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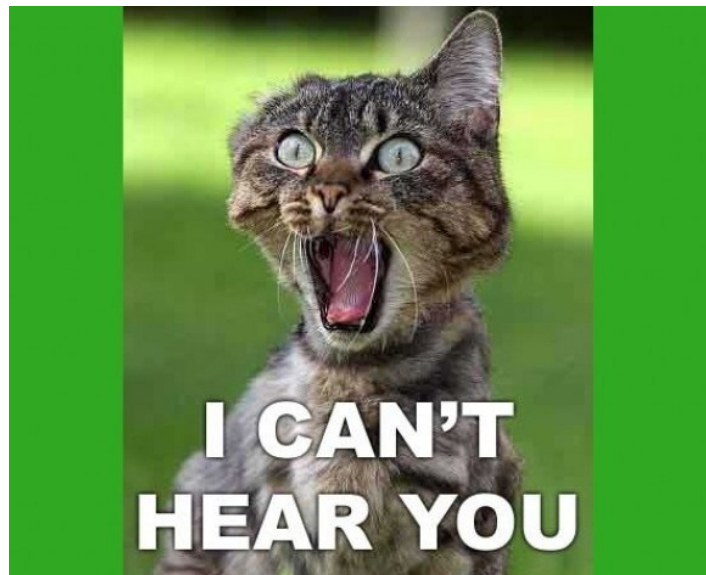
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<https://www.google.com/search?q=hearing+loss+funny&hl=en&qscrl=>

I know that's a cat, but dogs are the common choice for hearing assistance. I just had to have that picture on the first page!

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Hearing Dogs assist deaf and hard of hearing individuals by alerting them to a variety of household sounds such as a door knock or doorbell, alarm clock, oven buzzer, telephone, baby cry, name call or smoke alarm. Dogs are trained to make physical contact and lead their deaf partners to the source of the sound.

Hearing Dogs are generally mixed breeds acquired from animal shelters and are small to medium in size. Prior to formal audio response training, the younger adoptees are raised and socialized by volunteer puppy raisers. Hearing Dogs are identified by leash and/or vest.

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WHAT OTHER CLUBS ARE DOING
Jacksonville, Arkansas

Please join us for a glamorous evening
At the first annual
Sertoma Club

Father Daughter Banquet

Saturday, the nineteenth of February
Two Thousand Eleven
Six until Nine o'clock
Jacksonville Community Center

Dinner, Desert and Dancing

Includes keepsake photograph and tiara
\$35 for Father & Daughter
\$45 for Father & 2 Daughters
\$50.00 for Father & 3 or more Daughters

Glamorous Evening Attire



For more information please call:
Valerie 529-3685
Or
Mary 912-9422

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WHAT OTHER CLUBS ARE DOING Hoover, Alabama

This club set up a park!! It's been there so long, they are replacing the fence.

Tennis courts at Sertoma Park in Hoover closed two weeks



By Jon Anderson | janderson@al.com The Birmingham News
on March 14, 2013 at 11:05 AM, updated March 14, 2013 at 11:09 AM



The tennis courts at Sertoma Park behind Green Valley Elementary School in Hoover, Ala., closed on March 11, 2013, for about two weeks so the fencing can be replaced. (Jon Anderson/janderson@al.com)

HOOVER, Alabama - The four tennis courts at Sertoma Park behind Green Valley Elementary School in Hoover are closed for this week and next week while the fencing around them is replaced, Hoover Parks and Recreation Director Craig Moss said.

"The courts were resurfaced a couple of years ago, but the fences were old and rusty, and they need to be redone," Moss said.

People wanting to play tennis at a public court in Hoover still can go to several other places during the fence replacement work, including the Birchtree Swim and Racquet Club, Simmons Middle School, Bumpus Middle School and the former Berry Middle School off Columbiana Road, Moss said. However, the six courts at the former Berry Middle School do not have lights, he said.

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Jacksonville-Sertoma-Club/122746534460752>

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YOUR TOPEKA EVENING CLUB COMMITTEES:

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All committees remain open for additional members. If interested, please contact Shawn Jurgensen at shawn@williamson-law.com.

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Marilyn Davidson Courage Paves the Path to Hearing



Marilyn Davidson reclaimed partial hearing when she became the first recipient of an [auditory brainstem implant \(ABI\)](#) in 1979. She lost her hearing due to the removal of large tumors (schwannomas) growing on her vestibular nerves. The first tumor appeared when she was in her thirties and was diagnosed

by Dr. William F. House at the House Clinic. He explained that left untreated, the tumor could put pressure on her hearing and facial nerves, as well as the blood vessels supplying vital brain centers controlling respiration, blood pressure and heart function.

A few weeks later, neurosurgeon William Hitselberger, M.D., performed the surgery to remove the tumor. During the operation, he had to sever Marilyn's right hearing nerve, sacrificing the hearing in that ear. Marilyn adjusted to her unilateral hearing loss and was symptom free for 12 years. In her forties, she noticed that she was missing parts of telephone conversations and realized her symptoms had returned. She went back to Dr. House. Marilyn learned that she had [neurofibromatosis type II \(NF2\)](#) and that two more schwannomas were found on her left vestibular nerve. Surgery to remove them would most likely destroy her residual hearing, leaving her deaf.

Drs. House and Hitselberger were developing an experimental device through the late 1970s for patients who

had lost their hearing due to surgical removal of bilateral schwannomas. This was the forerunner of the ABI. Unlike the cochlear implant, also pioneered by Dr. House, this device stimulated the cochlear nucleus in the brainstem rather than the auditory nerve leading from the inner ear to the brain. Until then, no one had ever regained any hearing after having their auditory nerves severed.

They asked Marilyn if she was willing to try this experimental brainstem implant as a possible means for restoring some of her hearing. They told her that this procedure had never been done before and they weren't sure what she would hear, if anything. Marilyn agreed to the surgery, and it was successful. When the device was activated, she became the first person ever to regain partial hearing with an implant that bypassed the auditory nerve. After a few weeks of testing, she learned to distinguish between different environmental sounds. The doctors were pleased with Marilyn's preliminary results, but when she began experiencing muscle twitches during testing, they decided to unhook the device.

Despite possible risks, Marilyn wanted to continue testing. She wanted the doctors to resume their research and insisted that they reactivate her device. She wouldn't be discouraged and they complied. The ABI has greatly enhanced Marilyn's quality of life, and enriched the lives of many other ABI users. "As the first ABI patient, I feel that I was in the right place at the right time to receive this new hearing technology," Marilyn said. "I had complete confidence in my doctors. I just knew they could help me. It has been a long, hard road, yet what an extraordinary experience!"

http://www.hei.org/stories/articles/marilyn_davidson.html

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MEMBER UPDATE

Okay you evening Topeka Sertomans.

This is your assignment:

You are reading your emails right now,

Hence seeing this newsletter now.

So giddyap fingers right now,

And respond to this request now,

I need member news right now,

For the next newsletter, which needs you NOW.

Yay. Yay. You did it! You'll send an email NOW.

Then we'll have all kinds of member news, an-how.

Okay, so I'm not a poet, but send me member news!

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BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

NO May Birthdays



ANNIVERSARIES in SERTOMA:

May 11 Donna Linton



SERTOMA CLUB UPCOMING EVENTS

See last page for our bi-monthly meeting.

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REMINDER - Dinner meetings are held the first and third Tuesday evenings of every month at Jayhawk Towers in the Senate Room at 5:30pm

at 700 SW Jackson:



<http://www.emporis.com/building/jayhawktower-topeka-ks-usa>

