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WELCOME ALL NEWCOMERS TO HLAA!



APRIL PROGRAMS

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

Tuesday, April 2nd -Daytime meeting 11:00am

"ELEMENTS OF A GOOD HEARING AID EVALUATION APPOINTMENT" – Matthew S. MacDonald, AuD.

You or someone you know suspects a hearing loss. The health care practitioner diagnosing it should be a fully qualified audiologist. The examination may be an entirely new experience for the patient. Or, possibly your present hearing aid no longer seems adequate for you, and you need a consultation.

Matthew MacDonald, AuD, a clinical audiologist for 18 years, considers what encompasses a good hearing aid evaluation appointment. He will explain how the audiologist examines audiological considerations, the patient's perceived level of hearing disability, and their lifestyle and expectations. He will review-questions patients should ask the audiologist, comparisons of hearing instrument features, and realistic expectations in hearing aid use.

Dr. MacDonald was associated with Strong Hospital for 15 years and has been with Hart Hearing Centers for 3 years. His areas of expertise include diagnostic audiology,

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APRIL Calendar

<u>Tuesday, April 2nd</u> 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 <u>8:00 – 9 pm – Program Speaker</u>

<u>Tues., April 9th</u> – **Board of Directors** 7:30 pm – Justin Vigdor Room, Al Sigl Center

Tues., April 16th – PAC mtg., 7pm, JV room, ASC

<u>Wed., April 24th</u> – Rear Window Captioned movie, Loews Webster – Between Noon & 3 pm. Email Ginger the weekend ahead for exact movie & time. ggraham859@frontiernet.net. See you there!

SAVE THESE FUTURE DATES

Sun., May 5th - Walk4Hearing, Perinton Park, 8:30 am Tues., May 14th - BOD mtg, JV room, Al Sigl Center

Wed., May 22nd – Rear Window Captioned movie. Tues., June 18th – Annual Dinner, Cobblestone Creek

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 April:

Daytime Meeting – D. Kiikka, M. Stasiuk Evening Meeting – G. Graham Board of Directors – Andy Howard

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

April 2nd – Daytime Meeting (continued)

rehabilitation, universal newborn hearing screening, balance assessment, and cochlear implants.

Tues., April 2nd – Evening Meeting – 7:00 pm

"ACCESSIBILITY AND SAFETY ALOFT AND AT THE AIRPORT" – Commander Michael A. Giardino, Rochester International Airport Director.

Retired US Navy Commander Michael Giardino comments on issues of importance to the safety of hearing-disabled flyers both aloft and at the airport. He will detail obtaining important information during your flights and on the ground.

Mr. Giardino has had over 20 years of military experience in the fields of aviation program planning, emergency preparedness, and community relations. Prior to his retirement in 2011, he served as the executive officer and deputy commander of Naval Air Station Key West, FL. He was chief of air operations at Kabul and lead planner at Kandahar during two deployments in Afghanistan, where he supervised all NATO allied command air operations.

HLAA-Rochester chapter meetings are held in the Vestry Room at <u>St. Paul's Episcopal Church, East Ave. at Westminster Road,</u> across from the George Eastman House. All programs are audiolooped & **captioned**. A sign language interpreter <u>is</u> <u>available for evening meetings only</u>. 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: <u>www.hlaa-rochester-ny.org</u> 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.



SAVE THE DATE ! Sunday, November 3rd, for our Chapter's 30th Anniversary Gala.

Watch our Newsletters for additional info.

LEADERS COLUMN

By Elise de Papp, M.D.



This month I'd like to mention two of our many committees.

The chapter held a **Strategic Planning Retreat**, led by **Don Bataille**, facilitated by

W. Scot Atkins from NTID, on Feb.9th, at St. Paul's – the same day as one of our major snow falls of the season. The members divided into 2 groups, each to select items they saw as <u>major objectives of HLAA</u>. These priorities were then posted and consolidated into categories. Further voting identified **key issues** of (1) <u>marketing and communication, and (2) social acceptance, activism, and ADA awareness</u>. We all need to "get the word out" about living with hearing loss. This is a work in progress, and any HLAA members who have pertinent ideas and suggestions should feel free to contact Don, who is chairing a follow-up committee (don@bataille.us).

