

Monthly Presentation Meeting In Person at St. Paul's and on Zoom - April 4th

APRIL CALENDAR

- TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 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, APRIL 4, 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM AT ST PAUL'S PARISH HALL:** Conversation and light refreshments.
- TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 11:30 AM - NOON AT ST PAUL'S PARISH HALL AND ON ZOOM:** Chapter announcements and business meeting.
- TUESDAY, APRIL 4, NOON -1:00 PM AT ST PAUL'S PARISH HALL AND ON ZOOM:** **Challenges: New Technology, OTC Hearing Aids, Assistive Devices** presented by Lorin Gallistel, Eric Matson and Art Maurer
- TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 7:00 PM ON ZOOM:** Board of Directors Meeting
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 7:00 PM ON ZOOM:** Joe Kozelsky: Special Online HOPE Session: 'Hearing Other People's Experiences' (HOPE)
- TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 7:00 PM—8:30 PM ON ZOOM:** P-Professional Advisory Committee (PAC).
- THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES DEMO CENTER.** Technology Team. In person. Lifespan, 1900 S. Clinton Ave.
- THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 8:00 PM ON ZOOM.** . Hear Together. See information in April Programs.

Please check our Chapter Website [hearinglossrochester.org](https://www.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 April 4th meeting: Gayle Carini ,Judy Markowski, and Nancy Shepard.

APRIL 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, April 4. Noon: Challenges: New Technology, OTC Hearing Aids, Assistive Devices presented by Lorin Gallistel, Eric Matson and Art Maurer

How can HLAA help consumers address new challenges and move on with technology changes? Technology team members Lorin Gallistel, Eric Matson, and Art Maurer observe that traditional hearing aids can connect to Bluetooth and smart phones, but how do consumers learn to use them? OTC hearing aids require the user to consider many factors; HLAA offers OTC Tips. Other inexpensive assistive devices give the opportunity to enjoy better hearing but require education.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

from Dan Brooks and Art Maurer

SEVERAL HLAA EVENTS IN 2023

Our **Annual Dinner** is Tuesday, May 23rd at Cobblestone Country Club – Victor NY. We'd love to have you join us. It's captioned and looped to be sure everyone can hear and understand. The highlight is when we give our three special awards. It's a great time to gather and meet with each other in a relaxed setting. (Please send in your reservation on the form on page 4 – if you have any questions about cost to attend please check with Sue Miller.)



Note that at the request of the students, the scholarships that used to be given at the Annual Dinner are now granted in a virtual Zoom ceremony. They all participate in a 90-minute gathering focused on their plans for college and career.

The **National HLAA Convention** is June 29 – July 1 in New Orleans. Our Rochester Chapter offers a reimbursement for cost to attend of up to \$750 dollars. Everyone should strive to attend at least one convention to

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APRIL PROGRAMS

Other Programs for April are:

Tuesday, April 4 am-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.

Wednesday, April 12. 7 pm-8:30 pm, On Zoom: Joseph Kozelsky CCC/A: Hearing Other People's Experiences (HOPE) See H.O.P.E. description above.

Thursday, April 20. 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, April 27. 8:00-pm - 9:00 pm HEAR TOGETHER. 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

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get the full experience of all HLAA has to offer.

Our **Summer Picnic** is Sunday, August 13 at Dolomite Lodge – Penfield, NY. Mark your calendars for this casual gathering of good conversation and food...and no speeches!

Our major event of the year will be our **40th Anniversary Celebration** to be held in late October. Please make a mental note to watch for more details which will be forthcoming in the next few months. A group, led by Carol Loftus, has been formed to plan this event. If you attended our 30th, you know our 40th will also be memorable.

