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### MARCH Calendar

#### Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>

11:00 am - Refreshments/Social Time  
11:30 am – Announcements/Business Meeting  
12 Noon – 1 pm – Program Speaker

7:00 pm – Refreshments/Social Time  
7:30 pm – Announcements/Business Meeting  
8:00 – 9 pm – Program Speaker

Thurs., March 6<sup>th</sup> – “Kick-Off” for the WALK

Tues., March 11<sup>th</sup> – **Board of Directors**  
6:00-9pm – Lower Level CR, Al Sigl Center

Wed., March 26<sup>th</sup> – RWC/CaptiView movie,  
AMC Webster – Between Noon & 3 pm. Email Ginger  
the weekend ahead for exact movie & time.  
[ggraham859@frontiernet.net](mailto:ggraham859@frontiernet.net). See you there!

#### SAVE THESE FUTURE DATES

Tues., April 8<sup>th</sup> – Board of Directors, 6:00-9pm,  
LLCR Room, Al Sigl Center

Tues., April 15<sup>th</sup> - PAC -7:00pm-JV Room, ASC

Wed., April 23<sup>rd</sup> – RWC/CaptiView movie.

**WEATHER – During the winter, the rule to follow for  
cancelations of meetings is: IF THE ROCHESTER  
DISTRICT SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED, OUR  
MEETING IS CANCELED. (No other notification will  
be made.)**

### **Hospitality Duties for March:**

Daytime Meeting –Carol Bradshaw, Bruce and Candi  
Nelson

Evening Meeting –Margaret Cochran, Dave Koon  
Board of Directors –Cindy Kellner, Cathy Lee

*Please sign up to help when the “Refreshment  
Sheet” goes around!*

**WELCOME ALL NEWCOMERS TO HLAA!**



### MARCH PROGRAM

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

**Tues., March 4<sup>th</sup> - Daytime Meeting 11:00 am**

**COCHLEAR IMPLANTS: QUESTIONS  
AND ANSWERS – Mark Orlando, PhD, MBA**

Cochlear implants are a hot topic among HLAA members. Implants have helped thousands of profoundly deafened individuals participate in society again. Some people have TWO—one in each ear.

Audiologist Mark S. Orlando is well known among Rochester-area implantees and folks with hearing loss. As Director of Research and Education in the Department for Otolaryngology, UR Medical Center, one of his areas of expertise is pediatric and adult cochlear implantation.

Dr. Orlando will review the current technologies of all three FDA-approved manufacturers of implants: Cochlear America, Advanced Bionics, and MedEl. All three constantly change and improve their technology, and he will cover insurance issues when a patient wishes to upgrade to a newer version. If an implant is not perfect and the patient has a problem, what can be done?

Dr. Orlando also assesses infants and children and screens newborns for hearing loss.

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**Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> – Evening Meeting – 7:00 pm****ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE – Tom Parrish,**  
Executive Director of GEVA Theatre Center

Learn about GEVA Theatre Center's latest programs and services for people with hearing loss, including recently implemented open captioning and a new assistive listening system. As New York State's largest non-profit regional theatre producer, GEVA's productions are made in Rochester for Rochester. Discover how the productions you see go from page to stage, including season selection, casting, construction, rehearsal, and performance.

Executive Director Tom Parrish provides institutional leadership for GEVA. He was recently named to the Rochester Business Journal's "40 under 40" for 2013. He earned both an MBA and MA in Arts Administration from Southern Methodist University and a BA in Theatre Arts and Economics from Case Western Reserve University.

*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. A sign language interpreter is available for evening meetings only. To request an interpreter for an evening meeting, contact Linda Siple at 585 475 6712, a week in advance. (Please note, this phone is only for those needing an interpreter.)*

*The Hearing Loss Association is a nationwide organization dedicated to advocacy, education and support for people with hearing loss. For more information visit our website: [www.hlaa-rochester-ny.org](http://www.hlaa-rochester-ny.org) or telephone 585 266 7890.*

**MARDI GRAS**

*(submitted by Esther Brill; info from Wikipedia)*

**Why does Mardi Gras fall on different dates each year?**

The date of Mardi Gras changes every year (**it is March 4, 2014**) because it's connected to Easter, which can fall on any Sunday between March 23 and April 25. Mardi Gras is scheduled to be 47 days before Easter.

