



**Monthly Daytime Program Meeting In Person at St. Paul's and on Zoom - November 7<sup>th</sup>**

**NOVEMBER CALENDAR**

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

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM AT ST PAUL'S PARISH HALL:** Conversation and light refreshments.

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

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, NOON - 1:00 PM AT ST PAUL'S PARISH HALL AND ON ZOOM:** Presentation: **HEAR & BEYOND**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM ON ZOOM:** Stellar Supporters Meeting

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 7:00 PM ON ZOOM:** Board of Directors Meeting

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM:** **ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICE DEMO CENTER.** Technology Team. at Lifespan, 1900 S. Clinton Ave.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 7:00 PM ON ZOOM:** Cochlear Implant Group

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 8:00 PM ON ZOOM:** Parent's Group: *Hear Together*. See information in November Programs.

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

**REFRESHMENTS**

We appreciate our members who have volunteered to bring refreshments to our November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting: **Barbara Law, Paul Stager, Gayle Carini, Robert & Truda Slocum**

**NOVEMBER PROGRAMS**

**Featured Presentation - HEAR & BEYOND by Gael Hannon - Tuesday Nov 7, Noon-1:00pm**



Renowned humorist and author Gael Hannon brings insights on hearing loss issues to our November presentation. Author of several books and contributor to hearing related publications, she will share from her extensive experience living with hearing loss. Her latest book, *Hear & Beyond*, co-authored with Shari Eberts, was published in 2022 ... 'the manual for hearing loss we wish we had many years ago.' HLAA-Rochester is providing a copy of the book to each Monroe County library and eventually, to surrounding libraries in the OWWL Library System .

**Hybrid program: In person. St. Paul's Parish Hall AND virtual on Zoom.**

**NEW OFFERING – HOPE in the Evening –** The popular HOPE Sessions are now being offered in the evening on Zoom. The next is on **January 17, 2024 7:00 – 8:00pm**. Join the lively discussion.

**OTHER NOVEMBER PROGRAMS**

**Tuesday, November 7:**

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

Prospective, new, or experienced hearing aid users informally share their experiences, questions, and hearing loss journeys. Joe Kozelsky CCC/A facilitates. In person only.

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

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

**Noon - 1:00pm – Presentation: HEAR & BEYOND by Gael Hannon** Hybrid program: In person. St. Paul's Parish Hall AND virtual on Zoom.

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## President's Message

by Dan Brooks, Chapter President

Last month we celebrated the chapter's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the beautiful Midvale Country Club in Penfield. A special thanks goes to the 40<sup>th</sup> Celebration Planning



Committee for all their hard work and a special "thank you" to **Carol Loftus** as its Committee chair.

40 years of service and support by volunteer members for the hearing loss community, is by all standards, remarkable. For those of you who weren't able to attend, the celebration of our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary was outstanding. The camaraderie among attendees was uplifting, excellent food, and the ability to review our history was especially engaging and enlightening.

November 1, 1983, was our first Rochester Chapter meeting. We used the name *SHHH*, following the lead of our national organization. The initials SHHH were an abbreviation for Self Help for Hard of Hearing People, named by our national founder, Howard "Rocky" Stone, in 1979. But he called it SHHH, not SHHHP because, as he would say, we're not sheep.

If you were not able to attend the celebration, there will be many pictures, stories shared, social media posts, and articles to look forward to reading.

In last month's article I touched on some of the new programming that will be offered throughout the year. To keep up with our events and programming consider joining our "e-memo" email listserv. It is a convenient way to see our upcoming month's programming at a glance. We do not distribute, share or sell your email to any group or individual, nor do we send out any advertisements and you can ask to be removed at any time. You may want to visit our social media outlets such as our Facebook page and Instagram pages. You also may want to view, like and subscribe to one of our three YouTube channels. You will find the links to those channels on our website: [www.hearinglossrochester.org](http://www.hearinglossrochester.org)

I would also like to invite you to become a member of the Rochester Chapter if you are not already. The financial cost of membership is the price it was when we first started charging dues which is still \$10 per year and **free** if you are a veteran! Being a member, you will receive our monthly newsletter and have the ability to participate in a number of members only events. Your membership, as with donations to our Chapter, goes toward providing publication of our Newsletters, scholarships for hard of hearing high school students, maintaining, arranging for special speakers, funding our website, obtaining new items for our Assistive Listening Demo center, and much more. Please also consider

asking others you know who might benefit to join, or pay for their membership as a gift.

