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JUNE Calendar

Tuesday, June 5th

10:00 am – HOPE Session–Vestry Room, St. Paul’s

11:00 am - Refreshments/Social Time- Parish Hall

11:30 am – Announcements/Business Meeting

12 Noon – 1 pm – Program Speaker

7:00 pm – Refreshments/Social Time – Parish Hall

7:30 pm – Announcements/Business Meeting

8:00 pm – 9 pm – Program Speaker

Tues., June 12th - BOD – 7-9pm, Al Sigl Center

Thurs., June 21st - Device Demo Center, Lifespan, from 10am to 2pm, free to all. (see page 11)

SAVE THESE FUTURE DATES

Sun., Aug. 19th – 4-7pm; our Chapter’s 35th anniversary party, at Sue Miller’s – (see page 5)

Note-- Device Demo Center, at Lifespan, third Thursday each month is closed July & August. Re-opens Sept. 20th.

Also, no Chapter Meetings in July and August. See you Tuesday, September 11th.

Hospitality Duties for June:

Daytime Meeting –Anne Edwards, Janet McKenna

Evening Meeting –Dan Brooks, Betsy McClain

Board of Directors –Steve Barnett, Art Maurer

We need your support. Please consider joining our Chapter, or renewing your membership. (Please see form inside the back cover)

JUNE PROGRAMS

At St. Paul’s Church, East Ave. & Westminster Rd. 14607
(Enter only through the Westminster Road door.)

Tues., June 5th – 10:00am; Vestry room

HOPE (Hearing Other People's Experiences) session –*Joe Kozelsky, MS, abd, CCC-A (retired)*

Retired audiologist and hearing aid user **Joe Kozelsky** moderates a question-and-answer session for people considering hearing aids and those using them. Join us and share your hearing loss journey and learn from others.

Tues., June 5th - Daytime Meeting -11:00am- Speaker begins at Noon.

CREATING A BETTER ROC EXPERIENCE -
Andrew Moore, Interim Director of Aviation, Greater Rochester International Airport

Some HLAA members commute regularly in and out of the Rochester airport. Others travel occasionally. Andrew Moore, Interim Director of Aviation, highlights the many improvements taking place at ROC as part of the Upstate Airport Economic Development and Revitalization Initiative. This \$79 million project is slated to be complete by the end of October.

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Tuesday, June 5th - Daytime (continued)

According to the ROC web site, "it should transform ROC inside and out to a 21st century airport complete with high tech smart terminal technology and a near 'barrier free' environment to create a better passenger experience."

With eight years at ROC, Moore is a certified member of the American Association of Airport Executives, and secretary of the New York Aviation Management Association.

Tuesday, June 5th – Evening Meeting – 7:00 pm
Speaker begins at 8:00 pm**OVER-THE-COUNTER (OTC) HEARING AIDS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW -**

Ramona Stein, Ph.D., CCC-A

If the current pricing model for obtaining hearing aids shuts out 86% of hearing disabled people who need them because of high costs, can over-the-counter (OTC) hearing aids reduce this gulf?

The Over the Counter Hearing Aid Act of 2017, supported by HLAA, will enable anyone to purchase a hearing device directly from a retailer or online, bypassing an audiologist. These devices are to become available in 2019. They target adults with mild to moderate hearing loss.

Ramona Stein, owner and audiologist at Sounds for Life in Pittsford, explores the controversial issue of OTC hearing devices. She will comment on the OTC Act's purpose, types of devices on the market, and the benefits vs. drawbacks for OTC devices as opposed to purchasing a brand-name hearing aid from a traditional audiologist.

Ms. Stein has practiced audiology for 26 years in a variety of settings.

All HLAA programs are free. Anyone interested in hearing loss is welcome. For more information, view our Chapter website at www.hearinglossrochester.org, or phone 585 266 7890.

**FROM OUR PRESIDENT, AND,
VICE-PRESIDENT**

By Sue Miller and Art Maurer

**An Anniversary Celebration...**

We have a 35th Anniversary to celebrate this year! HLAA-Rochester

Chapter was formed in 1983 as SHHH (Self Help for Hard of Hearing People). Just four years after the birth of the National SHHH! For 35 years our chapter has been an all-volunteer 501c3 non-profit, with no paid staff - a significant feat in its own right. Our membership continues to hover at 200, we wish it were more. Yet, over the decades, how many folks have been helped to better cope with hearing loss? We know it's in the thousands.

