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JUNE Calendar

Tuesday, June 4th

10:00 am – HOPE Session–Vestry Room, St. Paul’s

Daytime Chapter meeting:

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

Evening Chapter meeting:

7:00 pm – Refreshments/Social Time – Parish Hall
7:30 pm – Announcements
8:00 pm – 9 pm – Program Speaker

Tues., June 11th - BOD – 7-9pm – Al Sigl Center

Thurs., June 20th – **NO session of the Device Demo Center**, Lifespan. Next one scheduled Sept. 19th.

June 20-23 - HLA NATIONAL CONVENTION
 Hyatt Regency Hotel, Riverside Convention Center
 (see pages 6, 8, and 11)

Tues., June 25th – Program Planning meetings
 (see page 9)

SAVE THESE FUTURE DATES

Sun., Aug. 18 –PICNIC–2:00-7:00pm
 Ellison Park – free (see page 11)

Tues., Sept. 10 – Chapter meetings resume.

Hospitality Duties for JUNE:

Daytime Meeting – Fred Altrith, Dan Brooks,
 Gerry Ride

Evening Meeting – Mary Chizuk

Board of Directors –Henry Adler, Steve Barnett,
 Dan Brooks



WELCOME! TO ALL NATIONAL CONVENTION PARTICIPANTS. We’re delighted to have you with us! (Rochester Chapter!)

JUNE PROGRAMS

At St. Paul’s Church, East Ave. & Westminster Rd. 14607
 (**Enter only through the Westminster Road door.**)

Tues., June 4th - 10:00am - Vestry room
HOPE (Hearing Other People's Experiences)
session – *Joe Kozelsky, MS, abd, CCC-A retired.*

Prospective, new or long-time hearing aid users share their experiences, questions, and hearing loss journeys in an informal round table discussion facilitated by retired audiologist and hearing aid user, Joe Kozelsky. All are welcome!

Tues., June 4th -Daytime Meeting -11am-1pm
Speaker begins at Noon in the Parish Hall.

HEARING AIDS AND NOISE: A Visual Explanation of the Challenges and Some Solutions - *James Feuerstein, Ph.D., CCC/A*

Hearing aid users often find that they hear well in quiet but continue to struggle in background noise. Using visual examples, Dr. Feuerstein explains hearing and speech acoustics, demonstrating the impact of hearing loss on the ability to understand speech in quiet and noise. He then visually demonstrates how hearing aids attempt to restore speech intelligibility and how advanced technologies and assistive technologies can improve the ability to hear in noise.

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Tuesday, June 4th – Daytime (continued)

Dr. Feuerstein is a Professor Emeritus of Nazareth College where he taught audiology and speech science courses for 25 years. He began his professional career as an audiologist at Rochester Hearing and Speech Center. He presently chairs the RHSC Board of Directors and remains active in many professional organizations. His areas of professional expertise are hearing conservation, hearing aids and assistive technologies, and central auditory processing disorders. He contributed extensively to HLAA's previous Day of Hearing events.

Tues., June 4th – Evening Meeting–7:00-9pm
Speaker begins at 8:00 pm**EMPLOYMENT HELP THROUGH
ACCES-VR - Julia Rood, MS**

Adult Career and Continuing Education Services-Vocational Rehabilitation is the agency (you've probably never heard of) which provides a full range of employment services needed by persons with disabilities throughout their lives. ACCES's vocational rehabilitation is targeted toward working-age individuals with disabilities to prepare for, find, and keep employment.

Senior Vocational Transition Counselor, Julia Rood explains procedures for contacting ACCES and their programs designed to help people with hearing loss either seeking employment or currently working. She notes that they cover the cost of hearing aids for job seekers and/or workers.

Ms. Rood has worked at ACCES-VR for over twenty years. She specializes in transition services for youth and is a "fierce advocate of self-advocacy and accessibility for people with disabilities."

All HLAA programs are free. Anyone interested in hearing loss is welcome. For more information, view the organization's web site at www.hearinglossrochester.org or telephone 585 266 7890.

