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OCTOBER Calendar

Tuesday, October 2nd

11:00 am - Refreshments/Social Time
(speaker starts promptly at 11:30 am)

11:30 - 1 pm – Program Speaker

6:30 pm – Refreshments/Social Time
(speaker starts promptly at 7:00 pm)

7:00 – 9 pm – Program Speaker

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, East Ave. & Westminster Rd.

Tues., Oct. 9th – Board of Directors

7:30 pm – Justin Vigdor Room, Al Sigl Center

Tues., Oct. 16th – 7:00 pm – PAC Meeting –

Justin Vigdor Room, Al Sigl Center

Wed., Oct. 24th – between Noon & 3pm –

RWC movie, Loew's Webster. Check theatre for movie & exact time; then, social time.

Sun., Oct. 28th – WalkAbout/RHSC –

Eastview Mall – Register 8:30 am, Food court door.

SAVE THESE FUTURE DATES

Sun., Nov. 4th – Daylight Savings Time Ends

Wed., Nov. 28th – between Noon & 3 pm – Rear

Window Captioned movie, Loew's Webster.

Hospitality Duties for October:

Daytime Meeting – many generous members

Evening Meeting – many generous members

Board of Directors – Lisa Bailey

Please sign up to help when the "Refreshment Sheet" goes around!

*Welcome back members, and,
WELCOME ALL NEWCOMERS TO HLA!*



OCTOBER PROGRAMS

(at St. Paul's Church, East Ave. & Westminster Rd.)

Tuesday, Oct. 2nd --Daytime meeting

11:00am refreshments-promptly at 11:30am Speaker

Evening meeting-- 6:30pm refreshments- promptly at 7:00pm Speaker

Second Annual "Featured Speaker" Event: "The Masks of Hearing Loss: a Workshop on Bluffing"

With Gael Hannan

HLAA-Rochester is pleased to welcome Ms. Gael Hannan as our group's Second Annual Featured Speaker. Gael is a writer and humorist whose dynamic and insightful performances about hearing loss have had audiences laughing and crying across Canada and the United States.

People with hearing loss are masters of the bluff...or so we think! Gael says that we use a variety of strategies and cunning methods to convince people we're following the conversation when, in fact, we haven't got a clue what's going on. We bluff even when visiting the audiologist and hearing instrument specialist! But our tricks tend to backfire on us, often landing us in trouble.

Gael's talk, "The Masks of Hearing Loss (Bluffing 101)," explores how and why people with hearing loss bluff, the telltale signs of bluffing in action, famous bluffers, and how to turn this bad habit into a successful communication strategy.

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Oct. 2nd, Daytime & Evening Programs (continued)

Coping with a severe-to-profound hearing loss herself, Gael is a sought-after speaker for her performances “Unheard Voices” and “EarRage!”—solo shows illuminating the profound impact of hearing loss on a person’s life. As a hearing health advocate, she has delivered many workshops, including some at HLAA conventions. She is the Associate Editor and consumer columnist for the Canadian Hearing Report.

Gael is a director on the national board of the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association. She was awarded the Consumer Advocacy Award from the Canadian Association of Speech Language Pathologists and Audiologists. She lives with her husband and son in Toronto.

HLAA-Rochester chapter meetings are held in the Vestry Room at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, East Ave. at Westminster Road, across from the George Eastman House. All programs are audiolooped & captioned. Those needing a sign language interpreter should contact Linda Siple at 585 475 6712, a week in advance.

The Hearing Loss Association is a nationwide organization dedicated to advocacy, education and support for people with hearing loss. For more information visit www.hlaa-rochester.ny.org or telephone 585 266 7890.

Hearing loss is a daily challenge you can overcome. You do not have to hide your hearing loss. You do not have to face hearing loss alone.

CAPTIONED CHAPTER MEETINGS

CaptionCall is continuing to provide captioning for our Day and Evening Chapter meetings through **2013** (at a cost of \$3,000 to CaptionCall).

Tim Whitcher and Bruce and Candi Nelson have worked hard to maintain the captioning system. It has helped us fill in the gaps when we can’t quite understand via the hearing loop. We thank them for their effort!

LEADERS COLUMN

By David Koon



I am honored to have been elected the President of HLAA-Rochester, and I am looking forward to my two years in

this position. We have such a dedicated group of volunteers who have built HLAA-Rochester into a strong, vital chapter.