To recognize this milestone all are invited to a **35th Anniversary Celebration on August 19** at the home of Scott & Sue Miller, 16 Buckthorn Run in Victor, 14564, from 4:00 - 7 PM. It'll be a gathering of wonderful people with hearing loss, along with family and friends. We listen to everyone, even those without hearing loss. There'll be food and drinks, and great conversation. Please come join us on Sunday, August 19!!! (see page 5)

What are we about?

After 35 years of activity, what is HLAA-Rochester all about? We often use the word SEA as an acronym standing for *Support – Education – Advocacy*. Do those words have any impact? Let's consider each word.

Support leads to improved socialization. We immediately think of the socialization at HLAA events such as our monthly Chapter meetings – people experiencing hearing loss interacting with others having the same challenges. The support of HLAA encourages and gives us confidence to reach

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PRESIDENTS COLUMN (continued)

out beyond our gatherings to stay involved with family, friends, houses of worship, book clubs ... all kinds of groups. Support convinces each of us that other people experience the same problems and frustrations ... and importantly, gives us tips on how to better cope.

Education improves our ability to expedite. Presentations at HLAA meetings by professionals teach us how our ears and brains handle sound, plus we learn about hearing aids and devices available enabling us to hear better. By understanding hearing better and the technologies available to assist, we become more discerning consumers with the ability to improve living with hearing loss.

Advocacy leads to broadening access – access to the sound we so dearly need to fully engage with others. Just as people with physical limitations need flat passageways and ramps, advocacy for better hearing environments gives us access to understandable and intelligible sound. We become aware of improvements that can be made in public places and gain the confidence to ask for what we need. And in theaters and public places, we encourage the use of Open Captioning and Induction Hearing Loops.

The benefit for the individual often reaches far beyond hearing alone. It's been proven that better hearing contributes to improved overall physical health, helps maintain mental acuity, decreases depression; it can even increase longevity. In short, better hearing touches all aspects of our lives.

The Future...

As always we strive to increase our membership. The impact of selective placement of print advertising and exposure on TV is being tested. And we're enhancing our use of social media. There are so many in our community who can benefit from our knowledge and advice; so many who have never heard of HLAA! We're always open to creative ideas.

As we pass on presidential leadership, we are so happy **Dan Brooks and Suzanne Johnston** are picking up the reins. Each has in-depth experience with HLAA and is well connected with younger generations. We will support their efforts and wish them every success. (also, see page 7)

Finally, we thank each and every Rochester chapter volunteer! Working together, HLAA functions to the benefit of our community! Each of us makes HLAA possible!

IMPROVE ACCESS TO NYS COURTS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

By Charlie Johnstone



In the Fall of 2017, the New York State Unified Court System announced the formation of an Advisory Committee on Access for People with Disabilities. The committee is charged with developing an action plan to improve access to the New York State courts for all persons, including those with visual, hearing, communication, mobility, cognitive and other disabilities.

Charles [Chuck] Perreaud, Jury Commissioner for the NY State Courts in Monroe County and Court Interpreting Coordinator, 7th Judicial District - NY State Courts; and a member of HLAA-R PAC for the past two years, is a member of the Advisory Committee. Chuck reached out to HLAA-R asking for consultation on the aspect of possible technical accommodations for people with hearing loss.

On April 12, 2018, eleven members of our chapter attended a demonstration hosted by Chuck Perreaud at the Monroe County Hall of Justice. The goal of the demo was to assess the effectiveness of the continuum of choices available and gather comments and recommendations about the strengths and weaknesses of the various devices; determine how and when they can be most effectively utilized; and recommend other devices and alternatives the participants might be familiar with.

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IMPROVE ACCESS TO COURTS (continued)

After soliciting input from all attendees, a report of recommendations on possible assistive listening system options and associated factors has been submitted to the Advisory Committee. This project is a work-in-progress that could span several years. In the report, Chuck wrote, "Continuing our partnership with [HLAA-Rochester] will be essential to ensuring success."

RBTL LIVE THEATRE—CAPTIONED!