Word of mouth has always been the best way for anyone to be introduced to our chapter and its services.

Our Chapter continues to move forward with projects to help those of us with hearing loss to interact fully in the hearing world. One of our latest projects is a four-part *Hospital Healthcare Task Force*.

The main goal for this effort is to improve accessibility and overall experience for people with hearing loss who are being treated in the hospital setting. The Healthcare Task force consists of four groups.

The first group is the *Hospital Administration Task force*, being chaired by Sue Miller. The second is the *Hospital Healthcare Employees Task Force*, chaired by Gayle Carini. The third, is the *Hospital Patient Task Force*, chaired by Mary Chizuk, and the fourth is the *Hospital Technology Task Force*, which I will have the pleasure of leading. The whole Hospital Task Force initiative is being overseen and led by our past president, Art Maurer.

Please consider signing up for one or more of the task force committees if you are interested in joining this effort. Contact the chairperson of the appropriate group. If you don't have the leader's information, use the Chapter's contact information found on our website: <https://www.hearinglossrochester.org>.

Until next time, have a wonderful Thanksgiving with your family and friends later this month. We hope to see you all at one or more of the upcoming programs and/or sessions!

Thanks for your support!

Dan Brooks, President  
[president@hearinglossrochester.org](mailto:president@hearinglossrochester.org)

## Technology and Supportive Services to Age-in-Place Vendor Fair at Lifespan

Lifespan, at 1100 Clinton Ave. (Tops Plaza) will be holding a Vendor Fair on Monday, Nov. 13, 2 - 6 pm

They will be showcasing technology and other supportive services and equipment to help older adults age-in-place.

The HLAA Rochester Chapter Technology Committee will be displaying some of its assistive devices for persons with hearing loss.

## Has your Address Changed?

If you have changed your address, please send us an email at [address@hearinglossrochester.org](mailto:address@hearinglossrochester.org).

## NOVEMBER PROGRAMS

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### Thursday, November 16:

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

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 APPs related to hearing enhancement. Members of the Technology Committee stand by to answer questions.

### Tuesday, November 28:

**8:00-9:00pm - HEAR TOGETHER.** Kristin Bergholtz CCC/SLP./Carly Alicea Au.D/Ph.D Virtual on Zoom.

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

For parents and caregivers of Deaf/hard of hearing children. Learn more about your child's hearing loss, services to benefit them, and tips to support their language development. To register, contact [kristinbslp@gmail.com](mailto:kristinbslp@gmail.com).

Anyone interested in hearing loss, either their own or someone else's, is welcome at Hearing Loss Association of America - Rochester Chapter programs.

All HLAA programs are free. Some are in person only. Others are hybrid in-person and on-line with the online access requiring preregistration. To obtain the Zoom link, access the chapter web site [hearinglossrochester.org](http://hearinglossrochester.org)

Most in-person programs feature an induction loop assistive listening system for devices with a telecoil and some have open captions.

## November Birthdays

Happy Birthday to:

November      5 Bob Slocum  
                   14 Don Bataille  
                   20 Benjamin Augustine  
                   23 Cindy Kellner  
                   25 Bruce Nelson  
                   27 Ron Smith

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

## Donations

### Donations in Addition to Membership

Carly Alicea	Judith McMillan
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Berdjouhi Esmerian	Michael Stinson
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### Assistive Device Demo Center



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

The types of devices represented during the demo sessions include signaling-alerting devices, captioned telephones and personal assistive listening devices [with an emphasis on TV listening and coping with noisy environments]. Chapter members stand by to answer questions.

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, November 16<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 2 pm. Sessions are free. All are welcome!

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## HLAA New York State Association Report

by Peter Fackler

The board of HLAA New York State Association (hereinafter HLAA NYSA) convened the morning of Saturday, September 30 for a regularly scheduled business meeting with president of the board, Kassey Granger of Glens Falls presiding. I will report below some of the highlights of the discussion as I understood them.



The New York City and Buffalo Walk4Hearing events took place in late September and accounts were positive concerning the financial and awareness outcomes.

