



In Person at St. Paul's and on Zoom - November 1st

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

TUESDAY, NOV. 1, 10 AM-11 AM IN PERSON, ST PAUL'S VESTRY ROOM: Joe Kozelsky: HOPE Session: 'Hearing Other People's Experiences' (HOPE)

TUESDAY, NOV. 1, 11:30 AM - NOON AT ST PAUL'S PARISH HALL AND ON ZOOM: Chapter announcements and business meeting.

TUESDAY, NOV. 1, NOON -1 PM AT ST PAUL'S PARISH HALL AND ON ZOOM: HONOR FLIGHT: HISTORY AND MISSION

TUESDAY, NOV. 8, 7 PM ON ZOOM: Board of Directors Meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 9, 7 PM ON ZOOM - Stellar Supporters Meeting

TUESDAY, NOV. 15, 7 PM ON ZOOM: Cochlear Implant Support Group

THURSDAY, NOV. 17, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES DEMO CENTER. Technology Team. In person. Lifespan, 1900 S. Clinton Ave..

TUESDAY, NOV. 22, 8 PM - 9 PM ON ZOOM: "Hear Together": Parent/Caregiver Support Group

Please check our Chapter Website hearinglossrochester.org for any changes

November Programs

The Hearing Loss Association of America Rochester Chapter offers in-person and virtual programs for anyone interested in hearing loss. Preregistration for the Zoom sessions is required by visiting the HLAA website at:

<http://hearinglossrochester.org>

All presentations are free and in real time. Closed captioning is an option for all participants.

Programs for November are:

Tuesday, November 1, 10 AM-11 AM, In-person in St. Paul's Vestry Room: Joseph Kozelsky CCC/A. Hearing Other People's Experiences (HOPE)

Prospective, new or experienced hearing aid users can share their experiences, questions, and hearing loss

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

from Dan Brooks and Art Maurer



It's notable when both authors of this column have surgeries within a month. That happened in September and October, so we apologize if we're a little sketchy as we cope through the fog of pre and post op demands.

September was a fruitful time with all our monthly sessions getting back in the groove. **Joe Kozelsky** made an easy-to-understand presentation on hearing loss that is available on Youtube; accessible through hearinglossrochester.org - well worth taking time to watch. All monthly **Presentations** will now be hybrid in-person and Zoom. **HOPE** and the **Demo Center** are also back on schedule – both in live format. **Hear Together** support group continues to meet every month.

The **CI Group** will hold its next meeting this month on Nov.15

It's still **Membership Renewal** season. Please renew your membership if you have not already done so. If you have, *Thank You!* We find the most effective way to get new members is through Word-of-Mouth. Perhaps even pay for a membership for a friend, family member or neighbor with hearing loss. Having our Newsletter mailed to someone with hearing loss can go a long way. Also don't overlook our free lifetime memberships to **Veterans** with hearing loss – we have 26 on board so far.

Mark Your Calendars with dates to remember in 2023:

Annual Dinner May 23rd at Cobblestone Country Club - Victor, NY

Summer Picnic July 30 or Aug 13 at Dolomite Lodge - Penfield, NY

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President's Message

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A list of **OTC Facts to Consider** is being developed. Watch for it in a future issue of our Newsletter. Hopefully it will prove of value when discussing OTCs with relatives and friends. It is focused on those considering buying a hearing aid Over-the-Counter.

Our **Initiatives** are continuing. We are introducing HLAA through libraries and senior residences. Health Fairs are back; and we are rekindling efforts to get more locations looped. Also, notably, HLAA assistance is being taken into the inner city of Rochester again...through introduction at Charles Settlement House/Community Place

The **NYS Conference** sessions at Glens Falls in September provided valuable input to chapters across New York State. Perhaps more collaborative sharing will develop as a result. The carefully planned conference, held for the first time in many years, had no scheduling or technical glitches. A NYS A conference periodically, every few years, is a good objective for consideration.

Our **Strategic Planning** was put in mothballs during the pandemic. We'll be rejuvenating our planning looking three years into the future. As we emerge from the pandemic our situation is much

different than before we were locked down. We have learned how to use on-line meetings effectively and continue to refine our capabilities. We also find our members more accepting of using the new technologies, but we still respect the benefits of in-person gatherings. As much as possible we'll have hybrid offerings. We also will consider how best to deploy these new capabilities to reach and help as many members, and potential members, as possible.

The new ability to collaborate with other chapters across our country will be explored. All this in an environment of emerging technologies coupled with new legislation which promise to be disruptive to the old order of hearing aid dispensing. We'll be adding the additional challenge of tackling on-going sustainability of our chapter as part of the effort.

As always, anyone interested is welcome to join our discussions which will meet on Zoom.

Your suggestions and comments are most welcome.

