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Monthly Daytime Program Meeting In Person at St. Paul's and on Zoom - September 12th

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Note: The HOPE and program meetings are postponed to September 12th.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM IN PERSON, ST PAUL'S VESTRY ROOM: Joe Kozelsky CCC/A : HOPE Session: 'Hearing Other People's Experiences' (HOPE)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM AT ST PAUL'S PARISH HALL: Conversation and light refreshments.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 11:30 AM - NOON AT ST PAUL'S PARISH HALL AND ON ZOOM: Chapter announcements and business meeting.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, NOON -1:00 PM AT ST PAUL'S PARISH HALL AND ON ZOOM: Greg Horton Au.D. *Ask the Audiologist*

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 7:00 PM ON ZOOM: Board of Directors Meeting

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM: ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES DEMO CENTER. Technology Team. In person. Lifespan, 1900 S. Clinton Ave.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 8:00 PM ON ZOOM: Parent's Group: *Hear Together*. See information in September Programs.

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

REFRESHMENTS

We appreciate our members who have volunteered to bring refreshments to our September 12th meeting: Nancy Shepard, Mary Ann and Paul Stager, Marlene Sutliff, and Sue Miller.

HLAA Rochester Chapter 40th Anniversary Celebration

by Carol Loftus, Committee Chair

**Invitations have been mailed!
 Join Us to Share the Excitement of the Day
 We're Celebrating 40 Years!**

**Sunday, October 29, 2023
 2:00 - 5:00 PM
 Midvale Country Club
 2387 Baird Road
 Penfield, NY 14526**

Join us in the Grille Room at 2 pm to socialize with other chapter members and guests during a one-hour get together as you enjoy hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and cash bar.

View photo boards of past events and meetings or watch our continual photo show.

You might see yourself enjoying time with other members and wondering how the years pass so quickly.

At 3 pm, you'll enter the Ballroom for a served meal, pre-selected by yourself, including a celebratory dessert.

Beginning at 4 pm, we'll have a presentation taking us through 40 wonderful years of our chapter's history to include many important accomplishments. Lastly, we'll hear about our future plans to serve people with hearing loss.

Please RSVP no later than October 10, 2023.

SEPTEMBER 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>

Tuesday, September 12, Noon-1:00 pm at St Paul's Parish Hall and on Zoom: Greg Horton Au.D. *Ask the Audiologist*

The popular *Ask the Audiologist* Series returns with Greg Horton Au.D. answering your questions
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President's Message

by Dan Brooks, Chapter President

It's hard to believe summer has flown by and our chapter activities are beginning to ramp up for the new Rochester Chapter season.



All of us at HLAA hope you had a wonderful summer with friends and family. For me, the summer was great fun!

First, my summer started out with a trip to New Orleans, Louisiana for the 2023

HLAA Convention. The workshops, presentations, keynote speaker, exhibit hall, evening excursions, award ceremony, etc. were all superb and memorable. If you have never attended an HLAA Convention, I highly recommend you attend at least once! My wife joined me this year and had such a fun time we are hoping to attend next year. If you have not heard already, next year's HLAA Convention will be in Phoenix, Arizona.

Towards the end of summer, I attended this year's Chapter's summer picnic and it was such a pleasure to see so many people attend and having such a great time. Although the food was a big plus, seeing everyone enjoying themselves was just the best. There were so many laughs and smiles by all that it was obvious to me everyone was enjoying themselves.

If you missed the picnic, you missed a great time... but not to worry, we will be having our Chapter's 40th-year Celebration in October, so you'll have another opportunity to share a good time with HLAA friends. The celebration promises to be a very special event. Be sure to RSVP soon to save a seat for yourself and an invited guest if you wish to share the fun. Seats are limited so reserve sooner rather than later.