The other committee is HL2 – <u>Healthy Living with</u> Hearing Loss, chaired by Mary Chizuk. I am not going to report on the committee, rather how it got started and where it meets. This group meets at NCDHR - National Center for Deaf Health Research. How many HLAA members know about that organization? The name is a bit misleading from our point of view – the semantic issue of deaf vs. HOH. NCDHR's primary community is people who use ASL but it is branching out to other deaf and hard of hearing. The new offices are on the garden level of the Saunders Translational Science Bldg. at Strong Hospital. NCDHR is 1/37 prevention research centers (PRC's) in the US, funded by CDC, to promote health. HL2 is a Community-Based Participator Research (CBPR) committee some of which are HLAA members under the auspices of NCDHR.

The HL2 meets there monthly with access to the most modern accessibility listening equipment

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LEADERS COLUMN (continued)

including a <u>hearing loop induction system and</u> <u>captioning</u>. Interpreter services are also present for communication with NCDHR staff and others who primarily use ASL. In case you are not familiar with it, look up NCDHR online – you'll be impressed.

HELP HLAA VIA THE UNITED WAY

We continue to be a United Way "Donor Designated Option" choice. We are not a direct United Way agency and do not receive any funding from their general campaign. Therefore, to donate to HLAA through the United Way, we ask you to consider donating to us through the "Designated Option" on your gift card.

Our United Way number is 2425.



Your past support is deeply appreciated. As with other gifts, your donation

enables our chapter to continue to provide education, help, and advocacy for people with hearing loss, their family and their friends. Alas, even though the local chapter is a totally volunteer organization, there are still costs such as printing, postage, phones, and technical items. Many thanks!

Pearls of Wisdom about our Chapter's 30th Anniversary Gala Celebration! By Meredith Low

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SHHH! We're not spilling all the pearls about this, *the* party event of the year, just yet! The Committee for the Rochester Chapter of HLAA's 30th Anniversary Gala Celebration is going to *great lengths* to

make sure that *YOU* and your HLAA friends have a fivestar, tip-top, rockin' good time, with sumptuous fare and entertainment!

The symbol for 30th anniversaries is the pearl, and this event is sure to be a "pearl" of a party! It will be centrally located in Rochester in the elegantly appointed ballroom of the <u>Inn on Broadway, Sunday, November 3rd,</u> <u>from 2:00 to 5:00 PM.</u> Look for more "pearls" about this grand celebration of our great, wonderful Chapter in upcoming issues of this Newsletter!

RBTL LIVE THEATRE--- CAPTIONED!



All performances are Sunday, at 1:00pm

May 12th – Les Miserables

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

GEVA Theatre Offering Captioned Plays!



By Bonnie Butkas

All performances are Saturday, at 2:00pm.

April 6th – **The Whipping Man** May 11th – **Midsummer Night's Dream**

Call the Box Office at 232-4382. <u>Ask for seats in the</u> "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 Hard of Hearing Clarity, Hoffman and Daughters, the <u>Hearing Loss Association of America</u>, and the J. Stuart and Phyllis MacDonald Trust Fund.

TWO FREE TICKETS WILL BE GIVEN OUT AT BOTH THE DAY AND EVENING CHAPTER MEETINGS FOR THE UPCOMING PERFORMANCE.

Our Chapter has given two tickets to Rochester School for the Deaf and also to NTID.

We Welcome All Donations

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

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

Be sure to designate:

This donation is: <u>In Memory of</u>; or, <u>In Honor of</u>, or, Birthday congratulations,

And who to send the Acknowledgment to. Thank you.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give." Winston Churchill

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!

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For Your Donation to HLAA: Webster Hearing Center (J. Kozelsky)

For Your Donation Above Basic Membership: R. Kleinspehn

Bequest from the Estate of: Dr. Ruth Oakley.



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. Make your reservations now!

<u>Cost for registration by May 31st is \$359.</u> Go to: <u>www.hearingloss.org/content/registration</u>. Or, our home page: www.hlaa-rochester-ny.org/index.html.

Rochester members planning to attend, please go to our website: <u>www.hlaa-rochester-ny.org</u> for the form to fill out to receive a STIPEND.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there." *Will Rogers 1879-1935*

IF YOU MOVE

Please don't forget to notify **Barb Gates**, at 28 Country Gables Circle, Rochester, NY 14606, or, via email at <u>cdgblg28@aol.com</u>, even if your change of <u>address is a temporary one</u>. 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.