**FROM OUR PRESIDENT, AND,
VICE-PRESIDENT**

By Dan Brooks and Suzanne Johnston



Well, here we are – 2018-2019 program year already behind us. It has seemed to fly by with all the work that has been done on a weekly and monthly basis by so many of our membership. We would both like to take this opportunity to offer thanks to *so many* who have made this year another successful one for our chapter. Some of us are more visible than others, but the work of each is as important as the next.

Every new year brings new focus and goals. Our goals for this year have included increasing membership, and reviving current committees, or developing new committees. We have been pleased to see growth in both of these areas.

Our membership numbers are now at a record high, with **approximately 250 paid members in our chapter**. We attribute some of this growth to the increased visibility of HLAA-Rochester in our community through marketing, community outreach and area presentations. This has been accomplished by the volunteer work of so many individuals who are active in our organization. And, we have continued to retain our very reasonable and accessible **\$10 membership fee per year**. What a great value for our members!

New committees that have been revived /re-established or are new have included the Healthcare Outreach Committee, the Judiciary/Courts Committee, the Technology Committee, the Membership Appreciation Committee, and the Student Board. Those which have grown include the Membership Committee, the E&O Committee, the Marketing Committee and the Professional Advisory Committee. The infusion of people and energy for the work of these committees

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PRESIDENTS COLUMN – (continued)

has come from our membership as well as through inspiration and dedication of those already actively involved in our organization. The work of these committees is essential for the continued permeation of HLAA-Rochester's *Support, Education, and Advocacy* in our community.

As we position ourselves for the 2019-2020 program year, we are grateful to our members and for the many who work tirelessly on a daily basis to better the lives of all people with hearing loss. This happens through visible, significant accomplishments and contributions we all see and hear about through our award-winning Newsletter and Website; Facebook; and meetings. More importantly, however, the success of the organization is accomplished via all the small tasks that must be completed on a weekly basis to keep HLAA Rochester growing and running successfully. Thank you to all for this successful year, and we look forward to the coming year together with you, our members!

NEW OFFICERS for 2019-- 2020

President – Suzanne Johnston
 Vice-President - Art Maurer
 Recording Secretary – Stuart Loewenstein
 Corresponding Secretary – Carol Loftus
 Treasurer – Tom Corteville
 Assistant Treasurer – Joan Kohler*
 *non-board member

With sincere thanks to these folks for stepping up to lead our chapter in the upcoming months!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL LETTER coming to you soon! Please pay your dues to continue receiving this monthly Newsletter! Thank you!

FATHER'S DAY...

June 1910 the first ever Father's Day was celebrated in Spokane, WA. (The idea for the observance is credited to Sonora Louise Smart Dodd.)

(Old Farmer's Almanac)

LIFESPAN NEEDS TOILETRY ITEMS



Lifespan collects toiletries for veterans, and for young women in under-served countries. Let's support them by donating shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, non-alcoholic mouth wash, body powder, hand/body lotion, & anything else you can think of.

Please bring your donation to the June daytime or evening Chapter meetings. We will take them to Lifespan after the June meetings. And thank you so much for contributing!

SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT AND HL

(submitted by Elise dePapp, M.D.; excerpt by Ginger Graham)

Helping patients with hearing loss avoid social isolation could be key to providing them with a better quality of life and better physical and mental health—as well as a renewed focus for the profession of hearing healthcare.

(hearingreview.com/2019/04/special-report-social-engagement-hearing-loss/)

CANANDAIGUA MUSIC FESTIVAL

By Al Suffredini

The annual Canandaigua Lake Music Festival will be held July 19-28. The link below will take you to the site which lists the concerts, and the dates. They are at Finger Lakes Community College (FLCC) Auditorium, which has a 405 seat capacity and is accessible with an FM system. They also have neck loops which have worked quite well with me and my cochlear implant.

