



JANUARY CALENDAR & PROGRAMS

Featured Presentation

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

NOON - 1:00 PM AT ST PAUL'S PARISH HALL AND ON ZOOM

Aging & the Interplay of Hearing, Cognition, and Emotion During Communication ; Dr. Kathy Pichora-Fuller

Dr. Kathy Pichora-Fuller, Professor Emerita (Psychology, University of Toronto) and Adjunct Professor (Gerontology, Simon Fraser University) will explain how hearing, cognition (e.g., attention, memory), and emotion are involved in communication, how aging, with or without hearing loss, affects communication and provide tips for older adults to improve communication. For over three decades, Dr. Pichora-Fuller has translated her research on auditory and cognitive aging to address the rehabilitative needs of older adults with age-related hearing and cognitive impairments, with a more recent focus on social engagement and healthy aging.



Other January Meetings and Programs

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

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

Prospective, new, or experienced hearing aid users informally share their experiences, questions, and hearing loss journeys.

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

11:30 AM - NOON AT ST PAUL'S PARISH HALL: Chapter announcements and business meeting

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM ON ZOOM: Board of Directors Meeting

The Chapter's New Leadership Structure

By Dan Brooks, Past President

I am writing this month due to my capacity as one of the Division co-leaders to share some insights regarding the "new structure" that has been implemented within our organization.



As one of the individuals involved in the conceptualization and implementation of this new structure, I deemed it fitting to shed light on its core principles and objectives. I have collaborated closely with esteemed chapter members such as Art Maurer, Sue Miller, Suzanne Johnston, OC

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REFRESHMENTS

We appreciate our members who have volunteered to bring refreshments to our January 7th meeting: Margaret Cochran, Christine Rankie, Paul Stager, and Dan Wolf.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

10:00 am - 2:00 pm - Assistive Device Demonstration Center. Technology Team. In person. Lifespan, 1900 South Clinton Avenue

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 APPs related to hearing enhancement. Chapter members stand by to answer your questions.

Tuesday, January 28

8:00 - 9:00 pm on Zoom: Hear Together: Kristin Bergholtz CCC/SLP./Carly Alicea Au.D/Ph.D

Speech language pathologist Kristin Bergholtz conducts a virtual support group with audiologist Carly Alicea.

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. To register, contact kristinbslp@gmail.com.

Please check our Chapter Website [hearinglossrochester.org](https://www.hearinglossrochester.org) for any changes

The Chapter's New Leadership Structure

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members, and others to develop and refine the framework that we now operate within.

The primary motivation behind this new structure was to redistribute responsibilities more equitably across various divisions, thereby alleviating the significant burden that traditionally rested on the chapter president. By adopting this approach, we aim to foster a more inclusive and sustainable leadership model that encourages participation and reduces the hesitance associated with assuming the role of president.

Drawing from my own experiences serving as president on two separate occasions, I understand firsthand the demanding nature of the position. As the current past president and co-leader of the Officer Division alongside Suzanne, our incumbent president, I am committed to ensuring a smooth transition and optimal functioning of our organizational structure.

The "new structure" comprises five principal divisions: Administrative, Community Support, Outreach, Technology, and Officer Division. While these divisions represent our current organizational framework, it is worth noting that amendments and additions may be made as we progress through the initial phases of this restructuring process.

With each division led by two co-leaders, we aspire for a collaborative leadership approach that promotes shared responsibilities and prevents overburdening any single individual. Ideally, we encourage division leaders

to also hold positions within the Board of Directors and/or Operations Committee, although it is not mandatory.

The role of division leaders primarily revolves around facilitating communication among committee members and the respective chairs such that pertinent issues are addressed promptly and effectively. This streamlined communication channel not only enhances transparency but also streamlines decision-making processes within our organization.

Moreover, by empowering committee chairs to liaise with division leaders, we hope to foster a culture of active engagement and collective responsibility, thereby reducing the administrative load on our president and division leaders. We believe that by optimizing our internal communication channels, we can enhance organizational efficiency and productivity in the long run.

In conclusion, I urge each of you to embrace this "new structure" wholeheartedly and actively engage with your respective division leaders to facilitate a seamless transition. Together, we can navigate these changes and propel our organization toward greater success and sustainability.

Thank you for your attention, and I look forward to your continued support and collaboration as we embark on this transformative journey together. I also want to give Suzanne Johnston a special thanks for her stepping up as our president and ensuring a promising future for our organization for years to come! Thank you Suzanne!

