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**September Calendar**

**Tuesday, September 13, 2016**

**10:30 am – HOPE Session – Vestry Room\*\*NEW\*\***  
(see page 7 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., Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>** – BOD meeting, 7-9pm  
1<sup>st</sup> floor Conf. Room, Al Sigl Center

**SAVE THESE FUTURE DATES**

**Sun., Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Walk4Hearing, Perinton Park  
(see page 8)

**Fri., Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>** - Day of Hearing, Nazareth college  
(see page 10)

**Tues., Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>** – Board of Directors, 7-9pm,  
1<sup>st</sup> floor Conf. Room, Al Sigl Center

**Tues., Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>** -PAC – 7-9PM – ASC

**Mon., Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>** – “CI Group” 5:30pm  
St. Paul’s church

**Hospitality Duties for September:**

Daytime Meeting –Carol Bradshaw, Ginger Graham,  
Sue Miller, Al Suffredini, Marlene Sutliff

Evening Meeting –Barb Law + those above

Board of Directors –Margaret Cochran, Barb Gates

***WELCOME BACK MEMBERS, AND,  
WELCOME ALL NEWCOMERS TO HLA!***



**SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS**

(At St. Paul’s Church, East Ave. & Westminster Rd. 14607  
**Enter only thru Westminster Rd. door.**)

**Tues., Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> – 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. Join us and share your hearing loss journey and learn from others.

**Tues., Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> –Daytime Meeting 11:00am**  
**Evening Meeting 7:00pm**

**"Saying Yes to the Future" HLA**  
**Executive Director to speak here**



In her September 13 talk, "Saying Yes to the Future," **Barbara Kelley**, HLA executive director, will comment on the state of the organization as well its role in contributing to the recent report on "Affordable and Accessible Hearing Health Care for Adults" issued by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine.

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## **Tues., Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> – Daytime & Evening Meetings**

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Ms. Kelley will speak at **both** the 11:00am and 7:00pm HLAA meetings. Both meetings take place in the Parish Hall at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Rochester (14607). Free and open to the public, her **talks begin at noon and 8:00pm** following social time and a brief business meeting.

Barbara Kelley was hired by Self Help for Hard of Hearing (now HLAA ) founder Rocky Stone in 1988. She was the editor of *Hearing Loss Magazine* and its predecessor, *SHHH Journal*, until her appointment as executive director this March. She was the HLAA deputy executive director from 2008 until 2016.

The 1988 SHHH Convention held in Rochester was the first she attended. It was overwhelming, she recalls, as she experienced firsthand meeting others with hearing loss in a hearing-friendly gathering where it was okay not to hear well.

Ms. Kelley says: "It has been my life's work to contribute to the mission of HLAA. It's been exciting to be part of an organization that has had so much influence on public policy such as passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 to most recently sponsoring the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine (NAS) report on Affordable and Accessible Hearing Health Care for Adults. " The Academies' report emphasizes that hearing loss is a significant public health and societal concern. Hearing is vital to communication, health, function and quality of life, they state.

***NOTICE: Entrance will be only thru the Westminster Rd. door. The back door near the fence will be locked. This is a permanent change. Our apologies for any inconvenience.***

*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.*

*The Hearing Loss Association of America opens the world of communication to people with hearing loss through information, education, support and advocacy. For more information visit [www.hlaa-rochester-ny.org](http://www.hlaa-rochester-ny.org), or telephone 585 266 7890.*

## **PRESIDENT'S COLUMN**

*By Margaret Cochran*



Welcome!

It is with great pleasure that I am writing to introduce myself as your Chapter President for 2016-17 and I look forward to the challenges ahead. Having served actively on numerous committees and the Board of Directors for HLAA-Rochester since 2013, I know how much work there is to be done at both the local and national levels to improve the quality of life for people with hearing loss and their families.

The year 2016 was significant in many ways: the DOW and the S&P 500 reached historical highs, a woman was nominated as the Presidential candidate for a major party in the U.S., and hearing loss has been officially identified as a significant worldwide health concern.

On June 2, 2016 the American National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine (the Academies) released a report stating that (and supporting why) hearing loss should no longer be regarded as an 'individual' problem, but instead must be addressed on multiple levels of society including health-care communities, nonprofit organizations, industries and government to list a few. This signals that a path to accessible and affordable hearing health care is being paved and you should know that HLAA--'the Nations Voice for People with Hearing Loss' was the *only* consumer-focused group to contribute financially to this research. We should be very proud to represent such a commitment.

