



### **Featured Presentation**

#### **TUESDAY, MARCH 4**

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

Please join us for our featured presentation on Tuesday, March 4 at Noon and Audiologist. John McNamara, Au.D., will be here to discuss the latest in the hearing aid industry



What are hearing manufacturers concentrating on now? Is there anything new happening with hearing aid legislation? What about insurance companies and Medicare? Are they doing anything to cover hearing aid costs, reimbursements, and services? Are there benefits with blue tooth technology and hearing aid accessories? Why do I have so much trouble hearing in noise, even with my quality hearing aids? Dr. McNamara is here to answer YOUR questions and discuss the importance of evidence-based hearing aid fittings along with cochlea implants. Are you a candidate? We look forward to sharing this lively conversation with you.

#### **MEETING CANCELLATION POLICY:**

**WEATHER** – During the winter, the rule to follow for cancellations of meetings is:  
**IF THE ROCHESTER DISTRICT SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED, OUR MEETINGS ARE CANCELLED.** (No other notification will be made).

#### **WELLNESS AND MASKS**

**TAKING CARE OF OURSELVES:** For our Chapter Meetings please use the ZOOM app to access our hybrid meetings if you are not well, or have been exposed to illness. Our Chapter will make an effort to have (clear) masks available at our Chapter Meetings and the Demo Center for those who wish to use them.

#### **REFRESHMENTS**

We appreciate our members who have volunteered to bring refreshments to our March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting: Art Maurer, Sue Miller, Kathy Vigna, and Dan Wolf

## **MARCH CALENDAR & PROGRAMS**

### **Other March Meetings and Programs**

#### **TUESDAY, MARCH 4**

**10:00 AM - 11:00 AM IN PERSON, ST PAUL'S VESTRY ROOM: HOPE Session: 'Hearing Other People's Experiences' (HOPE);** Dr. Betsy Runnion, filling in for Joe Kozelsky CCC/A:

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, MARCH 11**

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

#### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19 7-8:00 PM HOPE IN THE EVENING ON ZOOM**

Prospective, new, or experienced hearing aid users informally share their experiences and hearing loss journeys. Joe Kozelsky CCC/A facilitates.

#### **THURSDAY, MARCH 20**

**10:00 am - 2:00 pm - ASSISTIVE DEVICE DEMONSTRATION CENTER.** Technology Team. In person. Lifespan, 1900 South Clinton Avenue. See Page 7 for details.

#### **Tuesday, March 25**

#### **8:00 - 9:00 pm on Zoom: HEAR TOGETHER**

Virtual Support Group 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. Kristin Bergholtz, CCC/SLP, a speech language pathologist who leads the group, along with Carly Alicea, Au. D/PhD, an audiologist, will focus this month on **Balance & Physical Therapy Needs in D/HOH Children.** Please register at [kristinbslp@gmail.com](mailto:kristinbslp@gmail.com).

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

## “HOWALS” Project

### *Houses Of Worship with Assistive Listening System*

*By Chas Johnson, Board Member*



The original structure of the Honeoye United Church of Christ (UCC), which was primarily the sanctuary, was built in 1861; affiliated as “The First Congregational Church of Pittstown” (now known as the hamlet of Honeoye, Town of Richmond in Ontario County).

The Church has been in operation since then and is among the few continuous operating Churches in New York State since the building was built. In 1869, the structure was enlarged to include an entrance narthex and the bell tower that remains the familiar front entrance of the Church today. There have been several expansion projects that includes an education wing, a dining room - fellowship hall and offices for the Church Staff.



During 2009, the Church Board of Trustees authorized the research, submission of alternatives and cost estimates for an Assistive Listening System (ALS) that could be portable such that it could be easily moved from the sanctuary to the dining room, where services are held during the summer months (where there is air conditioning). An additional criterion is that a single ALS would have to interface with the permanent, resident sound system in the sanctuary and a portable sound system that is set-up for the summer services in the dining room.

The research into which type of ALS may work included hearing loop, Infrared (IR) and group FM. A priority was put on hearing loop however, in 2009, the level of technology did not exist then what is available today and it was determined to be cost prohibitive to install a hearing loop system in both the sanctuary and the dining room that could interface with the existing sound systems used in both spaces. It was also determined to be cost prohibitive to install an IR system that could be moved between spaces because again, at that time, the level of technology did not exist then what is available today because of the large number of emitters needed to cover the large space volume of the two spaces and the impact of interference from light coming through windows and the limited directionality of the IR receivers.

It was decided that the most cost effective and practical choice was to install an FM system “base station” transmitter in the sanctuary sound room and use portable FM receivers, headsets and neck loops for the users. During the summer months, the base station trans-

mitter can be easily removed from the sanctuary sound system component rack and moved to the dining room. By using a “kit” of multiple receivers in a storage – charging station, the receivers can be easily stored between uses in either the sanctuary or the dining room and the remain charged ready for use. The FM system was installed ready for the move of the events back to the sanctuary in September of 2010.

