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Monthly Presentation Meeting In Person at St. Paul's and on Zoom - February 7th

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, FEB. 5, 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM PITTSFORD REC. CENTER, 35 LINCOLN AVE, PITTSFORD: Hear Together - IEP Information Session

TUESDAY, FEB. 7, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM IN PERSON, ST PAUL'S VESTRY ROOM: Joe Kozelsky: HOPE Session: 'Hearing Other People's Experiences' (HOPE)

TUESDAY, FEB. 7, 11:30 AM - NOON AT ST PAUL'S PARISH HALL AND ON ZOOM: Chapter announcements and business meeting.

TUESDAY, FEB. 7:00, NOON -1:00 PM AT ST PAUL'S PARISH HALL AND ON ZOOM: Paul Russell: Rochester Hearing & Speech Center: Serving our Community for Over 100 Years

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 8, 7:00 PM ON ZOOM, BY INVITATION, Stellar Supporters Meeting

TUESDAY, FEB. 14, 7:00 PM ON ZOOM: Board of Directors Meeting

THURSDAY, FEB. 16, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES DEMO CENTER. Technology Team. In person. Lifespan, 1900 S. Clinton Ave.

THURSDAY, FEB. 21, 6:00 PM ON ZOOM. Cochlear Implant Group. See page 7 for information

THURSDAY, FEB. 21, 8:00 PM ON ZOOM. Hear Together. See information on right.

Please check our Chapter Website hearinglossrochester.org for any changes

WEATHER - During the winter, the rule to follow for cancellations of meetings is: If the Rochester City School District is closed, or there is a ban on unnecessary travel, or the wind chill is at or below -20° our meeting is cancelled.

FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

HLAA Rochester Chapter offers in-person and virtual programs for anyone interested in hearing loss.

Preregistration for the Zoom sessions is required by visiting the HLAA website at:

<http://hearinglossrochester.org>

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

Programs for February are:

Sunday, Feb. 5. 2:00-4:00pm

HEAR TOGETHER IEP Information Session

If you have a school-age child who currently has or is transitioning to an IEP , join us for a panel discussion on

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Better Hearing = Better Living

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

from Dan Brooks and Art Maurer

HEARING LOOPS

"I can hear the speaker talking, but I can't make out the words." How often have we suffered that frustration?



There is a solution; hearing loops bring clarity to our ears. But you may ask, "What's a hearing loop?" Simply put, a hearing loop is a wire running around an area like a room, a meeting space, or along a corridor. At the originating end is an amplifier with a microphone attached. When someone speaks into the mic, the signal of their voice is transmitted through the wire and broadcast wirelessly to a telecoil (T-coil) embedded in

the hearing aid of the listener. Understandable speech is clearly heard.

Many hearing aid users have T-coils in their hearing aids but don't know it since they've never been activated. Or the T-coil is activated but the user was never taught how to use it. If you aren't sure, ask your hearing aid provider. Once a hearing aid user has gained access to the T-coil a visit to our Demo Center will confirm how great a loop is first-hand.

Unfortunately, T-coils cannot be installed in existing hearing aids that lack them. Also, be aware that many Over-the-Counter hearing aids will not be equipped with T-coils.

The benefit of having a T-coil is that by simply setting your hearing aids to the T-coil setting, you have the advantage of being able to understand the speaker as if standing right next to you, with little or no background noise. How often do you go to a house of worship or a funeral service, and you can hear the homilist or relative eulogizing but have difficulty making out what is being said, or in an airport the PA system is barking out a message that many, including yourself, can't understand. Hearing loops solve that problem. For some of us it means no more naps during homilies!

So why aren't loops installed everywhere? Cost is the issue. While the wire is relatively inexpensive, installation can be costly, and then there's the amplifier and microphones and on-going maintenance to consider. Also, many places that have a loop have neglected to put up effective signage to indicate it's existence, or it just isn't turned on.

