



## In Person at St. Paul's and on Zoom - October 4<sup>th</sup>

### OCTOBER CALENDAR

**TUESDAY, OCT. 4, 10 AM-11 AM IN PERSON, ST PAUL'S VESTRY ROOM:** Joe Kozelsky: HOPE Session: 'Hearing Other People's Experiences' (HOPE)

**TUESDAY, OCT. 4, 11:30 AM - NOON AT ST PAUL'S PARISH HALL AND ON ZOOM:** Chapter announcements and business meeting.

**TUESDAY, OCT 4, NOON -1 PM AT ST PAUL'S PARISH HALL AND ON ZOOM:** MICHAEL HARVEY PHD, ABPP, "Your identity as a person with hearing loss "

**TUESDAY, OCT. 11, 7 PM ON ZOOM:** Board of Directors Meeting

**THURSDAY, OCT. 20, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES DEMO CENTER.** Technology Team. In person. Lifespan, 1900 South Clinton Avenue, 14618.

**TUESDAY, OCT. 25, 8 PM - 9 PM ON ZOOM:** "Hear Together": Parent/Caregiver Support Group  
**Please check our Chapter Website [hearinglossrochester.org](https://www.hearinglossrochester.org) for any changes**

### October Programs

The Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) Rochester Chapter offers in-person and virtual programs for anyone interested in hearing loss. Preregistration is 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 October are:

**Tuesday, October 4, 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

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*from Dan Brooks and Art Maurer*



After years of anticipation Over-the-Counter hearing aids are here, approved to be sold beginning October 17. Is this an opportunity for HLAA education and support to members; also to folks just beginning to consider getting hearing aids? Could be...



The warm lazy afternoons of late summer eluded us. We were busy at HLAA-Rochester. In August our Picnic was an enjoyable success followed by participation in three Health Fairs. In September our usual monthly events were restarted as well as a good turnout

of members at the successful New York State Conference held in Glens Falls. So we're in full swing, with both in person, Zoom and YouTube offerings. Our other initiatives in Health Care, Libraries, Senior Residences also continue on-track.

We're not yet sure just where **Over-the-Counter** will lead. How can we best inform people considering an OTC of what to expect, the range of hearing loss covered and if they are within a 'moderate' range of hearing? Importantly, 'buyer beware'; what should the consumer be wary of...particularly when a return and refund is needed.

What can we do to support users as they wear OTCs every day? Will on-going maintenance be available? Plus, pricing of hearing aids may fluctuate over time; we at HLAA should be aware to help alleviate confusion. OTCs present opportunity to expand HLAA services to broaden the scope of information we make available to all hearing aid users as the traditional markets are disrupted by new providers and pricing?

As if that's not enough, we are also investigating and testing, for those with limited financial means, new assistive listening devices that mimic hearing aids. It is our first organized entry into the economically deprived neighborhoods of Rochester's inner city.

Our annual **Member Letter** for membership renewal was sent late August. If you've already renewed we

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## President's Message

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thank you. If not, please take a few moments to renew so we can keep records up to date. Membership Renewal last year was at an all-time high and we're hoping to replicate that this year.

If you are registered as a **Veteran**, there is no need to renew – you benefit from our free lifetime membership.

Despite the pandemic, we made progress in expanding the breadth of HLAA-Rochester offerings. But being limited to Zoom, with no in-person gatherings, we had little success in broadening the numbers of volunteers involved to expedite the new programs. So we're asking folks to step up and take on one specific job in the array of activities needing person-power. Just one specific focus for any volunteer...with most not requiring technical expertise in hearing loss or equipment.

- Consider the many **Volunteer Opportunities**:
- Health Fairs - staffing,
- Monthly Presentations - support staff,
- Library Introductory Presentations – city, county and rural,
- Demo Center Greeters,
- Newsletter – coordination with advertisers,
- Outreach to nearby counties,
- Senior Residence Programs,
- Inner City Initiative,
- Working Adults Group coordination.
- Over-the-Counter – new challenges and opportunities .