HLAA New York State Association Report

by Peter Fackler, President -- Board of Directors



The annual meeting of HLAA-NYS took place Saturday, December 7th. This newsletter's press deadline (end of November 2024) prevents our reporting out the meeting's proceedings until the February issue...stay tuned.

As I reported last month, the Board of Directors determined to move ahead with a fall 2026 state conference pending ironing out the contractual details with the venue. In early November, we reached an agreement with Holiday Inn Saratoga Springs where the conference will take place. Mark your calendar for October 2 - 4, 2026; details to follow as they are available.

The chapter pays \$1.01 to the Post Office any time a newsletter is returned because of an address change. Please email info@hearinglossrochester.org when you change your address.

HLAA Rochester Cochlear Implant Group Announcements

By Pete Fackler

Our Cochlear Implant (CI) Special Interest Group meets on Zoom, 4 times each year. We have people participating from across the USA.

The Tuesday February 18th 2025 program will feature Suzanne Johnston sharing her knowledge on aural rehab and its benefits for cochlear implant users.

The final program meeting for the year is set for Wednesday May 21st, 2025; the agenda for the meeting has not been set as of this writing.

To receive program announcements regarding our Cochlear Implant Group and to be invited to attend, interested parties should send an email to cochlearimplantgroup@gmail.com. You will become part of the list used for distribution of meeting Zoom links and other communications. Anyone who has an interest can be a part of the cochlear implant group.

The National Report

By Peter Fackler

At its recent meeting in Rockville, the HLA A Board of Directors heard from a panel of presenters concerning an upcoming research project to investigate the utility of assistive listening systems in museum and performing arts venues. The report included the following summary as pretext to the wider discussion.

Project R2 is one of four projects under the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Technology Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center (RERC). The funding agency for the RERC grant is the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR). NIDILRR is the federal government's primary disability research organization and is part of the Administration for Community Living, a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Accessibility and inclusion practitioners from The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and Smithsonian Institution will collaborate to investigate and evaluate the viability of assistive listening technologies for applications within museum and performing arts venues. The project will explore the functionality and usability factors of assistive listening technologies (such as induction loops, infrared, radio frequency, Wi-Fi, and Auracast) across cultural genres and in a range of environments, at exhibition areas, classrooms and/or meeting rooms, information desks, large and small-scale theaters and/or auditoriums, and portable systems for guided tours and programs.

Auracast is of particular interest in the emerging technology space. Based on low-energy Bluetooth, it unifies the mainstream world with that of hearing devices and assistive listening technologies for the first time in history and has the potential to be transformative. The project will be conducted with substantial input from user experts and members of the hearing loss community at all stages, ensuring fidelity and responsiveness to the user experience as a critical success factor.

HLAA is a subcontractor on the grant and will gain insights into and an understanding of the project and possibly influence the research design.

Local members of the HLA A community or even those visiting the DC area (while testing is taking place) will have an opportunity to participate in the research.

The HLA A Board engaged with the panelists from the Kennedy Center and the Smithsonian on a number of questions, but the most pressing concern was the exclusion of captioning from the project's research. Several board members, including myself, emphasized the importance of captions for individuals with hearing loss and other groups. We urged the panel to recognize the value of captions as a tool for accessibility and to recommend their inclusion in future initiatives, even though they were not initially considered in the project's scope. We stressed that captions provide a crucial solution in environments where other assistive listening systems may not adequately address the needs of all patrons.

HeardThat – Easier conversations in noisy places - A review

by Steve Sells, Peninsula Chapter HLA A

HeardThat, available on both the Apple store and the Google store, uses AI to separate speech from background noise, using your phone's built-in microphone. How? It is described on the *HeardThat* website, <https://heardthat.ai>

To listen to *HeardThat's* output, link your phone via Bluetooth to your hearing aid or cochlear implant. Technical support for such a configuration is available by clicking on the Feedback button. Try out *HeardThat* for yourself.

The actual performance of *HeardThat* noise removal is very good, sometimes excellent even. I've been very impressed with what *HeardThat* can do. I haven't tried the food court environment used for the website demo.

Chapter Member's Article Published

One of our fairly new, and very active chapter members has an article in our national magazine, *Hearing Life!* Jenn Lowden, chair of our Book Club and an Operations Committee member, wrote about Book Club Strategies from a Librarian with Hearing Loss. Her article is on page 25 in the Fall/Winter 2024 issue. Congratulations, Jenn!