The Westchester and Rochester chapters will celebrate their fortieth anniversaries later this fall.

Tom Corteville (Rochester), treasurer, reported that the current bank balance for the Association is \$6163.93. The final accounting for the September 2022 state conference is not yet available but it is clear that the event was a money loser. Tom will report out the conference's financial details at a coming board meeting, hopefully in December.

Sue Miller (Rochester) initiated discussion of the prospect of staging another state conference in the future and there was much comment in reply. Mr. Corteville advised that with the Association's treasury depleted, caution will be advisable in being sure to operate a conference event at a profit so as to not endanger the Association's financial well-being.

New York City, Westchester, and Rochester chapters reported robust ongoing schedules of activities and programs. The indefatigable Sue Miller serves as state chapter coordinator and is encouraging chapters experiencing difficulties with membership while working to develop chapters in Buffalo and Binghamton.

Jerry Bergman (New York City) reported for the advocacy and legislative committee. Efforts to establish a commission to serve deaf, hard of hearing, and deaf/blind persons have floundered with the governor's lack of support and eventual veto. On a brighter note, 80% of NYC courthouses now have infra-red technology accommodations in key venues. Progress outside of NYC has been slower to develop. Jerry describes efforts to expand the prevalence of insurance coverage for hearing aids (by having legislation passed and signed) as "back burner" and relates that several bills addressing this issue have failed to gain traction in the past.

Sue Miller reported that the recent Professional Advisory Committee meeting dealt with hearing loss in infants, children, and teenagers.

Carolyn Tanen (Westchester) reported that the financial results from the July Mets game effort were not

yet available but that much had been learned from an organizational perspective in terms of setting up for and being a part of such events.

The Annual Meeting of the board will be held Saturday December 2. Watch for details in this space and in the HLAA NYSA newsletter. All members of HLAA NYSA are invited to attend. Note: if you are a member of Hearing Loss Association of America (the national organization) and reside in News York State, then you are a "member" of HLAA NYSA.

## National Report

by Peter Fackler

The HLAA board will be meeting in Rockville, MD November 3 - 4. See this space in the December newsletter for a full report.

Meanwhile, I have several recent items of interest to bring to your attention.

HLAA recently received word from Guidestar, the not-for-profit organization watchdog organization, that HLAA again received an excellent 99% rating from the organization. Donors and grantmakers use Guidestar as a resource to check up on the bonafides of charitable organizations with whom they do or consider doing business.

As reported in the October newsletter, Barbara Kelley, HLAA's CEO and executive director, has been appointed to the NIH Council of Councils. Her appointment, while certainly a feather in her personal hat, is more widely understood as recognition of HLAA's importance in the health care policy landscape. A first review of the Council's makeup seems to reveal that HLAA is the only consumer advocacy organization represented in a group made up of academic researchers and medical practitioners.

Commenting on the Guidestar and NIH Council of Councils news, Anne Pope of New York and former HLAA board chair observed that these two recognitions taken together illustrate how far the national organization has come over time in developing respect and recognition for its work and the work of the grass roots communities across the country.

At the HLAA NYSA board meeting, Sue Miller reported that the standing committee of chapter/state organization leaders had recently met with Melissa Kruse who was appointed over the summer to spearhead HLAA's efforts to better work with grass roots support groups across the county. Sue reported being

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## My Least Favorite Things about Living with Hearing Loss

By Shari Eberts



There are positives and negatives to almost anything—including hearing loss. This article highlights the downsides, but don't worry, we will highlight the silver linings in a future article.

### The Downsides of Hearing Loss

#### LISTENING FATIGUE

With hearing loss, communication takes work! It's like playing a game of *Wheel of Fortune*. Some of the letters are filled in while others are blank. We must use context clues, speechreading cues, and anything else we can think of to transform the incomplete sounds we hear into words or phrases that make sense in the context of the conversation. It's not easy and requires a lot of processing power. No wonder we are tired after a long day of listening!

#### APPEARING RUDE OR UNFRIENDLY

When you have hearing loss, sometimes you don't know when people are speaking to you. For example, if a person behind me says, "Excuse me," I won't always move out of the way. They may think I am being rude, but the reality is that I didn't hear them. Because hearing loss is invisible, people often assume the worst.