Please contact Dan, Art or Sue Miller for more information.

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## October Birthdays

Happy Birthday to:

October	11	Stan Gross
	15	Dan Brooks
	25	Al Suffredini

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

## Donations

**Thank you to these members who included donations to the chapter in addition to their dues:**

Marjorie Buck  
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## Hearing Loop Trial Available at the Next ADK-GVC "Outside Voices"

The Genesee Valley Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club holds an "Outside Voices" event featuring presentations and workshops on outside adventures, wilderness perspectives and a variety of ADK topics. The events are free and open to the public and held on the second Wednesday of every month from September to June at the Eisenhart Auditorium on the RMSC campus.



The October 12<sup>th</sup> meeting features a presentation by NYC author and solo hiker extraordinaire J.R. Harris and a workshop from Rochester Ecology Partners.

On November 9<sup>th</sup>, there will be a presentation by local mountaineer and Seven Summitter Kevin Flynn on his expedition to Carstensz Pyramid and a workshop from our own Bruce Tehan on outdoor resources from Monroe County Public Libraries.

While the venue is not looped, a portable loop for a limited seating area will be on loan from HLAA on a trial basis, for those who wear hearing aids or cochlear implants equipped with a telecoil. In addition, a limited number of telecoil-equipped assistive listening devices with headphones will be available.

You must be fully vaccinated and free of any COVID symptoms or exposure to attend the events. Please visit our website for times and more information on upcoming programs: <https://adk-gvc.org/our-chapter/monthly-program2-2>

## October Programs

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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, October 4. Noon: Michael Harvey PhD, ABPP, “Your identity as a person with hearing loss”. In person at St. Paul’s Parish Hall or virtual on Zoom.**

Mental health issues affect people with hearing loss. Clinical psychologist Dr. Michael Harvey feels that “formulating one’s identity as a person with hearing loss is easier said than done.” His virtual talk will provide navigational tools for a “hero’s journey” to form one’s identity. The journey is akin to finding your way through a dense forest while coping with anxiety and uncertainty. He will describe the process of forming identities, methods of diversifying and strengthening one’s identity, resolving the alienating between two worlds experience, coping with “ordinary evil,” and how our stories can transform us in profound ways.



At his clinical practice in Framingham, MA, Dr. Harvey consults on mental health issues affecting

people with hearing loss. He was a consultant faculty at Salus University, teaching online courses dealing with the psychosocial aspects of hearing loss. He has published over fifty articles, and his latest books are *Listen With the Heart: Relationships and Hearing Loss* and *Odyssey of Hearing Loss: Tales of Triumph*.

His talk will be available on Youtube via the HLAA web site [hearinglossrochester.org](http://hearinglossrochester.org)

**Thursday, October 20. 10 AM-2 PM Assisted Device Demo Center. Technology Team. In person at Lifespan, 1900 South Clinton Avenue, 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, October 25. 8 PM –9 PM “Hear Together”. Kristin Bergholtz CCC/SLP. Virtual on Zoom.**

Speech language pathologist Kristin Bergholtz conducts a virtual support group for parents and caregivers of Deaf/hard of hearing children. It is planned as a safe community for connecting advocates of these youngsters. To register, contact [kristinbslp@gmail.com](mailto:kristinbslp@gmail.com)

## Truth About Hearing Issues Can Be Elusive

*By Joe Kozelsky*



The parable starts with six blind men who stumbled on an elephant and experienced different parts of it and, therefore, the personal experience of each was entirely different. One said it was a hard pipe (tusk), one said a pillar (leg), the third a rope (tail), the fourth said a wall (stomach), the fifth declared it was a tree branch (trunk), and the sixth insisted it was a large leather-like fan (ear).

