# **NOVEMBER 2012 MEETING**

# HEAR YOUR LIFE BOOK REVIEW-LOOP DEMONSTRATION-OTHER

AUDIOTONIQ UPDATE (See Hearing Solutions Forum for details)

### GEORGETOWN LIBRARY

<u>The Library Director</u> agreed to have <u>his staff</u> accommodate members of the Hearing Solutions SIG fro testing the Loop system in their meeting rooms upon <u>calling the main library number</u> subject to availability of the room(s). When arriving for the scheduled time contact the information desk on the second floor and a <u>staff member will turn on the PS system and allow the use of a</u> microphone. (See Forum for a review of Loop system by several members of our group).

### PALACE THEATER

Several members commented on their experiences. (See Forum for member posts and reviews)

### DIRECT HEARING AID SERVICES

This is another of several hearing aid repair services owned and operated by former Starkey techs. (See Forum for details about this company and many others).

#### MIRACLE EAR-WOLF RANCH

One of several members with Miracle-Ear aids related her new purchase story. (See Forum for details and information concerning this new store and the history of Miracle-Ear)

# BALLROOM LOOP UPDATE

All information concerning the recent live ballroom testing by a special Hearing Solutions member task force who met with David Hahn can be found on the Hearing Solutions Forum under the topic of Looping.

NEW AREA LOOP SITES Southwestern University-Alma Thomas Theater-Sertoma Project Zack Theaters-Austin (See Forum for reviews under the Looping topic)

# FORUM DISCUSSION AND SURVEY

As the emphasis and use of all Sun City Forums has continued to increase so is the emphasis and use of the Hearing Solutions Forum as a major source for information sharing, spontaneous response to member concerns/questions. The beautiful thing about this program is that members can keep up with what is being contributed to the forum without ever accessing it and always be one mouse click away from accessing it for topics of interest. A meeting survey indicated that a significant number of members are interested but do not know enough about how it works and/or its value. It was concluded that it would be worthwhile to devote some "how to" and "Q&A" time for those interested in developing a working knowledge in this area.

So avoid usurping valuable meeting time for scheduled agendas <u>we will devote</u> <u>some time immediately following the close of the December meeting to this</u> <u>issue</u>. Those not interested or unable to remain will have an opportunity to exit without meeting disruption.

# FREE ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES CATALOGS

Complements of Hearing Systems Inc., a Texas authorized STAP approved vendor free catalogs are being distributed to members attending our meetings upon request. The catalogs are full of a large assortment of assistive hearing devices featuring popular Bluetooth accessories, PockeTalker (see Meeting Notes and Forum) and numerous Individual Loop System accessories.

<u>The Featured Item for this meeting</u>: Page 58---Oval Window Induction Loop Receiver \$99 (most quality receivers run from \$150-\$300+)

Les Callaway Hearing Systems Inc. 16103 W. Little York, Suite F Houston, TX. 77084 281-855-8916 states "I have used both the Ampertonic version, the Audiolink version and the Oval windows receiver, and while the oval windows loop drivers leave a lot to be desired, I really like their loop receivers, they are in my estimation the best receiver in the market. They are easy to manipulate and have a strong t-coil inside. I have 30 day return policy with full refund less shipping provided all packaging, manuals and the item must be returned in saleable condition. If you contact me within 30 days with an intent to return, I generally honor late physical return of the product. We are very liberal on this."

#### HEAR YOUR LIFE BOOK REVIEW

This book written by Melissa K. Rodriguez was reviewed for those attending the meeting and can be viewed on the Hearing Solutions forum. My copy of this book was loaned to a member. Anyone interested in reading should email me can borrow it on a first come basis.

LOOP DEMONSTRATION AT THE END OF MEETING At the end of the meeting a number of members remained for a live Q&A session on the use of hearing aids and/or receivers for listening to the loop sound signal.