My first order of business is to set some achievable goals for us to reach and surpass over the next two years:

1. Grow our membership by 50 %.
2. Get a strong Parent Group up and running. Parents with a child with hearing loss need to know we are there for them and we can help.
3. Grow our Walk4Hearing by getting the recognition we deserve in the Rochester area. We are off to a good start this year and we must continue to be in the news monthly.
4. Continue to push LOOP Rochester. **Don Bataille** is doing a great job but he cannot do it alone. I am proposing a committee of Don’s choosing to bring plans to our Board of Directors on how best we can help.

The next two years are going to be fun and these goals are certainly achievable. With Don as our President the last two years, we have become a much stronger chapter. And, I hope to be able to say the same thing two years from now.

With all of us working together, HLAA-Rochester is ready to grow!

CONDOLENCES

Our sincere sympathy to **Joe Damico** on the loss of his wife, Mary Jane.

GEORGE EASTMAN HOUSE ACCESSIBLE FOR PEOPLE WITH HEARING LOSS

By Dresden Engle

Following is info re amenities/opportunities for hard-of hearing visitors:

Two documentaries on George Eastman screening on the second floor of the mansion are closed captioned, as is an orientation museum video near the front entrance.

The guided tour narrative script is available at admission desks to museum and can be read as visitors go through the house.

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GEORGE EASTMAN HOUSE (continued)

Cell phone tours are available at various stops throughout the museum and historic house.

Two computer stations on the 2nd floor exhibit rooms in house have interactive (Q & A) and silent films with George Eastman in them to watch and the ability to type in the name of an organization and see how much he gave etc.

Discovery Room activities are self explanatory as long as one can read English.

And, for the **Dryden Theatre**:

Dryden has "Infrared Headsets" available. They run on AAA batteries, which we have on hand in the event they need to be replaced. When someone asks for a headset we ask that they give us a form of ID or some sort of collateral so they will not forget to return them at the end of the show. A signal is transmitted from emitters in multiple locations in the theater so that the headphones are never out of range. The emitters send a signal originating in the sound system in the booth. There is an on/off switch on the top of the headphones and the audience member can adjust the volume on the side of the headset.

PARENTS COLUMN

By Katy Kuczek

Katy's column will return next month.

If your child has hearing loss, please consider joining our Parents group at HLAA. Contact: kkuczek@rochester.rr.com for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS !

Doris Chaffiers
Warren Crandell
Karen Hubbard
Werner Kunz
Shirley MacDonald
Michael Stein

We're delighted you chose to join our Rochester Chapter!

Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, Sept. 30th
(for the November Newsletter)

Email: ggraham859@frontiernet.net

Learning ABC's in College

By Greg Livadis, NTID

A back to school story – deaf/hard-of-hearing students who never learned sign language are in RIT/NTID's New Signers Program. It's the first time this crash course in sign language was offered to incoming first-year students. Of course it's not required that our students know sign language – some use only ASL, some use only their voice and some use a combination, and we accommodate them all.

<http://www.ntid.rit.edu/news/learning-alphabet-first-day-college>

www.ntid.rit.edu/news/new-dvd-set-showcases-deaf-art-film-theater-asl-literature-and-more

<http://www.ntid.rit.edu/news/cycling-cause-across-america>

The above link is to a story we just posted in our newsroom about Tyler Swob, one of our students who completed a bike trip from California to Washington, D.C. this summer to raise money for Push America, which helps those with disabilities. Tyler was the only deaf member of the group.

HEALTH FAIR AT DOME ARENA

The Family Health and Fitness Fair at the Dome Arena will be **Thursday, Oct. 4th, from 10:00 am – 4:30 pm.**

Over 100 exhibitors. Free testings and screenings, both hearing and health, and food samplings, prizes, etc. HLAA has a table and Joe Damico is looking for **your help for a couple of hours Oct. 4th**. Our volunteers describe the functions of HLAA—you don't need to be a professional! This is a great way to get the word out about our Rochester Chapter. It is the premier health show of the year, and it's FREE—parking and admittance.

Please contact Joe Damico at 426-3191, or, at JGDamico@frontiernet.net, soon to help out!

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RBTL LIVE THEATRE--- CAPTIONED!

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

October 14 – **Mary Poppins**

December 2 – **Memphis**

February 10 – **Addams Family**

March 10 – **Book of Mormon**

May 12 – **Les Mis**

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

GEVA Theatre Offering Captioned Plays!

By *Bonnie Butkas*

We are offering captioning for some shows of our 40th Anniversary Season. All performances are on Saturday, at 2:00pm.

