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### DECEMBER Calendar

#### Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Tues., Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> – Board of Directors

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

Wed., Dec. 26 – Rear Window Captioned movie, Loew's  
Webster – Canceled due to holiday. See you in 2013 !

### SAVE THESE FUTURE DATES

Note: Our Chapter meetings will be Tues. Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>

Tues., Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> – BOD – 7:30pm, JV room, ASC

Tues., Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> – PAC – 7:00pm, JV room, ASC

Wed., Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> – RWC movie, Loew's Webster

**WEATHER – During the winter, the rule to follow for  
cancelations of meetings is: IF THE ROCHESTER  
DISTRICT SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED, OUR  
MEETING IS CANCELED. (No other notification  
will be made.)**

### Hospitality Duties for December:

Daytime Meeting – Pete Fackler, Elise de Papp  
Evening Meeting – G. Graham, B. Law, G. Radtke  
Board of Directors – Barb Law

*Please sign up to help when the "Refreshment  
Sheet" goes around!*

### *WELCOME ALL NEWCOMERS TO HLA!*



### DECEMBER PROGRAMS

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

**Tuesday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> --Daytime meeting – 11:00 am**

**"GIVE YOURSELF THE GIFT OF LEARNING  
THROUGH OSHER" – Ed Salem**

Rochester is one of only two places in New York, and the only one upstate, to host a location of Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI). **Ed Salem**, a retired professor of electrical engineering at RIT, will tell us about this campus-based network of more than 120 centers for older learners.

OLLI is housed at RIT. There are 500 to 600 members in the local chapter. Academically oriented courses on an extensive range of subjects are presented by the members. There are day and overnight trips, guest speakers, and other festivities.

Of special interest to HLA members is Osher's excellent assistive listening device setup, planned through NTID.

**Ed Salem** is the chair of the Osher Council and serves on the Advisory Committee. He teaches Osher courses and was awarded the Gleason Award for outstanding teaching during his tenure at RIT.

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## **Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> - Evening Meeting – 7:00 pm**

### **“GETTING LOOPED FOR THE HOLIDAYS” –**

*Tony Strong, Williams Sound LLC; Don Bataille; and, Tim Whitcher*

Learn to install your own home hearing loop as taught by Tony Strong, the national sales manager for Williams Sound LLC. His presentation will focus on the “in’s and out’s” of new technology for loop systems, common misconceptions about loops, and some strategies for audio coupling with hearing aids. We’ll also see pictures of actual installations.

Williams Sound is a manufacturer of wireless audio communication products including loop systems. The company has been “helping people hear” for over 30 years, working with audiologists and professional audio contractors in both consumer and professional marketplaces.

Tony has worked in the audio industry as an integrator, sound engineer and sales management professional. Co-presenting with him are Don Bataille, past president HLAA Rochester Chapter, & Tim Whitcher, member, Technology Committee.

*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**. A sign language interpreter is available for evening meetings only. To request an interpreter for an evening meeting, contact Linda Siple at 585 475 6712, a week in advance. (Please note, this phone is only for those needing an interpreter.)*

*The Hearing Loss Association is a nationwide organization dedicated to advocacy, education and support for people with hearing loss. For more information visit our website: [www.hlaa-rochester-ny.org](http://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.*

## **HLAA/Rochester’s Holiday Good Deed**



**Both daytime and evening** meetings will feature a Holiday gift box of personal care items destined for homeless people at the Open Door Mission in Rochester.

### **What can you contribute?**

Any of the following (and things we haven’t thought of) would be appreciated:

Shampoo, conditioner, hair spray, comb/brush, soap, deodorant, feminine sanitary items, mittens/gloves, scarves, socks, single pack tissues, toothpaste/toothbrush, shaving cream, talcum powder, etc. etc.