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National Report

By Peter Fackler

To Review the Basics -- Ways to connect with the HLAA national organization

- Visit the website, hearingloss.org (for more about the website, see below).
- Visit the Walk4Hearing website, walk4hearing.org
- Office phone: 301-657-2248
- Office FAX: 301-913-9413
- Address: 6116 Executive Blvd., Suite 320, Rockville, MD 20852
- Become a member of HLAA to receive Hearing Life Magazine (go to hearingloss.org or see mail option at page 11 of this newsletter)
- Sign up for the e-News (see Chapters and State Orgs tab at the website).
- View past webinars that are archived at hearingloss.org.
- Attend the national convention (see more below).



National Convention

June 29 – July 1, New Orleans, LA. Early bird registration continues through March 31. See details at hearingloss.org.

HLAA Rochester is offering stipend support for members who attend. See specifics elsewhere in this newsletter.

A Brief Tour of the HLAA Website

There are six drop-down tabs that organize the content of the HLAA website.

The **Hearing Help** tab provides a rich resource for individuals wanting to learn more about coping with their hearing loss. People who are new to the questions surrounding hearing loss will find much value here. Beyond the important basics, the subject matter deals with technology, finances, and special interest communities. Be sure to check out Mayo Clinic Connect where members of an active hearing loss support group exchange information and concerns.

The **Programs and Events** tab provides information regarding the Walk4Hearing and the annual convention held every June. Major programs such as Get in the Hearing Loop, Communication Access in Health

Care, national advocacy efforts, ICAAT, and educational webinars are included here.

The **Chapters and State Orgs** tab is of particular interest to local leaders. Check out the chapter leader resources section and the chapter blog sections here.

Make an Impact reviews volunteer and philanthropic opportunities for supporting HLAA. You may be interested in checking out the reviews of HLAA by two leading independent charity review organizations.

The **News and Media** and **About HLAA** tabs provide current news and more in-depth information regarding HLAA's mission and founding, strategy, and financial performance.

Please Reach Out with Your Comments and Questions -- please use pcf.hl原因@yaho.com or (814) 319-2083 (text or voice).

Stellar Supporters Keep Our Chapter Humming

By Sue Miller

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

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

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

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

Watch for the link to our next Stellar Supporters meeting on February 9th.

Sign-Up for our Monthly e-blast

We now offer a monthly e-mail which contains notices of our upcoming meetings and events. To subscribe, send see hearinglossrochester.org/meetings.

FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

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suggestions for recommended accommodations to include. Register at <https://bit.ly/3k8wUkA>

Tuesday, Feb. 7 10 AM-11 AM, In-person in St. Paul's Vestry Room: Joseph Kozelsky CCC/A. Hearing Other People's Experiences (HOPE)

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

Tuesday, Feb. 7. Noon: Bill Russell, RHSC President and CEO: "Rochester Hearing and Speech Center: Serving Our Community for Over 100 Years"



A century of "Communication for life." Rochester Hearing and Speech Center is the longest standing provider of speech, language, and hearing services in Monroe County. Bill Russell, President and CEO of RHSC, relates the history and impact of programs and services that this pioneering organization has provided to those with hearing and speech needs. He traces its founding in 1922 by lip reading teacher Alice Howe Hatton as League for the Hard of Hearing, to the present. The Rochester League provided education, recreation, and vocational assistance for hearing impaired adults and children.

Before joining RHSC in 2020, Russell headed a number of Rochester nonprofits, including the Upstate NY Region of the American Diabetes Association, Gilda's Club Rochester, and the Little Theater Film Society. Previously he spent 16 years as an executive in the professional sports industry. Russell has had his own childhood speech and hearing challenges.

Thursday, Feb. 16. 10:00am-2:00pm Assistive Devices Demo Center. Technology Team. In person. Lifespan, 1900 South Clinton Ave., Rochester 14618.

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

Tuesday, Feb. 21. 8:00-9:00pm HEAR TOGETHER. Kristin Bergholtz CCC/SLP. Virtual on Zoom.

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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In our community we have the benefit of many houses of worship, community and public spaces being looped, as well as having one of the most advanced airports in the United States. There is, however, still a long way to go in getting more loops installed; also making hearing aid users cognizant of and requesting T-coils when acquiring new hearing aids.

