

**Monthly Presentation Meeting In Person
at St. Paul's and on Zoom - March 7th**

MARCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM PITTSFORD REC. CENTER, 35 LINCOLN AVE, PITTSFORD: Hear Together - IEP Information Session

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM IN PERSON, ST PAUL'S VESTRY ROOM: Elizabeth Runnion, Ph.D.: HOPE Session: 'Hearing Other People's Experiences' (HOPE)

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 11:30 AM - NOON AT ST PAUL'S PARISH HALL AND ON ZOOM: Chapter announcements and business meeting.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, NOON -1:00 PM AT ST PAUL'S PARISH HALL AND ON ZOOM: Three New HLAA-Rochester Resources presented by Art Maurer, Kristen Bergholtz and Lorin Gallistel

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 7:00 PM ON ZOOM: Joe Koselsky: Special Online HOPE Session: 'Hearing Other People's Experiences' (HOPE)

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 7:00 PM ON ZOOM: Board of Directors Meeting

THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES DEMO CENTER. Technology Team. In person. Lifespan, 1900 S. Clinton Ave.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 8:00 PM ON ZOOM. . Hear Together. See information on right.

Please check our Chapter Website hearinglossrochester.org for any changes

WEATHER - During the winter, the rule to follow for cancellations of meetings is: If the Rochester City School District is closed, or there is a ban on unnecessary travel, or the wind chill is at or below - 20° our meeting is cancelled.

REFRESHMENTS

We appreciate our members who have volunteered to bring refreshments to our March 7th meeting: Jackie Lynch, Betsy McClain, Janet McKenna, and Paul Stager

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

from Dan Brooks and Art Maurer

WE'RE BUSY...WITH MORE TO COME...IN OUR 40TH YEAR!

If we had an HLAA-Rochester office, it would be bustling...instead our email inboxes fill rapidly. Our traditional Monthly Program, HOPE, and Demo Center - plus Health Fairs, Library Presentations. Hear Together support group, advocacy for t-coil hearing loops and captioning - are all proceeding in full swing.



In development are inroads into senior residences, inner-city settlement houses, and outreach within the City of Rochester and to surrounding counties. These opportunities are made possible by the emergence of new assistive devices and over-the-counter hearing aids; they present the opportunity to provide assistance to folks who don't have hearing aids...yet!

Are these new opportunities stand-alone individual efforts or are we entering into a new era for HLAA? The potentials in widening our focus are intriguing - to provide assistance beyond our traditional programs and services so more will experience *Better Hearing = Better Living*.

We'd love to receive your comments and suggestions on a future that is knocking on our door.

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MARCH PROGRAMS

HLAA Rochester Chapter offers in-person and virtual programs for anyone interested in hearing loss.

Preregistration for the Zoom sessions is required by visiting the HLAA website at:

<http://hearinglossrochester.org>

All presentations are free and in real time. Closed captioning is an option for all participants.

Programs for March are:

Tuesday, March 7 10 AM-11 AM, In-person in St. Paul's Vestry Room: Elizabeth Runnion, Ph.D., Nazareth College: Hearing Other People's Experiences (HOPE)

Prospective, new or experienced hearing aid users can share their experiences, questions, and hearing loss journeys in an informal round table format. We learn

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National Report

By Peter Fackler

As I write in early February, preparations are underway for the early March, 2023 meeting of the board of directors. The board meets as a rule three times a year in March, at the annual convention in June, and in November. I will report the highlights of the March board meeting in the April newsletter, newsletter deadlines permitting.



Barbara Kelley, CEO and Executive Director attended the consumer electronics show (aka CES) in Las Vegas in early January. Her attendance at CES is one of the ways that HLAA is able to stay plugged in to technological trends that will affect people with hearing loss.

Much of the work of the HLAA board is about the important but routine elements of board oversight. The organization's finances are a part of the board's oversight purview and we are pleased to learn that HLAA again received an unqualified ("clean") opinion from the independent auditors (CPAs) for the financial statements of the year ended August 31, 2022.

Management is reviewing responses to a request for proposals for website development. I will keep you posted as I know more. HLAA's recently

adopted strategy statement points the way to the importance of having an up-to-date, easy-to-use, responsive website as HLAA seeks to broaden its reach and impact.

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Membership: go to hearingloss.org or see mail option at rear of this newsletter)

e-News: sign up at website.

Archived webinars: go to hearingloss.org.