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Cochlear Implant Group Meets Nov. 15th

The Cochlear Implant Group will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, November 15th at 7:00 pm. To register and receive advance program notice and the required Zoom link, send an email to 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. The session will be captioned.

OTC Publication in the Works

The HLAA Rochester Chapter is working on a new publication, "Facts to Consider when Buying Over the Counter Hearing Aids". We hope to present it to you in our December newsletter.

November Birthdays

Happy Birthday to:

November	14	Don Bataille
	23	Cindy Kellner
	25	Bruce Nelson

Our birthday database is missing many of your birthdays, If you would like to be mentioned in the future, please send an email to bruce.nelson@gmail.com

Buy Hearing Aid Batteries from HLAA

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

Sign-Up for our Monthly e-blast

We now offer a monthly e-mail which contains notices of our upcoming meetings and events. To subscribe, send see <https://www.hearinglossrochester.org/meetings>.

November Programs

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journeys in an informal round table format. We learn from one another. Anyone interested in hearing loss is invited to join the hearing aid community.

Tuesday, November 1. Noon: HONOR FLIGHT : HISTORY AND MISSION. In person. St. Paul's Parish Hall AND virtual on Zoom.

Veteran's Day is November 11th. Honor Flight Network currently serves veterans from the WWII, Korean War and Vietnam War eras and terminally ill veterans from any era. Honor Flight's mission is to celebrate America's veterans by inviting them to share a day of honor at our nation's memorials in Washington, D.C. at no cost to the veteran. Participation in an Honor Flight trip gives them the opportunity to share this occasion with other comrades, to remember friends and comrades lost, and to share their stories and experiences with other veterans. Veterans invite a guardian to accompany them. Guardians, who cannot be a spouse or over 70, pay a fee to offset their own costs.

The Honor Flight Network was formed in 2005 with a mission of honoring veterans by bringing them to Washington, D.C. to visit the memorials and monuments dedicated to their service and sacrifice. It is a national network comprised of independent hubs working together in furtherance of the Honor Flight

mission. Today the Honor Flight Network comprises over 128 hubs, ten of which are in New York State. Since 2005 Honor Flight Network has taken 251,743 veterans to Washington, D.C. The Rochester Honor Flight hub had trips on October 1st and October 22nd of this year

Thursday, November 17. 10 AM-2 PM Assisted Device Demo Center. Technology Team. In person at Lifespan, 1900 South Clinton Avenue, Rochester 14618.

At this free demonstration area, consumers are invited to view and try out a selection of assistive listening devices before actually buying them. Included are captioning-capable and amplified telephones, signaling-alerting devices and smart phone APP's related to hearing enhancement. Chapter members are on hand to answer visitors' questions.

Tuesday, November 22. 8 PM -9 PM "Hear Together". Kristin Bergholtz CCC/SLP. Virtual on Zoom. Speech language pathologist Kristin Bergholtz

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

Stellar Supporters Keep Our Chapter Humming

By Sue Miller

Are you a volunteer for the HLAA Rochester Chapter, but *not* a board member? Do you greet people at our meetings, do you write a 'thank you' note to first-time attendees, do you send a birthday card to our members, do you receive and list every single penny that is given to our chapter, do you serve on a committee?

Do you take notes, do you help with the Demo Center, do you help staff an HLAA health fair booth, do you make presentations at libraries, do you oversee or serve on the Scholarship Committee, do you solicit ads for our chapter Newsletter, are you a liaison for Ontario County, do you help with Special Events, do you set up and/or bring refreshments to chapter meetings, do you lead the HOPE Session?

Do you oversee our chapter's website or social media, do you write articles every month about our meetings for newspapers or the Newsletter, do you collect and summarize the Evaluation sheets after each Daytime/Presentation meeting, do you help with the Newsletter,

do you assist with the Zoom meetings in any way, are you an advocate for people with hearing loss or a Veteran with hearing loss...and the list goes on...and on... and on.

If you answered 'yes' to any of these questions, then YOU are a STELLAR SUPPORTER! 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 p.m. This provides an opportunity to share your ideas on how to make our chapter even better than it already is.

We're enormously grateful to all our chapter volunteers who give of themselves in such a variety of ways. So, watch for the link to our next Stellar Supporters meeting on November 9th...our chapter wouldn't be what it is without YOU.

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HLAA New York State Association (NYSA) - Update.

By Dan Brooks, Immediate Past President, HLAA-NYSA

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Is it November already?! Not sure where the time goes but, it certainly does not stand still! I hope everyone is enjoying the fall weather and gearing up for winter. Soon the busy holiday season will be upon us.

