

## SEPTEMBER Calendar

### Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>

**10:00 am – HOPE Session**–Vestry Room, St. Paul’s

#### Daytime Chapter meeting:

**11:00 am** - Refreshments/Social Time- Parish Hall

**11:30 am** – Announcements

**12 Noon – 1 pm** – Program Speaker

#### Evening Chapter meeting:

**7:00 pm** – Refreshments/Social Time – Parish Hall

**7:30 pm** – Announcements

**8:00 pm – 9 pm** – Program Speaker

**Tues., Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>** - **BOD** – 7-9pm – Al Sigl Center

**Thurs., Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>** – **Device Demo Center**, Lifespan.  
(from 10am to 2pm, free to all.) see page 11

**Sun., Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>** – Walk4Hearing-Buffalo –page 9

### SAVE THESE FUTURE DATES

**Tues., Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>** – ‘**CI GROUP**’ 1:30 – 2:30pm after  
the Chapter Meeting. – see page 11

**Tues., Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>** – **BOD meeting**- 7-9pm – ASC

**Tues., Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>** – **PAC meeting** – 7-9pm – ASC  
Our first meeting. All are welcome!

### **Hospitality Duties for September:**

Daytime Meeting – Ginger Graham, Sue Miller,  
Marlene Sutliff

Evening Meeting – Ginger Graham, Barb Law

Board of Directors –Barb Law, Carol/Gerry Loftus,  
Stuart Loewenstein



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### SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS

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

**Tues., Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> - 10:00am - Vestry room**  
**HOPE (Hearing Other People's Experiences)**  
**session** – *Joe Kozelsky, MS, abd, CCC-A retired.*

Prospective, new or long-time hearing aid users share their experiences, questions, and hearing loss journeys in an informal round table discussion facilitated by retired audiologist and hearing aid user, Joe Kozelsky. All are welcome!

**Tues., Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>-Daytime Meeting -11am-1pm**  
**Speaker begins at Noon** in the Parish Hall.

**RELATIONSHIPS AT SEA: RETURNING THEM SAFELY TO PORT** –Sam Trychin, Ph.D.

Hearing loss can create behavioral, cognitive, and emotional difficulties in relationships for both the person who has it and her/his communication partner. Lacking information about how to better understand what is being said can yield negative thoughts and feelings, often damaging relationships and leaving a person at sea. Learning to manage communication better results in calmer thinking, positive feelings and improved relationships--returning individuals safely to port.

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**Tues., Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> – Evening Meeting–7:00-9:00 pm**  
**Speaker begins at 8:00 pm**

**ABC's OF LIVING WELL WITH HEARING LOSS – Sam Trychin, Ph.D.**

Effectively managing hearing loss requires viewing it as a communication disorder affecting both listeners and speakers and requiring some communication behavior changes on the part of each. What are the optimal conditions for communication when hearing loss is present--the A's? What must both the person with hearing loss and the communication partner do differently to increase understanding--the B's? What can help both to better manage themselves, e.g., regulate emotional reactions--the C's?

Dr. Trychin is a psychologist in private practice in Erie, PA. He focuses on psycho-social interventions for people with hearing loss and their communication partners. He also helps train individuals with stress-related disorders. He is the Mental Health and Rehabilitation Advisor to HLAA and serves on the PA Governor's Council on Aging. The author of 15 books and several book chapters and journal articles, Dr. Trychin has produced DVD's targeting skills for living better with hearing loss.

*All HLAA programs are free. Anyone interested in hearing loss is welcome. For more information, view the organization's web site at [www.hearinglossrochester.org](http://www.hearinglossrochester.org) or telephone 585 266 7890.*

*The Rochester Chapter is a dynamic group of individuals working together as a team. HLAA has a support network of organizations: Bethesda, MD; state organizations, and local chapters. All are welcome!*

**TEMPORARY ROLE...**

“On July 13, 1985, US vice-president George H. W. Bush served as president for 8 hours while President Ronald Reagan had surgery.”  
*(Old Farmer's Almanac 2019)*

**FROM OUR PRESIDENT, AND,  
VICE-PRESIDENT**

*By Suzanne Johnston, and, Art Maurer*



Some of us spent part of our time over the summer months on or near the water--as residents of Rochester we are fortunate to live near the beautiful Finger Lakes as well as the Great Lake Ontario. As we enjoyed boating on our sunny summer days, we could contemplate how similar this activity was to overseeing the goings-on of a large organization. Yes, getting ready to go out, checking the weather and executing the trip is like taking the helm of HLAA-Rochester!