#### GETTING OUR HEARING TESTED

It's hard taking a test you know you'll fail, but even so, I get my hearing tested at least annually. Accurate data helps me choose the best hearing aid and assistive listening technologies for my particular hearing loss. When combined with a can-do mental attitude (we call this a MindShift in my book *Hear & Beyond: Live Skillfully with Hearing Loss*) and behavioral changes like identifying as someone with hearing loss, communication becomes much easier.

#### MISSING THE PUNCHLINE OF THE JOKE

Everyone bursts out laughing, but I missed the final word—the one that contains the humor. It's never as funny on the second retelling, even if I can get someone to stop laughing long enough to repeat it. It may seem like a small thing, but missing the punchline of the joke makes us feel disconnected from others and can add to feelings of social isolation.

#### DROWNING IN RAPID SPEECH

Are people speaking more quickly? Or maybe my processing capability is slower? Either way, the rapid fire delivery of news anchors, restaurant servers and almost every teenager is hard to swallow (and hear!). It can make it challenging to keep up and adds to the listening fatigue described above. The same goes for mumblers and low-talkers. Slow down, please, you talk too fast.

#### MOVIES, MEDIA AND CONFERENCES WITHOUT CAPTIONS

Hearing loss continues to be seen as an afterthought for disability access. Ramps are a necessity in all modern spaces. And they should be. Why aren't captions? Pro-

gress is being made—movie theaters provide captioning devices and most video platforms offer them—but there are snags. Devices don't consistently work well and Zoom, the most popular of all the video conferencing platforms still requires the person who sets up the meeting to enable captioning in the main account settings—not always easy at a large institution. More work remains.

#### NEVER MIND AND OTHER DISMISSIVE BEHAVIOR

"Never mind" or "it wasn't important," or similar phrases uttered in response to a request for a repeat are demeaning and cruel. They are a dismissal and insulting. It says that the listener is not important enough to the speaker to repeat what was said. If I hear that from somebody enough times, I don't bother to interact with them any longer. It's not worth my time.

#### HEARING LOSS STIGMA

Even with earbuds of all types drooping from almost everyone's ears, hearing loss stigma remains. Often associated with being old or out-of-touch, hearing aids have not evolved into fashion accessories the way glasses have. Many people continue to hide their hearing loss for fear they will be mocked or excluded. Mainstream media has embraced the Deaf (signing) experience, yet people with hearing loss remain misunderstood or are used as the brunt of the joke. Our documentary, *We Hear You*, aims to shine a light on the lived hearing loss experience too.

#### BEING MET AT THE AIRPORT WITH A WHEELCHAIR

Has this happened to you? How about being offered Braille rail information cards on board a plane? Or provided with an ASL (American Sign Language) interpreter at the hospital when you do not sign. The general population misunderstands hearing loss, but I hope that continued advocacy will help bridge the gap over time.

#### LINKS WITH OTHER HEALTH PROBLEMS

Hearing loss is more than a sensory disorder. It is associated with other health problems too. Studies show that hearing loss is twice as common in people with diabetes and there is a high correlation between hearing loss and cardiovascular disease. It is also associated with a higher risk of falls. Most alarmingly, untreated hearing loss is linked to a higher risk of dementia, although additional studies show that using hearing devices lowers the likelihood for those most at risk.

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

## What Should You Do with Your Old Hearing Aids?

by Bruce Nelson

You just invested in your new hearing aids and your old ones are now surplus. Or a relative passes away and you now have some extra hearing aids sitting around. What can you do with them?

If you did get new hearing aids, and your old set still works, or needs an inexpensive repair, why not just keep them in case the new ones need to go in for a repair and your audiologist doesn't have a loaner available? After all, they were probably working OK up to the day you got your new ones. Just make sure you take the batteries out.

But what if you do have a spare hearing aid sitting around that you don't have a use for?

There are several national nonprofit service organizations that offer hearing aid recycling programs. Hearing aids that are donated are usually refurbished and either redistributed to those in need, or resold with the proceeds going to buy new hearing aids for people who can't afford them.