The **HLAA Rochester Chapter** has been quite busy. Each month they run a “hybrid” **Chapter Program Meeting**. “Hybrid” meaning the meeting can be attended in person or remotely, via ZOOM. We continue to have, our HOPE Sessions, monitored by retired audiologist, Joe Kozelsky. HOPE Sessions are in person only. **HOPE** stands for **Hearing Other People’s Experiences**. This program is a real hit and a great resource for those just beginning to experience hearing loss. These sessions are also a great benefit for those who want to learn more about hearing loss.

Another “big hit” is the monthly **Demo Center** (also in person only) held at Lifespan and run by our fabulous trainers and volunteers. The **Demo Center** is a great place to go and try out various assistive listening devices (ALD’s) that may improve life with hearing loss, without the pressure of buying anything. Although we do not sell devices at The **Demo Center**, they do provide suggestions where they may be purchased and how to find locations on your own. To learn more about our Demo Center including when the Center is open please visit the **HLAA Rochester Chapter** website: www.hearinglossrochester.org.

Here are some updates from the **HLAA New York State Association, (HLAA-NYSA)**. **Jerry Bergman**, past president & leader of the *Advocacy & Legislative Committee*, has started a petition on change.org titled “**Establishing the Commission for the Deaf, DeafBlind and Hard of Hearing in New York State.**” Jerry and his advocacy team are requesting everyone to sign the petition needed to get **Governor Hochul’s** attention. We’ll need well over 100 signatures to do this. To sign the petition please visit the New York Association’s website: www.hearinglossnys.org. Sign today, if possible!

Please share the information with others and ask them to sign as well. This is the time to be heard!

On our NYS website there is information on how to write and/or call New York State, **Governor Hochul**. You will also find sample letters and scripts to use when in communication with the **Governor**.

Last but not least, the Board of Directors (BOD) and Officers of the **HLAA-NYSA**, will be conducting its last meeting of the year in November. The Board will be reporting on the numbers of the **2022 State Conference** held in Glens Falls in September. Please visit our website for more details about the Conference and enjoy memorable pictures of the event.

It was truly a wonderful conference, and everyone seemed to have had a great time. None of this would have been possible if it weren’t for our dedicated volunteers and supporters. Everyone involved should be proud!” - Me

Again, without our volunteers and supporters the **HLAA-NYSA** could not do what we do to help those with hearing loss in New York State. Please consider making an online charitable donation to our state association by mailing a check to **PO Box 1002 Fairport, NY 14450** with a note attached stating that the donation is for the **HLAA-NYSA**.

One other way to support the **HLAA-NYSA**, is becoming a member or renewing your membership with HLAA Rochester or join our National Association: www.hearingloss.org.

Again, THANK YOU for your support!

Dan

You can “Attend” Other Chapters’ Meetings

Many HLAA Chapters and State Organizations are continuing to meet virtually or live-and-virtual, now that the pandemic is easing. You are welcome to visit online HLAA Chapter and State Organization meetings from all across the country. They are listed in one central calendar from the HLAA Leaders List Groups.io calendar.

First, go to hearingloss.org. There is a new purple calendar option in the upper menu bar. After you click on it, a new window will open. Click on the purple **FIND HLAA CHAPTER MEETINGS HERE** button to access the HLAA Leaders Groups.io calendar.

Captioned Entertainment Around Rochester

JCC Center Stage – Captioned Plays



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

2022:

“Something Musical”... Broadway in Concert - December 11

2023:

“Hitmakers”... You ain’t Seen Nothin’ Yet - February 12

“I’m not a Comedian...I’m Lenny Bruce”- March 19

“Ragtime, the Musical” ... The Beloved Classic - May 14

Tickets and information are available at 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.



GEVA Theatre Center - Captioned Performances

Open Captioning for patrons with hearing loss is provided during the 1st Saturday matinee and both performances of the final Wednesday of each Wilson Stage Series production (please note the date and time differences for *A Christmas Carol*); and the first Saturday matinee of each Fielding Stage Series production. When booking your seats, mention your interest in open captioning in order to secure the most advantageous view of the display on the right of the stage.

“A Christmas Carol” - 12/5 at noon, 12/11 at 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm

“Airness” - 1/15 at 2:00 pm, 2/2 at 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm

“Constellations” - 2/5 at 2:30 pm

“How to Catch Creation” - 2/26 at 2:00 pm, 3/16 at 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm

“Somewhere Over the Border” - 4/2 at 2:00 pm, 4/20 at 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm

“The Chinese Lady” - 5/7 at 2:30pm

“Yoga Play” - 5/14 at 2:00 pm, 6/1 at 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm

“Sister Act” - 6/25 at 2:00 pm, 7/20 at 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm

Other Theaters

Regal Theatres, Cinemark Theaters, AMC Theaters, and Movie 10 all indicate on their websites that they have closed captioning devices available by asking at the box office.

