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**JUNE Calendar**

**Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

11:00 am - Refreshments/Social Time  
11:30 am – Announcements/Business Meeting  
12 Noon – 1 pm – Program Speaker

7:00 pm – Refreshments/Social Time  
7:30 pm – Announcements/Business Meeting  
8:00 pm – 9 pm – Program Speaker

**Fri., May 29<sup>th</sup>** - Reception-E.Ogiba-at Sue Miller’s  
**Sat., May 30<sup>th</sup>** - Ed Ogiba Workshop (see page 7)

**Sat., May 30<sup>th</sup>** – “ONCE” in Toronto, captioned  
(see page 3)

**Tues., June 9<sup>th</sup>** – Board of Directors  
7:00 – 9pm, 1<sup>st</sup> floor CR, Al Sigl Center

**Tues., June 16<sup>th</sup>** - Annual Dinner, 6:00-9pm,  
Cobblestone Creek Country Club (see page 11)

**SAVE THESE FUTURE DATES**

**Tues., July 7<sup>th</sup>** – Program Planning Meetings  
10:00am – Sue Miller’s home; 6:00pm – ASC  
(see page 6)

**Tues., Aug. 11<sup>th</sup>** – BOD meeting 7-9pm, ASC  
**Sun., Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Picnic at Miller’s, Keuka Lake

**Tues., Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>** – Chapter meetings start again



**JUNE PROGRAMS**

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

**Tues., June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Daytime Meeting – 11am**  
**Speaker begins at Noon**

**“ASK THE AUDIOLOGISTS”** – *Peter Hart, Christy Monczynski Hopson, John Salisbury*

Let’s learn about hearing aids and hearing loss. Bring your questions, and our panel of audiologists will answer them! The trio of experienced clinicians takes the floor for the popular “Ask the Audiologists” panel question and answer session. The presentation is completely impromptu and unrehearsed.

Panelists are prepared to field inquiries on all aspects of hearing aids and hearing loss. As hearing aid dispensers, they can comment on new developments in amplification technology, deafness, audiograms, and the latest technology.

Panelists are:

**Peter Hart**, Au.D., an audiologist with Hart Hearing Centers. He works primarily at their Fairport, Irondequoit and Watertown offices. Peter has practiced at Hart for three years.

**Christy Monczynski Hopson**, Au.D., MS, Director of Clinical Services, Audiology Department, University of Rochester Medical Center. She has been with URMCM since 2004.

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**Hospitality Duties for June:**

Daytime Meeting –Walt Crandall, Jeannette Kanter  
Evening Meeting – Lisa Brooks, Ginger Graham  
Board of Directors –Joe Kozelsky

***Please sign up to help when the “Refreshment Sheet” goes around!***

**Tues., June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Daytime Meeting** (continued)

**John Salisbury, Au.D.** He founded Clifton Springs Hearing Center, Inc. and has been an audiologist in private practice at the Clifton Springs hospital since 1979. His philosophy is: When our patients accomplish the goal of better hearing through amplification, the hearing aid then becomes not a symbol of weakness but a tool of strength.

**Tues., June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Evening Meeting – 7:00 pm**  
**Speaker begins at 8:00 pm****“BLUETOOTH TECHNOLOGY AND HEARING AIDS”** – *Kristen Nolan, MS*

Bluetooth is a telecommunications industry specification that describes how mobile phones, computers, and personal digital assistants can be easily interconnected using a short-range wireless connection. How does this apply to hearing aids? Ms. Nolan will explore different Bluetooth options for those wearing aids as well as discussing Bluetooth assistive devices.

**Kristen Nolan** is a clinical audiologist with Sounds for Life. She has over 15 years of experience as an audiologist in the Rochester area, working with patients of all ages.

*HLAA-Rochester chapter meetings are held in the Parish Hall at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, East Ave. at Westminister Road, across from the George Eastman House. Enter through door on Westminister Road. All programs are audiolooped and captioned. Those needing a sign language interpreter for an evening meeting should contact Linda Siple at 585 288 6744, or, [lasnss@rit.edu](mailto:lasnss@rit.edu), a week in advance. (Please note, this phone is only for those needing an interpreter.)*

*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](http://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.*



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY – ANNA SHAPIRO** – who will celebrate her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday August 30th. Many more healthy and happy years!

**PRESIDENT'S COLUMN***By Cindy Kellner***Steps in the Right Direction**

Despite the cold and dreary April we had to endure in upstate NY, I am thrilled to let you know that April was a very positive month for the Rochester hearing loss community.

