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Featured Presentation

TUESDAY, MAY 5

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

**Charles G. Perreaud,
 Jury Commissioner,
 NYS Courts in Monroe County**

***“The Latest on Assistive Listening
 And Accessibility at the Monroe County
 Hall of Justice***

Monroe County strives to provide the best technology and accessibility for those in the jury pool who need assistance and accommodation. As always, technology moves faster than most people and agencies, says Charles G. Perreaud, Jury Commissioner of the New York State Courts in Monroe County, for nearly 30 years. He previously served as on our Professional Advisory Committee. Please join Charles, who was also the former technical advisor to HLAA, as he shares this information:



1. How the county accommodates the needs of the jury pool.
2. What to expect when you report for jury duty.
3. What to do if you have questions or concerns about jury duty in general.

A Rochester native, Perreaud enjoys his time with his family and being involved in community-oriented events. He and his wife, Laurie, have a son, Geordan, and twin daughters, Carly and Renee.

Thank you to our members who are bringing refreshments to our May meeting: **Mary Chizuk, Eileen Lumb, Joe Kozelsky, Nancy & Bob Meyer.**

**Additional May Meetings
 and Programs**

TUESDAY, MAY 5

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM IN PERSON, ST PAUL’S VESTRY ROOM: HOPE Session: ‘Hearing Other People’s Experiences’: Joe Kozelsky

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

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

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

TUESDAY, MAY 12

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

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

TUESDAY, MAY 19

6:00 PM - 9:00: HLAA Annual Dinner at Penfield Country Club. See Page 5 for details

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM ON ZOOM: Cochlear Implant Group.

8:00 - 9:00 pm on Zoom: *Hear Together.* Kristin Bergholtz CCC/SLP./Carly Alicea Au.D/Ph.D . For parents and caregivers of children with hearing loss. See page 2 for details.

THURSDAY, MAY 21

10:00 am - 4:00 pm: Assistive Device Demonstration Center and “Day Of Hearing” : Technology Team. In person. Lifespan, 1900 South Clinton Avenue. See Page 4 for details.

7:00 - 8:00 pm on Zoom: HLAA Rochester Book Club: Jennifer Lowden. See back cover for details.

NEXT MONTH: JUNE 2

Program Meeting: Ask the Audiologists

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

HLAA New York State Association Website – Your Source for Important Information

by Gloria Matthews-England, HLAA-NYSA Board Member

When it comes to managing the HLAA-NYSA website (www.hearinglossnys.org), we rely on our board members, committees, local chapters, support groups and chapter members to keep us informed of local events, advocacy efforts and community outreach. We especially like to publish success stories and testimonials about successful programs and services that you have developed locally that may be of greater interest to HLAA chapters throughout the state.



The website is an effective tool to engage with the state association, including our October 2026 State Conference, our ongoing advocacy for Open-Captioning in movie theaters and insurance coverage for hearing aids. It is also a great resource for those looking to seek out information regarding hearing loss, assistive listening devices, future technologies and more. Our publicity and marketing team that runs the website consists of Peggy Bell as the lead editor, me running the backend and Carolyn Tanen as our content developer. We are also happy to have Lauren Minichino, who recently joined the team.

If you wish to see your upcoming events, important news and advocacy efforts, please contact us at hlaa.newyorkstate@gmail.com. We always encourage you to send us your feedback, local news information, and suggestions about our site.

Have you've visited the HLAA NYS Association's website? If not, please head over to www.hearinglossnys.org to see what we are doing!

Stellar Supporters Meet May 13th

Hi, Stellar Supporters!

Please plan to join us for our next Zoom gathering on Wednesday, May 13th from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. As you know, you are the reason our chapter is recognized as one of the best in the country. It is YOUR ongoing contributions of time that keep the HLAA wheels of success running so smoothly.