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN (continued)

To learn more about this report, access valuable resources, find support and get up-to-date technology reviews, be sure to visit HLAA National's website at <http://hearingloss.org/>. AND MARK YOUR CALENDAR as the new Executive Director (and 28-year veteran of HLAA) **Barbara Kelly** will be here in Rochester on **Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>** to present to both our daytime and evening meetings. Please tell your family and friends about this wonderful opportunity to meet, greet and learn from our national office. (Extra fine refreshments will also be served☺)

So now a little about me... a native to suburban Rochester, went off to college and life after high school circling back to Rochester on my way to work for an agricultural experimental station in Lusaka, Zambia. Having been out of the area for 10 years was amazed at how few people I still knew in town but enjoyed being close to family and making new friends. As luck would have it, some 'political glitches' prevailed and I never did make it to Africa (too bad, as it was safe in those days) and therefore found myself asking "What is an Agronomist going to do in upstate NY?" There was this thing called 'the Yellow Pages' then where I found the Harris Seed Co., a well-established and well-respected, worldwide producer of flower and vegetable seeds. My work there was very rewarding as I had the opportunity to work with a plant breeder building genetic bridges to develop disease resistance into cucurbits (melons/squash, etc.) As in all industries, there were mergers and acquisitions so at the end of ten years, all research was transferred to the west coast where the major agricultural producers and seed companies now existed. I am very much a west-coast minded gal, but at the time I had met my, now, husband who had a 10-year-old son and there was no way we were going to separate him from his mother and family here, so I passed on the transfer and went to work for a sports marketing company in NYC (an easy commute from Rochester) for the next 10 years. Talk about a lifestyle change! WOW. But it was a great career builder and paved the way to meeting extraordinary



people from all over the country and making lifelong friends.

Remember what I said about mergers and acquisitions? Round two ensued and after seeing this company go through four ownership changes, each less appealing than the last, I called it quits.

Remember what I said about lifelong friends? One day I had lunch with a friend who handed me a magazine that he was consulting for, circled the publishers name and said "call – I think it's a good fit." So I met this guy that had a good idea and a good product and had just started to franchise his business. I bought the franchise to publish the New England edition of what soon became a national publication about career exploration, college planning and life skills for high school students. Education always being near and dear to my heart and roots in New England—it made sense. And guess what? If you are still paying attention: it lasted for 10 years.

Somewhere pretty close to the beginning of that span, I was diagnosed with bilateral Meniere's Disease which is a debilitating, depressing, anxiety ridden condition with a distinctive hearing loss pattern. I had to stop skiing, playing tennis and basically all outside activity; travel became increasingly difficult and I pretty much fell out of any social obligations/interactions because it was too embarrassing when the episodes hit--most always without notice. Plus I needed all of my energy to keep the magazine afloat. All I did during this time was work.



Then one day at the Tennis Club of Rochester I ran into my dear friend **Vern Thayer**, who introduced to me to HLAA (then SHHH). That was somewhere around 2001--Vern can probably tell you exactly when it was! I attended a few meetings when in town. The programs were always interesting and it was so relaxing to be around these friendly, inviting, warm people that couldn't hear either. Somehow we managed with ease. It was a sanctuary of sorts.

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**PRESIDENT'S COLUMN** (continued)

In 2010 I sold the franchise and planned to move to Cincinnati where my husband had taken a job offer he could not refuse. At the same time my mother's rare form of cancer returned, was deemed terminal, with no idea how long she would live.

My priorities changed overnight. Shelby (our four-legged girl) and I stayed in Rochester to help Mom, while Bill did what he had to do. As part and parcel of my 'maintenance' routine, I started attending more HLAA programs and have been actively participating in our chapter since.

We have an ambitious plan going forward, but I know there is a core of caring, competent, dedicated, passionate and compassionate people in this organization, and we are going to not only continue its legacy of giving but expand the ways we can help the community at large in our mission to 'open the world of communication to people with hearing loss by providing information, education, support, and advocacy.' If you are reading this, most likely you or someone you know has a hearing loss. Please join us in our mission: get involved, come to programs, visit our website, and/or share your story.

I look forward to meeting and getting to know many more of you. Please know that our doors and minds are always open for ideas, information, suggestions and each other.