HEALTH CARE TASK FORCE

Being able to hear in health care settings is often a challenge ... with serious consequences if accurate communication fails to take place. It will be the focus of our Program Chapter Meeting on June 6. Our Health Care Task Force, led by **Mary Chizuk**, is working to develop usable tools and techniques to help everyone with hearing loss to be able to hear comfortably so they can concentrate on the meaning of what medical professionals are telling them rather than having the struggle just to comprehend the words being said.

In our March, 2021 newsletter we published on Page 7 our Communications Guide...Health Care Appointments (available at hearinglossrochester.org). Now our focus is shifting to include in-patient hospital settings.

If you are interested in working toward our goals, we'd love to have your participation because there are no right answers and solutions are under development.

AN EARLY IMPACT OF OTCs

The advertising for Over-the-Counter hearing aids is generating a great deal of interest among many who have been holding off doing something about their hearing loss. That spills over into consideration of how we hear and hearing health; even the advantages of traditional hearing aids and the crucial role audiologists play for those who are beyond mild – moderate hearing loss.

Our HLAA focus has traditionally been people who either have hearing aids and CIs, or who are considering purchasing them through an audiologist. Now we are challenged to engage people who have never had hearing aids and are considering a landscape including OTCs. Add to that the fact of new assistive devices are being introduced with benefit to people who don't have hearing aids...we can help them too! This gives us pause to consider who are our customers and how can we best be of assistance.

We'll soon be embarking on strategic planning for the next few years and are very interested in your thoughts and suggestions...even participation if you'd like.

AND THANKS!

Thanks to all who have renewed your membership. Please join us if you haven't renewed your membership for our 40th Anniversary Year.

Dan Brooks, President
president@hearinglossrochester.org

Art Maurer, Immediate Past President
pastpresident@hearinglossrochester.org

National Report

By Peter Fackler

The Hearing Loss Association of America Board of Directors met Friday March 3 in Rockville, MD at HLAA headquarters. By total coincidence, March 3rd was World Hearing Day.



The finance committee report was pretty much routine in nature. Michael Stone reported that HLAA is on course operating within the current year's budget parameters. Updates to the HLAA investment policy are under discussion and will be reported out at the June meeting of the Board.

Shari Eberts reported for the audit committee. Form 990 was filed for the August 31 fiscal year and copies were furnished to the Board in advance of filing. The audit of HLAA's finances is complete and the resulting clean opinion noted.

Mike Meyer reported for the Development Committee. The Board continues to work to build a culture of philanthropy among board members and to expand HLAA's outreach to grow a more sustainable base of revenue. Over the past decade, much progress has been made yet much remains to be done. HLAA's approach with corporate supporters is being refined to be more responsive to opportunities for partnerships in advancing the work to make the world a better place for people with hearing loss. Donations from individual donors, including via the Walk4Hearing, remain the lynchpin to HLAA's continued financial sustainability. The loyal and generous grass roots donor base, including chapter members from across the country, remains critically important to HLAA's annual revenue picture.

Barbara Kelley's executive director report centered on expanded opportunities in conducting effective outreach to the wider community of people with hearing loss. We are making significant progress in this effort, yet HLAA remains a 'best kept secret' across the country. I will devote my report in the May newsletter to the progress we are making in our communications program and our hopes for further gains in that regard.

Karen Peltz-Strauss, former deputy chief of the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at the Federal Communications Commission met with the Board to discuss the re-introduction this congressional session of the Communications Video Technology Act (CVTA, for short). This bill seeks to deal with improving and expanding the use of captions to support people with hearing loss. Senator Edward J. Markey (D-MA), a long-time supporter, will again be the lead sponsor of this legislation. We will have more details

when the legislation is written and the plans for national and local advocacy are in place.

Cheri Perazzoli, a HLAA Board member from Washington State, reports that activists there have been successful in advancing two pieces of legislation to benefit people with hearing loss. One would require Affordable Care Act plans to cover hearing aids and other supplies while the other would require the same of private insurance plans. The two bills have not yet made their way to the governor and certain contingencies will apply once the bills become law, yet on balance this is terrific news from our friends in Washington State. Stay tuned.

