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**Monthly Daytime Program Meeting In Person at St. Paul's and on Zoom - April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**APRIL CALENDAR**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM IN PERSON, ST PAUL'S VESTRY ROOM:** Dr. Greg Horton HOPE Session: 'Hearing Other People's Experiences' (HOPE)

**TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM AT ST PAUL'S PARISH HALL:** Conversation and light refreshments.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 11:30 AM -NOON AT ST PAUL'S PARISH HALL AND ON ZOOM:** Chapter announcements and business meeting.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 2, NOON - 1:00 PM AT ST PAUL'S PARISH HALL AND ON ZOOM:** National HLAA Update

**TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 7:00 PM ON ZOOM:** Board of Directors Meeting

**THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM: ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICE DEMO CENTER.** Technology Team. at Lifespan, 1900 S. Clinton Ave.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM ON ZOOM:** Couples Communication

**TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 8:00-9:00 PM ON ZOOM:** Parent's Group: *Hear Together*. See information in April Programs.

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

**REFRESHMENTS**

We appreciate our members who have volunteered to bring refreshments to our April 2nd meeting: David and Anne Adamson, Pete Fackler, Nancy Shepard, and Paul and Mary Ann Stager.

**New Program - Couples Communication**  
 April 18, 7:00 pm, on Zoom  
 See details in next column

**APRIL PROGRAMS**

**Tuesday, April 2, Noon - 1 pm, in person and on Zoom**

**Featured: National HLAA Update:** Peter Fackler, Vice Chairman of the National HLAA Board of Directors, will give a report about the latest activities of the National HLAA, and explain the recently announced new membership structure. Peter previously served as National's president and treasurer. He also has been a member of the Rochester Chapter for 20 years and is on its Board.

**OTHER APRIL PROGRAMS**

**Tuesday, April 2:**

**10:00 am -11:00 am - HOPE Session - Hearing Other People's Experiences.**

Prospective, new, or experienced hearing aid users informally share their experiences, questions, and hearing loss journeys. The facilitator will be Dr. Greg Horton. In person only

**11:00 am -11:30 am - Socializing.** In person. Refreshments. St. Paul's Parish Hall.

**11:30 am - noon - Business Meeting/ Announcements.** Zoom and in person St. Paul's Parish Hall.

**Thursday, April 18:**

**10:00 am - 2:00 pm - ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICE DEMO CENTER.** Technology Team. In person. Lifespan, 1900 South Clinton Avenue

View and try out a selection of assistive listening and alerting devices before actually buying them. Included are captioning-capable and amplified telephones, signaling-alerting devices and smart phone APPs related to hearing enhancement. Members of the Technology Committee stand by to answer questions.

**7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Couples Communication:** on Zoom:

Strategies and Insights to Improve Your Relationship. This presentation will discuss some barriers to communication and the reasons that communication goes awry for couples. Insights and strategies to improve couples' communication will be explored. Meghan L. Fox, Psy.D., is a licensed clinical

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## President's Column

*By Dan Brooks, Chapter President*

Well, hello again! Hard to believe it's already the month of April! I hope you are enjoying the warmer weather and everything springtime has to offer!



A couple of months ago I touched on a few services the **HLAA Rochester Chapter** has to offer and how we can help facilitate better communication between a person with hearing loss and their spouse or partner. This has always been a hot topic among our chapter members.

This month I'd like to add more to that topic especially since our chapter will be offering a special Zoom only session with a licensed psychologist who will be speaking on this very topic. April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 is the date and the time will be from 7 pm to 8 pm. [Meghan L. Fox PsyD](#), a local psychologist, will be our guest speaker.

If you are interested in attending, (don't forget to encourage your spouse or significant other to attend as well) please visit our website to register for the "HOPE in the Evening" session. Once registered you will receive the link via email within 24 hours of the event. If you have attended or received the zoom link for HOPE sessions in the past you do not need to register again.

Although our chapter has covered this topic in the past, it's a topic often overlooked that has significant impact on our on our personal relationship with someone we care about. Recent studies have shown that untreated hearing loss can have adverse effects on various aspects of an individual's life, including their relationships with their spouse or partners

When one partner experiences hearing loss, communication barriers may arise, leading to misunderstandings, frustration, and feelings of isolation. Simple tasks such as conversing over dinner or watching television together can become challenging and may eventually strain the relationship. The inability to effectively communicate and connect with one another can lead to feelings of disconnect and resentment, potentially causing emotional distance between partners.