As mentioned, this year is a special year for our chapter. This will be our 40th year of service to the hearing loss community! I'm not sure how many nonprofits that are all volunteer organizations, can boast about such longevity! We are very proud that we have been able to provide and still provide, tremendous support to the local community serving people with hearing loss and our families and interested friends. We have been able to continue with our mission for so many years due to our dedicated volunteers, who have given and continue to give of themselves and wanting to help others.

At this time we seem to be in a good place as a chapter and hope to continue to be so, for many more years.

Two of the keys to continuing as an active and supportive chapter are growing our membership, and maintaining our strong volunteer base.

It is vital that people become actively involved, if at all possible. Having said that, it's equally important that no one person ever feels overwhelmed by volunteering. The last thing we want to happen is that volunteers feel burdened while helping the chapter.

We strongly feel that keeping volunteering satisfying is the secret to our successful chapter. Working on projects alone, or with others toward common goals, is tremendously satisfying.

We want volunteers to enjoy what they do, and that enjoyment is one of our important goals.

The principles to which we adhere are providing support, education, and advocacy for people with hearing loss.

These principles are the foundation upon which our chapter lies. We work with this mission in mind. It is almost a passion we all have to improve life for all people with hearing loss in our community.

Okay, Let's shift gears...

Are you wondering what to look forward to and where to find more information about chapter activity? The best places to find more information about upcoming chapter activities or events are on our chapter's Website (hearinglossrochester.org), Newsletter, social media, and e-newsletter. You need to be a chapter member to receive a hard copy of our Newsletter, so be sure to renew your membership if needed. It is only \$10 per year so that's a no-brainer! To get on our email list, visit our website. You'll receive our e-newsletter and then please visit and "like" us on our social media outlet, Facebook and visit us on Instagram.

All these sources will provide you with important information about our monthly chapter programs, HOPE Sessions, Demo Center, and some fairly new nighttime offerings such as HOPE at Night, Hear Together, CI Group, Stellar Supporters, etc. Be sure to be connected to more than one of these sources so you don't miss anything.

If you miss our monthly chapter program due to being busy for some reason, don't forget to check out our YouTube channels, you can access them from the "Chapter Videos" on our Website. If you happen to visit

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Dan Brooks receives the prestigious Keystone Award, a well-deserved honor!

SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS

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on hearing loss, hearing aids, insurance, Over-the-Counter, and current developments. Greg is the Director of Audiology at Rochester Hearing and Speech Center. A recent Professional Advisory Group Member, he is the recipient of our HLAA Community Person of the Year Award for 2023.

Bring your concerns and questions so we all can learn more.

Other Programs for September are:

Tuesday, September 12, 10 am -11 am, In-person in St. Paul's Vestry Room: Joe Kozelsky CCC/A: 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 from one another. Anyone interested in hearing loss is invited to join the hearing aid community.

Thursday, September 21, 10:00 am-2:00 pm 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, September 26. 8:00-pm - 9:00 pm Kristin Bergholtz CCC/SLP. Virtual on Zoom.

Speech language pathologist Kristen 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.

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

President's Message (con't)

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one of these channels please remember to "like" and subscribe! By subscribing you will be alerted when a new recording has been posted. Your visits will help get our valuable resources gain a better presence on the web.

Another important resource I feel is sometimes missed, are the active surveys or research programs that our chapter members have been invited to participate in. These links can be found on our website or sometimes by e-blast, if we feel it is an especially important opportunity. If you are able, please get involved in these research programs and surveys. Heck, some even pay money for your time! Either way, many are there to help produce data of things that need to improve, and it is up to us to share our experiences and input.

I am going to conclude this monthly president's column with a small message to let you know how honored I am to be serving you all as president, for the last year of my term.

I'm looking forward to meeting new people along the way and working with many of you who help keep this wonderful chapter going. We have many working parts to our chapter, as you can imagine. You all are quite amazing, and you are much appreciated! If you aren't already involved, I encourage and welcome you to reach out to anyone of us who currently volunteers. For all those already involved, as always, I thank you!

