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MAY Calendar

<u>Tues., May 1st</u> – 11:00 am Daytime meeting Brown bag your lunch, then Program at Noon.

7:00 pm – Refreshments and Social Time 7:30 pm – Evening meeting.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, East Ave.& Westminster Rd across from George Eastman House; enter thru rear door.

<u>Sun., May 6th</u> – Walk4Hearing – 8:30 am <u>Tues., May 8th</u> –Board of Directors 7:30 pm – Justin Vigdor Room, Al Sigl Center

Fri., May 17th – Reservations due for Dinner

Tues., May 22nd – Annual Dinner & Awards

<u>Wed., May 23rd</u> – between Noon & 3pm – <u>RWC movie</u>, Loew's Webster. Check theatre for movie & exact time; then social time.

SAVE THESE FUTURE DATES

<u>Thurs.</u>, **June 12th** – Board of Directors <u>Mon.</u>, **June 18th** – Program Plng (Eve) see p. 4 <u>June 21 – 24 – HLAA National Convention</u> <u>Wed, June 27th</u> – RWC movie, Loew's Webster <u>Tues.</u>, **July 10th** – Program Plng (Day) see p. 4 <u>Sun.</u>, **Aug.26th** –Picnic at Miller's on Keuka Lake

Hospitality Duties for May:

Daytime Meeting -- Gloria DeMeo; Janet McKenna Evening Meeting -- Laura Chaba Board of Directors - Mary Ellen Tait

WALK4HEARING

SUNDAY MAY 6th, 2012

PERINTON PARK ROUTE 31F FAIRPORT, NY

<u>8:30 A.M</u>.-- REGISTRATION, SOCIAL TIME <u>9:30 A.M.</u> – RUNNERS START 10:00 A.M. –WALKERS START -WALK4HEARING

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WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

HELP US MEET OUR GOAL OF 500 PEOPLE!

SEE YOU SUNDAY, MAY 6th!

MAY PROGRAMS

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

Tuesday, May 1st – Daytime Meeting – 11 am

"<u>The Liberator Division in WWII: One GI's</u> <u>Recollections</u>" – Thomas Hargrave

Combat veterans of WWII are a diminishing corps. Tom Hargrave has recorded his memories of the "<u>Greatest</u> <u>Generation</u>" service with a vivid Power Point presentation covering his duty in the US and then as a tank driver in France and Germany. He emphasizes the interesting people he met along the way.

As a 19-year old enlistee, Tom was attached to the 14th Armored Division, "The Liberators." After landing in Marseilles, France in September 1944, they engaged the German Army in Alsace and Germany. Tom was a truck driver. "Initially my truck became the kitchen truck, so I had the pleasure of washing all the pots and pans for three meals a day," he recalls.

He then drove a tank, participating in several major engagements including the Battle of the Bulge, where his hearing loss began.

Tom worked for Eastman Kodak Co. for 26 years in various marketing positions. A passionate fisherman, he captained a charter sports fishing boat on Lake Ontario for seven years. The 88-year old veteran's present hobby is making CD's of traditional jazz and big band music.

Long-time HLAA/Rochester charter member **Mark Hargrave** is Tom's cousin.

Tuesday, May 1st – Evening Meeting – 7:00 pm

"<u>Purchasing Hearing Aids—Features and Prices</u>" -Joseph Kozelsky, CCC/A, Webster Hearing Center, and, Matt MacDonald, AuD, Hart Hearing Centers

Are you purchasing hearing aids for the first time? Or, are you considering replacing your current hearing aids? Tonight's program provides you with valuable information to discuss with your Audiologist.

Audiologists Kozelsky and MacDonald will review the types of hearing aids currently available as well as new hearing aid features designed to address your individual needs. Equally important, they will review the fitting of hearing aids, their costs, and also purchase options, as well as what assistance programs are available. Joe Kozelsky has been an Audiologist for over 40 years. He served as a clinical audiologist and Director of Audiology for Rochester Hearing and Speech Center and is now in private practice at Webster Hearing Center. Active in professional issues, he has authored or coauthored over seventy professional and research articles and presentations on issues pertaining to hearing, hearing loss and hearing aids. Joe is a past president of HLAA/Rochester Chapter's board of directors.