We have a fun and interesting program planned for May 13th and we'll be looking for your input. Be watching your email for more information. Hope so very much you can join us! A Zoom link will be sent that morning...see you soon.

Sue Miller

HLAA Board President Visits Our Chapter

The Rochester Chapter was honored to welcome Ira Rubenstein, President of the HLAA National Board, to our program meeting on April 7. His visit brought energy, insight, and a powerful reminder of how hearing loss advocacy grows stronger when national leadership and local chapters connect face-to-face.



Rubenstein, who also serves as Chief Digital & Marketing Officer for PBS, spoke in his volunteer role with HLAA. He shared his personal journey with hearing loss, beginning with years of relying on hearing aids and eventually moving to cochlear implants. He also described his participation in a clinical trial for single-sided deafness, offering a rare, firsthand look at how emerging technologies are reshaping access and communication.

Throughout his talk, Rubenstein emphasized the importance of community, noting that HLAA chapters like Rochester play a vital role in reducing isolation, sharing practical knowledge, and helping people navigate the emotional and technical challenges of hearing loss. He praised the chapter's long-standing commitment to education, accessibility, and peer support.

Attendees appreciated the opportunity to ask questions, exchange experiences, and hear directly from someone shaping HLAA's national direction. The event also highlighted the value of local-national collaboration as HLAA continues expanding its advocacy, technology partnerships, and public-awareness efforts.

Rochester members left inspired, informed, and proud to be part of a chapter recognized for its leadership and impact within the broader HLAA community.

AI assisted in the preparation of this article.

Hear Together: Parent & Caregiver Support Group on May 20th

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

Hear Together is a supportive community for parents and caregivers of children with hearing loss. Sponsored by HLAA, the group offers a welcoming space to connect with others who understand the joys and challenges of raising a child who is hard of hearing or deaf.

Meetings provide time to share experiences, learn practical strategies, and explore topics such as early intervention, school supports, communication choices, advocacy, technology, and social-emotional well-being.

Whether you're new to a diagnosis or further along, Hear Together emphasizes connection and encouragement. For meeting details, visit HLAA's national event calendar or contact kristin@canalsidespeech.com.

My Story

By Gloria M Matthews-England

Life hasn't always been kind to me, but I learned that kindness and understanding goes a long way. My life story is worthy of being a book, so I will try to keep this short.

I'm originally from Ossining, NY, based in Westchester County. It is my childhood home of twenty-one years.

When I was four years old in 1987, I lost my hearing due to my tonsils and adenoids being severely inflamed and infected causing fluid to back up into my ears leading to months of back-to-back ear infections. It wasn't until my mom, who was visiting me and my brother at our grandma's one evening, argued over getting me to an ENT. Eventually, my grandma agreed.

My mom didn't have custody of me and my younger brother at that time. My grandma had legal guardianship of me 'til I was sixteen and full custody of my brother. My mom was dealing with substance abuse; eventually she got sober in 1994 but sadly passed away at the age of 44 due to head and neck cancer. During 1987, it was also the last time I saw my father walking away and never looking back.

Upon getting an appointment with the ENT, I could tell my grandma was not happy and my mom (her only child) wasn't either. Those two were something else coming from the eldest granddaughter and daughter. The day arrived and after the examination I had to be in the ER within 24hrs to have my tonsils and adenoids removed. That experience wasn't scary per se, but it was the big nurse who chased me down in the waiting room and jabbed my leg with a needle. Till this day I still remember the pain and the sensations from it. I was fitted with my first pair of hearing aids not so long after and before I started Pre-K.

I grew up becoming a self-advocate, hearing loss and assistive listening device educator, a competitive runner, artist, musician, stagehand and actress and honor student. I am the first to graduate from college in my family and have enjoyed living in WNY for over 20 years. I have a son who will be turning 18 in June and I am happily married to my husband, Gary.