<https://www.lakemusicfestival.org/buytickets.html>

- or - <https://tinyurl.com/yxzn12kt>

DID YOU KNOW....

“In 1988, yielding to student protests, the board of trustees of Gallaudet University in Washington DC chose I. King Jordan to become the school's first deaf president.” *(D&C 3/11/18)*

RBTL LIVE THEATRE—CAPTIONED!

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

June 9, 2019 - **Waitress**

(new season not yet available)

Tickets become available 6 weeks in advance of each show. Request seats in “open captions” viewing section. Call 222-5000; email, info@rbtl.org.

GEVA THEATRE – CAPTIONED PLAYS !

Sat. shows 2pm;

Wed. 2pm & 7:30pm

unless otherwise indicated

Sat., Sept. 7; Wed., Oct. 2 – **La Cage Aux Folles**

Sat., Oct. 26; Wed., Nov. 13 – **The Niceties**

Nov. 9 @ 2:30pm – **Queen**

Sun., Dec. 8 @ 12 Noon – **A Christmas Carol**

new season 2020

Sat., Jan. 18; Wed., Jan. 29 – **Slow Food**

Sat., Feb. 22; Wed., March 18 – **ONCE**

Sat., March 7 @ 2:30pm – **Cry It Out**

Sat., April 4; Wed., April 22; **Looks Like Pretty**

Sat., April 25 @ 2:30pm – **Where Did We Sit on Bus?**

Sat., May 9; Wed., May 27 - **Vietgone**

Call the Box Office at 232-4382. Ask for seats in the “open captions” viewing section.

JCC CenterStage – Captioned Plays!

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Wed/Thurs @ 7pm; Sat/Sun @ 2pm

unless otherwise indicated

Sun., July 21 – **“Disney’s Newsies”**

Sun., Nov. 10; Thurs., Nov. 14 – **“Division Street”**

Sun., Dec. 15; Thurs., Dec. 19 – **“Raging Skillet: The True Life Adventures of a Punk Rock Caterer”**

new season 2020

Sun., Feb. 9; Wed., Feb. 12 – **Hit Makers—Origins of Classic Rock”**

Sun., April 12; Thurs, April 16 – **“Sweat”**

Sun., May 10; Wed., May 13 – **“Mamma Mia, musical”**

Tickets and information are available at www.jcccenterstage.org or (585) 461-2000. Please specify “Captioned Area.” Tickets are \$26-33 with discounts for JCC members, full-time students and season subscribers.

NTID THEATRES

PANARA THEATRE - captioned

Thur/Fri.-7:30pm; Sat.-2pm, 7:30pm

Sun.-2pm (unless otherwise indicated)

NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE YET.

MAGIC SPELL THEATRE – captioned.

NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE YET.

Panara Theater parking in Lot “L”

Magic Spell parking in Lots “E” & “F”

Cost: \$12 general public More Info:

<https://www.rit.edu/cla/finearts/theatrearts/cla-ntid-18-19jointseason>.

CAPTIONED MOVIES AT CINEMA THEATRE

By Gaelen McCormick

All Wednesday movies at the Cinema are **open caption.** They rotate movies every week and are a LOT less expensive than the AMC and Regal cinemas. Check local listings and www.cinamarochester.com or www.captionfish.com 957 Clinton Ave. S. (14620); 271 1785; Free parking in Dollar Tree lot across the street. Handicap parking behind Cinema.

THE LITTLE THEATRE

By Scott Pukos, PR for The Little

We offer ‘open captions’ every Tuesday. Listed on our website (thelittle.org); info gets updated every Monday evening. Also, have ‘hearing amplification headphones’ and ‘personal captioning devices’ that are available for every film with closed captioning capabilities. These can be used in all theatres.

A ‘hearing loop’ (installed with the support of Hart Hearing Centers and the J. Stuart and Phyllis I. MacDonald Fund) is in Theatres 1,2,4, and 5; and soon to be in #3. For more info, go to:

<https://thelittle.org/accessibility>.