Open Door Mission Collection

Please bring any gently used items to our monthly chapter meetings to be delivered by Marlene Sutliff to the Open Door Mission for the benefit of the people and families they support.

SAVE THE DATES



Get Revved Up for the HLAA 2025 Convention

Start your engine and join us at HLAA's 40th annual convention, June 11–14, 2025, in Indianapolis, IN—host of the famous Indy 500 automobile race. Our annual event brings together hundreds of people with hearing loss from around the U.S. to learn, discover and connect. Check out the latest technology and hear from health and industry experts during a series of empowering events designed to help you live your best life with hearing loss.



Online registration will be available starting in January 2025, with Early Bird Rates through March 14.

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Captioned Entertainment Around Rochester



JCC Center Stage - 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. All captioned performances are on Sundays at 2 pm.

The Little - 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.



The REV (Merry-go-Round) Theatre in Auburn has a state-of-the-art Assistive Listening System, which makes use of FM to transmit sound over radio frequency directly to the listener's ear. While the overall system is FM, they also have individual induction loops for each device. For information about the REV Theatre's productions, see <https://therevtheatre.com/>

GEVA Theatre Center - 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, 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.

RBTL Live Theater - Open Captioning, made possible by HLA A, is offered during most 1 pm 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.

Roc Cinema has a hearing loop and some Saturday matinee movies are open-captioned.

OFC Creations Theatre at Winton Place has an M system and receivers with hearing loops for T-coils.

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. The Strand Theater in Brockport, has individual displays on goosenecks available.

"HOWALS" Project

Houses Of Worship
with Assistive Listening Systems

Each month, our chapter's Education and Outreach Committee will be featuring short vignettes of various congregations in the area who have installed assistive listening systems.

The Church of the Transfiguration



The Church of the Transfiguration is located at 50 W Bloomfield Rd in Pittsford, NY.

Aside from a great sound system, parishioners and visitors are all treated to a world-class, whole-space inductive hearing loop designed and installed by Applied Audio & Theatre Supply of Rochester, plus dedicated loop receivers from an HLA A member-Parishioner for folks without-coils.



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. Chapter members stand by to answer questions.

Sessions are usually on the 3rd Thursday of the month. The next demo session is at Lifespan, 1900 S. Clinton Ave. (Tops Plaza) on Thursday, January 16th from 10 am to 2:00 pm. Sessions are free. All are welcome!

Buy Hearing Aid Batteries from HLA A

Our chapter offers hearing aid batteries at our monthly program meetings. You may purchase a pack of six for \$1.50, or an entire box (60 batteries) for \$15.00.



HEARING LOSS BOOK CLUB

LET YOUR MIND WANDER THROUGH BOOKS!

Join us for a captioned Zoom discussion of the book:

Deaf Girl: A Memoir of Hearing Loss, Hope, and Fighting Against the Odds
by Abigail Heringer

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 20 7:00PM-8:00 PM

- Moderated by Jennifer Lowden, Assistant Director of the Chili Public Library and member of HLAA.
- Email libraryladyjenn@gmail.com if interested in attending. A zoom link will be sent out a few days before the discussion.
- This book is available for borrowing through the Monroe County Library System, Libby, Hoopla or by purchase from Amazon.com

Hear Together: Parent/Caregiver Support Group

by Kristen Bergholtz, Speech Language Pathologist

Are you looking to connect with other parents or caregivers of children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing (D/HOH)? Join "Hear Together," our parent/caregiver support group! We provide a safe and supportive community for parents and caregivers to come together, ask questions, share insights, and discuss strategies for supporting the success of children who are D/HOH.

Our group is facilitated by a speech language pathologist, Kristin Bergholtz, and audiologist, Carly Alicea. We encourage parents to lead conversations, ask questions, and suggest topics of interest, ensuring that everyone can share and gather the information they need.

Participants have shared that they "have finally found their people" in our group, discovering deeper connections for themselves and their children. This group offers the opportunity for support, self-care, gratitude, and knowledge sharing to enhance the lives and success of children who are D/HOH.

Please email kristinbslp@gmail.com to receive meeting reminders and the Zoom information.

Join us on the fourth Tuesday of each month (skipping December) on Zoom from 8:00-9:00 pm. Closed captioning will be available. We look forward to seeing you soon!

