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Monthly Daytime Program Meeting In Person at St. Paul's and on Zoom - March 5th

MARCH CALENDAR

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM IN PERSON, ST PAUL'S VESTRY ROOM: Elizabeth Runnion, Ph.D.: HOPE Session: 'Hearing Other People's Experiences' (HOPE)

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM AT ST PAUL'S PARISH HALL: Conversation and light refreshments.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 11:30 AM -NOON AT ST PAUL'S PARISH HALL AND ON ZOOM: Chapter announcements and business meeting.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, NOON - 1:00 PM AT ST PAUL'S PARISH HALL AND ON ZOOM: Panel Discussion: Hospital Task Force; JEDS Program

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 7:00 PM ON ZOOM: Board of Directors Meeting

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM: ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICE DEMO CENTER. Technology Team. at Lifespan, 1900 S. Clinton Ave.

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 8:00-9:00 PM ON ZOOM: Parent's Group: *Hear Together*. See information in March Programs.

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

REFRESHMENTS

We appreciate our members who have volunteered to bring refreshments to our March 5th meeting: Judy Markowski, Paul and Mary Ann Stager, Janet McKenna, and Doug and Nancy Meyer.

HLAA needs help identifying TV advertisers who caption their TV ads.

See page 7 for information,

MARCH PROGRAMS

Tuesday, March 5, Noon—1 pm, in person and on Zoom

Featured: Double Feature: Discussion on Hospital Task Force status followed by Kristine Durante on new County JEDS program focused on teens. Please join us Tuesday, March 5th at Noon for our Double-Header Feature Presentation!

First, members of the HLAA-ROC Healthcare Hospital Task Force will share a status report on the effort to make communication between patients with hearing loss and medical staff more accurate with less frustration. Some remedies being discussed include a welcoming tip card, signage in the patient rooms, staff training, and assistive equipment for use between doctors, staff, and patients. Audience comments and ideas are welcomed.

In the second half of our presentation, we will hear from Kristine Durante, Chief Probation Officer with the Monroe County Office of Probation – Community Corrections for a briefing on a new county-wide initiative focused on youth, addressing both accountability for crimes and rehabilitation. Probation's primary mission is to maintain community safety, hold those who have committed crimes accountable, and work to rehabilitate offenders. JEDS (Juvenile Enhanced Diversion Stabilization) is one of probation's most recent initiatives launched to aid in achieving their mission in Family Services. JEDS helps to connect youth involved in the juvenile justice system to services that can help families deal with any underlying issues that may have precipitated the youth committing a delinquent act.

OTHER MARCH PROGRAMS

Tuesday, March 5:

10:00 am -11:00 am - HOPE Session - Hearing Other People's Experiences.

Prospective, new, or experienced hearing aid users informally share their experiences, questions, and hearing loss journeys. The facilitator will be Elizabeth Runnion, Ph.D., Assistant Professor in Communication Sciences & Disorders, Nazareth College facilitates. In person only.

11:00 am -11:30 am - Socializing. In person. Refreshments. St. Paul's Parish Hall.

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President's Column

By Dan Brooks, Chapter President

Hello again! This year is sure moving along. I hope this article finds you well and that we are all getting excited for spring!



Last month's article I touched on relationships and better communications while dealing with hearing loss. Also shared how our chapter's services may help. This month I am taking a different approach.

Often, I am approached and asked "How do I share with others that I have hearing loss? What should I say?" This could be your family member, a friend, a co-worker or even your employer. Letting someone know you have hearing loss can be difficult for some, but when explained well, hopefully the outcome will be better than you anticipated.

What I share below will sound like a letter but the main takeaway here are the key points that are important to share when disclosing you have hearing loss. Feel free to use the letter yourself or change it so it fits your needs better. Everyone's hearing loss is unique, and some tailoring may be required. See below:

I am reaching out to share some important information regarding my current situation. Living with hearing loss has been a part of my life for [number of years/months]. I believe it is crucial to communicate about this so that we can have effective and inclusive interactions.

First, I want to express my gratitude for your understanding and patience when it comes to our communication. Although I have hearing loss, it does not hinder my ability to comprehend or participate in meaningful conversations. With the help of assistive devices such as hearing aids, cochlear implants, or captions, I can actively engage in discussions and understand the content.

However, there may be instances where I might mishear or miss certain auditory cues. In such cases, I kindly request your assistance in ensuring that I have understood the message correctly. This can be done by summarizing key points or rephrasing if needed. Clear and concise communication will greatly benefit our interactions and prevent any misunderstandings.

