



## Featured Presentation

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3**

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

**Andy Chandler**

**“Cybersecurity Safety in the age of AI:**

It's no secret that we're all at risk for cyber fraud. Scams appear everywhere—online, by email, text, and phone. But there's another danger too, especially for older adults and people with hearing loss: loneliness.

Andy Chandler, a retired cybersecurity professional, knows this well. He wishes we didn't have to be so cautious online, but says being “cyber aware” is now a basic life skill.



Chandler is well known to HLAA audiences, having presented on cyber scams at the last three conventions. (New attendees should brace for his famously terrible jokes!) Behind the humor is a serious commitment shaped by his lifelong hearing loss. He has worn hearing aids since age five and received a cochlear implant 13 years ago.

His fascination with technology that helps him “hear” better goes back decades. He was captivated by computers, the internet, texting, email, and captioning apps. Yet his two favorite hearing-related devices actually predate the smartphone: the Sears Telecaption Decoder II and the BlackBerry with its physical keyboard.

Don't miss Chandler's practical guidance on avoiding scams, spotting fraud, why we don't need to fear AI, and—most importantly—why we must be cautious when seeking companionship online... or with an AI bot.

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Thank you to our members who are bringing refreshments to our February meeting: Anne Adamson, Carol Bradshaw, Jennifer Lowden, and Bruce Nelson

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## Additional February Meetings and Programs

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3**

**10:00 AM - 11:00 AM IN PERSON, ST PAUL'S  
VESTRY ROOM: HOPE Session: ‘Hearing Other  
People's Experiences’:** Eric Matson:

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, FEBRUARY 10**

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

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

**7:00 - 8:00 pm on Zoom: Stellar Supporters**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

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

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19**

**10:00 am - 2:00 pm: Assistive Device  
Demonstration Center:** Technology Team. In  
person. Lifespan, 1900 South Clinton Avenue. See  
Page 4 for details.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

**7:00 - 8:30 pm on Zoom: Cochlear Implant  
Group:** See page 7 for details.

**NEXT MONTH: TUESDAY MARCH 3**

Program Meeting: Veterans/Tinnitus/Menieres

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

## Welcome to 2026 from your HLAA New York State Association (HLAA-NYS).

We have exciting plans for the year ahead! Hopefully, many of these plans will have a direct and positive impact on you.

June 10-12 is the **HLAA National Convention** in Louisville, Kentucky. As always, we expect to have a robust turnout of HLAA members from New York State. A highlight of the convention is always the **private reception held by HLAA-NYS** where guests can mingle, enjoy refreshments, and visit old friends from all parts of New York.



October 2-4 is the **HLAA New York State Conference in beautiful Saratoga Springs, NY** during the height of fall foliage season. Especially for people who cannot attend the national convention, the state conference gives you a cost-effective, convenient opportunity to hear from top experts and speakers from around the nation discussing ways to overcome hearing loss, to enjoy good food and fun entertainment, and to socialize with your peers. Watch for registration information, as well as easy transportation options by car, train or bus.

HLAA-NYS also plans to remain active on the Advocacy front. Among our top priorities:

- Passage of a statewide Open Captioning law requiring movie theaters to provide a minimum number of OC performances for all films, similar to a law passed in New York City in 2022
- Passage of legislation requiring insurance companies to pay for a significant portion of the cost of hearing aids for NYS residents, similar to laws already in place in other states
- Providing you with the latest information about advancements in hearing aids, cochlear implants, assistive listening devices, telecommunications equipment, and other technologies

If there is an area of interest *you* would like to get involved in – including volunteering to help HLAA-NYS – or issues you would like us to address, please contact me directly.