<u>Matt MacDonald</u> joined Hart Hearing Centers in 2009 after 15 years as an Audiologist at Strong Hospital. He also performs vestibular (balance) testing. Matt received his doctorate from CMU/Vanderbilt.

HLAA/Rochester chapter meetings are held in the Vestry Room at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, East Ave. at Westminster Road, across from the George Eastman House. All programs are audiolooped & **captioned**. Those needing a sign language interpreter should contact Linda Siple at 585 475 6712, a week in advance.

The Hearing Loss Association is a nationwide organization dedicated to advocacy, education and support for people with hearing loss. For more information visit <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.

CAPTIONED CHAPTER MEETINGS

CaptionCall is providing remote captions for our Day and <u>Evening chapter meetings</u>! This will run through June, 2012 (at a cost of about \$3,000 to CaptionCall.) <u>Tim Whitcher and Bruce and Candi Nelson have worked</u> <u>hard to get this new captioning system up and running at</u> <u>meetings. And have been faithful in attending all sessions!</u>

LEADERS COLUMN





Rochester, NY, was highlighted at the 2011 International Looping Conference in Washington, DC, as one of the major metropolitan areas in the US with induction loop (loop

or looping) installations, and I would like to add, "thanks to several HLAA-Rochester Chapter looping pioneers— Fred Altrieth, Joe Barone, Joan Ewing, Mark Hargrave, Hal Hood, Pat Irr, and Gary Wagner." This places

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LEADERS COLUMN (continued)

Rochester in the unique position to become a major looping community and a model resource addressing ADA – Assistive Listening Systems (ALS's) for people with hearing loss.

The new 2010 Title II ADA guidelines, specifically Rule 219, effective March, 2010, requires an ALS "in each assembly area where audible communication is integral to the use of the space." This includes civic meetings rooms, lecture halls, classrooms, motion-picture houses, theaters, concert halls, stadiums and other entertainment venues. ALS's include induction loops; infra-red, and FM systems. Each system has advantages and disadvantages. ALS's are vital to people with hearing loss because they provide accessibility, "equally effective communications," to public programs and events.

Looping has a primary advantage of not requiring a person to locate a special ALS receiver (typically, previously worn by another person) to wear around their neck. A person with a hearing aid can simply switch on their T-switch and pick up a clear sound signal without an ancillary device. Induction loop systems can be designed to provide discrete conversations at private meetings, at a Doctor's office, at a drug store counter or at a bank teller station. Another advantage, often overlooked, is that once a loop system is installed, there is very little maintenance or cost associated with the system-- no batteries to check and recharge or missing equipment to track down.

Looping design and looping technology has improved (due primarily to advances by European induction loop manufacturers where looping is more prevalent) with the development and implementation of an international standard known as IES 60118-4. The IES standard establishes loop signal levels and installation protocols for large and small loop applications.

The design and installation of an induction loop is a twostage process that begins with an evaluation of the space to measure background noise which in turn serves as the basis for the loop design and equipment selection. The second phase is the loop system installation and testing.

Would you like to learn more about looping? You happen to be in the right place. HLAA-Rochester Chapter, in conjunction with NTID, SWBR Architects, and Contacta is sponsoring a looping educational program, free of charge to the public, on June 13, 2012 at NTID. This program will review ADA-ALS

guidelines for places of public assembly and induction loop systems for various venues. <u>Richard McKinley</u>, <u>Contacta</u>, will present an informative program about loop systems and will provide a hands-on opportunity to try out various loop equipment.

Please join us for an informative and enlightening program. This is a great opportunity to learn everything you ever wanted to know about looping.

HAIKU IN ENGLISH

(By Carolyn Coit Dancy; published by "The Heron's Nest" Dec. 2011))

Originating centuries ago in Japan, haiku is *unrhymed poetic verse* consisting of no more than three lines. The hallmark of haiku is its brevity with fewer than a dozen words. Its genius is creating a multi-layered picture within this tiny framework.

