



### Featured Presentation

#### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

**NOON - 1:00 PM AT ST PAUL'S PARISH HALL  
AND ON ZOOM:**

Lieutenant Jackeline Sierra and  
Firefighter Santos Cruz:

### **Safety Tips for People with Hearing Loss**

We all know every second counts in the event of a fire. People who are hearing impaired face unique and serious risks during fire emergencies. Most smoke alarms emit high-pitched sounds. And many people who wear hearing aids or cochlear implants remove them while sleeping, making nighttime fires even more dangerous. There are solutions out there!



Sierra



Cruz

Join us Tuesday, November 4 to hear about visual (strobe light) or tactile (bed shaker) alarms, along with many other fire safety tips with our guests from the Rochester Fire Department. Public Information Officer, Lieutenant Jackeline Sierra and Community Risk Reduction Officer, Firefighter Santos Cruz, will share how to register with your local fire department for assistance during emergencies if you have hearing loss. An effective communication plan with emergency responders can save lives!

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Thank you to our members who are bringing refreshments to our November meeting: **Judy Gallistel, Trudie and Bob Slocum, Marlene Sutliff, and Kathy Vigna**

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### Additional November Meetings & Programs

#### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

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

Prospective, new, or experienced hearing aid users informally share their experiences, questions, and hearing loss journeys.

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

**11:30 AM - NOON AT ST PAUL'S PARISH HALL:** Chapter announcements and business meeting.

#### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11**

**7:00 PM - 8:30 PM ON ZOOM:** Board of Directors Meeting

#### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12**

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

#### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19**

**8:00 - 9:00 pm on Zoom: *Hear Together.*** Kristin Bergholtz CCC/SLP./Carly Alicea Au.D/ Ph.D . For parents and caregivers of Deaf/hard of hearing children. See page 7 for details.

#### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19**

**7:00 am - 8:30 pm on Zoom:** Cochlear Implant Group

#### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

**10:00 am - 2:00 pm: Assistive Device Demonstration Center:** Technology Team. In person. Lifespan, 1900 South Clinton Avenue. See Page 3 for details.

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

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## Technology & Supportive Services to Age-in-Place Fair

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Friday, November 7, 2025

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## President's Message

Greetings HLAA members!

As I write this, we are in the midst of a beautiful fall season here in Rochester, New York. I can't help but feel grateful for living in such a beautiful area, surrounded by the ever-changing scenery of western NY.



What would any of this scenery be though, without the people who make it so special? The list of special people in my life is lengthy, but I want to take this opportunity to touch on one person who is the reason why I'm in HLAA today.

Everyone reading this newsletter has their own why that has led them here. For many, it is their own hearing loss. Some experience it later in life, some their entire lives. For others, it is the hearing loss of someone close to them. I think it's safe to say there's not a person in the world who won't eventually experience hearing loss or know someone with hearing loss!

While I don't yet have hearing loss myself, for me, my why is my 11 year old son Lincoln. He was born with severe to profound hearing loss in his left ear. I remember thinking that the newborn hearing test was taking a lot longer for Lincoln than it did for our firstborn, but my wife and I did not think much of it at the time. When the nurses finally returned and told us he had failed the newborn hearing screen in his left ear, they immediately downplayed it, saying that it was probably fluid from his birth that was blocking his hearing. They nonchalantly told us to get his hearing checked again in two weeks. We did so and found that he once again "failed" the hearing test in his left ear. Once again, the doctors downplayed it until Lincoln failed the screening for the third time. When we received the official diagnosis, we had many questions: Do we need to learn American Sign Language? Can infants wear hearing aids? Does he need a cochlear implant? What do you mean he needs speech ... he can't talk yet!

Thanks to Early Intervention, we were introduced to our son's Teacher of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing (TOD/HH), a job we never even knew existed, and a speech pathologist. Lincoln's first TOD/HH was instrumental in helping us forge a path for him and she connected us to other parents whose children have hearing loss. It was this community of parents, as well as the TOD/HH and speech pathologist, who answered all of our questions and calmed our fears. If we were in a silo on our own, I know that Lincoln would not be as successful as he is today. We are so grateful to the community that supported us and educated us on how to advocate for him. This is WHY I am here. Not only for my son, but for other parents whose children are born with hearing loss and for adults who get a new hearing loss diagnosis. Know that you are not alone. There is a community here to surround you with intel and support and my mission is to make sure no one goes through this journey alone.