### **No need to wrap your gift!**

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## **LEADERS COLUMN**

*By David Koon*



I apologize for such a short message. My campaign for NYS Assembly has been time-consuming. I hope everyone has a joyous and peaceful holiday. All of us must keep in mind

when we are attending holiday parties or even family events that we must remind people of our hearing loss. It is a disability we have but we still want to be part of the conversation. We have to remind folks:

- They do not have to yell for us to hear them.
- Please slow down your speaking so I can better understand you.
- Please look at me when you’re speaking.
- Please, only one person talking at a time!
- Multiple conversations come into my ears as a jumble of noise, and I can’t understand what is being said.

Enjoy your holidays and enjoy your wonderful conversations. Don’t be afraid to give people the “rules to your hearing better.”

**PARENTS COLUMN***By Katy Kuczek*

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

**Newsletter Deadline**

**FRIDAY, NOV. 30<sup>TH</sup>**  
(for the January Newsletter)

Email: [ggraham859@frontiernet.net](mailto:ggraham859@frontiernet.net)

**NEWS FROM RHSC***By Ryan Kelly; Scott Perkins*

Rochester Hearing and Speech Center is happy to announce our 2012-2013 Annual Appeal. The annual support of our donors continues to provide better communication for life to adults and children of all ages. By donating to the annual appeal, you are supporting the miracles that occur through the Center every day. Miracles such as helping provide a hearing assessment so a father can finally hear his son laugh or enabling a child to receive speech services to correctly pronounce her words. We hope you will consider supporting RHSC, as gifts of all sizes make a huge difference to the children and adults we serve.

Donations may be made payable to Rochester Hearing and Speech Center, and mailed to RHSC, 1000 Elmwood Avenue, Suite 400, Rochester, NY 14620. Thanks for considering this.

**“CAPTIONING” AT MOVIES**

Where to go to find **local movies** that are **captioned** (with titles, dates and times of the movies) since the D&C lists movies only in their Thursday “Weekend” section, check these websites: [www.captionfish.com](http://www.captionfish.com) - or - [www.fandango.com](http://www.fandango.com) - or - [www.fomdi.com](http://www.fomdi.com).

Rear Window Captioning is at AMC Loew’s Webster. You obtain a device at the office area in the lobby that looks like a rear-view mirror which is on a “gooseneck” flexible support. The device is put in the cup holder at your seat. Only you see the captions on the film.

SONY Glasses are available at Regal theatres. You obtain the glasses and leave your name with the manager. He needs to ‘program in’ the correct number for the theatre showing the captioned movie. The glasses will fit over your own glasses.

**RBTL LIVE THEATRE--- CAPTIONED!**

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

December 2nd – **Memphis**  
February 10th – **Addams Family**  
March 10th – **Book of Mormon**  
May 12th – **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](mailto:info@rbtl.org) .

**GEVA Theatre Offering Captioned Plays!***By Bonnie Butkas*

We are offering captioning for some shows of our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season. All performances are on Saturday, at 2:00pm.

January 12<sup>th</sup> –**Next to Normal**  
February 23<sup>rd</sup> –**Book Club Play**  
April 6<sup>th</sup> –**The Whipping Man**  
May 11<sup>th</sup> –**Midsummer Night’s Dream**

The Box Office is available to take ticket orders and subscriptions— 232-4382. Ask for seat in the Open Captions viewing section.

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.

**We Welcome All Donations**

Please make your check payable to: **HLAA-Rochester**  
*HLAA is a 501©(3) organization.*

Mail to: Ms. Joanne Owens, 1630 Woodard Road,  
Webster, NY 14580

*Be sure to designate:*

This donation is: In Memory of; or, In Honor of,  
or, Birthday congratulations,

And who to send the Acknowledgment to. Thank you.

## NEWS OF CHAPTER MEMBERS

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to **Vern Thayer**, who is 96 years young December 4<sup>th</sup>. And, he still enjoys tennis! In addition, Vern is the oldest person in the country doing Apheresis blood donations. Congratulations, Vern !

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“Expect a cold winter when....

Bushes are full of berries,  
Hornets build their nests near the ground,  
Rabbits are fat in October and November!