In the Fall of 2022, the Board of Trustees authorized the installation of a live streaming system that broadcasts events in the sanctuary and saves recordings for later viewing on our Church YouTube Channel. This included a complete upgrade of the primary components for the sanctuary sound system and a direct interface to the existing FM system. During the summer, the services are still moved to the air-conditioned dining room and the FM system is still transferred to connect the portable sound system. The services are not streamed when we are in the dining room but the FM system ALS continues to be available. On any given Sunday, we have around 1 to 3 people using the FM receivers. We are still equipped to provide up to five with headsets or neck loops. The system we use is certified to meet ADA standards and the sound operator also uses a FM receiver to test and monitor the level and quality of the received sound.



### Get Rewed Up for the HLA A 2025 Convention

Start your engine and join us at HLA A s 40th annual convention, June 11-14,2025, in Indianapolis. IN— host of the famous Indy 500 automobile race. Our annual event brings together hundreds of people with hearing loss from around the U S, to learn, discover and connect. Check out the latest technology and hear from health and industry experts during a series of empowering events designed to help you live your best life with hearing loss.

*Online registration at [hearingloss.org](http://hearingloss.org).  
Early Bird Rates through March 14.*

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## HLAA New York State Association Report

by Steve Wolfert

I am honored to be the new president of HLA New York State Association (HLAA-NYS). For those who do not know me, I have been involved with HLA-NYS since it was “re-energized” a few years ago. I also worked on the successful 2022 New York State Conference in Glens Falls, NY. Finally, I just completed two terms as president of HLA Westchester and have co-chaired the Westchester/Rockland Walk4Hearing for more than ten years.



I would like to share our organization’s recent achievements in serving the needs of people with hearing loss ... as well as some of our goals for 2025:

- Our HLA New York State Association – **representing approximately 4 million people with hearing loss or deafness** – is strong and vibrant and is committed to supporting all of the individual HLA chapters and support groups throughout New York State ... as well as all members of the hearing loss community.
- **HLA-NYS is supported by a group of extremely dedicated volunteers:** board members, committee members, and professional advisors.
- Our good work has been consistently recognized by HLA National, and we have received numerous **achievement awards at the past two HLA conventions.**
- **Our HLA-NYS Advocacy Committee** engages with state agencies and legislators on matters affecting people with hearing loss, including accessibility in the court system; hearing loops, other assistive listening systems and captioning in state government buildings, theaters and airports;

greater insurance coverage for hearing aids; and the need for open-movie-captioning in cinemas statewide.

- **Our eight-person Professional Advisory Committee** consists of top professionals from the medical, educational, disability rights and other sectors, and has worked on new ideas for training hospital workers, providing services for young children, teenagers, young professionals and seniors, and sharing information about new medical advances and equipment, and balance issues.
- **HLA-NYS’s website, [www.hearinglossnys.org](http://www.hearinglossnys.org)**, offers a wealth of information on how you can advocate for yourself, special resources and events for hearing loss, and the many activities of HLA-NYS.
- We are planning a **State Conference in Saratoga Springs, October 2-4, 2026**, to build on the tremendous success of our last conference in Glens Falls; Watch for more details as we announce our outstanding program of speakers, presenters, exhibitors, entertainment and social events.

Please let me know if you have any comments or suggestions for topics you would like HLA-NYS to address in the year ahead.

From all of us at the HLA New York State Association, we wish you a happy, healthy and prosperous 2025!

Yours in Hearing Health,

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### March Birthdays

Happy Birthday in March to:

- 2 David Adamson
- 3 Carmen Coleman
- 4 Richard McCollough
- 15 Christine Rankie
- 18 Kate Batz
- 21 Michelle Gross
- 22 Sandra Erickson
- 29 Tim Whitcher
- 29 Kathy Vigna

### Nazareth Students Produce Video

*The Importance of communication Access in Hospitals for people with Hearing Loss* is a video created in Spring 2024 with collaboration between students of Dr. Elizabeth Runnion at Nazareth University and the HLA Rochester Chapter.



You can view it at <https://bit.ly/40MvcaC>, by scanning the QR code., or by clicking the link on our homepage at <http://hearinglossrochester.org>.

## My Story

*By Jennifer Lowden*

My hearing loss journey began in the fall of 2020 when a coworker asked if I was going to answer the ringing phone that was sitting in front of me. I never even heard it.



Within days, I made an appointment with an audiologist. The result of the tests was a mild to moderate loss and hearing aids were recommended. In December of 2020, I received my first set of hearing aids. The first emotion I felt was grief. I had just

turned 46 and it took time to process.