(submitted by Suzanne Johnston; excerpt by Ginger Graham)

CAPTIONING OF MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETINGS WILL BE CONTINUED !

Great news! Our Daytime and Evening monthly meetings as well as the CI Group meetings will continue to be **captioned**. The captioning is done remotely by Alternative Communication Services—it is flawless, plus the people doing the captioning are from all over the country! It's amazing to see the words almost instantly on the screen as soon as they're spoken. The service cost is \$3,000 a year and it is being paid by CaptionCall. It will be the 8th year Cameron Tingley has offered to underwrite the cost of this invaluable service. By June 2019, CaptionCall will have spent \$24,000 to have our meetings captioned...aren't we blessed! and we thank you!

We also owe a huge debt of thanks to **Dan Brooks, Lorin Gallistel, Charlie Johnstone, and Bruce Nelson** for overseeing the technical set-up needed for this service. Without their dedication in attending *all* meetings, this would not happen!

STUDENT BOARD - ROCHESTER CHAPTER

Our chapter has a Student Board and welcomes students with or without hearing loss to participate. Please go to our website for details. Contact: Suzanne Johnston at suzannejohnston@aol.com.

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 two months ahead. Thanks, Ginger
ggraham859@gmail.com; or, (585) 671-2683

FLAG DAY FACTS...

"In 1931, 'The Star-Spangled Banner' became the national anthem of the US as President Herbert Hoover signed a congressional resolution."

(D&C 2-25-18)

For Your Donation to HLAA:



--J. Stuart & Phyllis I. MacDonald Fund
--Dr. Ruth P. Oakley Estate
--Rochester Area Community Foundation
--Mary Tuckley Estate
Anonymous Donation – from Target Corporation

In Memory of Janet Ceratt: Martin J. Aman

Please consider a donation when you renew your membership.

Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, July 31st
(for the September Newsletter)
Email: ggraham859@gmail.com

We need your support! Rising costs are making the mailing of Newsletters to non-dues paying members difficult. Please pay your dues! Only \$10. Thanks so much. (Please see form inside back cover.)



SUBJECTS OF UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, September 10th

(note: this is the second week of the month)

Daytime & Evening meetings: To be determined at the Program Planning meetings June 25th.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK !

By Jenn Hurlburt

Are you on Facebook? If so, please be our friend. We currently have **349** friends and we want more.
Find us at: **Hlaa Rochester Ny**

DID YOU KNOW...

In 1916, Louis D. Brandeis was nominated by President Woodrow Wilson to the Supreme Court. Brandeis became the court's first Jewish member.

(D&C 1-27-19)

WHITE NOISE THERAPY FOR TINNITUS RELIEF SHOULD BE AVOIDED

(from *Central Oklahoma Chapter, Oct. 2018*;
excerpt by Ginger Graham)

Comment above is from JAMA Study 9-7-18HHTM

Tinnitus is a widespread problem with about 20 million Americans suffering from bothersome reactions to it. Although there are a few scientifically-validated therapies for many types of tinnitus, patients are apt to try various types of OTC solutions, (products with white noise masking).

An August 30 JAMA-Otolaryngology report indicates white noise therapy for tinnitus relief should be avoided. According to the researchers, white noise exposure engages anatomical and neurochemical plastic changes in a way that induces maladaptive changes in the brain that degrade neurological health and compromise cognition.

At the core of their analysis, the researchers surmise that both tinnitus and white noise accelerate the aging process of the brain. Accordingly, the authors say the mechanisms commonly associated with hearing loss and tinnitus reflect cortical damage throughout the central auditory pathway and these same changes occur to the brain by exposure to unstructured white noise, even at non-traumatic levels in the adult nervous system.

Given these findings, individuals with bothersome tinnitus should use caution when using unstructured white noise therapy and are best served by seeking an evaluation with an appropriately licensed professional.

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HLAA CONVENTION 2019– PLAN TO COME!