In places without a hearing loop, if you have a T-coil in your hearing aids, there is a personal solution called a "Neck Loop" for use with hearing aids having a T-coil or induction earphone. With the use of a mic, it enables the voice to be transmitted to the T-coil for hearing speech clearly. Several of our members have used "neck loops" with great success. (For more information come to our Demo Center at Lifespan on the third Thursday of the month from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, or visit our Virtual Demo Center on our website.)

MAKING PROGRESS...

Our initiatives are moving forward as we make inroads into Branch Libraries, Senior Residences, the Inner City, and participation in Health Fairs. Our work on Tips to Consider when buying Over-the-Counter hearing aid has been well received with continuing interest. The Cochlear Implant and Hear Together Parents Support groups are gaining in knowledge and relevance.

As always, the greatest limiting factor to realizing our full potential is having enough volunteer person-power to cover all the bases. So, please, if you are interested, get in touch. We'll work with you to get started and will honor your wishes on the level of engagement you prefer.

SAVE THE DATES...

- Annual Dinner – Tuesday, May 23 at Cobblestone Country Club – Victor NY
- Summer Picnic Sunday, August 13 at Dolomite Lodge – Penfield, NY

AND THANKS!

As of the end of December we had 260 renewed members. Please join us if you haven't renewed your membership for our 40th Anniversary Year.

Dan Brooks, President
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Art Maurer, Immediate Past President amaurer40@frontier.com

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Education and Outreach... In ACTION!

By Eric Matson - Chapter Technology Team

Do you know that the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act covers hearing loss, and requires just about all venues with a PA system to install Assistive Listening Systems (usually Inductive LOOPS)?

Do you know that Houses of Worship are legally exempt from compliance because of the 1st Amendment to our Constitution?

Can you guess who leads the fray in LOOP installations? Right!... Houses of Worship! Why? Because they know that communication is critical to their core purposes... and the assistive need increases as their Baby Boomer congregants "mature".

Sadly, we know that less than 1/3 of folks who would benefit from hearing aids actually get them, and many of those are without t-coils. Even folks with "normal" hearing often struggle to hear a PA clearly in large spaces. Happily, technology offers a solution.

That technology is the (Inductive) Hearing Loop Receiver with simple headphones. Regardless of normal/diminished hearing status, a loop-receiver and headphones eliminates background noise, clarifies speech signals and plays them right near the ear, with tremendous improvement for the wearer.

To test and demonstrate receiver benefits, I donated a set to both of the churches I attend and have been delighted to see them in regular use. They are located in the greeting areas and have prominent placards to explain them.

This attached photo illustrates the device and display. The placard reads, "Activate your Hearing Aid or CI T-Coil. Just curious about our hearing loop? Borrow our receiver!"

In case you are wondering, these "loaners" have always come back.

If you are interested in adding "loaner" receivers to your looped place of Worship, they are made by Williams Sound, Contacta, Oval Window & others, and are readily available with earphones for less than \$100, from Amazon, eBay, DIGLO.com (Harris), and similar sites. Just "search" for "inductive hearing loop receiver".



February Birthdays

Happy Birthday to:

February 1	Sister Veronica Casey
February 1	Joan Kohler
February 4	Gerry Loftus
February 4	Marsha Senges

Our birthday database is missing many of your birthdays, If you would like to be mentioned in the future, please send an email to bruce.nelson@gmail.com

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Assistive Device Demo Center

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

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



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

HLAA New York State Association (NYSA) - Update.

By Dan Brooks, Immediate Past President, HLAA-NYSA

How is your winter going so far? I hope well and you all are keeping cozy and warm. Soon my children will enjoy their winter recess and have great fun sledding, snow tubing, spending time on the ski slopes and making all sorts of snow creations.



My two youngest know how to get the most out of winter activities and I plan to join them when I can. I just hope I'll come out of all the fun in one piece and be able to write the March updates! I'm kidding of course but keeping up with my kids' energy isn't all that easy to be sure!

The **HLAA Rochester Chapter** has been very active, as usual. One of the newer activities some chapter volunteers have been doing is speaking at branch libraries.

One goal is-to reach those who otherwise may not learn about hearing loss in general and how to cope in daily life when hearing is difficult.