On a personal note, I applied for and was appointed to another term as a HLAA Board member. This will be my last term of service as I will be at the term limit prescribed by the bylaws. The term limit timing is appropriate on a personal level as I find I have (to use the vernacular of baseball and other sports) lost a couple of steps over time. I also find, as I close in on my 80th birthday, that I need to devote added time to routine body maintenance and to tasks appropriate to aging and being sure that one's affairs are in proper order to handle life's inevitabilities.

To connect with the HLAA national organization:

- Website: hearingloss.org
- Walk4Hearing website: walk4hearing.org
- Office phone: 301-657-2248
- Office FAX: 301-913-9413
- 6116 Executive Blvd., Suite 320, Rockville, MD 20852
- 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.hl原因@yaho.com or (814) 319-2083 (text or voice).

Peter Fackler

You are cordially invited to the

HLAA ANNUAL DINNER

We will all have the opportunity to come together on May 23rd for the Annual Dinner of the Rochester Chapter of HLAA. We will also recognize some of the people who make a difference to our Chapter in the Rochester area by presenting awards, including the annual Chapter Award.

Tuesday | May 23, 2023 | 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Cobblestone Creek Country Club
100 Cobble Creek Road, Victor, NY

Spouses/guests welcome!

MENU CHOICES

- (1) Atlantic Salmon Seared Salmon Filet served with Lemon Thyme Beurre Blanc
- (2) Chicken French Boneless Chicken Breast Sauteed with a Classic Lemon Sherry Sauce
- (3) Cauliflower Alfredo (Vegan) Roasted Cauliflower, Tomatoes & Asparagus, Tossed in a Vegan Alfredo Sauce over Pasta

Warm rolls and butter
House Salad with Ranch/Balsamic dressing
Coffee and Tea
Cheesecake with Raspberry Sauce
\$32.00 per person (includes tax & gratuities)

Questions? Please email, or call, Sue Miller at SusanLeeMiller39@cs.com, (585) 615-5136

HLAA ANNUAL DINNER - May 23, 2022
Reservation Form

Name: _____

Address _____

Phone and/or Email _____

1st Guest: _____ Dinner choice _____

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Dinner reservations are due Tuesday, May 16---FIRM DATE!
Please return this form with checks payable to HLAA Rochester
to: Mr. & Mrs. Doug Meyer / 5275 Rosebrugh Rd. / Geneseo NY 14454
We cannot accept reservations after May 17

HLAA New York State Association (NYSA) Update.

By Dan Brooks, Immediate Past President, HLAA-NYSA

Spring is finally upon us! Although I look forward to all the seasons New York has to offer I particularly look forward to springtime. The reason is mainly due to



opening our travel trailer and booking our camping excursions for the upcoming season. Our family loves spending time together and with close friends. Hopefully, you too are looking forward to enjoying the seasonal opportunities that lie ahead!

Springtime is an exciting time for the **HLAA Rochester Chapter** as well! Chapter leaders and members are busy planning our upcoming Annual Dinner, announcing this year's Scholarship winners, the Summer Picnic and this year the Chapter's 40th Anniversary Celebration! If all of these events sound like a lot of activity—you're right it is! Thankfully, we have many willing and able volunteers who work together to make all our events memorable and great fun.

Our Rochester Chapter is always looking for ways to support people with hearing loss. Last month our chapter hosted its first ever evening **HOPE Session**, via ZOOM. Prior to that time HOPE Sessions were held in person only.

“HOPE” stands for **H**earing **O**ther **P**eople's **E**xperiences. These sessions are facilitated by **Joe Kozelsky MS, CCC-A**, a retired audiologist who has a hearing loss and is also a member of the Rochester Chapter. HOPE sessions are a way to ask personal hearing loss related questions before the group and get answers from others who are experienced with hearing loss. There is great benefit from also getting input from an audiologist whom also is an experienced hearing aid user! HOPE sessions is are open to all wanting to join. The next **“HOPE Session at Night”** will be held later this month on April 12th at 7 PM for one hour.