By Sue Miller



Can you believe the national Convention is returning to Rochester?! In 1988, the Rochester Chapter hosted the third national convention,

and we assumed we would never have another opportunity. June 20 – 23, will provide that incredible chance again....so sign up and plan to attend!

The **Exhibit Hall** with every hearing and listening device you could ever imagine will be available to you...the **workshops** provide information and education that you'll love. The **Gala dinner** and entertainment will be terrific, especially since national is celebrating its 40th anniversary. (And remember, our chapter is celebrating its 36th anniversary this year...so it's a double celebration!) Come to support members from Rochester who have won national awards—Ann Marie Cook, Lifespan; and Don Bataille and Barb Law, from our Chapter.

You'll have the opportunity to meet new people from all across the country as well as see your Chapter friends. When a Convention is held on the East Coast, the turnout is usually fantastic and provides an extra spark of enthusiasm, which you won't want to miss.

So far, more than 50 people from our Chapter have signed up to attend the convention...it will be like 'old home week,' and you'll love every minute of it!

For more info and also to register, Go to:

<http://www.hearinglossrochester.org/hlaa-events>, or
<https://www.hearingloss.org/programs-events/convention>

AWARDS TO OUR MEMBERS:

Ann Marie Cook, Lifespan – “Professional Advisory Committee Award”

presented Wednesday eve, June 19th

Don Bataille; Barb Law—“Spirit of HLAA Award”
presented Saturday eve, June 22nd

WEBSITES OF INTEREST

Our award-winning Chapter website is: <http://www.hearinglossrochester.org>, and **Michelle Gross** is our Web Master. HLA A National website is www.hearingloss.org.

Sincere happy birthday greetings to these members who will be 90 years or older! Congratulations and many more healthy and happy years!



June 11 – **Larry Fersaci**;
July 27 – **Warren Crandall**;
August 30 – **Anna Shapiro**.

IF YOU MOVE, or are a “SNOWBIRD!”

Please don't forget to notify **Henry J. Adler, Ph.D.**, Univ. of Buffalo, 137-L Cary Hall, 3435 Main St., Buffalo NY 14214; or – hjadler@aol.com, even if your change of address is a temporary one.

HLAA is charged for each piece of returned mail, which the Post Office will not forward. When you return, we will resume sending to your local address.

HEARING OTHER PEOPLE'S EXPERIENCES

By Joe Kozelsky, MS, CCC-A (retired)



One of the topics that often comes up in the HOPE sessions is what are my thoughts on the “Tru

Hearing” plan. As I understand it, the Tru Hearing Plan provides coverage for a very limited array of hearing aids some, or most, of which would not be the first-line instrument of choice for most providers. Additionally, this benefit includes a very limited number of follow-up visits (only two or three), forcing providers to enter into a fee-for-service model for additional visits should adjustments be needed or problems occur. Since the cost of running the office must be included in follow-up visit fees, it can be more than patients feel they want to pay, which in turn, can discourage follow-up by users.

Over the years, I have developed a listing of over 30 different issues that can interfere with successful hearing aid use. Unfortunately, many persons approaching hearing aids for the first time may be unaware of the complexities involved and the many potential difficulties that could be encountered and, therefore, it is a gamble to take advantage of plans which contain limited follow up provisions and a limited selection of hearing aid makes and models.

HOPE meets at 10:00 am in the Vestry Room at St. Paul's, first Tuesday of the month. (Hearing Other People's Experiences) We hope you stay for our routine Chapter Meeting that follows HOPE. (Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 10th. Second week of the month due to the holiday.)



Our United Way number is 2425.

Your past support is deeply appreciated. As with other gifts, your donation enables our chapter to continue to provide education, help, and advocacy for people with hearing loss, their family and their friends. Alas, even though the local chapter is a totally volunteer organization, there are still costs such as printing, postage, phones, and technical items. Many thanks!

We Welcome All Donations

Please make your check payable to: HLAA-Rochester
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Mail to: Ms. Joan Kohler
15 Pickett Lane
Hilton, NY 14468

Be sure to designate:

This donation is: In Memory of; or, In Honor of,
or, Birthday congratulations. And who to send the Acknowledgment to.

