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## Jeff Grama's Corner



## Thank You To All of Our Patients

What a day! December 11, 2002 was our inaugural Holiday Hearing Celebration and what a turnout we had.

The celebration was so successful that we've decided to make it an annual event. We hope to see everyone back again in December of 2003. To those of you who couldn't be there, please plan to come this year.

I deeply appreciated the warmth and feedback we received from so many of you.

On behalf of Dana and my wife Susan, I would like to wish you all a happy and healthy 2003. Thank you again for sharing a special day with us.

Jeff

## Holiday Hearing Celebration a Tremendous Success

Our inaugural Holiday Hearing Celebration was held on Wednesday afternoon, December 11<sup>th</sup>.



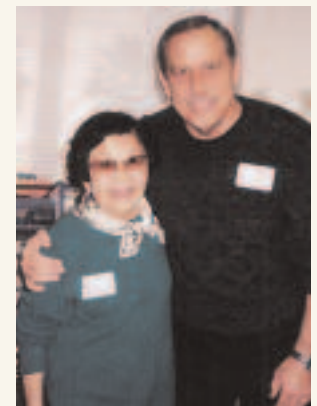
Guitarist Dave Koonse

Nearly one hundred patients and their guests shared in the festivities. The event featured music, food and drink, and plenty of good conversation. Dave Koonse, the renowned jazz guitarist, was on hand to provide us with splendid music. Elaine Abbott, a guest of our Preferred Patient Program, took the afternoon off from her busy law practice to share free legal advice on estate planning. Attendees interested in the latest hearing technology enjoyed video programs that demonstrated the advances in assistive listening devices.

Everyone enjoyed the celebration. "It was delightful meeting so many of Jeff's other patients," remarked Lore Sommer, a longtime patient of the practice. "I saw several people I knew and made new acquaintances."

"The food was great and so was the music. The only regret I had was that I didn't have more time to stay," commented Margaret Fenstermacher. "Next year I'm going to arrange my schedule to be there for the entire event."

Susan Grama was first introduced to some of the practice's patients and their guests. "So many people expressed their appreciation for the help they received from Jeff when they were unable to find it elsewhere," she said. "It was very heartening to share in their confidence in my husband."



Jeff Grama, MA, with  
Mrs. Okino

## Meet Longtime Friend and Patient Ib Melchior

by Jeff Grama, M.A.



Ib Melchior has been a patient of mine since 1983, but it is only within the last few years that I have discovered what an amazing life he has experienced. Born in Denmark, the son of world-renowned opera tenor Lauritz Melchior, Ib studied acting, came to the USA with a British theatrical group and chose to remain here. When World War II broke out, he volunteered for the US Armed Forces, serving with the OSS. He then transferred to the US Military Intelligence Service and acted as an intelligence investigator in the Counter Intelligence Corps.

After the war, Ib became active in television. He directed over 500 programs including The Perry Como Show. In addition, Ib has directed eight feature films and authored over a dozen best-selling, critically acclaimed novels based on his war experiences. His novels are now published in twenty-five countries.

Ib has not allowed his severe hearing loss to slow him down because he has kept current with today's hearing technologies. Using Widex behind-the-ear digital hearing aids, he is assured of receiving high-fidelity hearing and superior understanding in noisy listening environments.

Today, Ib continues to write and lecture throughout the United States and Europe.

### Thank You from Elaine Abbott

I was delighted to participate in the inaugural Holiday Hearing Celebration. During the event, I had the pleasure of talking to guests about preparing wills, living trusts and using estate planning techniques. Since I was not able to meet everyone who attended, I am pleased to offer all of Jeff's patients a free one-hour consultation on estate planning. You may reach me at 310-553-1543.

Elaine Abbott, Attorney at Law

## More Holiday Hearing Celebration Photos