Each was adamant about his perception. Obviously, all six were wrong, since each perceived only the part of the object within his experiences. This is a famous Indian story illustrating how our perceptions can be restricted by our personal range of experiences which are inherently limited by the existence of other truths or the totality of truth (Wikipedia).

I see examples of this often when I talk with professional and HLAA colleagues, the general public, or in writings found on the Internet pertaining to hearing,

hearing loss and hearing aids. It seems as if we each perceive a "different part of the elephant," often simplifying the various issues to be "truths" which are compatible with our ranges of information and experiences and to some extent our biases. It is not hard for me to think of many examples of this pertaining to us as individuals with hearing loss. Having been seated "a straddle" of both sides of the issue for many, many years, the parable points out to me to how it can be that well-minded people concerned with hearing loss can have very divergent opinions on the same issues.

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# Captioned Entertainment Around Rochester

## JCC Center Stage – Captioned Plays



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

- “On the Market”... A World Premier Comedy - October 16, 2022
- “Something Musical”... Broadway in Concert - December 11, 2022
- “Hitmakers”... You ain’t Seen Nothin’ Yet - February 12, 2023
- “I’m not a Comedian...I’m Lenny Bruce” - March 19, 2023
- “Ragtime, the Musical” ... The Beloved Classic - May 14, 2023

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.

## RBTL Live Theater – Captioned Plays



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

- “Hamilton” - November 6, 2022
- “Come From Away” - December 11, 2022
- “Beetlejuice” - February 19, 2023
- “Hedestown” - 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](mailto:mail@rbtl.org).

**Buy Hearing Aid Batteries from HLAA**  
HLAA Rochester offers hearing aid batteries at a very attractive price. Batteries are available in-person at chapter meetings. You may purchase a pack of six for \$1.50, or an entire box (60 batteries) for \$15.00.

## NTID Theatres

### Panara Theatre - Captioned and Hearing Loop

- “Everybody” November 11 -13, 2022
- “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 the hearing impaired 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.

## 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.

- “A Christmas Carol” - 12/5 at noon, 12/11 at 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm
- “Airness” - 1/15 at 2:00 pm, 2/2 at 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm
- “Constellations” - 2/5 at 2:30 pm
- “How to Catch Creation” - 2/26 at 2:00 pm, 3/16 at 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm
- “Somewhere Over the Border” - 4/2 at 2:00 pm, 4/20 at 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm
- “The Chinese Lady” - 5/7 at 2:30pm
- “Yoga Play” - 5/14 at 2:00 pm, 6/1 at 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm
- “Sister Act” - 6/25 at 2:00 pm, 7/20 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.

New York State Legislators  
2022

The Legislative Committee of the Rochester HLAA Chapter would like to encourage you to become even better advocates for hearing loss. One way to do this is to first know your state legislators! Cut out this form and keep it handy. We all have the same two United States Senators and the same Governor.

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2. There are **435** members of the House of Representatives in the US.

Who is your representative in New York State? Possibilities are:

Tom Reed (23<sup>rd</sup> Dist), John Katko (24<sup>th</sup> Dist), Joe Morelle (25<sup>th</sup> Dist), Brian Higgins (26<sup>th</sup> Dist), Christopher L. Jacobs (27<sup>th</sup> Dist), etc. Who is yours?

3 There are **63** State Senators in New York State. Possibilities are:

Pamela Helming (54<sup>th</sup> Dist), Samra Brouk (55<sup>th</sup> Dist), Jeremy Cooney (56<sup>th</sup> Dist.), George Borrello (57<sup>th</sup> Dist), Thomas O'Mara (58<sup>th</sup> Dist), Patrick Gallahan, (59<sup>th</sup> Dist), Edward Rath (61<sup>st</sup> Dist), Robert Ort (62<sup>nd</sup> Dist)  
Who is yours?