**What is the significance of the Mardi Gras colors, and where did they come from?**

Rex, the King of Carnival, selected the Mardi Gras colors and assigned meaning to them in 1892. Purple stands for justice, green for faith, and gold for power. (Editor Note: *These are also the colors of HLAA!*)

**HLAA NATIONAL CONVENTION**

June 26 – 29, 2014 – Austin, Texas

Keynote Speaker: Richard Einhorn, classical composer, "A Life in Music After Hearing Loss."

Austin—mom-and-pop shops, wine bars, coffee houses, restaurants; some housed in historic homes dating back to the 1800s.

Hotel reservations at: Renaissance Austin Hotel, 9721 Arboretum Blvd., Austin, TX 78759-6316 Call 800-228-9290, or, 512-343-2626; or, [www.Bit.ly/CONV2014](http://www.Bit.ly/CONV2014).

Single/Double - \$154 + tax  
Double/Triple - \$169 + tax

Texas Swing at Historic Scholz Garten –June 27<sup>th</sup>;  
Texas BBQ and beer; Boot-scootin' bands & more.

**SAVE THE DATES!**

Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup> – Kick-off for the WALK  
Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> – Walk4Hearing  
Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> – Cochlear Implant group  
Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> – Annual Dinner

Watch upcoming Newsletters for more details!

**WORDS OF ADVICE**

**Your hearing aids will not help you if they are in a drawer. See your hearing aid specialist and get them adjusted.**

*(submitted by Bruce Nelson)*

### **We Welcome All Donations**

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## **INNER EAR DISORDERS MAY CAUSE HYPERACTIVITY**

Behavioral abnormalities are traditionally thought to originate in the brain. But a new study by researchers at Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University, Bronx, NY, has found that inner-ear dysfunction can directly cause neurological changes that increase hyperactivity. The study, conducted in mice, also implicated two brain proteins in this process, providing potential targets for intervention. The findings were published in the September 6, 2013, edition of *Science*.

For years, scientists have observed that many children and adolescents with severe inner-ear disorders particularly disorders affecting both hearing and balance, also have behavioral problems, such as hyperactivity. "Our study provides the first

evidence that a sensory impairment, such as inner-ear dysfunction, can induce specific molecular changes in the brain that cause maladaptive behaviors traditionally considered to originate exclusively in the brain," said study leader Jean M. Hébert, PhD, professor in the Dominick P. Purpura Department of Neuroscience and of genetics at Einstein.

*(excerpt from Wisconsin 2013 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Newsletter)*  
*(suggested by Ginny Koenig)*

## **SELF-ADVOCATE WHEN IN HOSPITALS**

*By Bob Sickmond*

Having been a patient in F.F.Thompson Hospital in Canandaigua, I knew first-hand that their dealings with people with hearing loss left a lot to be desired. Each time a hospital employee entered my room, I had to inform/remind them that I was hearing impaired and they needed to face me and talk slowly. As we all know, this can become pretty frustrating after a while.

On behalf of our Education & Outreach committee, I recently met with Thompson Hospital management to discuss this matter in an effort to seek improvement.

The results were indeed positive. All patient rooms have a "white board" where there are daily postings of info such as: Names of the attending doctor; shift nurse; and shift technician, patient's daily goal, patient's blood pressure, and so on.

All personnel attending to patients are trained to look at the white board upon room entry to be sure they're up to date with that patient's information. If the patient is hearing impaired, it will be shown on the white board. All employees who deal with patients have been trained in this new policy. If the patient is hearing impaired:

- GET THEIR ATTENTION
- FACE THEM
- SPEAK A LITTLE SLOWER
- IF NECESSARY, WRITE IT DOWN, OR REQUEST AN INTERPRETER

## **MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup>, DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS**

- First to suggest the idea: Benjamin Franklin, in 1784.
- First North American region to adopt it: Newfoundland, in 1917.
- First year in which the United States adopted it: 1918.  
*(Old Farmer's Almanac)*

## LEADERS COLUMN

By Elise de Papp, M.D.