Best regards,  
Margaret

**NEW OFFICERS/LEADERS**

Effective immediately, we welcome members in new positions in our chapter:

President	Margaret Cochran
Vice-President	Art Maurer
Membership	Dan Brooks
Data Base	Cathy Lee

Thanks for stepping up to help lead our Chapter!



Rochester Chapter HLAA,  
c/o Susan Miller  
July 25th, 2016

Dear Sue:

It is with great pride I welcome the Rochester Chapter of the Hearing Loss Association to the Town of Perinton again! This annual event certainly shows your commitment to the national HLAA's mission statement to open the world of communication to people with hearing loss by providing information, education, advocacy and support. I am very excited about Perinton's role in hosting the Rochester Chapter's 11<sup>th</sup> annual 5K Walk4Hearing on Sunday, October 2nd! Congratulations on over a decade of caring and commitment to this cause.

I'm so proud to be one of only two communities nationwide to host one of these events all eleven years that they have been held. What better place to host a 5K walk than Trail Town USA? The site of your walk, the Erie Canal Heritage Trail, was one of the three trail systems in Perinton that helped earn us this national honor. It is a community asset of which we are very proud.

The Rochester/Monroe County area is particularly aware of those in our midst with hearing disabilities, especially with the excellent resources present at NTID. Your fundraising effort and its very impressive goal of \$50,000 to support national and local educational efforts is a natural outreach effort and certainly will be a major step in reaching your organization's goals. We also wish you success in achieving your goal of having 500 participants attend this exciting event!

Perinton wishes you a gorgeous autumn day and a great turnout!

Yours,

Michael G. Barker, Town Supervisor

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

(submitted by Brian Fox)

Here's a tip as you get older: Never wear a hearing aid, because if you do, people expect you to listen to them.



**RBTL LIVE THEATRE—CAPTIONED!**

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

- “Curious Incident of Dog in Night Time” – Oct. 2
- “Finding Neverland” – Oct. 30
- “Cirque Dreams Holiday” – Dec. 18
- “The Sound of Music” – March 5
- “Wicked” – April 2
- “Cabaret” – May 7

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

**GEVA THEATRE – CAPTIONED PLAYS !**

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

\*unless otherwise indicated

“**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 seats in the “open captions” viewing section.

**Newsletter Deadline**

**Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**(for the October Newsletter)**

Email: [ggraham859@frontiernet.net](mailto:ggraham859@frontiernet.net)

**JCC CenterStage – Captioned Plays! NEW**

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

- Church & State – Oct. 23
- My Son the Waiter – Dec. 11
- The Hit Makers – Feb. 19
- The Flick – March 5
- Titanic, the Musical – May 14

Tickets and information are available at [www.jcccenterstage.org](http://www.jcccenterstage.org) or (585) 461-2000. *Please specify “Captioned Area.”* Tickets are \$26-29 with discounts for JCC members, full time students and season subscribers. For details on shows, see page 11.



For Your Donation to HLAA:

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

Margaret Cherkasky, Joan Ewing, Nancy Rubery

In Memory of Andy Howard:

Amy Green, Paulette G. McGuire, Sandra White

In Memory of Carol Moran:

Sue Miller

Thanks to all who have renewed their membership.

If you haven't yet, please consider a donation when you renew your membership. Thanks so much!

**MORE GOOD REASONS TO JOIN NATIONAL!**

You really should belong to both our Rochester Chapter and to HLAA National. Why? There is so much to learn from our National organization, with only limited amounts of information finding its way into our monthly award-winning Chapter Newsletter. If you were better informed, it's fair to say you would be reaching out by sharing new information with your families, professionals, etc. Before we were founded, people with hearing loss were not recognized because we were not united. Think about it! Where would we be today without HLAA!!

## HLAA ANNUAL CONVENTION

Washington DC - June 22-26, 2016

By Elise de Papp, M.D.



An amazing number of 21 of us attended the convention--an exceptionally inspirational gathering. At the Award breakfast Sunday morning many

Barb Law, Cindy & Craig Kellner members were honored, including our President **Cindy Kellner** who received the "Spirit of HLAA" award. Other recipients included the NYC policeman fired because he needed hearing aids, secondary to on-duty work, and fought the powers to be in NYC for 5 years before he was reinstated to duty--an amazing story of courage and fortitude.