HLAA NATIONAL CONVENTION



The Rochester crew and friends at the Convention

An Honor Flight Experience

by Ron Smith

I joined the Navy in 1954 after graduating from High School. I had basic training at Bainbridge, MD. and Navy Airman training at Norman, OK. Then Navy Training Devices school in Millington, TN, followed by two years and two months service in Philippines, at two Navy Air Bases.



At the November 2022 HLA A meeting there were two Honor Flight (HF) volunteers that promoted the HF. That day I signed up for the HF. I was given three different dates. I called my son, Larry, and asked if he would be my Guardian. He agreed to be and selected May 13/14 weekend. Larry lives in Seattle, Washington and flew to Rochester on the 7th of May. He attended an HF meeting on the 11th of May. He stayed with his sister, my daughter, Teresa (Terry). We had to be at the airport by 4 am on Sat. the 13th. We boarded the plane and were in the air by 6 am. The flight arrived in Baltimore, MD. before 7 am. We, sixty veterans and our sixty guardians, boarded three buses for Washington DC. Larry and I were on the 2nd bus on the purple team. Everything was very well planned. We stopped at the World War II Monument which showed the states and countries that supported the war efforts. Every time we would disembark, we were given a return time to be back on the bus. The three buses traveled as a unit. The next stop was the Korean Monument, which had bigger than life statues of three African American Soldiers near the Wall. Followed by a stop at the Lincoln Memo-

rial which was flooded with young and old, students and families, which was a beautiful sight. We then traveled to the Iwo Jima Statue area and had a box lunch from Arby's which was very good. We were near the Air Force monument with spires in three directions over 200 feet tall, which represents the Thunderbirds bomb burst maneuver. We were in Arlington and went to the changing of the guards at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. I was surprised that they now have female guards. It was a very solemn exhibition.

We all went back to Baltimore on our buses to the Hilton Hotel and to our rooms, meeting later for supper in a large dining room. A few of our HF leaders gave some talks. By then we were very tired and ready for bed.

Sunday morning, we met at the same dining hall for breakfast. It included all one could expect. Then gathered for some photos before heading to the airport terminal. We had a nice, clear flight to Rochester.

Arrival time was around 1 pm. Most of us veterans were pushed in folding wheelchairs through the airport terminals by our guardians. There was a surprise for me as I was told that there would be some people to greet us, but the airport was crowded 3 to 4 deep ticket level except at the entrance and on the baggage level. It was Mother's Day, a holiday. My daughter Terry and my sister-in-law, Catherine, were present there in the crowd. People were shaking our hands, welcoming us home and waving at us, children were waving our flag. It was just AWESOME!!!! IT WAS A WONDERFUL TRIP.

September Birthdays

Happy Birthday to:

September 10 Marlene Sutliff
15 Janet McKenna
18 Nancy Meyer
19 Jim McGrath
23 Mary Ann Stager
26 Elise de Papp, M.D

We have a limited number of birthdays listed in our records. Please let us know so we can include yours next time around.

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HLAA New York State Association (NYSA) Update.

By Peter Fackler, vice president, HLAA-NYSA

Summer is often a time when organizations like ours take a breather -- but that has not been true for HLAA NYSA.



In June, a number of us gathered in New Orleans at the HLAA convention to celebrate HLAA NYSA receiving the Phoenix award and Rochester's own Dan Brooks being honored with the Keystone award. We enjoyed a special social hour that brought us together and a get-to-know-you game orchestrated by

Kassey Granger of Glens Falls, president of the HLAA NYSA board.

A group of New York area HLAA NYSA board members are honchoing a fund-raiser at a Mets game that is scheduled to take place in late July. As of this writing (mid July), no word in about how the event will have gone.

And, planning efforts for the New York City Walk4Hearing set for Sunday, September 17 in Riverside Park, and the Buffalo Walk4Hearing event set for Sunday September 24 are well underway as I write. It's not too late as you read this to form a team to walk in one of these events. As a team captain and/or walker, you are able to designate the "local" share of the funds you raise to, for example, HLAA Rochester, HLAA NYSA, or, even, national HLAA. Find more information regarding the Walk4Hearing at hearingloss.org.