First, anticipating the excitement of being with others on a common journey. This can be likened to the impetus we feel together as we share a vision to move our organization forward into the next program year.

Then, understanding the general state of the weather for the time we are to be on the water – similar to being sensitive to the overall health and needs of an organization. Finally, to begin to navigate a sometimes unwieldy vehicle which is subject to the effects of the waves, wind and others around it--including avoiding hazards and maximizing a smooth trip over the surface...very similar to managing a large number of people and activities--all the while making an effort to direct it forward in an effective manner.

As our new program year kicks off, we have an opportunity to position ourselves for the ‘trip’ as well as plan for our journey across what can sometimes be challenging waters. Beginnings bring with them opportunities to celebrate past accomplishments and to anticipate new directions and focus.  
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## PRESIDENTS COLUMN – (continued)

We finished our last program year this past June with the largest numbers of individual, family and corporate memberships in our chapter's history. We cemented our relationships and developed strategies and important programs with large, supportive stakeholders in our community – e.g., Lifespan, Monroe County, etc. Our Board of Directors is populated with not only persons who are 'seasoned' members of our organization, but also individuals who offer energy and fresh perspectives to our work together. We have a new chapter brochure and promotional materials which are attractive and current. Our members have been vocal and evident in our community – writing letters to the editor, serving at health fairs, lecturing and supporting at the National convention, speaking on radio talk shows, presenting at groups and organizations, and more. We assisted National HLAA, and our members worked tirelessly, to support the arrival of hundreds of Deaf/HOH persons from around the country for the annual national convention in Rochester. And, of course, there are many individuals who continue to work from month-to-month to support important work in the name of HLAA-Rochester and people with hearing loss each and every day.



We completed our most recent program year in preparation for our future – with the beginnings of a strategic plan that will carry us forward. We are well-positioned to move into the next year with solid membership support and significant influence in our community. We will look to you, our members, to help guide this 'ship,' and the journey promises to be a fruitful one!

## TOILETRY ITEMS FOR LIFESPAN

*By Ginger Graham*

Many thanks to everyone who donated toiletry items in May and June destined for **Lifespan**. They distribute these items to veterans at the VA Medical Center in Canandaigua, and also to women in underserved countries. There is always a need.

And we received a huge THANK YOU from Nancy Szembrot, program coordinator, Lifespan Eastside Resource Center: "Again, thank you **Ginger** and **Sue** for your generosity, and to **Barbara Rice** for delivering the toiletries."

Regards, *Nancy Szembrot*

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[www.lifespanrochester.org](http://www.lifespanrochester.org)

## NEW OFFICERS for 2019-- 2020

*By Sue Miller, Chair, Nominating Committee*

The committee is pleased to announce the new slate of officers for our chapter, July 1, 2019 –June 30, 2020.

President – Suzanne Johnston  
 Vice-President - Art Maurer  
 Recording Secretary – Stuart Loewenstein  
 Corresponding Secretary – Carol Loftus  
 Treasurer – Tom Corteville  
 Assistant Treasurer – Joan Kohler  
 Immediate Past President – Dan Brooks

With sincere thanks to these folks for stepping up to lead our chapter in the upcoming months!

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL LETTER** coming to you soon! Please pay your dues to continue receiving this monthly Newsletter! Thank you!

## LOST WORDS FROM OUR CHILDHOOD

*By Laura Bacon (submitted by Carol Bradshaw)*

Recently, I illuminated some old expressions that have become obsolete because of the inexorable march of technology. These phrases included: "Don't touch that dial-- Carbon copy--You sound like a broken record—and, Hung out to dry."

WE ARE THE CHILDREN OF A FABULOUS AGE.....NO ONE WILL EVER HAVE THAT OPPORTUNITY AGAIN. WE WERE GIVEN ONE OF OUR MOST PRECIOUS GIFTS: LIVING IN THE PEACEFUL AND COMFORTABLE TIMES, CREATED FOR US BY THE "GREATEST GENERATION!"

DID YOU KNOW....

"In 1990, President George H. W. Bush signed into law the ADA (American with Disabilities Act.)."

