

## The Association of Late-Deafened Adults Plans 22<sup>nd</sup> Convention



Are you frustrated due to adult onset hearing loss? Discouraged? Isolated? Are you curious about technology that might be helpful to you? Do you feel like you will never be able to enjoy a group activity again? Then come to **ALDAcon 2010!** It will change your life!

This year **the Association of Late-Deafened Adults (ALDA)** will meet from September 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> in gorgeous Colorado Springs, Colorado. The convention will be held at the Antlers Hilton, within sight of Pikes Peak and just one block from downtown Colorado Springs. The hotel has an indoor pool, complimentary Internet access, coffeemakers in each room and a complimentary daily newspaper. In addition to the Rocky Mountains, nearby attractions include the United States Air Force Academy, the United States Olympic Training Center, the Garden of the Gods, golfing, hiking and tennis.

**ALDA, Inc.** is an international organization that serves a diverse membership: people of all ages who have slowly or suddenly lost their hearing through a variety of causes. **ALDA** strongly believes in a communication strategy of "whatever works." Some our members sign well, some sign poorly or not at all, some use residual hearing, some speechread and some use **CART** (captioning on a large screen). No matter how severe your hearing loss is or which communication mode you prefer, you **WILL** understand all that goes on at **ALDAcon**.

Keynote speakers and workshop leaders are often deafened themselves. There are exhibits showcasing technology and services as well as social events, group meals, a closing brunch and the always popular Saturday night karaoke party! (YES, we do SING!) Special events are scheduled for newcomers. Significant others are also welcome and the needs of those with other disabilities are accommodated as much as possible. For the four days of our conference communication is so easy that it feels like there is no such thing as a hearing loss

**ALDA** seeks sponsors at a variety of levels to meet the major expenses of this grand gathering. For information on sponsorship, contact Kathy Schlueter at the email address below. Some scholarships are available for attendees with financial need; contact Carolyn Piper at [wicwas@wcvt.com](mailto:wicwas@wcvt.com) for information. If you have other questions, please contact any of the below or check out [www.alda.org](http://www.alda.org).

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