State and chapter workshops started off the meetings, followed by plenary sessions. A highlight was PCAST, President's report from the National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine, focused on Hearing Health Care for Adults, emphasizing HL as a public health priority. Others included The Federal Communications Commission about the latest accessible communication.

The schedule is divided into tracks/workshops, including Advocacy; Assistive technology and large area systems; Hearing aids and CI's; Living your life; and, State chapter development. You can find just about any topic that interests you or that you'd like to learn more about. Every meeting room has a loop plus captions and interpreters. Demo and experience rooms were available for specifics, such as the Roger Pen, which many in our chapter got to try this past year, courtesy of Phonak.

Friday morning was the NY State breakfast. Then the research symposium--a highlight of the convention--developing drugs for sensorineural hearing loss and gene therapy; stem cell therapy--all a work in progress. Three speakers spoke about aural rehabilitation, providing care "out of the box" – going to where the need is, and encouraging people who can't afford hearing aids to try over-the-

counter technologies, such as personal sound amplifiers.

The exhibition hall was almost filled with vendors—you could have spent 100% of the time there. Friday evening, at least 6 buses took us on the evening "tour of lighted monuments." Saturday evening's banquet included laughs from Gael Hannan and mind-twisting games by Max the magician/mentalists.

**Our experiences at Convention will be the topic of the Chapter meetings October 4<sup>th</sup>. We hope to see you then.**

### SMOKE DETECTORS AVAILABLE

*(suggested by Steve Barnett, M.D.)*

The Rochester Fire Department has smoke detectors available for people with hearing loss. The kit includes the detector and a "shake-up" vibrator. These are available to City of Rochester residents.

Call 585.428.1362 for more information.



### 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!****\*\*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-time hearing aid user.

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

Please join us for this interactive program. Your experiences can make a positive difference to others. Other people's experiences can be helpful to you. Join us for some peer support.

**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 HLA A Fox Valley Chapter, Appleton, Wisconsin)*

**IF YOU MOVE**

Please don't forget to notify **Cathy Lee**, at 48 Glen Acre Drive, Pittsford, NY 14534, or, via email at, [cathy\\_lee@rochester.rr.com](mailto:cathy_lee@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.

**NEWS FROM NTID**

*By Vienna Carvallo*

**Robert Pollard** has been named associate dean for research for RIT's National Technical Institute for the Deaf. Pollard will further NTID's research in the fields of deafness on teaching and learning; communication/language and literacy; communication technology/access and support services; and employment and adaptability to social change. Pollard will also participate in grant management.

**CONDOLENCES**

Our sincere sympathy is extended to **Suzanne Johnston** and family on the loss of her father, William F. Flockhart, May 28<sup>th</sup>.

And, also to the family and friends of **Harriet Roth** who passed August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**LIKE US ON FACEBOOK !**

*By Jenn Hurlburt*

Are you on Facebook? If so, please be our friend. We currently have **306** friends and we want more. Find us at: **Hlaa Rochester Ny**

**DID YOU KNOW...**

"In July 1848, a pioneering women's rights convention convened in Seneca Falls, NY."

*(from D&C 7-17-16)*



## WALK4HEARING –OCT. 2<sup>nd</sup>

By Carol Loftus

Wow! Summer has passed us by and we are beginning to think of

Fall activities.

The Walk committee is in its final stages of planning and excited about some changes made to this year's Walk on Sunday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Come out to support our **11th Walk4Hearing** at Perinton Park. Walk along the canal to the lovely Village of Fairport and beyond should you choose to complete the entire 5K walk--how far you walk is up to you. It's not too late to become a team captain, join an existing team or come out to walk as a 'friend of the **Walk4Hearing**'. You will see first-hand why we continue this worthwhile event. You may register your team or as a walker prior to the Walk date by going online to [www.hlaa-rochester-ny.org](http://www.hlaa-rochester-ny.org)

Start your morning by registering, followed by enjoying our expanded assortment of breakfast treats (gluten free as well) while chatting with family, friends and folks you've met at prior walks.

**Children** will be kept busy at our staffed Children's Activities area engaged in projects, activities and enjoying their own food choices and drinks. **NEW** this year will be a complimentary ID program providing two laminated ID cards per child. Be sure to take advantage of this service!

Save time to peruse our well-known **Silent Auction** that promises to be bigger and better than ever. What a great time to think of Halloween, holiday gifts, birthdays or a kind thank you gift.

