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NOVEMBER Calendar

Tuesday, October 1st

11:00 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

Sun., Nov. 3rd – Daylight Savings Time Ends
Tues., Nov. 12th – BOD meeting- 7-9pm – ASC

Thurs., Nov. 21st – Device Demo Center, Lifespan.
 (from 10am to 2pm, free to all.) also, see page 11

SAVE THESE FUTURE DATES

Tues., Dec. 10th - BOD meeting – 7-9pm – ASC
Tues., Dec. 19th -Device Demo Center, Lifespan

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

Also, see page 11 info from St. Paul’s Church.

Hospitality Duties for November:

Daytime Meeting – Anne Adamson, Art Maurer, Elaine Vangellow
Evening Meeting – Sue Miller
Board of Directors –Henry Adler, Steve Barnett, Bruce Nelson

Please sign up when the Refreshment Sheet goes around. Thanks!

NOVEMBER 5TH – ELECTION DAY

Note that the church has to reserve 2 parking places for voters. Those spots will be marked. Please respect them. Thank you.

NOVEMBER PROGRAMS

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

Tues., Nov. 5th - 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., Nov. 5th -Daytime Meeting -11am-1pm Speaker begins at Noon in the Parish Hall.

Latest Assistive Technology for Hearing Loss - Dan Brooks, Loren Gallistel, Charlie Johnstone

Are you up to date on the latest assistive gadgets? Our chapter Technology Committee trio—Brooks, Gallistel, and Johnstone—will review the most current assistive technology for people with hearing loss. They will concentrate on lower cost, innovative devices and smart phone apps. A “virtual device demo center web site” will be previewed.

All three men volunteer at the “Assistive Listening Device Demo Center” hosted by Lifespan, where displays of assistive devices can be viewed and tried.

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Tuesday, Nov. 5th – Daytime Meeting - continued

Dan Brooks is immediate past president of our Rochester Chapter and the current president of HLAA/New York State Association. With a lifelong hearing loss, he is a graduate of SUNY Buffalo.

Retired from a career in electronic hardware and software product design, **Lorin Gallistel** got his first hearing aids in 2015 after 25 years of declining hearing.

Charlie Johnstone was the “computer expert” at NTID for 30 years, retiring in 2016. He is a consultant to the NY State Unified Courts System on access, and, in addition, he oversees the Device Demo Center every month.

Tues., Nov. 5th – Evening Meeting–7:00-9:00 pm
Speaker begins at 8:00 pm

New at the Rochester VA Outpatient Clinic -
Danny Martinez, Chief, US Navy, Retired



Attention, veterans! The VA outpatient clinic has a new home in Henrietta! **Danny Martinez**, Supervisor of the Veterans Service

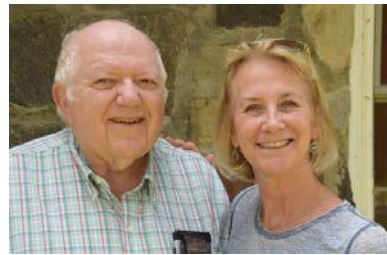
Center Outpatient Clinic, tells us about the recently opened facility on Calkins Road and its expanded services. He will advise veterans about their eligibility for enrollment in VA health care and the services available, as well as special enrollment eligibility.

All HLAA programs are free. Our meetings feature an inductive loop hearing system and open captions. For more information, view the organization web site at hearinglossrochester.org or telephone 585 266 7890.

The Rochester Chapter is a dynamic group of individuals working together as a team. HLAA has a support network of organizations: Bethesda, MD; state organizations; and, local chapters.

LEADERS COLUMN

By Suzanne Johnston, President



If you were fortunate enough to attend the HLAA-Rochester daytime or evening meeting in September, you will recall the

engaging presentation by Sam Trychin, with support from his knowledgeable spouse, Janet (and accompanied by their service dog, Claire). Interestingly, Sam’s important discussion centered around hearing loss not necessarily as a change in hearing status, but as a social and relational challenge in our (and our partner’s) lives.

So often those of us with hearing loss bemoan the fact that we just ‘can’t hear’ what’s going on around us. And so, our solutions tend to center on improving *our hearing* to combat that loss. And, that is helpful, to whatever degree our various hearing devices can improve our audiogram.

However, what we often forget is the fact that our hearing loss has a much broader impact – as it changes our relationship with others and our world around us.