Army Hospital He finger-spells I love you

Subjects of June 5th Chapter Meetings

Daytime Meeting: Panel of Cochlear Implant experts.

Evening Meeting: Assistive Listening Devices – Kristen Nolan, RHSC.

AFTER OUR FEATURED SPEAKER EVENT!

A big THANK YOU to all who helped in any way to make our Sam Trychin presentation a resounding success. Approximately 90 people attended! Thanks for your help--whether in setting up, taking down, bringing refreshments, working at the greeter's table, or in the kitchen. And, especially, our captioning committee.

Don & Paula Bataille, Mary Chizuk, Elise de Papp, Pete Fackler, Ginger Graham, Cindy Kellner, Barb Law, Nancy & Doug Meyer, Sue Miller, Bruce & Candi Nelson, Jo Owens, Bob Potter, Trish Prosser, Marlene Sutliff, Mary Ellen Tait, Keith Thompson, Tim Whitcher

PLANNING THE PROGRAMS FOR YOUR CHAPTER MEETINGS

Are you tired of "the same old subjects" at our Chapter meetings? We hope not!! But we do need your input and **new ideas for programs**! Please plan to attend either the <u>Daytime Program Planning meeting held by Sue</u> <u>Miller</u>, or, the <u>Evening Planning meeting held by Barb</u> <u>Law</u>, to give them your ideas for possible topics for the new season from September, 2012, to June, 2013.

Planning meeting for Evening sessions: <u>Mon., June 18th, 6:30 pm</u>, Barb Law, Justin Vigdor room, Al Sigl Center; light refreshments.

Planning meeting for Daytime sessions: <u>Tues., July 10th, 9:30 am</u> at Sue Miller's home, 16 Buckthorn Run, Victor.

RSVP: Please email (or, call) either Sue or Barb and let them know you're attending. Hope to see you at one of the meetings! We're eager for your suggestions!

Barb Law: <u>Blaw1@rochester.rr.com</u>; (585) 381-8640 Sue Miller: <u>SusanLeeMiller39@cs.com</u>; (585) 924-8933



Donations in Memory of Bing Thayer: Thank you to everyone who donated in memory of Bing Thayer. A total of \$745 has been raised for a "yet to be identified" program/project. Donations Above Membership: Mary Chizuk, Pat Irr For Your Donation to HLAA: Genesee Country Audiology Services, and Walworth Lions Club

MOTHER'S DAY

(from Old Farmer's Almanac)

After her mother died in 1905, Miss Anna Jarvis campaigned for a national day to honor all mothers.

On May 10, 1908, a Mother's Day service was held at a church in Grafton, West Virginia. In **1914**, Mother's Day was declared an annual national holiday on the second Sunday in May. Love to all Mothers!

HLAA MEMBER BENEFIT –INFO FROM NATIONAL - (By Barbara Kelley, HL Magazine)

Here's what you've been waiting for! *Hearing Loss Magazine* has gone **digital** beginning with the March/April 2012 issue. It can be read online at <u>www.hearingloss.org</u>. This added benefit of membership is available to <u>HLAA members only</u>, and is accessed through the HLAA Online Portal....what is that? You can now create a User ID and Password at this website by clicking on the "Login" button on the right-hand side of the home page. This is necessary to access the *Hearing Loss Magazine* at this website.

We Welcome All Donations

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And who to send the Acknowledgment to. Thank you.



NATIONAL CONVENTION, PROVIDENCE, RI

The HLAA National Convention will be in Providence June 21 – 24, 2012.

It will be held at the award winning <u>Rhode Island</u> <u>Convention Center (RICC)</u> conveniently located in the heart of downtown at 1 Sabin St (02903), and it is connected via Skybridge to the <u>Westin Providence Hotel</u>, One West Exchange St. (02903).

Research Symposium (June 22, 9-Noon) "How the Brain Makes Sense of the World of Sound."

Bring your Smart Phones because all Convention activities--events, programs, exhibits-- will be on a mobile app.