9:00 a.m.      Registration/Check-in  
                   Enjoy Light Breakfast  
                   Children's Activities  
                   Silent Auction Bidding

10:30 a.m. - Short Program

11:00 a.m. - Walk Begins

### Maybe you're asking 'Why Should I Walk'?

The **Walk4Hearing** is a walk to raise awareness and to raise funds to provide information and support for

those with hearing loss. These funds enable the Rochester Chapter to provide monthly daytime and evening programs, an annual Featured Speaker program and to make our community a better place for those with hearing loss. A few beneficial endeavors have been to purchase and install captioning equipment for use by GEVA Theatre and to provide funds for hearing assistive technology at the Dryden Theatre and the Susan B. Anthony Carriage House.

**SUPPORT our WALK--** With your support, we can continue our much needed work in the community! Our Walk4Hearing needs YOU to be a success! We look forward to your joining us!

For questions or information, contact Carol Loftus at [cloftus3@gmail.com](mailto:cloftus3@gmail.com).

#### 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.

### VENUES WITH ALS OR CAPTIONING

By Tim Whitcher



Have you seen a movie or a show that has an Assistive Listening System or Captioning system and would like to share your experience with your fellow members? Did your church or synagogue install or upgrade such a system, and you'd like to make that known?

Please contact Tim Whitcher at [hlaa.rochester@yahoo.com](mailto:hlaa.rochester@yahoo.com) with the info that you'd like to share. (Please mark your email to Tim's attention.) Likewise, if you have a question regarding such a venue, please contact Tim.



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## NEWS ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

**Jim DeCaro** holds a doctorate in instructional technology, has taught at NTID and been interim director and dean as well as interim president in the late 2000's. And his friend, Alan Senior--being Scotch whisky aficionados--were written up in the May/June 2016 issue of 55 PLUS magazine.

**Suzanne Johnston**, chair of our PAC group, has been approved by the Mayor and the County Executive for membership on "The Council of People with Disabilities/ Monroe County, NY."

The July/Aug. 2016 issue of Life in the Finger Lakes magazine reviewed **Art Maurer's** "Frackin' Lives." A sequel novel to "Twisted Vines," deepens Jackie and Joey's love as they plan their winery, but hydrofracking and the realities of life intrude.

Sad news: **Jimmie Sorrento's** lung cancer returned aggressively; he is in hospice now.

(from Gail Cronin, Buffalo Implant group)

### 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](mailto:ggraham859@frontiernet.net); or, (585) 671-2683

## 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...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!

## WEBSITES OF INTEREST

Our Chapter website is: [www.hlaa-rochester-ny.org](http://www.hlaa-rochester-ny.org). **Michelle Gross** is our Web Master. HLAA National website is [www.hearingloss.org](http://www.hearingloss.org).

Our web master, **Michelle Gross**, has a suggestion for an online place where people share info, ask questions or provide answers/solutions, etc. It is called "Hear Peers" and is an online forum for people with CI's. (<http://forum.hearpeers.com>)

(submitted by Janice S. Lintz)

"It is time to stop shaming people with hearing loss"  
[goo.gl/cGKFbN](http://goo.gl/cGKFbN)

"11 questions people who are HOH should ask prior to staying in a hospital" – Go to:  
[goo.gl/f0vdmG](http://goo.gl/f0vdmG)

Janice S. Lintz, CEO of Hearing Access & Innovations' in *Huff Post*:-- "FAQs on hearing aids" Go to:  
[goo.gl/C2Q8uo](http://goo.gl/C2Q8uo)

(submitted by Fred Altrieth)

What you don't know about your hearing!  
 --Fun facts about your hearing  
 --12 causes of severe hearing loss  
 --Symptoms of an ear infection  
 --The best way to remove earwax  
 --What to know about vertigo

Go to: [health@messages.webmd.com](mailto:health@messages.webmd.com)

## DAY OF HEARING @ Nazareth College

Our annual "Day of Hearing" is planned for **Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., sponsored by HLAA-Rochester, Lifespan, and Nazareth College. There will be hearing screenings and tables for exhibits, literature, and ALD's to demo. Several audiologists will be giving presentations. Please plan to attend!



Sincere happy birthday greetings to **Anna Shapiro** who was 96 years young Aug. 30<sup>th</sup>. We wish you more healthy and happy years.

