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MARCH Calendar

Tues., March 6th – 11:00 am Daytime meeting
Brown Bag your lunch, then Program at Noon.

7:00 pm - Refreshments and Social Time
7:30 pm – Evening meeting.

St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, East Ave. & Westminster Rd
across from George Eastman House; enter thru rear door.

Wed., March 7th – Walk4Hearing Captains’ Pizza Kickoff – Al Sigl Center- Lower Level – 5:30-6:30pm
(see page 5)

Tues., March 13th—Board of Directors
7:30 pm – Justin Vigdor Room, Al Sigl Center

Wed., March 28th – between Noon & 3pm –
RWC movie, Loew’s Webster. Check theatre
for movie & exact time; then social time.

SAVE THESE FUTURE DATES

Tues., April 17 – PAC meeting, 7:00pm, Al Sigl Center

Wed, April 25 – RWC movie, Loew’s Webster

Sunday, May 6-Walk4Hearing, Perinton Park

Tues., May 15 – CI mtg., Noon, at St. Paul’s

Tues., May 22 – Annual Chapter Dinner & Awards

WEATHER – During the winter, the rule to follow for cancelations of meetings is: IF THE ROCHESTER DISTRICT SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED, OUR MEETING IS CANCELED. (No other notification will be made.)

Hospitality Duties for March

Daytime Meeting – Kelly Barrett, Pete Fackler
Evening Meeting – Kelly Barrett, Pete Fackler
Board of Directors – Elise de Papp

WELCOME ALL NEWCOMERS TO HLAA!

HAPPY ST. PATRICK’S DAY

MARCH PROGRAMS

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

Tuesday, March 6 – Daytime Meeting – 11:00 am

“The Play’s the Thing...If You Can Hear It!”
Tom Parrish, Executive Director, and Bonnie Butkas, Director of Development, GEVA Theatre Center

If your hearing loss hampers you from understanding dialog from the stage, you may feel that it’s less stressful to stay home rather than attend the theatre. Tom Parrish and Bonnie Butkas will explore GEVA’s implementation of programs for theatre-goers with disabilities, emphasizing people with hearing loss. They will comment on GEVA’s community engagement and education programs. What’s upcoming onstage this season? Join us to find out!

Mr. Parrish came to Rochester after five seasons as executive director at Merrimack Repertory Theatre in Lowell, MA. Before his New England experience, he was general manager of the San Diego Repertory Theatre. He is a native of Buffalo and holds degrees from Southern Methodist and Case Western Reserve Universities.

Also a Buffalonian, Ms. Butkas was the managing director of Bristol Valley Theatre in Naples and spent eight years in New York as director of external relations for the York Theatre Company. She was the associate director of corporate relations at RIT before joining GEVA.

Tuesday, March 6th – Evening Meeting – 7:00 pm

“Emergency Situations for People with Hearing Loss” –
John M. Merklinger, Director of the Emergency Communications/911 center

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March 6th – Evening Meeting – 7:00 pm (continued)

Several years ago, two downstate HLAA members died of carbon monoxide poisoning. They were asleep with hearing aids removed and could not hear their carbon monoxide detector. These things really happen. So do fires, break-ins, or health emergencies.

John Merklinger will cover calling for emergency help through NY relay or TTY if you're hearing disabled. What information is needed from callers? We'll also learn about Next Generation 911 and how it could assist people with hearing loss in the future.

A 25-year veteran at 911, Mr. Merklinger has directed the agency for the last 12 years. He is a certified Emergency Number Professional, a Paramedic, and he holds an MS from Roberts Wesleyan College. He is also the Gates-Chili Fire Chief.

HLAA-Rochester chapter meetings are held in the Vestry Room at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, East Ave. at Westminster Road, across from George Eastman House. All programs are audio looped & captioned. Those needing a sign language interpreter should contact Linda Siple at 585 475 6712, or at lasnss@rit.edu, a week in advance.

The Hearing Loss Association 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.

Hearing loss is a daily challenge. You do not have to face hearing loss alone. You do not have to hide your hearing loss.