*(from D&C 7-21-19)*

**RBTL LIVE THEATRE—CAPTIONED!**

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

Sept. 29 – Summer: Donna Summer Musical  
 Oct. 27 – The Book of Mormon  
 Nov. 24 – Come From Away  
 Jan. 26, 2020 – Anastasia  
 Feb. 23 - Jesus Christ Superstar  
 March 22 - Hello Dolly  
 April 26 - Cats  
 June 7 - Dear Evan Hansen

Anything we add will remain up to date at this link as needed to reference: <http://www.rbtl.org/accessibility-services/>  
 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

Sat., Sept. 7; Wed., Oct. 2 – **La Cage Aux Folles**  
 Sat., Oct. 26; Wed., Nov. 13 – **The Niceties**  
 Nov. 9 @ 2:30pm – **Queen**  
 Sun., Dec. 8 @ 12 Noon – **A Christmas Carol**  
**new season 2020**  
 Sat., Jan. 18; Wed., Jan. 29 – **Slow Food**  
 Sat., Feb. 22; Wed., March 18 – **ONCE**  
 Sat., March 7 @ 2:30pm – **Cry It Out**  
 Sat., April 4; Wed., April 22; **Looks Like Pretty**  
 Sat., April 25 @ 2:30pm – **Where Did We Sit on Bus?**  
 Sat., May 9; Wed., May 27 - **Vietgone**  
 Call the Box Office at 232-4382. Ask for seats in the “open captions” viewing section.

**JCC CenterStage – Captioned Plays!**

**Wed/Thurs @ 7pm; Sat/Sun @ 2pm**  
unless otherwise indicated

Sun., Nov. 10; Thurs., Nov. 14 –  
**“Division Street”**  
 Sun., Dec. 15; Thurs., Dec. 19 – **“Raging Skillet: The True Life Adventures of a Punk Rock Caterer”**

**JCC.....new season 2020**

Sun., Feb. 9; Wed., Feb. 12 – **“Hit Makers—Origins of Classic Rock”**  
 Sun., April 12; Thurs, April 16 – **“Sweat”**  
 Sun., May 10; Wed., May 13 – **“Mamma Mia, musical”**

Tickets and information are available at [www.jcccenterstage.org](http://www.jcccenterstage.org) or (585) 461-2000. *Please specify “Captioned Area.”* Tickets are \$26-33 with discounts for JCC members, full-time students and season subscribers.

**NTID THEATRES****PANARA THEATRE - captioned**

**Thur/Fri.-7:30pm; Sat.-2pm, 7:30pm**  
**Sun.-2pm** (*unless otherwise indicated*)  
 NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE YET.

**MAGIC SPELL THEATRE – captioned.**

NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE YET.

Panara Theater parking in Lot “L”  
 Magic Spell parking in Lots “E” & “F”  
 Cost: \$12 general public More Info:  
[https://www.rit.edu/cla/finearts/theatrearts/cla-ntid\\_18-19jointseason](https://www.rit.edu/cla/finearts/theatrearts/cla-ntid_18-19jointseason).

**CAPTIONED MOVIES AT CINEMA THEATRE**

*By Gaelen McCormick*

All Wednesday movies at the Cinema are **open caption.** They rotate movies every week and are a LOT less expensive than the AMC and Regal cinemas. Check local listings and [www.cinamarochester.com](http://www.cinamarochester.com) or [www.captionfish.com](http://www.captionfish.com)  
 957 Clinton Ave. S. (14620); 271 1785; Free parking in Dollar Tree lot across the street. Handicap parking behind Cinema.

**THE LITTLE THEATRE**

*By Scott Pukos, PR for The Little*

We offer ‘open captions’ every Tuesday. Listed on our website ([thelittle.org](http://thelittle.org)); info gets updated every Monday evening. Also, have ‘hearing amplification headphones’ and ‘personal captioning devices’ that are available for every film with closed captioning capabilities. These can be used in all theatres.

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## THE LITTLE THEATRE (continued)

A 'hearing loop' (installed with the support of Hart Hearing Centers and the J. Stuart and Phyllis I. MacDonald Fund) is in Theatres 1,2,4, and 5; and soon to be in #3. For more info, go to:

<https://thelittle.org/accessibility>.