Registration is required. To register please visit the Rochester chapter website at www.hearinglossrochester.org.

The **HLAA New York State Association (HLAA-NYSA)** has been busy as well. Last month the **HLAA-NYSA Board of Directors** met via ZOOM. Some of the things discussed were the importance of attending the upcoming **HLAA Convention** in New Orleans, updating the information on the NYSA website, strategies of how we can advocate for New York to establish a State Commission for the Deaf, Deaf-Blind and Hard of Hearing.

We also discussed other ways for the NYSA to raise money so we will be able to continue our work on behalf of people with hearing loss in New York State.

The NYSA State Conference last fall was a success in so many ways. We enjoyed good friends, good food, great entertainment, and wonderful activities however we pretty much just broke even financially. We were hoping to generate funds to help defray Association costs and allow us to continue with a variety of projects. That simply did not happen. We have gained from the experience, and we have learned a lot that we'll be able to apply when we host our next State Conference. Unfortunately we cannot wait until the next State Conference to raise money so we need to explore other avenues to raise funds now so that we can continue to operate and grow.

If any of you have ideas or willing to participate in this important discussion we would love to hear from you. After all, it is you that make up the membership of the NYSA!

Please continue to visit our website www.hearinglossnys.org for the latest updates. I cannot say this enough, 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.

On our website you will find a tab where you can donate money via PayPal, major credit card or use our P.O. Box information if you wish to write a check. We are a charitable nonprofit organization as you know.

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

Again the HLAA New York State Association thanks you for all your support!

-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.

Captioned Entertainment Around Rochester

JCC Center Stage – Captioned Plays



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

“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

“Singing 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

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In Memory of Scotty Miller

It is with saddened hearts to share that the son of one of our longtime members recently passed away unexpectedly. Scott (Scotty) J. Miller Jr, son of Sue and Scott Miller, passed away with family nearby in Jupiter, Florida on February 19th, 2023. Please keep Sue and the rest of the family in your prayers and in your hearts. The HLAA Rochester Chapter is family and friends as well, so pray for peace and comfort in these difficult days ahead.

Thank you from the Miller Family

To our dear HLAA family, we are so very grateful for your compassionate notes, cards, calls, messages, and thoughtful words. You have brought our family great comfort as we begin to accept the passing of our wonderful son, Scotty. We are so very grateful for your prayers of love and concern, and we thank you with all our hearts.

Sue and Scott

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, April 20th from 10 am to 2 pm. Sessions are free. All are welcome!

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April Birthdays

Happy Birthday to:

April 3	Peter Leas
10	Sue Miller
27	Judy Markowski

Our birthday database is missing many of your birthdays, If you would like to be mentioned in the future, please send an email to editor@hearinglossrochester.org



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 Presbytère. 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.

Questions? Email convention@hearingloss.org.

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Mar. 19, 2023
 Ronnie Marmo brings his play about the life and death of the legendary, groundbreaking, and controversial comedian Lenny Bruce

May 14, 2023
 This sweeping musical portrait of early twentieth-century America tells the story of three families in the pursuit of the American Dream.

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

HLAA is the nation's foremost membership and advocacy organization for people with hearing loss. HLAA publishes a bimonthly magazine, *Hearing Life*, holds annual conventions, a Walk4Hearing, and more. Check out: www.hearingloss.org.

The Rochester Chapter, started in 1983, is a dynamic group of individuals working together as a team. To join, please see inside back page. HLAA has a support network of organizations—Rockville, MD; State organizations; and, local Chapters. Welcome!

Our Meetings are Hearing Accessible

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Everyone, with or without a hearing loss, is welcome, on our on-line meetings or in person, when live meetings resume!