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The nursery rhyme I used to recite as a child begins this way: “January brings the snow and makes our feet and fingers glow.” This year, we definitely have to substitute February for January, and I don’t know about glowing fingers. Frozen is more like it. The National Weather Service has added humor to its forecasts. “- next chance of warmth: sometime Spring into Summer.”



With a broken heart, we had to cancel our Valentine’s Day date. We’ll reschedule and will send out an email as soon as we know the new date. Meanwhile, enjoy the chocolate treats that you made for Valentine’s Day. Look for Merlyn Cajolet’s recipe for her Chocolate Chess Pie at the end of the ALDAgram.

It’s Still Membership Renewal Time

Many thanks to those who have renewed their 2015 membership since the last ALDAgram was printed: Elizabeth Cappella, Marjorie Hickey, Paddie Hunt, Betty Lynch, Gerri Lyons, Karen Rockow.

Many thanks also to those who have sent in donations: Elizabeth Cappella, Betty Lynch, and Gerri Lyons.

If you haven’t yet renewed, please take a moment to do so now. Our address is at the top of the ALDAgram. You are the voice of ALDA, and we are only as strong as our members. I trust that our mailbox will be stuffed with renewals the next time I go to Newtonville.

Upcoming ALDA Events

The Annual Business meeting and Election of Officers will take place on Sunday afternoon, April 12th at the home of Ann Tanona in Natick. Guest speaker will be Dr. Megan Ford, AuD, who will discuss dealing with insurance for hearing aids and CIs as well as how to buy the devices.



The afternoon will be a variation on a high tea with scones and savories. Look for the flyer with more details in March, but mark your calendar now.

Other Events of Interest

On Saturday, March 7th, Geoff Plant, President of the Hearing Rehabilitation Foundation, will give participants an opportunity to observe individuals with hearing loss as they work with Geoff in “real-time auditory training sessions.” Mass. Eye & Ear Infirmary. 1:30 p.m. This event was originally scheduled for January 24th.

Sunday, March 8th is the next BEA gathering at the West Suburban YMCA in Newton from 1 – 3 p.m. There will be a panel of spouses “sharing their thoughts about the challenges encountered during their spouses’ hearing journey and some of the communication strategies that work best.”

April 14th is Deaf and Hard of Hearing Constituents’ Day at the State House, so mark your calendars now. We are delighted to report that the winner of the Advocate Award this year is(drumroll)....Peggy Ellertsen!!!

Museum of Fine Arts Accessible Guided Tours, 2015 There will be no ALD tour in February. The March 21 tour will be “The Ancient World.” Look for the 2015 schedule of tours on the ALDA website under “Happenings In & Out of Town.”

Theater Tickets:

Tina Thompson saw “Motown the Musical” at the Boston Opera House and said that it was an awesome musical as it narrated Berry Gordy’s journey as a former boxer who then became a music mogul and launched the careers of many performers, including Diana Ross, Smokey Robinson, and many others. “There were awesome dance numbers and great music throughout the performance. The actors and actresses were just phenomenal. The audience just loved it!”

The next open-captioned performance at the Boston Opera House is “Dirty Dancing.” For tickets, go to http://boston.broadway.com/accessible_services/

American Repertory Theater (A.R.T.) will offer open captioning for its production of **FATHER COMES HOME FROM THE WARS** at the Loeb Drama Center, 64 Battle Street, Cambridge, on Sunday, February 22 at 2:00 PM and Tuesday, February 24 at 7:30 PM. To purchase tickets for these performances, email boxoffice@amrep.org. For further information call 617-547-8300 or visit americanrepertorytheater.org. Tickets start at \$25.00.

Trinity Repertory Theatre in Providence has made arrangements with C2 Captioning Company to provide open captioned performances of the following plays:

The Glass Menagerie on Sunday, 3/8 at 2:00

A Flea in her Ear on Sunday 4/12 at 2:00

Tickets are available by phone at (401) 351-4242 and in person at the theater’s box office. All seats for these performances are \$22. Be sure to specify Open Caption seating.

News of Note

DEAF Inc. is offering free ASL tax services through April 15th. For more information, please go to info@deafinonline.org or www.deafinonline.org

An article titled “Harvard and M.I.T. Are Sued over Lack of Closed Captions” appeared in *The New York Times* on February 12th. Read the article at <http://nyti.ms/1J16Jmm>

The Accessible Technology Coalition (ATC) offers free webinars every month. The webinars are listed on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/ATCoalition/info?tab=overview>

There is an excellent list of financial aid resources for hearing technology on the AG Bell Listening and Spoken Language Knowledge Center. Go to <http://www.listeningandspokenlanguage.org/Document.aspx?id=859>

Can you top this delicious chocolate dessert?



Here is Merlyn Cajolet's recipe for her Chocolate Chess Pie. It would have been devoured at our Valentine's Day Party.

Graham cracker or chocolate cookie crust (if making, bake 8 min. at 375)

Melt

- 1 stick butter
- 1 1/2 oz., Baker's unsweetened chocolate

Add

- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup white
- 1 tablespoon flour

Beat in

- 2 eggs
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 1 tsp vanilla

Bake 35 - 40 minutes at 325

ALDAbest and be safe,

Francine



OK, Show of hands...
Who's tired of snow?

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