It is crucial to address hearing loss proactively to preserve the quality of relationships. Seeking professional help and exploring treatment options such as hearing aids (including Cochlear Implants (CIs) & Assistive Listening Devices (ALDs)) can significantly improve communication and enhance the overall quality of life for both partners. By taking proactive steps to address hearing loss, individuals can mitigate

the negative impact on their relationships and strengthen their bond with their spouses or partners.

In conclusion, I urge you to prioritize your hearing health and seek assistance if you or your partner are experiencing hearing difficulties. Open and honest communication is essential in any relationship, and addressing hearing loss can help foster better understanding and connection between partners.

So don't be that person statistically that waits up to 7 to 10 years before doing something about your hearing loss. Believe it or not this hearing loss isn't affecting just you... another example of why "*Better Hearing = Better Living*"

Again don't forget to visit our website to register and to see what other upcoming chapter events that may be of interest to you at: [www.hearinglossrochester.org](http://www.hearinglossrochester.org).

Enjoy the sunshine... Better yet, I hope to see you and your significant other virtually at the upcoming session with Dr. Meghan Fox!

Thanks!

*- Dan*

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. The next demo session is at Lifespan, 1900 S. Clinton Ave. (Tops Plaza) on Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 2 pm. Sessions are free. All are welcome!

### Buy Hearing Aid Batteries from HLAA

The HLAA Rochester 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.

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psychologist in private practice in Rochester with a specialty in conducting services with people with hearing loss and their families.

### **Tuesday, April 23:**

#### **8:00-9:00 pm - HEAR TOGETHER (on Zoom):**

Kristin Bergholtz CCC/SLP./Carly Alicea Au.D/Ph.D

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

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### **Chapter Surprises Fred Altreith with the Spirit Award**



Debbie Altreith surprises her father, Fred Altreith with the Spirit Award plaque at the VA home while HLAA Dan Brooks reads its citation on Zoom.

At the March 5th business meeting, Chapter President Dan Brooks interrupted the proceedings to say:

"I have the honor of presenting an award for the very first time in chapter history. This is a brand-new award, and it's going to go out to somebody very special, basically a person that's been involved for a very, very long time, a person that just goes out of his way to basically express the mission of our chapter to provide support, education, and advocacy.

This person is relentless in doing what can be done for everybody in the community with hearing loss

This person has been involved for a very long time, always lets people know in the community all about his disability. Never quiet, always stopping whatever is



As HLAA's first-ever event at a resort rather than an urban hotel, this year's convention in Phoenix, Arizona, promises to be a brand-new experience! So mark your calendar and plan to join us at the luxurious Sheraton Grand Resort at Wild Horse Pass, June 26-29, 2024

See the details at <http://hearingloss.org>.

going on to make sure they hear, whether he's feeling well or he's feeling great.

This is going to be the HLAA Rochester Chapter Spirit Award. The very first award ever given out. This is not something we'll do on a monthly or annual basis or anything. It's a special occasion and this award goes to Fred Altreith for all he's ever done for us as a chapter, as a member.

He's been involved for over 40 years. He's been in charge of chapter programming for a long, long time. He's been helping with the technology committee; each month we show new technology. Even at the VA, he's letting others know about his hearing loss and helping others so they don't have to deal with hearing loss alone. He was a hearing aid user and now a cochlear implant user.

So as a chapter, we can't do enough to show our gratitude for all you have done for our chapter"

His daughter, Debbie, wrote to us afterwards to say "Dad was extremely emotional when he received the award. Thank you for recognizing him."



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## National Report

by Peter Fackler, Vice Chair, HLAA Board of Directors

Many of us remember fondly the days when the Rochester chapter joined with national HLAA to hold a Walk4hearing event here in Rochester. Rochester chapter was one of six chapters to hold an inaugural W4H in 2006. The annual early May date marked for many of us the first true day of spring. Robust crowds made up of people of all ages enjoyed the good food, live music, entertainment by clowns, and the fellowship and goodwill that marked our time together. In its day, the local W4H event was one of the ways the Rochester chapter attracted new members into our midst.



Although the Walk4Hearing no longer takes place locally, the W4H program continues in cities across the country and remains an opportunity for Rochester chapter members to raise funds for national HLAA and for Rochester chapter, even if attending the event in person is not a possibility. Some 17 events are scheduled as of this writing and an additional four await the determination of the event date. For more information, see the Programs and Events tab at hearingloss.org.