**Happy New Year to everyone at HLAA Rochester!**

*Steve Wolfert*

President, HLAA New York State Association  
[hlaa.newyorkstate@gmail.com](mailto:hlaa.newyorkstate@gmail.com)

## HLAA Rochester Book Discussion Group

*by Jenn Lowden, Director of the Chili Public Library*

Our next book discussion will be on Thursday, March 19 at 7:00pm on zoom. We will be discussing *Success Wisdom: By Deaf & Hard of Hearing People* by Karen Putz. In this 2024 book, readers are invited to enjoy an anthology that celebrates the achievements and unique perspectives of over 100 Deaf, hard of hearing, deafblind, deafdisabled, and Late-Deafened individuals. Through these candid narratives, the book highlights the diverse paths to success taken by people who have navigated challenges and have thrived in various fields such as arts, sciences, education, medical, technology, sports, and more.



This book is not just a collection of advice; it's a celebration of human potential and a powerful reminder that personal success is accessible to everyone.

Unfortunately, this book is not available in local public libraries. It is only available for purchase on Amazon in paperback or for download to a Kindle device. It is a short title, so please consider sharing your copy with others who wish to attend the discussion.

Please email Jennifer Lowden at **libraryladyjenn@gmail.com** if you wish to attend the discussion. A zoom invite will be emailed a few days before the discussion date.

## **Hear Together:**

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

February is all about love, connection, and community, and that's exactly what Hear Together is built on. In November, we accomplished a big milestone when we hosted our first national Hear Together meeting. Parents from several states joined us, filling the space with encouragement, laughter, and heartfelt conversation.

It was especially wonderful to see a mix of new and returning faces, all coming together around a shared commitment to supporting their children and one another. The energy and openness reminded us why Hear Together exists: to create a place where families feel seen, supported, and connected.

With full hearts, we're excited to continue growing Hear Together in partnership with the Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA). Together, we look forward to reaching even more parents across the country and spreading the love that makes this community so special.

## Join Us in Louisville for the National HCAA Convention

As you look ahead to your travel plans for the year, don't forget that the **2026 National HCAA Convention** will be held at The Galt House Hotel in Louisville, KY, from **June 10–12**. Early bird registration is officially open!

To support our members, the Convention Reimbursement Committee is offering up to a **\$1,000 partial reimbursement** to help “active and contributing” members cover expenses. To qualify, members should meet at least two of the following criteria over the past 12 months:

- Attended 5+ Chapter meetings (in-person or via Zoom).
- Substantially contributed to at least one Chapter committee.
- Volunteered at or helped plan two or more events (e.g., Demo Center, Health Fair, Annual Dinner, Picnic, or Guest Speaker).
- Served on the Chapter Board of Directors.

Past attendees often describe the convention as a transformative experience, offering world-class workshops, an innovative demo hall, and the chance to build life-

long friendships. As one member put it: *“I walked away with a wealth of new information.”*

The registration rates are as follows:

Early Bird Registration Rates through <b>March 16:</b>	Individual rate: \$425	Couple rate: \$725
Pre-Registration Rates <b>March 17 - May 18:</b>	Individual rate: \$475	Couple rate: \$815
On-Site Registration starting Wednesday, June 10:	Individual rate: \$525	Couple rate: \$905

The link to book hotel reservations will be included in each person's registration confirmation email.

**For more details:**

**National Convention Info:** [www.hearingloss.org](http://www.hearingloss.org)

**Rochester Chapter Reimbursement Policy & Forms:** [www.hearinglossrochester.org](http://www.hearinglossrochester.org)

## Attention Snowbirds

If you are relocating for the Winter months, please send an email to [maillist@hearinglossrochester.org](mailto:maillist@hearinglossrochester.org) and let us know your temporary address and the dates you will be away.

## Captioned Entertainment Around Rochester



**JCC Center Stage** - Tickets and information are available at [www.jcccenterstage.org](http://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 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](http://thelittle.org) (listed in the showtimes on each film page), and on social media.



The REV (Merry-go-Round) Theatre in Auburn has a state-of-the-art Assistive Listening System, which makes use of FM to transmit sound over radio frequency directly to the listener's ear. While the overall system is FM, they also have individual induction loops for each device. For information about the REV Theatre's productions, see <https://therevtheatre.com/>

**GEVA Theatre Center** - Open Captioning for patrons with hearing loss is provided during the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**RBTL Live Theater** - Open Captioning, made possible by HCAA, is offered during most 1 pm 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](mailto:mail@rbtl.org).