### International Communication Project

**2014** announced Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>, organized by the ASHA (American Speech-Language-Hearing Assoc.) Six countries will join forces in an effort to focus attention on the fact that

communication disorders (speech, language, and hearing) are largely neglected as disabilities although it is well established that healthy communication is vital to the quality of life. Joining the ASHA, based in Rockville, MD (nine miles from Bethesda and HLAA) are Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, Great Britain and Australia. The public launch will be in February with spokespeople from each organization participating in a Google Hangout (new expression to me, but I can guess--). In May, all 6 countries will participate in collective activity to heighten awareness worldwide; that will coordinate with our **W4H, May 4<sup>th</sup>**. I like the focus on communication instead of hearing. Maybe it will get more people's attention. People with normal hearing take it for granted, as we all do with our health until something breaks. There are so many different ways to communicate that it might make one stop and think for a minute.

This info is coming from the website **Hearinghealthmatters.org**. It's a really good website to check out, appears weekly. I hope some of you look at it; apologies to those who do for repeating content. The vision statement of the site is to provide timely information and lively insights to anyone who cares about hearing loss. Gael Hannan, who was our Featured Speaker a couple years ago, is one of the editors. She has a comical article in the late January issue on "How to serve diners with hearing loss (especially how to recite the daily specials). This end of January issue also has an interview with Anna Gilmore Hall, HLAA's Executive Director; results of a survey of 220 people on the benefits of CART (able to think and participate without straining, one of the winners); and an interesting editorial: The Spiritual Self, the Unsung Victim of Hearing Loss.

There's always something new and interesting to be found here. I hope you give it a try – enjoy!

## RBTL LIVE THEATRE--- CAPTIONED!



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

March 23<sup>rd</sup> – "Once"

April 20<sup>th</sup> – "Phantom of the Opera"

Tickets become available 6 weeks in advance of each show. Request seats in "open captions" viewing section. Call 222-5000; email, [info@rbtl.org](mailto:info@rbtl.org).

## **GEVA Theatre Offering Captioned Plays!**



All performances are **Saturday, at 2:00pm.**

March 22<sup>nd</sup> – "Informed Consent"

April 26<sup>th</sup> – "The Odd Couple"

Call the Box Office at 232-4382. Ask for seat in the "open captions" viewing section.

### **BIRTHDAYS – 90 YEARS AND OVER...**

Everyone: please let me know if you're one of our special Chapter members who will reach the spectacular age of 90 years, or more. If you agree, we'd like to announce it in our Newsletter. It is important to let me know right away as our Newsletters are written 2 months ahead. Thanks, Ginger [ggraham859@frontiernet.net](mailto:ggraham859@frontiernet.net); or, (585) 671-2683

Belated Happy Birthday to **Mary Agnes Decker** who turned 90 years young on January 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **WORTH REMEMBERING**

**"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." – (Eleanor Roosevelt)**

### Newsletter Deadline

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28<sup>th</sup>**  
(for the April Newsletter)

Email: [ggraham859@frontiernet.net](mailto:ggraham859@frontiernet.net)

## NEWS YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

By Ginger Graham

Seattle Seahawks fullback, Derrick Coleman, has turned a perceived impairment into what he calls “a blessing.” Profoundly deaf since the age of 3, he’s realizing his dream. He wears hearing aids that allow him to hear “7 on a scale of 1 to 10;” without the aids his hearing would be a 1. He gets the play call in the huddle from his quarterback who doesn’t wear his mouthpiece. Derrick’s hearing impairment inspired a commercial for Duracell batteries that has drawn more than 5 million hits on YouTube. He’s making sure to tell deaf kids that anything is possible. “If you have a dream, don’t let anything hold you back.”

Hilton girl sets US Deaf swimming records. Emma Doughty is 11 years old and has set two national deaf swimming records. She is a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at Rochester School for the Deaf.

A team of students from NTID is heading to the LEAP AXLR8R business accelerator in San Francisco to work on commercializing their technology aimed at translating Sign Language into Text. The accelerator is run by computer input hardware maker Leap Motion, and the RIT team is one of 10 teams accepted.

Program aims to ease flying concerns: Under a new program announced 1/23/14, people with disabilities can get a preview of traveling through the Rochester airport. In the ROC Your Flight program, people with special needs can get acquainted with security screening and find out about services available to them when traveling. For more info, or to sign up, call the Arc of Monroe at 585-271-0660, ext. 1141, or email to: [cdoyle@arcmonroe.org](mailto:cdoyle@arcmonroe.org).

