

ALDAcon 2018

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Wednesday, October 10

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	ALDA Board of Directors Meeting (Garden A)
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Registration Desk Open (Mt Adams Foyer)
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Welcome Reception (Mt Adams)
7:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Escape Box – Team 1 (Garden A)
8:15 PM - 8:45 PM	Escape Box – Team 2 (Garden A)
9:00 PM - 9:30 PM	Escape Box – Team 3 (Garden A)
9:45 PM - 10:15 PM	Escape Box – Team 4 (Garden A)

Thursday, October 11

6:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Registration Desk Open (Mt Hood Desk)
7:00 AM - 8:30 AM	Newcomers Breakfast and Workshop (Cascade A)
8:45 AM - 10:15 AM	Welcome - Opening Plenary Session (Mt St Helens Ballroom)

Keynote Speaker: Richard Pimentel

Richard Pimentel is an internationally-renowned consultant, keynote speaker, and professional trainer. He has the well-earned reputation for being North America's premier speaker on disability and employment issues. In 2007, Richard's life story was portrayed in Warner Brothers' full-length motion picture, "Music Within." Director Steven Sawalich was drawn to the story of Pimentel's activism on behalf of disabled Americans after he returned from the war. Pimentel lost most of his hearing in an explosion during his service in the Army during the Vietnam War.

"It's the first movie about the ADA movement, our civil rights movement," says former U.S. representative Tony Coelho, D-Calif., who co-sponsored the civil rights law that passed in 1990 and became effective in 1992 to ban discrimination based on disability.

Among other accomplishments, Richard was the author of the Windmills interactive disability attitude change program for managers and supervisors – adopted widely by many Education, Rehabilitation and Fortune 500 companies, and still used actively throughout Canada and the U.S. He has

recently designed a Self-Advocacy Curriculum for High School and Post-secondary students in transition.

10:30 AM -11:45 AM

True Working Dogs- What you should know (Mt Hood A)

Cynthia Moynihan and Hearing Dog Hero LaRue

Join Immediate Past President of HLAA-FL and Hearing Dog Hero LaRue, from Canine Companions for Independence, share the magic of real working dogs, the growing issue of false working dogs and what you and your business or organization can do in the presence of a false working dog and the magic behind a real working dog to create new beginnings for you or someone you know.

Talk to my Face, not my Feet- Tips on improving Communication Skills when seeking Medical Care

(Mt Hood C)

Anne Killilea

People with hearing loss, whether it be newly identified or more longstanding, face many daily challenges when it comes to communication. When the person with a hearing loss becomes ill, communication can become difficult, and the transmission of information can be compromised. Communication difficulties can negatively affect the outcome of health care for the patient with a hearing loss. This presentation is designed to provide a basic outline for improving communication skills to be used when a person with a hearing loss becomes ill. Providing anticipatory guidance by improving communication skills is the goal of this presentation.

12:00 PM – 1:45 PM

Lunch (Selected award presentations)
(Mt St Helens Ballroom)

Presenter: Will Lewis, Microsoft

The Way We Talk is not the Way We Read: Automated Captioning and Utility to Deaf and Hard of Hearing Communities

Significant improvements in Automated Speech Recognition (ASR) and Machine Translation (MT) in recent years have

brought Speech Transcription and Translation to the fold as viable technology. However, faithful output from ASR is often not useful since it is generally very difficult to read. People just don't talk fluently—people pause, restart, use pause words like “you know” or “like”, etc., all of which will generate less than ideal output. The Microsoft Translator team has spent significant time filtering and processing transcriptions in an effort to make resulting text more caption-like, and thus, much easier to read. In this talk, I will spend a brief amount of time talking about this underlying technology, will demonstrate its use, and will also explore how Microsoft Translator is being used in Education and for Accessibility, specifically to break down language and hearing barriers.

1:45 PM - 2:45 PM

Exhibitor Reception (Mt Hood B and Foyer)
Book Signing- (*The Way I Hear It*) Gael Hannan
Silent Auction Opens

3:00 PM - 4:15 PM

Advocacy for Deaf and Hard of Hearing People
(Mt Hood A)

Roy Miller

This workshop will discuss the different types of advocacy that deaf and hard of hearing people are involved with (systemic vs individual vs environmental), reasons for advocating, different ways of advocating, some historical national advocacy successes by deaf and hard of hearing people, some current and future advocacy issues facing deaf and hard of hearing people, tips concerning advocating, lessons that I have learned regarding advocating (including the “Power of One”), and examples of deaf and hard of hearing advocates who have changed the world.