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

**OFC Creations Theatre** at Winton Place has an FM system and receivers with hearing loops for T-coils.

**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.

## Introducing Professional Advisory Committee Member (PAC) Dr. Pamela Kincheloe

Dr Pamela Jean Kincheloe is a hard of hearing, tenured Professor at Rochester Institute of Technology and the National Technical Institute for the Deaf in Rochester, NY. She served as the Director of the University Writing Program for five years, and has recently returned to her preferred environment—the classroom, teaching courses, in ASL, that range from First Year Writing, to Deaf Literature, to Science, Technology and Values.



Dr Kincheloe attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Southern Illinois University, receiving a doctorate in American Studies. She has published articles in a variety of places, including the *American Annals of the Deaf*, *Disability Studies*

*Quarterly*, *Sign Language Studies*, the *Journal of Deaf Studies*, the *Huffington Post* and BBC.com. One of her more interesting recent jobs was as a consultant for Sony Music as they created an ASL component for Celine Dion's biopic, "I Am." She is currently at work on several book-length projects, including one on representations of deafness in American visual culture tentatively titled *Hollywood Signs*.

Dr. Kincheloe resides in Webster with her husband. Her son, Michael is deaf with a cochlear implant, and is a sophomore the University of Vermont. Her younger son, Jesse, is completing his senior year and hopes to play college football. "Dr. K.," as she is known by her students, enjoys reading, walking, gardening, cooking; and on occasion, painting and illustrating.

She is honored to have been asked to serve on the HLAA Rochester PAC and looks forward to helping the chapter grow, especially in terms of outreach to college students and young adults with hearing loss.

## Cochlear Implant Group Update

By Peter Fackler

The HLAA Rochester (NY) Cochlear Implant Group will meet Wednesday February 25<sup>th</sup> in the evening via Zoom connection.

The final program offering this season of the Cochlear Implant Group is set for Wednesday May 20<sup>th</sup>. All meetings are held via Zoom connection and take place from 7 – 8:30 pm eastern. If you are interested in learning more about cochlear implant group and attending future meetings, please write to [cochlearimplantgroup@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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## Stellar Supporters Meets February 11<sup>th</sup>

By Art Maurer

Our Stellar Supporters are those of us generously donating their time and effort to make our chapter one of the best in the country.

We meet three times a year on Zoom. At our February meeting on Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 - 8:00 pm a speaker from the Alzheimer's Association will present an overview of the many programs offered for persons suffering from Alzheimer's disease and dementia, and, importantly, their caregivers. (We are exploring ways we at HLAA can work the Association to help caregivers make hearing more accessible) to patients.) Please watch for an email with the Zoom link and join us on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

## Assistive Device Demo Center

Our chapter proudly sponsors the Assistive Device Demo Center, offering members and the public a chance to explore the latest devices designed to ease hearing loss challenges. At our demo sessions, you'll find Signaling-alerting devices, Captioned telephones, and Personal assistive listening devices, with special focus on TV listening and noisy environments. Knowledgeable chapter members will be available to answer any questions.



Join us on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month, September through June! The next session is **Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Lifespan, 1900 S. Clinton Ave. Sessions are free and open to everyone. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Word Recognition Score: An Assessment of Inner Ear Distortion

Excerpted from "HEARING, HEARING LOSS AND HEARING AIDS; A Primer and Handbook for Consumers," A book in progress, by Joe Kozelsky, Audiologist

The usual way to assess distortion of the ear due to hair cell damage is through Word Recognition tests. This is done during the hearing evaluation in a quiet test room, under earphones. The test words are one-syllable highly familiar words, heard from either a trained live voice or recorded material. The results are termed WRS – Word Recognition Score and is expressed in terms of percentage of words correctly heard.

