

MAY Calendar

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

10:30 am – HOPE Session – Vestry RoomNEW****
(see page 6 for more info.)

11:00 am - Refreshments/Social Time

11:30 am – Announcements/Business Meeting

12 Noon – 1 pm – Program Speaker

7:00 pm – Refreshments/Social Time

7:30 pm – Announcements/Business Meeting

8:00 pm – 9 pm – Program Speaker

Tues., May 10th – BOD meeting, 7-9pm
1st floor Conf. Room, Al Sigl Center

Tues., May 24th – Annual Dinner, 6-9pm,
Cobblestone Creek Country Club
(see page 11 for more info)

SAVE THESE FUTURE DATES

Tues., June 14th – Board of Directors, 7-9pm,
1st floor Conf. Room, Al Sigl Center

Thurs., June 16th – Program Planning meetings
(see page 5 for more info)

Hospitality Duties for May:

Daytime Meeting –Gloria DeMeo, Janet McKenna;
Al Suffredini

Evening Meeting –Carol Loftus

Board of Directors –Suzanne Johnston, Cindy Kellner

Please sign up to help when the “Refreshment Sheet” goes around!

WELCOME ALL NEWCOMERS TO HLA!



MAY PROGRAMS

(At St. Paul’s Church, East Ave. & Westminster Rd.)

Tues., May 3rd – 10:30 – 11am; Vestry room.

HOPE (Hearing Other People's Experiences) session - *Joe Kozelsky, MS, abd, CCC-A (ret.)*

Retired audiologist and hearing aid user **Joe Kozelsky** moderates a question and answer group for people considering hearing aids and those using them. Joe has also been a long-time member of our Chapter. Come and share your hearing loss journey and learn from others.

Tues., May 3rd – Daytime Meeting Social Time and Business meeting – 11:00am Speaker begins at Noon – Parish Hall

“ASK THE AUDIOLOGISTS” – *Matt MacDonald, Au.D., and, John McNamara, Au.D.*

Last month's evening program is going daytime. Bring your questions, and two audiologists will answer them! Both experienced clinicians take the floor for the perennially popular “Ask the audiologists” question and answer session. The presentation is completely impromptu and unrehearsed. Possible subjects open for discussion are: What is an audiologist? What are the benefits of seeing one? Noise, its affect

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Tues., May 3rd – Daytime Meeting – (continued)

on communication, and how current hearing aids deal with it. Using assistive devices to enhance hearing in noise. These are a mere sampling of topics you can pose for MacDonald and McNamara to explore.

Matt MacDonald has been in private practice for seven years after 15 years at Strong Memorial Hospital. He was named the Distinguished Clinician of 2015 by the New York Speech, Language, Hearing Association.

John McNamara has owned Ontario Hearing Centers since 1990. With offices in Brighton and Gates, the firm employs three audiologists and a hearing aid dispenser.

Tuesday, May 3 Evening

Social time and business meeting--7:00pm
Program begins at 8:00pm - Parish Hall

Student Committee of HLAA-Rochester, and Hearing Loss for Today's Youths –

Brady Dickens, student board member

Born with moderate hearing loss, Brady Dickens views it as an opportunity. His essay, "Listen," appeared in *Hearing Loss Magazine's* Nov./Dec. 2015 issue. Brady will share information about the newly created Student Committee-Rochester and its first project involving sports.

As well, he will relate the challenges of a young person with hearing loss and his involvement with HLAA Rochester Chapter as mentored by **Sue Miller**.

Brady is a member of the Victor High School soccer and basketball teams. He is also musically talented, playing piano recreationally and professionally in local senior and assisted living centers. His essay won him the Junior of the Year Award from the Notre Dame Club of Rochester. Brady's team has raised significant funds to support the Rochester Walk4Hearing. He will go on to Cornell University after he graduates from high school this June.