With sincere thanks for donating to our Chapter!

***We need your support!
Rising costs are making the mailing of Newsletters to non-dues paying members difficult. Please pay your dues! Thanks so much.***



“MY STORY” – A Personal History of Hearing Loss

By Lorin Gallistel



Judy and I were born and raised in Wisconsin. We also lived in Illinois for 12 years before moving to Rochester in 1985. Neither of us had hearing issues then--and Judy's hearing is still excellent. I started having a problem understanding some words during meetings in noisy settings about 25 years ago but the loss was so slight that I did not give it a second thought and just assumed that nobody else could hear well in noise either.

Whether the loss progressed slowly or accelerated at some point I don't know but in 2012, when I was 65, I went for a hearing evaluation. The Audiologist said that I had a slight high-frequency hearing loss and might benefit from hearing aids but that I might get along without them as well; I deferred.

By 2015, I was understanding speech less and less, whether in a noisy environment, watching TV, or just in normal conversation. I have somewhat reluctantly been wearing hearing aids since that time. I guess my biggest problem with them is that I remember how good music can sound and I miss that.

In 2017 I first became aware of HLAA from an article in the D&C and attended a meeting out of curiosity. I was so impressed with the people and the well-organized and managed meetings that I joined right away. The meeting included a demonstration of a few Assistive Listening Devices. That impressed me as well, so I also joined the Technology Committee at that time.

What has always driven me is a need to understand details of how things work and a strong interest in solving problems, both of which led me to study engineering in college. A few years after graduating and working as an Electrical Engineer I returned to school to study Operation Research, which I used mainly to supplement to my EE background.

I mention my studies because that explains why the Technology Committee is so interesting to me. The pace of advancement in electronics and computing technology is increasing and each year we see significant improvements in hearing technology, both in software and hardware. I try to stay aware of developments, being motivated by a couple of things. One is my selfish interest in learning how to improve my own hearing. The other is the great satisfaction I get through interacting with other chapter members as well as occasionally being able to help someone else. That is a real joy!

MEMBERS PRESENTING WORKSHOPS AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION, June 20-23

Congratulations to these members:

Don Bataille	Carmen Coleman
Dan Brooks	Suzanne Johnston
Mary Chizuk	Chas Johnstone
Tim Whitcher	

For Convention Workshop Schedule, go to:
www.hearingloss.org/programs-events/convention

An exciting time with a wide variety of topics!

NEW DIRECTOR FOR NIDCD

(submitted by Dr. Henry Adler; excerpt by Ginger Graham)

Debara L. Tucci, M.D., MBA, MS, has been



selected to lead the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD) as the new director. She joins NIH September 3rd.

Local connection: Dr. Tucci was brought to our Rochester chapter as part of the Featured Speaker program, May 2017, by **Dr. Elise de Papp**.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT...

“A good laugh and a long sleep are the two best cures for anything.” *(Charles Schultz/ Peanuts)*

HEARING LOSS MAKES NATIONAL MAG.

By Janet McKenna, MLS



Several years ago a staffer from AARP told an audience at Chautauqua Institution of the many services the organization offers to members. When she asked for comments, I remarked that I'd never seen information about hearing loss in their publications. Probably everyone in the Hall of Philosophy that day belonged to AARP, many had some degree of hearing loss, and AARP was omitting a huge area of health concern. To my surprise, the other Chautauquans applauded!

My remark seems to have yielded fruit. HLAA is quoted in an extensive article on hearing loss and hearing aids. "A guide to hearing aids" *AARP Bulletin*, April 2019, pp 22-28.

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

By Dan Brooks

A reminder--our membership year is July 1st to June 30th. And if it is past July 1st and you haven't paid yet, you may not be a current paid-up member with the Rochester Chapter. Pay your dues now!

NOW A LOST ART...

