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SEPTEMBER Calendar

NOTE CHANGE IN DATE FOR SEPT.

Tuesday, September 11th

11:00 am - Refreshments/Social Time
11:30 am – Announcements/Business Meeting
12 Noon – 1 pm – Program Speaker

7:00 pm – Refreshments/Social Time
7:30 pm – Announcements/Business Meeting
8:00 – 9 pm – Program Speaker

St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, East Ave. & Westminster Rd.

Tues., Sept. 18th – Board of Directors

7:30 pm – Justin Vigdor Room, Al Sigl Center

Wed., Sept. 26th – between Noon & 3pm –

RWC movie, Loew’s Webster. Check theatre for movie & exact time; then, social time.

Thurs., Sept. 27th – “Cochlear Implant” mtg. –

5:00-6:30 pm – St. Paul’s church, Vestry room
(date change; no meeting in Oct.)(see article on p.6)

SAVE THESE FUTURE DATES

Tues., Oct. 16th – 7:00 pm – PAC Meeting –

Justin Vigdor Room, Al Sigl Center

Wed., Oct. 24th – between Noon & 3 pm – Rear

Window Captioned movie, Loew’s Webster.

Sun., Oct. 28th – WalkAbout/RHSC –

Eastview Mall – Register 8:30 am, Door 5.(see p.3)

SUN., NOV. 4TH – Daylight Savings Time Ends

Hospitality Duties for September:

Daytime Meeting – Ginger Graham, Marlene Sutliff
Evening Meeting – Ginger Graham, Barb Law
Board of Directors – Natalie Robertson

*Welcome back, members, and,
WELCOME ALL NEWCOMERS TO HLA!*



SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

(at St. Paul’s Church, East Ave. & Westminster Rd.)

Tues., Sept. 11th - Daytime & Evening Meetings

Providence, RI was the host city for Hearing Loss Association of America’s 2012 annual Convention. More than 1,150 attendees with all degrees of hearing loss met folks from around the country, learned about hearing loss and dealing with it, and enjoyed themselves.

HLAA-Rochester chapter delegates will share their Convention experiences with the folks from back home. **BOTH the 11:00AM AND the 7:00PM** chapter meetings on Tuesday, September 11th feature reports on events they participated in.

Presenters and their tentative topics are:

Kelly Barrett: Executive director Brenda Battat’s report of HLAA-National achievements

Elise DePapp: “Research symposium: How the brain makes sense of the world of sound”

Peter Fackler: an overview of the HLAA national “Statement of Strategic Intent”

Barbara Gates: “Invisible hearing aids”

Ginger Graham: “Emergency preparedness”

Jeannette Kanter: “Marriage and hearing loss”

David Koon: “My first HLAA convention”

Sue Miller: HLAA-New York State annual meeting and breakfast

Vern Thayer: “Loneliness related to hearing loss”

(continued on next page)

Tuesday, Sept. 11th – Meetings (continued)

The reports represent only a fraction of resources that attendees at the annual national gathering could partake of, enriching their knowledge of hearing loss and dealing with it as advocates, technology users, medical consumers, family members, and young people. Cochlear implant workshops occupy increasing amounts of time at the Convention.

HLAA-Rochester chapter meetings are held in the Vestry Room at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, East Ave. at Westminster Road, across from the George Eastman House. All programs are audiolooped & captioned. Those needing a sign language interpreter should contact Linda Siple at 585 475 6712, a week in advance.

The Hearing Loss Association is a nationwide organization dedicated to advocacy, education and support for people with hearing loss. For more information visit www.hlaa-rochester-ny.org or telephone 585 266 7890.

Hearing loss is a daily challenge you can overcome. You do not have to hide your hearing loss. You do not have to face hearing loss alone.

CAPTIONED CHAPTER MEETINGS

CaptionCall is providing remote captions for our Day and Evening chapter meetings! This will run through **June, 2013** (at a cost of about \$3,000 to CaptionCall.)

Tim Whitcher and Bruce and Candi Nelson have worked hard to get this new captioning system up and running at meetings. And have been faithful in attending all sessions!

