



In Person at St. Paul's and on Zoom - January 3rd

JANUARY CALENDAR

- TUESDAY, JAN. 3, 10 AM-11 AM IN PERSON, ST PAUL'S VESTRY ROOM:** Joe Kozelsky: HOPE Session: 'Hearing Other People's Experiences' (HOPE)
- TUESDAY, JAN. 3, 11:30 AM - NOON AT ST PAUL'S PARISH HALL AND ON ZOOM:** Chapter announcements and business meeting.
- TUESDAY, JAN. 3, NOON -1 PM AT ST PAUL'S PARISH HALL AND ON ZOOM:** "Ask the Audiologists"
- TUESDAY, JAN. 10, 7 PM ON ZOOM:** Board of Directors Meeting
- THURSDAY, JAN. 19, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES DEMO CENTER.** Technology Team. In person. Lifespan, 1900 S. Clinton Ave.

Please check our Chapter Website hearinglossrochester.org for any changes

January Programs

The Hearing Loss Association of America 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>

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

Programs for January are:



Tuesday, January 3 10 AM-11 AM, In-person in St. Paul's Vestry Room: Joseph Kozelsky CCC/A. Hearing Other People's Experiences (HOPE)

Prospective, new or experienced hearing aid users can share their experiences, questions, and hearing loss

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

from Dan Brooks and Art Maurer

Following the tradition of new calendar introspection, let's take a look. It is a *Happy New Year...the year to celebrate our 40th Anniversary!*



HLAA-Rochester has come a long way since the Covid shutdown isolated us in March 2020.

Up to that point we had almost four decades of in person events and meetings. With the challenge of suddenly having to stop being together, our Tech Team quickly found Zoom. We've become adept at using the on-line capability.

Being physically isolated brought opportunity to think beyond our tried-and-true methods and attempt new initiatives. So, if you will, we have a history in three eras: pre-March 2020 exclusively in-person; the three pandemic years; and now, hopefully, 2023 will be our first untethered year with many more to come.

SO WHAT ARE WE DOING?

First, we're getting the HLAA name out into the community in as many ways as we can – through in person presentations and networking at Health Fairs, Libraries, Senior Residences, media interviews and advertising, and the most effective, person-to-person.

Second, we're offering assistance to new demographics never approached before due to the cost of hearing aids. We have Tips for those buying less expensive Over-the-Counter hearing aids and assist in consideration of even lower cost Assistive Listening Devices – all while emphasizing the need to be tested by a hearing professional.

Third, given the reach of the Internet, we're using Zoom to expand our reach across western/central New York...and beyond...to anyone who wants to participate in our presentations live on Zoom or later on YouTube.

Fourth, we're beginning to envision a new website to offer more capability to an ever more social media savvy population.

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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.

Tuesday, January 3. Noon: ASK THE AUDIOLOGISTS. Carolynne Pouliot AuD and Matthew MacDonald AuD In person. St. Paul's Parish Hall AND virtual on Zoom.

We begin the new year with "Ask the Audiologists". Bring your questions, and two practicing audiologists will answer them! HLAA Rochester's long running and hugely popular question and answer program features two experienced clinicians ready to respond to your questions about hearing loss and assistive technology. Completely impromptu and unrehearsed, "Ask the Audiologists" is your opportunity to clarify and discover what you've wanted to know about current developments in technology, deafness, audiograms, hearing aids, etc.



Carolynne Pouliot AuD is the founder and owner of Hearing Aid Works Audiology in Penfield. She earned degrees from SUNY at Buffalo and completed her doctorate there in 2009. "We work for your best hearing" is her company slogan. She and her family live in Penfield where she enjoys ice fishing and running.

Matthew MacDonald AuD has been associated with Dalzells Hearing Centers since 2013. He practiced audiology 15 years previously at University of Rochester. He was awarded the Distinguished Clinician Award for 2015 from the NY State Speech Language Hearing Association, and has served on the State Audiology Licensure Board since 2011. His degrees are from Central Michigan University.

Both offer hearing aids, coping with tinnitus and vertigo, and other hearing services for patients of all ages.

Thursday, January 19. 10:00am-2:00pm Assistive Listening Devices Demo Center. Technology Team. In person. Lifespan, 1900 South Clinton Avenue, 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, January 24. 8:00-9:00pm HEAR TOGETHER. Kristin Bergholtz CCC/SLP. Virtual on Zoom.

Speech language pathologist 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

How HLAA Helps You

The third most prevalent health related condition of older people (behind arthritis and heart disease), hearing deficits affect about 20% (48 million) Americans of all ages to some degree.

Untreated hearing loss has been shown to increase propensity towards dementia, with more severe hearing deficits worsening chances of cognitive decline. Even mild hearing loss increases the risk of falls.