I would also appreciate it if you could kindly face me when speaking, as lip-reading can greatly enhance my understanding. It would be helpful if you could speak at a moderate pace and articulate your words clearly.

These simple adjustments can make a significant difference in our communication and enable me to be fully engaged.

Furthermore, if we are engaging in a group setting, it would be immensely helpful if everyone could take turns speaking and avoid talking over each other. This allows me to focus on one speaker at a time and follow the conversation more easily. Additionally, using visual aids or written notes can be beneficial in conveying important information that might otherwise be missed.

I understand that this may be new or unfamiliar to some, but I assure you that I am open to any questions or concerns you may have. Communication is a two-way street, and by addressing any challenges or misconceptions we can work together to create an inclusive and supportive environment.

Thank you for taking the time to read this, and I genuinely appreciate your understanding and cooperation. By fostering effective communication, we can ensure that our interactions are successful, and that no one feels excluded. I look forward to our continued collaboration and meaningful conversations.

Well there you have it! Hope many of you will find it helpful when letting someone you know be aware you have hearing loss.

As always please visit our website for the latest information in regards to our chapter events or the front page of our monthly newsletter is always the perfect place to start! Our website is:
www.hearinglossrochester.org.

Enjoy the month of March and will see you all soon!
Thanks.

- Dan

Assistive Device Demo Center



Our chapter sponsors the Assistive Device Demo Center where our members and the public can see some of the latest devices available to help them with day-to-day difficulties associated with hearing loss.

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. Chapter members stand by to answer questions.

Sessions are usually on the 3rd Thursday of the month. The next demo session is at Lifespan, 1900 S. Clinton Ave. (Tops Plaza) on Thursday, March 21st from 10 am to 2 pm. Sessions are free. All are welcome!

MARCH PROGRAMS

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11:30 am - noon - Business Meeting/Announcements.

Zoom and in person St. Paul's Parish Hall.

Thursday, March 21:

10:00 am - 2:00 pm - ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICE DEMO CENTER.

Technology Team. In person. Lifespan, 1900 South Clinton Avenue

View and try out a selection of assistive listening and alerting devices before actually buying them. Included are captioning-capable and amplified telephones, signaling-alerting devices and smart phone APPs related to hearing enhancement. Members of the Technology Committee stand by to answer questions.

Tuesday, March 26:

8:00-9:00 pm - HEAR TOGETHER (on Zoom):

Kristin Bergholtz CCC/SLP./Carly Alicea Au.D/Ph.D

Speech language pathologist Bergholtz conducts a virtual support group with audiologist Carly Alicea.

For parents and caregivers of Deaf/hard of hearing children. Learn more about your child's hearing loss, services to benefit them, and tips to support their language development. To register, contact

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Our Story

by Rebecca Sprague, Professional Advisory Committee Member

Nick and I have been HLaA chapter members since 2018. We have been on the Board of Directors together since 2022, after first serving as PAC members in years prior.



We both grew up in Rochester—Nick in Irondequoit and Rebecca in Chili. After meeting on a blind date in 2005, and dating on and off for a few years, we settled down together and got married in 2008. Our first house was in Rochester's Historic District

of Corn Hill where we lived in a small home from the 1850s. The house had so much charming character with original floors, doors with stained glass, and exposed brick. Our first child, Cora, was born in 2012 and it was in the Corn Hill house where she learned to crawl and walk.

Twenty-one months later, in 2014, our son Lincoln was born. It was right after his birth, during the newborn hearing screening at the hospital, that we found out he had hearing loss in his left ear. After numerous tests, we were told his left ear has severe to profound hearing loss, while his right ear hears normally. Lincoln immediately entered Early Intervention where he was assigned a Teacher of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing (TOD/HH) who was instrumental in helping us navigate his hearing loss and taught us how to advocate for him. Now Lincoln is an active 4th grader in a mainstream classroom. He sees a TOD/HH twice a week for 45 minutes. She works with him on his listening skills and

teaches Lincoln the importance of advocating for himself.

For 9 years, he wore a bone-anchored hearing aid (BAHA) with a soft band, which seemed to work well for him at the time. In November 2023, he transitioned to CROS style hearing aids, which he tells us he much prefers to the BAHA because he does not have to wear the soft band and because it is easier to hear with them.

Our family currently resides in Fairport. Cora, now 11, loves all things animal, especially horses and dogs. She rides horses once a week and, during the spring and fall, she plays softball through Fairport Little League. Cora is a sensitive soul and is a typical older sibling regarding her organizational habits and dedication to school. She also plays the violin.