## HLAA-ROCHESTER CHAPTER 2016 ANNUAL DINNER

*By Ginger Graham and Barb Law*

*"One of the best banquets ever. Thanks to everyone."* These were the words heard around the room when describing the HLAA-Rochester Chapter Annual Dinner on May 24th at Cobblestone Creek Country Club in Victor, NY.



Carol Loftus, Cindy Kellner, Laura Chaba

Eighty-four people attended the event, enjoying an evening of fellowship, delicious food, and special presentations. Social hour began at 6 pm.

Then **Barb Law** read some "thoughts to ponder" to bless our dinner gathering. After dinner, Mistress of Ceremonies **Cindy Kellner** listed the Chapter's achievements over the past year.

**Tim Whitcher** recognized outgoing Professional Advisors—Michael A. Giardino and John R. Macko.

Then, Tim presented the Community Person Award to Michael Giardino, director of the Rochester airport.

**Sue Miller** presented the Community Organization Award to Wegmans Food Markets Inc. with Jo Natale accepting, accompanied by Matt Sawyer.



The Rochester Chapter Award was presented by **Art Maurer** to **Tim Whitcher** for his support, dedication and exemplary service for our chapter.

Highlights of the evening were the Scholarship Recipient Awards (as listed in our June Newsletter) presented by Cindy Kellner. Each recipient received a check for \$1000 to help further his/her education. This is an impressive group of young people.



Special thanks go to **Carol Bradshaw** and **Janet McKenna** for greeting guests, **Cindy Kellner** for coordinating the scholarship winners and presenting awards, **Ginger Graham** and **Joe Kozelsky** for preparing the awards, **Sue Miller** for preparing **84 name tags**, **Art Maurer** for serving as photographer, **Barb Law** for table seating, **Mary Chizuk** for lovely flower centerpieces, **Jo Owens** for collecting the reservations, **Sue and Scott Miller** for hosting the event and coordinating the reservations, **Dan Brooks** and **Tim Whitcher** for setting up the induction loop, and to all the people who contributed to the scholarship fund.

Thanks also to Cat Hardestey and Beth Coughlan for interpreting, and to Art Maurer, who brought photos from the 2015 Walk4Hearing for display during the evening. And, thanks to Colleen Grabenstetter, who donated her services as captioner for the evening.

It was another perfect evening for our dinner with warm temperatures, sunshine, and a slight breeze. We look forward to seeing you next year.

*(Thanks to Ginger Graham and Art Maurer for photos)*

## CenterStage Theatre at JCC to Offer Live Open-Captioned Performances

JCC will offer **LIVE OPEN-CAPTIONED** performances for all 5 shows in their upcoming **40th Anniversary Season**.

**CenterStage** is a Rochester-based professional theatre offering a season of performances in the **Hart Theater** at the **Jewish Community Center**, 1200 Edgewood Ave in Brighton. The JCC is a fully accessible facility with at-grade building entrances, designated wheelchair seating locations, a fully ADA compliant bathroom and theatre seats that are accessible without steps. The theater is also equipped with an **FM Hearing Assistance System**. **CenterStage** has contracted with **Geva Theatre Center** to provide the Open-Captioning equipment and staff for the **CenterStage** Season. Captioning has been made possible by a grant from the **TDF (Theatre Development Fund)**.

Tickets and information are available at [www.jcccenterstage.org](http://www.jcccenterstage.org) or (585) 461-2000. Please specify "Captioned Area". Tickets are \$26-29 with discounts for JCC members, full time students and season subscribers.

### All shows are on Sundays at 2:00pm.

#### *Church & State – Oct. 23*

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By Annie Baker. Winner! Pulitzer Prize for Drama. Three employees of a run-down movie theater tear tickets, clean up popcorn and attend to one of the few remaining 35 millimeter film projectors in usage. A hilarious and heart-rending plea for authenticity in a fast-changing world.

## *Titanic, The Musical – May 14*

Music and Lyrics by Maury Yeston, Story and Book by Peter Stone

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### **Subject of Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> Chapter Meetings:**

**Daytime and Evening:** Our chapter members will report on the HLAA National Convention held in Washington, DC, in June 2016. New research, technologies and adventures!

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The CI meeting is held twice a year. The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm**. **SAVE THE DATE**. Details follow in our October Newsletter.

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