



**Monthly Presentation Meeting In Person
at St. Paul's and on Zoom - May 2nd**

MAY CALENDAR

TUESDAY, MAY 2, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM IN PERSON, ST PAUL'S VESTRY ROOM: . Joe Kozelsky CCC/A : HOPE Session: 'Hearing Other People's Experiences' (HOPE)

TUESDAY, MAY 2, 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM AT ST PAUL'S PARISH HALL: Conversation and light refreshments.

TUESDAY, MAY 2, 11:30 AM - NOON AT ST PAUL'S PARISH HALL AND ON ZOOM: Chapter announcements and business meeting.

TUESDAY, MAY 2, NOON -1:00 PM AT ST PAUL'S PARISH HALL AND ON ZOOM: Financial Fitness While Aging Gracefully

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 7:00 PM ON ZOOM: Board of Directors Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 7:00 PM ON ZOOM: Stellar Supporters Meeting

TUESDAY, MAY 16, 7:00 PM ON ZOOM: Cochlear Implant Group

THURSDAY, MAY 18 10:00 AM-2:00 PM: ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES DEMO CENTER. Technology Team. In person. Lifespan, 1900 S. Clinton Ave.

TUESDAY, MAY 23, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM: HLA A ANNUAL DINNER at Cobblestone Country Club

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 8:00 PM ON ZOOM: Parent's Group: Hear Together. See information in May Programs.

Please check our Chapter Website hearinglossrochester.org for any changes

REFRESHMENTS

We appreciate our members who have volunteered to bring refreshments to our May 2nd meeting: Barb Gibson; Nancy and Doug Meyer; Bob and Trudie Slocum; and Marlene Sutliff.

Dan Brooks to Receive National Awards

The National Hearing Loss Association of America has announced its National awards to be presented at the National convention in New Orleans.

We congratulate our Chapter President, Dan Brooks, who will be receiving the 2023 HLA A Keystone Award for his outstanding leadership efforts in revitalizing the HLA A New York State Association and his steadfast support of HLA A.

In addition, Dan will be receiving, on behalf of the HLA A New York State Association, the 2023 HLA A
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MAY PROGRAMS

HLA A Rochester Chapter offers in-person and virtual programs for anyone interested in hearing loss. Preregistration for the Zoom sessions is required by visiting the HLA A website at:

<http://hearinglossrochester.org>

Tuesday, May 2. Noon-1:00 pm at St Paul's Parish Hall and on Zoom: Gabriel (Gabe) Geiger. Lifespan of Greater Rochester: FINANCIAL FITNESS WHILE AGING GRACEFULLY.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

from Dan Brooks and Art Maurer

Last Call...

...for Annual Dinner reservations...deadline May 16...form on page 4.

The dinner is Tuesday, May 23rd at Cobblestone Country Club – Victor NY. It's captioned and looped to be sure everyone can hear and understand. It's a great time to gather and meet with each other in a relaxed setting. The highlight is when we give our three special awards.



Note that at the request of the students, the scholarships that used to be given at the Annual Dinner are now granted in a virtual Zoom ceremony. They all participate in a 90-minute gathering focused on their plans for college and career.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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The National HLAA Convention is June 29 – July 1 in New Orleans. Our Rochester Chapter offers a reimbursement for costs to attend of up to \$750 dollars. Everyone should strive to attend at least one convention to get the full experience of all HLAA has to offer.

Our Summer Picnic is Sunday, August 13 at Dolomite Lodge – Penfield, NY. Mark your calendars for this casual gathering of good conversation and food...and no speeches!

Our major event of the year will be our 40th Anniversary Celebration to be held in late October. A group, led by Carol Loftus, has been formed to plan this event. If you attended our 30th, you know our 40th will also be memorable.

A PEAK AT THE FUTURE...

In February a panel discussion titled: New World of Over-the-Counter Hearing Aids was held at The Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas. Barbara Kelley, Executive Director of our National HLAA was one of the three panel members; joined by Frank Lin of Center of Hearing and Public Health, Johns Hopkins University, and John Luna of Nuheara (an OTC maker). Some of the observations go beyond OTC hearing aids...with impact on the whole marketplace.