Attend the national convention June 29 – July 1, New Orleans, LA. Early bird registration continues through March 31. See details at hearingloss.org. HLAA Rochester is offering stipend support for members who attend. See specifics elsewhere in this newsletter.

Reach out to me with your comments, concerns, and questions -- please use pcf.hlaa@yahoo.com or (814) 319-2083 (text or voice).

March Birthdays

Happy Birthday to:

- 3 Carmen Coleman
- 4 Richard McCollough
- 21 Michelle Gross
- 29 Kathy Vigna
- 29 Tim Whitcher

Our birthday database is missing many of your birthdays, If you would like to be mentioned in the future, please send an email to bruce.nelson@gmail.com

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Assistive Device Demo Center

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

The types of devices represented during the demo sessions include signaling-alerting devices, captioned telephones and personal assistive listening devices [with an emphasis on TV listening and coping with noisy environments]. This season, several new, lower cost devices will be shown; including our new self-serve hearing test.



Sessions are usually on the 3rd Thursday of the month. The next demo session at Lifespan, 1900 S. Clinton Ave. (Tops Plaza) on Thursday, March 16th from 10 am to 2 pm. Sessions are free. All are welcome!

MARCH PROGRAMS

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from one another. Anyone interested in hearing loss is invited to join the hearing aid community.

Tuesday, March 7. Noon: Three New HLAA-Rochester Resources presented by Art Maurer, Kristen Bergholtz and Lorin Gallistel

HLAA Rochester Chapter offers support - education - advocacy to people with hearing loss. Three presenters tell us about new activities to spread the word.

- Public libraries. Immediate past chapter president Art Maurer introduces HLAA at free public library programs.
- Parent/caregiver support group. Kristen Bergholtz CCC/SLP describes Hear Together, virtual connection to benefit Deaf/hard of hearing children.
- Assistive listening devices. Technology team member Lorin Gallistel shows there's more help beyond hearing aids as he demonstrates innovative new hearing devices.

Wednesday, March 8. 7 PM-8:30 PM, On Zoom: Joseph Kozelsky CCC/A: Hearing Other People's Experiences (HOPE) See H.O.P.E. description for March 7th.

Thursday, March 16. 10:00am-2:00pm Assistive Devices Demo Center. Technology Team. In person. Lifespan, 1900 South Clinton Ave., Rochester 14618.

At this free demonstration area, consumers are invited to view and try out a selection of assistive listening devices before actually buying them. Included are captioning-capable and amplified telephones, signaling-alerting devices and smart phone APP's related to hearing enhancement. Chapter members are on hand to answer visitors' questions.

Tuesday, March 21. 8:00-9:00pm HEAR TOGETHER. Kristin Bergholtz CCC/SLP. Virtual on Zoom.

Speech language pathologist Bergholtz conducts a 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 while connecting with other advocates of these youngsters. To register, contact kristinbslp@gmail.com

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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NEW BOARD MEMBER...

At the January meeting Gayle King Carini was elected to our Board of Directors. Gayle is the mother of four with 7 Grandchildren and 8 Great-Grandchildren. She brings a wealth of business-oriented experience to us. For years she assisted her husband in their very successful paving company, was a licensed real estate broker for over 20 years, finally establishing her own agency. Currently Gayle is co-chair of our Health Fairs group and assists with our monthly Program meetings. Only recently becoming a hearing aid user, we welcome Gayle's perspective as one recently introduced to HLAA.

HOPE RETURNING TO ZOOM...

During the pandemic lockdowns we successfully held HOPE Sessions on Zoom. They are coming back on March 8 and April 12 at 7:00 – 8:30 PM. These will be exclusively on Zoom and will not impact our in person HOPE sessions on the first Tuesday of every month.

If you aren't already registered, don't forget to register for Zoom invitations at hearinglossrochester.org.

REIMBURSEMENTS FOR HLAA CONVENTION...

Active Rochester Chapter members can receive reimbursement up to \$750 for expenses incurred attending the National HLAA Convention, June 29 – July 1 in New Orleans. If you are interested, please register soon to benefit from early registration discounts.

ENCOURAGE A FRIEND TO BECOME A MEMBER...

A great favor you can do for a friend with hearing loss is to suggest he or she become a member of our chapter as we continue to Support – Educate – Advocate. At \$10 a year it's the best deal in town. And don't forget we provide Free Lifetime Membership to veterans with hearing loss.