OTC hearing aids are here and although they are a less expensive option than prescription hearing aids, it's important for people to understand their options, and what the advertisements say and don't say about their hearing devices, which can make a selection difficult. Although we are not hearing professionals, being hearing aid users we can help people with basic information about hearing loss and hearing aids which may help with decision making.

Our chapter has also been working on a workshop with National on the basics of hosting a "Hybrid" Chapter program and/or meeting. This will be a workshop to help other HLAA chapters develop the skills needed to provide events simultaneously in person and online.

A "Hybrid" meeting is one that is presented both in person and "online", using a special online service.. A person may attend in person or remotely using their computer or mobile device. Our Rochester Chapter uses the "ZOOM" platform.

There are people who prefer to meet in person so they can interact with others and enjoy snacks, when provided; others may not own a computer or mobile device. Some may prefer the convenience of attending on-line, have health concerns, or have time constraints and cannot devote the time to travel. We look forward to this interesting project!

There are other projects our chapter volunteers are working on as well. If you are interested in learning

more, please visit the Rochester Chapter Website at: www.hearinglossrochester.org.

Like the Rochester HLAA Chapter, the **HLAA-NYSA** has a number of items of interest.

I would like to begin by thanking **Mary Chizuk** who has decided to step down from the State Association Board of Directors. Mary has been a board member since the beginning of the State Association and co-leader of the NYSA Event & Fundraising Committee. Mary spearheaded the organizing and displays of the Silent Auction at the recent State Conference, which raised just over \$3000! We will miss Mary's keen insight and all the contributions she has made to move the NYSA forward; we owe her great thanks.

Next **HLAA-NYSA** would like to introduce **Eric Freeman**, who is our newest Board member. Eric is from the Binghamton NY area and will fill our Board's vacant seat. Eric is an Audiologist and very much interested in re-establishing an HLAA chapter or group in the Binghamton area! We welcome Eric with great excitement!

Eric's profile and bio will be on our website soon. Please visit our website at www.hearinglossnys.org to find out more about Eric as well as other information about HLAA-NYSA

Please remember to check your membership with **HLAA National** to be sure it's up to date. HLAA's website is www.hearingloss.org. Being a member of HLAA and residing in New York State, automatically makes you a member of the HLAA NYSA.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email us directly at hlaa.newyorkstate@gmail.com

As always, THANK YOU for your support; we wish you all a wonderful winter and Valentine's Day!

-Dan

We Welcome All Donations

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Captioned Entertainment Around Rochester

JCC Center Stage – Captioned Plays



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

“Hitmakers”... You ain’t Seen Nothin’ Yet - February 12

“I’m not a Comedian...I’m Lenny Bruce”- March 19

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

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

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



GEVA Theatre Center - Captioned Performances

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

“Woody Sez” – 2/4 at 2:30 pm

“Russian Troll Farm” - 3/4 at 2:00 pm, 3/22 at 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm

“we are continuous” - 3/25 at 2:30 pm

“And So We Walked - 4/8 at 2:00pm, 4/19 at 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm

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

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.

NTID Theatres

Panara Theatre - Captioned and Hearing Loop

“25 Years Through Movement and Space” February 24-26, 2023

“Ordinary Days” March 31 - April 2, 2023

“Deaf Republic” April 14 - 16, 2023

“Singring and the Glass Guitar” April 28 - 30, 2023

Magic Spell Theatre - Captioned and Hearing Loop

No schedule available

The Little - Amplification and Loops

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

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

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

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

RBTL Live Theater – Captioned Plays



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

“Hamilton” - February 6, 2023

“Come From Away” - February 11, 2023

“Beetlejuice - February 19, 2023

“Hadestown” - March 19, 2023

“Aladdin” - April 16, 2023

“Six” - May 21, 2023

“To Kill a Mockingbird” - June 18, 2023

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

You can “Attend”

Other Chapters’ Meetings

Many HLAA Chapters and State Organizations are continuing to meet virtually or live-and-virtual, now that the the pandemic is easing. You are welcome to visit online HLAA Chapter and State Organization meetings from all across the country. They are listed in one central calendar from the HLAA Leaders List Groups.io calendar.