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

Oct. 21st – **A Bronx Tale**
Dec. 16th – **Fiddler on the Roof**

Feb. 10, 2019 – **Chicago**
March 10, 2019 – **Miss Saigon**
April 28, 2019 – **Hamilton**
June 9, 2019 - **Waitress**

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

GEVA THEATRE – CAPTIONED PLAYS !

SAT. shows 2pm;
WED. 2pm & 7:30pm
unless otherwise indicated

Sat. Sept. 8; Wed. Oct. 3 @ 2pm & 7pm – **Hair**
Sat. Oct. 6 @ 2:30pm – **Fortune**
Sat. Oct. 20; Wed. Nov. 7 @ 2pm & 7pm – **Thurgood**
Sun. Dec. 9 @ 12 noon; Wed. Dec. 19 @ 7pm –
A Christmas Carol

Sat. Jan. 12; Wed. Jan. 30 @ 2pm & 7pm – **Hard Cell**
Sat. Jan. 26 @ 2:30pm – **The Magician's Daughter**
Sat. Feb. 23; Wed. March 13 – **The Humans**
Sat. March 30; Wed. April 17 - **Native Gardens**
Sat. April 13 @ 2:30pm - **The Royal**
Sat. May 4; Wed. May 29 – **Revival: The Resurrection of Son House**

"**Erma Bombeck**" is coming. No dates yet.

Call the Box Office at 232-4382. Ask for seats in the "open captions" viewing section.

JCC CenterStage – Captioned Plays!

Wed/Thurs @ 7pm; Sat/Sun @ 2pm
unless otherwise indicated

Sun. July 22; Wed. July 25 at 8pm –
"Dogfight"

Sun. Oct. 14; Thurs. Oct. 18 – **"Becoming Dr. Ruth"**
Sun. Dec. 9; Thurs. Dec. 13 – **"Legend of Georgia McBride"**

Sun. Feb. 10; Wed. Feb. 13 – **"Hit Makers: The British Are Coming"**

Sun. April 7; Thurs. April 11 – **"Indecent"**
Sun. May 12; Wed. May 15 –
"Oklahoma"



Tickets and information are available at www.jcccenterstage.org or (585) 461-2000. Please specify "Captioned Area." Tickets are \$26-29 with discounts for JCC members, full time students and season subscribers.

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In Honor of Sue Miller's Birthday

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LIKE US ON FACEBOOK !

By Jenn Hurlburt

Are you on Facebook? If so, please be our friend. We currently have **331** friends and we want more. Find us at: **Hlaa Rochester Ny**

Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, JULY 31st
 (for the September Newsletter)
 Email: ggraham859@gmail.com

CAPTIONING OF MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETINGS WILL BE CONTINUED !

Great news! Our Daytime and Evening monthly meetings will continue to be **captioned**.

The captioning is done remotely by Alternative Communication Services—it is 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, since 2011. CaptionCall has been a blessing in providing true access for everyone in our chapter, and we thank you!

We also owe a huge debt of thanks to **Dan Brooks, Lorin Gallistel, Charlie Johnstone, and Bruce Nelson** for overseeing the technical set-up needed for this service. Without their dedication in attending *all* meetings, this would not happen!

2018 BUFFALO WALK4HEARING

By Carol Loftus



Plans are well under way for the Walk4Hearing. The Walk will take place on Sunday, Sept. 30th. This year, walkers will gather at South Park, Ring Road, in Buffalo. Please note this new location.

Directions will be given in an upcoming Newsletter. Registration begins at 9 am; Walk starts at 10 am. The Buffalo Walk4Hearing has a goal of \$45,000.

We hope many of you will think about carpooling to attend the Walk. Whether attending or not, please show your support by soliciting donations from family, friends and business acquaintances. For more info, please contact me at cloftus3@gmail.com.

WEBSITES OF INTEREST

Our award-winning Chapter website is:

www.hearinglossrochester.org and

Michelle Gross is our Web Master.

HLAA National website is www.hearingloss.org.

“Tip” from Fred Altrieth: if an address is too long, go to our Rochester website, open the Newsletter and click on the link there.

BIRTHDAYS – 90 YEARS AND OVER...

