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SEPTEMBER Calendar

Tuesday, Sept. 8th

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 pm – 9 pm – Program Speaker

Tues., Sept. 15th – Board of Directors
7:00 – 9pm, 1st floor CR, Al Sigl Center

SAVE THESE FUTURE DATES

Tues., Oct. 6th –Dr. Richard Salvi, Featured Speaker, at 5pm. NOTE: There will be NO Noon Daytime meeting. (see page 11 for more info)

Tues., Oct. 13th – BOD meeting, 7:00-9pm,
1st floor CR, Al Sigl Center

Tues., Oct. 20th – “CI Group” 5:00-6:30pm,
St. Paul's church (see page 6...for more info)

Tues., Oct. 20th – PAC meeting, 7pm,
1st floor Conference room, Al Sigl Center

Sun., Oct. 25th - RHSC Walk -Eastview Mall

Sun., Nov. 1st – Daylight Savings Time Ends

Hospitality Duties for September:

Daytime Meeting –Ginger Graham, Marlene Sutliff
Evening Meeting – Laura Chaba, Ginger Graham
Board of Directors –Mary Chizuk

Please sign up to help when the “Refreshment Sheet” goes around!

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



SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS

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

Tues., Sept. 8th – Daytime Meeting – 11am
Speakers begin at Noon

St. Louis Convention Review

Met them in St. Louis; met them at the train station!

Seven HLA-Rochester delegates joined others with hearing loss in St. Louis at HLA national's annual Convention from June 25 to 28.

Share--exciting convention events being reviewed at BOTH chapter meetings--daytime at 11:00am **and** evening at 7:00pm. Delegates will comment on their experiences and reactions to workshops and exhibits designed to help individuals with hearing loss deal with their communication problems.

Presenters and their topics are:

MARGARET COCHRAN-- overview of Convention workshops divided into tracks for advocacy, technology, hearing aids/cochlear implants and relationships/communication.

ELISE de PAPP, MD--Consumer Technology Initiative, an upcoming web-enabled national resource for hearing enhancement solutions. Also, untreated hearing loss: its deleterious effects.

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Tues., Sept. 8th – Daytime Meeting (continued)

BARB LAW--smart phones as assistive technology.

NANCY AND DOUG MEYER--the "Roger pen" and Quattro 4 microphone demonstrated.

Also, remarks of retired Sen. Tom Harkin, D-IA, whose signature piece of legislation was the Americans with Disabilities Act.

SUE MILLER--building stronger and better local chapters.

VERN THAYER--98-year old Vern recalls severe post-convention weather.

Tues., Sept. 8th – Evening Meeting – 7:00 pm
Speakers begin at 8:00 pm

A repeat of the daytime meeting.

The St. Louis Union Station Hotel, a reconfigured railroad station, was the Convention venue. A transportation hub from 1894-1975, it was transformed into a huge hotel in 1985. "The hotel was as large as it was magnificent," notes former chapter president Elise de Papp, M.D. She enjoyed daily "sound and light" shows projected on the ceiling of the Grand Hall.

HLAA-Rochester welcomes all community members with an interest in hearing loss.

HLAA-Rochester chapter meetings are held in the Parish Hall at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, East Ave. at Westminster Road, across from the George Eastman House. Enter through door on Westminster Road. All programs are audiolooped and captioned. Those needing a sign language interpreter for an evening meeting should contact Linda Siple at 585 288 6744, or, lasnss@rit.edu, 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 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.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Cindy Kellner

Much to Look Forward to...



I love beginnings. They bring with them such hope. This coming fall marks the beginning of HLAA-Rochester's 2015-2016 year. Once again I will be heading up the chapter, as I start

my second term as President. I am honored and very excited about the prospects this year holds. I hope you are too.

Over the summer a few of us (**Margaret Cochran, Dr. Elise de Papp, Carol Loftus, and Sue Miller**) kept busy by planning HLAA-Rochester's annual Featured Speaker Program. This year I am excited to report that we are bringing in the much distinguished and recognized Dr. Richard Salvi.