LEADERS COLUMN

By David Koon



David's first Leaders Column as the new President of the Rochester Chapter will appear in October.

ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

By Ginger Graham, Janet McKenna

Coleus, Blue Hawaii, and yellow mums served as living table centerpieces for the HLAA-Rochester annual recognition/scholarship dinner at Cobblestone Creek Country Club on May 22nd, hosted by **Scott and Sue Miller**. We had a marvelous turnout of **78** members, students, parents, etc.

Mary Chizuk's creative arrangements symbolized the HLAA colors--lovely plants in a colorful painted planter.

Master of Ceremonies, **Don Bataille**, recognized Professional Advisors –Christina Babian; Elizabeth Finigan, M.D.; Peter Hart; Loriann Macko; and, Shannon Struzik.

Community Organization Award – presented to **CaptionCall Corporation** for providing captioning of all of our Chapter Meetings from 2011 through 2013.

Community Person Award – to **Al Suffredini** for his outstanding advocacy work in Canandaigua and all of Ontario County. This was the first year this award was given to a Chapter member!

HLAA-Rochester Chapter Award – Two were awarded this year--to **Joanne Owens**, and, also to **Michelle Gross**. Both are ardent “behind the scenes” workers who have contributed above and beyond help all year.

STUDENTS HONORED BY HLAA



Six local high school seniors with hearing loss were awarded HLAA-Rochester Chapter scholarships. They are shown here with Mary Ellen Tait. (see the article in our

June 2012 Newsletter)

NEWS ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

Democrat **David Koon**, our new BOD President, will be running for the 135th State Assembly District this Fall. David has served seven consecutive two-year Assembly terms since 1996. He says he wants to introduce bills that broaden health insurance coverage for autistic and hearing-impaired residents, and help small businesses.



Caught relaxing at Convention...our Rochester Chapter new President, **David Koon**, and outgoing President, **Don Bataille**.

PARENTS COLUMN

By Katy Kuczek



Transition Tips

Our children are starting back to school, and hopefully the transition is going well for your child(ren). Even if things are going smoothly, it's important to check in periodically with your child's teacher/teaching team. You want to make sure your child is keeping up and that his/her IEP or 504 plan is being implemented.

Some other things to consider:

-Has the classroom been evaluated for optimum acoustics? Does your child have preferential seating at the front of the classroom? Is your child seated away from the door and other noise sources? Are there tennis balls on the feet of desks and stools to eliminate additional background noise?

-Often overlooked are socialization skills. Provide her with opportunities to socialize with other children with hearing loss in or outside of school.

-Beyond his special needs, encourage participation in other activities, to continue to build his social skills. Whatever his interests (sports, music, art) give him additional opportunities to make new friends and bolster his self-esteem.

-Give her some downtime when she gets home from school. The experts say it takes so much more effort for the child with hearing loss to keep up in school. She will need a break from the auditory stimulation of the day.

-As she grows older and matures, encourage your child to be a self-advocate. My daughter attended her first IEP meeting in the Spring (she was in 6th grade at the time), and it was a very positive experience for her. It gave her a voice, as she was asked for input into her services.

If your child has hearing loss, please consider joining our Parents group at HLAA. Contact: kkuczek@rochester.rr.com for more information.

WALK-ABOUT with RHSC

Come and support RHSC in their Walk, Sunday, Oct. 28th, at Eastview Mall. Register at 8:30am, walk at 9:30am. Door 5 entrance at the Food Court. They support us in May; it's our turn!! (Note change in location.)

DID YOU KNOW?



You can get credit (for Income Tax purposes) for donating used hearing aids to the Finger Lakes Regional Lions Hearing Foundation. Contact Arthur Elliott, 7134 Valentown Road, Victor, NY 14564; phone: (585) 924-2875. Request a receipt.

BITS & PIECES OF NEWS!

At our Walk4Hearing held last May, 21 people utilized the mobile real-time captioning. (Please see the article on p.7 in our June Newsletter for info on the Walk.)