“FREUD’S LAST SESSION”

Saturday, Oct. 20th, at 2:00 pm

Just weeks before his death, legendary psychoanalyst Sigmund Freud invites young writer C. S. Lewis to his London study. On the eve of England’s entry into World War II, the two brilliant men have a battle of the minds over God, love, sex, music and the meaning of life. This deeply touching, intellectually thrilling play laced with humor and insight was last season’s Off-Broadway hit.

January 12th -**NEXT TO NORMAL**

February 23rd -**BOOK CLUB PLAY**

April 6th -**THE WHIPPING MAN**

May 11th -**MIDSUMMER NIGHT’S DREAM**

The Box Office is available to take ticket orders and subscriptions—(585) 232-4382. **Ask for seat in the Open Captions area.**

Open captioning is being provided, in part, by a grant from Theatre Development Fund's TAP Plus program in partnership with the New York State Council on the Arts. Support for GEVA’s access services is also provided by the **Mark and Bobbie Hargrave** Hard of Hearing Clarity, Hoffman and Daughters, the **Hearing Loss Association of America**, and anonymous donors.

ANNUAL CHAPTER PICNIC

By *Joan Ewing*

Sunday, August 26th was a beautiful day! There could not have been a better setting for the annual HLAA picnic! We owe an enthusiastic vote of thanks to our **hosts Sue and Scott Miller** who again gave us their cottage on Keuka Lake for this event. The weather cooperated as 53 people managed to distribute themselves around the many rooms and decks, renew friendships and make new ones. The pictures below speak for themselves.



Georgia Radtke, Nancy Meyer, Ginny Koenig, Jo Owens



Carmen Coleman, Richard McCollough, Amanda Blake



Scott Miller, Charlie Gates, Doug Meyer



Sue Miller, “Tripp” Hargrave, and Barb Gates
THANK YOU, SUE AND SCOTT! And also our photographers—
Elise de Papp, Ginger Graham, Jo Owens, and Al Suffredini

COCHLEAR IMPLANT MEETING

By Jeannette Kanter

50 SHADES OF COCHLEAR EXPERIENCE:

Information for novices and experts alike.

Do you want to know what it's like to get a cochlear implant? Do you have one implant and want to get a second one? Are you worried about cost and insurance? Do you know when it's time to get a cochlear implant?

Join us for an open discussion of what's involved in having an implant, getting two implants, and everything in between. Nowadays, the surgery takes less time and is less stressful in comparison to years ago, and that too can be discussed.

The group will be facilitated by Jeannette Kanter. Hope to see you there!

Date: Thursday, Sept. 27, from 5:00 – 6:30 pm
St. Paul's Church, Vestry Room. (Note new time!)
 (There will be no CI meeting in October.)



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RHSC “WALK-ABOUT”

By Sarah Clapper, Scott Perkins

Join Terry's Team to help support RHSC at the Al Sigl Center Community “Walk-About,” **Sun., October 28th.** Door 5, Food Court; register 8:30am; walk at 9:30am. WBEE's Terry Clifford will captain “Terry's Team” – starting with a Terry Power Breakfast at 8:30, a fun walk around **Eastview Mall** and a live WBEE broadcast throughout the event. Bring the whole family for WBEE giveaways, entertainment, a costume contest for the kids, a chance to win great prizes, and a Terry's Team T-shirt for every member of the team. All proceeds will help RHSC provide critical speech/language and audiology services to children and adults in our community. To register, visit rhsc.org and click on the WalkAbout link.

IF YOU MOVE

Please don't forget to notify **Barb Gates**, at 28 Country Gables Circle, Rochester, NY 14606, or, via email at cdgblg28@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. Thanks.

TELEPHONE TIPS WITH YOUR CI

*(excerpt from Nucleus News/Cochlear Americas;
 suggested by Fred Altrieth)*

Ring up! People love talking on the phone. Use these tips and helpful accessories to optimize your phone experience!

- Carefully position your phone's speaker over the microphone portion of your sound processor. It may take a moment to find your best position.
- Practice speaking and hearing with familiar voices like family and friends.
- Experiment using telecoil. Cochlear Americas Nucleus 5 and Nucleus Freedom™ Sound Processors have built-in telecoil.
- Consider trying Personal Audio Cables and Bluetooth neckloops. These may provide direct input to your sound processor.

BABY TALK (AND LIP-READING)

(excerpt from D&C 1/25/2012)

Babies don't learn to talk just from hearing sounds. New research suggests they're lip-readers too. It happens during that magical stage when a baby's babbling gradually changes from gibberish into syllables and into “mama” and “dada” – about 6 months.

