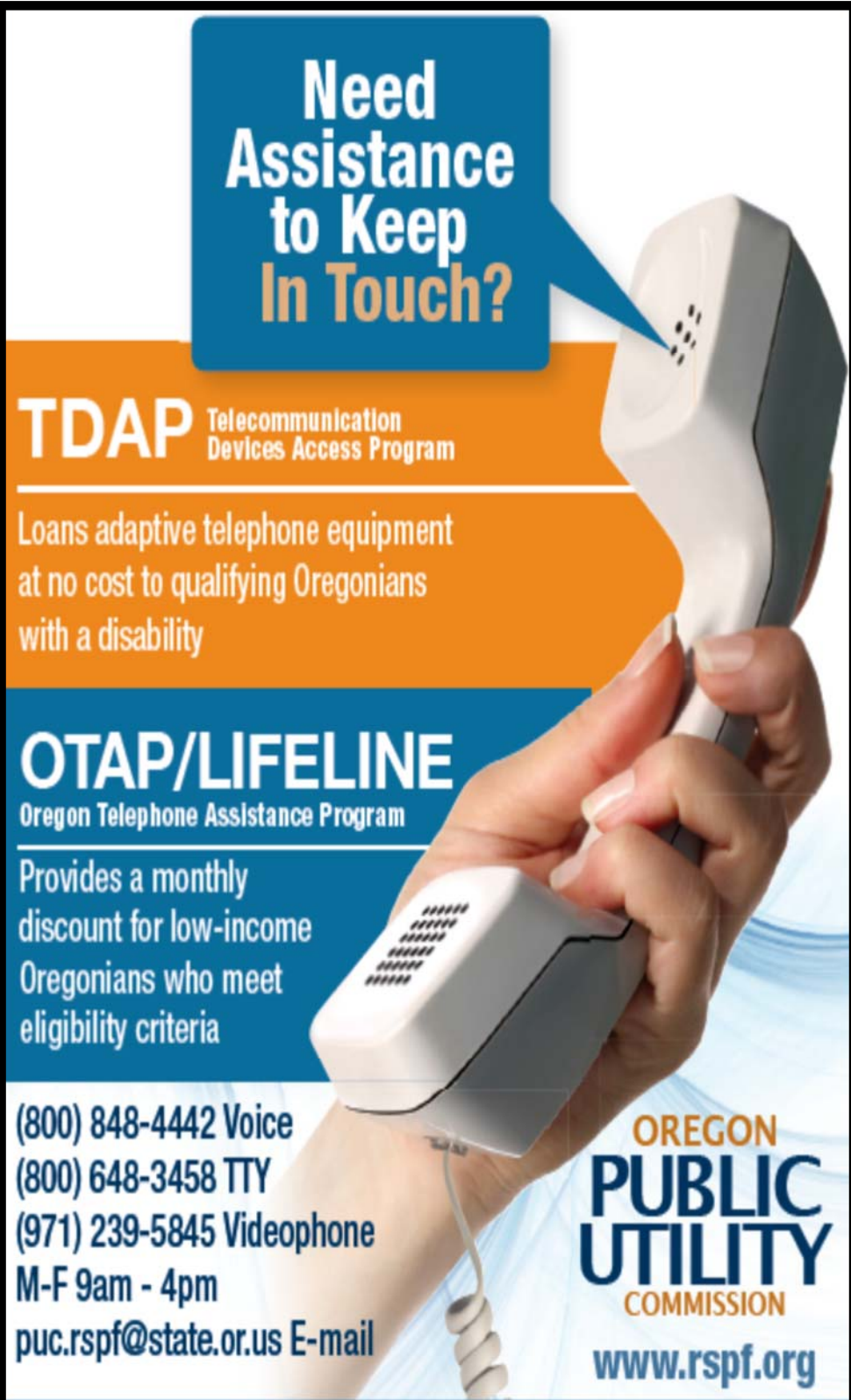
**The Travelers Protective Association has a Scholarship Trust** for the Hearing Impaired that provides financial aid to people needing hearing aids and specialized treatment for their hearing loss.

There may be many more options available to you and Sertoma has an extensive list of other hearing aid resources.

No one should have to sacrifice the connections, interactions and enjoyment of life due to hearing loss. Hearing Planet is committed to helping you find the resources you need for your hearing aid selection and purchase.

*From Hearing Planet*

**Be sure to check out our Facing the Challenge of Hearing Loss Book**



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Please fill out this form /survey and turn in at the general meeting or mail to HLA - Lane Co., PO Box 22501, Eugene, OR 97402.

I have enclosed: Chapter fees \_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 Chapter Donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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Occupation (former occupation if retired) : \_\_\_\_\_

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What most interests/puzzles you about hearing or hearing devices?

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**Thursday, March 10 7 pm HLA\_LC meeting**

**Possibilities to Make Music Enjoyable Again**  
by Arnie Goodman

I have been a hearing aid dispenser for 22 years and a hearing aid user for 37 years. Before becoming a dispenser I was a recording engineer, music producer and jingle writer for TV and radio. I have helped build a number of studios including a large complex in Chicago. Previous to my engineering career I played in a number of rock and roll bands which was the start of my hearing loss. Both my parents were professional violinists in Chicago and I studied classical piano for 20 years. Music has been a large part of my life for most of my life ... from the time when I had exceptional hearing to now when my hearing is worse than most of the patients I see. Many hearing aid users tell me that they no longer enjoy listening to music because it doesn't sound pleasant - with or without hearing aids.

My presentation is going to explore possibilities to make music enjoyable again for the hearing impaired and possibly more enjoyable for those with good hearing. A question and answer period will follow.

Accessible for all degrees of hearing loss - Amplification, Loop Assistive listening system and Real Time Captioning provided. For more information, contact: [lesleyb@earthlink.net](mailto:lesleyb@earthlink.net) Please put "HLAA-LC Meeting" in the subject line. Website: [hearinglosslane.org](http://hearinglosslane.org)

**Calendar**

**Board Meeting March 1**  
3:30 to 5 pm Members Welcome  
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2580 Hilyard St Eugene

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