Lincoln (age 9) refers to himself as an athlete and can be found playing baseball in the spring and flag football in the fall. During summer and winter, he plays baseball and football on video games and in the backyard. Lincoln is a bit of a class clown and brings comic relief to our family every day. (While he makes us laugh, he could use a dose or two of Cora's organizational habits!) We appreciate how each child is different and we thoroughly enjoy watching them grow and develop into their unique personalities.

As a family, we enjoy traveling together; we select a new city to visit every year—usually one with a baseball team so Lincoln can see one of his favorite sports in action. We also spend a part of every summer in the 1000 islands with our extended family. Additionally, we enjoy live music, attending sporting events, reading, and hiking.

National Report

by Peter Fackler, National Board Member

As HLAA's first-ever event at a resort rather than an urban hotel, 2024's convention in Phoenix, Arizona, promises to be a brand-new experience! So mark your calendar and plan to join us at the luxurious Sheraton Grand Resort at Wild Horse Pass, June 26–29, 2024. We know you'll love this gorgeous setting for all of our exciting events!



HLAA's annual, communication-accessible convention is designed to support hundreds of people with hearing loss from all walks of life around the United States. It's the largest national gathering designed to empower individuals and families facing hearing loss. Attendees include:

- Adults who are brand-new to HLAA and the experience of hearing loss
- Previous participants who want to stay on top of the latest developments.
- Parents of children who live with some degree of hearing loss.
- Working professionals, students, retirees, and veterans of all ages.
- Hearing care providers, assistive technology developers and industry experts.
- Anyone looking to find support and make connections in the hearing loss community.

This year, we've traded the usual big-city experience for a beautiful southwest oasis. When you are not learning, discovering new technology, or connecting with new and old friends, explore the rich indigenous culture of the Gila River Indian community, enjoy relaxing and indulgent spa experiences, tee off on two championship golf courses, and enjoy authentic Native American cuisine at KAI, the only AAA Five Diamond and Forbes Five Star restaurant in Arizona. See more details below and start planning your trip to the Valley of the Sun today!

There's something for every member of the family to enjoy. Splash around in one of the four pools with waterfalls and a 111-foot waterslide. Discover horseback riding at the Koli Equestrian Center with lessons, trail rides, and outdoor events. For the younger guests, the Sheraton Adventure Club offers daily activities including exclusive Native American cultural programming. Or adventure by water and rent paddleboards, kayaks, and river boats to navigate the sprawling re-creation of the Gila River and view the gorgeous surrounding desert scenery.

Early bird registration is now open, with the lowest rates available. If you are a U.S. military veteran and this is your first HLAA Convention, please email us for a special registration rate at: convention@hearingloss.org.



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HLAA New York State Association Report

by Peter Fackler, President

The board of directors met Saturday January 13th to share thoughts on the question of planning for a next state conference. Out of that conversation came an emerging consensus that a next state conference should (1) provide an opportunity for in-person socializing and networking among members and friends of HLAA-NYS; (2) offer support to the HLAA chapters located in New York State and at the same time provide an opportunity for the chapters to support HLAA-NYS and their sister chapters; and (3) provide an opportunity for attracting underserved populations including but not limited to working adults with hearing loss and the younger generational cohorts (Gen Z, millennials, et al) who are largely absent from most HLAA activities and events.



A "special committee" of volunteer board members was formed to take the discussion to the next level of developing a proposal outlining the specifics regarding a next state conference for discussion by the full board and, potentially, approval for moving ahead.

The special committee met Saturday January 20th. Discussion focused on the potential timing for a next state conference and location. General agreement was reached that a next state conference would likely take place in Fall 2025 or Spring 2026. Potential locations for investigation and evaluation include Albany, Saratoga Springs, the Hudson River Valley, Cooperstown, and the R.I.T. campus.

The special committee's study, discussion, and proposal development will likely extend over several months with a hoped-for completion of its work in time for the May 18, 2024 meeting of the board of directors.

"Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all others."

Cicero

Making Closed Captions an Effective Tool



For the deaf and hard-of-hearing, closed captions are a vital tool for ensuring full access to television programs. But what happens when the tool works like a dull ax, or is missing altogether?