HLAA-Rochester chapter meetings are held in the Parish Hall at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, East Avenue at Westminster Road, across from the George Eastman Museum. All programs are audiolooped and captioned. Those needing a sign language interpreter for an evening meeting only, please see cover page.

Hearing Loss Association of America is a nationwide organization dedicated to advocacy, education and support for people with hearing loss. For more information visit www.hlaa-rochester-ny.org or telephone 585 266 7890.

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

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Cindy Kellner

**Share the Honor**

As many of you know, I have been awarded the Spirit of HLAA Award for 2016. This award is given by our parent organization yearly to a person who most exemplifies the spirit of HLAA in supporting, educating and advocating for the hearing loss community. I was quite surprised and very honored and humbled to learn of this award. A huge thank you goes out to **Michelle Gross** who undoubtedly wrote a great nominating packet! I sincerely appreciate her efforts.

I really feel strongly that this is a chapter award. The Rochester chapter of HLAA is so fortunate to have an amazing group of dedicated, passionate and knowledgeable volunteers and members. Our people, in my opinion, are second to none in their commitment to bettering the world for those of us who do not hear so well, to say the least. Whether you are a very active volunteer or a member who simply comes to meetings and reads the Newsletter, there is no doubt in my mind that you care deeply for our common cause.

It is because of the strong commitment and dedication of our members that I have worked hard

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN (continued)

in your behalf. I know you care and appreciate all that I and our dedicated volunteers do. That is what makes volunteering so rewarding and fulfilling.

We are all in this together. There is no doubt about that. Unfortunately, this is not a group that gets "cured" and moves on. Sadly, there is no cure for our hearing loss. It is an ongoing life situation that must be accepted and dealt with as best as possible. We all have our good days and our bad days. It is what it is. Unless you have walked in our shoes, you have no concept of what it is like to have a bad hearing day or to feel isolated from the conversations happening all around you. But, we plow forward, share our unique coping strategies, navigate the new technologies and fight to even the playing field, as best we can.

All that I have done for HLAA-Rochester has been a group effort. I see in each and every one of your faces the anxiety I feel every day from not being able to hear well. I know what it feels like to be excluded from a conversation or feel the frustration and embarrassment from a bluff that turns out to be in error. We all share the panic when an emergency arises and we worry that we will not be able to adequately communicate and understand what is happening and what is expected of us. Doctor's visits causes me justifiable stress. While HLAA has helped to open many otherwise closed doors by teaching me and advocating for me, there still is (and I assume there always will be) alarm over whether I will hear. I share your concerns and that is why I volunteer. It is for us, not just for me.

Every month when we get together, I hear your concerns and I see and feel your frustrations and I genuinely feel bad. We are, unfortunately, in a club that none of choose to be in, nor want to be in for that matter. But, that is who we are and we make the best of it. I write letters, attend meetings and do what I do for all of us. I know how much you care and appreciate the efforts made in your behalf and that is why I volunteer.



The Spirit of HLAA Award is really for all of us. We work hard in dealing with our hearing loss, both on a personal level and a group level. Our chapter does deserve to be recognized and rewarded. We are an awesome group of fighters. When I go to Washington in June to accept this award, please know that I am doing so for each and every one of you. It truly is a joy to work with all of you and I appreciate all of your efforts very much. We all have the spirit and that is what makes us the great chapter that we are!
Be well, Cindy

ROCHESTER STUDENT COMMITTEE

By Suzanne Johnston

The Student Committee of HLAA-Rochester--which is made up of students ranging in age from 14 to early 20s--recently got together for its first meeting. The agenda included time to eat, meet and greet, as well as discussion around the effects of hearing loss on young people in our community. Attendees also identified areas where the group might focus energy for future projects.

One of our members reported that our group is the only known student committee of the HLAA in the organization--meaning that HLAA-Rochester again leads the way!

Please contact Suzanne Johnston at (585)314-1807 or suzannejohnston@aol.com if you are interested in signing up for this committee!