Everyone: please let me know if you're one of our special Chapter members who will reach the spectacular age of 90 years, or more. If you agree, we'd like to announce it in our Newsletter. It is important to let me know right away as our Newsletters are written two months ahead. Thanks, Ginger
ggraham859@gmail.com; or, (585) 671-2683

IT'S PARTY TIME



YOU ARE INVITED!

Please join us at our HLAA-Rochester Chapter's 35th Anniversary Summer Party at Scott and Sue Miller's home, 16 Buckthorn Run, Victor, 14564, on **Sunday, August 19**, from 4:00 – 7 pm.

Please bring a dish or beverage to pass.

Hots/veggie burgers and dessert will be provided. We need appetizers, salads, main dishes, and condiments/ beverages (wine, beer, iced tea and lemonade).

Sign-up sheets will be available at the June 5th Chapter meetings. All HLAA members and their guests are invited.

RSVP to Sue Miller susanleemiller39@cs.com or Barb Law blaw1@rochester.rr.com by August 12.

We hope to see you there! *Barb and Sue*

ANNUAL DINNER AND AWARDS

By Ginger Graham and Janet McKenna

May 22nd was our Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony where we come together to thank community supporters and recognize chapter members for their gracious contributions.

The **Community Person Award** is given to an individual who has done an extraordinary job of furthering HLAA-Rochester's purpose of helping those who are touched by hearing loss. We were pleased to present **Ralph Meranto**, Artistic Director/Producer, CenterStage with this award.

A chance encounter with a chapter member propelled him into providing opened captions for the Jewish Community Center theater, CenterStage. He acquired financial backing for an open captioning system and has supported it with publicity for several performances in each run. Ralph has augmented his HLAA relationship with service on our Professional Advisory Committee, acting as liaison between theater audiences and the creative department he supervises.

The **Community Organization Award** is given to a business entity. Some of the past winners have been Osher, In Good Health, CaptionCall, Geva, and Wegmans. These entities have gone the extra mile to help HLAA-Rochester and the local hearing loss community. This year's award went to "State of New York Unified Court System – Advisory Committee on Access for People with Disabilities."

Charles Perreaud is one of a team of New Yorkers—lawyers, disability representatives, and other professionals, involved in understanding the requirements of access in courts. Their long-term project to increase courtroom accessibility includes plans for hearing access as well as for numerous other disabilities. Many courtrooms in court houses throughout the state complicate the issue. The team is very serious and very concerned about people with hearing loss.

Mr. Perreaud attended the dinner to accept the award on behalf of the team.

Thank to all of you for all you do for not only our chapter but the community at large.

And last but most certainly not the least is the **Chapter Award** that recognizes a chapter member who has consistently contributed their time and talents to enrich the operations and functionality of our local chapter. By popular vote, we were very pleased to present _____?_____ with this year's award. (*Editor's note: Since our Chapter Award is a surprise until the night of the Annual Dinner, May 22, and this Newsletter goes to press weeks ahead of that date, the recipient will be announced in our September Newsletter. Stay tuned!*)

Finally, the evening concluded with honoring scholarships to deaf or hard-of-hearing (HOH) high school students planning for college. Each student was awarded \$1000 scholarship to further their education. We wish them well in their future endeavors. Their names and colleges of choice will be detailed in our September Newsletter.



CONDOLENCES

By Steve Hart, Au.D.

It is with great sadness to report that Melissa Cushman passed away suddenly on April 27th.

Hart Hearing Centers was fortunate to have Melissa as a valued member of our team from 1987 to present (31 years). She was an incredibly bright and gifted Audiologist who was loved by her patients, staff and her audiology colleagues. Melissa took great pride in not only improving her patients hearing but also their quality of life. She was also an integral part of the office of Dr. Ron Pulli and was very proud of the work and relationships that she had with them.

Melissa will be greatly missed by her patients, staff and colleagues.



HEARING LOOP INSTALLED IN CLASS ROOM

By Mary Wagner

I have been pushing the Perinton Parks and Recreation Department for nearly two years to put an **induction loop system** in the rooms that we use for our senior exercise classes. I met with the Director and explained why the system they had (IR) was useless to those with hearing aids who were attending many of the classes as we are up and down in our chairs, not facing the transmitter, and walking around a lot. I went so far as to write each town councilman personally, explaining the system they had was not functional for those with hearing aids that use the facility. I was invited by the town to participate in a focus group for special needs populations so the Finance Committee could prepare the budget and include items to enhance the existing facilities for use by those populations. An induction loop system was one of those under consideration.