WRS can range from 100% to 20% or worse. Fortunately, it seems that many or most hearing aid users fall in the range between 76% to 100% with some users dropping down to the 58% or lower ranges.

WRS Score	Rating
100%	Young Normal
90% to 100%	Normal Range
76% to 88%	Functional
60% to 74%	Poor to Fair
40% to 58%	Very Poor to Poor
<38%	Very Poor

**Table:** Classification of Word Recognition Scores

Younger people with normal hearing typically have a WRS of 100%, as do most people with mild or even early moderate hearing losses; and even some with severe hearing losses when the words are presented at a loud enough level. The level of presentation is important. If the words are not loud enough for all the parts of the words to be hearable, then a lower WRS score could be due simply to the fact that the words were not loud enough and not due to a distortion problem in the ear. It is important to know the level the words were presented at in order to actually know whether or not a word recognition issue is present.

Decreased WRS limits performance with hearing aids.

People with good WRS, i.e., 90% to 100%, tend to do well with hearing aids in general, including even in noise much if not most of the time. People with moderately reduced WRS in the range of 76% - 90% tend to receive good benefit in good listening situations and tend to receive some benefit in certain noise situations. People in the ranges of 60% or poorer tend to struggle more than those with better WRS in any type of background noise.

Regardless of how reduced the WRS might be, people virtually always derive benefit from hearing aids and function much better with them than without. However, severe word recognition scores can be a significant limiting factor for satisfaction with amplification. When someone is having trouble hearing with their hearing aids one of the first things to look at would be their Word Recognition Score.

If Word Recognition Score is good, then there might be an issue with the hearing aids or the way they were set. If the unaided word recognition scores obtained with the earphones are poor, it becomes more complicated for the patient to determine if difficulty is due to hearing or the hearing aid. Frequently people with reduced or poor WRS have difficulty separating their hearing loss from the hearing aids and tend to blame the hearing aids for their inability to hear as clearly as they feel they should. They often think that the hearing aid should clear things up for them. It can take a long time for users to come to the realization that their difficulty is due to their hearing rather than the hearing aids.

## Birthdays

Happy Birthday in February to:

- |                   |                      |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Joan Kohler     | 11 Kathy Sweryda     |
| 2 Shirley Tschang | 14 Anne Adamson      |
| 2 Bridget Colette | 18 John Curtis       |
| 4 Gerry Loftus    | 23 Gayle King Carini |
| 10 Lorrie Zona    | 24 Betsy McClain     |
| 10 Laura Arney    | 24 Elaine Vangellow  |

## Receivers for Inductive Assistive Hearing Loop Systems in Houses of Worship

By Eric Matson

A recent Chapter survey showed that many local houses of worship *have* working inductive hearing loops—but many attendees still can't benefit from them. About 25% of working adults and over 70% of retired adults have measurable hearing loss, yet only about one-fifth use assistive technology, and many lack the "t-coil" needed to receive loop signals. This may contribute to reduced engagement during services.

As a member of the Rochester Chapter of HLA, you can help your group obtain a **free loop receiver**, allowing *anyone*—including staff with normal hearing—to hear and test the loop signal.

A few tips

- Units run on AAA or 9-volt batteries; keep spares available.
- Announce the loop and loaner receivers in bulletins and public notices.
- Ushers and greeters should know where receivers are stored and how they operate.
- Staff may contact HLA-ROC ([hearinglossrochester.org](http://hearinglossrochester.org)) or Eric Matson ([pematson3@verizon.net](mailto:pematson3@verizon.net)) with questions or system concerns.

How to request a kit

- Email Eric with your name, the house-of-worship name/location, and your willingness to sponsor half the kit cost.
- Confirm the site has a working loop, lacks loaner receivers, and agrees to a system test. Eric can also evaluate any unused receivers found onsite.
- Schedule a loop test with Eric.
- Choose equipment:
  - \* New units from Amazon: about \$120 total (\$60 from you).
  - \* Used/estate units from eBay: typically \$60–80 (\$30–40 from you). Eric orders, assembles, and the Chapter covers the remaining cost.
- Provide details for the dedication sign (honorarium, memorial, donor, etc.).



