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Message from the President
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This past month has seen a major change in contracted staff. Jerry Northern, who for 17 years was editor of Audiology Today (AT) and the Academy's Web site, has stepped down from these positions. These are big shoes to fill! Jerry, a past president and founder of the Academy, brought Audiology Today to its current form, always with an interesting spin and great pictures. Our Web site has grown under his leadership as well. We thank Jerry for years of service on these two important Academy communication vehicles! Read the entire article here.

House Passes Bill Making Audiologists Eligible for Student Loan Forgiveness Program
Yesterday, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the College Opportunity and Affordability Act of 2007, H.R. 4137 (reauthorizing the Higher Education Act) that included a provision authorizing the Secretary of Education to forgive a portion of student loan obligation for audiologists. Read the entire article here.

AT Extra:

New Look and New Content Coming Soon!
It is important to you, and it is important to us ... that you receive timely, relevant
and accurate news and information about the field of audiology. That's why we have drastically improved the reporting quality and design of our now monthly e-newsletter, AT Extra. This newly revitalized comprehensive e-newsletter will feature the latest articles on the future of the profession, coding and reimbursement, licensure and accreditation, education, private practice, risk management, e-healthcare and more. It will also include a blend of Academy news, announcements and events. Look for your new e-newsletter in early March, and enjoy your reading!

**Remember to Renew Your Membership!**
Online renewals are still open! To renew online, go to [www.audiology.org](http://www.audiology.org) and follow these simple steps:
1. Log in using your Academy ID and your e-mail address
2. Click on "View Profile" located in the log-in box. Make any changes to your mailing address and your listed specialties by clicking on "Edit" at the bottom of the screen. This information appears online in "Find an Audiologist" and the "Member Directory."
3. Click on the "Dues Renewal" link. Once you've paid, a receipt will automatically be sent to the e-mail address in your profile.

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Upcoming Web seminars include:
* Enhancing Audiology Services through Telemedicine Technology
  Wednesday, February 27, presenter: Mark Krumm, PhD
* Electro-acoustic Stimulation (EAS)
  Wednesday, March 12, presenter: William H. Shapiro, AuD
* Vestibular Evoked Myogenic Potentials
  Wednesday, April 23, presenters: Faith Akin, PhD, and Owen Murnane, PhD
To register and to find a complete list of live and on-demand Web seminars, visit [eAudiology.org](http://eAudiology.org).

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**Purchase Your PAC Luncheon Tickets Today!**
Contributors to the American Academy of Audiology, Inc., PAC have demonstrated a commitment to increasing the visibility of audiologists on Capitol Hill. In order to maintain this presence, we are asking that you please consider making a contribution of $100 to attend the PAC.
Luncheon on Saturday, April 5, from 12:00-1:00 pm at AudiologyNOW! 2008. If you are unable to attend the luncheon but would still like to contribute, consider sponsoring a student to attend this event. Last year, we had a record number of attendees, including over 50 sponsored students, so purchase your tickets today! Contact Kate Thomas at 202-544-9336 or by e-mail at kthomas@audiology.org to purchase your tickets or to inquire about student sponsorship opportunities.

**Have you joined the 312 Club?** With a contribution of just $312, you can become part of the Academy's history as we celebrate the opening of the Academy's Capitol Hill Office. The names of the inaugural 312 Club contributors will be engraved on a plaque displayed in the Capitol Hill Office. Show your support and make your contribution today!

**University of Florida Celebrates Academy's Anniversary with Free Hearing Screenings**
Academy Board Member Patricia Kricos and the University of Florida's Speech & Hearing Clinic in Gainesville are celebrating the Academy's 20th anniversary in a unique way, offering free hearing screenings on select Thursdays through April.

Dozens of people have already taken advantage of the screenings, so much that extra screening machines will be brought in to handle future patients. Kricos, who is also a professor of Communication Sciences & Disorders at the university, said of the attendance, "We were stunned to see all of the people out there. I love it."

For more information, contact the clinic at 352-273-0542.

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