I am often asked about how the funds raised by Walk4Hearing participants is distributed so I will cover that question here. 80 % of each dollar raised by participants is split evenly between national HLAA and by the local chapter or other "alliance" organization as designated by the individual participant when s/he registers to participate. Thus, a walker designating Rochester chapter for the local share assures that 40% of the money s/he raises is distributed to the Rochester chapter. The remaining 20% of funds raised is split evenly between national HLAA and the local sponsoring chapter or organization to fund the costs of holding the event. National HLAA incurs costs for the W4H website, donor accounting, charge card fees and other banking costs, tee shirts and other event supplies, and travel. Local chapters and sponsoring organizations incur costs for facility rentals, food, entertainment, and supplies along with supplying the vital volunteer time and energy that is so important to the success of the day.

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## HLAA New York State Association Report

by Peter Fackler, President

The board of directors met Saturday February 24 for its first regularly scheduled meeting of 2024. The Board has quarterly meetings set for the balance of the year.

The treasurer's report was received from Tom Corteville, treasurer. The Association had a positive 2023 year financially and increased its financial balance during the year.

Peter Fackler announced the formation of a finance committee as called for in the bylaws. Tom Corteville, Steve Wolfert, Sue Miller, Peter Fackler, and Tracey Rink, CPA (of Rochester) and me are on the committee.

A very encouraging report was received from HLAA Albany where efforts to strengthen the chapter's programming are bearing fruit.

The Board voted to elect Kassey Granger (Glens Falls), Dan Brooks (Rochester), and Deborah Wolfe (Westchester) as members of the nominating committee of HLAA New York State. Terms of office run to December 31, 2024.



The Board voted to accept amended bylaws for the Association. A special committee made up of Sue Miller (Rochester), Trudie Walker (North Shore), and Peter Fackler (Rochester) had worked since summer 2023 to refine and update the bylaws which form the foundational governing document that supports the work of the Association.

The Board discussed changes to national HLAA's approach to membership in the national organization. HLAA NYS bylaws provide that all New York State residents who are either members of national HLAA or of HLAA chapters are considered members of HLAA NYS. The changes to national's approach to membership will not affect the work of the Association or of the HLAA chapters.

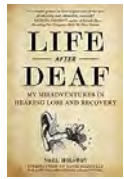
The Interagency Council of New York State that deals with issues affecting people with disabilities has been resuscitated by Governor Hochel's administration after a long period of unfunded dormancy. HLAA NYS under the direction of advocacy committee chair, Jerry Bergman (New York City), is working vigorously to assure that we are well represented in the Council's deliberations via members we have nominated to serve. The Board and its professional advisory committee will meet with the IAC head in early March to share thoughts on priorities going forward for addressing issues that are important for hard of hearing people.

## HLAA Book Club

*Life After Deaf* is the first book selection for our chapter's new Book Club. Jennifer Lowden, Assistant Director at the Chili Library will lead a discussion of the book on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 7 - 8 p.m. via Zoom. Following is a summary:



From a renowned media critic to a man with sudden and full hearing loss, Noel Holston ran the gauntlet of diagnoses, health insurance, and cochlear implant surgery.



On a spring night in 2010, Noel Holston, a journalist, songwriter, and storyteller, went to bed with reasonably intact hearing. By dawn, it was gone, thus beginning a long process of hearing-restoration that included misdiagnoses, an obstinate health-insurance bureaucracy, failed cochlear-implant surgery, and a second surgery that finally worked. He negotiated the gauntlet with a wry sense of humor and the aid of his supportive wife, Marty. *Life After Deaf* details his experience with warmth, understanding, and candor. It's the story not only of his way back to the world of the hearing, but of a great marriage that weathered serious testing. Their determination and resilience serve as a source of inspiration for all.

*Life After Deaf* is not just for the more than forty million people in the United States alone who cope with some form of hearing loss, but is also for their wide circles of friends, family, caregivers, and audiologists. This highly readable book will be an invaluable guide and source of hope for the large number of baby boomers now handling hearing loss.

If you would enjoy reading the book and participating in the discussion, please send your email address to Eric Matson, [pematson3@verizon.net](mailto:pematson3@verizon.net)

This book was reviewed in the January 2024 issue of our chapter Newsletter. Please be thinking of other books you can recommend for our new HLAA Rochester Chapter Book Club! Any questions, contact Sue Miller, [susanleemiller39@cs.com](mailto:susanleemiller39@cs.com)

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What you don't know about hearing aids



### A TEDx Talk by Juliëtte Sterkens

For most of us, it is not a matter of if but when we will lose some of our hearing. Yet, we do not give hearing loss or hearing aids much thought until it happens to us or someone we live or work with. It is then that we find out that hearing aids are incapable of restoring hearing to normal, especially in acoustically challenging situations. The good news is that modern technology continues to bring us new, sometimes hidden, and often unknown features that can help those with hearing loss overcome more of their hearing challenges.