SAVE THE DATES...

Annual Dinner – Tuesday, May 23 at Cobblestone Country Club – Victor NY
Summer Picnic Sunday, August 13 at Dolomite Lodge – Penfield, NY

AND THANKS!

As of the end of January we had 262 paid members. Please join us if you haven't renewed your membership for our 40th Anniversary Year.

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How do I know if I should consider OTC hearing aids

By Joe Kozelsky, Rochester Chapter, HLAA

There are many criteria available on line or elsewhere about OTCs and how to determine if someone might be a candidate for OTC hearing aids. An excellent set of criteria have been presented by HLAA and are presented below as a good place to start. Their points include:



- Trouble with understanding conversations in groups, with background noise, or when you can't see who is talking
- Trouble hearing on the phone
- The TV is turned up to the point that others feel it is too loud
- Friends and family complain that you are missing things and they need to be repeated

REDUCTION IN EFFECTIVE LISTENING DISTANCE

While I certainly agree with all of these points, I would also discuss the primary effect of hearing loss, and that is the notion that hearing loss causes a reduction in effective listening distance. The concept is that normal hearing is based on the ability to hear a softly spoken voice in quiet at a distance of 20 feet; People who must be closer than 20 feet in order to hear a soft voice might very well have a hearing loss.

This chart shows the type of hearing loss vs. the ability to hear speech at different distances:

Normal	-10 to 25 dB	Ability to hear a soft voice at 20 Feet
Mild	25 to 40 dB	Limited to 10 to 15 Feet
Moderate	40 to 55 dB	Limited to 5 to 10 Feet
Moderately Severe	55 to 70 dB	Limited to 2 to 3 Feet
Severe	70 to 90 dB	Limited to 1 to 2 Feet
Profound	90 +	Limited to next to the ear and shouting

Table of effective listening distance as a degree of hearing loss.

This might serve as a useful starting point for determination of OTC candidacy. It is easy to see that people with mild hearing losses would have the ability to hear others at a distance of 10 – 15 feet in a good listening situation. Such individuals would likely be the best

candidates for OTC hearing aids. People whose listening distance is reduced to 5 to 10 feet would fall in the early moderate range and this might suggest some degree of candidacy, however, individuals with moderately severe hearing losses who need to be very close to the source of what they are listening to clearly would not be candidates for OTC hearing aids.

TEST HEARING ABILITY IN THE LIVING ROOM

The average living room is 16 feet X 20 feet, as such, effective listening distance is relatively easy to determine simply by engaging in a conversation in the living room in quiet with friends or family and noting how close you need to be to them in order to hear easily without struggling. In this instance we are talking about both men's and women's voices as heard in quiet. Logically then, someone with normal hearing should be able to hear well from virtually any place in the living room. If you find that you are struggling when the others are not, then you may very well be a candidate for OTC hearing aids.

On the other hand, if you have trouble hearing someone from across the table either at home or when out at a restaurant, then likely hearing loss is far too advanced for OTC devices.

If you find you are having difficulty hearing in any of the above situations, you should seek a hearing evaluation from a licensed audiologist to assure that you are a good candidate for OTC hearing aids. A good place to go for this might be a college or university clinic nearby. Here, the students would love to have a chance to do a hearing evaluation and there would be virtually nothing to fear in terms of aggressive sales promotions and you would be very likely to receive a very unbiased opinion of your needs.

Unfortunately, many people do not live near such a facility. Another good option would be to go to a nearby audiology practice. Make sure you indicate that you want a baseline or reference audiogram because of an interest in OTC hearing aids. Frequently, the hearing evaluations could be covered by many health insurances.

Keep in mind that if you wind up in a bad spot with your OTCs and you seek assistance from a local audiologist, they might be willing to, but actually be unable to, assist you because they most likely would not have access to the proprietary software for the hearing aids. Also, there would likely be an office visit charge – probably around \$50 to \$100 or more for a single visit, the same as would be if you were to visit a physician's office, attorney's office, or any other professional.

HLAA New York State Association (NYSA) - Update.

By Dan Brooks, Immediate Past President, HLAA-NYSA

Hello again! Hopefully everyone is keeping warm and gearing up for spring! My kids have been busy downhill skiing and hanging out with their friends. I have been busy keeping up with them. ;)



The **HLAA Rochester Chapter** has certainly been busy and hard to keep up with especially for me as Chapter President.