Mindfulness as a Tool (when I became deaf) (Mt Hood C)

Gaelen McCormick

As I went deaf, frustration used to overwhelm me! I resented this process. But I had also been taking meditation classes for several years with people who knew I was

transitioning, and they patiently supported me, without pity. I learned to use the simple actions of watching and counting the breath to center myself and regain control when it seemed nothing was within my control. This session will offer some very basic elements of mindfulness and practical ways to apply them in everyday life. No prior experience necessary, come as you are!

4:30 PM -- ???

Dinner On Your Own

Friday, October 12

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM

Registration Desk Open (Mt Hood Desk)

8:30 AM – 9:45 AM

Ten Things You should know about Hearing aids and Cochlear Implants (Mt Hood A)

Ron Leavitt, Nikki Clark, David S. Viers

In the past decade the technological possibilities offered by hearing aids and cochlear implants have dramatically increased. In addition, our knowledge of what produces good outcomes for people with hearing aids and cochlear implants has also expanded. In this presentation we will review the scientific literature which explains what is necessary for optimum speech understanding in quiet and noisy places with both hearing aids and cochlear implants. We will review both the technological and clinical results that are most likely to result in optimum speech understanding for both hearing aid and cochlear implant users.

Captioning in Public Spaces: Oregon and Washington Communication Access Projects (Mt Hood C)

Dean Olson and Clark Anderson

The objective of this workshop is to show that people who experience deafness or are deafened; people for whom English is a second language, people with mild to profound hearing loss and anyone else who can profit from captions can make public spaces more inclusive.

Beginning Sign Language (Cascade AB)

Tess Crowder

10 15 AM – 11 30 AM

Interaction between Law Enforcement Officers and Persons who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing (Mt Hood A)

Gary Talley

Interactions between Deaf and Hard of Hearing drivers continues to be difficult and, at times, dangerous. Few states are providing training to police officers or 9-1-1 Dispatchers. Virginia has been providing this training for over 12 years with good success. I'd like to show the ALDANs what can be done, and show a brief version of my training program so they can share this with Criminal Justice Academies in their states. I'm willing to share what I've done at no cost to interested states and localities.

Leadership Workshop – Chapter and Group Development
(Mt Hood C)

Chris Littlewood – ALDA Suncoast, Clearwater, FL,
Immediate Past President and ALDA, Inc. Region 3 Director

Kim Mettache – ALDA Northwest, Indiana, President and
ALDA, Inc. Secretary

Roy Miller – ALDA, Inc. Region 4 Director, Technology
Committee and ByLaws and Policies Committee Chair

Crucial for our organization is looking beyond ALDAcon and for chapters and groups to help develop strong leadership around the country. This workshop will examine best practices, successes, and potential pitfalls for the leadership of ALDA Chapters and Groups. The workshop will also examine starting and/or managing an ALDA Chapter or Group, and will include a demonstration of the "Chapter/Group Info" section of the ALDA, Inc. website (www.alda.org). Attendees of this workshop will hear from past and current presidents of ALDA Chapters who are also current Board members of ALDA, Inc. The discussion will include topics such as outreach, fundraising, and activity ideas. Finally, one of the most important functions of leaders of ALDA Chapters and Groups is

collaborating with ALDA, Inc. (national) and enhancing that relationship. ALDA, Inc. also wants to learn how the Board can best support ALDA Chapters and Groups, and their leadership. Join us for this interactive discussion.

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM
Ballroom)

Lunch (Selected award presentations) (Mt St Helens

2:00 PM – 3:15 PM

Getting to Know Your Hearing Aids and Smart Phone
(Mt Hood A)

Charles Mokotoff

If you wear hearing aids and do not have them wirelessly connected to a Smart Phone, you are missing out on one of the most beneficial technical achievements of recent times. This presentation will be primarily directed to those using Made for iPhone (MFi) hearing aids but will touch on concepts applicable to users of non-Apple phones as well. If you have wondered how to adjust volume, switch programs, create favorites for each program, modify EQ (treble/bass), quickly mute the aids and many other easy-to-control features via your phone, this presentation is for you.