Once I noticed how much better I could hear with hearing aids, I've never gone without them. However, over time I noticed that even with them, being in certain settings such as restaurants or big family gatherings, I was still struggling. I started to understand the isolation that often comes with hearing loss.

Over the last 4 years, I have lost additional hearing. What became clear on subsequent hearing tests was the distinct shape of my audiogram. I have what's called a cookie bite loss. It's a mid-range sensorineural hearing loss. My problem areas are speech, music, and television. My audiogram has a dip in the middle, giving it a U shape or a "bite." It affects about .7%-1% of people and is often genetic. Learning this, I encouraged my younger sister to get tested. She also has a cookie bite loss and started wearing hearing aids last year at the age of 40.

I work in a public library and I found HLAA Rochester by stumbling onto the newsletter in our library's reading room. I read it and joined immediately. It was a relief to find there are people dealing with some of the same issues I am. I attended a couple of chapter meetings by zoom before I reached out about volunteering. That began my participation on the Education and Outreach committee.

Joining HLAA was one of the best things I ever did. It makes me feel less isolated. I've met amazing and passionate people. I've learned about the latest technology to make things easier at home and work.

My biggest takeaway from HLAA is confidence and the ability to advocate for myself. I had a custom-made pin for my work ID that states I have a hearing loss and to be patient and speak clearly. It has reduced some in-person communication frustrations. I'm not as shy about asking restaurants for quiet seating away from music or a loud table or telling a medical professional about my loss before we start an appointment.

Lastly, I've had the immense pleasure of combining my career, passion for books and hearing loss by starting the HLAA book club. I'm also proud of the fact that the Education and Outreach committee was able to donate books about hearing loss to both the Monroe County and OWWL Library Systems. Building these partnerships is so important to make people aware of HLAA and the great resource it is to our community.

## Update on the NYS Courts Division of Court Modernization (DCM) Project Updates NYS Unified Court System Office of Court Administration (OCA)

by Charlie Johnstone,



The Office of Court Administration (OCA) created the Division of Court Modernization (DCM) in 2023 with the mandate to make 2,000+ courtrooms, jury rooms, and other court spaces more functional and accessible.

For those of us familiar with the Monroe County Courts, this includes the "Central Jury Room" where those who have been summoned for jury duty initially report and is overseen by the Commissioner of Jurors, Chuck Perreaud.

As of the end January 2025, 100% of courtrooms and jury assembly rooms in the five boroughs of New York City have been completed with Assistive Listening Systems (ALS) and 90% of courtrooms and jury assembly rooms outside NYC have been completed. It is expected that ALS installation will be completed statewide in 2025-2026. In addition to ALS, the Division of Court Modernization has deployed advanced evidence presentation systems and hybrid court hearing technology in selected courtrooms. Those courtrooms have the capability to support in-person and remote CART reporting.

In June of 2023, OCA hosted an "Open House" in a courtroom in the Queens County Criminal Courthouse to demonstrate the upgraded Courtroom Modernization Initiative (CMI) technology. Recently, open house events were held in Albany and Orange Counties DCM hopes to schedule the next open house Spring 2025 in the Buffalo area.

Note: Local Governments own court facilities. They are responsible for courthouse construction and renovation. OCA can encourage them to consider the hearing loop option, however, OCA has limited leverage on what will be installed.

You are cordially invited to the

# HAAA ANNUAL DINNER

We have the opportunity to come together on May 13<sup>rd</sup> for the Annual Dinner of the Rochester Chapter of HAAA. We will also recognize some of the people who make a difference to our Chapter in the Rochester area by presenting awards, including the annual Chapter Award.

Tuesday | May 13, 2025 | 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Cobblestone Creek Country Club  
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Spouses/guests welcome!

### MENU CHOICES

- (1) Chicken Milanese
- (2) Atlantic Salmon
- (3) Vegetable Curry

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House salad and a yummy dessert  
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**We cannot accept reservations after May 8<sup>th</sup>**



# HEARING LOSS BOOK CLUB

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Join us for a captioned Zoom discussion of the book:

## True Biz: a Novel by Sara Novic

**THURSDAY**  
APRIL 17

**7:00PM-8:00 PM**

- Moderated by Jennifer Lowden, Assistant Director of the Chili Public Library and member of HLAA.
- Email [libraryladyjenn@gmail.com](mailto:libraryladyjenn@gmail.com) if interested in attending. A zoom link will be sent out a few days before the discussion.
- This book is available for borrowing through the Monroe County Library System, Libby, or for purchase from Amazon.com




Zje, Andrea May, and Dr. Paul Sussman, with Bob Savage at the control board, interview Art Maurer on the *Healthtalk* program on WYSL-1040 on February 4<sup>th</sup>.