Juliëtte Sterkens, AuD, is an audiologist with forty years of experience in hearing rehabilitation turned consumer advocate with the Hearing Loss Association of America. She has published numerous articles and lectured internationally to consumers, audiologists, hearing instrument specialists, and venue operators. Topics include living well with hearing loss, hearing accessibility, and hearing loops. Her work has led to hundreds of hearing loop installations in Wisconsin. She has received numerous awards for her efforts, including the American Academy of Audiology Presidential Award. She serves on the board of HEAR in the Fox Cities, a non-profit that helps pay for hearing aids for children in North-East Wisconsin.

This video, recorded at TEDxOshkosh, has been viewed over 130,000 times since it was released in March, 2024. It is an entertaining presentation describing how Telecoils work and other features of hearing aids.

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/Sterkens> to view the 18 minute video.

## April Birthdays

Happy Birthday in April to:

3 Peter Leas	17 Eileen Lumb
10 Sue Miller	27 Judy Markowski
10 Judy McMillan	
14 Nancy Shepard	

We have only about a third of birthdays listed in our records. Please let us know so we can include yours next time around.

## Captioned Entertainment Around Rochester

**JCC Center Stage** - Tickets and information are available at [www.jcccenterstage.org](http://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.

April 14, 2024 *Sisters in Law*  
May 14, 2024 *Beautiful The Carole King Musical*

### NTID Theatres Panara Theatre

April 19-21 Deaf Creators Play Festival  
**SHED Sklarsky Glass Box Theater**  
April 5-7 *Ada and the Engine*  
April 12-14 Immersive Theatre Project

**GEVA Theatre Center** - Open Captioning for patrons with hearing loss is provided during the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

4/20, 2 pm; 5/8, 2 pm & 7:30 pm *Newtown*  
6/1, 2 pm; 6/19, 2 pm & 7:30 pm *The Color Purple*

**RBTL Live Theater** - 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](mailto:mail@rbtl.org). All shows at 1 pm.

June 9, 2024 *Tina*

**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](http://thelittle.org) (listed in the showtimes on each film page), and on social media.

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

**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 .

## In Memory of Dr. Elise W. dePapp



Dr. Elise W. DePapp, a former president of the HLAA Rochester chapter, passed away on March 5<sup>th</sup>, at the age of 90.

She served as president of the chapter in 2013 and attended the HLAA National Convention that year. During the pandemic, she spoke via Zoom, on the topic, "The Pathology of Hearing", in terms that we all could understand. That presentation is available to view on YouTube (Search for "Pathology of Hearing"). She was also a member of the Healthy Living with Hearing Loss (HL2) Community Committee.

In her professional life, she was an esteemed surgical pathologist and cytopathologist for 37 years.

A Memorial Service to celebrate her life will be held Saturday April 13th, 2024, 2pm followed by a reception at The Unitarian Church of Rochester, 220 Winton Road South, Rochester, NY.

## Find hearing loops on Google Maps! Here's How.

Thanks to a joint effort by HLAA's Get in the Hearing Loop (GITHL) program and Google, we can now use the Google Maps App to find out if a hearing loop is available at a business or venue. Having easy access to hearing loop locations will hearing aid and cochlear implant users find communication access when they venture out in the world. GITHL committee members are helping Google Maps add loop locations to its database.

They need your help to update information. For now, the easiest way to find hearing loops is by using a smartphone. Open a Google Maps listing and under the photos, scroll to the right to find the "ABOUT" tab. Then click on "About" and scroll down to reveal the Accessibility Attribute; if the facility offers an assistive hearing loop, it will be listed under details.

To learn more visit: [www.hearingloss.org/programs-events/get-hearing-loop/hearing-loop-toolkit/](http://www.hearingloss.org/programs-events/get-hearing-loop/hearing-loop-toolkit/)

**HLAA ROCHESTER ANNUAL DINNER**

By Sue Miller

Please join us on May 21st for the Annual Dinner of the Rochester Chapter of HLAA. In addition to a delicious dinner, we will also be recognizing people who make a difference in our community by presenting awards, including the annual Chapter Award. Cobblestone Creek Country Club has done a superb job in past years with service, hearing accessibility and scrumptious food. You will enjoy being part of this fabulous evening.

Please sign up by Tuesday, May 14th on the form included here. We look forward to seeing you!

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 national, nonprofit, nonsectarian,  
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 the welfare and interests of those who  
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We are currently meeting online via  
 Zoom. See our website at  
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While our primary focus is directed  
 toward people with hearing loss, we  
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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, on our on-line meetings or in person.*