*(submitted by Suzanne Johnston; excerpt by Ginger Graham)*

## 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.

We are extremely pleased that **CaptionCall** has chosen to support our chapter by underwriting the captioning at our monthly meetings.

We also owe a huge debt of thanks to **Dan Brooks, Lorin Gallistel, Charlie Johnstone, and Bruce Nelson** for overseeing the technical set-up needed for this service. Without their dedication in attending *all* meetings, this would not happen!

## STUDENT BOARD - ROCHESTER CHAPTER

Our chapter has a Student Board and welcomes students with or without hearing loss to participate.

Please go to our website for details. Contact:

Suzanne Johnston at [suzannejohnston@aol.com](mailto:suzannejohnston@aol.com).



OUR SINCERE  
CONDOLENCES are extended  
to the family and friends of  
these deceased:

Helen J. Edelman, May 21 (wife of Bob);  
Mary H. Greene, May 23; Eleanor Siegfried July 15;  
Anna Shapiro 2018

## For Your Donation to HLAA:



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--Rochester Area Community  
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--Mary Tuckley Estate

Lorin Gallistel (for NTID Research)  
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## Donations Above Membership

Marjorie J. Buck, Sister Veronica Casey, Bridget M. Coletta, Tom Corteville, Barb Gates, Hal Hood, Harriette Royer, Thomas E. Sullivan, Ruth E. Tetlow

## In Memory of Janet Ceratt

Demaris Verzulli

## In Memory of Helen J. Edelman

## In Memory of Mary H. Greene

## In Memory of Anna Shapiro

Sue Miller

## In Memory of Eleanor Siegfried

Sue Miller

Trish Prosser

*Please consider a donation when you renew your membership.*

## SUBJECTS OF UPCOMING MEETINGS

### **Tuesday, October 1st**

Daytime meeting: "Cochlear Implants" with Jane Ledingham, Advanced Bionics representative. Everything you want to know about procedure, surgery, recovery, mapping, etc. Now, or wait?

Evening meeting: "Ask the Audiologist" with Steve Hart and Dr Greg Horton. They answer your questions/concerns about hearing aids and listening devices. Bring your questions!

## **LIKE US ON FACEBOOK !**

*By Jenn Hurlburt*

Are you on Facebook? If so, please be our friend.  
We currently have **362** friends and we want more.  
Find us at: **Hlaa Rochester Ny**

## ANNUAL DINNER – May 21<sup>st</sup>

By Barb Law, Events Chairperson

Our 2019 HLAA Annual Dinner at Cobblestone Creek Country Club in Victor was the best ever with 89 members attending! We were fortunate to have beautiful weather in a lovely venue. Thanks to so many of our members who helped to make this an outstanding event. Special thanks to **Scott and Sue Miller** for hosting our event; and to Sue for her tireless time spent in organizing the event with the club, recruiting our volunteers, and creating the name tags as well as the formal Program.

Thanks to **Joan Kohler** for receiving all our reservations and tracking them so accurately; keeping us informed on a daily basis. Table seating by **Barb Law** assured that all were seated with ease, and the beautiful flower arrangements on the tables created by **Claudia O'Hara** and her assistant were admired by all.

The social time started at 6 pm with greeters **Carol and Gerry Loftus** and **Judy and Lorin Gallistel** at the main entrance. **Barbara Rice** and **Margaret Cochran** served as hostesses while **Mary Chizuk, Ginger Graham, and Janet McKenna** welcomed guests at the greeters table. **Dan Brooks** and **Charlie Johnstone** spent much time earlier in the afternoon setting up the loop system and the screens for the captionist. **Linda Siple** and **Jessie Falke** arrived early to help interpret the conversations of many of our scholarship winners and families who used ASL. Photographers **Bruce Nelson** and **Al Suffredini** captured the event.

**John Eckhardt** gave a heartfelt blessing at the start of our delicious meal. Captionist **Debra Lockwood** and our interpreters provided accessibility during our program with **President Dan Brooks** as the Master of Ceremonies. **Barb Law** recognized our outgoing Professional Advisors who have served two years: Tamala David, James DeCaro, Christine Olivier, and Peter Reeb. She also thanked **Kristen Nolan** for chairing the PAC this past year.



The “Community Person Award” was presented by Sue Miller to **Mary Rose McBride**, Vice President of Lifespan.



