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Last Saturday would have been ALDA Boston's 31st birthday and our Annual Business meeting and election of officers. We are hoping that the meeting can be held in June. Until then, officers remain the same. Ellen Perkins, our Media Strategist, has been posting videos and notices on Facebook. If you want to know more about Rupert Dubler, the interpreter who has been with Governor Baker, look at the **ALDA Boston page on Facebook.**

We are forgoing the collection of dues for this year. If you've already paid your 2020 dues, they will be good for 2021.

There are all sorts of virtual meetings, webinars, etc. to take advantage of. We don't want to fill up your mailbox with too much, so here are just a few suggestions from **ALDA Inc.** while you are sheltering in place.



Things To Do While Staying Safe at Home

With that in mind, ALDA Inc. wanted to create a list of various online resources that people with hearing loss can use to improve their communication skills or simply get to know the Deaf/Hard-of-Hearing community better.

ALDA Inc. has provided links to several websites that include free resources to learn sign language and improve lipreading skills. While ALDA Inc. does not specifically endorse any one of the listed sites, they have checked to be sure they are offering free content (minus the apps where small fees may apply) for use of their resources. Go to <https://alda.org/alda-rocks-some-things-to-do-while-staying-safe-at-home/>

ALDA Inc. doesn't have a preference for how people communicate. Use sign language, your residual hearing, lipread, speech-read, use voice-to-text apps or good old pen and paper, or whichever method you choose to communicate. The key is that you do communicate with "Whatever Works" best for you. They will not judge, correct or reject you for your personal communication preference. Join ALDA Inc. today and/or make a donation in support of outreach to help others: Join here: <https://alda.org/membership/>

COMMUNICATION WHILE IN ISOLATION

Tools for the Late-Deafened, Deaf, Hard-of-Hearing and our Hearing Allies

Now, more than ever, is the need to remain connected. With today's technology, everyone can do just that with:

1. Videoconferencing platforms to see and hear people online.
2. Speech-to-text apps when lipreading is not possible or to simply better understand what is being said.

This allows not only hearing people but also the Late-Deafened, Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing to celebrate everything from birthday parties to marriages, attend webinars, online classes and house of worship services. And ALDA Inc. is here to help with a list of various online resources people with hearing loss and their hearing allies can use to stay connected and communicate effectively. The goal above all else is to remain connected and understand what is being said while keeping your distance. To see the list, go to: <https://alda.org/comunication-while-in-isolation>.



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