Nicholas Sprague  
President

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## SAVE THE DATES!

JUNE 10 - 12, 2026 : NATIONAL CONVENTION, THE GALT HOUSE,  
LOUISVILLE, KY

OCTOBER 2 - 4, 2026: HLAA-NYS CONFERENCE, HOLIDAY INN,  
SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY

## Assistive Device Demo Center

Our chapter proudly sponsors the Assistive Device Demo Center, offering members and the public a chance to explore the latest devices designed to ease



hearing loss challenges. At our demo sessions, you'll find Signaling-alerting devices, Captioned telephones, and Personal assistive listening devices, with special focus on TV listening and noisy envi-

ronments. Knowledgeable chapter members will be available to answer any questions.

Join us on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month, September through June! The next session is **Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Lifespan, 1900 S. Clinton Ave. Sessions are free and open to everyone. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Did You Miss a Meeting?

Do you want to see it again

Videos of our Program Meetings are online:

<http://bit.ly/4fqb4lo>

## 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.

**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.



The REV (Merry-go-Round) Theatre in Auburn has a state-of-the-art Assistive Listening System, which makes use of FM to transmit sound over radio frequency directly to the listener's ear. While the overall system is FM, they also have individual induction loops for each device. For information about the REV Theatre's productions, see <https://therevtheatre.com/>

**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.

**RBTL Live Theater** - Open Captioning, made possible by HLAA, is offered during most 1 pm 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).

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

**OFC Creations Theatre** at Winton Place has an M system and receivers with hearing loops for T-coils.

**Other Theaters** - Regal Theatres, Cinemark Theaters, AMC Theaters, and Movie 10 all indicate on their websites that they have closed captioning devices available by asking at the box office. The Strand Theater in Brockport, has individual displays on goosenecks available.

## HLAA National Report

*By Peter Fackler, Member, HLAA Board of Directors*

In a mid-September conversation with Neil Snyder, HLAA's Director of Public Policy, I heard news of progress in national HLAA's efforts to support local state advocacy efforts.

The engine for that support is a software system that was implemented this past spring for national HLAA advocacy efforts in Washington, D.C., and is being rolled out for use in supporting local efforts by HLAA chapters and state associations to influence state legislation to make the world a better place for people with hearing loss.

According to Neil, advocacy in its most effective form is really done through "storytelling" that reaches legislators and governors. HLAA's efforts to aid local advocacy efforts will be geared to providing model bills (such as for hearing aid insurance mandates and open captioning in movie theatres) and to making available the advocacy software that allows ready access for HLAA local efforts to their states' legislators and governors. Users will not need to know the contact information, as the software maintains current names and contact information over time for all 50 states.

Three forms of contact will be available through the software tool: e-mails, patch-through phone calls, and petition mode. Neil explains the latter two tools as follows. *For patch-through calling, when an advocate acts, they will receive a phone call from HLAA. When the advocate accepts the call, we will then connect them to the office of the targets they matched in the campaign, 1-by-1. Petition mode is where an advocate signs onto a letter/campaign that you created. No messages are delivered from the advocacy tool when petition mode is enabled. HLAA can export message reports and analytics for petitions, which you can download and print to deliver to legislative offices if you would like.*

An important point to remember is that the software tool supports state-level access but NOT local (i.e., county and city) initiatives.

Neil reports in addition that he is working with Melissa Kruse, Chapter Engagement Manager, in the overall roll-out effort, which will also include recommendations on how to do a "Hill Day" where activists visit with their local legislators and their staffs.

Members can sign up for e-news alerts and check for the current "actions" on the HLAA website: <https://www.hearingloss.org/advocacy-and-resources/action-alerts/>.

## Introducing Dr. Meghan Fox, PAC Member

Dr. Meghan L. Fox is a licensed clinical psychologist in private practice in Rochester, NY. She specializes in neuropsychological testing and psychotherapy. She is fluent in American Sign Language and has expertise in working with deaf and hard-of-hearing people and their families. Dr. Fox has also served as a consultant and expert in administrative, civil, and criminal forensic cases.