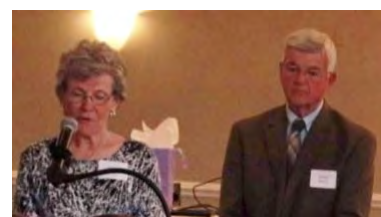
The “Community Organization Award” was presented by Suzanne Johnston to **Monroe County**, with the Greater Rochester International Airport Director **Andy Moore** accepting the award.



The coveted “Chapter Award” was presented to a most deserving and surprised **Bruce Nelson** by Margaret Cochran.

Special thanks to **Ginger Graham** for organizing and supplying the recognition awards.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of HLAA scholarships by **Nancy and Doug Meyer** to the seven students who received \$1,000 each: Jeffery Flood, Courtney Gentzke, Alyssa Kingston, Neriya McPherson, Megan Minkel, Diane Ward, and Hunter Williams.



Nancy spoke of each winner's qualities and accomplishments, so we might know how deserving each student is. Thank you to Nancy and Doug and the  
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## ANNUAL DINNER (continued)

rest of the HLAA Scholarship Committee who prepared and distributed the scholarship applications and then selected the recipients. Funds for the scholarships were contributed by the HLAA-Rochester Chapter and the J. Stuart and Phyllis I. MacDonald Fund. Since 1996, our chapter has awarded \$114,500 to 130 scholarship recipients.



Concluding remarks were made by **Suzanne Johnston**, our vice president, who thanked **Dan Brooks**

for his outstanding job as HLAA-Rochester Chapter President this past year. Dan enjoyed opening many gifts for use when he rides his Harley Davidson motorcycle. Dan thanked us for the support he received from our members, both personally for his family and in his role as Rochester Chapter President.

As a member of the Special Events Committee, I again thank **everyone** who helped with our annual dinner. It could not have happened without you!

(photos courtesy of Bruce Nelson and Al Suffredini; also, thanks to Art Maurer)

This award-winning Newsletter of the Rochester Chapter of HLAA is published monthly except for July and August.

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## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT...

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world: indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

*(Old Farmer's Almanac 2019)*

## WEATHER WONDERS, FOR FALL 2019...

“Ember days” in September fall on the Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday after September 14. According to folklore, they indicate the weather for the next 3 months:

September 18 – weather on this day marks the trend expected in October.

September 20—indicates weather for November.

September 21—predicts the weather for December.

*(Old Farmer's Almanac)*

### **We Welcome All Donations**

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*Be sure to designate:*

This donation is: In Memory of; or, In Honor of,  
or, Birthday congratulations. And who to send the  
Acknowledgment to.

With sincere thanks for donating to our Chapter!

## WEBSITES OF INTEREST

Our award-winning Chapter website is:

<http://www.hearinglossrochester.org>, and

**Michelle Gross** is our Web Master.

HLAA National website is [www.hearingloss.org](http://www.hearingloss.org).

**WEBSITE** - *(submitted by Lorin Gallistel)*

Article by a first-time hearing aid user.

A reminder of my first impressions.

<https://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/amp/324995>

### **IF YOU MOVE, or are a “SNOWBIRD!”**

Please don't forget to notify **Henry J. Adler, Ph.D.**,  
Univ. of Buffalo, 137-L Cary Hall, 3435 Main St.,  
Buffalo NY 14214; or – [hjadler@aol.com](mailto:hjadler@aol.com),  
even if your change of address is a temporary one.

HLAA is charged for each piece of returned mail,  
which the Post Office will not forward. When you  
return, we will resume sending to your local address.

## HOPE SESSIONS OF MAY 7 and JUNE 4

By Joe Kozelsky, MS, abd, CCC-A retired



In May, there were 13 people in attendance including two new people, coincidentally with somewhat similar and

somewhat unique hearing losses in that they both had major asymmetrical hearing losses. I'm not sure now, but I think that both were hearing aid users – at least one of them was, and both were very frustrated with their hearing. Fortunately, we had the loan of two loop listeners from our Device Demonstration Center which they found very helpful and which proved to be quite an effective introduction for them to the benefits of the T-Coil and induction loops.

Next, we had 16 for the June meeting with several new people again in attendance, so the meetings have been pretty well attended and it is always gratifying to see so many regulars in attendance.