We recently welcomed a new board member, **Gayle King Carini**, who joined our Board a couple of months ago. She has been a real stellar Chapter Member as well! Gayle has been helping with the food setup for program meetings, greeting people, and chairing the Health Fair efforts. It is not often we get new members that are willing to jump in right out of the gate; we are extremely grateful and appreciative to Gayle for all she is doing.

One of the projects we are working on is improving our chapter's website as stated in last month's update. Thanks to a handful of dedicated and knowledgeable members we soon will be able to accept online membership and renewals plus donations! However it will not be officially be activated sometime after or on July 1st, 2023 to prevent confusion with our current membership database. For the remainder of this year you'll need to send your membership dues by regular mail, which by today's standards may be a bit old fashioned, but much appreciated just the same.

Online membership capability has been on our minds for quite some time but there are a number of details that need to fall in place to make it a reality. With us being an all-volunteer organization and so many moving parts we can expect things to take a bit longer than desired. However, I do feel strongly that our chapter is ahead of the curve in many ways and still is one of the strongest most active chapters in our country!

There are some updates and happenings with our State Association. We are proud to introduce our newest PAC member **Dr. Christine Kim!**

We thank **Sue Miller** and other dedicated liaisons of the **HLAA New York State Association (HLAA-NYSA) Professional Advocacy Committee (PAC)** for suggesting and connecting with Dr. Kim.

Dr. Kim is an otologist in the Department of Otolaryngology, Albany Medical Center Hospital. She received her medical degree from Albany Medical College and completed her otolaryngology residency at Albany Medical Center Hospital and her otology fellowship at the Silverstein Institute in Sarasota, Florida. She returned to the capital region of New York

and is eager to raise awareness of hearing loss and deliver hearing rehabilitative options.

Dr. Kim has had a number of peer-reviewed publications and has given presentations at National meetings throughout her training. She looks forward to continuing with clinical research projects.

I cannot express how important it is to have such a varied group of committee members-and dedicated professionals currently serving on the **NYSA PAC**. We have Eight (8) PAC members! To learn more about who serves on the HLAA-NYSA PAC please visit our website: www.hearinglossnys.org.

As always, please remember to check your membership status with **HLAA National**. HLAA's website is www.hearingloss.org. Being a member of HLAA and residing in New York State, automatically makes you a member of the HLAA NYSA.

If you have any questions or concerns please email us directly at hlaa.newyorkstate@gmail.com

Once again I "THANK" everyone for their support... without you we would not be able to make New York State more accessible for those with hearing loss!

-Dan

You can "Attend" Other Chapters' Meetings

Many HLAA Chapters and State Organizations are continuing to meet virtually or live-and-virtual, now that the the pandemic is easing. You are welcome to visit online HLAA Chapter and State Organization meetings from all across the country. They are listed in one central calendar from the HLAA Leaders List Groups.io calendar.

First, go to hearingloss.org. There is a new purple calendar option in the upper menu bar. After you click on it, a new window will open. Click on the purple **FIND HLAA CHAPTER MEETINGS HERE** button to access the HLAA Leaders Groups.io calendar.

HLAA does not sell products. We simply share information, educate through presentations and programs, advocate, and provide peer support.

Captioned Entertainment Around Rochester

JCC Center Stage – Captioned Plays



All performances are **Sunday at 2:00 pm**

“I’m not a Comedian...I’m Lenny Bruce”- March 19

“Ragtime, the Musical” ... The Beloved Classic - May 14

Tickets and information are available at www.jcccenterstage.org or (585) 461-2000.

Please specify “Captioned Area” Tickets are \$35-40 with discounts for JCC members, full time students and seasonal subscribers.



GEVA Theatre Center - Captioned Performances

Open Captioning for patrons with hearing loss is provided during the 1st Saturday matinee and both performances of the final Wednesday of each Wilson Stage Series production (please note the date and time differences for *A Christmas Carol*); 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.

“Woody Sez” – 2/4 at 2:30 pm

“Russian Troll Farm” - 3/4 at 2:00 pm, 3/22 at 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm

“we are continuous” - 3/25 at 2:30 pm

“And So We Walked - 4/8 at 2:00pm, 4/19 at 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm

“Cinderella” - 5/13 at 2:00 pm, 5/31 at 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm

NTID Theatres

Panara Theatre - Captioned and Hearing Loop

“Ordinary Days” March 31 - April 2, 2023

“Deaf Republic” April 14 - 16, 2023

“Singring and the Glass Guitar” April 28 - 30, 2023

Magic Spell Theatre - Captioned and Hearing Loop

No schedule available

The Little - Amplification and Loops

The Little Theatre provides options for people with hearing loss, including hearing amplification headphones in all theaters. The hearing amplification headphones can also be used for descriptive listening.