You can hear the recording of the broadcast at: <https://wysl.podbean.com/e/healthtalk-2-4-25>. Art's interview starts at minute 25 of the hour long program.

## 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** 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 HLAA, 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 M 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.

## FCC Rules Need to Change to Make Captioning of Ads Mandatory

by Bruce Nelson, co-Editor

Closed captioning plays a crucial role in making television accessible to all viewers, regardless of their hearing ability. But a significant gap still remains: TV commercials are often left out of the closed captioning mandate.



Currently, FCC rules provide that programs must be captioned unless they are under 5 minutes (like commercials).

This needs to change. Here's why viewers should write to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and demand that closed captioning rules include commercials.

When commercials air without captions, a critical part of the viewing experience is lost. This exclusion is not only frustrating but also discriminatory, as it denies deaf and hard-of-hearing viewers equal access to information about products, services, and promotions.

And in our area, especially car dealers, attorneys, and even audiologists(!) fail to caption their ads. And how are we to know which lawyer or car dealer is better than another?

And national advertisers - car manufacturers, insurance companies, pharmaceutical ads, cosmetics, etc. - many of their ads are all "silent" to the Deaf/HoH community.

The technology to provide closed captions is now widely available and has become inexpensive enough to be minimal in relation to the cost of producing the ads or buying air time.

Closed-captioning benefits more than just the deaf and hard-of-hearing community. It aids individuals with auditory processing disorders, those learning English as a second language, and even viewers in noisy environments like gyms or airports. By extending captioning requirements to commercials, the FCC would be taking a significant step toward creating a more inclusive media landscape.

The FCC has a long history of expanding captioning such as requiring captioning of internet videos and providing captioning telephone service. It's time for the FCC to realize that deaf/HoH people are consumers, and should be able to understand the contents of TV ads.

Closed captioning for TV commercials is not just a nice-to-have feature; it is a necessity for inclusivity and equality. By writing to the FCC and demanding

change, viewers can ensure that all television content, including commercials, is accessible to everyone. It's time to take a stand and advocate for a viewing experience that respects and includes all members of our society.

Let's make TV truly accessible for all. Write to the FCC today and be a part of the change we need.

Ready to take action? You can contact the FCC via <https://www.fcc.gov/about/contact>

By including TV commercials in the closed captioning mandate, we can create a world where everyone has equal access to information and entertainment. Your voice matters, so let's use it to make a difference..

## Assistive Device Demo Center



Our chapter proudly sponsors the Assistive Device Demo Center, providing a platform for our members and the public to explore the latest devices designed to ease day-to-day challenges associated with hearing loss.

During our demo sessions, you'll find a variety of devices on display, including Signaling-alerting devices, Captioned telephones, and Personal assistive listening devices. Special emphasis is placed on devices for TV listening and coping with noisy environments. Our knowledgeable chapter members will be available to answer any questions.

Join us on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month. The next Session is Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Lifespan, 1900 S. Clinton Ave. (Tops Plaza)

Sessions are free and open to everyone. We look forward to seeing you there!

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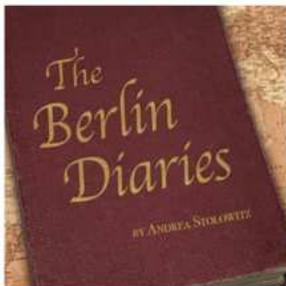
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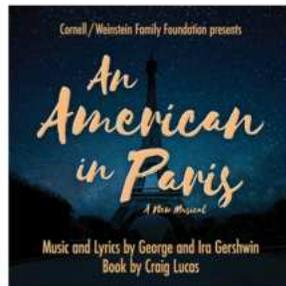
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Hearing Loss Association (HLAA) Rochester Chapter, Inc., a tax exempt and volunteer group, is a chapter of a national, nonprofit, nonsectarian, educational organization devoted to the welfare and interests of those who cannot hear well.

We are currently meeting in person and online via Zoom. See our website at **hearinglossrochester.org** to register for the online access.

While our primary focus is directed toward people with hearing loss, we welcome everyone to our chapter meetings whatever their hearing ability.

For more information, call

**585 266 7890**  
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It's now easier than ever to **become a member** of HLAA's unique community of support! HLAA is the leading organization representing more than 50 million Americans with hearing loss, and empowering millions more who are at risk of developing this invisible disability.

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Membership year: July 1 - June 30

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Founded in 1979, the mission of HLAA is to open the world of communication to people with hearing loss through information, education, support and advocacy.

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](http://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!

## **Our Meetings are Hearing Accessible**

We meet in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, East Ave. and Westminster Rd., across from the George Eastman Museum. Parking is available at the George Eastman Museum, if needed.

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.

*Everyone, with or without a hearing loss, is welcome to join our meetings online or in person.*