*(from The Old Farmer's Almanac, 2012)*



*For Your Donation to HLAA:*

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E. Kanter, H. Mowl, B. Outterson, W. Rae,  
V. Sorrento, Jr., T. Sullivan

*In Memory of Mary Jane Damico: J. Littwitz*



The National HLAA Convention will be held in Portland, Oregon, June 2013. The off-site event is planned for the World Forestry Center in Washington Park. Hold the date on your calendars now! Watch this spot for details in upcoming Newsletters.

## CAPTIONED CHAPTER MEETINGS

CaptionCall is continuing to provide captioning for our Day and Evening Chapter meetings through **2013** (at a cost of \$3,000 to CaptionCall).

**Tim Whitcher and Bruce and Candi Nelson** have worked hard to maintain the captioning system. It has helped us fill in the gaps when we can't quite understand via the hearing loop. We thank them for their effort!

## 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](mailto: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.

## BENEFITS OF COCHLEAR IMPLANTS

*(from Greater Miami Area Newsletter, Sept. 2012)  
(suggested by Ginny Koenig)*

An FDA web site of facts, with thanks to Howard Watson for sharing this link.

- Better understanding of speech.
- Understanding speech without lip-reading.
- The implant can make it easier to understand familiar voices over the telephone.
- Understanding speech on the TV can be easier.
- Some can enjoy music.

Risks of Cochlear Implants?

- General anesthesia risks
- Risks from the surgical implant
- Operating procedure

For more information, go to:

[www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/ProductsandMedicalProcedures/ImplantsandProsthetics/CochlearImplants/ucm062843](http://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/ProductsandMedicalProcedures/ImplantsandProsthetics/CochlearImplants/ucm062843)

## FUN FACTS

The Genesee River is one of the few rivers in the world that flows south to north. *((from D&C 11/27/11))*

## WEBSITES OF INTEREST

Our chapter website is: [www.hlaa-rochester-ny.org](http://www.hlaa-rochester-ny.org). **Michelle Gross, Barb Law, and Richard McCollough** are updating our website. (Also, Rochester chapter now has a presence on Facebook, thanks to **Cindy Kellner**.)

(Submitted by Cindy Kellner)

Rochester Healthy Living now has an online site which lists "Healthy Events." They are including info from our chapter on their site. Go to: [www.talkabouthealthy.com](http://www.talkabouthealthy.com), and click on "Happenings," and be sure you're on the proper month calendar.

(Submitted by Barb Law and David Koon)

A blog from our recent featured speaker, Gael Hannan, on Hearing Loss Travel Tips. Go to:

<http://hearinghealthmatters.org/betterhearingconsumer/2012/a-hoh-on-the-road-hearing-loss-travel-tips/>

Another humorous site ... "I Tawt I Heard a Puddy-Tat: Hearing the Animals." Go to:

<http://hearinghealthmatters.org/betterhearingconsumer/2012/i-tawt-i-heard-a-puddy-tat/>

(Submitted by Al Suffredini)

From CNN Health. Stem cells help deaf gerbils to hear. About 37 million Americans have some level of hearing loss. New report indicates help may be coming via embryonic stem cells that restore some hearing in impaired gerbils. But more investigation is needed before the technology can move to humans. Go to:

[http://thechart.blogs.cnn.com/2012/09/12stem-cells-help-deaf-gerbils-hear/?hpt=hp\\_bn12](http://thechart.blogs.cnn.com/2012/09/12stem-cells-help-deaf-gerbils-hear/?hpt=hp_bn12).

Neckloops & Silhouettes. General Technologies, from California – headphones, earphones, neckloops, silhouettes, CI adapter cords – [www.devices4less.com/](http://www.devices4less.com/), and, [www.devices4less.com/Listening.html](http://www.devices4less.com/Listening.html).

## NEWS FROM NTID

*By Greg Livadis*

Here's a link to a story recently posted about a grant NTID has to study students with cochlear implants and their sign language and learning history.