Theatres 1, 2, 4, and 5, are equipped with Hearing Loop Systems.

Personal captioning devices are available for all theaters. Please inquire at the box office.

The Little offers open caption screenings when available. Open captions mean captions are visible to everyone, and cannot be turned off. Open caption screenings are currently shown on Thursdays, along with the first matinees on Sundays (please note some films do not have an open caption version). You can find Open Caption shows via thelittle.org (listed in the showtimes on each film page), and on social media.

RBTL Live Theater – Captioned Plays



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

“Hadestown” - March 19, 2023

“Aladdin” - April 16, 2023

“Six” - May 21, 2023

“To Kill a Mockingbird” - June 18, 2023

Open Captioning, made possible by HLAA, is offered during most Sunday matinee subscription performances of the Broadway Season, and select other performances. A text display scrolls words in synchronization with the dialogue and lyrics of the show. Reserve seating in view of the captioning screen in advance or request open captioning for unlisted events, 585.222.5000 or mail@rbtl.org.

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.

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My Story

By Hope Scheda

Hello! I have been involved with HLAA Rochester Chapter since 2019 when I became a member of the Professional Advisory Committee.

Since then, I have been involved with the Marketing Committee and served as the chair since fall 2020. I joined the Board of Directors last year and have enjoyed interacting with more members.



Unlike many members, my life has not been impacted directly by hearing loss (unless you count constantly encouraging my dad to take the plunge and get hearing aids). I grew up in Palmyra, NY the middle child of five children. I attended Nazareth College of Rochester and graduated top in my class with a B.S. in Business Administration and French. The highlight of my college career was studying abroad for two semesters my sophomore year in Rennes, France. That time allowed me the freedom to travel Europe. I am forever grateful for that opportunity. After graduating, I worked at Bausch + Lomb as a customer service representative supporting Canadian clientele which permitted me to use my French language skill. After nearly five years with Bausch + Lomb, I made a career shift and took a sales position in the underwriting department at WXXI. I grew up on PBS and fell in love with NPR after graduating college. I am fiercely passionate about public media and was thrilled to take a job with an organization I loved. I was responsible for selling TV and radio spots across WXXI's various platforms. You know when you hear "support for WXXI comes from our members and from...?" I was responsible for making sure there was an "and from..." What I loved most about my job was interacting with all sorts of different businesses in and around Rochester. I loved going on "field trips" to meet with different people and learn about their work. It was because of my work at WXXI that I became involved with HLAA. I had the pleasure of meeting with Art Maurer and Joe Kozelsky while I worked on a TV underwriting campaign for HLAA. It wasn't long after the initial meeting that Art asked me to serve on the PAC committee. The rest is history.

Presently, I live in Greece with my husband, John, and our 20-month old son, Eli. We're excitedly preparing for baby number two due the end of April. Professionally, I have stepped down from my sales position at WXXI to be at-home with Eli fulltime, a decision made in-part because of the difficulties of finding reliable childcare in our post-pandemic world. I still work with WXXI supporting the underwriting team in a part

-time, work-from-home client services role. I furiously work when I can during naptime and evening hours.

I absolutely enjoy working with everyone involved with the HLAA. I am lucky to have stumbled upon such a passionate, committed group of volunteers. My experiences with HLAA have truly enriched my life.



We are pleased to announce that HLAA 2023 Convention registration is OPEN!

Join us in New Orleans June 29 – July 1 to learn the latest about hearing health, communication access and the technologies and strategies that help people with hearing loss live well. This three-day event includes the general session with keynote speaker Dr. K. Renee Horton, the Research Symposium, Joy of Music/ Loving Your Ears, and a variety of educational workshops.



We will kick things off with a Welcome Back Bash at The Presbytere. Other special events include our Awards Ceremony and Reception and our Veterans Luncheon.

Chapter Leaders can come early for specialized chapter specific training

Our Exhibit Hall will allow participants to talk one-on-one with industry representatives about the latest in assistive technologies and our demo room will allow participants to see technology in action.

The early bird registration discount ends on March 31, 2023

Questions? Email convention@hearingloss.org.

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