Hearing Loss Association of America is a volunteer, nonprofit organization whose mission is to open the world of communication to people with hearing loss by providing support, education, advocacy, and information. For more information, view our website at hearinglossrochester.org or telephone 585 266 7890.

Assistive Listening Device Demo Center

Our chapter sponsors the Assistive Listening 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, January 19th from 10am to 2pm. Sessions are free. All are welcome!

President's Message

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Fifth, with new technologies being introduced at an ever accelerating pace, new devices are available in our monthly Demo Center and 24/7 at our on-line Virtual Demo Center.

Sixth, new initiatives will extend our reach to veterans with hearing loss – who are already eligible for free lifetime memberships.

In Summary, we're expediting new ways to help folks benefit from our motto *Better Hearing = Better Living!*

OUR BIGGEST CHALLENGE? - PERSON POWER

Being all-volunteer our greatest constraint to expediting the above initiatives is having enough volunteers to cover all the bases – in-the-field presentations, working with folks with hearing loss, and expediting necessary back office administrative tasks. We are streamlining how we operate so volunteers can designate what they want to be involved with in and we will honor their wishes by not urging them to go beyond their commitment unless they wish to do so.

OUR LEGACY...

The origin of HLAA, the original SHHH, was to provide Support, Education, and Advocacy to people with hearing loss. The technology of the time, 1979, was hearing aids and the emerging miracle of Cochlear Implants. We're sure there are some who wonder why

we don't snap back to the traditional hearing aid and CI focus. Why complicate the world with so many new initiatives? We want to assure all that our focus remains very much on Support, Education and Advocacy – but in a much more complex world. Technology of the past 40 years brings us so many new opportunities. We can't ignore them. In fact, if HLAA fails to keep up with the times, we will contribute to our own eventual HLAA demise. So we reach out to as many as possible for *Better Hearing = Better Living!*

As always, we're open to comments and suggestions.

SAVE THE DATES...

Annual Dinner - May 23 at Cobblestone Country Club – Victor NY

Summer Picnic - August 13 at Dolomite Lodge – Penfield, NY

AND THANKS!

As of the end of November we had 254 renewed members. Please join us if you haven't renewed your membership for our 40th Anniversary Year.

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Thank you to these members who included donations to the chapter in addition to their dues:

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Sign-Up for our Monthly e-blast

We offer a monthly e-mail which contains notices of our upcoming meetings and events. To subscribe, see the E-Momo link on <http://hearinglossrochester.org>

January Birthdays

Happy Birthday to:

January	23	Charles Johnstone
January	30	Chris Suffredini

Our birthday database is missing many of your birthdays, If you would like to be mentioned in the future, please send an email to bruce.nelson@gmail.com

Did you Know?

Sitting in front of speakers at a music venue can expose you to 120 decibels of sound. This can start to damage hearing in 7½ minutes

Remarks of Art Maurer on WXXI Connections, 12-1-22

Our Past President, Art Maurer, was a guest on the "Connections with Evan Dawson" program on WXXI 1370, on December 1st. He was interviewed, along with Dr. Gregory Horton, Director of Audiology at the Rochester Hearing and Speech Center, and Dr. Jennifer Green-Wilson, assistant professor at SUNY Brockport. Their topic was "What you need to know about over-the-counter hearing aids".



This is the transcript of Art's comments during the broadcast. The entire broadcast can be heard on WXXI's website at <https://www.wxxinews.org/show/connections/2022-12-01/what-you-need-to-know-about-over-the-counter-hearing-aids>.

The Hearing Loss Association is a totally volunteer 501(c)3 celebrating our 40th year. All of us wear hearing aids. My story is of someone who coped until I had to do something about it. I didn't want to admit to getting older, didn't want to spend thousands of dollars, but had to do something for my work. Now I'm on my fourth pair many years later and so glad because these can really function.

On the question of mild to moderate, the cutoff is a power limit so we don't hurt anybody. Also our ears are different too. So we in HLAA working with people on how to be better cope with hearing loss, now consider with Over-the-Counter helping people who never had hearing aids. We sat back and asked what can we do to help? We developed a bunch of questions, tips, things you want to consider before laying money down for OTC hearing aids. Mild to Moderate? A good idea to go to an audiologist because you may have problems not addressed by hearing aids. And the audiologist will determine your level of hearing loss. But if you buy OTC hearing aids make sure a trial period of at least 30 days, we recommend 45, and also a refund of cash because if the hearing aids do not work out you're probably going to another manufacturer for your next pair. So three things: get tested, make sure a trial period, and make sure of a full refund. Then get into all niceties. Do they have

Bluetooth, work with a smartphone, and other features. We know a lot of people with hearing aids are used to all the features they have today but an OTC may or may not have them. As Greg said, "it's the Wild West out there". Very hard to assess when looking at a package in a box to determine what they will do.