I am thrilled to say that mid-April the **induction loop system was installed in our 55+ department's exercise rooms**. Gary is now able to hear what the teachers are saying! There are a couple of minor kinks to work out. I know of several HLAA members who used to attend classes that stopped coming, in part due to the lack of a usable sound system.

NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS 2018-2019

By Margaret Cochran, Nominating Comm.; and, Sue Miller

The committee is pleased to announce the new slate of officers for our Chapter, from July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019:

President:	Dan Brooks
Vice-President:	Suzanne Johnston
Corresponding Secretary:	Carol Loftus
Recording Secretary:	Stuart Lowenstein
Treasurer:	Gerry Loftus
Assistant Treasurer:	Jo Owens

With many thanks to these folks for stepping up to lead our chapter in future months!

DEHUMIDIFIER FOR HEARING AID and CI

(excerpt from Peninsula Chapter CA NL, Spring 2018)

Why bother having a HA/CI dehumidifier?

A hearing aid/CI dehumidifier is useful if you sweat or are in humid areas. Or forget to take your hearing aid out when you get in the shower! A dehumidifier is a place to store your hearing aid or CI so that it can dry out, so moisture doesn't damage them. Here's a link to a dehumidifier:

<https://www.amazon.com/Super-Dri-Hearing-Dehumidifier-Hal-Hen/dp/B000B7I8FQ>.

Tiny URL: goo.gl/wFhosL.

Don't forget to take out your batteries first. Never put hearing aid batteries in a dehumidifier.

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STUDENT BOARD - ROCHESTER CHAPTER

Our chapter has a Student Board and welcomes students with or without hearing loss to participate. Please go to our website for details. Contact: Suzanne Johnston at suzannejohnston@aol.com.

IF YOU MOVE, or are a "SNOWBIRD!"

Please don't forget to notify **Henry J. Adler, Ph.D.**, Univ. of Buffalo, 137-L Cary Hall, 3435 Main St., Buffalo NY 14214; or – hjadler@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.

***We need your support!
Rising costs are making the
mailing of Newsletters to
non-dues paying members
difficult. Please pay your dues! Thanks so much.***





Sincere happy birthday greetings to these members who will be 90 years or older! Congratulations and many more healthy and happy years!

June 11 – Larry Fersaci; July 27 – Warren Crandall; August 30 – Anna Shapiro.

MY EXPERIENCE IN HOSPITAL AS A PERSON WITH HEARING LOSS

By Barbara Rice

The ambulance arrived quickly after my daughter called 9-1-1. Being a primary care doctor, she recognized right away that I was in trouble, and it was fortunate for me that she hadn't gone to work yet when I called her for help. She met us at the hospital, and was able to describe my predicament to the Emergency Department, so they took me to the Intensive Care Unit. I was awake and aware of what was going on, but in my disorientated state, it was invaluable to have her there as my advocate, and that proved more true for the next five days in ICU and thereafter for ten days in the medical unit.

My hearing loss began when I was a teenager and affected only one ear for many years, but as I aged, the other ear began its decline. For the past 20 years I have been dependent on my hearing aids, even more so in the last 5 years. When I went to the hospital, I was wearing my hearing aids and kept them on the whole time, taking them out only to change batteries. Still, communication was very difficult, and I had to keep reminding the medical people to speak up, look at me, and come close to me. My daughter printed up signs, explaining that I was very hard of hearing, with similar instructions, but the signs were often ignored. For me, the most important thing was having my daughter, or one or two of her siblings, with me as interpreter and advocate. Otherwise, the care I received was exemplary.

I was in critical condition for the first 48 hours or so, and during that time, I was very confused, but somehow, I passed the crisis and began to get better. As I look back on that experience, the difficulty in communication because of my hearing loss was the

most frustrating aspect. The hospital personnel need much more education in dealing with patients with hearing loss. I was surprised that they were not automatically more accommodating. They responded graciously when reminded, but the fact that the patients must deal with many care providers during their stay--many of whom are immigrants with accents--makes it a real problem.