“Lost & Found” – a Navy, light weight Reebok jacket, Large size, was found at the Walk. To claim it, contact Sue Miller at SusanLeeMiller39@cs.com.

Brenda Battat, Executive Director of HLAA Board of Trustees (National) will be retiring August 31, 2013. No word yet on her replacement. Brenda will be a “hard act to follow!”

“This Month in Bethesda” is back in the HLAA National Newsletter, and on Ms. Battat’s blog.

NEWS FROM NTID: Greg Livadis reports that, after years of preparation, this DVD set is complete. www.ntid.rit.edu/news/new-dvd-set-showcases-deaf-art-film-theater-asl-literature-and-more

“St. Ann’s Health Fair” Thursday, Sept. 13th, at 1500 Portland Ave., 9:30am – 2:30pm. If you can participate, please contact Joe Damico at jgdamico@frontiernet.net.

Diana D. Bendee, PhD, is the new president of the National HLAA Board of Trustees (replacing our own Pete Fackler).

A woman is suing pop star Justin Bieber saying that she suffered permanent hearing loss at his Portland concert two years ago...Bieber enticed the fans into a “frenzy of screams” and the sound exceeded safe decibel levels. (from D&C 7/14/12)

Newsletter Deadline

Friday, August 31st
(for the October Newsletter)

Email: ggraham859@frontiernet.net

HEALTH FAIR AT DOME ARENA

The Family Health and Fitness Fair at the Dome Arena will be **Thursday, Oct. 4th, from 10:00 am – 4:30 pm.**

Over 100 exhibitors. Free testings and screenings, both hearing and health, and food samplings, prizes, etc. HLAA has a table and Joe Damico is looking for **your help for a couple of hours Oct. 4th**. Our volunteers describe the functions of HLAA—you don't need to be a professional! This is a great way to get the word out about our Rochester Chapter. It is the premier health show of the year, and it's FREE—parking and admittance.

Please contact Joe Damico at 426-3191, or, at JGDamico@frontiernet.net, soon to help out!

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CONDOLENCES

Our sincere sympathy to **Natalie Robertson**. While out of town attending a funeral service for her sister, Natalie learned that her brother had died unexpectedly.

Also, our condolences to the family of **Ellen Heidenreich** who passed away in July.

RBTL LIVE THEATRE--- CAPTIONED!



Summary for new Season

All performances are Sunday, at 1:00 pm

October 14 – **Mary Poppins**
December 2 – **Memphis**
February 10 – **Addams Family**
March 10 – **Book of Mormon**
May 12 – **Les Mis**

Tickets become available 6 weeks in advance of each show. Request seats in “open captions” viewing section. Call 222-5000; email, info@rbtl.org.

Note start time of 1:00 pm for all performances.

Subject of Oct. 2nd Chapter Meetings

Daytime – “Masks of Hearing Loss” – Gael Hannan, **SPEAKER STARTS promptly 11:30am**

Evening – “Masks of Hearing Loss” – Gael Hannan, **SPEAKER STARTS promptly 7:00pm.**

(see article on page 8)

GEORGE EASTMAN HOUSE OFFERS SIGN-LANGUAGE TOURS

By Dresden Engle, GEH

Volunteer docent **Dr. Robert Menchel** (retired professor from NTID) is conducting sign-language tours on specific Saturdays. They will offer the same information covered during the museum's daily guided tours.

Time: 11:00 am, on the following Saturdays:
September 1 and 22; and again, October 13 and 27

No reservation is needed. Also, there are two biography videos on George Eastman that are captioned, as well as videos in the GEH galleries on historic photography processes thru Sept. 23 (part of the exhibition “See: Untold Stories” which closes on Sept. 23.)

YOU'RE INVITED!

Please join us at either of these meetings to see if you'd like to contribute—either by email information or by attending the meeting. Both are held the 2nd Monday of each month, Room 306, Al Sigl Center.

Education & Outreach – from 11:30am – 1pm
Technology Committee – from 1:30pm – 3pm

We start Monday, Sept. 10th; then Oct. 8th; etc. We'd love to have you join us! If you have questions, please contact Ginger at ggraham859@frontiernet.net.