4. There are **150** Members of the Assembly in New York State. Possibilities are:

Brian Manktelow (130<sup>th</sup> Dist), Jeff Gallahan (131<sup>st</sup> Dist), Philip Palmesano (132<sup>nd</sup> Dist), Marjorie Byrns 133<sup>rd</sup> Dist), Josh Jensen (134<sup>th</sup> Dist), Jennifer Lunsford (135<sup>th</sup> Dist), Sarah Clark (136<sup>th</sup> Dist), Demond Meeks (137<sup>th</sup> Dist), Harry Bronson (138<sup>th</sup> Dist), Stephen Hawley (139<sup>th</sup> Dist), Michael Norris (144<sup>th</sup> Dist), David DiPietro (147<sup>th</sup> Dist), etc  
Who is yours?

The Monroe County Election Board phone number is 428-4550. Call them if you want **to know who** your legislators are. If you do not live in Monroe County, search the web for your County Election Board. The League of Women Voters at <https://www.lwv-rma.org/WRY22.pdf> has a downloadable listing of all Monroe County elected officials.

For the election in Nov some of these districts may change because of the 2020 census.

**email me at [Judym27@aol.com](mailto:Judym27@aol.com) with legislative information:**

**Judy Markowski**  
**Chair, Legislative Committee**

## FDA Issues Final Rule to Regulate OTC Hearing Aids

**Rockville, Md.** — more choices in hearing aids, and the ability to get them without seeing a doctor or hearing care professional first. The Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) (<https://www.hearingloss.org/>) – the leading voice for the growing number of Americans with hearing loss – calls the step a win for millions of adults who have hearing loss and may have been waiting to get the help they need.

The FDA on August 16 issued the final rule for how over-the-counter hearing aids will be sold to consumers, and devices are expected to be available within the coming months. HLAA advocated for much of the consumer protection pieces of the long-awaited FDA rule, including a clear return policy and labeling on cell phone connectivity.

HLAA is providing free resources available for anyone considering over-the-counter hearing aids at [hearingloss.org/OTC](https://www.hearingloss.org/OTC) (<https://www.hearingloss.org/hearing-help/technology/otc-hearing-devices>).

“We are hopeful that over-the-counter options will inspire some to take a first step to treat their hearing loss sooner. Ultimately this can mean a better quality of life, and avoiding the increased risk of dementia, falls and isolation associated with untreated hearing loss,” says HLAA Executive Director Barbara Kelley.

It’s expected that the new over-the-counter class of hearing aids – recommended only for adults with mild to moderate hearing loss – will be significantly less expensive than those currently on the market which can average thousands of dollars a pair.

Forty-eight million Americans have hearing loss, and most never get diagnosed or treated. Cost and stigma are common barriers, even though untreated hearing loss is linked with other serious illnesses, isolation and even poor job performance. Hearing loss is often progressive, and HLAA thinks OTC products could inspire some people to get help earlier in the process, when they notice hearing changes in certain situations.

“This is an exciting step, but it’s still important to remember there’s no one-size-fits-all approach to hearing loss. For many, a hearing care professional will still be a part of an effective treatment plan. But opening more options is a big step in the right direction, for a growing problem that affects 1 in 7 Americans,” says Kelley.

HLAA also urges all Americans to get their hearing checked, and not to wait to get treated, no matter what option you choose. HLAA provides ongoing advocacy, resources, and support to empower people to live full lives with hearing loss.

## You can “Attend” Other Chapters’ Meetings

Many HLAA Chapters and State Organizations are continuing to meet virtually or live-and-virtual, now that 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](https://www.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.

## McCullough to be Honored

The New York State Broadcasters Association will induct Richard McCullough into their 2022 Hall of Fame on Oct. 30 at a luncheon in the Rainbow Room in Rockefeller Center.



McCullough, who has previously served on our chapter’s Board of Directors, and as a Professional Advisor, is a veteran meteorologist in Rochester, currently with WDKX (103.9) and formerly with WHEC-TV (Channel 10). He is also a filmmaker, activist and educator.