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.

Sessions are usually on the 3rd Thursday of the month. The next demo session at Lifespan, 1900 S. Clinton Ave. (Tops Plaza) on Thursday, September 21st from 10 am to 2 pm. Sessions are free. All are welcome!

Phoenix Award presented to New York State Association

by Carla Beyer-Smolin, Chapter and Membership Coordinator, HLAA

The HLAA New York State Association was originally formed in 1995. However, by 2015 the association became dormant and was close to being disbanded. Instead, Dan Brooks of Rochester led an effort to revive it, gaining support from long-time HLAA New York members. A new board of directors was formed, including at least two members from each



of the six current state chapters. The pandemic presented many challenges, but the renewed state association was able to accomplish some major milestones by creating a new website and an email list of over 600 users. The state association became an early adopter of Zoom and hybrid meetings, sharing these technologies with chapters. A Professional Advisors Committee (PAC) was created, and the state association led the effort to establish a New York State Commission for the Deaf, Deaf/Blind and Hard of Hearing, passed unanimously by the New York State Senate and Assembly. Let's hope Governor Hochul signs this bill next year so that it can become a much-needed reality for all people with hearing loss.

They have championed educational outreach about over-the-counter (OTC) hearing aids with a series of informational articles available in print and online. In 2022, an HLAA New York State conference—the first since 2007—was held in September in Glens Falls, NY, attended by more than 100 people in person and virtually. (Pictured: Kassey Granger, President, New York State Association, and Dan Brooks, Past President.)

Condolences

The Board of Directors and members of the HLAA Rochester Chapter extend their sincere condolences to the family of Elaine VanderBrook. Elaine was a kind, loving, and thoughtful person, and will be especially remembered for her generous support of our chapter's Scholarship Fund.

National Report

by Peter Fackler, National HLAA Board Member

The 2023 convention in New Orleans, Louisiana was a wonderful event, chock full of interesting programming and the usual opportunities for re-connecting with old friends and making new ones along the way. Those attending were a hearty lot, braving 110-degree heat outdoors and mingling at the Marriott with numerous people who were in the city for the Essence Festival that kicked off while we were there.



Others will report more fully elsewhere about their convention going experiences so I will use this space to relate several of the highlights from where I sat.

Mike Meyer of Chicago took the gavel from outgoing board chair, Kevin Franck. Mike, son of the late Dick Meyer who chaired the HLAA board in the early 2000s, will serve as HLAA chair through June 2025. Kevin's term of office was noteworthy as his service resulted in the adoption of a new board policy manual and an update to HLAA's strategic plan. Yours truly will serve a one-year term as vice chair of the board while Ibrahim Dabo of Atlanta will serve as treasurer and Zina Jawadi of Los Angeles will serve as secretary.

Old friend, Don Doherty, former board chair and the driving force in pulling together the HLAA board policy manual retired from the board as his third and final term of service ended. Don was honored with the Rocky Stone Humanitarian award at the Friday evening banquet. Many will remember Don's visit to Rochester to speak at a chapter program meeting while he was board chair. A finer gentleman I have never met.

Our own Dan Brooks was honored with the Keystone award in recognition of his service in HLAA Rochester and in leading the effort to resurrect the HLAA New York State Association. Kudos to Dan for this richly deserved award. In like vein, HLAA New York State Association received the Phoenix award to recognize the HLAA NYS re-birth after a number of years of inactivity. Dan and board President Kassey Granger of Glens Falls accepted the award for HLAA NYS.

Old friend, John Waldo, a Houston-based attorney whose practice focuses on access issues affecting people with hearing loss, reported an update on his work at one of the breakout sessions. John is part of a legal team that is pursuing a suit in federal district court (Schmitt v. Kaiser) to require insurance coverage in medical plans offered under the Affordable Care Act. John reports that the Act prohibits "disability discrimination" and establishes an affirmative obligation for

insurance providers not to discriminate in their ACA offerings. If the suit is successful, the effect will be felt in the federal court district that includes Washington and other states in the region.