My advice for patients with hearing loss who must spend time in the hospital: Be sure to have a family member, or a friend, to advocate and interpret for you!

TRAVEL TIPS WITH HEARING LOSS

(excerpt from Peninsula Chapter, CA; Spring 2018)

Check out the slide presentation: “Planes, Trains and Automobiles: Travel Tips for People with Hearing Loss” from HLAA’s website. It covers different modes of travel, ALDs, lodging, what to do in an emergency, and what to pack in your carry-on luggage.

It also suggests:

printed copy of your hearing aid settings or map if you will be gone a long time (so a local audiologist doesn't have to work from scratch); phone number to your manufacturer's Customer Care/Service; paper and pen in case your hearing aid or cochlear implant isn't working, and more.

http://www.hearingloss.org/sites/default/files/docs/Travel_Tips_forPeoplewithHL.pdf

Tiny URL: goo.gl/xL2M8r.

DID YOU KNOW...

June 1910 the first ever Father's Day was celebrated in Spokane, WA. (The idea for the observance is credited to Sonora Louise Smart Dodd.)

(Old Farmer's Almanac)

SUBJECTS OF SEPT. 11TH MEETINGS:

Daytime & Evening—Will be decided at the June 26th Program Planning meetings.

HELP HLAA VIA THE UNITED WAY

We continue to be a United Way “Donor Designated Option” choice. We are not a direct United Way agency and do not receive any funding from their general campaign. Therefore, to donate to HLAA, we ask you to consider donating to us through the “Designated Option” on your gift card.

Our United Way number is 2425.



Your past support is deeply appreciated. As with other gifts, your donation enables our chapter to continue to provide education, help, and advocacy for people with hearing loss, their families and their friends. Alas, even though the local chapter is a totally volunteer organization, there are still costs such as printing, postage, phones, and technical items. Many thanks!

DID YOU KNOW...



LET FREEDOM RING!

1776 – the formation of the United States of America was proclaimed.
 1832 – “America” was first sung publicly.
 1960 – the 50-star U.S. flag flew for the first time.
(Old Farmer’s Almanac)

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With sincere thanks for donating to our Chapter!

We need your support! Rising costs are making the mailing of Newsletters to non-dues paying members difficult. Please pay your dues! Thanks so much.



PLANNING THE PROGRAMS FOR YOUR CHAPTER MEETINGS – June 26

Do you have new ideas for speakers or programs for our monthly HLAA Chapter meetings...if so, we would love to hear about them! Please plan to attend either the Daytime Program Planning meeting held by Sue Miller, or, the Evening Planning meeting held by Barb Law, to give them your ideas for possible topics for the new season from September, 2018, to June, 2019.

Daytime meetings planning session:

Tuesday, June 26th, at 9:30am – coffee & conversation; then, discussion 10:00-Noon – Sue’s home, 16 Buckthorn Run, Victor, 14564.

Evening meetings planning session:

Tues., June 26th, at 6:00 – 9pm with Barb Law, in the 1st floor Conf. room, Al Sigl Center; light snacks. Both meetings are on the same day.

RSVP: Please email (or, call) either Sue or Barb and let them know you’re attending. We appreciate an RSVP for seating and food! Hope to see you at one or both of the meetings! We’re eager for your suggestions!

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TRAVEL HELP

(excerpt from Peninsula Chapter CA, Spring 2018)

The *Hearing Health* magazine issue of Summer 2017, is devoted to Travel. Go to <https://hearinghealthfoundation.org/hearing-health-magazine> and scroll to the bottom to see that issue, which is packed with ideas for traveling with a hearing loss. (Tiny URL: goo.gl/kRLZD4)

“DEFINITION OF A FRIEND...someone who says nice things about you when you aren’t around.”

Charles Shultz (aka Peanuts)

CANANDAIGUA MUSIC FESTIVAL

By Al Suffredini

The annual Canandaigua Music Festival will be held July 20-29. The link below will take you to the site which lists the concerts, and the dates. They are at Finger Lakes Community College (FLCC) Auditorium, which has a 405 seat capacity and is accessible with an FM system. They also have neck loops which have worked quite well with me.

<https://lakemusicfestival.tix.com/Schedule.aspx?OrgNum=1829> -Tiny URL: goo.gl/JyfDJ2.