<http://www.ntid.rit.edu/news/receives-23-million-study-sign-language-cochlear-implants-and-learning>

(Also, see article in D&C of Nov. 6, 2012)

## HUMOR -- "Presidential Bomber"

*By Nick Graver*

While driving (with the usual road noise and wind roar) the car radio was giving the NPR news. I was startled to hear mention of a **Presidential Bomber**. Something I had not been following at all. Turns out it was an account of campaign activity of President Obama.

My wife reminded me that listening through to the end of most statements, the words all do make sense, and the story becomes clear.

### Subjects of Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> Chapter Meetings

**Daytime** – "Research on Hearing Loss at the UR – Dr. Paul Allen

**Evening** – "When Are You Ready for a Cochlear Implant? – Dr. Paul Dutcher

**Flu Shots** –The CDC recommends getting your flu shot now. Because flu is contagious 1-2 days before symptoms appear, it can be spread before we know we're infected. For more info, go to: [www.cdc.gov/flu](http://www.cdc.gov/flu).

## MORE GOOD REASONS TO JOIN NATIONAL!

*By Ginger Graham*

You really should belong to **both** our Rochester Chapter and to HLAA National. Why? There is so much to learn from our National organization, with only limited amounts of information finding its way into our monthly award-winning Chapter Newsletter. If you were better informed, it's fair to say you would be reaching out by sharing new information with your families, professionals, and others. Before we were founded, people with hearing loss were not recognized because we were not united. Think about it! Where would we be today without HLAA!!

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"When we recall Christmas past, we usually find that the simplest things-- not the great occasions--give off the greatest glow of happiness."

Bob Hope, 1903 - 2003

## ANNOUNCING OUR CHAPTER'S 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

*By Meredith Low*

Have you ever wondered just how the Rochester Chapter of the Hearing Loss Association of America got started, when it was started, and by whom? The national organization had a different name then; its original title was "Self Help for Hard of Hearing," and it was affectionately referred to as "SHHH" (the letters were spoken).

In September of 1983, **Mark Hargrave** contacted **Sue Miller** and asked if she'd like to attend a luncheon on September 19th sponsored by the Regional Council on Aging (now known as Lifespan), featuring **Rocky Stone**, founder of SHHH, and **Vern Thayer**. Mark said he would be out-of-town and could not attend, would Sue go in his place? Sue did attend the luncheon, and after that, Rocky spoke with her at length.

He asked if she'd come to the organization's national office in Bethesda, MD, where Sue attended a meeting and did a great deal of reading. This eventually led to the first official meeting of the Rochester Chapter, held on November 1, 1983 at Sue Miller's house. Present were the following people: **Hal Hood, Vern Thayer, Mark Hargrave, Bob Henning, Bob Call, Dot Schieven (later, Dot Hammond), Jeannette Kanter, Char Stio and Sue Miller.** **Harriet Adams** and **Bill Rae** were invited, but weren't able to make the meeting. Can you believe that next year, we'll be celebrating 30 years!!



Plans are in the works for a gala 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration! This special event will be held at the historic Inn on Broadway in downtown Rochester, in its very elegant ballroom, on Sunday, November 3, 2013.

This event is just one of many held by the Rochester Chapter of HLAA. We make every effort to spread the word and to help people with hearing loss obtain new skills through education, advocacy and even entertainment! These are some of the reasons why membership in the Rochester Chapter is such a hot deal for only ten dollars a year!

Save the date now! and, watch our Newsletters for more details in the coming months.



## LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

*By Cindy Kellner*

On Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup> I traveled to Bethesda, Maryland to attend a Leadership Training Conference sponsored by National HLAA. I was thrilled to be asked by National to attend. There were 26 attendees from all across the United States. It was an empowering and invigorating weekend where I learned a great deal about what National is doing, what other chapters are doing, how to deal with the challenges we face and what interpersonal skills to use in dealing with people in general.

Let me begin by telling you how proud I was to represent Rochester at this conference. If you don't already know it – our chapter is an amazing group of truly dedicated and caring individuals. In many instances, I took the lead at the conference, sharing what the Rochester chapter does and what has been successful. The attendees were impressed with our award-winning Newsletter, our programs and our involved and committed membership. It made me realize how lucky I was to have found the Rochester chapter when dealing with the challenges of my own hearing loss.