A unique riverside experience called "Waterfire" and a glamorous closing banquet will send you home with knowledge and memories to treasure for years!

Registration and reservations are now open! Go to: www.hearingloss.org/events/convention/

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Write it on your heart, that every day is the best day in the year." – Ralph Waldo Emerson

HEARING AIDS – TAX CREDIT BILLS

(By Joe Damico)

Our federal tax credit bills for hearing aids are: HR 1479 (Tom Lathan, IA) has 60 co-sponsors. This bill is stuck in the Ways & Means Committee.

S905 (Tom Harkin) has 9 co-sponsors; one of them is Senator Gillibrand. Schumer is not a co-sponsor.

These bills allow a \$500 tax credit per hearing aid every five years for anyone making less than \$200,000 a year.

HLAA National has written a summary of why these bills are necessary for people with hearing loss. Tom Reed is not a co-sponsor of the bill. He is the congressman for Sue Miller and Joe Damico and is a member of the Ways & Means Committee. Joe wrote to Mr. Reed and received a form letter thanking Joe for his letter, indicating they would look into it.

Please go to: <u>www.hearingaidtaxcredit.com</u>, and contact your legislators in support of these bills.

Newsletter Deadline

Monday, April 30th (for the JUNE Newsletter)

Email: ggraham859@frontiernet.net

No Newsletter is published in July or August.

COCHLEAR IMPLANT GROUP

The CI meeting is scheduled twice a year. <u>The next meeting</u> <u>**Tues.**</u>, <u>**May 15**th is <u>CANCELED</u>. There will be a daytime Chapter Meeting **June 5**th involving a <u>panel of Cochlear</u> <u>Implant experts</u>. Please plan to attend.</u>

Our next CI meeting will be in the Fall – <u>Tues., Oct. 16th.</u>

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>, <u>even if your</u> <u>change of 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.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY ! FIVE 'FIRSTS' FOR WOMEN – (excerpt from Rochester Women Magazine, March 2012)

In 1756, during America's Colonial period, Lydia Chapin Taft became the <u>first woman to legally vote with the</u> <u>consent of the electorate</u>. While all women didn't enjoy this privilege until 1920, Ms. Taft was allowed to vote because her husband, a powerful local figure, had passed away right before a major town vote. She was allowed to step in in his place.

The first woman to <u>run for US president</u> was Victoria Woodhull, who campaigned for the office in 1872 under the National Woman's Suffrage Association. While women would not be granted the right to vote by a constitutional amendment for nearly 50 years, there were no laws prohibiting one from running for president.

The <u>first female governor of a US state</u> was Wyoming governor Nellie Tayloe Ross in 1924.

The first woman <u>elected to serve in Congress</u> was Jeannette Rankin, a Republican from Montana. She was elected in both 1916 and 1940, and was the only member of Congress to vote against entering WWII.

<u>The first US Patent issued to a woman</u> was to Mary Dixon Kies in 1809, for inventing a process for weaving straw with silk or thread. Before then, most women inventors didn't bother to patent their new inventions because they couldn't legally own property independent of their husbands. Few could get the support necessary to turn their ideas into a reality.

About HLAA

The Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA), founded in 1979, opens the world of communication to people with hearing loss through information, education, advocacy and support. HLAA publishes the bimonthly <u>Hearing Loss Magazine</u>, holds annual conventions, a Walk4Hearing, and more. Check out <u>http://www.hearingloss.org/</u>. HLAA has chapters and state organizations across the country.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"It is not enough to have a good mind. The main thing is to use it well." – *Rene Descartes, French Philosopher* (1596 – 1650)

RECOGNIZING STEVE !

(By Joe Kozelsky)

HLAA - Rochester Chapter is pleased to recognize **STEPHEN HART** of Hart Hearing Centers for his contributions to our chapter. Steve has been a perennial and generous supporter of our Annual Walk for



<u>Hearing (W4H)</u>. He has also made significant contributions for the W4H through his participation in the Newfoundland, Canada *Targa Race for Hearing*, and most recently with

pledge donations for our <u>Chapter's Scholarship Fund</u> which he raised by his participation in --and completion of --the 2011 Annual Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, DC. Congratulations Steve! Your generosity and history of good will toward our Chapter are MORE than appreciated.