Dr. Salvi will be speaking Tuesday, October 6th. The lecture will begin at 5:45, with the doors opening at 5:00 pm. We are thrilled to report that this year's presentation will be at the beautiful Rochester Academy of Medicine located at 1441 East Avenue. Dr. Salvi will be speaking about how the auditory system works and some of the consequences of auditory path breakdown, including the potentially debilitating symptoms of hearing loss. I have been told he is an excellent speaker and comes highly recommended. Personally I think it is a real feather in HLAA-Rochester's hat to bring him here to speak on such an interesting topic and at such a distinguished Rochester landmark. I hope you all can make it. As always, admission is free and there will be a hearing loop and captions.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO 11 a.m. MORNING MEETING OCT. 6TH.

A few of us also spent part of our summer trying to persuade our Albany and Washington, DC representatives to help the hearing loss community by sponsoring legislation to include hearing aids and hearing evaluations in Medicare coverage or, as an

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN (continued)

alternative, offering the hearing loss community a tax credit for the purchase of hearing aids. Oh, how I wish I could tell you that we were successful, but sadly such is not the case. However, I keep reminding myself that “Rome was not built in a day” and thus we should not give up.

Congresswoman Louise Slaughter listened and was very sympathetic, but realistically said there was very little she could do. State Senator Rich Funke’s staff was also sympathetic and sincerely promised to look into our issues, and we are anxiously waiting to hear back from them. Our very own **Joe Damico** who heads up our Legislative Committee is on top of these issues, and we are blessed to have his diligent attention to details. It is my hope that 2015-2016 will see some movement on either hearing aid coverage or a tax credit. My goal is to stay on top of these issues and push as hard as we can. I’ll keep you posted on our efforts.

I am also very excited about our upcoming programs for the 2015-2016 year. In addition to our regular monthly programs, November 5th we will again partner with Lifespan in presenting another excellent “Day of Hearing.” Exposure to hearing loss issues is key and this program works to open this door for so many people.

November is set to be a great month and I am super excited to let you know that our chapter is once again bringing back the nationally recognized hearing loss lecturer and comedian, Gael Hannan. This is, in my opinion, a “must not be missed” program. Gael is blessed with an exceptional sense of humor and not so blessed with significant hearing loss. She combines the two and the results are priceless. I guarantee you that she will have you laughing in your seat. She definitely cannot be missed. (Watch this Newsletter for more details.)

I have simply highlighted a few of the many things I am looking forward to in the upcoming season. My greatest anticipation, however, is to be able to again work with all of you. I have said it before and I will say it again--HLAA-Rochester members are truly an amazing group of people. Everyone is

compassionate, educated and deeply committed to our shared goal of improving life for the hearing loss community. As we move forward, let’s not forget that together we can do so much. I look forward to working with all of you again. Let’s “hear” it for 2015-2016!

GETTING BACK TO WEGMANS...

By Elise de Papp, M.D.



Last Fall, Wegmans invited our members to test out the newly installed hearing loops in their Hylan Drive and Calkins Road stores. Loops are now in use at the pharmacy, and one check out, and the customer service desk. They appreciated our help and have sent a donation to our Rochester chapter! Loops are now also installed at the Pittsford Plaza Wegmans. Now here comes the request--they need/want our feedback!

We're asking each one of you to use the loop.. If it doesn't work for you, say so. Above all, if the person behind the counter says that they don't know how to use it – speak up, ask them to find someone who can show them. If they aren't sure, I show them my remote control, show them how I change it to telecoil (it shows up on tiny screen on the remote) and explain it. Wegmans has gone to great lengths to install these loops, and we need to get back to them not only with constructive comments but also with praise! Very few people even inquire as to what the blue "ear with line through it" sign means. We have a ways to go!

THE HUDDLE IN FOOTBALL...