An interesting panel discussion addressing hearing loops and Bluetooth as alternative means of hearing access in public venues was the subject of another breakout session. My observation from listening to the panel and from subsequent hallway conversations is that the established and growing base of looped venues will increasingly be joined by the Auracast alternative as a means to providing hearing access. Auracast is the new generation of Bluetooth that is evolving technically in the present day. Industry players Ampetronic and Williams AV are reported to have announced plans to address the Auracast opportunity. For general information regarding Auracast, visit bluetooth.com. Information regarding hearing loops can be found at hearingloss.org -- see Get in the Hearing Loop under the programs and events tab.

And, finally, save the dates for the 2024 HLAA convention: June 27 – 29 at the Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass in Phoenix, AZ.

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

Buffalo Walk4Hearing

by Carol Loftus

Hope everyone is enjoying their summer.


Planning has been underway for the Buffalo Walk4Hearing to be held September 24, 2023 at a new location, Delaware Park, Ring Road Amherst/Colvin Green Space, Buffalo.

9 a.m.	Registration Starts
10 a.m.	Stage Presentation
10:15 a.m.	Walk Starts - 5K- 3.1 miles

Walk4Hearing is a nationwide campaign raising awareness and showing support for people with hearing loss.

As a liaison for this Walk, once again, my team, Hear4Tomorrow, will be accepting donations. Donations may be made on line at www.hearingloss.org. Click on 'Walk' to find the team you're donating to. Checks are payable to Buffalo Walk4Hearing. Feel free to email me with questions at Cloftus3@gmail.com

Captioned Entertainment Around Rochester

 **JCC Center Stage** - 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. All captioned performances are on Sundays at 2 pm.

November 12, 2023 *Tuesdays with Morrie*
 December 12, 2023 *Love, Loss, & What I Were*
 February 11, 2024 *Hitmakers Rock vs. Disco*
 April 14, 2024 *Sisters in Law*
 May 14, 2024 *Beautiful The Carole King Musical*



RBTL Live Theater - 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. All shows at 1 pm.


October 8, 2023 *Frozen*
 November 19, 2023 *Moulin Rouge!*
 December 17, 2023 *Annie*
 February 4, 2024 *The Temptations*
 February 25, 2024 *Mrs. Doubtfire*
 June 9, 2024 *Tina*

NTID Theatres Panara Theatre

November 11-12 *Thy Name is Woman*
 April 19-21 Deaf Creators Play Festival

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September 8-9 Deaf Hip Hop and Rap Festival
 December 1-3 *AstroDance II: Across The Universe*
 April 5-7 *Ada and the Engine*
 April 12-14 Immersive Theatre Project

 **GEVA Theatre Center** - 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, 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.

9/27, 2pm & 7:30 pm *The Wizard of Oz*
 9/30, 2 pm *The Workout Room (Baron Vaughn)*
 10/21, 2 pm; 11/18, 2 pm & 7:30 pm *Frida... A Self Portrait*
 11/4, 2 pm *Mr. Parent*
 12/2, noon; 12/10, 2 pm & 7:30 pm *A Christmas Carol*
 1/20, 2:30 pm *Dial M For Murder*
 3/9, 2 pm; 3/27, 2 pm & 7:30 pm *Lady Day at Emerson's Bar & Grill*
 3/23, 2:30 pm *Sanctuary City*
 4/20, 2 pm; 5/8, 2 pm & 7:30 pm *Newtown*
 6/1, 2 pm; 6/19, 2 pm & 7:30 pm *The Color Purple*

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 (listed in the showtimes on each film page), and on social media.

Roc Cinema has a hearing loop and some Saturday matinee movies are open-captioned.

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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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!

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