(author unknown, from late summer/fall 2018—Wisconsin Newsletter; excerpt by Ginger Graham)

Some food for thought... Communication specialists have observed that people have become so dependent on computers and cell phones that we have neglected, or even lost, the art of conversation...of actually talking to one another.

The problem is that up to 70% of the meaning of what we say comes from facial expressions, gestures and body language. If we take smiles and gestures out and only interact online, it's easy for the recipient of the message to get the wrong idea; especially if the sender writes poorly or uses abbreviations. Electronic communication has been a boon for people with hearing loss, but let's not allow it to remove us from people.



The Time has Arrived!

Tuesday, June 25th

PLANNING THE PROGRAMS FOR YOUR CHAPTER MEETINGS

Do you have new ideas for speakers or programs for our monthly HLAA Chapter meetings...if so, we would love to hear about them! Please plan to attend either the Daytime Program Planning meeting held by Sue Miller, or, the Evening Planning meeting held by Barb Law, to give them your ideas for possible topics for the new season from September, 2019, to June, 2020.

Daytime meetings planning session:

Tues., June 25th, at 9:30am –

coffee & conversation;

then, discussion 10:00-Noon –

Sue's home, 16 Buckthorn Run, Victor 14564.

Evening meetings planning session:

Tues., June 25th, at 6:00 – 9:00pm with Barb Law, in the 1st floor Conf. room, Al Sigl Center; light snacks. (Note: Both meetings are on the same day.)

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

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Sue Miller: SusanLeeMiller39@cs.com;

(585) 924-8933

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SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS 2019

By Doug and Nancy Meyer

Each year at our Annual Dinner in May, the Scholarship Committee awards \$1,000 scholarships to deserving high school seniors with hearing loss who are planning on pursuing post-secondary education or vocational training. We gratefully acknowledge the original source of funds supporting these scholarships--the J. Stuart and Phyllis I. MacDonald Fund--as well as gifts and donations through our Rochester chapter. Without such funding, the scholarship program would not exist. Since the initial award was presented in 1996, our chapter has proudly given \$114,500 to 130 students!

This year, our chapter awarded scholarships to seven graduating students who met the qualifications set forth in the scholarship application. They are:

Jeffery(JT) Flood (Irondequoit)
Courtney Gentzke (RSD)
Alyssa Kingston(Geneseo)
Neriyah McPherson (RSD)
Megan Minkel (Attica)
Diane Ward (RSD)
Hunter Williams (RSD)

We wish these outstanding students a bright future and are proud to be of assistance in their pursuit of further education.

The Scholarship Committee met several times during the past year to reorganize the Scholarship Application. We made contact with the 83 high schools in the nine-county area surrounding Rochester, and carefully read and discussed each of the applications received. It was gratifying to know that our effort was rewarded by receipt of so many applications from well qualified students. Many thanks to the committee members:

Mary Chizuk, Barb Law, Madge Ludwig, Gaelen McCormick, Doug and Nancy Meyer, and Sue Miller. We look forward to next year.

DID YOU KNOW...

“In 1982, the Weather Channel made its debut.”
(from D&C 4-29-18)

WHY HLAA IS IMPORTANT!

(By Sally Edwards; from Peninsula Chapter, Spring 2019 NL)

Dear Friends,

We are celebrating a very special year in HLAA. It is our 40th birthday! SHHH (Self Help for the Hard of Hearing), the original name, was founded by Rocky Stone in 1979. HLAA's mission is to inform, support, educate, and advocate to improve the lives of those with hearing loss. Our chapter was chartered on August 15, 1983, as the Bay Area Chapter, which makes us one of the oldest chapters in the country. Somewhere along the way our name was changed to the Peninsula Chapter.

So why is HLAA important? Because we need to learn all we can to help ourselves and others. There are many people struggling to cope with their hearing loss who don't even know we exist. We need to reach out MORE to our friends with hearing loss and family and introduce them to this amazing organization that can change their lives.