The baby, in order to imitate you, has to figure out how to shape their lips to make the sound they're hearing. Apparently, it doesn't take them too long to absorb the movements that match basic sounds. By their first birthdays, babies start shifting back to look you in the eye again. Research offers more evidence that quality face time with your tot is very important for speech development. – *The Associated Press*

‘STATE BENEFITS FOR HEARING AIDS?’

By Joe Kozelsky

We received a phone call on our [official HLAA chapter phone line](#) from a woman in her nineties asking about possible state aid for hearing aids.

I gave her the following information:

There are two classes of state benefits for hearing aids for adults: Medicaid which is based on financial need, I do not know the criteria, but it is at or below the poverty level of about \$13,000/ year for a single person, and VESID - Vocational Educational Services for Individuals with Disabilities: <http://www.access.nysed.gov/vr/do/locations.htm>, again based on financial need not quite as strict as for Medicaid - but employability must be an issue - being a bonafide home maker qualifies as employable. (Then there is state aid for children under 21. Again, based on financial need, and I believe there is assistance through the Child Health Program as well.)

Don't forget the Finger Lakes Region Lions Hearing Foundation - Phone: [607-398-7216](tel:607-398-7216)

Plus, virtually all dispensers have individual, informal-through-the-office possibilities to assist. Because of her address, I gave her **Steve Hart's** name.

THE TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE DEMISTIFIED

By Michelle Gross

Those who attend Chapter meetings know that at the start of the meeting a member of our [Technology Committee](#) frequently gives a short “tech talk”-- a brief comment or demonstration of a device of interest to people with hearing loss. Members of the committee also help set up our hearing loop and captioning systems. The work of the committee doesn't end there, however.

Members of our [Technology Committee](#) are our local researchers, teachers and contacts regarding information on assistive listening/alerting devices and large venue listening systems. Committee members provide guidance and standards information to installers of assistive listening systems and also speak with those in charge of large facilities needing to install an assistive listening system, to help them make appropriate choices. Committee members also answer questions, which come to the chapter by telephone and email.

If you don't know what's “out there,” feel overwhelmed, are baffled by the jargon, or finally get a device and it doesn't do the job, you're not alone. No matter how much technical information a person has, success isn't guaranteed. There is no way to predict a device will work for a particular person. Committee members won't be able to tell you what you should purchase, but they can tell you the pros and cons of a particular item, which will help narrow your search. The best advice: always check the [return policy](#) when making a purchase!

Our [Technology Committee](#) has members with a wide range of knowledge and skills. It's not necessary to be an engineer or scientist to join the committee; interest in or experience with, assistive devices goes a long way. You may be interested in joining the committee or may want to learn how to set up our equipment for Chapter meetings. The more people we have who know how to connect our system the better. If you'd like more information, please either contact Ginger Graham at ggraham859@frontiernet.net, call our Chapter telephone number 585-266-7890 and leave a message, or email us at: hlaa.rochester@yahoo.com. We'd love to hear from you.

Subject of Nov. 6th Chapter Meetings

Daytime – “Helping Direct Future of HLAA—at Home & Across USA” – Dr. James DeCaro

Evening – “Hearing Health Issues – NCDHR” – Mary Chizuk

RHSC TURNS 90 !

By Patti Singer, excerpt from D&C 9/2/12

Rochester Hearing & Speech Center turns 90 this year. It has been a part of the AI Sigl Community of Agencies for the past 50 years. RHSC began in 1922 as the “League for the Hard of Hearing.” Last year, they evaluated the hearing and provided hearing aids or assistive devices for more than 10,000 people.

Mark C. Hargrave, Jr. (son of **Mark Hargrave**, one of the founding fathers of our local Rochester chapter) returned from World War II with hearing loss. He joined the RHSC board of directors in the 1970's.

Congratulations to RHSC!

“MY STORY” – A Personal History of Hearing Loss

By Marlene Sutliff



Ah, hearing loss! This was a subject I knew nothing about and didn't want to learn.

After brain surgery, I lost my hearing. I thought “OK, I'll get hearing aids and everything will be fine.” Wrong! It's not like fixing eyesight.

I had no idea how to shop for a hearing aid. I bought the smallest, most discrete aid available, and no one said, “This might not meet your needs.”

I was so angry, frustrated and isolated. Then, I saw a little notice in the newspaper about an HLAA meeting. I went and discovered people just like me—and who understood exactly what I was feeling.