MOTHER'S DAY

(from the Old Farmer's Almanac)

After her mother died in 1905, Miss Anna Jarvis campaigned for a national day to honor all mothers.

On May 10, 1908, a Mother's Day service was held at a church in Grafton, West Virginia. In 1914, Mother's Day was declared an annual national holiday on the second Sunday in May. Love to all Mothers!

RBTL LIVE THEATRE--- CAPTIONED!

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

May 15, 2016 – Dirty Dancing

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 Offering Captioned Plays!

SAT. shows 2pm; WED. 2pm & 7:30pm

*unless otherwise indicated

The May Queen

Sat. May 7; Wed. May 25

Funny Thing Happened on Way to Forum –
Sat. Oct. 8 ; Wed. Nov. 2

Mother (and Me) – Sat. Nov. 5 @ 2:30pm

A Christmas Carol – SUN. Dec. 4 @ 4:30pm;
Tues., Dec. 20 @ 2pm and 7pm

Sylvia - Sat. Jan. 14; Wed. Feb. 1

The Lake Effect
Sat. Feb. 4 @ 2:30pm

Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner
Sat. Feb. 18; Wed. March 8

Private Lives - Sat. March 25; Wed. April 12

Sex With Strangers - Sat. April 15 @ 2:30pm

Other Than Honorable
Sat. April 29; Wed. May 17

Million Dollar Quartet
Sat. June 3; Wed. June 21

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

**For Your Donation to HLAA:**

Phyllis & J. Stuart MacDonald Estate
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For Donation Above Membership:

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In Memory of Bob Bradshaw

Fred Altrieth, Ann & Harold Castel, Elvin & Ruth Cordingley, MB & RM Fitch, Ginger Graham, Jane Levin, Carol & Wayne Loomis, Janet McKenna, Sue Miller, Jack & Michelle Silvestri, Esther Smalline, Alan & Elizabeth Stein, Vern Thayer, Charlie Treat, John & Marilyn Tripp

In Memory of Andy Howard:

Charles & Kathleen Giunta, John & Gretchen Holtz, Sue Miller, Nancy & Eugene Tonucci

For Your Donation of ALD’s:

Edith Lank

Newsletter Deadline

Saturday, April 30th
(for the June Newsletter)

Email: ggraham859@frontiernet.net

CONDOLENCES

Our sincere sympathy is extended to:

The family and friends of **Bob Bradshaw** who passed March 11th. His wife, Carol, is quite active in our chapter.

The family and friends of **Andy Howard** who passed March 16th.

And, the family and friends of **Jim Littwitz** who passed March 21st.

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@frontiernet.net; or, (585) 671-2683

**MEMORIAL DAY**

By Anna Gilmore Hall

Memorial Day honors those who died serving the U.S. military.

Memorial Day originated after the American Civil War to honor both the Union and Confederate soldiers who died in the war. The holiday was extended by the 20th century to include all American soldiers. Memorial Day is formally known as Decoration Day.

Memorial Day is sometimes confused with Veteran's Day which is in November, which celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans.

DEAPHYDUCK AND THE BUREAUCRACY

By Janet McKenna

On the telephone with Monroe County Board of Elections:

Deaphyduck: I'd like to know the name of my county legislator.

Bd of El: Your address?

DD gives address.

Bd of El: You are in the 24th legislative district so that would be Joshua Dauroth. (Deaphyduck is confused about first letter of his surname.)

DD: Is that B as in Bravo or D as in Delta?

Bd of El: B a u r o t h (spelling it out).

DD: Is that B as in Bravo or D as in Delta?

Bd of El: D a u r o t h (again spelling it out).

Deaphyduck still confused.)

DD: Is that B as in Bravo or D as in Delta?

Bd of El: B as in boy. (they never did answer the question: B as in Bravo or D as in Delta. It's Bauroth. Deaphyduck corroborated at Monroe County web site.)

WEBSITES OF INTEREST

Our Chapter website is: www.hlaa-rochester-ny.org. Michelle Gross is our Web Master. HCAA National website is www.hearingloss.org.