About HLAA

The Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA), founded in 1979, opens the world of communication to people with hearing loss through information, education, advocacy and support. HLAA publishes the bimonthly Hearing Loss Magazine, holds annual conventions, a Walk4Hearing, and more. Check out <http://www.hearingloss.org/>. HLAA has chapters and state organizations across the country.



GEVA Theatre Offering Captioned Plays! *By Bonnie Butkas*

We are offering captioning for the first two shows of our 40th Anniversary Season:

“YOU CAN’T TAKE IT WITH YOU”

Saturday, Sept. 15, at 2:00 pm

A screwball comedy that pits the eccentric Sycamore family – prone to spontaneous eruptions of music, dance, poetry and fireworks – against the buttoned-up bigwigs of Wall Street and the IRS. When Alice Sycamore agrees to marry the son of ultra-conservative parents, will true love win out? A Pulitzer Prize-winning Broadway classic the whole family will enjoy!

“FREUD’S LAST SESSION”

Saturday, Oct. 20th, at 2:00 pm

Just weeks before his death, legendary psychoanalyst Sigmund Freud invites young writer C. S. Lewis to his London study. On the eve of England’s entry into World War II, the two brilliant men have a battle of the minds over God, love, sex, music and the meaning of life. This deeply touching, intellectually thrilling play laced with humor and insight was last season’s Off-Broadway hit.

We will be offering captioning on the 1st Saturday (2 pm performance) during the rest of the season as well.

January 12th -**NEXT TO NORMAL**

February 23rd -**BOOK CLUB PLAY**

April 6th -**THE WHIPPING MAN**

May 11th -**MIDSUMMER NIGHT’S DREAM**

The Box Office is available to take ticket orders and subscriptions—(585) 232-4382. **Ask for seat in the Open Captions area.**

Open captioning is being provided, in part, by a grant from Theatre Development Fund's TAP Plus program in partnership with the New York State Council on the Arts. Support for Geva’s access services is also provided by the **Mark and Bobbie Hargrave** Hard of Hearing Clarity, Hoffman and Daughters, the **Hearing Loss Association of America**, and anonymous donors.

WEBSITES OF INTEREST

Our Chapter website is: www.hlaa-rochester-ny.org.

(Submitted by Al Suffredini)

People with Disabilities and the Affordable Care Act -- If you’re living with a disability, private health insurance may be hard to come by. Even if you can afford to buy it, it probably doesn’t cover all of your needs. The **Affordable Care Act is expanding your options** for health insurance and making it more affordable.

Get acquainted with the top things to know for people with disabilities such as greater choices and enhanced protections; new options for long-term support and services; Medicaid home and community - based services and other affordable health care.

To learn more, such as, pre-existing condition; coverage and pricing option; long term care; etc. Go to: [People with Disabilities and the Affordable Care Act](#) (PDF- 184 KB)

(Submitted by Sue Miller and Tim Whitcher)

Announcement received from Bonnie Butkas, Development Director at GEVA – Broadway World just posted: GEVA announces open captioning and improved assistive listening devices for 2012-13. Go to: <http://broadwayworld.com/viewcolumn.php?colid=395329>. Or, <http://centralnewyork.broadwayworld.com/article/Geva-Announces-Open-Captioning-and-Improved-Assistive-Listening-Devices-for-its-2012-2013-Season-20120802>.

Well written article on hearing loss, go to: www.cnn.com/2012/07/10/health/hearing-aid-insurance/index.html?hpt=he_c1.

(Submitted by Don Bataille)

Use of T-coils, looping info and HLA Convention, go to: www.youtube.com/watch?v=r-P3WhsaVsk.

Info on Bluetooth Neck Loops, go to: www.cchdwi.org/store/index.php?app=ecom&ns=prodshow&ref=HC-QUATTRO. OR, www.cchdwi.org/store/index.php?app=ecom&ns=prodshow&ref=HC-QUATTRO/KIT3.