Captioning is required for most TV programs, but not for commercials. If captioning for a program is missing altogether, contact the video programming distributor (VPD), which can be a local TV station, cable, or satellite provider. The FCC maintains a searchable list of VPDs at <https://>

fccprod.servicenowservices.com/vppd

Quality Issues



FCC rules address captioning quality and provide guidance to VPDs and programmers. The rules apply to all television programming with captions, requiring that captions be:

- *Accurate:* Captions must match the spoken words in the dialogue and convey background noises and other sounds to the fullest extent possible.
- *Synchronous:* Captions must coincide with their corresponding spoken words and sounds to the greatest extent possible and must be displayed on the screen at a speed that can be read by viewers.
- *Complete:* Captions must run from the beginning to the end of the program to the fullest extent possible.
- *Properly placed:* Captions should not block other important visual content on the screen, overlap one another or run off the edge of the video screen.

For captioning problems during non-emergency programming, you may file a written complaint with either the FCC or your VPD. If you file your complaint with the FCC, the FCC will forward the complaint to your VPD. FCC rules require that your written complaint must be filed within 60 days of the captioning problem. After receiving a complaint, either directly from you or from the FCC, the VPD has 30 days to respond to the complaint. If you filed your complaint with your VPD and they do not respond within 30 days, or if a dispute remains, you can send your complaint to the FCC.

You have multiple options to contact the FCC if you wish to file a complaint or seek assistance:

- File online at fcc.gov. Search for “accessibility complaints.”
- By phone: 1-888-CALL-FCC (1-888-225-5322); ASL: 1-844-432-2275
- By email: dro@fcc.gov

For more information on this topic, check out the *FCC Consumer Guide to Closed Captioning* on fcc.gov.

HAAA Member Query on OTCs

An HAAA member who has adult children in their fifties recently asked for advice he can pass on as he urges them to address their potential hearing loss. How to address the quandary of seeing an audiologist versus Over-the Counter?

My advice...

The three key suggestions we make are for potential buyers to FIRST get tested by a hearing professional to be sure their hearing is in the mild - moderate range because OTCs only have enough power for that range. Beyond that, an OTC will not be adequate.

Second be sure there is at least a 45-day trial period. Third, be sure there is a full refund in cash, not credit - (but we must caution refunds may be long in coming).

We at HAAA do not have the resources to monitor the technical details of the fast-moving OTC developments. Lorin Gallistel and Eric Matson keep an eye on the market and delve into some new models but given time constraints their research can't be comprehensive.

Some OTCs appear to be good while others are very questionable. It looks like the low end on quality is at least \$800 - \$1000 per pair. Some that we feel more confident about are in the \$1500 and above range. But OTC manufacturers seem to change frequently, so it is very hard to know the quality of any brand at any time. For up-to-date info I suggest your children go on YouTube and search the analysts who publish videos on specific models and comparisons – Lorin Gallistel suggests videos of Cliff Olson. (Just be sure to note posting date to assure information is current.)

Just one final thought. We do not trust on-line and over-the-phone testing. The quality of the Wi-Fi or voice transmission circuit can easily skew results. Plus, the on-line test does not go into the detail and complexity of a professionally administered test. Having a reliable test and associated audiogram provides an accurate baseline to work from.

As an afterthought, also refer to our OTC Tip Sheet available at our website hearinglossrochester.org – it lists many factors to consider in the new ‘Do-It-Yourself’ world of OTCs.

Art Maurer


Open Door Mission Collection

We will have a box at our March and April meetings to collect New or Used items to be donated to Open Door Mission for the MANY new immigrants to our community and country such as:

- Clothing (child or adult, Male or female)
- Bedding
- Towels
- Diapers
- Personal hygiene products
- Anything you think appropriate

(See <https://opendoormission.com/donate-clothing-other-essentials>).

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.


April 14, 2024 *Sisters in Law*
 May 14, 2024 *Beautiful The Carole King Musical*

NTID Theatres Panara Theatre


April 19-21 Deaf Creators Play Festival

SHED Sklarsky Glass Box Theater

April 5-7 *Ada and the Engine*
 April 12-14 Immersive Theatre Project

 **GEVA Theatre Center** - 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, 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.

3/9, 2 pm; 3/27, 2 pm & 7:30 pm *Lady Day at Emerson's Bar & Grill*
 3/23, 2:30 pm *Sanctuary City*
 4/20, 2 pm; 5/8, 2 pm & 7:30 pm *Newtown*
 6/1, 2 pm; 6/19, 2 pm & 7:30 pm *The Color Purple*

 **RBTL Live Theater** - 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. All shows at 1 pm.

June 9, 2024 Tina

The Little - The Little Theatre provides options for people with hearing loss, 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.

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

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. The Strand Theater in Brockport, has individual displays on goosenecks available.