Suzanne Johnston, Sam Trychin, Dan Brooks, Sue Miller

Tine Tjørnhøj-Thomsen and Hans Henrik Philipsen, Danish anthropologists, recently completed a study of hearing loss on social and conjugal relationships. Their study, published in *The Hearing Review*, [Hearing Loss as a Social Problem: A Study of Hearing-impaired Spouses and Their Hearing Partners](#) (2/2019) worked to understand the challenges and opportunities facing modern hearing care. To quote their conclusions:

“Hearing loss puts pressure on social relationships by complicating the conversational exchange that is so crucial for forming social
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LEADERS COLUMN - continued

relationships. These interactional complications, we suggest, are closely related to the ways in which hearing loss disturbs temporality in social interaction. ... This loss of everyday spontaneity, and of sharing experiences, influence(s) ... relationships because sharing is a basic element in .. relatedness."

Drs. Tjørnhøj-Thomsen and Philipsen's findings underscored the same ideas as Sam Trychin's--that hearing loss is a broader communication problem, and that, when people with hearing loss also addressed *these* (communication, social) challenges, they better adjusted to their loss. And so, by addressing these larger changes and challenges in our lives, we can enjoy a more full and functional effect of accommodating our change in hearing status.

Our **HOPE sessions** (Hearing Other People's Experiences) are one way our chapter supports further examination of the effects of hearing loss on our psyche, our social lives and relationships. During these meetings (directly prior to our daytime meetings, and which have steadily increased in size since its inception) members and others from the community come together to bounce ideas, discuss issues, gather ideas and support.

Also, HLAA-Rochester continues to work to promote our **Young Adult Board** so that younger persons have a means to socialize, develop resources and relationships, discuss topics of interest and support each other. The list of HLAA activities that provides socialization and support goes on – and not only through addressing hearing aids and assistive listening technology. HLAA activities support our mutual psychological needs in a holistic and healthy way by addressing the needs of the 'whole' person--not just by addressing the losses we have, but by finding ways to discover a new, positive future.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT...

"Worrying won't stop the bad stuff from happening; it just stops you from enjoying the good stuff."

(Charles Schultz/ Peanuts)

Save the date of February 9th for JCC Matinee Captioned Show!

By Barb Law, Special Events Chair



HLAA Theater Event at the Jewish Community Center, **Sunday, February 9th at 2 pm**, 1200 Edgewood Avenue, Rochester 14618

"The Hit Makers: Origins of Classic Rock"

A captioned performance of an all-new show at a discounted rate! And we likely will arrange to go out for a light dinner after the performance. Details will appear in our January Newsletter. SAVE THE DATE – FEBRUARY 9th

YMCA PITTSFORD HAS HEARING LOOPS

By Janet McKenna, MLS

We previewed the Schottland Family Branch of the YMCA of Greater Rochester along with large crowds awaiting its opening in October.

From the facility's information brochure:

There are many spaces in the Schottland Family Branch that feature a hearing loop for sound amplification, including the Miller Art Studio, Kushner Community Center (multipurpose room for active older adults,) Palmer's Teaching Kitchen, Sal LaBella Multipurpose Studio and Studio 3 (yoga studio.)

Thanks to the YMCA for providing this accommodation. If you have the opportunity to test their loops, HLAA requests your evaluation of their benefit. Please email: deaphyduck@gmail.com.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT...

(submitted by Sue Miller)

Today, give a stranger one of your smiles. It might be the only sunshine they see all day.

RBTL LIVE THEATRE—CAPTIONED!

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

Nov. 24 – Come From Away
 Jan. 26, 2020 – Anastasia
 Feb. 23 - Jesus Christ Superstar
 March 22 - Hello Dolly
 April 26 - Cats
 June 7 - Dear Evan Hansen

Anything we add will remain up to date at this link as needed to reference: <http://www.rbtl.org/accessibility-services/>
 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., 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.

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 or www.cinemarochester.com or www.captionfish.com. Cinema Theatre located at 957 Clinton Ave. S. (14620); 271 1785; Free parking in Dollar Tree lot across the street. Handicap parking behind the Cinema Theatre.

JCC CenterStage – Captioned Plays!

Wed/Thurs @ 7pm; Sat/Sun @ 2pm
 unless otherwise indicated

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”**

Feb. 9 @ 2pm—Chapter special event. (see page 3)
 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)

MAGIC SPELL THEATRE – captioned.

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.

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>.

CAPTIONING OF MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETINGS WILL BE CONTINUED !

Great news! Our Daytime and Evening monthly 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.