When ready, Eric will arrange the presentation and staff briefing.

Each kit includes

- A working loop receiver for anyone to sample the signal
- Earphone or headphones
- A felted necklace display
- A dedication/explanation placard
- A staff instruction note



You may present the kit yourself, though Eric's presence is recommended for technical questions. Your cost is only half of the equipment; the Chapter covers the rest.

## Did You Miss a Meeting?

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## “HOWALS” Project

*Houses Of Worship with Assistive Listening Systems*

### St. Luke's Episcopal Church

by Sue Miler

St. Luke's Episcopal Church sits on a hilltop in Fairport. The view from the windows is nothing but trees, sky, and nature... even a family of deer who roam the property like it's their home. All are welcome, including people with hearing loss. The newly installed hearing loop allows all who have a t-switch on their hearing aids to hear the words of Father Ken perfectly.



In addition, the newly installed portable microphone allows all to hear the prayer requests when the monthly healing circle concludes the service.

If you're looking for a place to feel like you're on top of the world, and a step closer to heaven, please consider St. Luke's. As the Sunday bulletin says, "We are an open, Christ-centered community, caring for each other, and doing God's work in the world."

New York State Legislators  
2026

The Legislative Committee of the Rochester HLAA Chapter would like to encourage you to become an even better advocates for hearing loss. One way to do this is to first know your state legislators! Fill in this form and keep it handy .We all have the same two United States Senators and the same Governor.

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2. There are **435** members of the House of Representatives in the US. Who is your representative in New York State? Possibilities are: Nick Langworthy (23<sup>rd</sup> Dist), Claudia Tenney (24<sup>th</sup> Dist), Joe Morelle (25<sup>th</sup> Dist), Timothy Kennedy (26<sup>th</sup> Dist), etc. Who is yours?

Your Representative's name \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

3. There are **63** State Senators in New York State. Possibilities are: Pamela Helming (54<sup>th</sup> Dist), Samra Brouk (55<sup>th</sup> Dist), Jeremy Cooney (56<sup>th</sup> Dist.), George Borrello (57<sup>th</sup> Dist), Thomas O'Mara (58<sup>th</sup> Dist), Kristen S. Gonzalez (59<sup>th</sup> Dist), Sean Ryan (61<sup>st</sup> Dist), Robert Ort (62<sup>nd</sup> Dist) Who is yours?

Your State Senator's name \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

4. There are **150** Members of the Assembly in New York State. Possibilities are: Brian Manktelow (130<sup>th</sup> Dist), Jeff Gallahan (131<sup>st</sup> Dist), Philip Palmesano (132<sup>nd</sup> Dist), Andrea Bailey (133<sup>rd</sup> Dist), Josh Jensen (134<sup>th</sup> Dist), Jennifer Lunsford (135<sup>th</sup> Dist), Sarah Clark (136<sup>th</sup> Dist), Demond Meeks (137<sup>th</sup> Dist), Harry Bronson (138<sup>th</sup> Dist), Stephen Hawley (139<sup>th</sup> Dist), Paul Bologna (144<sup>th</sup> Dist), David DiPietro (147<sup>th</sup> Dist), etc. Who is yours?

Your Assembly Member's name \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

The Monroe County Election Board phone number is 428-4550. Call them if you want **to know who** your legislators are. If you do not live in Monroe County, search the web for your County Election Board.

***Email me at [Judym27@aol.com](mailto:Judym27@aol.com) with legislative information***  
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All meetings are audio looped and captioned. Our chapter meetings will also be streamed on Zoom, with captioning. See our website at [hearinglossrochester.org](http://hearinglossrochester.org) to sign up for access to all future meetings. Please register at least 24 hours before the first meeting you wish to attend, so that you will receive the link by email.

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