CAPTIONED CHAPTER MEETINGS

Sorenson Corp. is providing remote captions for our Day and Evening chapter meetings! This will run from September thru June, 2012 (at a cost of about \$3,000 to Sorenson Corp.)

Tim Whitcher and Bruce and Candi Nelson have worked hard to get this new captioning system up and running at meetings. And have been faithful in attending all sessions!

**for your donation to HLAA:**

Donation above membership: Laura Arney, Liz Barrett, Rabbi R. Kanter

In Memory of Bing Thayer: Fred & Josephine Altrith, Don & Paula Bataille, Mary Agnes Decker, Joan Ewing, Bert & Maureen Foos, Darlene Jones, Sue Miller, David & Patricia Pogue, Charles Treat

LEADERS COLUMN

By Don Bataille

**IT'S SPRING SO MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!**

Time to shake off those winter blues and take a look at what we have planned during the next few months.

A SPECIAL FEATURED SPEAKER PROGRAM – April 3rd

SAM TRYCHIN, Ph.D., an internationally known author, psychologist, educator, and lecturer at Penn State and hearing aid user will present a program entitled **“LIVING WELL WITH HEARING LOSS: STRATEGIES THAT WILL LIGHTEN YOUR LIFE.** Dr. Trychin has presented programs at HLAA National Conventions which are “standing room” only.

The feature program, **2:00 to 5:15 pm**, in the Fellowship Hall, St Paul's Church, will be in lieu of our normal day and evening programs. Join us for the program and “Meet the Speaker” reception with refreshments afterwards at 5:30 pm. This program is funded by HLAA- Rochester Chapter, Walk4Hearing.

WALK4HEARING (W4H) – May 6th

This year's Walk is our 7th very successful walk. Registration starts at 8:30am with breakfast items provided. We can use Team Captains...so start your own team now. There will be a fun “Kickoff Pizza Party” March 7th. (See page 5 for more details) For more information on the Walk May 6th, see page 4.

ANNUAL DINNER – May 22nd

We'll all have the chance to come together on **Tuesday, May 22nd**, for the Annual Dinner of the Rochester Chapter of HLAA. From 6:00 - 9pm, we'll get to know our scholarship winners and their families. And, recognize and honor just some of the people who make a difference to our Chapter.

Watch this Newsletter for details on location and menu, as well as the Reservation Form. Mark your calendars now for May 22nd.

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LEADERS COLUMN – (continued)**LOOPING ROCHESTER – June 13th**

HAAA-Rochester, W4H, in conjunction with NTID/RIT and SWBR Architects are sponsoring an informational program about **induction loops**. Richard McKinley, national speaker on the use of induction loops in Europe and USA, will talk about how loops are used in meeting rooms, classrooms, banks, airports, sporting venues and even taxi caps. The program will also cover the new ADA accessibility requirements. Save the date as we finalize plans for this event.

RBTL LIVE THEATRE--- CAPTIONED!

Sunday, April 8th at 2:00 pm
“Jersey Boys”

Sunday, May 20th at 2:00 pm
“South Pacific”

Tickets become available 6 weeks in advance of each show. Request seats in “open captions” viewing section. Call 222-5000; email, info@rbtl.org.

RHSC Celebrates 90th Anniversary

By Scott Perkins

Rochester Hearing and Speech Center (Rochester, NY) celebrates 90 years of innovation and leadership in hearing and speech services in 2012. Volunteers, donors and friends will commemorate this milestone at the **“Speak Easy” Gala on Saturday, April 21** at Oak Hill Country Club. In honor of RHSC’s founding in 1922, “Speak Easy” will feature music and entertainment from the Roaring Twenties. A celebration event for RHSC staff is also planned.

According to RHSC President, **Tom Gibbons**, “For the last 90 years, our expert staff has provided caring, compassionate service that has helped thousands of people communicate more effectively and get the most out of life. We look forward to bringing *Communication for Life* to people throughout the greater Rochester area for decades to come.”

For more information about “Speak Easy,” contact Scott Perkins at 271-0673 x1673, or, sperkins@rhsc.org.

ANOTHER EXCELLENT MAGAZINE

(Article suggested by Fred Altrith)

In addition to our own Hearing Loss Magazine that comes with your subscription to HAAA, there is another excellent publication, **“HEARING HEALTH.”** It is issued four times a year by Hearing Health Foundation.