We are extremely pleased that **CaptionCall** has chosen to support our chapter by underwriting the captioning at our monthly meetings.

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!

YOUNG ADULT BOARD

(formerly, "Student Board")

Our chapter has a Young Adult Board and welcomes students with or without hearing loss to participate. Please go to our website for details. Contact: Jennifer Hurlburt at jennhurlburt@gmail.com.

HLAA Chapter meetings are communication accessible, featuring Real-time Captioning, and the room is equipped with a hearing loop! Please don't stay away because you think you won't be able to hear and understand well. What you find out could change your life!

THANKSGIVING

President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday in November 1863 as "a day of Thanksgiving and praise to our kind Father." In 1939, President FD Roosevelt set it 1 week earlier to help businesses by lengthening the shopping period before Christmas. Congress ruled that after 1941, the 4th Thursday of November would be observed as Thanksgiving Day and would be a legal federal holiday. *(from D&C)*

For Your Donation to HLAA:



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In Honor of Dr. Greg Horton & Tammy WhitField, RHSC

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GRATEFUL THANKS TO ALL CONTRIBUTORS!
Please consider a donation when you renew your membership.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT...

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

SUBJECTS OF UPCOMING MEETINGS

By Janet McKenna, MLS

Tuesday, December 3rd

Daytime: “Beethoven Effect”-*Gaelen McCormick*. Musicians’ struggle with hearing loss.

Evening: Police Departments as First Responders for Individuals with Hearing Loss” - *local police representatives*. What they and we should know to minimize stressful situations.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK !

By Jenn Hurlburt

Are you on Facebook? If so, please be our friend. We currently have **371** friends and we want more. Find us at: **Hlaa Rochester Ny**

HLAA-Rochester’s Holiday Good Deed

By Jennifer Hurlburt



Both daytime **and** evening meetings will feature a Holiday gift box of personal care items destined for St. Joseph’s House.

This holiday season, our Chapter will be collecting items to support the St. Joseph’s House of Hospitality on South Avenue. St. Joe’s provides comprehensive physical and mental health services to uninsured and under-insured people in and around Rochester. Some of the people who visit are either homeless, living in temporary housing or have limited resources forcing them to make hard choices of what they buy. Because many of them walk to the facility, our chapter members are being asked to please bring **‘travel size’** toiletry items (shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, hair brushes, deodorant, etc.) to the November and December meetings. These items are a small way to help ease the burden. **No need to wrap your gift.**

In addition, for the veterans, we will have a jar to collect monetary donations to put toward the **Honor Flights**. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Please bring your donations no later than our December 3rd chapter meetings.

OUR FOUNDER,

HOWARD E. “ROCKY” STONE (1925-2004)

Founder’s day for HLAA is celebrated in November each year.



Howard E. “Rocky” Stone was born in 1925 in Cincinnati, Ohio. He began working at an early age to help support his mother and two sisters during the Depression. During World War II military service at age 19, a nearby explosion resulted in a bilateral hearing loss. Following

military discharge, he attended the University of Southern California, where in 1949 he earned a degree in International Affairs. He then won a scholarship to the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, but did not complete the program because his hearing loss precluded him from taking the oral exams.

Recruited by the Central Intelligence Agency, he spent 25 years in federal service with assignments to half a dozen Near and Far East countries. On retirement in 1975, he received the agency’s highest award, the Distinguished Intelligence Medal.

Because there were no services for hard of hearing people, Rocky founded SHHH in 1979, serving as its volunteer executive director until 1993. Having overcome the challenge of childhood poverty and a profound hearing loss, Rocky believed in the ability of individuals to help themselves; “I established SHHH as a membership organization run by people with hearing loss. We provide information necessary for them to make choices, but emphasize the choice must be theirs. The challenge is to develop togetherness within diversity.”

Once we accept responsibility for ourselves, we have to learn to love ourselves, and then, each other. The thinking behind the self-help philosophy for SHHH was to enhance each of us as human beings.

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ROCKY STONE (continued from page 6)

Local chapters provide a community of people with hearing loss, help you to deal with the issue of hearing loss stigma, share technologies beyond hearing aids, empower you through the exchange of knowledge, encouragement and the sharing of experiences; and alleviate the despair and isolation of hearing loss through their support.

During the November 2005 Board of Trustees meeting, the board voted to change the name of "Self Help for Hard of Hearing People" (SHHH) to "Hearing Loss Association of America" (HLAA). SHHH completed the transition to Hearing Loss Association of America in March 2006.