(submitted by Brian Fox)

The 'huddle' in football was formed due to a deaf football player who used sign language to communicate, and his team didn't want the opposition to see the signals he used and in turn huddled around him.

RBTL LIVE THEATRE--- CAPTIONED!

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

Oct. 11 – Newsies
 Nov. 15 – Motown
 Dec. 20 – White Christmas
 March 13, 2016 – Beautiful
 April 17, 2016 – Matilda
 May 15, 2016 – Dirty Dancing

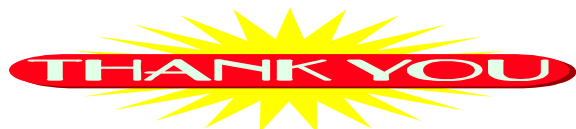
Tickets become available 6 weeks in advance of each show. Request seats in “open captions” viewing section.
 Call 222-5000; email, info@rbtl.org .

GEVA Theatre Offering Captioned Plays!

All performances are **Saturday, at 2:00pm** (except-- A Christmas Carol)

Sept. 12 – Spamalat
 Oct. 24 - Red
 Nov. 29 - A Christmas Carol --**SUNDAY**
 Feb. 20, 2016 – To Kill a Mockingbird
 April 2, 2016 – A Moon for the Misbegotten
 May 7, 2016 – The May Queen

Call the Box Office at 232-4382. Ask for seat in the “open captions” viewing section.

**From the Brady Dickens Fund Raiser:**

Christopher & Andrea Balls
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Thanks to all who have renewed their membership.
 If you haven't renewed yet, please consider a donation when you renew your membership. Thanks so much!

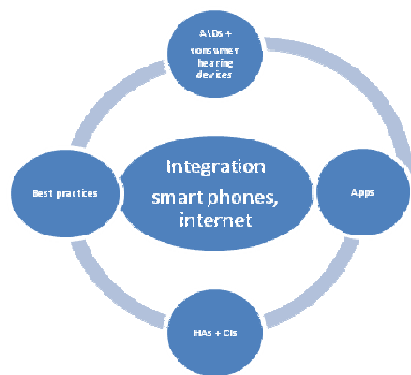
HLAA CONVENTION, ST. LOUIS, MO., JUNE 2015

By Elise de Papp, M.D.

Seven members from our Rochester chapter attended. As always, the convention was inspiring and motivational. Above all, the camaraderie amongst the 1000+ attendees is wonderful – it's so easy to talk to anyone because we all understand our needs. Sen. Tom Harkin, IA, who is one of us, gave one of the opening convocation talks including mention of HR 1653, a bill requesting Medicare coverage for hearing aids.

Workshops, demos, and the exhibition hall were full of technology; the conventioners were told that's what you wanted to hear about.

The CTI – Consumer Technology Initiative – is the new HLAA concept in hearing enhancement technology. Rather than focusing on HAs/CIs as the sole solution to hearing difficulties, **especially hearing in noise**, picture the new concept as a group of overlapping rings with a central integration point surrounded by concentric rings of hearing accessibility.



The central ring is you as an individual and whatever technology integrates your hearing needs best with what's available; for example, smart phones + internet. The outer rings include Apps, HAs and CIs, best practices, ALDs and consumer hearing devices.

Due to complexities in the hearing health care delivery system, finding the right technology for you may be daunting.

This new concept partners with consumers and providers to demonstrate how new and emerging assistive technologies can help. HLAA is developing an online product directory where we will be able to locate products and services to enhance hearing in various communication situations. This directory will allow the consumer to review and rate products, link them to their website, and engage in online discussion about them. This is a brand new idea – stay tuned – you will be hearing much more, especially on hearing in noise, one of our most prevalent issues.

See the Hearing Loss Magazine - July/Aug. 2015 from National for details.

We Welcome All Donations

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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.

INCREASE LIFE OF BATTERIES

*By Steve Frazier, New Mexico Chapter;
suggested by Ginny Koenig*

"With waiting five minutes, you can increase the lifespan by 85 percent," said Manuell.