On day one, we heard from **Lise Hamlin**, National's Director of Public Policy who works hard trying to educate people about the issues facing people with hearing loss and advocating for things and policies that will make our world a better place, such as consistent and readily available close captioning where needed. The rest of the day was devoted to understanding and managing behavioral differences and effective communications.

On day two, **Brenda Battatt**, National's current Executive Director, addressed the group on other things National is doing and on how important it is to join National so that your voice is heard and counted. Time was devoted to maximizing social media (we already have a Facebook Page) and creating a powerful website (ours is fantastic), as well as how to attract and keep members.

All in all, it was a great conference, and I'm so grateful to have been asked to attend.

## “MY STORY” – A Personal History of Hearing Loss

By Vern Thayer



For several years, I have considered myself the luckiest hard of hearing person in the country!

My story begins with the fact that I had 2 wonderful role models—

my father and my younger sister, Harriett. When I began to lose my hearing, in my early 30's, I was disappointed but not surprised. Fortunately, my loss was quite uniform, and my comprehension was good, and I needed only amplification.

In 1983, our own **Sue Miller** attended a meeting at Life Span where **Rocky Stone** was the featured speaker. She has a hearing loss and decided what she had learned from Rocky should be shared. So Sue invited a small group of people, all of whom had a hearing loss, to her home to discuss what she had learned. I was one of those lucky people. We decided to meet every month, and this led to the formation of the Rochester SHHH Chapter (Self Help for Hard of Hearing).

This proved to be another step in my good fortune. My hearing worsened gradually, and fortunately remained quite uniform. SHHH (now, HLAA) was very important to me because, through SHHH, I was able to keep abreast of technological improvements. So, luckily, my hearing loss and technology kept pace, and I was able to continue to do well.

While vacationing in Florida in 2004, in two days my hearing died. I was deaf. Luck was still with me because through SHHH/HLAA I knew about Cochlear Implants. As soon as I arrived home, I met with **Dr. Paul Dutcher**. He examined me thoroughly and, finding no medication that would help me, we arrived at the decision to have an implant. The insurance company decided that, because of my age, I should have a second opinion. So I went to Syracuse for further testing. They provided the insurance company with a very upbeat report supporting Dr. Dutcher's findings, and so, I had the

Cochlear Implant. The operation was successful, and now I could hear again.

So, with all these things working in my favor, you can see why now in 2012, at almost 96 years of age, clinically deaf but culturally hard of hearing and still able to communicate, I consider myself the luckiest hard of hearing person in the country!

*(photo compliments of Connie Welch)*

## BLUETOOTH NECKLOOPS

By Michelle Gross

The subject of “Neckloops” is confusing to many people with hearing loss. Learning there is something called a Bluetooth neckloop may cause a real Excedrin Number 1 headache!

A traditional neckloop is a coil of wire, which goes around the neck and plugs into a sound-producing device. The neckloop sends the sound signal from the device to the telecoil (“T”) in a hearing aid or cochlear implant.

A Bluetooth neckloop is also worn around the neck but uses a specific type of radio frequency technology (RF) to transmit voice and data wirelessly for a distance of about 30 inches. *Both the device and the neckloop must be Bluetooth capable and “paired” to each other.* Bluetooth neckloops are commonly used with cell phones.

The advantage of using Bluetooth technology is that the signal is of good quality and it's wireless. Most hearing aid manufacturers make their own Bluetooth transmitters. Oticon's Streamer, Siemens Tek, Phonak iCom, for example. Stand-alone neckloops are also available: <https://www.clearsounds.com/node/65>, <http://www.amazon.com/Linear-Bluetooth-Neck-Loop-Silver/dp/B002QVQ4G0> are just two examples.

For the more technically minded: because of the amount of power needed, chip size, and processing factors for using Bluetooth in hearing aids, signals need to be converted to something which can be used by a hearing aid or cochlear implant. A Gateway device is required to convert the Bluetooth signal to near-field magnetic induction (NFMI) or radio frequency (RF), thus the external transmitter.