*(excerpts from D&C of 1/18; 1/19; 1/24/14)*

Do hearing aids always cost a small fortune? By Scott Perkins, Director of Marketing, RHSC. “...there are many options and many prices. Top of the line digital aids can be expensive...” For more information: email – [sperkins@rhsc.org](mailto:sperkins@rhsc.org), or visit, [www.rhsc.org](http://www.rhsc.org).

*(excerpt from “In Good Health” Feb. 2014)*

## SILENT AUCTION HELP NEEDED – W4H

By Cindy Kellner



Although the thought of walking for hearing is crazy in this cold weather, our Walk will be here sooner than you think. **Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>** is just around the corner. One of the fundraising aspects of the Walk is the Silent Auction. **Mary Chizuk** has graciously agreed to be in charge of this event again this year. It is a lot of fun and a great way to get some wonderful bargains. We do, however, need your help.

Mary will soon be accepting any items you have. Items should be handmade or new and of interest to the general public. One of the most popular items Mary auctions off is gift cards to local restaurants and stores. If you have a favorite restaurant or store that you frequent regularly, why not ask them for a gift card donation the next time you’re there. There is a good chance that once you explain why you’re asking, the donation will be made. It never hurts to try and the contribution will be greatly appreciated.

This is just one more way you can help us reach our goal for this year’s Walk. If you would like further information or have any questions, please contact Cindy Kellner at [ckellne1@rochester.rr.com](mailto:ckellne1@rochester.rr.com); or, Sue Miller at [SusanLeeMiller39@cs.com](mailto:SusanLeeMiller39@cs.com); or Mary Chizuk at [mcchiz@bluefrog.com](mailto:mcchiz@bluefrog.com) or, [mcchiz6152@gmail.com](mailto:mcchiz6152@gmail.com). As always, your help is greatly appreciated.

## WEBSITES OF INTEREST

Our Chapter website is: [www.hlaa-rochester-ny.org](http://www.hlaa-rochester-ny.org). **Michelle Gross** is updating our website. (**Barb Law** continues as consultant.) The website for HLA National is: [www.hearingloss.org](http://www.hearingloss.org).

## Repair & Reuse – Website

By Don Bataille

Instead of throwing things away, go to: [iFixit – kyle@fixit.com](mailto:kyle@fixit.com). By weight, electronics require far more resources than any other product. An 8-oz. phone requires over 165 pounds of raw material. Fueled by the demand for cool gadgets, iron ore production has increased by 180%, cobalt by 165%, and lithium by 125% in the last 10 years.

## NEW CAPTIONING VIEWERS COME TO THE LITTLE THEATRE

By J. Cayer; C. Hogan-Roy; P. Wayner

As the Little Theatre upgraded its theatres to digital projection, it also took the opportunity to outfit 4 of their auditoriums with portable CaptiView caption viewing equipment.



The equipment includes a small high-contrast screen with a digital display of captions for any film with caption viewing accessibility,

denoted on our website by a CC symbol next to the film. The small screen is connected to a flexible mount that attaches to the cup holder at the seat. The units are discrete, easy to read and easy to use. Go to:

<http://thelittle.org/about/accessibility>

The Little staff sees the new caption viewers as a milestone, allowing them to include patrons with hearing loss in the full spectrum of cinematic excellence at the theatre. And in a city that, according to The New York Times, has the largest deaf population per capita in the country, this improvement will be especially poignant.

## W4H KICKOFF RECEPTION

By Cindy Kellner

HLAA-Rochester invites you and your guests to join us for a complimentary reception at our Walk4Hearing Kickoff, on **Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**

From 5:30 – 7:30 pm  
The Dyer Arts Center  
LBJ Hall at NTID at RIT  
Building 60, Room 1000  
52 Lomb Memorial Drive  
Rochester, NY 14623

**\*\*\*RSVP by Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>\*\*\***

(space is limited, so please respond early)

Kelly Barrett 585 309 2349, or,

Email: [rochesterwalk4hearing@gmail.com](mailto:rochesterwalk4hearing@gmail.com)

**Directions:** Off of Jefferson Road, enter the RIT Campus at the traffic light for Lowenthal Road. At the first stop sign (end of Lowenthal Road), you will be facing the LBJ Building. Make a left turn onto Andrews Memorial Drive and then a right turn onto Lyon Crescent to get to the entrance of the LBJ Building. The Center is located on the first floor just off the lobby.

There is ample free parking near the building. The Center is looped and an interpreter will be available.