You can find information on Rocky Stone at <http://www.hearingloss.org/about-us/founder>. or <http://www.hearingloss.org/about-us/history/2005>

By Ginger Graham, with thanks to Hollace Goodman, Program Assistant at national; Debbie Mohny, Colorado; and, the California newsletter)

VETERANS DAY – November 11th...

...when veterans of the armed forces are honored and celebrated in the US. People confuse Veterans Day with Memorial Day. The distinction between the two—Memorial Day, celebrated in May, is a day designated for remembering service men and women who died while in service. Veterans Day, observed in November, honors all military veterans.
(*excerpt from GVPennysaver*)

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Be sure to designate:

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

With sincere thanks for donating to our Chapter!

WEBSITES OF INTEREST

Our award-winning Chapter website is:

<http://www.hearinglossrochester.org>, and

Michelle Gross is our Web Master.

HLAA National website is www.hearingloss.org.

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HOPE meets at 10:00 am in the Vestry Room at St. Paul's, first Tuesday of the month. (Hearing Other People's Experiences) November 5th !

We hope you stay for our regular Chapter Meeting.

HOPE Session - September 3, 2019

By Joe Kozelsky, MS, abd, CCC-A retired

There was good attendance with 2 new people and 13 regulars. There was at least one person with questions of how to go about getting hearing aids. As usual, the primary question is where should they go, and as usual, our response was that this session cannot endorse any providers or indicate which to avoid.

We feel it is critical that the HOPE sessions, which are a part of our chapter's official program offerings, remain strictly neutral. However, we discussed the educational differences and the dollar cost differences and time cost commitments required between the professional and commercial sectors.

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HOPE session – (continued from page 7)

And again, as usual, we suggested that attendees ask around; and the best place to do this is at our regular HLAA meetings because our members have had so much experience with buying and using aids.

Then we introduced the question: “How do you judge your hearing aid fitting?” The answers surprised me. The very first thing people said was “Is it comfortable?” Which was an excellent answer, and the point was made that your hearing aids should always be comfortable. There is no excuse for hearing aid discomfort, and it is the responsibility of the providers to make sure their users can wear their hearing aids all day without discomfort and without wanting to yank them out at the end of the day.

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.

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**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



HLAA thanks all of our veterans for their service and sacrifices by offering a complimentary membership in the organization.

Hearing issues are the most common service-related disabilities among American veterans. Over 2.3 million veterans receive either disability compensation for service-related hearing disabilities or are in treatment for hearing related issues.

Veterans may enroll for a complimentary one year membership at:

www.hearingloss.org/content/veterans

All benefits of HLAA membership are included. We are grateful to our veterans for their service and sacrifices. Please share this information with all the veterans you know.

(excerpt from Wisconsin Newsletter; verified by Lise Hamlin)



Flu Shots – The CDC recommends getting your flu shot now. Because flu is contagious 1-2 days before symptoms appear, it can be spread before we know we're infected. For more info, go to: www.cdc.gov/flu.

CDC reports some people can be contagious up to a full day before they become symptomatic and up to a full week afterward.

Newsletter Deadline

Thursday, October 31st

(for the December Newsletter)

Email: ggraham859@gmail.com

DID YOU KNOW....

In 1802, President Thomas Jefferson signed a measure authorizing the establishment of the US Military Academy at West Point, NY.

(Old Farmer's Almanac)

HLAA NATIONAL CONVENTION, JUNE 2019
IN ROCHESTER NY

“GALA DINNER” at Convention



Sue Miller, Rochester; and Bob Branigin, Washington state—both have attended EVERY Convention



Charlie Johnstone, Dan and Lisa Brooks, Suzanne Johnston



Ann Marie Cook, Rochester – winner of “**Professional Advisor Award**,” presented by Sue Miller



Ginger Graham, Gerry and Carol Loftus



“**Spirit of HLAA Award**” -Don Bataille, Rochester; Katherine Bouton (presenter); Barbara Law, Rochester; Ruth Bernstein (NYC); and Sylvia Frank (Oklahoma)



Steve and Laura Chaba



Gale Hannan, Ginger Graham, Beth Wilson

Save the date—June 18 – 21, 2020 for our next Convention in New Orleans, LA. You don't want to miss out!

WANTED: Volunteer HLAA Rochester Chapter “Historian”



Job description:
Obtains scrap book.

Follows In Good Health, Post, Pennysaver, any other media for stories concerning our Rochester Chapter and/or its members.

Clips stories, affixes them in scrap book.