A lot of people that go for OTC solution may need more powerful hearing aids that can go beyond what the OTC can do. Some are going to get OTC hearing aids and throw them in a drawer and say to all their friends, 'These hearing aids things are no good, forget about them'. So they should go to a professional and see what best fits their need because it can improve their lives. We have a tag line "Better Hearing = Better Living" because as people start to lose their hearing the brain works very hard and they pull back from social interaction and become more isolated. So that becomes a big problem as you get older that affects our health. People think we hear with our ears, we really don't. We hear with our brains. The ear is merely a conductive device, a very complex conductive device and that leads to a very complex hearing aid.

These little tiny hearing aids I'm wearing that you probably can't even see are tiny computers sitting on top of my ears. They do all kinds of things set up by an audiologist to address my needs. And, by the way, you may get a OTC hearing aids this year and be very happy, but in a few years you may not be so happy because over time our hearing changes.

Men tend to wait because we're stubborn. We tend to resist doing things about our bodies. You can't see hearing loss so we tend to cope. And those around us help to cope. With my own family I was considering upgrading to new hearing aids a few years ago. At a family dinner I mentioned that I was reluctant because they cost so much and my daughter said "Dad spend the money, you're driving us all crazy!"

Near the end of the program Art suggested to listeners that to see all the tips for buying OTCs to access hearinglossrochester.org and click on Over-the-Counter hearing aids. You can click on each tip to access the 'notes' for more insight and information.

HLAA New York State Association (NYSA) - Update.

By Dan Brooks, Immediate Past President, HLAA-NYSA

Happy New Year! I'm not sure where the past year went but I am looking forward to what the New Year has to bring. For me, I am looking forward to a few planned



vacations and camping excursions. I am also looking forward to my involvement with the **HLAA New York State Association (HLAA-NYSA)**.

As the Past President and now current President of **HLAA Rochester Chapter**, I will continue with my passion of helping and advocating for people with hearing loss at both a state level & local level.

I will first focus on a number of goals for the **HLAA Rochester Chapter**. Our Chapter will be working on promoting our local Chapter to increase our membership. We plan to add to our outreach by advertising more broadly, increasing the number and scope of our presentations, and having an ongoing presence in social media. By increasing membership, we increase the number of people we can assist with their concerns about hearing loss. New people in the Chapter also opens the possibility that some would be willing to volunteer their talents and skills. New people bring fresh ideas and capabilities which are always appreciated; indeed, they are necessary if we are to continue to grow.

Another goal for our Rochester Chapter is to be a “go to” source to address questions and concerns regarding over the counter hearing aids (OTCs). There still is a lot of confusion and unknowns about OTCs.

Another important Chapter goal is to update our chapter's website to have the ability of accepting online membership payments and/or donations. This will be a huge time-consuming undertaking, but we're confident we have the right people at the helm to accomplish this.

Lastly, we will begin promoting and preparing for, our chapter's 40th anniversary. The official date will be in November 2023. We are not sure yet what we will do or how we will celebrate this milestone, but I am certain we will have something special planned to celebrate this important chapter anniversary!

Please visit the Rochester Chapter Website at: www.hearinglossrochester.org to keep up to date on all that is happening with our chapter. On the Website you will also find the latest “tip sheet” created about OTC hearing aids.

Here is the latest information about **HLAA-NYSA**. The board of directors met recently in the beginning of last month. Some of the key takeaways were as follows:

We are so pleased that the HLAA NYSA 2022 State Conference was a huge success by all personal measures! The conference was well attended and from the numerous comments we received, enjoyed to the max! We had over 100 people attend in person including sponsors and exhibitors. We also had 20 people join the conference remotely. The location was delightful. We give a hearty “THANKS” to all the volunteers that helped to make this event possible! The-unfortunate news was we ended up losing money on this venture. This disappointing news does not mean the conference was a failure nor does it mean we will not host a future conference. We will basically need to learn from it and hopefully host a more profitable conference in the future.

One purpose of the Conference was to raise funds for our NY State Association to continue serve HLAA chapters. The NY State Chapters directly help people with hearing loss.

The NY State Association will need to address the funding issue to continue our work. Several ideas have been discussed including asking our membership to consider donating to our association via check to our PO Box and/or online via PayPal.

We also thought of offering prizes to encourage people to donate. The idea of having fun while helping the NYS Association to continue to stay afloat would be great but will take a lot of thought.

We also had a discussion about why our governor decided to veto the Bill that would establish a Commission for the Deaf, Deaf-Blind and Hard of Hearing. It was a huge disappointment. We are not giving up! We are making plans on the best way to react. We are hopeful that in the near future such a bill will be passed.

To keep up on all that the New York State Association, is doing, please visit our website www.hearinglossnys.org.