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**BLUETOOTH NECKLOOPS** (continued from p. 7)

Hearing aid and CI manufacturers are seeking ways to add wireless technology to their devices. Bluetooth will be one of a number of systems, which will provide us with the convenience of freedom from wires.

(Websites supplied by Tim Whitcher)

You can get a Bluetooth Neckloop for your T-coil enabled HA or CI

<http://www.cellularforless.com/products/9960/MaxIT-Bluetooth-Inductive-Neck-Loop-Set--For-Hearing-Aids-Only-.html?gclid=CL7h2537I7ICFYSo4AodnQsArg>

OR

[http://www.maxiaids.com/products/7616/Geemarc-BlueHook-Bluetooth-Neck-Loop-20dB-Single-Hook.html?utm\\_source=Froogle&utm\\_medium=organic&utm\\_campaign=Froogle&idAff=15225&gclid=CJ\\_o76r7I7ICFUhN4AodU2cA2g](http://www.maxiaids.com/products/7616/Geemarc-BlueHook-Bluetooth-Neck-Loop-20dB-Single-Hook.html?utm_source=Froogle&utm_medium=organic&utm_campaign=Froogle&idAff=15225&gclid=CJ_o76r7I7ICFUhN4AodU2cA2g)

OR

[http://www.antonline.com/p\\_CLS-CLA7-BT-GP\\_574382.htm?sID=GP&gclid=CKGdtrf7I7ICFQj4Aod0EUAHw](http://www.antonline.com/p_CLS-CLA7-BT-GP_574382.htm?sID=GP&gclid=CKGdtrf7I7ICFQj4Aod0EUAHw)

**LOCAL COMMERCIALS HIT INTOLERABLE DECIBEL LEVELS** (from D&C 8/16/12)

All of the national networks are able to control the volume of national commercials. It is a shame that some local advertisers are not forced to do likewise. I don't think people will buy more cars or furniture just because the volume is louder than the normal listening level. In fact, the advertisers who do tell their story at a normal level are the ones who are hurt the most. Why? Because many of us use the "mute" feature to protect our hearing, and normally keep the "mute" on during all of the commercials!! - Robert Walton, Brighton

**THUMBS UP !**

(from D&C 3/17/2012)

For the **George Eastman House** for providing Sign Language tours of the house by a deaf docent. With Rochester's sizable hearing-impaired community, providing Sign Language tours is an appropriate service that more local destinations should consider.

**REMEMBER THE DATE.....**

Our January Chapter Meetings will be **Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**, because of the holiday on the 1<sup>st</sup>.

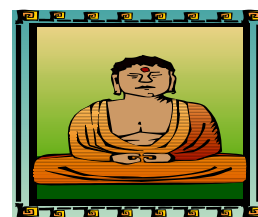
**BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE FROM TROOP 31**

(by Laura Chaba)

Boy Scout Troop 31 has been volunteering and offering their manpower to support our Walk4Hearing each year. They have been an invaluable help. Now it's our turn to "pay it forward." For many years, the troop has sold high quality trees, wreaths and boughs to support summer camp opportunities and programming for the boys. Won't you consider buying your tree from them this year? They have sizes from table trees, apartment size, high ceiling, and several varieties as well.

**Where:** Corner of East Ave and Meigs St. (in the Third Presbyterian Church parking lot)

**When:** Everyday from November 24 til December 24<sup>th</sup>.  
Cash or checks only.



We wish everyone a happy holiday season, with peace, love, happiness, and good health in the New Year.

Sincerely, *Ginger, Janet, Joan and Michelle*





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**Pittsford Hearing & Balance, LLC**  
56 North Main Street  
Pittsford, NY 14534  
877-381-6050

Clifton Springs Hearing Center, Inc. 4 Coulter Road Clifton Springs, NY 14432 800-827-0140	West Lake Hearing Center, LLC 229 ParrishStreet, St.240 Canandaigua, NY 14424 877-394-6775
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