We have mentioned in previous columns that one of the most common questions we receive from new people has to do with where to get their hearing aids, or about some of the various medical insurance hearing aid “benefit” programs--some of which provide very limited or inadequate “benefits” in terms of hearing health care although these providers and “benefit” options may be attractive cost wise.

Of course, people new to hearing loss and hearing aids are unaware of the complexities involved and are enticed to the lower cost alternatives--and who can blame them? At the same time people are leery of getting into hearing aid use because of the well-known notion that “Hearing aids don't work.” As such, getting hearing aids can be a very daunting endeavor for new users.

To give the reader an idea of some of these complexities, over the years I have compiled a list of over 30 reasons why people have said or experienced that hearing aids don't work. Not the least among them are that they fail to deliver the sound quality equal to headphones or other ear-

borne listening devices that they are used to hearing with, and failure to understand and execute simple troubleshooting procedures. Each one of these reasons “why hearing aids don't work” can be an unanticipated pitfall for new hearing aid users.

The recognition of the reality that there are so many different reasons “why hearing aids don't work” clearly indicates the importance of the notion that in relation to successful hearing aid use ***there is an unanticipated, intimate, long-term relationship between the user, their hearing loss, their hearing aids and their hearing aid providers*** upon which the user becomes increasingly dependent over time. Hearing aids are far more complex than the idea of a simple ear-level device; and ***the skills and expertise of the provider and the user's relationship to the provider*** is actually the most important component of successful hearing aid use.

I have copies available of the “possible reasons” sheet and a new info sheet entitled, *Things You Need to Know when Shopping for Hearing Aids*. For a copy of either document, please email me at [jkozelsky@gmail.com](mailto:jkozelsky@gmail.com).

**HOPE... (Hearing Other People's Experiences) meets at 10:00 am in the Vestry Room at St. Paul's**, first Tuesday of the month. We hope you stay for our routine Chapter Meeting that follows. (Our next meeting is September 10<sup>th</sup>, due to holiday.)

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

### DID YOU KNOW...

86 years ago (6-6-19) "Park-In Theaters" opened in Camden, NJ, as the first patented drive-in movie theater. (from *history.com*; D&C 6-6-18)



## HLAA CONVENTION—WRAP-UP & THANKS

*By Sue Miller*



June 20 – 23, 2019  
...a time our chapter will remember for years to come: Rochester, NY, the site of the HLAA Convention! Our

chapter responded with outstanding support for this monumental event. Members greeted arrivals at the airport, helped stuff convention bags for all attendees, oversaw the Information Booth, provided a touch-screen TV monitor listing what to do and what to see in the Flower City, introduced workshop presenters, handed out and collected evaluation forms, and presented numerous workshops. And, in addition, our Chapter President and two technical experts were there from dawn to dark every day!

How enlightening to attend workshops on every topic imaginable having to do with hearing loss...the symposium on Genetics was first-class and how exciting to have one of our own program presenters as one of the participants. The Exhibit Hall offered ideas for everyone with a technical interest and the Night at the Museum (aka George Eastman Museum) was delightful. CaptionCall outdid itself by providing nothing short of a Broadway show and were the stars really Dolly Parton, Cher, Diana Ross and Tina Turner?!

And how did that magician cut that woman in half...and then put her back together again...a spectacular magic show that held our attention every moment. It would be interesting to know if the Rochester Chapter set a record for “most chapter attendees” for any of the 34 conventions. All in all, it was a convention that many of us will remember with fond memories for the rest of our lives. Thank you, national, for bringing this memorable event to our very own community...it was wonderful!

### SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT...

“The smallest feline is a masterpiece.”  
*(Leonardo da Vinci 1452-1519)*

### Newsletter Deadline

**Saturday, August 31st**  
**(for the October Newsletter)**  
**Email: [ggraham859@gmail.com](mailto:ggraham859@gmail.com)**

### 2019 BUFFALO WALK4HEARING

*By Carol Loftus*

This year’s Buffalo Walk4Hearing will be held on Sunday, September 29th. Once again, walkers will gather at the Buffalo Botanical Gardens South Park, US 62 & South Park Avenue. Registration begins at 9 am; Walk starts at 10 am.

Directions: go to [www.hearingloss.org/programs](http://www.hearingloss.org/programs), then, Buffalo - more info - directions. Come out and join in with other walkers for great breakfast treats, activities and socializing.