CORRECTION

Our September 2012 Newsletter, on page 3, listed **Brenda Battat**'s title erroneously. **Brenda is the Executive Director of HLAA.** Our sincere apologies.

"ARCHIVIST" WANTED

Do historical facts fascinate you? Are you an enthusiastic "scrap booker?" HLAA/Rochester needs a volunteer "Archivist" to keep and preserve records of our Chapter's 30 year past and its future activities.

You would clip, affix into scrap books, and caption articles about our Chapter appearing in Rochester-area print media, as well as other materials such as programs, invitations, speeches, photos, etc. This opportunity is not part of a committee, but you would have help from other members supplying info they've accumulated. This leading HLAA Chapter wishes to retain its 30-year history! Please contact Sue Miller at (585) 924-8933 or, <u>SusanLeeMiller39@cs.com</u>

> LIKE US ON FACEBOOK ! By Cindy Kellner

Are you on Facebook? If so, please be our friend. We currently have 145 friends and we want more.

Find us at: Hlaa Rochester Ny

WEBSITES OF INTEREST

Our Chapter website is: www.hlaa-rochester-ny.org.

Michelle Gross and Richard McCollough are updating our website. (Also, the website for National is www.hearingloss.org)

(submitted by Barb Gates and Janet McKenna)

A new book, "**Shouting Won't Help**," by Katherine Boughton, tells how she lost her hearing and how she's learning to live with it; and why she and 50 million Americans can't hear you. Go to: barnesandnoble@m.bn.com.

(submitted by Nick Graver)

The best article ever on hearing loss. What should be done about hearing loss? – NY Times

www.nytimes.com/2013/02/27/booming/what-should-bedone-about-hearing-loss.html?src=recg=

(submitted by Don Bataille)

Info on the Hearing Loop movement (from S. Frazier, New Mexico chapter). <u>www.hearinglooop.org;</u> <u>www.aldlocator.com;</u> www.hearinglosshelp.com/loopedbuildingsbystate; www.loopamerica.com/loops.aspx.

NATIONWIDE TEXT-TO-9 1 1 SERVICES

(Submitted by Don Bataille)

FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski announced recently that the nation's largest wireless carriers—AT&T, **Sprint, T-Mobile, Verizon**—have agreed to accelerate the <u>availability of "text-to-911</u>," with major deployments expected in 2013 and a commitment to nationwide availability by May 15, 2014. This agreement will accelerate progress and ensure that over 90% of our country's wireless consumers, including millions with hearing or speech disabilities, will be able to access emergency services by sending a TEXT message to 911, where local 911 call centers are prepared to receive the texts.

Subjects of May 7th Chapter Meetings

Daytime –Cochlear Implant Panel – enthusiastic group of Chapter members **Evening** – "Ask the Audiologist" – Carol Henn-Staino, Christine A. Stein, Jared Teeter

BATTERIES

By Michelle Gross

Batteries are a fact of life. When we look at the array we have from which we have to select it can sometimes be a very difficult task. There are, of course, our "button" batteries for hearing aids and Coclear Implants, there are single-use batteries and rechargeables of all sorts. Learning about batteries and when to use them is a study unto itself. It may be, however, you already have some batteries in your home and you'd like to know the best way to store them. The information below will provide some direction to storing a few of the more common batteries you may have around your home. <u>Always check your</u> <u>device to be sure you're not using rechargeable batteries where</u> <u>they are not designed to be used and that you are not mixing</u> <u>battery types in your device</u>. The following is the procedure for storing some of the types of batteries you may have:

First look to see what kind of battery is in each device.

Lithium Ion batteries: (Li-Ion) Charge the batteries full and store. Check them again in a year, they may not even need to be charged then as they have a long "shelf life" but check them.

<u>Nickel Metal Hydride (NiMH)</u> Charge them fully then recharge every 3 months at the most (it's best to do about every month but they probably can go three months).

Nickel Cadmium: (NiCad) These are getting to be a rarity these days. These are not really good for the environment, so we are seeing them in fewer devices. Charge, then put away and recharge every 3 months. Let them run down about once every 6 months, then recharge it fully, then store again. (These batteries have a memory so if you don't let them run down first, they gradually won't discharge fully before needing to be recharged and soon won't be usable having lost their memory.)

"<u>Regular" Alkaline batteries or zinc Air batteries</u>: Remove them from any device you will not be using as over time they will leak and can ruin the device. When

replacing these batteries <u>always replace all</u> of them at the same time--in other words, if a device uses three, don't leave one old one in place and replace the other two, all three should be replaced together.