(submitted by Janice S. Lintz)

Janice Schacter Lintz's article, "Efficient Access for Persons with Hearing Impairments" was included in the Ecuadorian government's book "Inclusion without Frontiers." The book is being distributed globally throughout its consulates.

The back story to this article is very funny and demonstrates why it is critical for every person to speak out to affect change. Go to: <http://tinyurl.com/nq6ns5z>
 See #1: Don't Be Afraid To Ask For What You Need.

Also, the *Huffington Post* republished her article, "7 Misconceptions About People With Hearing Loss." Go to: <http://goo.gl/EPp3RA>

**SAVE THE DATE!****PLANNING THE PROGRAMS FOR YOUR CHAPTER MEETINGS**

Are you tired of "the same old subjects" at our Chapter meetings? We hope not!! But we do need your input and **new ideas for programs!** Please plan to attend either the Daytime Program Planning meeting held by Sue Miller, or, the Evening Planning meeting held by Barb Law, to give them your ideas for possible topics for the new season from September, 2016, to June, 2017.

Daytime meetings planning session:

Thurs., June 16th, at 9:30am – coffee & conversation; then, discussion 10:00-Noon – Sue's home, 16 Buckthorn Run, Victor.

Evening meetings planning session:

Thurs., June 16th, at 6:00 – 9pm with Barb Law, in 1st floor Conf. room, Al Sigl Center; pizza & more. Both meetings are on the same day.

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

Barb Law: Blaw1@rochester.rr.com; (585) 381-8640
 Sue Miller: SusanLeeMiller39@cs.com; (585) 924-8933

HOPE SESSION!****NEW****

Do you wear a hearing aid?
Come to HOPE (Hearing
Other People's Experiences)
and share your experiences in

order to help others who wear hearing aids and those
considering getting hearing aids.

Do you think you need a hearing aid? Hearing aids do not restore normal hearing, but they can improve your hearing by amplifying and refining sounds. Hearing technology is moving fast and each year brings tremendous advances to help people hear better. Many of today's hearing instruments allow users to hear from all directions, in all sorts of sound environments.

Are you unsure of what your next step should be? Don't be swayed by advertising that promotes invisible devices. Those tiny hearing aids may not have enough power for your hearing loss. Further, a poorly programmed hearing aid could cause you to conclude hearing aids do not work for you. Before buying a hearing aid, educate yourself. Information is power. Hearing aids vary greatly in price, size, and features.

The moderator for these sessions will be **Joe Kozelsky**, MS, abd, CCC-A (Ret.), recently retired audiologist and a long term hearing aid user.

Bring your questions to HOPE and--Hear Other People's Experiences...and...share yours!

HOPE will meet from 10:30 – 11:00am,
in the Vestry Room.
Social Time-- 11:00 – 11:30am, Parish Hall.
Business meeting-- 11:30 - Noon
Chapter Meeting speaker-- Noon to 1:00pm

*(with permission from Nancy Gilbertson, editor,
HLAA Fox Valley News, Wisconsin)*

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK !*By Jenn Hurlburt*

Are you on Facebook? If so, please be our friend.
We currently have **273** friends and we want more.
Find us at: **Hlaa Rochester Ny**

IF YOU MOVE

Please don't forget to notify **Margaret Cochran**, at 178 Crossover Rd., Fairport, NY, 14450, or, via email at, mc23@rochester.rr.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. Thanks.

SUMMER CAMP AT NTID, AND MORE...*By Vienna Carvalho*

Deaf and hard-of-hearing students with interests in science, technology, engineering and math and who are entering seventh, eighth or ninth grades in September can attend TechGirlz or TechBoyz summer camps at RIT's NTID- July 23–28. Camps are designed to help students learn about and consider jobs and careers in the STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) fields.