I learned I might need more powerful hearing aids. I went back to the provider that I had used previously (I didn't understand the difference between a provider and an audiologist). I was told that I had “unrealistic expectations!” I was so upset and hid in my house for about 3 months. I remember **Marcia Dugan** taking me to the Rochester Hearing and Speech Center at the Al Sigl Center (they were having a health fair). I decided to make a last attempt at improving my situation and went to see them. They said, “Of course, we can help you!” Thank God!

Fast forward to 2012—I don't have the hearing I was born with but because of HLAA and the wonderful people who have helped me, I now have a full life that I enjoy. I am very grateful!

CLEANING FOR A REASON

(from Parkminster; submitted by Sue Miller)

If you know any woman currently undergoing chemotherapy, get word to her there is a service that provides **FREE housecleaning-----once per month, for 4 months, while she is in treatment**. All she has to do is sign up and have her doctor fax a note confirming the treatment. “Cleaning for a Reason” will have a participating maid service in her Zip Code area arrange for the service.

This organization serves the entire USA and currently has 547 partners to help these women. For more info, go to: www.cleaningforareason.org/.

A COMMENT ABOUT THE INFLUENCE OF COST AFFECTING HEARING AID ACQUISITION

By Joe Kozelsky

It is often mentioned that the cost of hearing aids prevents many people from obtaining them.

Surprisingly, there is evidence to indicate cost may not be as significant a factor as commonly thought.

Instead, in addition to other reasons, it appears that many people with mild, or mild-to-moderate degrees of hearing loss do not need, or do not want hearing aids perhaps because they are not inconvenienced enough by their hearing loss, or because they are not willing to put up with the inconvenience associated with hearing aid use, rather than because of cost issues.

In support of this contention, the overall rate of hearing aid acquisition in America is virtually no different than in countries where there is part or full assistance from public or private sectors for acquisition of hearing aids.

This has been known for several years, going back to at least 1984, when this phenomenon was discussed in an article that appeared in a magazine of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. The most recent report to this idea that I know of has come from a study conducted at the Henry Ford Hospital in Michigan in 2011. They found that many individuals with mild, or mild-to-moderate, or even moderate degrees of hearing loss, did not pursue amplification, even though full, or generous partial third party support was available.

There are other reports and comments in support of this contention including very recent reports from both Europe and Australia where there is high level of public and private assistance for the acquisition of hearing aids.

Nevertheless, hearing aids are expensive and something should be done to make them more affordable. We members of HLAA should redouble our efforts in pursuit of third party assistance for the purchase of hearing aids.

Recently, my office has had several month-long, full page promotions for low cost hearing aids (\$850) and there has been only one response. In addition, we also have run an ad every other week for over six months for a \$900 hearing aid and again there has been only one response. Another office in town had a similar experience with hearing aids that were only \$600.

These results support the idea that, contrary to what one would expect, factors other than cost may also significantly affect the rate of take up of hearing aids.



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Hearing Loss Association (HLAA) Rochester Chapter, a tax exempt and volunteer group, is a chapter of a national, nonprofit, nonsectarian, educational organization devoted to the welfare and interests of those who cannot hear well. We meet the first Tuesday of the month from September through June at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, East Ave. While our primary focus is directed toward hard of hearing, we welcome everyone to our chapter meetings whatever their hearing ability.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION – ROCHESTER CHAPTER

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HEARING LOSS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

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If You're New, This is for You.

More than 36 million people in the US have a hearing loss which can hinder daily communication-- one in five people! By age 65, one in three Americans has a hearing loss. This invisible condition affects the quality of life of the individuals with hearing loss as well as family, friends, co-workers and everyone with whom they interact. HLAA believes people with hearing loss can participate successfully in today's world.

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

HLAA is the largest international consumer organization dedicated to the well-being of people who do not hear well. HLAA publishes the bimonthly Hearing Loss Magazine, holds annual conventions, a Walk4Hearing, and more. Check out: www.hearingloss.org/.

To join, please see inside back page. HLAA has more than 200 chapters and 14 state organizations. Welcome!

Meetings are hearing accessible

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, East Ave. and Westminster Rd., across from the George Eastman House. Parking available at the George Eastman House, if needed.

Audio looped and Captioned
(all meetings)

Interpreters on request- contact Linda Siple, 585-475-6712, or at lasnss@rit.edu a week in advance

Entrance to the meeting room is via the rear door next to the fence.

Everyone is welcome! With or without a hearing loss!