A special plaque commemorating his generosity has been obtained and will be presented to Steve at our <u>Annual</u> Dinner May 22^{nd} .

Steve has been a long-term member of the New York State Speech-Language-Hearing Association, the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and the American Academy of Audiology. He has served on the State Board for Speech Pathology and Audiology, serving as its Chairman, and also on the Board of Directors for the New York State Speech-Language-Hearing Association. He completed his Clinical Fellowship Year at the Rochester Hearing and Speech Center where I had the opportunity to act as his Clinical Fellowship Year Supervisor and to learn what a remarkable individual he is. He is a runner, a boater and a strong supporter of multiple community organizations. We are truly fortunate to have Steve as a member of our Chapter and our community.

PARENTS COLUMN

By Katy Kuczek

<u>Parent Wiki</u>--The Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) has launched a parent wiki at: http://www.kidsandhearingloss.org/.

Katy's column will return next month. Contact her at: kkuczek@rochester.rr.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: YOU CAN HELP HEARING RESEARCH – (*By Paul Allen, Ph.D.*)

Scientists at the University of Rochester need research volunteers with hearing loss to participate in basic research on the auditory system. Dr Laurel Carney is Professor of Biomedical Engineering and Neurobiology & Anatomy at the U of R. Her Auditory Neuroscience lab investigates the basic mechanisms of hearing and how this knowledge can be applied to understanding and remedying the problems caused by hearing loss. "We are currently studying two specific problems," she says. "The detection of acoustic signals in background noise. and the detection of fluctuations in the amplitude of sounds." These problems are interesting because they are tasks at which the healthy auditory system excels, but they are situations that can present great difficulty for listeners with hearing loss." Dr Carney hopes that by identifying the cues involved in the detection of signals in noise and fluctuations of signals, her lab will discover novel signal processing strategies for hearing aids that preserve, restore, or enhance these cues for listeners with hearing loss.



Dr Carney's study is part of the Center for Navigation and Communication Sciences, supported by the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders. The Center is

dedicated to research on the sensory, motor, and integrative mechanisms underlying hearing, vision, and balance. It also coordinates recruitment and screening of research subjects from the community who are interested in participating in research in these fields.

Study participants will complete a <u>telephone or email</u> screening then undergo a comprehensive evaluation of <u>hearing</u> at the University of Rochester Medical Center. Participants will receive free parking and compensation of \$10 per hour. There is a particular need for volunteers with bilateral symmetric, mild or moderate hearing loss. Please contact Dr. Paul Allen 275-7952 or paul allen@urmc.rochester.edu for more information.

WORTH REMEMBERING

"Never get so fascinated by the extraordinary that you forget the ordinary. – *Magdalen Nabb*

ANNUAL DINNER

By Sue Miller

We'll all have the chance to come together on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>May 22nd</u> for the Annual Dinner of the Rochester Chapter of HLAA. From **6 to 9pm**, we'll get to know our scholarship winners and their families. And, recognize just some of the people who make a difference to HLAA in the Rochester area.

The 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.

<u>Please sign up by **Thursday, May 17th** using the form included here. Hope to see you there!</u>

Please join us!

HLAA Annual Dinner

Tuesday, May 22nd, 2012

Cobblestone Creek Country Club 100 Cobble Creek Road, Victor, NY

> 6 to 9 P.M. Spouses/guests welcome! Menu choices:

- (1) <u>Beef Bourgogne</u> braised beef tips in a red wine demi-sauce, with mushrooms & vegetables
 - (2) <u>Stuffed Chicken</u> Breast stuffed with apricot and walnuts, with apricot brandy glaze
 - (3) <u>Portobello Wellington</u> Portobello, spinach, roasted red peppers, and zucchini, wrapped in a puff pastry with a fire-roasted tomato sauce

\$26.00 per person (includes gratuity)

Questions? Please email Don Bataille at <u>don@bataille.us;</u> or, text to his cell phone at 585-727-0408.