Please contact

Suzanne Johnston, Chapter President, to volunteer.

hlaa.rochester@yahoo.com or, phone 585-266-7890

**Not yet a member of HLAA? Come join our Chapter. See what you've been missing!
Please see inside back cover page. Welcome!**

NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION – STAYING ALIVE!

By Dan Brooks, President of NYSA

Have your heard? The **HLAA New York State Association (NYSA)** is being revived! Back in the day, the NYSA was very active, and our founder Rocky Stone stated that it was the best in the country. Much was being done at the state level but its focus was shifted to the Walk4Hearing. Thanks to the formation of the Walk4Hearing and the NYSA, HLAA National was saved from going under. So over time all focus was mainly on the Walk. Although it was a good thing, the NYSA was on the verge of being dissolved due to lack of activity and active members.

Thanks to **Sue Miller** and **Anne Pope** there was one last push to try to salvage what was left of the Association at a luncheon that was held at the 2019 HLAA Convention. There were over 50 people attending the luncheon from all over the state, and it was clear there were many willing to step up to do what was needed to keep it going. From that meeting, four committees were formed. Advocacy & Legislation; Publicity & Website; Chapter Development; and, Event & Fund Raising. These are things that are needed to be done at state level.



Hearing loss is not going away, so we need to do our part to try to create more awareness and change throughout New York State. I, Dan Brooks, was recently

voted the new President of the HLAA NYSA. As your president, I ask if you are willing and able to please consider joining one or more of these committees. I cannot do this alone but we together can do anything.

I am also in the process of forming our new Board of Directors. Much more has to be done but we are making great strides! If you are interested in helping in some way please email me at dbrooks.hlaa.roc@gmail.com. In case you were wondering how to become a member, you are automatically a member of the HLAA NYSA if you reside in New York State and are a member of HLAA (National). Thank you for your consideration and stay tuned for more to come!

BUFFALO WALK4HEARING

By Carol Loftus

On a cool, invigorating morning, about 200 upbeat walkers enjoyed their 5K walk around the Buffalo Botanical Gardens Park.

I'm proud to report my team, Hear4Tomorrow, brought in \$3,355 of which 40% was designated to the Rochester Chapter. The Walk came close to meeting their \$35,000 goal. Donations continue to be received.



Rochester attendees supporting the Walk were **Barb Law**, **Gerry** and **Carol Loftus**, and **Janet McKenna**.

A huge thank you to all of those who donated to my team to make this possible.

BAD WEATHER--ST. PAUL'S CLOSED

St. Paul's Church will cancel or postpone parish programming or services should any of the following conditions be met:

1. *Monroe County issues a ban on unnecessary travel; and/or,*
2. *The Rochester City School District closes and/or cancels afternoon activities; and/or,*
3. *The wind chill is at or below -20 degrees.*

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NEW PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS

By Suzanne Johnston

The purpose of the Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) is to furnish professional advice and support in order to promote the development of a credible and effective HLAA organization in the Rochester area. Following is more information on a new PAC member:



NATHAN HERRING

- I grew up in Arizona.
- Started learning ASL at the age of 21 in college (Arizona State University)
- Graduated from the ASL Interpreter Education program at NTID in 2002
- Interpreted in the post-secondary education setting (at RIT) 2002-2008
- From 2008-2012 worked freelance & Video Relay
- 2012 joined URMC as a TAR (per diem) employee and later became full-time
- I have worked with Deaf Professionals as well as interpreted for healthcare appointments
- I was the manager for ASL Interpreter, December 2017 – June 2019
- Currently, a full-time ASL Interpreter at URMC
- Married with six kids

STRANGE BUT TRUE...

(Samantha Weaver, GVPS, 2-15-19)

Those who study such things say that millions of trees are planted accidentally when absent-minded squirrels forget where they buried their nuts.

ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICE DEMO CENTER

By Charlie Johnstone

This starts our third season! Thanks to some of our regular, long-term volunteers (**Dan Brooks, Lorin Gallistel, Eric Matson, and Sue Miller**) and their enthusiastic efforts, the Demo Center sessions continue to thrive.



Visitors are very appreciative of the attention and help they receive. 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 an app under development, a "Virtual Demo Center" that can run on Apple and Windows computers and Apple and Android smart phones.

The device center is open the 3rd Thursday of each month (except July and August). The next demo session at Lifespan, 1900 S. Clinton Ave. (Tops plaza) 14618 is Thursday, November 21st, from 10am to 2pm. Free. All are welcome!

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