For more information or an application, go to:
Tech girls = <http://goo.gl/mR43tX>
Tech boys=<http://bit.ly/1RontXp>, or,
call 585-475-7695 (voice), 585-286-4555
(videophone), or email
TechGirlz@ntid.rit.edu or TechBoyz@ntid.rit.edu.

Also, NTID has received approval from the NYS Department of Education to offer an associate degree program in mobile application development. The program will prepare students for work in the software development industry with a focus on application design and development for mobile platforms. Courses will begin this Fall.

The performing arts program at NTID announced the launch of an advisory committee to strengthen, support and advise NTID's theater program. The committee will engage in community outreach, promote greater community involvement in theater, increase opportunities for student participation and promote American Sign Language theater. The committee is chaired by RIT/NTID alumnus Matthew Moore and includes deaf actors Howie Seago and Adrian Blue.

WALK4HEARING, Sunday, October 2nd



Mark your calendar for this new date to come out and join our WALK at Perinton Park--walking to the Village of Fairport and beyond.

Enjoy pre-walk breakfast treats while you socialize then peruse our great Silent Auction tables or 'peek' at your child/children enjoying many activities and new projects at the Children's Activities area. There will be lots of smiles!

You can help with the success of our WALK by recruiting organizations and individuals to become a Sponsor of the WALK. There are several Sponsor levels. Please go to our WALK site at www.hlaa-rochester-ny.org for a Sponsor form and more information. Look for ongoing updates in future Newsletters and on our web site. Contact: Carol Loftus at cloftus3@gmail.com.

Our WALK4Hearing needs YOU to be a success!

BARBARA KELLEY IS NAMED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HLAA

Bethesda, MD, March 21, 2016: HLAA Board of Trustees is pleased to announce the appointment of [Barbara Kelley](#) as the new Executive Director of HLAA. Her appointment is effective immediately.



"In her years rising through the ranks and culminating in serving as deputy executive director for the past eight years, Barbara has won the admiration of the HLAA community. We found deep support for her candidacy within HLAA and among our outside stakeholders. Her blend

of abilities, talents, and familiarity with HLAA's environment is just what we were looking for in our next Executive Director."

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT...

"There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face." *Bern Williams*

We Welcome All Donations

Please make your check payable to: HLAA-Rochester
HLAA is a 501©(3) organization.

Mail to: Ms. Joanne Owens, 1630 Woodard Road,
Webster, NY 14580

Be sure to designate:

This donation is: In Memory of; or, In Honor of;
or, Birthday congratulations.

And who to send the Acknowledgment to. Thank you.

TO MY FRIEND – Thoughts gathered on a snowy day!

By Donna Kiikka

Do you notice that I move right into your space?
That my eyes never leave your face?
That I often smile and nod
And my answers sometimes seem silly or odd...
Yes, of course you notice.

But you didn't notice behind my ears
Those little computers trying
Desperately to hear.
When I look at you "that" way
You can't help but wonder
Do I know what you say.

Your actions I see. But sometimes
your words, I don't hear.
And I want to thank you for speaking
loud and clear.
Repeating is so kind,
And, thanks for not saying "Never mind."

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NATIONAL CONVENTION IN D.C.

By Ginger Graham and Sue Miller



Registration for Convention

State and Chapter leaders are encouraged to attend this year's national HLA A Convention in Washington.

D.C., June 23 – 26, 2016!

In addition, our Rochester Chapter Board of Directors has voted to increase the "Reimbursement for Convention" to \$500 for every **active** chapter member. So let's have an outstanding representation from the Rochester Chapter! Check our chapter's award-winning website for further information at www.hlaa-rochester-ny.org and watch for updates in our monthly award-winning Newsletters.

Hotel registration and Convention registration, go to: www.hearingloss.org/events/convention/hotel-

Hotel room reservations: Single/double \$199/night; Triple - \$229; Quad - \$249 (does NOT include 10% sales tax or hotel occupancy tax of 14.5%) <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/HLAA2016>, or call 202-483-3000 (follow prompts to reach Reservations), or call 1-800-HILTONS and book for the Washington Hilton. BE SURE TO MENTION THE GROUP CODE: HLA A. Cut-off date for reservations is May 31st.