OTC hearing aids, introduced in October, 2022, are just in their infancy - we are only at 'Step 1'.

The size of the potential market is expected to grow by tens of millions because currently the average age when one gets a traditional hearing aid for the first time is 72 years-of-age. Initial OTC results of Nuheara show an average age in the early '50s. The span between the two ages increases the potential customer base by tens of millions. That will bring mass market dollars for R&D and efficient high-tech manufacturing...substantially lowering per unit costs. It will also assure consistent high quality product design and reliability.

Determining degree of hearing loss instead of being self-perceived or by individual test is being addressed by the development of a 'hearing number'. The concept is to have every person get tested by a professional to determine his/her degree of hearing loss; with a specific number being assigned. This is a controversial concept, but as hearing loss is recognized as a health issue it will probably be adopted because the medical profession already uses numbers to describe severity of so many health related problems. Numbers won't replace the audiogram which is still captured in the initial test, but the customer won't need to understand and translate the graphical lines of the audiogram chart.

So as quality goes up, cost comes down, and testing leads to easily recognizable numbers, what next? The traditional professional channel for acquiring hearing aids is being augmented by a commercial channel for those with mild – moderate hearing loss. Professionals

will still be essential for quality care for those with severe and profound loss...and, of course, Cochlear implants.

In-ear design is very popular, more so than traditional over-the-ear hearing aids. The in-ear aids are easier to insert and in the future may have as many and more features as over-the-ear. Bluetooth will be installed on all hearing aids; it's essential for wireless streaming and eventually may even replace t-coil loops.

Improved quality of hearing, even for those not yet using hearing aids, will be a major objective.

Customer education to be sensitive to hearing loss sooner rather than later will be essential – it will take time.

Since the markets are global impacting millions there will be many new entrants and much innovation. Professionals will be essential to address needs of those with severe and profound hearing loss and, importantly, to deal with the necessary software. Hopefully software will be more open so support of hearing aids will be possible across various manufacturers and models.

Frank Lin also advised the first major clinical studies linking hearing loss to the onset of dementia will be published this summer. These confirm hearing loss belongs in the medical health realm and hearing aids as medical devices.

In a few years Artificial Intelligence will impact hearing testing and hearing aid capabilities as separate technologies crossover providing capabilities not yet feasible.

Thanks for reading this short stroll into the future. All the observations were made verbally with no reference to verifying studies or documents. However, experience with 'disruptive technologies' of the past 50 years has proven that 'dreams' of the future often come to be fruition sooner rather than later.

National Awards

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Phoenix Award. The Phoenix Award is given to "any HLAA Chapter or State Organization that has been successful in rebuilding." Dan Brooks stepped up to become the President of the State Organization and worked with a dynamic group of people on the State Board of Directors, to resurrect the declining organization.

Decoding Your Audiogram

The website <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bP-nJp3yBK4> explains what those X's and O's and the colors you see on your audiogram.

National Report

By Peter Fackler

Earlier this week (the first week of April), an article came across my e-mail that I think many of us will find interesting. The position paper is authored by HLAA Board of Directors member, Janice Blustein (MD, PhD), and two of her colleagues at New York University. The authors caution against media coverage that links hearing loss and dementia and advise that messaging on this question should tone down the rhetoric (omit the words 'risk' and 'dementia') in order to not further 'stigmatize' wearers of hearing aids and cochlear implants in the workplace and elsewhere. My summary here is not intended to do justice to the authors' work; see the HLAA Rochester website to access their article. Agree or not with their thinking, it is worth the read on a topic that will be the subject of wider discussion over the next year.



In early April, Barbara Kelley reports from Rockville as follows (with paraphrasing).