Some topics in the Winter 2011 edition are:

- 10 Signs it May be Time to Get your Hearing Checked. Do any of these scenarios apply to you?
- Everything You Want to Know About **Batteries**.
- Cochlear Implantation in Both Ears** Instead of Only One has a Clear Advantage.
- The Race to Cure Hearing Loss in a Decade. Leading Scientists Collaborate on Hearing Restoration Project.
- Champion Pool Player uses his HL to his Advantage.

Email: info@hearinghealthfoundation.org.

Website: www.hearinghealthfoundation.org.

Subject of April 3rd Chapter Meetings

Daytime/Evening Meeting: Internationally renown author & speaker, **Sam Trychin, Ph.D.** will speak on “Living Well with Hearing Loss: Strategies that will Lighten Up Your Life.” From **2:00-5:15pm**, Reception following. See page 8.

HELP HAAA 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 HAAA through the United Way, we ask you to consider donating to us through the “Designated Option” on your gift card.

Our United Way number is 2425.



Your past support is deeply appreciated. As with other gifts, your donation enables our chapter to continue to provide education, help, and advocacy for people with hearing loss, their family and their friends. Alas, even though the local chapter is a totally volunteer organization, there are still costs such as printing, postage, phones, and technical items. Many thanks!

About HLAA

The Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA), founded in 1979, opens the world of communication to people with hearing loss through information, education, advocacy and support. HLAA publishes the bimonthly Hearing Loss Magazine, holds annual conventions, a Walk4Hearing, and more. Check out <http://www.hearingloss.org/>. HLAA has chapters and state organizations across the country.

Save the Date! Sunday, May 6, 2012

Walk4Hearing 5K

**Perinton Park....along the Erie Canal
Fairport Road at O'Connor Rd., Rt. 31F**

Registration at 8:30 a.m.

Runners start at 9:30 a.m.

Walkers start at 10:00 a.m.

Come and join us for the HLAA Rochester Chapter's only annual fundraiser. Walk4Hearing is now in its 7th year; raising and providing funds for **scholarships** for high school seniors going on to postsecondary education, live captioning for theater performances at the Rochester Broadway Theater League, assisting national HLAA in its support, education and advocacy of millions of people with hearing loss and so much more.

We need your support! How can you help? Become a



Team Captain and gather a group to walk on Walk day. Become a walker and walk along the beautiful Erie Canal. You don't have to walk the entire 5K - any distance you walk is fine!

Don't care to walk? Show up and be one of our cheerleaders! Enjoy running? Come and 'run for fun'. There will be lots to enjoy: light breakfast, clowns, face painting, music, a silent auction full of great gift cards and other goodies from local merchants. We also need **Event Sponsors**. If you know of any business you think would be willing to sponsor us, please let us know.

Come to our Gourmet Pizza Kickoff, March 7th, and learn more about the Walk. (See article on page 5)

Contact Sue Miller at: SusanLeeMiller39@cs.com; or, Barb Law, at: blaw1@rochester.rr.com.

Mark your calendar today for this exciting event:
Sunday morning, May 6, 2012....see you at the Walk!

SELECTIVE INNER HAIR CELL LOSS IN PREMATURE INFANTS – *By M. Amatuzzi, M. C. Liberman, C. Northrop; excerpt from NIDCD – The Registry, Winter 2011; submitted by Ginny Koenig*

Infants from the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) often have sensorineural hearing loss. Many risk factors have been suggested including low birth weight, respiratory distress, hyperbilirubinemia, acoustic injury and ototoxic drugs; however, little is known about the underlying cochlear histopathology.

A recent hearing screen of NICU patients (8) reports an increased incidence of “auditory neuropathy” in pre-term babies. The present study suggests that the underlying pathology may be loss of inner hair cells rather than neuronal damage.

For more complete information, go to: www.tbregistry.org. The Registry plans to exhibit at the 2012 HLAA Convention in Providence, RI, in June.

We Welcome All Donations

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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CONTINUES

By Mary Ellen Tait

The Rochester Chapter of HLAA is pleased to announce the continuation of our scholarship program in 2012.

