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## ALDAgram – June 2015

June history lesson: Kentucky became a state on June 1, 1792; Tennessee became a state on June 1, 1796. Arkansas became a state on June 15, 1836. The Magna Carta was granted by King John on June 15, 1215, and on June 15 in 1775, George Washington was appointed the commander-in-chief of the Continental Army.

Fun facts: June is National Candy Month, National Dairy Month, and National Iced Tea Month. Which one are you going to celebrate?



**Welcome to new member Betty Saltzman.** Betty learned about ALDA from the HLAA book group. She wears hearing aids and still works part time as a social worker.

**Congratulations to Barbara Abineri** on winning the 2015 Hamilton Relay Better Hearing and Speech Month Recognition Award. As a Volunteer Mentor and the BEA Chapter Leader, Barbara exemplifies the meaning of volunteer.

## Upcoming ALDA events



There is still time to register for the Annual 4th of July Picnic & Barbecue. Contact Chef Lou at [Louissakin@aol.com](mailto:Louissakin@aol.com) or call him at 508-620-1148 and let him know whether you'll bring an appetizer or dessert. Date: **Sunday, July 5th** from 4:00—8:00 pm.

Place: 1 Ford Lane, Framingham, MA 01720

Chef Jay has promised a beautiful day, so don't forget your lawn chair and donation to the food banks.

Have you marked your calendar for the twice-postponed **panel discussion** and **Chocolate Madness** that will take place on **Saturday, September 26th at the Lexington library?** The large meeting room is looped, and new ALDs have just been purchased.



## Museum of Fine Arts Accessible Guided Tours, 2015

The July tour on Asia has been postponed until **Sunday, August 9** due to a conflict with the Northeast Cochlear Implant Convention (see below).

## Other Events of Interest

**The 2015 Northeast Cochlear Implant Convention** will take place from **July 17-19** at the Sturbridge Host Hotel, Sturbridge, MA. For detailed information, go to <http://www.neciconvention2015.org> ALDA and HLAA will be sharing an exhibitors table, so look for us when you get there.



**The 20th Annual Deaf Awareness Day** will be held at Six Flags on **Saturday, August 1**. For more information, contact the Center for Living & Working, Inc. VP: 508-762-1164 or TTY/V: 508-755-1002.

## News of Note

Valarie Roe Burrows has recommended the Ukrainian film “*The Tribe*,” written and directed by Myroslav Slaboshpytskiy. “Set at a Ukrainian boarding school for the deaf, [the film] unfolds without spoken dialogue or subtitles. The members of the nonprofessional, mostly deaf cast communicate in sign language, and while much of the audience will remain ignorant of the nuances, and even the basic sense, of their interactions... the film isn’t obscure or especially confusing. It’s something of a formal tour de force, a triumphant overcoming of self-imposed cinematic challenges.” Unfortunately, the only Boston area screening of this film is Tuesday, **June 23, 7-9:30 pm, at the Brattle Theatre in Harvard Square.**

“A next-generation hearing aid which can 'see' is to be developed by a University of Stirling Computer Scientist-led multidisciplinary team of researchers and clinicians. Designed to help users in noisy environments, the device will use a miniaturised camera that can lip read, process information in real time, and seamlessly fuse and switch between audio and visual cues.” For more information, go to <http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/releases/295311.php>

“Hearing aids may help slow cognitive decline” is the title of an article in *Healthy Hearing* by Lisa Packer. “While past studies have shown that hearing loss is strongly associated with cognitive decline, up until now relatively few studies have been done on whether the use of hearing aids can actually reduce the risk of cognitive problems. Now for the first time researchers at John Hopkins are looking into the benefits of hearing aids on cognition, and so far the results have been positive. “ Read more at [www.healthyhearing.com/report/52452](http://www.healthyhearing.com/report/52452)

In the largest study to date of hearing loss among Hispanic/Latino adults in the United States, researchers have found that nearly 1 in 7 has hearing loss, a number similar to the general population. “Hearing loss can affect a person’s overall quality of life, and has been linked to depression and dementia in older adults,” said James F. Battey, Jr., M.D., Ph.D., director of the NIH’s National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD), which partly supported the work. “This study paints a detailed picture of hearing loss among a large and diverse group of Hispanic/Latino participants, and could help inform the development of intervention strategies to meet the needs of this growing population in the United States.” [http://www.nidcd.nih.gov/news/releases/15/Pages/05282015.aspx?utm\\_source](http://www.nidcd.nih.gov/news/releases/15/Pages/05282015.aspx?utm_source)

HLAA- Central MA sent a link to *Business Wire* that stated that Yahoo is expanding video captioning for Deaf and Hard of Hearing People. Go to <http://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20150519007016/en/#.VYScpuu4laQ>