- Staff is working hard with multiple tasks in front of them, including new website development; convention planning (to date, 169 registered, we are about 75 ahead of last year); annual report development; NIH grant submitted for funding for next five years of research symposia; work on database; interviewing for staff positions; meetings with corporate partners and CEOs of organizations (press release going out this week on 2023 partners), and much, much more. Staff is hard working and tasked to the max with the HLAA Strategic Plan to guide the work.
- Barbara Kelley attended the Sensorion™ R&D Conference in Paris on April 6th. She was the introductory speaker, talking about HLAA's role in representing consumers. Sensorion covered her travel expenses and provided an honorarium to HLAA.
- The Cardin, Casey bill in the Senate would expand Medicaid and Medicare dental, vision, and hearing coverages. HLAA will support the bill although progress forward is unlikely with only Democrat sponsors on board at the outset.
- HLAA (Barbara, Lise and Brian) met with the FDA about OTC hearing aids and some of the consumer confusion about online retailers selling OTC hearing aids. The biggest problem is people not being able to get the information on the box about returns and whether it's a true OTC hearing aid or

a PSAP. In similar vein, questionable advertising claims and other issues have added to early customer uncertainty. HLAA has worked with others (ASHA, Hearing Industries Association, International Hearing Society) to provide suggestions for FDA use at their website.

To connect with the HLAA national organization:

- Website: hearingloss.org
- Walk4Hearing website: walk4hearing.org
- Office phone: 301-657-2248
- Office FAX: 301-913-9413
- 6116 Executive Blvd., Suite 320, Rockville, MD 20852
- Membership: go to hearingloss.org (or see mail option on Page 11)
- e-News: sign up at website.
- Archived webinars: go to hearingloss.org.
- Attend the national convention June 29 – July 1, New Orleans, LA. See details at hearingloss.org. HLAA Rochester is offering stipend support for members who attend. See specifics elsewhere in this newsletter.
- Reach out to me with your comments, concerns, and questions -- please use pcf.hl原因@yaho.com or (814) 319-2083 (text or voice).

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You are cordially invited to the
HLAA ANNUAL DINNER

We will all have the opportunity to come together on May 23rd for the Annual Dinner of the Rochester Chapter of HLAA. We will also recognize some of the people who make a difference to our Chapter in the Rochester area by presenting awards, including the annual Chapter Award.

Tuesday | May 23, 2023 | 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Cobblestone Creek Country Club
100 Cobble Creek Road, Victor, NY

Spouses/guests welcome!

MENU CHOICES

- (1) **Atlantic Salmon Seared Salmon Filet** served with Lemon Thyme Beurre Blanc
- (2) **Chicken French Boneless Chicken Breast** Sauteed with a Classic Lemon Sherry Sauce
- (3) **Cauliflower Alfredo (Vegan) Roasted Cauliflower,** Tomatoes & Asparagus, Tossed in a Vegan Alfredo Sauce over Pasta

Warm rolls and butter
House Salad with Ranch/Balsamic dressing
Coffee and Tea
Cheesecake with Raspberry Sauce
\$32.00 per person (includes tax & gratuities)

HLAA ANNUAL DINNER - May 23, 2022
Reservation Form

Name: _____
Address _____
Phone and/or Email _____

1st Guest: _____ Dinner choice _____
2nd Guest: _____ Dinner choice _____

_____ Dinners @ \$32 each = _____

Dinner reservations are due Tuesday, May 16---FIRM DATE!
Please return this form with checks payable to HLAA Rochester
to: Mr. & Mrs. Doug Meyer / 5275 Rosebrugh Rd. / Geneseo NY 14454
We cannot accept reservations after May 17



2023 Membership Appreciation Summer Picnic

Date: Sunday August 13th, 2023
Location: Dolomite Lodge (Same Location!!!)
Address: 1628 Jackson Rd.
Penfield, NY 14526
Time: 2 pm to 7 pm
Cost: \$15 per person for anyone 13 & older
12 & under are **free**
Food: Catered by D & R Catering (Same as last time!)
(Dinner style meal will be served at 4pm)
Activities: Ice Cream Social, Fun time with friends, music & etc.



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HLAA New York State Association (NYSA) Update.