Some hearing aid battery packets, in microscopic print, do warn that for best results the battery should sit un-tabbed for one minute, others offer no instructions at all. But by carefully monitoring how long the batteries lasted in the toy bugs, after being left un-tabbed for various amounts of time, Ethan came up with his five-minute rule. "If you wait five minutes, you'll get the longest battery lifespan," he said. Go to <http://www.kare11.com/story/news/education/2015/06/09/mn-8th-grader-makes-medical-discovery/28771777/> for the whole story.

SPECIAL FUNDRAISER FOR HLA A

By Sue Miller

Three cheers for Brady Dickens! Brady is a 17 year-old student at Victor High School, who just happens to have a hearing loss. He and his family usually participate in our annual Walk4Hearing, but this year on Walk day, Brady's soccer team needed him even more than we did. Wanting to still support HLA A-Rochester chapter, Brady organized a "Music Fest" fundraiser.

On Friday, May 15th, Brady and several of his friends gathered at the Dickens' home and played the piano, sang, strummed guitars, added a harmonica while playing *Piano Man*, and entertained the crowd with a young woman playing her violin. Light refreshments were served and by the end of the evening, Brady and his friends had raised \$845 for HLA A-Rochester Chapter! Thank you, Brady, for your loyalty, dedication, and ongoing support!"

CAPTIONING OF MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETINGS WILL BE CONTINUED !

Great news from CaptionCall! 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 for the 5th year in a row...such an incredible gift to our chapter.

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 **Candi and Bruce Nelson**, and **Tim Witcher** for overseeing the technical set-up needed for this service. Without their dedication in attending all meetings, this would not happen!

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 2 months ahead. Thanks, Ginger

ggraham859@frontiernet.net; or, (585) 671-2683



COCHLEAR NUCLEUS 6 UPGRADE

(submitted by Al Suffredini)

Cochlear Americas is excited to announce that the FDA approved the Cochlear™ Nucleus® 6 Sound Processor Upgrade for the Nucleus® 22 Implant.

FDA approval is the first of many steps to launch a new upgrade. Cochlear is currently assembling inventory and working diligently with software engineers to release a software update needed for audiologists to program the Nucleus 6 Sound Processor for the Nucleus 22 Implant with a full-market release about October 1st.

COCHLEAR IMPLANT GROUP

The CI meeting is held twice a year. The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, Oct. 20th, at 5:00– 6:30pm** at St. Paul's Church, East Ave., Vestry Room. Enter rear door along fence. Light refreshments provided. All are welcome, with or without a Cochlear Implant.

Contact: Bob or Carol Bradshaw at RCBradshaw@aol.com

Our speaker will be Lisa Lamson, Clinical Territory Manager, Cochlear Americas, speaking on the new Nucleus 6, position of T-coils, ALD's, and more. Lisa has been an audiologist for more than 20 years and started working with Cochlear Americas in 2006. She has also recently worked in the Pediatric Audiology Research Lab at Syracuse University and is an adjunct professor at Syracuse University as well.



WEBSITES OF INTEREST

Our Chapter website is: www.hlaa-rochester-ny.org. **Michelle Gross** is our Web Master. (**Barb Law** continues as consultant.) The website for HLA A National is: www.hearingloss.org. Congratulations! Our Rochester Chapter has won the National Award for best Website.

IN MEMORIAM

Phyllis MacDonald passed away peacefully at 101 years of age, on May 10th. She lived a wonderful life and was a remarkable woman. Trained as a nurse, she briefly practiced as a realtor with the beginning Nothnagle company.

She was a dynamic, vivacious, petite woman, who projected a sophisticated manner and great sense of humor, in her elegant clothes and signature high heels, which she wore well into her 90's.

Phyllis was an enthusiastic and major supporter of the Hearing Loss Association. In 1996, together with her husband, J. Stuart MacDonald, she made the first donation to the Rochester Chapter scholarship fund. In 2010, she established the J. Stuart and Phyllis I. MacDonald Fund at the Rochester Area Community Foundation. Funds from this account are used exclusively for HLAA outreach efforts.