Dr. Fox completed her pre-doctoral clinical internship and postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Rochester Medical Center. She has also held positions as a clinical instructor at the University of Rochester Medical Center and an Implementation Science Specialist with Centerstone's Research Institute. Her editorial and journal contributions include academic articles and book chapters. She is a member of the editorial board for American Annals of the Deaf and a reviewer for Gallaudet University Press and the Journal of Deaf Studies and Deaf Education.

Dr. Fox enjoys clinical supervision with undergraduate, graduate, and post-graduate trainees. Last but not least, she adds a unique element to her practice by incorporating her certified therapy dogs, Atreus and Lucy. She believes in the therapeutic benefits supported by science and practices Animal-Assisted Therapy.

Dr. Fox is honored to be on HLAA Rochester's Professional Advisory Committee and looks forward to continuing her involvement with HLAA and its members.



Peggy O'Neil is a member of, and the scribe for, our Education & Outreach Committee. She was honored at an Open House, celebrating 54 years as a Monroe County Librarian and 39 years at the Penfield Library. Pictured are: Janet McKenna, Christine Rankie, Peggy O'Neil, Art Maurer, and Sue Miller.

## A SNEAK PEAK AT THE 2026 NEW YORK STATE CONFERENCE

*By Steve Wolfert*

The 2026 HLAA New York State Conference is an entire year away – October 2-4, 2026 – yet the excitement begins now as the schedule, presentations, entertainment and social opportunities begin to take shape. Here is a brief “taste” of what’s to come:

### A fabulous program!

**Friday night Welcome Social** featuring a talk by Barbara Kelley, HLAA Executive Director, followed by Trivia Games, “Horse Races” (after all, this is Saratoga Springs!), dancing and much more

**Saturday Welcome Breakfast and Keynote Address** by none other than Rochester’s own Dr. Gerard Buckley, NTID President Emeritus.

### **Four stimulating Workshops & Panel Discussions:**

“Tune in and Connect with the World Around You,” “Enhancing Your Well being While Living with Hearing Loss,” “The Future of Hearing Technology” and “Speak Up and Improve Yourself Through Self-Advocacy.” Featuring outstanding speakers including Katherine Bouton, Shari Eberts, Dr. Meghan Fox, Dr. Juliette Sterkens, Dr. Tina Childress, Dr. Katrina Stidham, John Herrion, David Owen, and more.

### Saturday Night Grand Banquet and Ice Cream Social

### HLAA-NYSA Silent Auction

**Optional Sunday Off-Site Trips.** Choose one: Saratoga Springs National Museum of Horse Racing & Hall of Fame, Saratoga Automobile Museum, Saratoga Springs Gilded Age House Tour.

Want to know more? Watch for conference updates, “Save the Date” announcements, early bird registration, transportation options via car, carpool, train, plane or bus.

### What else is there to do in Saratoga Springs?

Saratoga Springs offers a variety of engaging activities and beautiful scenery to captivate every interest and every taste. Discover its vibrant local scene ranging from relaxing spas, rejuvenating mineral springs, casinos, a range of dining options from casual eateries to upscale restaurants & pubs, outdoor parks and activities, a thriving nightlife, live music & entertainment, quaint boutiques and downtown shops, museums and art galleries, historic architecture and the renowned Skidmore College. And, what better time to visit than the beginning of fall foliage season?

Find out more at [www.discoversaratoga.org](http://www.discoversaratoga.org) or send your questions to HLAA New York State Association at [nysasc2026@gmail.com](mailto:nysasc2026@gmail.com).

## Cochlear Implant Group Update

*By Peter Fackler*

The HLAA Rochester (NY) Cochlear Implant Group met Wednesday September 17 in the evening via Zoom connection. Denise Lopez, a speech pathologist by training, spoke on recent developments at Med-El and entertained questions from the assembled group. Med-El is one of three manufacturers of cochlear implants worldwide. Denise is Med-El’s consumer engagement manager for the northeastern USA. 22 people from across the USA attended to learn more about Med-El’s offerings.

Future program offerings of the cochlear implant group are set for Wednesday November 19, Wednesday February 25, and Wednesday May 20. All meetings are held via Zoom connection and take place from 7 – 8:30 pm eastern. The November meeting will be a pass-the-mic session where CI users and other persons with an interest in CI share their experiences, comments, and questions with the assembled group

If you are interested in learning more about cochlear implant group and attending future meetings, please write to [cochlearimplantgroup@gmail.com](mailto:cochlearimplantgroup@gmail.com) to have your name added to the mailing list. By being included on the list, you will learn of program offerings and be invited to register to attend.