If you are not a member of HLAA, I urge you to join. It's just \$35/year, the biggest bargain going. Our national organization needs your support! Get involved in our (Rochester) Chapter if you're not already (for only \$10/year!) Come to the variety of meetings we offer on different days of the month.

I joined HLAA in 2003 and it changed my life. I felt I knew a good deal about coping with my hearing loss. I didn't. I have learned the importance of advocating for myself and others. I have made forever friends who truly understand what it's like not to hear well. And I have gained improved hearing through some of the amazing technology available to us today. Guess where I learned about that? You got it—HLAA!

The annual National Convention is coming June 20-23 in Rochester. If you have never attended one, why not consider going? It is a treasure trove of information. And the Exhibit Hall includes companies demonstrating hearing devices of all kinds. The Exhibit Hall is free; attendance at Convention requires registration fee.



HLAA MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION PICNIC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18TH from 2:00-7:00 pm

Ellison park, at the Pavilion Lodge. (14625)
Entrance off of Blossom Road, just past
Rich's Dugway Road (if you're coming from 590).
Watch for the colored balloons for directions!

4:30pm- Catered Dinner: 1/4 Chicken BBQ,
tossed salad, fruit tray, roasted potatoes,
mac & cheese, rolls with butter.

5:45pm- Dessert: Ice cream sundaes and cookies.

Drinks: Lemonade, water and iced tea provided.
People may bring their own alcoholic beverage,
...BYOB! Coolers with ice will be provided.

Games: Volleyball, corn hole and bocce balls will
be there. (May have a corn hole tournament.)
Or, bring your own games!

Raffles: We will have prizes to give away!

Live Music: Brian Ayers and his guitar.

RSVP: No later than Friday, August 9th.
We need a head count for ordering the food!
Dan Brooks – DBrooks.HLAA.ROC@gmail.com

REMINDER – CONVENTION ATTENDEES!

(Those already signed up to receive reimbursement as well as those on the Waiting List)

Please stop at the Chapter Table near the
Registration booth, to verify your attendance at
Convention in order to receive the reimbursement.

There will be a Sign-In Sheet at the Chapter table.
Important to sign in. For more information, contact
Dan at DBrooks.HLAA.ROC@gmail.com, or,
phone at 585-248-8820; or Sue at
SusanLeeMiller39@cs.com.

ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICE DEMO CENTER

By Charlie Johnstone



The Demo Center session May 16th was a great success, thanks to the enthusiastic efforts of those involved.

Visitors were 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, 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].

The device center is open the 3rd Thursday of each month **(except July and August)**.

There will NOT be a demo session this month because the **HLAA National Convention** is being held here in Rochester June 20-23, 2019! We encourage you to register and attend the Convention. Among many featured events, manufacturers and distributors of assistive devices will be showing their products in the Exhibit Hall. Admission to the exhibits is open to the public at no charge. There are registration fees to attend other aspects of the Convention. A link to info and registration is below.
<https://www.hearingloss.org/programs-events/convention/>

The next Device Demo session will be Thursday, September 19th, 10am to 2pm, at Lifespan, 1900 S. Clinton Ave. (Tops plaza) 14618.

JUNE is our last Newsletter until September. Due date for articles for the September edition is July 31st. **Ginger, Michelle, and Janet** get a well-deserved break in the summer! ggraham859@gmail.com



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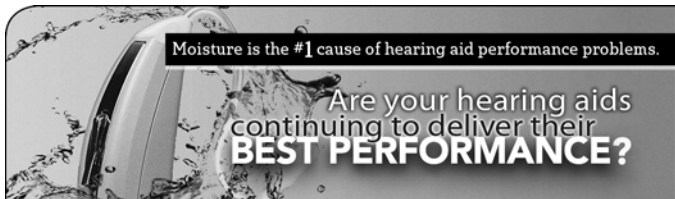
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The Rochester Chapter, started in 1983, is a dynamic group of individuals working together as a team. To join, please see inside back page. HLAA has a support network of organizations—Bethesda, MD; State organizations; and, local Chapters. Welcome!

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