In her later years, Phyllis delighted in watching her daughter, Susan Miller's indefatigable work for our organization, and in encouraging that work wherever possible.

Her philanthropy, her generosity, and her zest for life will be remembered by all of us who had the privilege of knowing her.

HLAA-ROCHESTER GIVES BACK

By Cindy Kellner

This was another extraordinary year for HLAA-Rochester. We awarded eight Rochester high school seniors with hearing loss \$1,000 scholarships to help with the cost of their continued college education. The awards were handed out at our Annual Dinner on June 16th. Seven recipients joined us, along with their families and they all expressed their gratitude.

Our scholarship program was started in 1996 with a grant from **Mr. & Mrs. J. Stuart MacDonald**. With this year's awards, we are proud to report that HLAA-Rochester has awarded \$86,500 to 102 recipients. That is amazing. Today most of our scholarship funds come from money raised at our annual Walk4Hearing held in May. This year's awards were again made possible by a generous donation from the MacDonald Fund at the Rochester Area Community Foundation. We cannot thank them enough for participating in this worthy cause.



Highlights of the evening were the Scholarship Recipient Awards presented by Cindy to Brianna Borrelli, Felicia Ellsworth, Abraham Glasser, Elisha Muir, Samantha Penman, Dwain Pratt, Daniel Spencer, and Stephanie Spring.



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Newsletter Deadline

MONDAY, AUGUST 31ST
(for the October Newsletter)

Email: ggraham859@frontiernet.net

DAY OF HEARING



Our second annual "Day of Hearing" is planned for Thursday, November 5th, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., sponsored by HLAA-Rochester, Lifespan, and Nazareth College. There will be hearing screenings and tables for exhibits, literature, and ALD's to demo. Several audiologists will be giving presentations. Please plan to attend! Watch this Newsletter for more details.

IF YOU MOVE

Please don't forget to notify **Margaret Cochran**, at 178 Crossover Rd., Fairport, NY, 14450, or, via email at mc23@rochester.rr.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.

BRIDGING THE COMMUNICATION GAP WHEN STOPPED BY THE POLICE

(by Cary, Peninsula California HLAA Chapter, Spring 2015)

Here are two different wallet cards that you can show the police that you have hearing loss:

One is from this website:

<http://www.hearinglosshelp.com/articles/visorcards.htm>.

Neil Bauman, Ph.D., shares a story on WHY you want to have this wallet card and corresponding visor card with you!

You can either order them or download and print your own. Or you can create your own, printing only the lines that apply to you:

- I am not able to hear well, and I may not be able to communicate effectively in all situations.
- I use speech reading to communicate. Please do not shine a light in my eyes or cover your mouth with your hand.
- Please face me and speak clearly.

- Please speak slowly and don't shout--shouting distorts your voice.
- Please write notes if necessary.
- Please have your dispatcher send a sign language interpreter.

VENUES WITH ALS OR CAPTIONING

By Tim Whitcher

Have you seen a movie or a show that has an Assistive Listening System or Captioning system and would like to share your experience with your fellow members? Did your church or synagogue install or upgrade such a system, and you'd like to make that known?

Please contact Tim Whitcher at hlaa.rochester@yahoo.com with the info that you'd like to share. (Please mark your email to Tim's attention.) Likewise, if you have a question regarding such a venue, please contact Tim.

HYBRID COCHLEAR IMPLANT

(submitted by Betty and Tom Jennings)

Early evidence suggests hybrid cochlear implants may benefit millions with common form of hearing loss. Multicenter study shows that device leads to major improvements in hearing/speech recognition. Full article at:

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2015/07/150728120202.htm#.VbfEY1RkxOY.email>

WALK-ABOUT WITH RHSC

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, October 25th, at Eastview Mall

This year's event promises fun for all ages. New this year is a Scavenger Hunt and more surprises to come.