Legal Update (Mt Hood C)

John Waldo

The Americans with Disabilities Act requires most businesses and government entities to provide "effective communication," but offer little or no specific guidance as to how that should be done in any given situation. Our rights, therefore, are what the courts, the regulatory agencies and Congress says they are. This presentation will be the annual update on new legal developments that impact people with hearing loss, focusing on the advocacy efforts that ALDA has undertaken on our behalf.

Conversational Sign Language (Cascade AB)

Tess Crowder

3:45 PM – 5:00 PM

ALDA Annual General Business Meeting (Mt Hood A)

Sharaine Rawlinson Roberts, President

6:30 PM – 10 00 PM

I King Jordan Award Banquet (Mt St Helens Ballroom)

Reception

Dinner

I King Jordan Award Presentation

Entertainment: Gael Hannan

Gael Hannan is a renowned writer, humorist and public speaker on hearing loss issues. Over the past 20 years, she has created awareness campaigns, school programs and award-winning videos that help people better understand what it means to live with hearing loss – their own and that of others. Gael has a passionate international following for her weekly articles on HearingHealthMatters.org and her book *The Way I Hear It*, and is a sought-after speaker for her dynamic presentations and performances that leave her audiences in both tears and laughter.

Saturday, October 13

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM

Registration Desk Open (Mt Hood Desk)

8:30 AM – 9:45 AM

Cochlear Implant Consumer Panel (Mt Hood A)

Moderator: Sharaine Rawlinson Roberts;

Panelists: Ken Arcia, Angie Fuoco, Lisa Harbour, Carol Sliney
Consumers with implants from the three different cochlear implant companies (Cochlear America, Advanced Bionics, and MED-EL) will discuss how their implants have positively affected their lives or weren't successful.

Captions on Now!! (Mt Hood C)

Jim House and David Viers

This presentation will discuss the landmark captioning display ordinance that was passed by the city council in Portland, Oregon in November 2015. In essence, this legislation mandates that all businesses within the city limits of Portland that have TVs turned on for viewing of the public must have the Closed Caption feature activated (i.e. turned on). Various aspects as to how this legislation came to be, steps taken for success, and lessons learned will be discussed. Similar ordinances have passed in Ann Arbor, MI; Rochester, NY; and Minnesota (medical facilities statewide).

10:30 AM

Silent Auction Closes

10:15 AM -11:30 AM

Traveling? Better Bring your HAT! (Mt Hood A)

Lawrence Kavanaugh

Learn how to enjoy your travels more with Hearing Assistive Technology (HAT.) SEEING the sights is much more fun when you can HEAR them, as well. Sharing simple ideas and devices that have helped me enjoy my travel experiences. Attendees may discover these tips work for them at home, too.

Hearing Interventions- Say "NO" to Dementia (Mt Hood C)

Keri Reynolds

In this workshop we will review the recent research of Dr. Frank Lin, Johns Hopkins University, as it relates to the links between hearing loss and dementia. As this connection has great impact to the deaf and hard of hearing community, staying abreast of the research and potential hearing treatments/solutions is imperative to the ongoing mental and physical health of the ALDA community and those who support it. In addition to presenting and discussing the research, we will explore internet websites and smart phone apps that can be utilized to practice hearing in order to take a proactive stance and say no to dementia. The workshop will be interactive and will allow audience participation

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Solving Small Setting Communication Challenges
(Mt Hood A)

Connie Robinson

This training contains essential information for both persons with hearing loss and their hearing loved ones. It focuses on small setting situations that one would encounter in the car, in the home, or during one-on-one conversations. Communication barriers are discussed, components of conversation are defined, and both technological and no-tech solutions are explored to help you get the most out of each conversation and listening situation.

8:00 PM – 12:00 AM Karaoke Party (Mt St Helens Ballroom)

Sunday, October 14

8:00 AM – 10 00 AM Farewell Brunch (Mt St Helens Ballroom)