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*The Official Newsletter of the Iowa Hearing Association*

*Winter 2013*

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## ***Mark Your Calendar***



### **IHA Spring Conference**

April 12-13, 2013  
West Des Moines Sheraton  
West Des Moines, IA

### **AAA Conference**

April 3-6, 2013  
Anaheim, CA

### **IHA Fall Conference**

Sept. 20-21, 2013  
Embassy Suites  
Des Moines, IA

### **IHS Conference**

September 12-14, 2013  
Washington DC

***Mark your  
calendars now  
and plan to attend***

## **From the President's Pen**

Was Santa good? Did you make a New Year's resolutions? 2012 was interesting, we re-elected a president, saw financial crisis, devastating storms and the tragic losses of so many great Americans. We dealt with rogue practices, amplifiers and a host of other issues, all the while embracing the modern tools - Twitter, Facebook, You Tube and our own Website. Will 2013 be any different? "Probably not", but what an exciting time to be a part of the hearing healthcare industry. While in Hawaii, I had a chance to think about all the lives we've touched and friends we've made. It's truly life-fulfilling to be able to help others in such a dramatic fashion. Yes, we're faced with challenges, problems we can't solve, patients we would just as soon not deal with, but for every one of those challenges, we can name 100 blessings. I sincerely wish you and yours a successful and fulfilling 2013. As the late author Douglas Adams wrote, "I may not have gone where I intended to go, but I think I have ended up where I needed to be."



Thanks for listening

Bill Fletcher

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## Silent Auction at Spring Conference

Once again IHA will sponsor a silent auction at our Spring Conference. We ask members, venders, and manufacturers to donate items for the silent auction.



Need ideas? Items donated last year included hearing aids, an audio dock, candle, photo frame, gift baskets, one night at a national chain hotel, coffee assortment, wine and chocolate, a national conference package with free registration and much, much more.



Participants enjoyed this event and bids brought our association revenues of \$2,012. The Silent Auction event was a success and will be a part of the 2013 Spring Conference.

Plan ahead! It's not too early to start considering what you may want to submit to the silent auction this year.

For more information call the IHA office at 515-440-6057 or email [apmsthomas@aol.com](mailto:apmsthomas@aol.com).

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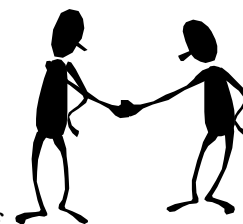
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## Receive Benefits of 2013 Dues

Please remember to send in your IHA 2013 dues if you have not done so. The membership directory will be published in May.

IHA members receive discounted registration fees for Spring and Fall conventions.

IHA publishes a biannual newsletter and an annual membership directory. IHA also monitors the Iowa Legislature for legislation of interest to hearing health professionals.



# Iowa Hearing Association

## Silent Auction



(      ) Yes, I would be interested in a donation to Iowa Hearing Association silent auction in conjunction with the Spring Conference on April 12-13, 2013.

We are soliciting both vendors and members for items for the auction.  
Suggested items include:

Candy

Jewelry

Sporting Event Tickets

Equipment

Art

Hearing Aids

Batteries

Books

Gift Certificates

Wine

Tools

Gift Baskets

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Item(s) to be donated (please describe): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I will bring my donation to the meeting. ☐ Yes ☐ No

I will mail my donation to the Association office before April 5, 2013.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Value \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Minimum Bid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to:

### Iowa Hearing Association

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# IHA Fall Conference

September 14 - 15, 2012

Embassy Suites · Des Moines, IA



IHA Board of Directors  
Left to right:  
Ron Potter, Diana Kautzky,  
Nick Wooley, Monica Duve,  
Bill Fletcher,  
Annette Redman,  
Steve Sword,  
Kent Weaver,  
and Bob Larrance



Newly elected  
board member,  
Helen Royer,  
Beltone, Cedar Rapids

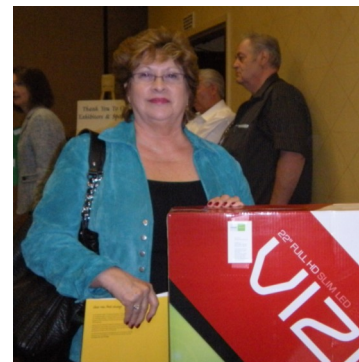


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IOWA HEARING ASSOCIATION  
**DISPENSER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

**- Nomination Form -**

*Please submit this form by March 1, 2013 to IHA Office,  
1001 Office Park Road, Suite 105, West Des Moines, IA 50265*

I wish to nominate the following person for Dispenser of the Year:

Nominee's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Business/Company \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Background on Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons for Nominating \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Outstanding Characteristics \_\_\_\_\_

Nomination submitted by: (Optional)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Company or Business \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

***Welcome New  
Members***

**Patricia Walker**  
Marshalltown, IA

**Stacy Sammons**  
Oskaloosa, IA

**Support the Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank**

Used hearing aids may be given  
to your local Lions Club or mailed to:

**Iowa Lions Club**  
c/o Chris Waring  
924 Dohrmann Street, Jessup, IA 50648

**All hearing aids are accepted with sincere appreciation.  
(Your donation may be considered a tax deduction.)**

## Dispenser of the Year Nominations

Enclosed in this newsletter is a nomination form for the Dispenser of the Year Achievement Award, sponsored by IHA. If you wish to nominate someone, the name must be mailed by March 1, 2013, to the IHA Office at 1001 Office Park Road, Suite 105, West Des Moines, IA 50265. The committee will review the nominations and select the Dispenser of the Year. The award will be presented at the Conference.

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## Past Award Recipients

Each year at the Spring Conference a IHA member is chosen by his peers and receives the Dispenser of the Year Award. This award is presented in honor of outstanding characteristics and actions in the field of dispensing. The following people have been awarded Dispenser of the Year.

1992	Don White	2003	Judy Smith
1993	Bob Klopp	2004	No Nominee
1994	Larry Baker	2005	Leslie Whippen
1995	Ken Lowder	2006	Annette Redman
1996	Jerry Smith	2007	Jeff Smith
1997	Paul Woodard	2008	Steve Sword
1998	Coral Jud	2009	No Nomination
1999	Patti Stark	2010	Greg Moore
2000	Dave Nelson	2011	Diane Kautzky
2001	Pat Gourley	2012	Dotty Walters
2002	Dean Kayser		

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## Calibration at Spring Conference

What could be more convenient — you're not at work, and your audiometer needs to be calibrated — you attend the seminars and pick up your machine when the conference is over. Remember, you are required by the State Health Department to have your audiometers calibrated once a year. Bring your audiometers to the spring conference. Our thanks for this service provided by Midwest Special Instruments.

## Fall 2012 Conference Exhibitors

A thank you goes to all exhibitors at our Fall Conference.

They enhance our conference with introductions to updated products, knowledge of specialized areas, fun door prizes and sponsorship of our reception.

### Audiology Systems

#### Cochlear Americas

#### ExSilent USA

#### Hearing Access Solutions

#### Hearing Healthcare Consultants

#### Midwest Special Instruments

#### Oticon

#### Phonak

#### Relay Iowa/ Telecommunications Access Iowa

#### Resound

#### Unitron

#### Widex USA

# Plan to Attend IHA Spring Conference

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April 12 - 13, 2013

West Des Moines Sheraton • West Des Moines, Iowa

❖ Continuing Education

❖ Speakers

❖ Professional Networking

❖ Trade Show

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