## Open Door Mission Collection

The Open Door Mission in Rochester restores hope through essential resources. Our chapter supports this cause—please bring gently used items to monthly meetings. Marlene Sutliff and Bill Marshall will deliver them as a meaningful act of service from our members.

## Help Shape Workplace Inclusion for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Pacific University Oregon is conducting a research study to better understand workplace accommodation experiences among Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals. If you’re 18 or older, identify as Deaf or Hard of Hearing, and can complete a brief survey in English, your insights are needed!

The anonymous survey takes less than 10 minutes and explores topics like interpreter access, captioning needs, and accommodation requests. Your participation will help inform future policies and practices that support inclusive employment environments.

This study is approved by Pacific University’s human subjects research ethics committee. To participate, go to <http://bit.ly/46Moi9x>.

## Budget or Premium? What You Really Get ABOUT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HIGHER AND LOWER COST HEARING AIDS

Excerpted from "HEARING, HEARING LOSS AND HEARING AIDS; A Primer and Handbook for Consumers," A book in progress, by Joe Kozelsky, Audiologist

A while ago my father-in-law asked me about the magazine ads for hearing aids that cost \$300 or \$400, "Are they any good? Are they different than the ones you sold for thousands of dollars? These are fair questions, and many people have asked the same. Hearing aids seem so overpriced. After all, you can buy a pair of other "high-quality" ear-level listening devices or earbuds for \$200 or \$300, far below the \$2000, \$3000, or more for just one hearing aid.

### Hearing aids are different than other ear-level devices.

I answered him saying that the quality of the more expensive hearing aids is much better than these "inexpensive" devices. But as I thought about what I had said, I realized that this probably really didn't satisfy his question.

Hearing aids are much more than simple output amplification devices. They also attempt to replace the role of the sound studio and the sound engineer. Here's some of the differences between hearing aids and other ear-level devices.

Virtually all other sound amplification devices present sounds that are fully modified signals to the earphones/headphones, earbuds, earpieces, etc. for optimum intelligibility. Everyone has seen the huge sound boards used in recording or movie studios. Anything you listen to with your earphones or earbuds, or other devices such as music, performances, podcasts, movies, and TV shows has already been processed in a sound studio where background noise was not allowed to happen. It just doesn't exist.

Further, each actor/speaker has their own individual microphone and channel which is modified by a sound engineer. Each different signal and each person speaking has been adjusted for maximum intelligibility and every individual voice is adjusted to optimum pitch and loudness by the sound engineer. Even the sound effects are precisely laid down to enhance the presentation without masking the words or dialog of the participants.

Notice too, that in any production you have ever heard on film, on stage or on radio or television, only one person speaks at a time, and they all are equally loud, even if they are up close or seen walking down a lane some distance away. In some news broadcasts occasionally, guests talk over each other, and neither can be understood. Why is this? Simple - their voices and output levels were all adjusted to the same output parameters for good listening intelligibility and optimum loudness levels before the broadcast.

However, even with these advantages, if the background noise is too overwhelming it still can be hard to hear the commentary.

... the audio engineer has the advantage of knowing who or what the signal is before the broadcast.

Except for live communications such as Zoom-type communications, virtually nothing heard over your smart phone, earbuds, or earphones is heard in real time. There always are some acoustic engineering and processing with subsequent delays inserted between the

microphone that captures the signal and the output to either the air waves or the recording studio, even in sports and news broadcasts.

Finally, and perhaps most important, everything that has been acoustically engineered enjoys the advantage of optimum microphone placement. If you recall, even in sports broadcasts, the announcers' microphones are right at their mouths and covered with wind screens.

### About hearing aids

Hearing aids operate in real time in a real-world environment containing uncontrolled background noise sources and levels, and hearing aid microphones are located on the ear of the listener rather than at the source of the signal. They need to pick up sounds right next to the ear, or three to five feet away or even ten feet or even more distant with comfortable loudness levels and good clarity while minimizing the effects of unwanted background noise between the signal source and the hearing aid.