I relocated to Rochester from Buffalo in June of 2024 where we purchased our first home. I currently serve on the board for the Buffalo Implant Group and HLA New York State Association and I am a member of the Rochester Chapter. I have been heavily involved with community nonprofits for over 30 years and know the utmost importance of nonprofit work in many communities. There's more, but for now, I must end it here.



National HLA Convention coming in June

The **2026 National HLA Convention** will be held at The Galt House Hotel in Louisville, KY, from **June 10-12**.

The HLA Rochester Chapter Reimbursement Committee is offering up to a \$1,000 partial reimbursement to help "active and contributing" members cover expenses. See the April newsletter, available on www.hearinglossrochester.org, for details.

Past attendees call the convention transformative, featuring world-class workshops, an innovative demo hall, and opportunities for lasting friendships and learning.

See National Convention Info at www.hearingloss.org and Rochester Chapter Reimbursement Policy & Forms at www.hearinglossrochester.org

Exciting HLA NYS Conference Takes Place in October

The "Hear Well – Live Well" HLA New York State Conference will take place October 2-4 in Saratoga Springs, NY. Registration is now open, with rates starting at \$125 per person.

The conference features an exhibit hall, an outstanding program, including a Welcome Night address by HLA Executive Director Barbara Kelley and a keynote by Dr. Gerard Buckley, NTID President Emeritus.



Additional speakers include Dr. Meghan Fox, Katherine Bouton, Shari Eberts, David Owen, and Dr. Tina Childress. Attendees can also enjoy entertainment, games, and social time, along with a Saturday night banquet and ice cream social. Optional Sunday tours include the National Museum of Horse Racing & Hall of Fame, the Saratoga Automobile Museum, or a Gilded Age mansion.

Cochlear Implant Group Update

By Peter Fackler

The HLA Rochester (NY) Cochlear Implant Group will meet on Wednesday May 20th from 7 – 8:30 pm via Zoom connection.

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

HLAA Rochester Welcomes National Leaders and New Awareness Efforts

By Bruce Nelson

The Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) is launching a major new awareness initiative this spring, and Rochester is playing an important part in the conversation. During the April 2nd broadcast of *Connections with Evan Dawson* on WXXI, HLAA leaders highlighted the growing national focus on hearing health, the importance of community support, and the work happening right here in Rochester.

One of the most exciting announcements is HLAA's partnership with Hasbro and the beloved children's program *Peppa Pig*. Beginning in May, Peppa's younger brother George will be featured as a character with moderate hearing loss. HLAA Executive Director **Barbara Kelley** explained that the goal is to help children and families understand hearing loss in a positive, age-appropriate way. "Hearing loss has no age limits," she noted, and early awareness can reduce stigma and help families feel supported.

The Rochester Chapter continues to demonstrate what that support looks like. National Board member **Peter**



Fackler shared how HLAA transformed his own journey with hearing loss. Using bilateral cochlear implants, Peter described the technology as "miraculous," but emphasized that the community mattered just as much. "HLAA is about connections," he said. "Knowing others with hearing loss, learning from them, and working together to make the world better for all of us."

The program also featured **Ira Rubenstein**, HLAA's national Board Chair and Chief Digital & Marketing Officer for PBS, who joined the conversation in his volunteer role. Ira spoke candidly about his progression from hearing aids to cochlear implants, including participating in a clinical trial for single-sided deafness. He described the impact of meeting others with similar experiences: "There's a difference when you're face-to-face with people who understand your journey." The discussion also highlighted promising advances in technology, including AI-enhanced hearing aids, improved speech-to-text apps, and expanded captioning options in theaters and streaming services. HLAA continues to advocate nationally for stronger accessibility standards, including support for the Communications and Video Technology Accessibility Act (CVTAA 2.0).

Across the hour, one theme stood out: no one needs to navigate hearing loss alone. Whether through technology, advocacy, or simply meeting others who understand, HLAA helps people stay connected—to family, to community, and to the world around them.