NTID Theatres

Panara Theatre - Captioned and Hearing Loop

“Everybody” November 11 -13, 2022

“25 Years Through Movement and Space” February 24-26, 2023

“Ordinary Days” March 31 - April 2, 2023

“Deaf Republic” April 14 - 16, 2023

“Singring and the Glass Guitar” April 28 - 30, 2023

Magic Spell Theatre - Captioned and Hearing Loop

No schedule available

The Little - Amplification and Loops

The Little Theatre provides options for the hearing impaired including hearing amplification headphones in all theaters. The hearing amplification headphones can also be used for descriptive listening.

Theatres 1, 2, 4, and 5, are equipped with Hearing Loop Systems.

Personal captioning devices are available for all theaters. Please inquire at the box office.

The Little offers open caption screenings when available. Open captions mean captions are visible to everyone, and cannot be turned off. Open caption screenings are currently shown on Thursdays, along with the first matinees on Sundays (please note some films do not have an open caption version). You can find Open Caption shows via thelittle.org (listed in the showtimes on each film page), and on social media.

RBTL Live Theater – Captioned Plays



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

“Hamilton” - November 6, 2022

“Come From Away” - December 11, 2022

“Beetlejuice” - February 19, 2023

“Hadestown” - March 19, 2023

“Aladdin” - April 16, 2023

“Six” - May 21, 2023

“To Kill a Mockingbird” - June 18, 2023

Open Captioning, made possible by HLAA, is offered during most Sunday matinee subscription performances of the Broadway Season, and select other performances. A text display scrolls words in synchronization with the dialogue and lyrics of the show. Reserve seating in view of the captioning screen in advance or request open captioning for unlisted events, 585.222.5000 or mail@rbtl.org.

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HLAA-NYS Conference a Success

By Jon Taylor, HLAA NYC Chapter

Justin Osmond of the musical Osmond family, was the inspiring keynote speaker at the HLAA-NY State Association conference at the Queensbury Hotel in Glens Falls, NY September 16-18. His talk was the introduction to a successful weekend that was attended by close to 100 people.



Other speakers included, Dr. Mary Sano, who delivered a well-received presentation Saturday morning on *Cognitive Health in Aging: Considerations for those with Hearing Loss*.

Dr. Sano's presentation was followed by a discussion of advocacy and legislation, led by NYC chapter member, Jerry Bergman, who highlighted the importance of lobbying Governor Hochul to sign the already-ratified NYS bill for a NYS Commission for Deaf, Deaf-blind, and Hard of Hearing.

Saturday afternoon, Dr. Kevin Franck, chair of the board of National HLAA, gave an interesting update on research and development in hearing technology. The final presenters of the weekend were a panel of audiologists from the NYS Capital Region: Dr. Donna Wayner, Dr. Cara Bedore, Dr. Angela Lalla, and Dr. Debra Trees. The four discussed cochlear implants, the influence of hearing loss on health and interpersonal relationships. They also gave an update on hearing aids and Bluetooth technology. In addition to the excellent presentations, the weekend included an exhibit hall, a silent auction, a comedian, and a steamboat ride on Lake George.

Assistive Listening Device Demo Center

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



The types of devices represented during the demo sessions include signaling-alerting devices, captioned telephones and personal assistive listening devices [with an emphasis on TV listening and coping with noisy environments]. This season, several new, lower cost devices will be shown; including our new self-serve hearing test.

Sessions are usually on the 3rd Thursday of the month. The next demo session at Lifespan, 1900 S. Clinton Ave. (Tops Plaza) on Thursday, November 17th from 10am to 2pm. Sessions are free. All are welcome!

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Founded in 1979, the mission of HLAA is to open the world of communication to people with hearing loss through information, education, support and advocacy.

HLAA is the nation's foremost membership and advocacy organization for people with hearing loss. HLAA publishes a bimonthly magazine, *Hearing Life*, holds annual conventions, a Walk4Hearing, and more. Check out: [www.hearingloss.org](http://www.hearingloss.org).

The Rochester Chapter, started in 1983, is a dynamic group of individuals working together as a team. To join, please see inside back page. HLAA has a support network of organizations—Rockville, MD; State organizations; and, local Chapters. Welcome!

## **Our Meetings are Hearing Accessible**

We meet in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, East Ave. and Westminster Rd., across from the George Eastman Museum. Parking is available at the George Eastman Museum, if needed.

All meetings are audio looped and captioned. Interpreters are available on request.

Our chapter meetings will also be streamed on Zoom, with captioning. See our website at [hearinglossrochester.org](http://hearinglossrochester.org) to sign up for access to all future meetings. Please register at least 24 hours before the first meeting you wish to attend, so that you will receive the link by email.

*Everyone, with or without a hearing loss, is welcome, on our on-line meetings or in person, when live meetings resume!*