### Differences between the various levels of hearing aid technologies

Hearing aid prices vary widely from a few hundred dollars for a pair, to thousands of dollars for one, let alone two. Because of this, it becomes important to understand the significant differences between the various levels of devices available.

Hearing aids are specialized therapeutic devices; and as for any therapeutic device, they need to precisely meet the user's disabilities and capabilities. This includes assuring good physical fit and that the user has the necessary abilities to operate and manage their hearing aids.

Hearing aid technologies are constantly evolving and improving. Changes occur first at the top-most level of hearing aid manufacturers; and the newest changes are available only from these companies. They feature all the most up to date technology and options. Advances are the result of intensive and expensive engineering and laboratory research with active users in various experimental listening conditions and real-life situations.

All other hearing aid products can be thought of as "trickle down" technologies. When the top companies are ready to introduce their next generation of technologies, then the rights to the previous technologies may be sold or licensed to the next level down manufacturers or incorporated into one of their lower cost subsidiary companies.

Each price point below incorporates decreasingly sophisticated technologies and features. Do not expect that a pair of very low-cost hearing aids to be anywhere near as good as the top of the line much more expensive devices.

### Another answer to my father-in-law's question

This, then, might be the real answer to my father-in-law's question of: "Is there a difference between the lower cost hearing aids for a few hundred dollars and the ones I sold for thousands of dollars?"

The less expensive "hearing aids" do not have the latest sophisticated sound-processing technology and are likely using older trickle-down, possibly even archaic, no longer patent-

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protected technology, as well as lower quality components, possibly without the assistance of an educated individual who understands what the consumer actually needs.

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Father-in-law is passed now. To the very end, even though he had read this material before, my sense is that he could never really bring himself to accepting the idea that there really were significant differences between the lower cost devices and the better top of the line products. My sense also is that like so many people he suspected that there was an unnecessary "profit" markup somewhere in the price structure. However, if so, I know for a fact that it wasn't in our office.

## **"HOWALS" Project**

*Houses Of Worship with Assistive Listening Systems*

### **Our Lady of Mercy RC Church**

*by Lori Gattie*

Our Lady of Mercy Roman Catholic Church In LeRoy, NY, the home of Jello. is located at 44 Lake St. LeRoy NY 14482.

The church has a wonderful loop system. And also has 2 receivers for people that do not have a T-switch on their hearing aids.

It is a large beautiful church, all are welcome.



## **Stellar Supporters Meets November 12<sup>th</sup>**

*By Sue Miller*

Our Chapter's Stellar Supporters are all of you who generously donate your time and effort to make our chapter one of the best in the country, but do not serve on the board. We meet three times a year, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in November, February, and May. Please plan to attend our first Zoom meeting of this new program year on Wednesday, November 12, from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. We have an informative topic to discuss and your input is important. Please be watching for an email that will include the Zoom link for this enjoyable gathering.

**Buy Hearing Aid Batteries from HLAA**  
Our chapter offers hearing aid batteries at our monthly program meetings. You may purchase a pack of six for \$1.00, or an entire box (60 batteries) for \$ 10.00.

## **Hear Together: Growing Connections and Exciting News!**

*by Carly Alicea, Au.D., Ph.D.*

Our September *Hear Together* meeting was full of warmth, conversation, and connection. We were thrilled to welcome several new families to the group, along with many familiar faces who have been part of *Hear Together* from the beginning. The evening was filled with lively discussion as parents shared experiences, advice, and encouragement with one another. It was a wonderful reminder of how much knowledge and strength our community holds when we come together.

One of the highlights of the night was hearing families express how valuable it is to connect with others who truly understand the unique journey of parenting a child with hearing loss. Whether sharing practical tips or simply offering a listening ear, the support among parents and caregivers continues to make *Hear Together* such a special space.

We also shared some exciting news: beginning in November, *Hear Together* will be expanding to a national audience! The group will now be hosted and promoted through the national Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA), allowing families from across the country to join in. To make our meetings even more accessible, CART (real-time captioning) services will be provided at every session.

We are so grateful for the families who have helped build this caring community, and we look forward to welcoming new members as *Hear Together* grows.

Our first nationally-hosted meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 19 from 8-9 pm ET on Zoom. We look forward to supporting more families as the year goes on!

## **BIRTHDAYS**

Happy Birthday in November to:

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