The Chapter established a \$500 scholarship in 1996 to be awarded annually to a Greater Rochester area high school senior with hearing loss pursuing a college degree or vocational training. In 2006, the scholarship was increased to \$1,000, made possible in part by funds raised by the first Walk4Hearing walkathon.

Recipients must have applied to a college or other postsecondary school and be between the ages of 17 and 20. They must have a hearing loss in both ears (or one, in exceptional circumstances). Financial need is not a consideration. The scholarship is a one-time award.

To apply for the scholarship, please go to: www.hlaa-rochester-ny.org, and click on “How can we help you” to obtain the application form and instructions. The application deadline is **Friday March 16th**.



NATIONAL CONVENTION, PROVIDENCE, RI

The HLAA National Convention will be in Providence **June 21 – 24, 2012.**

It will be held at the award winning Rhode Island Convention Center (RICC) conveniently located in the heart of downtown at 1 Sabin St (02903), and it is connected via Skybridge to the Westin Providence Hotel, One West Exchange St. (02903).

Registration and reservations are now open!

Go to: www.hearingloss.org/events/convention/

WALK4HEARING —CAPTAINS' KICKOFF!

By Barb Law, and Sue Miller

We could not have a successful Walk without all of you who have agreed to serve as a Captain or, even think you might be interested in being one! We would love to have you join us for the **Captains' Gourmet Pizza Kickoff.**

The Walk4Hearing Captains' Kickoff is being held at the Al Sigl Center, 1000 Elmwood Avenue, in the Lower Level Conference Room. This important event will be on **Wednesday, March 7th - 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.** Please come and enjoy some delicious pizza and refreshments followed by a short program.



We know your evening time is precious, so this Kickoff will be short, sweet and simple. Captains' materials will be handed out followed by a question and answer session.

Assistance will be available for those Captains who might like to begin setting up their website.

On behalf of the Walk4Hearing Steering Committee, we look forward to your **RSVP** that you'll join us. Please email Barb Law at blaw1@rochester.rr.com.

Carol Loftus and Barb Law are
Co-Chairs for the Walk Captains

Newsletter Deadline

**Saturday, March 31st
(for the MAY Newsletter)**

Email: ggraham859@frontiernet.net

“He who is of a calm and happy nature will hardly feel the pressure of age.” – Plato (Greek philosopher c.428-348 B.C.)

AUTHOR PROMOTES PUBLIC AWARENESS OF COCHLEAR IMPLANTS

- By Eliot Caroom
(Excerpt from *The Star-Ledger*, 8/28/2011)

Arlene Romoff began losing her hearing when she was a teenager. She lives in Saddle River, NJ, and is now co-founder and president of HLAA-NJ, the state affiliate of the national organization. She is also co-founder of Advocates for Better Communication, the advocacy committee of the Center for Hearing and Communication. She serves on the BOD of CHC.

She has two children with normal hearing and failure to communicate was not an option. She was tenacious at finding the technology, ALDs, and coping skills needed. Ms. Romoff became knowledgeable about what was lacking in public venues and events—namely assistive devices, captioning and any public attention to these omissions. After 25 years, she was having more loss of hearing and knew about Cochlear Implants.

The accomplishment that has meant the most to her is the successful publication of 2 books on the subject of hearing loss—particularly the second one in 2011, with a mainstream commercial publisher. That book, “Listening Closely: A Journey to Bilateral Hearing,” is generating a lot of interest. Her first book, “Hear Again—Back to Life with a Cochlear Implant,” 10 years after publication, continues to help others, with people thanking her for “saving their lives,” and being an inspiration for them.

IF YOU MOVE

Please don't forget to notify **Barb Gates**, at 28 Country Gables Circle, Rochester, NY 14606, or, via email at cdgblg28@aol.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.

DID YOU KNOW?

You can get **credit** (for Income Tax purposes) for donating used hearing aids to the Finger Lakes Regional Lions Club Hearing Foundation.

Contact Arthur Elliott, 7134 Valentown Rd. Victor, NY 14564; phone: 924-2875. Be sure to request a receipt.