OLD HEARING AIDS AND CI'S

By Janet McKenna, MLS

When you upgrade to a new hearing device, hang on to the previous one. You may need it for backup in case of damage or malfunction, accident, or mishap to the new one.

On a blustery Spring day in a supermarket parking lot, a gust of wind blew my hat off my head . Chasing it down, I then drove off to be shocked and dismayed on arriving home: one of my cochlear implants was gone.

After digging out the old CI from its box, we drove back to the supermarket. A Good Samaritan had found it undamaged, unstomped on or driven over, and turned it in to Customer Service. What luck! and the old CI I had to use still worked well enough. You never know.....

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I've learned

That just one person saying to me, 'You've made my day!' makes my day. (*Andy Rooney*)



"Hearing Other People's Experiences" –June 5th

By Joe Kozelsky

HOPE will meet at **10:00 am** in the Vestry Room at St. Paul's church. Led by Joe Kozelsky, MS, CCC-A (ret.) Retired Audiologist and hearing aid user.

Hearing Aid Candidacy and OTC Hearing Aids--hot topics at our April 3rd session:

There were two primary topics discussed. The first was about **hearing aid candidacy** and what level and configuration of hearing loss would make an individual a candidate for amplification. One of the attendees brought in copies of their audiogram which demonstrated borderline-to-clear candidacy. We talked a little about the relative importance of the different frequencies of the audiogram for understanding speech, and we were able to provide a real-life example of when it would be appropriate to think in terms of moving forward.

Next we talked about **over-the-counter hearing aids (OTCs)** and how they will differ from the currently available devices (Personal Sound Amplification System) which can sell for very little up to \$300 or so. The primary difference is that the OTC hearing aids will be required to meet certain standards in order to qualify as "hearing aids." As such, it may be that they will not be as inexpensive as we would like to see. The point was also made that there will likely be a series of "gates" that prospective users will need to consider to determine their candidacy. Nevertheless, all agreed that the OTC hearing aids could likely be a very good place for individuals with **minor** hearing losses to start their journey with amplification.

We hope you stay for our routine June 5 Chapter mtg:
Social Time-- 11:00 – 11:30am, Parish Hall.

Business meeting-- 11:30 – Noon.

Chapter Meeting speaker-- Noon to 1:00pm. "Learn how the airport will be hearing accessible." Andrew Moore

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INMATES WITH HEARING LOSS

(submitted by Al Sffredini)

Recently, the Justice Department reached a settlement agreement with the South Carolina Dept of Corrections (SCDC) under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Under the agreement, SCDC will ensure that inmates with hearing loss are provided effective communication and the opportunity to participate equally in SCDC's services and activities.

The agreement ensures that inmates with hearing loss will not be excluded from participating in SCDC's programs including vocational and religious services. SCDC will also provide telecommunication services so that inmates with hearing loss may communicate with their families and attorneys the same as hearing inmates. Go to: <https://www.ada.gov>, or call toll free, 1-800-514-0301 or 1-800-514-0383 (TDD).

WHAT PEOPLE WITH HEARING LOSS EXPERIENCE *(excerpt from Fox Valley News, WI, March 2018)*

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ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICE DEMO CENTER

By Charlie Johnstone, and Sue Miller



Once again, thanks to the enthusiastic efforts and due diligence of those involved, the Demo Center session on April 19th was a great success! All played a key role, whether they were actually there or helped with the preparations. Heartfelt thanks to **Lorin Gallistel and Charlie Johnstone** who were "trainers" and to our member volunteers--**Al Baker, John Curtis, Michelle Gross, Eric Matson, Nancy and Doug Meyer, Sue Miller, and Barbara Rice.**

Thirteen visitors stopped and inquired about listening and alerting devices. The types of devices represented during the demo sessions include signaling-alerting devices, captioned telephones, personal assistive listening devices and hearing aid accessories. Be watching for new videos...and please let us know if you would like to see a device that's not demonstrated; we're always looking for new ideas. (chasjohnstone@hotmail.com)

The next demo session at Lifespan is June 21st, 10am to 2pm. The Device Center is open the 3rd Thursday of each month (**except July and August**). The June session will be the last one until Thursday, September 20th.

Come around Noon on June 21st and enjoy a slice of pizza with us!

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