<u>As for your hearing aid batteries</u>...leave the little paper on the back of the button batteries--they become "active" once air hits them. If you install the batteries in your hearing aid and it seems like the aid isn't working, it just may mean the batteries haven't gone through the little chemical process which activates them. (Contact Michelle at sugarbea140a@yahoo.com)

WELCOME FROM TOWN OF PERINTON !

I am very excited about Perinton's role in hosting the Rochester Chapter of the Hearing Loss Association of America's eighth annual 5K Walk4Hearing on May 5th! What better place to host a 5K walk than <u>Trail Town</u> <u>USA</u>? The site of your walk, the Erie Canal Heritage Trail, was one of the three trail systems in Perinton that helped earn us this national honor. It is a community asset of which we are very proud. <u>As a twice-designated</u> "Top 100 Best Places to Live in America," we are extremely cognizant of those with life challenges. The Rochester/Monroe County area is particularly aware of those in our midst with hearing disabilities, especially with the excellent resources present at NTID.

This fundraising effort and its <u>very impressive goal of</u> <u>\$55,000</u> to support national and local educational efforts is a natural outreach effort and certainly will be a major step (pun intended!) in reaching your organization's goals. We also wish you success in achieving <u>your goal of</u> <u>having 500 participants</u> attend this exciting event!

Perinton wishes you balmy Spring weather and a great turnout!

Sincerely, James E. Smith, Perinton Town Supervisor

ANOTHER GREAT MAGAZINE

(Suggested by Fred Altrieth)

In addition to our own Hearing Loss Magazine that comes with your <u>membership in National HLAA</u>, there is another excellent publication, "<u>HEARING HEALTH</u>." It's issued 4 times a year by Hearing Health Foundation.

Some great topics in the Winter 2012 edition are:

--Completely Accessible. How to remain safe, and in touch, while at home. Including info on Loops.

- --Captioning on YouTube.
- --Be Prepared in an Emergency.
- --Hearing Restoration Project—regenerating hair cells. --The High Value of Quality Hearing.

Email: <u>info@hearinghealthfoundation.org</u> Website: www.hearinghealthfoundation.org WALK4HEARING – COMING IN MAY

By Pete Fackler and Sue Miller

The 2013 Walk4Hearing will be held <u>Sunday, May 5th</u>, at the Perinton Town Park, Fairport, with registration beginning at 8:30 am.



Save the date and save some time to help the Walk be the success it deserves. Your participation will make a difference! It's a real party, with lots of energy, and we historically have Good Weather! This will be our 8th annual Walk4Hearing.

The usual spread of mouth-watering breakfast foods will be available at 9:00 am; and the Walk will launch at 10:00 am. There will be fun entertainment to get us started. An added attraction will be <u>Channel 13 News</u> <u>Anchor, Ginny Ryan.</u>

Be a Team Captain -- contact Barb Law to set up a team to walk (<u>blaw1@rochester.rr.com</u>. **Team captains** organize walk teams by asking their friends, family, and work colleagues to walk with them and to gather donations to support HLAA.

Or, walk with a team...want to walk and you don't have a team to walk with? We can hook you up with Team Captains looking for team members. **Walkers ask their friends, family, and work colleagues to support their participation in the Walk by making donations in their behalf.**

Another way you can help is to ask local businesses you have a connection with if they would like to be an <u>Event Sponsor</u> of the Walk. These are larger gifts from the likes of investment firms, banks, legal firms, accountants, and so on. Contact David Koon (dkoon@rochester.rr.com) if you have ideas you'd like to pursue and he will provide the support you need to make the approach.

You can also help by obtaining items for the **Silent Auction**. Please ask merchants and service providers for donations, such as gift certificates and tickets. Possibilities include: florists, candy shops, boutiques, pet supplies, restaurants, cleaners, liquor merchants, and museums. No amount is too small. Call Mary Chizuk 315-524-4375 or, mcchiz@bluefrog.com, to help.

The excitement is building and the weather will be grand. See you May 5th!!

ANNUAL DINNER, Tues., June 18th

We need your help in organizing our dinner. Please contact Barb Law at <u>blaw1@rochester.rr.com</u>; or, Sue Miller at <u>SusanLeeMiller39@cs.com</u> for more info. Thanks for your consideration!

NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS

Rooney Hargrave wrote a "Pat on the Back" article for the D&C 2/24/13 - GEVA HAS MADE THEATER ACCESSIBLE

"Congratulations to GEVA Theatre Center. First of all, for their wonderful production of "Next to Normal." And, secondly, for installing closed captioning in the theatre. What a huge benefit for people with hearing loss. It has made a big difference."

Barb Coughlin continues her battle with cancer. She has been a hard worker each month getting our Newsletter out; and also has been our "battery lady" at daytime chapter meetings.

Mary Chizuk is at home recovering from shoulder surgery.

CONDOLENCES: Fred Altrieth's wife, Josie, died February 27th. Fred has been a chapter member for many years and a member of our Technology Committee. He has been instrumental in working on the hearing system at chapter meetings.

Gary and Mary Wagner were featured in the Jan/Feb. 2013 issue of "55 Alive," as well as on our website, for their many years of volunteering at Lollypop Farms. Check out the great photo and article that Michelle Gross put on our website.

If you have input for this column, please send to ggraham859@frontiernet.net.

NTID Highlights

Six people will be inducted into RIT's Innovation Hall of Fame on May 3^{rd} . Among them is **Paul Taylor** (NTID retired) who was instrumental in developing devices that helped deaf people communicate by telephone, including the TTY and the telephone relay service. (*D&C 2/23/13*)

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see." *(Mark Twain)*

MEMBERSHIP: JOIN THE FUN !

By Meredith Low

Our goal for the membership year of 2012-2013 is **200** members. As of this writing, the <u>Chapter membership</u> total has reached **195** !!!

If you're already a Chapter member, please consider treating someone you care about to a gift of membership. It is only \$10. It's open to everyone, whether they have a hearing loss or not, and the degree of hearing loss does not matter. Membership offers you a subscription to the Chapter's award-winning monthly Newsletter; two monthly programs 10 months of the current year; and this year, these following special events:

--The Walk4Hearing, May 5th --The Annual Dinner, June 18th --The Annual Picnic, August 25th --The 30th Anniversary Gala Celebration, November 3rd Please join our Chapter, so you can enjoy the fun!

Newsletter Deadline

SUNDAY, MARCH 31st (for the May Newsletter)

Email: ggraham859@frontiernet.net

ASL AT WINERY

Casa Larga Vineyards has started conducting tours in ASL. Reservations required, with 3 days notice. Groups of entirely deaf. or people with hearing loss, or a combination, are invited. Private group tastings are \$7 per person at Casa Larga, 2287 Turk Hill Road. Private tasting-and-tour options range from \$10-15/person. Call (585) 598-4407. *(from D&C 2-10-13)*

COCHLEAR IMPLANT GROUP

The CI meeting is scheduled twice a year. The next meeting in May is canceled. There will be a <u>daytime</u> <u>Chapter Meeting May 7th</u> involving a panel of <u>Cochlear Implant recipients</u>. Please plan to attend.

Our next CI Group meeting will be in the Fall.

"MY STORY" – A Personal History of Hearing Loss By Mark Hargrave



While in the Philippine Islands during World War II, I had an injury which gave me hearing loss which became worse over time. My business career began

at Eastman Kodak Co. where I enjoyed various assignments for 35 years. However, my job responsibilities required frequent meetings. I became increasingly frustrated from my gradual hearing impairment. Therefore, after much deliberation, I took early retirement in 1982.

I felt the need to contact local organizations such as Monroe County Association for Hearing Impaired, NTID, and the School for the Deaf. Most focused on sign language to communicate. I realized I needed help with assistive listening devices for hard-of-hearing people not Deaf.

Besides meetings, I had difficulty hearing in church, in restaurants and social gatherings, as well as telephone conversations. These concerns encouraged me to attend a meeting for people with hearing loss in Baltimore in the '80's. Upon arrival, the large group was engaged in deep discussion on phone usage. Suddenly, everyone raised their hands over their heads as the hearing system had become disconnected. This was my first introduction to the **hearing loop system**! It was reconnected and all could hear. Each person had on hearing aids with a Tswitch. I was very excited as my aids, luckily, had a Tswitch and I could participate, and learned about the loop.