*AI assisted in the preparation of this article.
Images courtesy of WXXI Public Media*

Lifespan's Day of Hearing in Partnership with HLAA on May 21st

Lifespan is partnering with the Hearing Loss HLAA Rochester Chapter to host a **Day of Hearing** in recognition of **Better Speech and Hearing Month**.

The event will be held at Lifespan, 1900 S. Clinton Ave., on **Thursday, May 21st, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm**

Community members are welcome to drop in anytime throughout the day to attend an educational workshop (see schedule) and explore the HLAA Assistive Device

Demo Center. Attendees will have the opportunity to see, try, and compare a variety of assistive listening

Registration is not required for the assistive listening device demo center, which is open all day. Just stop by!
Free workshops are being offered throughout the day:
Tentative workshop schedule (subject to change):
9:15 - 10 am, Overview of HLAA Services & the Assistive Listening Device Demonstration Center
10:15 - 11 am, Life Before a Hearing Aid
11:15 - noon, The Role of an Audiologist & Types of Hearing Aids
1 - 1:45 pm, Cochlear Implants
2 - 2:45 pm, Advocacy
3 - 3:45 pm, Ototoxic Drugs and Tinnitus Mindfulness Strategies

devices before purchasing, helping them find solutions that best meet their needs.

Devices on display will include signaling and alerting systems, captioned telephones, and personal assistive listening devices, with special emphasis on tools for TV listening and managing noisy environments. Knowledgeable HLAA Rochester Chapter members will be on hand to answer questions and provide guidance.



Interview with Sue Miller Published

Our own Sue Miller was featured in the February issue of *In Good Health*. See it on page 23 at <https://www.gvhealthnews.com/issues/february-2026>



HLAA ROCHESTER ANNUAL DINNER

By Mary Chizuk

Please join us on May 19th for the Annual Dinner of the Rochester Chapter of HLAA. In addition to a delicious dinner, we will also be recognizing people who make a difference in our community by presenting awards, including the annual Chapter Award. Penfield Country Club is our new venue, featuring hearing accessibility and scrumptious food. You will enjoy being part of this fabulous evening.

Please sign up by Tuesday, May 12th on the form included here. We look forward to seeing you!

Penfield Country Club
1784 Jackson Rd.
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Tuesday, May 19, 2026
6:00 to 9:00 P.M.
Spouses/guests welcome!

Menu choices:

1. *Chicken French with Cheese Rossoto and Roasted Asparagus*
2. *Pan Seared Salmon with Cheese Rossoto and Roasted Asparagus (Gluten Free and Vegan)*
3. *Pasta Primavera (Vegan)*

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Questions?

Please email, or call, Mary Chizuk at
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HLAA ANNUAL DINNER – May 19, 2026 Reservation Form

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Dinner choice _____

Guest: _____

Dinner choice _____

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Dinner choice _____

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EXCERPTS FROM THE PREFACE

Excerpted from Chapter 1 of “HEARING, HEARING LOSS AND HEARING AIDS; A Primer and Handbook for Consumers,” A book in progress, by Joe Kozelsky, Audiologist

These excerpts are not in the same order as they appear in the book.

THIS BOOK HAS BEEN INFLUENCED BY AND APPROACHED FROM A COMBINATION OF THREE PERSPECTIVES:

- The idea that even to this day prospective and actual users often think hearing aids are overpriced and that they do not work,
- The influence of an active consumer organization – the Rochester, NY, Chapter of the Hearing Loss Association of America,
- Hearing aid dispensing presents opportunities for measuring information about how well our users were doing. From this we could learn what we needed to do to obtain better results.

PRIMER AND HANDBOOK

The material presented here is from the perspective of both a primer (pronounced “primmer”) and a handbook.

Primer The goal of a primer is to provide a concise, authoritative introduction to a specific topic, subject, or process. As a primer, it serves as a source for basic information about hearing, hearing loss and hearing aids.