March Birthdays

Happy Birthday in March to:

2 David Adamson 22 Sandra Erickson
 3 Carmen Coleman 29 Tim Whitcher
 4 Richard McCollough 29 Kathy Vigna
 21 Michelle Gross

We have only about a third of birthdays listed in our records. Please let us know so we can include yours next time around.

Donations

Donations in Addition to Membership

Patricia Barclay
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Thank you to our major contributors

Elaine VanderBrook
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HLAA Book Club

The HLAA Rochester Chapter finally has its own Book Club! The first book our chapter members will be discussing is *Life After Deaf* by Noel Holston. Join Jennifer Lowden, our Book Club leader, on April 25 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm for a Zoom meeting where we'll eagerly talk about this 'page turner'. Jenn is the Assistant Director at the Chili Library.

Eric Matson will be the Zoom host for this exciting new chapter activity, so please let him know you would like to register for this captioned event at pemat-son3@verizon.net. This book was reviewed in the January 2024 issue of our chapter Newsletter. Please be thinking of other books you can recommend for our new HLAA Rochester Chapter Book Club! Any questions, contact Sue Miller, susanleemiller39@cs.com

Introducing Professional Advisory Member, Dr. Paul Dutcher

I must confess that I find it difficult to write about "me" when it should be an article about "we". However, I have been asked to share with you a little bit about my life journey.



My early years were more about sports, winning and "me" than about academics, service and "we". Gradually, through college in the military service, it transitioned more to academics and service, although sports and sportsmanship are still important to me.

I did spend some time in the military service and a year in Vietnam in the late 60s/early 70s. That experience probably had some effect on who I am today.

Post medical school and residency, I was honored to rub shoulders with several Giants in the field of otology and neurotology during my fellowship at the House Otologic Group in Los Angeles in the early 80s. It was there that I learned the "trade" of otology and neurotology. It was, also, there, that I had a hearing test that demonstrated a high-frequency hearing loss, that and tinnitus probably being a souvenir from the military. Alec Andrest recently gave a nice review of this topic at a recent PAC meeting (hopefully, this excellent review will be available to HLAA members). My hearing loss is, therefore, probably a combination

of noise-induced hearing loss and now presbycusis (hearing loss related to aging), what I referred to as sociocusis.

While in Los Angeles, I trained closely with Dr. William House, who is accepted by many as the Father of Neurotology and the clinical brain child of cochlear implantation, technology that I brought back to Rochester.

During my residency in Rochester and my fellowship in Los Angeles, I developed my lifelong interest in Ménière's disease - an otologic problem for which there was, and still is, no known cause and no predictable/curative treatment. Dr. William House, my mentor in research while at the House Otologic Group, once commented: "You can spend four lifetimes studying that disease (Ménière's disease) and be no further ahead than when you started". I believe that we are ahead of that pace.

It is probably known that I have been involved with SHHH/HLAA and NTID in various capacities for years. Frequently, I will tell patients that I believe that the Rochester Chapter may be the best Chapter in the country and I honestly believe that.

In my second year as a member of the PAC, my contribution may not affect members of HLAA directly, but, hopefully, indirectly. I am working on an introductory text in otology that, hopefully, will lead to better informed providers.

HLAA Wants to Thank Companies who Caption their TV Ads

The HLAA Rochester Chapter has much success convincing and helping houses of worship, theatres, and businesses to add captioning capabilities. We have started a program to honor tv advertisers who caption their TV ads.

We plan to publish an honor roll of local companies who caption their TV ads, and Ann Cannarozzo will send them a thank you letter.

So please help HLAA collect the names of the TV advertisers who caption their TV ads, whether they're on Channel 8, 10, 13, 31, or Spectrum, or drop-in ads on any other cable, satellite, or streaming channel.

Please send an email to Ann Cannarozzo at captions@hearinglossrochester.org whenever you have names to add to our list. She will collect them, and the advertisers who caption will be thanked for their consideration of making their ads captioned and understandable by the d/HoH community.

You can send just the names, but if you happen to have an address, it will help save some time doing the research.

Communication Strategies to be Discussed at Nazareth U. Sessions

Elizabeth Runnion, Ph.D, CCC-A and graduate students in speech-language pathology at Nazareth University will lead a group for adults who are hard of hearing and their friends or spouses on Fridays, March 29th to April 26th at the Lifespan office .

The Strategies to Promote Listening, Awareness, and Successful Hearing (SPLASH) discussions will center around self-advocacy and strategies to support communication. There is no cost to participate. To register, call 585-389-2772 or email SLHCLinic@naz.edu.

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We are currently meeting online via
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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.

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!

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