Convention reservations through May 31st:

For on-line and off-line reservations, see website. Full activity package: Individual member \$299; member couple \$499. First-time member \$269. Other "package" rates available; see website.

Awards Breakfast, Sunday, June 26: Plan to attend and see our own **Cindy Kellner** be presented with the "Spirit of HLA A" award.

Rochester members planning to attend, please go to our website: www.hlaa-rochester-ny.org for the form to fill out to receive "Reimbursement for Convention"

VETERANS WITH HEARING LOSS – ATTEND CONVENTION

By Gerry Loftus

HLAA is pleased to offer a **complimentary registration (education package) for veterans** with hearing loss attending the National HLA A Convention for the first time.

Those veterans wishing to attend should complete the "Veterans Registration Form" which can be obtained on the national HLA A website at: <http://hearingloss.org/content/registratiion>. In the middle of this web page is all the info about the benefit and a link to download the required form.

(Link details provided by Michelle Gross, Rochester Chapter Web Master.)

HELP HLA A VIA THE UNITED WAY



We continue to be a United Way "Donor Designated Option" choice. We are not a direct United Way agency and do not receive any funding from their general campaign. Therefore, to donate to HLA A through the United Way, we ask you to consider donating to us through the "Designated Option" on your gift card. **Our United Way number is2425.**



RHSC -TIME TO SHINE ANNUAL RECEPTION!

Wednesday, May 18, 5:00-7PM.

**The Strathallan
550 East Avenue, Rochester, NY**

Join us for a time of celebration, food and camaraderie as we come together to honor our rich history and recognize those who have contributed to our success.

This is a FREE event but you must RSVP by May 12 to Denise Howard at 585.271.0860, or, dhoward@rhsc.org.

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. The service cost is \$3,000 a year and it is being paid by CaptionCall. CaptionCall has been a blessing in providing true access for everyone in our chapter...and we thank you!

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



Look for this symbol to find assistive listening systems for people with hearing loss... ..



..... or for this symbol, indicating that an induction hearing loop is available.



HISTORICAL FACT

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

(from D&C 3-1-15)



OUR OWN CHAPTER LIBRARY

By Nancy Meyer



Did you know that our chapter has a Lending Library?

There are several books and DVDs available for members to sign out for a month at a time. They are on display along with the educational materials on the table at the entry to our meeting room. Be sure to take a look to see what's there and sign out one (or more).

Members have donated books they have read and found helpful. If you have and would be willing to donate any materials you think may be of interest to the group, please bring them to any routine monthly chapter meeting that you attend, and we will add them to our collection...with our thanks!

Our latest additions are Gael Hannan's new book, "The Way I Hear It," and Katherine Boughton's latest book, "Living Better With Hearing Loss."

Both authors were at the 2015 Convention and both have been a Featured Speaker at one of our Chapter meetings. Also, we just added: "What Did You Say?" by Monique E. Hammond.

Information and education are the tools we need to improve the quality of our communication, both with each other and with those without hearing loss. So please use our resources to your benefit.

Subjects of June 7th Chapter Meetings:

Daytime: "Hearing Aids & Blue Tooth Technology" -Kristen Nolan, Au.D.

Evening: "Hearing Loops and ALD's" - Don Bataille

Mention of goods or services in articles or advertisements does not mean HLAA endorsement, nor should exclusion suggest disapproval.

TECHNOLOGY SURVEY*submitted by Fred Altrieth*

This survey was taken at the March daytime chapter meeting in an effort to see what areas need to be covered at future TECH talks and how effective the TECH talks at Chapter meetings have been.