By Dan Brooks, Immediate Past President, HLAA-NYSA

We are now in the final days of spring and looking forward to moving into summer. I have been busy around the house getting patio furniture out and replanting the flowerbeds. The grass is growing and so is



my lists of to dos! The younger ones are finishing up with their school sports for the season. My youngest plays softball and my middle child plays tennis. The oldest is already out of school and working. As you can imagine, we have a very busy family. Along with increased family activity, I also look forward to upcoming HLAA activities.

The **HLAA Rochester Chapter** will soon have its *Annual Dinner*. We invite both our members and people from around our community, who have an interest in supporting those with hearing loss, as well as our Chapter, to attend. It is at this event we present three awards: The "Chapter Organization" award, the "Chapter Community Person" award and the "Chapter Person Award."

We also formally announce the \$1000 scholarships to a number of students with hearing loss, who are moving onto higher education. This year's scholarship precipitants will be honored via ZOOM.

The *40th Chapter Anniversary Celebration* Planning Committee is working hard to pick the perfect venue and settle on a date. As of now it is likely to be a formal sit down dinner held on a Sunday afternoon in October. There will be more on that to come. Look for updates on our chapter website, various social media outlets, and our newsletter. We owe a special thanks to **Carol Loftus** for chairing this important committee!

By way of a reminder, we will have our *Summer Picnic* in August. Check out our newsletter or website on how to reserve your tickets. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept drop-ins or "sign ups" the day of picnic, therefore signing up in advance is necessary. To learn more on how to get tickets please visit the Rochester chapter website at www.hearinglossrochester.org.

After learning about the latest information about our Rochester Chapter, here is current information regarding the **HLAA New York State Association. (HLAA-NYSA)**

At our last *Board of Directors* meeting we discussed inviting all New York State residents who attend the **2023 HLAA National Convention** (in New Orleans), to a *New York State Association Social Gathering*.

I plan on attending the National Convention as does our current HLAA State President, **Kassey Granger** as well as our Vice President **Peter Fackler** along with several other board members.

We plan to have a fun get together and possibly provide a short food excursion like we did last year. If you plan to attend the Convention please be on the lookout for the

special, invite only, New York State Association gathering.

In addition, we have already been discussing our next State Conference. At this time we do not expect to see that to happen until 2025. Although I will not be the leader of this project, I will certainly join a committee or two to share what I have learned from our last NYS conference. We'd like to ensure the next conference will be even better than the last one. Starting preparations early certainly will help us from becoming overwhelmed.

Lastly, we had a great discussion on what goals the State Association should work on. One was working on getting our NYS Court systems more accessible for people with hearing loss. Another was to work on getting a bill passed to have a State Commission for the Deaf, Deaf-Blind and Hard of Hearing. Also getting a bill that was passed in NYC where all movies theaters need to provide open caption for all movie showings to be in effect for the entire state of New York rather than just NYC area.

In any case, many ideas were discussed as to which goals we would like to work towards next. The board decided to conduct a survey to determine our next step-forward.

We all love to work toward our goals but with an all-volunteer organization and with the limited time available to us, we have to focus our efforts on what we feel can be realistically accomplished. Therefore, planning is especially important.

If you have been reading the NYSA updates and have been kicking around the thoughts of helping in some way or getting more involved, please let us know. There are many exciting things on the horizon and this is an excellent time to get on board! All the meetings are on Zoom and are captioned. All you have to do is email us your interest and we will find a place for you that will be enjoyable and rewarding.

Email your interest to

hlaa.newyorkstate@gmail.com as well as any questions or concerns you may have. We are here for you and we need your support in return!
HLAA New York State Association thanks you all for your continued support! -Dan

May Birthdays

Happy Birthday to:

May	4	Jim McClain
	6	Candi Nelson
	10	Jackie Lynch
	26	Lenore Tetkowski (Over 90)
	29	Jean Murphy (over 90)

Pin Tschang and Joe Kozelsky also have May birthdays.