HLAA ANNUAL DINNER Reservation Form

Name:_____

Address_____

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Dinner choice

Guest:_____ Dinner choice

2nd Guest:_____ Dinner choice_____

Dinner reservations will be accepted until Thursday, May 17th

___ Dinners @ \$26 each = \$ _____

(please make check payable to <u>HLAA-Rochester</u>)

Return form and check to: Mr. & Mrs. Don Bataille 8 Springwood Lane, Pittsford, NY 14534

ANNUAL PICNIC August. 26th, at 1 pm, Keuka Lake



Swimming, boat rides, sunning, good food, relaxation and fun conversation on what we hope/expect will be a sunny day on Keuka Lake. Bring along your Frisbee, horseshoes, Jarts, and more!

Please <u>bring a dish to pass –salads, or casseroles, or</u> <u>appetizers, or desserts, and serving spoon</u>. The chapter provides beverages, paper products, silverware, and the Meat item.

Location: Sue & Scott Miller's cottage 10461 (previously 1050) East Bluff Drive, Penn Yan (south of Keuka College) Home phone: (585) 924-8933 Email: <u>susanleemiller39@cs.com</u>

Directions: Use Canandaigua Exit 44 off the NYS Thruway. Route 332 into Canandaigua. Turn left onto Rt. 5/20. About 9 miles, turn right onto County Rt. 5 (which turns into Rt. 14A), where the sign points to "Hall" and "Penn Yan." Straight into Penn Yan. At the 5th traffic light, turn right onto Elm St.(Rt.54A) Follow signs for Keuka College

This will take you onto E. Bluff Drive. <u>Miller's blue</u> <u>lakeside cottage at 10461 E. Bluff Drive is close to the</u> <u>end of the bluff</u>. Keuka Lake will be on your left as you drive South on the bluff. Look for balloons on the mailbox. **Plan to park on the road** due to limited parking down a long, curvy driveway.

We're looking forward to seeing everyone for a fun day in the sun, Sunday, August 26th.

MEMBERSHIP IS STILL ONLY TEN DOLLARS! (By Meredith Low)

The Rochester Chapter of HLAA is undergoing its <u>first</u> <u>membership drive</u>, and you're invited to join! Membership is still only \$10 per person—just try getting out of Wegmans with only \$10 in purchases! The Rochester Chapter is a large, well-established (29 years and counting!) and lively one offering activities and events to suit every interest. Those who join our chapter will have their name printed in our awardwinning Newsletter (unless you tell us not to).

Let me introduce myself—my name is **Meredith Low**, and I started attending HLAA chapter meetings in Maryland in the 1980's, when the organization was known as SHHH. I've

taken on the <u>Chairmanship of the Membership Committee for</u> <u>our Chapter</u> from the talented **Ms. Ginny Koenig**, Chapter Membership Chair for many years.

At the **Walk4Hearing, May 6th**, there will be a <u>new Rochester</u> <u>Chapter Membership table</u>, where we will be aiming to sign up more than 10 new members. Please encourage your friends or spouses or significant others to become members, too! (Joining as a member of the <u>National</u> HLAA organization also offers many benefits, including subscription to *Hearing Loss Magazine*, discounts at our National Convention, etc.)

If you've been enjoying our monthly programs, the annual special events, the Newsletter, and/or participation on a committee or two but haven't become a member, please join!

If you have comments/questions, please contact me at: <u>meredithlow@yahoo.com</u>

DEVICES TO HELP YOU HEAR BETTER –

Today's digital hearing aids are remarkable devices but sometimes there are situations where they just can't provide the hearing or other assistance called for. When that happens, there is a multitude of assistive devices that will help you.

Kristen Nolan of RHSC will do a "show and tell" presentation featuring items ranging from bed shakers (alarm clocks), amplified phones, hearing loops for TV, and more. Plan to come <u>**Tues., June 5**th at 7:00 pm</u> in the Vestry Room of St. Paul's church for Kristen's presentation.

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 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!



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Audio looped and Captioned (all meetings)

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