Indicate which you own and/or use:

Wired phone (landline)

w/volume control – 17; w/captions 16

Cell phone

yes – 22; no – 5

Will cell phone accept neckloop/headset?

yes – 11; no - 3; don't know – 8

How do you listen to TV?

loop system – 4; Infrared – 5; captions – 20
don't use any device/captioning – 3

Which Assistive Listening Devices do you own:

FM system – 9; hand held – 5; none – 6

Do you have a neckloop that you use w/above?

yes – 9; no - 14

Do you have a telecoil (T-switch) on your HA ?

yes – 21; no – 2; not sure – 2

Do you use the relay system?

yes – 4; no – 20

Do you use a computer for phone calls?

Web CapTel – 8; regular relay (711) – 1

How do you store your HA/CI at night?

Electric dry unit – 9; in container – 9; none- 8

Used the hearing system (loop) at Wegmans?

yes – 8; no – 17

Own alarm clock for hard of hearing?

yes – 7; no – 17

Type of smoke/carbon monoxide detector.

Wired – 13; battery – 20

faltrieth@rochester.rr.com

**DONATING HEARING AIDS TO THE LIONS CLUB***By Michelle Gross*

If you have used hearing aids to donate, please address the package to:

John McNamara, Au.D.

Ontario Hearing

2210 Monroe Ave.

Rochester, NY 14618

Put on the lower left corner of the package:

"Finger Lakes Region Lions Club Hearing Foundation"

(Cleaning tools, cases, most accessories, etc. have virtually no value and are discarded.) Aids that are usable are cleaned and checked and made ready for sending to the Lions Club for qualified recipients.

You can receive a receipt for your donation (for tax purposes) but you must request it. And, thanks for considering donating your used aids.

**HOPE Session Summary***By Joe Kozelsky*

The first session was attended by two individuals with questions about hearing aids, and three veteran members of our Rochester Chapter.

The questions were exactly what we hoped for. One lady who was thinking about getting hearing aids and needed advice about what to get and where to go, and the other party had a question about the fitting and sound quality of his aid.

We will hold the next session Tuesday, May 3rd, at 10:30am, in the Vestry room. The sessions are open to any who have questions about their hearing situation including experienced users. All are invited!

JUNE will be our last Newsletter until September. Due date for articles for the June edition is April 30. Ginger, Michelle, Janet, and Ginny get a well-earned break in the summer!

ANNUAL DINNER

By Sue Miller



We'll all have the chance to come together on **Tuesday, May 24th** for the Annual Dinner of the Rochester Chapter of HLAA. From **6:00 to 9pm**, we'll get to know our

scholarship winners and their families. And, recognize just some of the people who make a difference to our Chapter in the Rochester area by presenting 3 awards.

The Cobblestone Creek Country Club has done a superb job in past years with service, hearing accessibility and scrumptious food.

You will enjoy being part of this fabulous evening!

Please sign up by **Thursday, May 19th** using the form included [here](#). Hope to see you there!

Please join us!

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

**Cobblestone Creek Country Club
100 Cobble Creek Road, Victor, NY 14564**

6:00 to 9 P.M.

Spouses/guests welcome!

Menu choices:

- (1) Filet of Sirloin, with merlot reduction and whipped potatoes**
- (2) Classic Chicken French**
- (3) Vegetarian –Portobello Wellington with spinach, roasted red peppers, zucchini wrapped in puff pastry, w/fire roasted tomato sauce**

Salad and dessert included

\$25.00 per person (includes gratuity)

Questions? Please email, or call, Sue Miller at SusanLeeMiller39@cs.com; or, phone, 585-924-8933.

**HLAA ANNUAL DINNER
Reservation Form**

Name: _____

Address _____

Phone or E-mail _____

Dinner choice _____

Guest: _____

Dinner choice _____

2nd Guest: _____

Dinner choice _____

**Dinner reservations will be accepted until
Thursday, May 19th**

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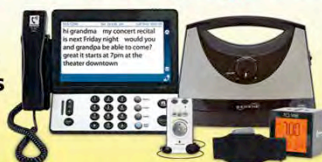


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