8:30 am -Registration, 9:30 am --Walk starts
Watch this Newsletter next month for details.

RHSC supports our Walk in May. Now it's our turn to walk for RHSC October 25th.

ANNUAL DINNER OF HLAA-ROCHESTER CHAPTER

By Barb Law, Special Events Chair

“Without a doubt the most enjoyable of all the banquets/dinners I attend. Very well done everyone.” Words from **Joe Kozelsky** when describing our Annual Dinner on June 16, 2015 at Cobblestone Creek Country Club in Victor, NY.

Seventy eight people attended the event, enjoying an evening of fellowship, delicious food, and special presentations. Social hour began at 6 pm and at 7 pm, **Rabbi Shamai Kanter** read a poem to bless our dinner gathering. After dinner, Mistress of Ceremonies **Cindy Kellner** listed the Chapter’s achievements over the past year.



Through the generosity of **Marlene Sutliff**, Cindy gave **Sue Miller** a 101-year old glass, rose paperweight engraved in memory of Sue’s mother, **Phyllis MacDonald**, who along with her husband, contributed generously to our chapter’s scholarship program since its inception. Mrs. MacDonald passed away May 10th, at the age of 101.

Tim Whitcher recognized outgoing Professional Advisors--Doug Klem, Catherine Lee, Kendra Marasco, and Rebecca VanHorn. **Marlene Sutliff** presented the Community Person Award to Tom Parrish, Executive Director, Geva Theater Center. **Sue Miller** presented the Community Organization Award to Regal Entertainment Groups, with Bob Cedeno and Matt Fisher accepting.

The Rochester Chapter Award was presented by **Joan Ewing to Tom and Betty Jennings** for their faithful work maintaining our database for the Newsletter and membership mailings for the past 25 years.



Cindy Kellner thanked outgoing Board of Directors member **Joe Kozelsky** for his many years of service to HLAA-Rochester.

Special thanks go to **Ginger Graham and Janet McKenna** for greeting guests, **Cindy Kellner** for coordinating the scholarship winners and presenting awards, **Joe Kozelsky** for preparing the awards, **Sue Miller** for preparing 78 name tags, **Art Mauer and Al Suffredini** for serving as photographers, **Barb Law** for table seating, **Mary Chizuk** for flower centerpieces, **Jo Ann Owens** for collecting the reservations, **Sue and Scott Miller** for hosting the event and coordinating the reservations, **Don Bataille** for setting up the induction loop, and to everyone who contributed to the scholarship fund. Thanks also to Cat Hardestey for interpreting, and to **Art Maurer** who brought photos from the Walk4Hearing for display on a laptop during the evening.

It was a perfect evening for our dinner with mild temperatures, sunshine, and a slight breeze. We look forward to seeing you next year.

(photos courtesy of Art Maurer)

UR AUDIOLOGIC RESEARCH PROFESSOR WINS NATIONAL AWARD

By Elise de Papp, M.D.

In the Rochester Review, July/Aug 2015, Professor Laurel Carney, Professor of biomedical engineering at the UR, has been awarded the Acoustical Society of America’s William and Christine Hartmann Prize in Auditory Neuroscience.

Dr. Carney presented at one of our monthly program meetings a few years ago; some chapter members have participated in her research on improving hearing aids.

THOUGHTS ALONG THE WAY...

“Laughter is the shortest distance between two people.”

By Victor Borge --“A Laugh A Day” from Joan Ewing

HLAA-ROCHESTER STUDENT SUBCOMMITTEE OP!

By Suzanne Johnston

Our Rochester Chapter of HLAA is growing! Are you a young adult? Want a great way to help the community while gaining leadership experience?

A NEW *HLAA Student Subcommittee* has been forming this summer and we expect to begin great things in the Fall of 2015! We are looking for high-school to college-age students (or young adults recently graduated) who are interested in joining together to develop community awareness of hearing loss and to promote access for those who are HOH/deaf.