A Baseline Hearing Test: An Unexpected Necessity

Adapted from a posting on Facebook

While most of our readers most certainly have had their hearing tested, you might pass this on to friends and relatives who have never been tested.

"It's easy to overlook our hearing health until something goes wrong. But as I learned firsthand, having a "baseline" hearing test can be crucial in unexpected situations.

Years ago, I was in a car accident. A speeding driver hit me head-on while I was stopped. The impact was jarring, and the airbag deployment was deafening. In the aftermath, I was completely deaf. Thankfully, my hearing gradually returned over a few days, but it never fully recovered.

Then came the insurance company's shocking revelation: there was no coverage for my hearing loss because I didn't have a pre-accident hearing test to establish a baseline. They argued I could have been deaf beforehand!

This experience taught me a valuable lesson: get a baseline hearing test. It's a simple, often free, precaution that can protect you in the future. You may never need it, but if you do, you'll be grateful you have it.

Remember, accidents happen. Be prepared."

The Magicians at St. Paul's Episcopal Church

By Sue Miller

Before the first Tuesday of each month, the Parish Hall at St. Paul's Episcopal Church is quite sparse. Then just before our monthly chapter meeting, the church sextons, Bob Potter and Dave McEntee, do their magic and set up the following: Greeter's



Potter McEntee

Table and chairs (complete with file boxes for signing in), six large round meeting tables with 48 chairs, Library lending table (with bags of books) and heavy wooden Display case, Technology tables and chairs, refreshment tables, along with the refreshment bins .

They fill up the coffee urn with water and make sure it's hot for early arrivals. They remember to place the orange cones in the parking area for our speakers. If special serving dishes/trays/silverware are needed, they let us borrow them from the kitchen. And the best part of all is their gracious attitude and requests to ask if there is anything else we need.

Our sincerest thanks to our magical friends, Bob Potter and Dave McEntee!

KNOW YOUR LEGISLATORS

New York State Legislators 2025

The Legislative Committee of the Rochester HLAA Chapter would like to encourage you to become even better advocates for hearing loss. One way to do this is to first know your state legislators! Fill in this form and keep it handy. We all have the same two United States Senators and the same Governor.

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2. There are 435 members of the House of Representatives in the US. Who is your representative in New York State? Possibilities are: Nick Langworthy (23rd Dist), Claudia Tenney (24th Dist), Joe Morelle (25th Dist), Timothy Kennedy (26th Dist), etc. Who is yours?

Your Representative's name _____ District _____

3. There are 63 State Senators in New York State. Possibilities are: Pamela Helming (54th Dist), Samra Brouk (55th Dist), Jeremy Cooney (56th Dist), George Borrello (57th Dist), Thomas O'Mara (58th Dist), Kristen S. Gonzalez (59th Dist), Sean Ryan (61st Dist), Robert Ortz (62nd Dist) Who is yours?

Your State Senator's name _____ District _____

4. There are 150 Members of the Assembly in New York State. Possibilities are: Brian Manktelow (130th Dist), Jeff Gallahan (131st Dist), Philip Palmesano (132nd Dist), Andrea Bailey (133rd Dist), Josh Jensen (134th Dist), Jennifer Lunsford (135th Dist), Sarah Clark (136th Dist), Demond Meeks (137th Dist), Harry Bronson (138th Dist), Stephen Hawley (139th Dist), Paul Bologna (144th Dist), David DiPietro (147th Dist), etc. Who is yours?

Your Assembly Member's name _____ District _____

The Monroe County Election Board phone number is 428-4550. Call them if you want to know who your legislators are. If you do not live in Monroe County, search the web for your County Election Board.

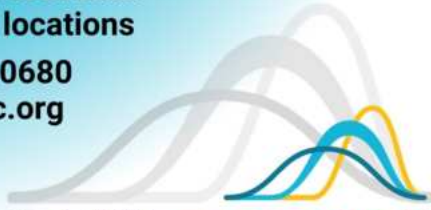
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While our primary focus is directed toward people with hearing loss, we welcome everyone to our chapter meetings whatever their hearing ability.

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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**

We meet in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, East Ave. and Westminster Rd., across from the George Eastman Museum. Parking is available at the George Eastman Museum, if needed.

All meetings are audio looped and captioned. 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.

*Everyone, with or without a hearing loss, is welcome to join our meetings online or in person.*