First, go to hearingloss.org. There is a new purple calendar option in the upper menu bar. After you click on it, a new window will open. Click on the purple FIND HLAA CHAPTER MEETINGS HERE button to access the HLAA Leaders Groups.io calendar.

Finally! Live Captions on iPhone

By Shari Eberts

“What’s that small circle on your iPhone’s home screen,” my son asked me a few weeks ago.

“It’s Apple’s new Live Captions. Apple has finally incorporated auto-captions into their operating system.”

It’s about time!

For years I carried a spare Android phone in my purse so I could access its excellent auto-caption capability—at first via an app called Live Transcribe but later it was incorporated into the operating system.

I always wondered when Apple would catch up, and it finally has, recently launching Live Captions (Beta) in iOS 16.

APPLE’S LIVE CAPTIONS STILL IN BETA

Like Android’s Live Transcribe, Live Captions provides auto-captioning for any audio content. This includes FaceTime calls, streaming video, or in-person conversations. So far, it is only available in English.

When not in use, it retreats to the background, residing on the screen as a small circle you can move around with your finger to keep it out of the way. To use captioning, click on the circle and it will expand to a rectangle that displays a few lines of text. Expand it again to fill the full screen with text.

To caption sounds that originate outside the device, like for an in-person conversation, press the microphone button or leave it off to caption sound that originates from the phone itself like streaming media or phone calls.

Live Captions can also be paused to preserve battery life.

LIVE CAPTIONS BETA TEST PERFORMANCE: MIXED

I tried Live Captions in a variety of settings and so far, the performance has been mixed compared to other speech-to-text solutions I have used.

“Live Captions had particular trouble decoding speech in background noise, but this is the case for most speech-to-text applications. I expect the accuracy and synchronicity will improve over time.”

On FaceTime calls, the captions worked well, but only appeared when my conversation partner spoke. In some ways this is nice, because it declutters the captions stream, but I found it a bit odd since I am used to seeing both sides of the conversation on other platforms.

Lack of captioning could also prove inconvenient if others were on my side of the phone call and I needed the captions to understand them as well.

HOW TO ACTIVATE LIVE CAPTIONS

To turn on Live Captions, go to Settings, then Accessibility. Under Hearing, click on Live Captions (Beta).

Here you have the option to turn on Live Captions for all audio content or to select it only for FaceTime calls and/or RTT (real-time-text).

If you select Live Captions generally, a small opaque circle will live on your home screen so you can pull up the captions as needed. This is what my son noticed on my screen. Under Appearance you can set the size and color of the captions as well as the opacity of the small circle on your home screen.

THE MORE THE MERRIER IN AUTO-CAPTIONING SOLUTIONS

With so many players entering the auto-captioning space, it is hard to keep them all straight—especially since many have names that sound almost identical. The same is true for Apple’s version. But I am not complaining. The more options we have to boost communication through speech-to-text technology, the better.

Will you give Live Captions a try?

Published with permission.. See original article at: <https://hearinghealthmatters.org/findhearing/2022/live-captions-hearing-loss-iphone>

Shari Eberts is a passionate hearing health advocate and internationally recognized author and speaker on hearing loss issues. She is the founder of Living with Hearing Loss, a popular blog and online community for people with hearing loss, and an executive producer of We Hear You, an award-winning documentary about the hearing loss experience. Her book, Hear & Beyond: Live Skillfully with Hearing Loss, (co-authored with Gael Hannan) is the ultimate survival guide to living well with hearing loss. Shari has an adult-onset genetic hearing loss and hopes that by sharing her story, she will help others to live more peacefully with their own hearing issues. Connect with Shari: Blog, Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter.

Cochlear Implant Group Meets on Zoom, Feb. 21st

The next program meeting of the HLAA Rochester cochlear implant group will take place Tuesday, February 21st at 6 pm. eastern via Zoom connection. We will be guests of the HLAA New York City chapter’s program featuring David Landsberger, Ph.D., who will speak on the history of cochlear implants.

Advance registration for the event is required to attend. To register, please send an e-mail message to cochlearimplantgroup@gmail.com



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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!

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