Our birthday database is missing many of your birthdays, If you would like to be mentioned in the future, please send an email to editor@hearinglossrochester.org

Captioned Entertainment Around Rochester

JCC Center Stage – Captioned Plays



All performances are **Sunday at 2:00 pm**

“Ragtime, the Musical” ... The Beloved Classic - May 14

Tickets and information are available at www.jcccenterstage.org or (585) 461-2000.

Please specify “Captioned Area” Tickets are \$35-40 with discounts for JCC members, full time students and seasonal subscribers.



GEVA Theatre Center - Captioned Performances

Open Captioning for patrons with hearing loss is provided during the 1st Saturday matinee and both performances of the final Wednesday of each Wilson Stage Series production (please note the date and time differences for *A Christmas Carol*); and the first Saturday matinee of each Fielding Stage Series production. When booking your seats, mention your interest in open captioning in order to secure the most advantageous view of the display on the right of the stage.

“Cinderella” - 5/13 at 2:00 pm, 5/31 at 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm

The Little - Amplification and Loops

The Little Theatre provides options for people with hearing loss, including hearing amplification headphones in all theaters. The hearing amplification headphones can also be used for descriptive listening.

Theatres 1, 2, 4, and 5, are equipped with Hearing Loop Systems.

Personal captioning devices are available for all theaters. Please inquire at the box office.

The Little offers open caption screenings when available. Open captions mean captions are visible to everyone, and cannot be turned off. Open caption screenings are currently shown on Thursdays, along with the first matinees on Sundays (please note some films do not have an open caption version). You can find Open Caption shows via thelittle.org (listed in the showtimes on each film page), and on social media.

RBTL Live Theater – Captioned Plays



All performances are **Sunday at 1:00 pm**

“Six” - May 21, 2023

“To Kill a Mockingbird” - June 18, 2023

Open Captioning, made possible by HLAA, is offered during most Sunday matinee subscription performances of the Broadway Season, and select other performances. A text display scrolls words in synchronization with the dialogue and lyrics of the show. Reserve seating in view of the captioning screen in advance or request open captioning for unlisted events, 585.222.5000 or mail@rbtl.org.

Other Theaters

Regal Theatres, Cinemark Theaters, AMC Theaters, and Movie 10 all indicate on their websites that they have closed captioning devices available by asking at the box office.

MAY PROGRAMS

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Lifespan of Greater Rochester is a nonprofit agency targeting the needs of older adults and caregivers. They provide about 30 different services and have collaborated with HLAA for many years. Gabe Geiger, Lifespan’s coordinator of financial services engagement and outreach, will advise on keys to everyday financial stability for older individuals. Among these are:

- Debt management, money management tips and tricks
- Scams and protecting your personal information.
- Advance directives and getting them in place.

Gabe holds a BA degree, certificate of gerontology and is a certified guardian. His experience includes 18 years in banking and 23 years on the financial services team at Lifespan.

Other Programs for May are:

Tuesday, May 2. 10 am -11 am , In-person in St. Paul’s Vestry Room: Joe Kozelsky CCC/A: Hearing Other People’s Experiences (HOPE)

Prospective, new or experienced hearing aid users can share their experiences, questions, and hearing loss journeys in an informal round table format. We learn from one another. Anyone interested in hearing loss is invited to join the hearing aid community.

Thursday, May 18. 10:00 am-2:00 pm Assistive Devices Demo Center. Technology Team. In person. Lifespan, 1900 South Clinton Ave., Rochester 14618.

At this free demonstration area, consumers are invited to view and try out a selection of assistive listening devices before actually buying them. Included are captioning-capable and amplified telephones, signaling-alerting devices and smart phone APP’s related to hearing enhancement . Chapter members are on hand to answer visitors’ questions.

Thursday, May 25. 8:00-pm - 9:00 pm HEAR TOGETHER. Kristin Bergholtz CCC/SLP. Virtual on Zoom.

Speech language pathologist Kristen Bergholtz conducts a virtual support group for parents and caregivers of Deaf/hard of hearing children. Learn more about your child’s hearing loss, services to benefit them, and tips to support their language development while connecting with other advocates of these youngsters. To register, contact kristinbslp@gmail.com

All presentations are free and in real time. Closed captioning is an option for all participants.