## Assistive Listening Device Demo Center

Previous visitors have been very appreciative of the attention and help they received. There are few places where people with a hearing loss can go to get instant help and quality free information! Lifespan’s generosity, in so many ways, combined with the hard work and contribution of so many volunteers really makes a difference!



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 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. The next demo session at Lifespan, 1900 S. Clinton Ave. (Tops Plaza) on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 2pm. Sessions are free. All are welcome!

## 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 <https://www.hearinglossrochester.org/meetings>.

## HLAA New York State Association (NYSA) - Update.

By Dan Brooks, Immediate Past President, HLAA-NYSA

Hello! Hope you are enjoying the fall weather and all the wonderful colorful foliage that comes with it. Soon I will be winterizing the family travel trailer but not until after our annual Columbus Day camping excursion with many friends and family. It is something my family looks forward to every year! Hope you all are making the most of the month of October like we do.



The **HLAA Rochester Chapter** will be hosting its second chapter program of the season in October. It is exciting to see all the people that join us remotely and the familiar faces of those who attend in person. It is sure a new era with the ways things have evolved due to the COVID pandemic. I hope all the other chapters around our state and country have taken advantage of wonderful opportunity to reach out to people in more ways than ever. If there are any chapters that are struggling or have questions on how to host a meeting remotely and/or in person, please feel free to reach out to me. I would be happy to help in any way I can or at the very least put you in contact with a person that can answer your questions

By the time you read this article the **HLAA New York State Association (HLAA-NYSA)** would have had its **2022 State Conference** in Glens Falls, NY. People joined us in person and remotely. Most of the people that joined us were from New York State but we did have people from outside of our state. It is was pretty amazing to see all the people that came from all parts of our country! It was also exciting to interact with all the people that volunteered to make this special event a success! We could have never put on such an event without all the support of our volunteers, exhibitors, speakers, sponsors and so many more!

A special thanks should go out to all the core people that helped make this event possible. (Listing alphabetically) Don Bataille, Peggy Bell, Robert Bishton, Mary Chizuk, Peter Fackler, Kathy Gates, Kasey Granger, Chas Johnstone, Gloria Matthews, Eric Matson, Sue Miller, Bruce and Candi Nelson, Mary Kate Owens, Anne Pope, Diane Sussman, Carolyn Tanen, Jon Taylor, Debbie Wolfe and Steve Wolfert. All the people mentioned above were either committee leaders and/or volunteers that spent an enormous amount of their personal time to attend weekly virtual planning committee meetings, to make our Conference a success.

As much as we all are happy to see the state conference come and go, our work as a State Association is never done. Recently there was a call to action via our e-blast

methods requesting all members of the **HLAA-NYSA** to write to our governor to approve and set up the Commission for the Deaf, Deaf-Blind, and Hard of Hearing. For any further questions please visit our State Association website [www.hearinglossnys.org](http://www.hearinglossnys.org) for more information or email Jerry Bergman, leader of the NYS Advocacy & Legislative Committee directly at [jerbergman1@me.com](mailto:jerbergman1@me.com).

Please remember we cannot do all that we do without your support. One of the ways to help us further our mission and goals is by making an online charitable donation. You may donate by following the directions on our website or by mailing a check to our **PO Box 1002** Fairport, NY 14450 with a note attached stating that the donation is for the **HLAA-NYSA**.

Another way to support us is by being a member of the **HLAA-NYSA**. To do that you have to be a New York State residence and joining or renewing your membership with HLAA at [www.hearingloss.org](http://www.hearingloss.org).

*Thanks again for all your support!*

Dan

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Hearing Loss Association (HLAA) Rochester Chapter, Inc., 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 are currently meeting online via Zoom. See our website at <https://hearinglossrochester.org> to register.

While our primary focus is directed toward people with hearing loss, we welcome everyone to our chapter meetings whatever their hearing ability.

For more information, call

**585 266 7890**  
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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**

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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, when live meetings resume!*