I’m a Team Captain; my team is Hear4Tomorrow. If you wish to donate to my team or directly to the Walk, please make your check, payable to “Walk4Hearing”, and send to Carol Loftus, 21 Lookout View Road, Fairport, NY 14450 or you may donate online via credit card.

Whether attending or not, please show your support by soliciting donations from family and friends. For more info, please email me at [cloftus3@gmail.com](mailto:cloftus3@gmail.com).

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### WHERE DID IT BEGIN?

*(submitted by Elise de Papp, M.D.)*

“Close, but no cigar.”  
During carnivals in the 1800s, cigars were rewarded as prizes for winning carnival games.

“Carbon Copy”  
Before photocopies were a thing, copies were made by sliding a piece of carbon paper between an original document and blank paper. It’s also what “cc” means in your email.

## ANOTHER GOOD MAGAZINE...

*By Ginger Graham; suggested by Fred Altrieth*

In addition to our own *Hearing Life* magazine, another one with excellent articles is *Hearing Health*, published four times annually. Some of the topics from the Spring 2019 magazine:

- New Insights for Balance and Stability
- Military Vets Sue Over Defective Earplugs
- Canine Ears
- Sudden Hearing Loss and Looking for Help

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## ROGER PEN --AVAILABLE FOR YOU TO USE

*By Nancy Meyer*

Our chapter owns a Roger Pen/MyLink assistive listening device which we received, free of charge, at the 2015 National HLAA Convention. Phonak held a demo session and distributed a Roger Pen/MyLink to each of the 60 chapters represented. Since its value is estimated at \$1500, this was a considerable investment for Phonak.

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## MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

*By Dan Brooks*

A reminder--our membership year is July 1st to June 30th. And if it is past July 1st and you haven't paid yet, you may not be a current paid-up member with the Rochester Chapter. Pay your dues now!

## CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS...



**Janet McKenna** tells me that, this Fall, she will have been writing the News Releases for our Newsletters for 15 years! A magnificent job—with content, and always on time. Thank you, Janet, for your dedication.

**Not yet a member of HLAA? Come join our Chapter. See what you've been missing! Please see inside back cover page. Welcome!**

## ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICE DEMO CENTER

*By Ginger Graham and Charlie Johnstone*

CONGRATULATIONS on their 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary! The Device Demo Center has been a great success, thanks to the enthusiastic efforts of those involved.



Visitors have been very appreciative of the attention and help they received since September 2017. There are few places where people with a hearing

loss can go to get instant help and quality free information! Lifespan's generosity, combined with the hard work and contribution of so many volunteers, really makes a difference!

**The next Device Demo session will be Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, from 10am to 2pm, at Lifespan, 1900 S. Clinton Ave. (Tops plaza) 14618.**

Free! Everyone is welcome.

## 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.

## THINK ABOUT IT....

*(from Colorado Springs NL – Spring 2019)*

What If Your Reading Glasses Also Provided Captions?

A graduate student team at Cornell Tech is working on something just like this. Read more – <https://livingwithhearingloss.com/2019/01/15/what-if->

## HLAA MEMBERS RECOGNIZED BY THE BRIGHTON LIBRARY

*By Janet McKenna, MLS*

The Brighton Memorial Library honored three HLAA members for volunteer service at its annual recognition dinner May 16.

Five-year pins were awarded to volunteers **Lisa Bailey, Carol Bradshaw and Janet McKenna**. All deliver reading materials to local shut-ins.

## COCHLEAR IMPLANT GROUP MEETING

Tuesday, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, from 1:30-2:30pm

*By Janet McKenna, MLS*

Are you a cochlear implant newbie (new user) or a wannabe or gonnabe (candidate?) Maybe you are exploring the whole cochlear implant experience.

Anyone interested in cochlear implants is welcome at the "CI Group's" informal round-table meeting Tuesday October 1, following the regular HLAA chapter meeting in the same place (St. Paul's parish hall). And the Daytime Chapter meeting will be a rep. from Advanced Bionics speaking about "A Cochlear Implant—now or wait?"

Our CI Group session is planned as an "other people's experience" question and answer event. Fred Altrieth and Janet McKenna will facilitate the open captioned discussion. We hope to learn from each other as users of more than one implant. Contact [deaphyduck@gmail.com](mailto:deaphyduck@gmail.com) or [ggraham859@gmail.com](mailto:ggraham859@gmail.com) for further information.

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