PERSONAL HEALTH: LIFELINES FOR PEOPLE WITH HEARING LOSS

– By Jane E. Brody
(Excerpt from NY Times Health Section,
submitted by Ramona Pompea)

A person with hearing impairment is likely to become increasingly frustrated and socially isolated as hearing worsens. Unable to hear well in social settings, they gradually stop going to the theater, movies, places of worship, or restaurants. Social isolation has been linked to depression and an increased risk of death from conditions like heart disease, and more recently dementia and Alzheimer's disease.

Recent studies have shown a direct relationship between the participants' degree of hearing loss and their risk of later developing dementia or Alzheimer's disease. Compared with those who could hear normally when first examined, the risk of dementia doubled among those with mild hearing loss, tripled among those with moderate hearing loss and increased fivefold among those with severe hearing loss.

Being fit with the right kind of hearing aids and with devices can enable someone with hearing loss to hear clearly on the telephone, when watching television and in public settings that have been equipped with hearing loops. A hearing loop is a thin copper wire that allows signals to be picked up by a telecoil that is built into most hearing aids and cochlear implants.

For further information, go to: www.NYTimes.com.

REAR WINDOW CAPTIONING & MORE, AT THE MOVIES !

By Kevin Deutsch, Manager

AMC is excited to announce that the AMC Loews Webster 12 Theatre, at 2190 Empire Blvd in Webster, NY has been selected to have all-new digital assisted movie-going equipment installed. This new system will provide closed captioning and descriptive video service in all auditoriums. This means that if any movie is CC capable, we will be able to play it in any auditorium, which will provide guests who use this system with many more movie options to choose from.

The new system utilizes wireless signals (Wi-Fi) to broadcast captioning text to personal viewers (electronic reflectors), descriptive narration service (Descriptive Video), as well as assistive listening audio to customizable headphone receivers. With this new

system, the only difference that guests will notice is that there will be no need for a digital sign in the rear of the auditorium. Each of the new reflectors will be powered by rechargeable batteries, receive the text via Wi-Fi and still be shown on the screen through the viewer/reflector as you would see it now.

At this time, we do not have a set date for installation, however, we have already started to receive the new equipment. We have been told that "it would be sooner rather than later." We are very excited about the direction in which AMC is headed allowing all patrons to enjoy their movie experience!! See you at the Movies!!

IN MEMORIAM

Harriet "Bing" Thayer

HLAA extends its most profound sympathy to the family of Bing Thayer, a beloved wife, mother and grandmother. Bing passed away January 16th at the age of 97. She and her husband Vern are well known to HLAA members as both were involved in the Association for many years. They met when both worked at Eastman Kodak, and they married in 1941. Bing soon left Kodak to become known as a painter, while raising three children. As most of us know, Vern has been very active in HLAA and at one time was a chapter president. His family has been loyal in supporting him and us.

Bing's paintings eventually won 160 national and international awards, and she donated several to HLAA in fund raisers. Marcia contributed her Sign Language skills, and Connie inherited her mother's talent and contributed art work for some of our publications. Paul lives in Colorado and would sometimes arrive at her art shows in disguise so Bing wouldn't recognize him until half way through the show. She would always be so happy when she realized he had come to see her. So this entire close knit family around Bing has been a remarkable friend for us.

We celebrate her life even as we mourn.

"To be an artist is to believe in life" – Henry Moore

REASONS TO JOIN HLAA

(excerpt from Hearing Loss Magazine, May-June 2011; By Patricia Kricos)

There are a number of benefits of support programs, not only for people with hearing loss and their significant others, but also for the audiologist. Some of the benefits for those with hearing loss include realizing that they are not alone, learning about communication strategies and how to manage difficult learning situations, and gaining support, insights, and camaraderie with others who have similar experiences and challenges. The audiologist who offers support programs has more satisfied consumers and will gain significant input and perspectives on the challenges of living with hearing loss.

In 1996, HLAA, (then known as Self Help for Hard of Hearing, SHHH) published a position statement that group support programs should be available for all new hearing aid users. Since that time, there has been a significant amount of research showing the benefits of offering support programs for new hearing aid users.