Handbook As a handbook it serves as a reference that may be referred to by the user throughout their career with their hearing loss and hearing aids. The first time through the book it can serve as an overview of hearing loss and related issues. Then, later as specific issues arise it can be returned to as a reference.

This book will tell you how you can precisely measure or gauge how well your hearing aids are working for you relative to other users. You will never have to wonder: is it me, my hearing loss, or the hearing aids? And finally, the book provides an overview of examples of strategies and devices actually used by people with hearing loss.

MY BACKGROUND

I am a hearing aid user and have been for well over 25 years. As such, I have had first-hand experience with hearing aids and the issues people face with them. Except for the highest power hearing aids (which were too loud for me to use, although I did listen to them in the office) during my time as a provider I listened to and

used every make and model of hearing aid we dispensed in our practice, subjecting them to various actual listening tests. This does not mean every hearing aid, but at least one of every make and model we dispensed.

I often wore users' hearing aids, swapping them with my own for a few days to try to identify or verify some of the unusual problems they reported. If I confirmed an issue, I addressed it, if not, I advised the users on how to manage their concerns.

OUR APPROACH TO DISPENSING HEARING AIDS

When I opened my private audiology practice after 21 years with the hearing and speech agency, I was aware of the notion many people had that hearing aids did not work. In fact, in those days user satisfaction was reported to be only in the 50% to 60% ranges and there were many reports of high numbers of hearing aids in the drawer.

Of course, new users would not know if their problems were inherent in hearing aid use in general, or they might wonder if it was because they were doing something wrong, or if they really weren't good candidates for hearing aids; or if that's just the way hearing aids were. The reasons for these concerns could be endless. There could also be a fear that it would cost even more money to resolve their issues if they told their provider about their problems.

On the other hand, I assumed that providers were operating under the assumption that if users had difficulties with their hearing aids, their users would contact them for assistance. This might be an unconscious adoption of a “[passive follow-up approach](#)” by the provider: “Call if you have any problems.”

Not hearing anything, the assumption might be that all was well with the user. The typical outcome of these two trains of thought often results in a level of inertia. That is, neither the users nor the providers do not do anything to resolve this situation.

HOW OUR PRACTICE WAS DESIGNED

To overcome these issues, we decided that we would identify and resolve or minimize our users' difficulties as much as possible before they were discharged from their hearing aid fitting process.

To accomplish this, we used a combination of:

- A highly detailed outcome questionnaire to learn what we had to do to maximize each user's outcomes

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- A comparison of aided versus unaided values in a sound treated test room for the test tones, and measurement of word recognition ability at or as close as possible to the average conversational level for speech in the sound treated test room.
- “Active follow-up” procedures to assure that hearing aid fittings had been optimized and that our users were not experiencing any difficulties which could be eliminated or minimized through further adjustments or counselling.

This approach led to repeatedly high long-term rates of user satisfaction with an overall average of 94% for all the long term surveys we conducted. Hearing loss is a journey that covers a wide range of several aspects of hearing loss and hearing aids. To illustrate some of the aspects of hearing loss, we use numerous anecdotes which demonstrate various aspects of hearing loss and hearing aid use. Some of these anecdotes will be from my personal experience, but the majority will be from actual users in practice. Hopefully, they will provide insight into the breadth and complexity of hearing loss and hearing aid use.

Captioned Entertainment Around Rochester



JCC Center Stage - 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. All captioned performances are on Sundays at 2 pm. The theatre has Auracast and an FM system,



The Little - The Little Theatre offers hearing-assist options, including amplification headphones (also usable for descriptive listening) in all theaters. Theatres 1, 2, 4, and 5 have Hearing Loops, and personal captioning devices are available—ask at the box office. Open-caption screenings run on Thursdays and the first Sunday matinees when available (some films lack OC versions). Open-caption showtimes are listed at thelittle.org and on social media.

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

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