COCHLEAR IMPLANT MEETING

By Jeannette Kanter

50 SHADES OF COCHLEAR EXPERIENCE:

Information for novices and experts alike.

Do you want to know what it's like to get a cochlear implant? Do you have one implant and want to get a second one? Are you worried about cost and insurance? Do you know when it's time to get a cochlear implant?

Join us for an open discussion of what's involved in having an implant, getting two implants, and everything in between. Nowadays, the surgery takes less time and is less stressful in comparison to years ago, and that too can be discussed.

The group will be facilitated by Jeannette Kanter. Hope to see you there!

Date: Thursday, Sept. 27, from 5:00 – 6:30 pm

St. Paul's Church, Vestry Room

(There will be no CI meeting in October.)



For Your Donation to HLAA: Charles Frame; Genesee Country Audiology Services; Webster Hearing Center.

In Memory of: **Ellen Heidenreich**, from Sue Miller.

CAPTIONING OF MEETINGS TO BE CONTINUED !

This past year, our chapter members have enjoyed the opportunity to have the Daytime and Evening monthly meetings **captioned**, thanks to CaptionCall! This has fulfilled a wish for our chapter for the past 29 years. We have just learned that they are willing to provide this wonderful service again for the coming year!

The captioning is done remotely by Alternative Communication Services-- it's flawless--plus the people doing the captioning are from all over the country! It's amazing to see the words almost instantly on the screen as soon as they're spoken. The service cost is \$3,000 a

year and it is being paid by CaptionCall...such an incredible gift to our chapter.

We also owe a huge debt of thanks to **Candi and Bruce Nelson**, and **Tim Whitcher** for overseeing the technical set-up needed for this service.

All in all, CaptionCall has been a godsend in providing true access for everyone in our chapter...and we thank you!

IF YOU MOVE

Please don't forget to notify **Barb Gates**, at 28 Country Gables Circle, Rochester, NY 14606, or, via email at cdgblg28@aol.com, even if your change of address is a temporary one. HLAA is charged for each piece of returned mail, which the Post Office will not forward. When you return, we will resume sending to your local address. Thanks.

REFRIGERMINDER

COMMUNICATION TIPS FOR THE FAMILY

By Joe Kozelsky

You can request a free copy of our "New Ten Commandments for Talking with People with Hearing Loss" and our free booklet, "Tips for the Family." (phone number below)



FAMILY COMMUNICATION TIP NO. 2

When talking to someone with a hearing loss:

BE SURE TO GET THEIR ATTENTION BEFORE YOU START SPEAKING TO THEM.

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NATIONAL CONVENTION, PROVIDENCE, RI.

By Ginger Graham

The staff at the Westin Hotel in downtown Providence were well prepared for dealing with people with hearing loss. It was a lovely hotel with 26 floors, and attached by a Skyway to the Convention Center--an easy walk to the HLAA booths and then to the lecture rooms and exhibit hall. There was a grand total of 17 from Rochester, including Dr. Jim DeCaro and his wife Pat. Following are comments from some of our members.

David Koon: Being that this was my first HLAA Convention, I was rather overwhelmed. I didn't expect such knowledgeable presenters and the number of people was also a huge surprise. (I understand our grand total was 1,150.) It took me a while to find my way around, but in doing so I met many wonderful people. The sessions I attended were very well presented and I learned a lot. Just being able to hear and understand each and every presenter was impressive. Our National folks did a great job and if people from our Rochester Chapter have not attended, I'd highly recommend their attending. You will meet so many great people who are doing so many great things around our wonderful country. I understand next year's Convention 2013 is to be in Portland, Oregon.



(Some of the Rochester delegation.)

Elise de Papp: This was my first convention; although I'd been told it would be overwhelmingly positive, it still blew me away in many respects. First, it was wonderful how friendly and approachable everyone was. Since we all know how difficult it can be to talk to a stranger who doesn't understand that you don't hear well, these people were easy to talk to, and there was no gently trying to explain anything about connecting. And speaking of being hospitable and outgoing, it became apparent that

my roommate, whose name will not be mentioned but is readily available, is a "party-animal," along with our delegation in general!