If you have a hearing loss, or are deaf, or are hearing but interested in promoting the mission of this group, please call or text Suzanne Johnston at (585) 314-1807 or email me at suzanneEJohnston@aol.com, for further information and to apply for the opportunity to be a part of this exciting group!

HLAA MEMBERS PRESENT AT 2015 NATIONAL ADA SYMPOSIUM

By Don Bataille

Donald Bataille, Architect and HLAA-Rochester Chapter member, and Juliette Sterkens, Au.D., HLAA National Advocate for Hearing Loops, co-presented a workshop at this year's National ADA Symposium in Atlanta GA. The Workshop, titled "Effective Access for People with Hearing Loss through Hearing Loop Technology," covered the use of hearing loop technology under ADA –Effective communication requirements for public spaces, ADA Title I, II and III guidelines and the benefits of hearing loops for people with hearing loss.

Don noted that ADA is celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disability Act, http://www.ada.gov/ada_25th_anniversary, and was honored to present at the 2015 ADA National Symposium. He is also owner of Hearing Loops Unlimited providing ADA evaluations and assistive listening system design and installations.

"COMMUNICATION FOR LIFE" AWARD

*By Kathy Gilman, RHSC;
excerpt from the Awards Presentation*

This award is given to a community volunteer that embodies RHSC's vision of Communication for Life through better hearing and speech. Through their service and special skills, this person has moved the case for better hearing and speech forward to a higher level of excellence.



When your first meet **Sue Miller** one thing is clear-- she is an energetic and tireless advocate for people with hearing loss. Through her involvement in numerous Rochester area civic, educational, and community groups,

she is a sterling example to our community that people with hearing loss can contribute in outstanding ways. Sue's unceasing high-quality efforts have earned her the well-deserved esteem of many and here at RHSC we are first among them.

Sue, you are an excellent representative of all that Communication for Life stands for and what is most important to all of us, you are a kind, compassionate, caring, and wonderful person.

Subject of Oct. 6th Chapter Meeting:

THERE WILL BE NO MEETING AT 11 a.m.

**Evening: 5:00 p.m. - Dr. Richard Salvi, our
Featured Speaker - at Academy of Medicine
(see flyer on page 11)**

With gratitude to Jeannette Kanter for her special writing contribution to this Newsletter.

Mention of goods or services in articles or advertisements does not mean HLAA endorsement, nor should exclusion suggest disapproval.

Featured Speaker Program

HCAA-Rochester Chapter

Tuesday, October 6, 2015

Doors Open 5:00 pm

Lecture 5:45 pm, Auditorium

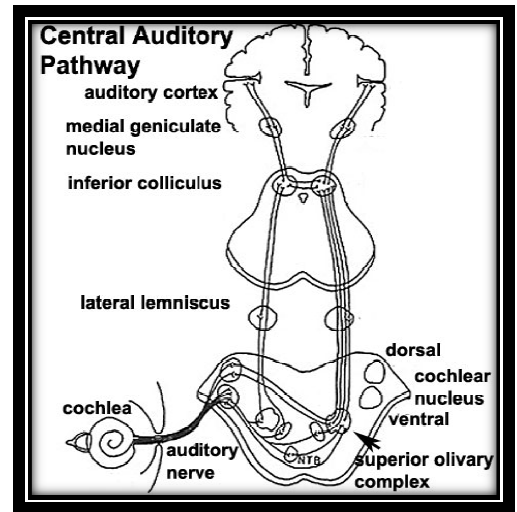
Rochester Academy of Medicine
1441 East Ave., Rochester NY 14610

Induction hearing loop and captions used in

Auditorium. Finger sandwiches, desserts and beverages will be provided.

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His many awards include a \$2 million grant from the Navy for studies on tinnitus and related topics.

Dr. Salvi will speak about how the auditory system works and some of the consequences of auditory pathway breakdown, including the potentially debilitating symptoms of tinnitus and hyperacusis (sensitivity to loud noises).

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