Upon returning to Rochester, several from the group were invited to install loops at St. Paul's Episcopal Church and at Kodak Office. We were off and running! The RHSC encouraged me to contact the Rochester Telephone Company. Professional advice and funds were needed from them to assist with better communication for the telephone user. Hearing aids should have T-switches in order to be compatible with phones. This led to a proposal to James Henderson, President of Rochester Telephone Co., who set the pace for years of cooperation. His successor, Alan Hasselwander, invited me to attend a meeting in Washington, DC. On our trip, Alan approved a grant of \$40,000 for a "Telephone and Assistive Device Center" at RHSC. I was aghast as I'd been turned down from a \$5,000 request. A dream come true! Soon, legislation was finally passed for <u>all</u> telephones to be compatible with hearing aids.

About this time, <u>Rocky Stone</u>, the National President of SHHH (Self Help for Hard of Hearing People) came to Rochester. He inspired **Sue Miller, Vern Thayer**, and me, as well as other people with hearing loss to start a Chapter here. It is one of the largest chapters in the U.S.

Most of my involvement over the years was serving on the National Technical Committee, co-hosting the National Convention here in Rochester, and involvement in the Restaurant and Theatre Committees. Our current focus is on Cap-Tel Captioning for the telephone, and live theatres, such as the Auditorium and GEVA.

ALBANY CHAPTER 30TH ANNIVERSARY By Paul A. Czech

The <u>Albany Chapter of the HLAA will be celebrating</u> their 30th Anniversary this year with a Gala event to be <u>held on Wednesday Night, May 22nd</u> at the Capital Repertory Theater located in Albany, NY. Join us for a celebratory evening that is also meant to bring more public awareness to the necessity for the <u>widespread</u> <u>installation of Hearing Loop Technologies in public</u> <u>places.</u>

Acclaimed Musical Composer and Hearing Loop Advocate <u>Richard Einhorn</u> will be on hand to help us celebrate. The evening will include a performance of some of Mr. Einhorn's compositions for chamber orchestra as performed by the amazing Musicians of Ma'alwyck. The <u>theater will be "looped</u>" so turn on your telecoils and join us as we celebrate 30 years of assistance and support for the hearing loss community from the Hearing Loss Association of America--Albany. For more information about the event and to purchase tickets, please visit our website at <u>www.hearingloss-albany.org</u> or call (518) 488-8268.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

In cold weather, put on thin liner socks to help wick moisture away from your feet. Over these, wear wool or wool-blend, not cotton, socks to keep your feet warm & dry. Old Farmer's Almanac, 2012



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HLAA Membership Information

Hearing Loss Association (HLAA) Rochester Chapter, a tax exempt and volunteer group, is a chapter of a national, nonprofit, nonsectarian, educational organization devoted to the welfare and interests of those who cannot hear well. We meet the first Tuesday of the month from September through June at St.Paul's Episcopal Church, East Ave. While our primary focus is directed toward hard of hearing, we welcome everyone to our chapter meetings whatever their hearing ability. For more information, Call 585-266-7890

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<u>Newsletter</u>

Newsletter deadline: first day of the month preceding the issue month. Send articles to: Ginger Graham 859 Meadow Ridge Lane Webster, NY 14580 ggraham859@frontiernet.net

<u>MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION</u> – ROCHESTER CHAPTER

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HEARING LOSS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

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More than 36 million people in the US have a hearing loss, which can hinder daily communication-- one in five people! By age 65, one in three Americans has a hearing loss. This invisible condition affects the quality of life of the individuals with hearing loss as well as family, friends, co-workers and everyone with whom they interact. HLAA believes people with hearing loss can participate successfully in today's world.

Founded in 1979, the mission of HLAA is to open the world of communication to people with hearing loss through advocacy, information, education, and support.

HLAA is the largest international consumer organization dedicated to the well-being of people who do not hear well. HLAA publishes the bimonthly <u>Hearing Loss</u> <u>Magazine</u>, holds annual conventions, a Walk4Hearing, and more. Check out: www.hearingloss.org/.

To join, please see inside back page. HLAA has more than 200 chapters and 14 state organizations. Welcome!

Meetings are hearing accessible

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

All meetings are audio looped and captioned. Interpreters are available on request *for evening meetings only*-- contact Linda Siple, 585-475-6712, or at <u>lasnss@rit.edu</u>, at least a week in advance. (This phone number is only to request an Interpreter.)

Entrance to the meeting room is via the <u>rear door</u> next to the fence.

Everyone, with or without a hearing loss, is welcome!