Second – I was surprised at how many people had Cochlear Implants--would guess at least 40% of attendees. Number of hearing dogs was also impressive, about 8, a relatively large number. Being a dog lover, they were of particular interest to me. We are all familiar with Sam Trychin's "Doris Eileen," a pit bull type (need to mention her breed as these dogs get such a bad rap in the media), but there were several breeds represented even including a Brussels Griffon, a breed unfamiliar to most. This little dog came from Texas and rode around under his lady's knees on her motorized scooter.

Third – before attending the next convention, I will carefully read list of exhibitors in exhibit hall to decide which ones to visit. So busy and interesting in there you can't get to all; need to plan ahead. No space to write about tremendous amount of knowledge that I came away with!

Pete Fackler: Convention 2012 represented my second while Chairman of the HLAA Board of Trustees. As a result, my focus was very much on board business and the associated demands on my time prevented me from attending many of the programs which I have heard were excellent across the board.

Board business included the roll-out of HLAA's statement of strategic intent—a policy statement that represents the board's blueprint for the near term future of HLAA. The plan is a product of close collaboration between board and management and relied as well on a very rich body of feedback to a series of surveys of stakeholders. Want to learn more? Join us at the September 11th Chapter Meetings where I will briefly introduce and distribute the statement to Chapter members.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

(Submitted by Brian Fox and Ginny Koenig)

A great line in an editorial from the Kentucky Statesmen recently. This statement is so eloquent in its brevity while painting a perfect picture of the whole situation. Every Congressional person should have this emblazoned above the inside of their office door....

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Tuesday, October 2nd

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Daytime- 11am refreshments; Speaker 11:30 – 1:00 pm

Evening – 6:30pm refreshments; Speaker 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Gael Hannan is a writer and humorist whose dynamic and insightful performances about living with hearing loss have had audiences laughing and crying across Canada, the United States, and New Zealand. She has won many awards. Gael is a Director on the national board of the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association. She lives with her husband and son in Toronto.



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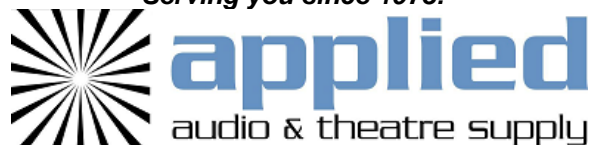
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Hearing Loss Association (HLAA) Rochester Chapter, a tax exempt and volunteer group, is a chapter of a national, nonprofit, nonsectarian, educational organization devoted to the welfare and interests of those who cannot hear well. We meet the first Tuesday of the month from September through June at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, East Ave. While our primary focus is directed toward hard of hearing, we welcome everyone to our chapter meetings whatever their hearing ability.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION – ROCHESTER CHAPTER

Yes, I want to join -- Support entitles me to receive the award winning Newsletter in order to be alerted to interesting and informative articles plus Daytime & Evening Chapter Meetings and Cochlear Implant meetings.

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More than 36 million people in the US have a hearing loss which can hinder daily communication-- one in five people! By age 65, one in three Americans has a hearing loss.

This invisible condition affects the quality of life of the individuals with hearing loss as well as family, friends, co-workers and everyone with whom they interact. HLAA believes people with hearing loss can participate successfully in today's world. The mission of HLAA is to open the world of communications to people with hearing loss through advocacy, information, education, and support.

HLAA is the largest international consumer organization dedicated to the well-being of people who do not hear well.

To join, please see inside back page. HLAA has more than 200 chapters and 14 state organizations. Welcome!

Meetings are hearing accessible

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, East Ave. and Westminster Rd., across from the George Eastman House. Parking available at the George Eastman House, if needed.

Audio looped and Captioned
(all meetings)

Interpreters on request- contact Linda Siple, 585-475-6712, or at lasnss@rit.edu a week in advance

Entrance to the meeting room is via the rear door next to the fence.

Everyone is welcome! With or without a hearing loss!