Dr. John McNamara and Dr. Andrea Segmond have made trips to places like the Middle East, Zambia, Mozambique, Guatemala, and Ecuador as part of the Entheos Foundation to fit individuals with hearing devices to give them the Gift of Hearing. Hearing devices dropped off at Ontario Hearing, 2210 Monroe Ave., are refurbished, or the parts used, for the hearing aids used in this effort.

Another popular place to donate old hearing aids, as well as hearing aid parts or other assistive listening devices is the Starkey Hearing Foundation "Hear Now" recycling program (<http://starkeyhearingfoundation.org>, 800-328-8602), which collects around 60,000 hearing aids a year. Hearing aids and other listening devices may be sent to: Starkey Hearing Foundation, ATTN: Hearing Aid Recycling, 6700 Washington Avenue South, Eden Prairie, MN 55344. There are dropboxes located at several audiology practices in the area.

Finger Lakes Region Lion's Foundation collects hearing aids and sends them to regional Lions Hearing Aid Recycling Centers. The centers utilize donated hearing aids in various ways: Lions may partner with participating hearing care professionals who refurbish donated hearing aids to fit the individual needs of the recipient. They may provide a team of hearing care professionals or volunteers with a supply of donated hearing aids that have been repaired and refurbished for use during a health care mission to a developing nation.

There are usually dropboxes at various community locations, such as libraries, village offices, senior centers, or audiologists

The Hearing Aid Project is a collaboration of several manufacturers, distributors, and service groups who collect used hearing aids to be refurbished and used to provide hearing aids to those in need. They can be reached through <https://hearingaid donations.org>.

The bottom line, is don't let your unused hearing aids sit in a drawer. They can be used to help someone else hear.

## Stellar Supporters Keep Our Chapter Humming

By Sue Miller

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

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

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

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

Watch for the link to our next Stellar Supporters meeting on Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.. The next meeting will be on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

### We Welcome All Donations

Please make your check payable to: HLAA-Rochester. HLAA is a 501c(3) organization. Mail to: Doug & Nancy Meyer, 5275 Rosebrugh Rd, Geneseo, NY 14454

Be sure to designate: This donation is: In Memory of, or In Honor of, or Birthday congratulations, and who to send the acknowledgment to. Our sincere thanks for your donation!

## 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.

November 12, 2023 *Tuesdays with Morrie*  
 December 12, 2023 *Love, Loss, & What I Were*  
 February 11, 2024 *Hitmakers Rock vs. Disco*  
 April 14, 2024 *Sisters in Law*  
 May 14, 2024 *Beautiful The Carole King Musical*



**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.

November 12, 2023 *Moulin Rouge!*  
 December 17, 2023 *Annie*  
 February 4, 2024 *The Temptations*  
 February 25, 2024 *Mrs. Doubtfire*  
 June 9, 2024 *Tina*

### NTID Theatres Panara Theatre

November 11-12 *Thy Name is Woman*  
 April 19-21 Deaf Creators Play Festival

#### SHED Sklarsky Glass Box Theater

December 1-3 *AstroDance II: Across The Universe*  
 April 5-7 *Ada and the Engine*  
 April 12-14 *Immersive Theatre Project*

## National Report

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favorably impressed by the direction these efforts are taking.

Reach out to me with your comments, concerns, and questions -- please use [pcf.hlaa@yahoo.com](mailto:pcf.hlaa@yahoo.com) or (814) 319-2083 (text or voice).

### 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.



**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.

11/4, 2 pm *Mr. Parent*  
 12/2, noon; 12/10, 2 pm & 7:30 pm *A Christmas Carol*  
 1/20, 2:30 pm *Dial M For Murder*  
 3/9, 2 pm; 3/27, 2 pm & 7:30 pm *Lady Day at Emerson's Bar & Grill*  
 3/23, 2:30 pm *Sanctuary City*  
 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*

**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.

## Cochlear Implant Group

The Cochlear Implant Group will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm. To register and receive advance program notice and the required Zoom link, send an email to: [cochlearimplantgroup@gmail.com](mailto:cochlearimplantgroup@gmail.com).

An open mic forum will allow participants to share their experiences with cochlear implants and to discuss best practices and emerging technologies. Experienced cochlear implant users and those considering CIs are welcome to attend along with anyone interested in the program.

Participants can advise concerning future program topics of interest. Captions will support access to the discussions.



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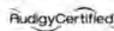
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