It is so important that you check your membership status and consider joining **HLAA National**. In doing so and living in New York State, you automatically become a member of **HLAA NYSA**. HLAA's website is www.hearingloss.org. This is the first step one needs to take to support us. Heck, without **HLAA National** we would not be here doing all we can to create a more accessible New York State for those with hearing loss!

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

Again THANK YOU for your support; we wish you all a wonderful New Year ahead!

Dan

Captioned Entertainment Around Rochester

JCC Center Stage – Captioned Plays



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

2023:

“Hitmakers”... You ain’t Seen Nothin’ Yet - February 12

“I’m not a Comedian...I’m Lenny Bruce”- March 19

“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.

“Ain’t Misbehavin’” - 1/21 at 2:00 pm, 2/8 at 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm

“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

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.

NTID Theatres

Panara Theatre - Captioned and Hearing Loop

“25 Years Through Movement and Space” February 24-26, 2023

“Ordinary Days” March 31 - April 2, 2023

“Deaf Republic” April 14 - 16, 2023

“Singring 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**

“Hamilton” - January 6, 2023

“Come From Away” - January 11, 2023

“Beetlejuice” - February 19, 2023

“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@rbt1.org.

Pete Facker Sez ...

Hello Everyone!

I enjoyed being with you at the December program meeting to share and discuss some of the important subjects of the day regarding HLAA national and local initiatives.



Going forward, I will author a monthly piece for inclusion here in the newsletter that will, I hope, be useful and informative to you in keeping up with what's happening at HLAA headquarters.

In the meantime, should you want to reach me with comments, questions, suggestions – please use pcf.hlaa@yahoo.com or (814) 319-2083 (text or voice).

Peter Fackler

T-COIL NOTIFICATION CARDS

By Barbara Rice

Now that we can once again meet in person, HLAA Rochester has printed a new supply of blue and white cards to alert people of accessibility to a telecoil in public buildings, especially in houses of worship.

The cards are available on the library table at our meetings. Please take them and introduce them to the staff at your House of Worship. Many such locations have T-coil accessibility, but often the greeters or ushers are not aware of them. It is important to explain to the staff that these people should know that members with hearing loss depend on T-coils to connect with speakers. Sometimes they are available in only sections of the building, so the greeters or ushers should be trained to know that.

The cards should be placed at eye level at the entrances to the building. It is also helpful for the weekly bulletins to notify members of the availability of enhanced listening devices, whether T-coil or other technology, such as FM or Infrared. All such devices need to be checked from time to time to be sure they are working properly.

For installations which use hearing loops, you might suggest wording in the bulletin such as “To use our hearing loop, activate the telecoil on your hearing aid/cochlear implant. Adjust the volume as needed.”



webcaptioner.com - A Way to Caption Live Meetings

By Bruce Nelson

At the December HOPE session, I pulled out my Chromebook, set it up in front of me, and amazed everyone at the table with large, clear, mostly accurate captioning of everyone in the room. And they wanted to know how I did it. I take my Chromebook to many other uncaptioned meetings and set it up, only to be asked “How did I do that?” Here’s my secret ...

You may recall that a couple of years ago, Google came up with “Live Transcribe”, an app available on Android phones, which captions speech picked up by an Android-based cellphone, notebook, or Chromebook. Subsequently, a web developer, Curt Grimes, developed a web-based application for the Chrome browser. Originally, it only worked on PCs, but will now work on a Chrome browser on many Apple-based platforms.

But why does it require Chrome? Curt said “Currently Web Captioner depends on something only Chrome has, which is free access to Google's cloud speech service through the Web Speech API. In other words, Chrome has the one thing that Web Captioner depends on, and other browsers do not, at the moment. There are plans to extend it to other browsers, but will involve interfacing to other pay-for services.”

Web Captioner is donationware. It’s “free”, but the developer does appreciate donations if you feel the program is useful.

To try it yourself, start the Chrome browser. Go to the website <http://webcaptioner.com>, and you’ll probably just need to click on the “Start Captioning” button. That will start the captioning, using the microphone on your device, using a default font, size, color, etc. There will be a menu option somewhere which will let you change the font, line spacing, capitalization, color, and way too many other options. It will even let you save the entire capture to a file, in text or Word format.

For techy types, there are instructions on how to caption the microphone simultaneously with web-based audio (think Zoom, before they added captions) or to send the output to other apps.

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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](http://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**

We meet in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, East Ave. and Westminster Rd., across from the George Eastman Museum. Parking is available at the George Eastman Museum, if needed.

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Our chapter meetings will also be streamed on Zoom, with captioning. See our website at [hearinglossrochester.org](http://hearinglossrochester.org) to sign up for access to all future meetings. Please register at least 24 hours before the first meeting you wish to attend, so that you will receive the link by email.

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