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ALDAgram – July 2017

Jeanne and John Kennedy once again graciously hosted the ALDA Boston 4th of July barbecue on Saturday, July 8th. The on-again/off-again rain did nothing to dampen our fun or hamper our appetites. Hot dogs and hamburgers with all the fixings were the main course preceded by a delicious assortment of appetizers. The desserts were plentiful although some of us were too full to do more than sample one of each. The pool was enticing, and some members seemed to be having serious conversations while in the water. Betty Hauck entertained us on her violin with old favorites. When we left at 8:00, we all agreed it had been a delightful afternoon.



Here is Nancy Sonnabend in her 4th of July attire.



Our gracious hostess Jeanne

Ann Tanona is wearing her ALDA Boston t-shirt





I'll have seconds!



FACEBOOK Features. ALDA Boston has a Facebook page on which we post notices of events open at to all and photos taken at events but without names. If you don't want a photo of you posted even though you are not identified, please let me know.



<https://www.facebook.com/ALDA-Boston->

Upcoming ALDA Events

On **Saturday afternoon, September 9**, Jonathan O'Dell, Assistive Technology Manager/ Training Specialist at the Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, will be giving a presentation at the Lexington Library titled "A Cultural Context of Hearing Loss - And Why It Matters." Bring your questions. The flyer will be sent out shortly.

On **Saturday afternoon, October 28**, Pat Perry will be giving an historical presentation of witchcraft from the perspective of the accused and the accusers. Audience members may just find themselves accused of witchcraft and a trial may break out at any moment. Please save the date now!

The Early Bird Deadline for ALDAcon is on **July 31**.



Join us and experience "ALDA Magic" at the B Resort & Spa in Orlando.

There will be something for everyone, including:

- Exciting and educational workshops
- Informative luncheon speakers
- Exhibit booths demonstrating the latest technology
- Delightful entertainment
- A Karaoke party "To Die For"
- Visiting with old friends
- Making new friends

You can review the complete program schedule for ALDAcon 2017 with the names of presenters by going to the ALDA website.

Other Events of Interest



— **BOSTON RED SOX** —
DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING NIGHT
AT FENWAY PARK

Join us for the 3rd annual Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community Night at Historic Fenway Park on **Tuesday, September 13th**. Bring your family and friends to the game to support the Deaf community during Deaf Awareness Week and join the Red Sox as they host the Baltimore Orioles at 7:10 p.m. A portion of the proceeds from each ticket will benefit the DEAF Inc. and Our Deaf Survivors Center non-profits. ASL interpreting services will be provided on field for during the pre-game ceremony. The National Anthem and The 7th Inning Stretch will also be performed in ASL by members of the local Deaf community.

For groups of 20+ please contact Gennifer Davidson at 617-226-6285
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Museum of Fine Arts Accessible Guided Tours

August's tour of Jewelry at the MFA including the Revival Jewelry Exhibit is on **Sunday, August 6**. Registration details have been sent out. Registration details for the September 10th tour of the Africa and Oceania Collection will be sent out in a few weeks.

“Summer Tips for (Hard of Hearing) Dipsticks!” by Gael Hannan

I ask you. Who in their right minds would neglect their exquisitely high tech and internally delicate (not to mention expensive) hearing devices by exposing them to seawater, sticky sand and sloppy storage?

The dictionary says that dipstick is a ‘stupid or inept person,’ but I think that’s a bit harsh for what we’re talking about. Like other humans, hard of hearing people (HoHs) sometimes make mistakes or don’t think things through. Also, accidents happen.

Summer weather and activities can mean bad news for hearing technology; we need to take a little extra care. As any self-respecting HoH knows, there are some basic rules to maintain healthy hearing aids, cochlear implant sound processors and other technical doo-dads:

Keep ‘em clean.

Keep ‘em dry.

Make sure they fit properly.

Know where they *should* be and where they *are* at all times.

To read the full article, go to:

<http://hearinghealthmatters.org/betterhearingconsumer/2017/summer-tips-for-hard-of-hearing-dipsticks/>