Stellar Supporters Keep Our Chapter Humming

By Sue Miller

Our Stellar Supporters are all those amazing volunteers who are not board members.

They may greet people at our meetings, write 'thank you' notes to first-time attendees, send a birthday cards to our members, or serve on a committee. Or they help at the Demo Center, staff an HLAA booth at a healthy fair, or make presentations at libraries. They might bring refreshments to meetings or collect and summarize meeting evaluations.

They may be an advocate for hearing loss, or spread our message to the Veterans' community. The list goes on and on.

This dedicated group of HLAA Rochester Chapter members gather for Zoom meetings on the second Wednesday in November, February, and May from 7 to 8:30 pm. This provides an opportunity to share your ideas on how to make our chapter even better than it already is.

Watch for the link to our next Stellar Supporters meeting on May 10th.

Cochlear Implant Group

The Cochlear Implant Group will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, May 16th at 7:00 pm. To register and receive advance program notice and the required Zoom link, send an email to:

cochlearimplantgroup@gmail.com

An open mic forum will allow participants to share their experiences with cochlear implants and to discuss best practices and emerging technologies. Experienced cochlear implant users and those considering CIs are welcome to attend along with anyone interested in the program.

Participants can advise concerning future program topics of interest. Captions will support access to the discussions.

Apologies for Bad Audio at April Meeting

Moments before our April 4th meeting, Zoom decided it was time to push an update to our host computer. Our setup is relatively complicated, and there are many special settings we have instituted. Unfortunately, that Zoom program update reset some of those settings back to defaults which were incorrect for our situation, and we could not fix them without ending the session. We have purchased some new equipment which will make us less reliant on special Zoom settings, and hope this sort of problem does not re-occur.

Assistive Device Demo Center

Our chapter sponsors the Assistive Device Demo Center where our members and the public can see some of the latest devices available to help them with day-to-day difficulties associated with hearing loss.

The types of devices represented during the demo sessions include signaling-alerting devices, captioned telephones and personal assistive listening devices [with an emphasis on TV listening and coping with noisy environments]. This season, several new, lower cost devices will be shown; including our new self-serve hearing test.



Sessions are usually on the 3rd Thursday of the month. The next demo session at Lifespan, 1900 S. Clinton Ave. (Tops Plaza) on Thursday, May 18th from 10 am to 2 pm. Sessions are free. All are welcome!

Buy Hearing Aid Batteries from HLAA

Our chapter offers hearing aid batteries at our monthly program meetings. Packs of 6 are \$1.50, and a full box of 60 batteries is \$15.00.



HLAA 2023 Convention registration is OPEN!

Join us in New Orleans June 29 – July 1 to learn the latest about hearing health, communication access and the technologies and strategies that help people with hearing loss live well. This three-day event includes the general session with keynote speaker Dr. K. Renee Horton, the Research Symposium, Joy of Music/Loving Your Ears, and a variety of educational workshops.

Events include a Welcome Back Bash, Awards Ceremony, Veteran's Luncheon, Educational Sessions, and the Exhibit Hall.

Questions? Email convention@hearingloss.org.

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Founded in 1979, the mission of HLAA is to open the world of communication to people with hearing loss through information, education, support and advocacy.

HLAA is the nation's foremost membership and advocacy organization for people with hearing loss. HLAA publishes a bimonthly magazine, *Hearing Life*, holds annual conventions, a Walk4Hearing, and more. Check out: [www.hearingloss.org](http://www.hearingloss.org).

The Rochester Chapter, started in 1983, is a dynamic group of individuals working together as a team. To join, please see inside back page. HLAA has a support network of organizations—Rockville, MD; State organizations; and, local Chapters. Welcome!

## **Our Meetings are Hearing Accessible**

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Our chapter meetings will also be streamed on Zoom, with captioning. See our website at [hearinglossrochester.org](http://hearinglossrochester.org) to sign up for access to all future meetings. Please register at least 24 hours before the first meeting you wish to attend, so that you will receive the link by email.

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