My own experiences have been that even people who have not yet obtained hearing aids will benefit from group programs because they learn communication strategies and the potential help that may be obtained from hearing aids and/or other hearing assistive technology.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY!

“Time is not measured by the passing of years; but by what one does, what one feels, and what one achieves.”

Jawaharlal Nehru (1889-1964)

PARENTS COLUMN

By Katy Kuczek

Parent Wiki--The Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) has launched a parent wiki at:

<http://www.kidsandhearingloss.org/>.



The goal of this site is to empower parents of children with hearing loss and/or deaf children by providing the resources necessary for them to make informed decisions about their

children's hearing loss. It is an informative site with many resources for parents.

In order to address the often overlooked social development of a child with hearing loss, the Rochester chapter of HLAA is starting a Parents Group. The aim of this group is to provide a place for families to network, share and acquire information, enjoy social activities together, and learn more about how children with hearing loss can successfully navigate the hearing world.

A child with hearing loss in a mainstreamed school setting is typically the only student in his/her class with this disability. Our children need to know that they are not alone, that there are other kids out there³like them.²

For more information, contact Katy Kuczek, HLAA Parent Liaison, at kkuczek@rochester.rr.com

WEBSITES OF INTEREST

Our chapter website is: www.hlaa-rochester-ny.org.

Barb Law, Michelle Gross, and Richard McCollough are updating our website to include the new Scholarship Form, and the Stipend for the Convention in Providence, RI. (Also, Rochester now has a presence on Facebook - thanks to Cindy Kellner).

(Following submitted by Janet McKenna):

Tina Childress was a recent speaker at the Buffalo Implant Group meeting. She gave a very informative Power Point presentation on CI's. Go to: www.buffaloimplantgroup.com. Then go to Events, then see the November meeting, click for transcript.

WORTH REMEMBERING

“In the depths of winter, I finally learned that within me there lay an invincible summer.”

– Albert Camus, French writer (1913-1960)

A special Thank You to Joan Ewing for her written contribution to this month's Newsletter!

Living well with
Hearing Loss:
 Strategies that will
Lighten Up
Your Life

April 3, 2012

Guest speaker: **Sam Trychin, Ph.D.**
 St. Paul's Church
 (Fellowship Hall)
 East Avenue & Westminister Road

Program: 2:00 to 5:15 pm

Meet the Speaker reception: 5:30 pm



Join us for an enlightening discussion about hearing loss-related communication, its challenges, and strategies for preventing or reducing communication stress, presented by Dr. Sam Trychin. The program will include an in-depth look at the physical and psychological issues behind miscommunication and provide positive solutions for managing its emotional effects.

Sam Trychin, Ph.D., is an internationally known author, psychologist, educator, and lecturer at Penn State. A hearing aid user himself, Dr. Trychin conducts training programs, presentations and workshops for people with hearing loss, their families and the professionals who serve them.

Assistive listening system (loop) and real-time captioning provided.
 Sign language interpreting provided.
 Program and parking are free.
 (Additional parking at George Eastman House.)

For more information: www.hlaa-rochester-ny.org

Program funded by HLAARochester, Walk4Hearing.

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Hearing Loss Association (HLAA) Rochester Chapter, 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 meet the first Tuesday of the month from September through June at St.Paul's Episcopal Church, East Ave. While our primary focus is directed toward hard of hearing, we welcome everyone to our chapter meetings whatever their hearing ability.

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Yes, I want to join -- support entitles me to receive the Newsletter in order to be alerted to interesting and informative articles plus Daytime and Evening Chapter Meetings and Cochlear Implant meetings.

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HLAA is the largest international consumer organization dedicated to the well-being of people who do not hear well.

To join, please see inside back page. HLAA has more than 200 chapters and 14 state organizations. Welcome!

Meetings are hearing accessible

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, East Ave. and Westminster Rd., across from the George Eastman House. Parking available at the George Eastman House, if needed.

Audio looped and Captioned
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Interpreters on request- contact Linda Siple, 585-475-6712, or at lasnss@rit.edu a week in advance

Entrance to the meeting room is via the rear door next to the fence.

Everyone is welcome! With or without a hearing loss!