If you plan to participate in this year's Walk or would like more information, please stop by. Captain's packets will be distributed. Drinks and light hors d'oeuvres will be served. Please come and join the party.

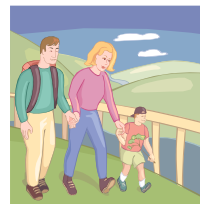
### Subjects of April 1st Chapter Meetings

**Daytime** – "What you Should Ask at Your Next Audiological Exam" – Matt McDonald, Au.D.

**Evening** – "Panel of CI Implantees" – members of our Chapter

## WALK4HEARING -Can You Help with Sponsors?

By Cindy Kellner



We are in desperate need of **sponsors** for our 2014

Walk4Hearing planned for May 4<sup>th</sup>. If you know of anyone or any entity, corporation or business (perhaps a current or prior employer) who might be willing to sponsor the

Walk at the \$500, \$1,000, \$1,500, \$2,000, or greater level, please let either Cindy Kellner or Sue Miller know. The support of the sponsors is greatly appreciated by all of us. ([ckellne1@rochester.rr.com](mailto:ckellne1@rochester.rr.com)) or 585-586-8391 or Sue Miller ([SusanLeeMiller39@cs.com](mailto:SusanLeeMiller39@cs.com)).

Remember that our Walk is important to the future of HLAA-Rochester. It is our only fundraising event and the proceeds go directly to help make the world a better place for all of us. Please help us if you can.

### LIKE US ON FACEBOOK !

By Cindy Kellner

Are you on Facebook? If so, please be our friend. We currently have **178** friends and we want more.

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## IF YOU MOVE

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## CONTINUATION OF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

*By Cindy Kellner*

Note: **Deadline is April 11<sup>th</sup>**. We're pleased to announce the continuation of this program. Since 1996, we've awarded over \$70,500. This year's scholarship is a \$1,000 award.

Scholarship recipients must have applied to a college or other postsecondary school and be between the ages of 17 and 20. They must have a hearing loss in both ears (or only one, in exceptional circumstances). Financial need is not a consideration. The scholarship is a one-time award.

To apply go to: [www.hlaa-rochester-ny.org](http://www.hlaa-rochester-ny.org) and click on "Support" and "Scholarship Form." The application deadline is Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. Questions, contact: [CKellnel@rochester.rr.com](mailto:CKellnel@rochester.rr.com)

## DEAF EDUCATION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

*By James DeCaro, Ph.D.*

Min ga la ba. Nei Kuan la. Cha naw ye nan be gan Jim DeCaro.

(Good morning, how are you. This is Jim DeCaro)

It is 7.00 in the morning here in Yangon (Rangoon), Myanmar. The temperature is 75 degrees in Myanmar winter! Today is January 28<sup>th</sup>. I am sitting in a restaurant looking out at the rising sun, and, decided to finally respond to Ginger's patient request to provide an article for HLAA-Rochester Newsletter. So, here goes.

There are 2 (Yes...only two!) schools for the deaf in all of Myanmar serving youngsters. In the past 70 years, there has been a total of 7 graduates of the schools that have passed the national qualifying exam to go on the university...an abysmal record but things are not hopeless. The folks of the d/HoH associations in Yangon are organizing and starting to take control in defining their own destiny.

In visits with two of the organizations for the D/HoH, one of the most significant issues raised by the leadership and membership is "recognition of their human rights and support from the government in meeting their needs"...my terminology. In spite of formidable obstacles in education and employment, the deaf/HoH folks are motivated to work to achieve equity in the nation...but there is a long way to go. However, they are up to the task and I am confident they will persevere.

Today I travel to visit the Director Generals of the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Social Welfare, respectively. Sometimes an advocate/change-agent from outside of the country can get the bureaucrats to listen when in-country folks cannot.

I will close for now as I have a five-hour bus ride ahead of me...actually it would be about two in the USA but the road system here does not allow for the speeds we drive--water buffalo on the highway and the like (-:-) . This is a magnificent country with beautiful people, and they are on the cusp of some major changes.

Chei-zu tin-bar-te, Jim

*(Dr. DeCaro is Professor and Dean Emeritus of NTID/RIT)*

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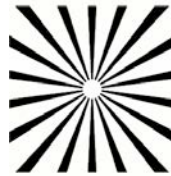
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