At our April Board of Director's meeting it was unanimously decided to fund the installation of a hearing loop in part of the Susan B. Anthony House. This endeavor will allow visitors to Ms. Anthony's home to better hear and understand all about her passions and accomplishments. As you are all probably well aware, Ms. Anthony was deeply committed to inclusion for all people, all of the time. What better use of a small portion of HLAA-Rochester's funds than to help continue her legacy of leaving no one behind or excluded?

On another chilly April day, approximately 20 faithful HLAA-Rochester supporters met at Wegmans Pittsford Plaza to test out the supermarket chain's installation of their new hearing loop at a dedicated cash register and at the pharmacy. As far as I am concerned, it was a red letter day for HLAA-Rochester and the hearing loss community at large.

The people at Wegmans were genuinely and sincerely interested in what we had to say. And, the best part of the experience is that they were listening, too. When Board member **Cathy Lee**, while testing the looped register, mentioned that the noise from the scanning was extremely loud while using the loop, the Wegmans folk stopped and took note. This is exactly what they wanted to hear and they promised to adjust the volume on the scanning to accommodate us. This is but one example. The key here was that they wanted to hear what we had to say and they were listening. To this hearing challenged person, it was heaven.

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN (continued)

After testing the loops (which, but for minor adjustments, were working fine) we all went upstairs to discuss the loops and hearing loss in general. Sadly the space we met in was large, with high and open ceilings and no loop, making it hard for some to hear. Wegmans apologized sincerely for this oversight. But, we must remember, Rome was not built in a day. It was during this time that we learned that the loop was no longer being "tested." It was reality and was to be implemented in several stores on a permanent basis. Wegmans personnel further informed us that it was their plan to roll out the loop in the very near future in all **85** of their stores! Seriously, what more could we ask for?

The best part of the experience is that I genuinely feel we have educated Wegmans. They listened and they promised to help. They may even call upon us when training cashiers so that they too can be educated on hearing loss issues in general. All I can say is "WOW"! I honestly think because of your efforts we have formed a partnership with Wegmans, the goal of which is to better the hearing loss person's shopping experience. To me this is major, given the amount of time I spend at Wegmans on a weekly basis! A very special thank you to our **Sue Miller** for fostering this program.

To me both the Wegmans commitment and the looping of Ms. Anthony's Carriage House are obvious steps in the right direction. They may be small, but they are positive and much needed. Although April has been a tad bit cruel weather-wise, it did have some positive and much needed movement in making our world kinder and more accessible to those of us with hearing loss. I am so proud of HLAA-Rochester and all of its members. You should be too!

## "ONCE" THE MUSICAL, IN TORONTO – OPEN CAPTIONED

*By Vicki Turner, Captions Live*



We provide open-captioned Broadway performances around the country and wanted to let you know of an

upcoming special event.

Mirvish Productions in Toronto is very interested in open captioning and is offering a "trial" OC performance of "Once," The Musical, at the Ed Mirvish Theatre, 244 Victoria St., to see how receptive audiences are to this service, with the intention of scheduling more in the future based on the feedback they get. And, now that we are introducing them to OC performances, if there is a show **a group of you** would like to see, we know who to contact at Mirvish to set up the services!

Mirvish has also put together a theatre/dinner package with "Signs" restaurant, 558 Yonge St., Toronto M4Y 1Z, <http://signsrestaurant.ca/>, where patrons and the service staff can all communicate via sign language, if desired.

## The Matinee show is 2pm on Saturday, May 30...

what will hopefully be the first of many OC performances in Toronto, and Canada, in the future.

*Vicki Turner*

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## RESTAURANT REVIEW – A CHAMPION OF OUR WALK4HEARING! *By Jeannette Kanter*

If you're looking for a really neat place to have lunch, here's the restaurant. "Cole and Parks" past Eastview Mall at 607 Rowley Rd. (924-8710), off Route 96, in Victor. It's housed in a lovely house and the owners have maintained the rooms, so you have a cozy environment as you taste the fresh salads, Paninis, wraps, and soups. The noise level is good, and I've never had trouble hearing in any of their rooms.

Their coffee is the finest; they have an impressive variety, including Columbian and decaffeinated coffees. After being so good and having only half a Panini, I chose something sweet. The cakes are spectacular, but I'm a cookie lover, and there are no more delicious cookies than those at Cole and Parks. Baked fresh every day, with ten different huge ones to choose from to assuage that sweet tooth. You may have tasted one of them already because they donated hundreds of cookies to this year's Walk4Hearing! They go like lightning.

**RBTL LIVE THEATRE--- CAPTIONED!**

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

Oct. 11 – Newsies  
 Nov. 15 – Motown  
 Dec. 20 – White Christmas  
 March 13, 2016 – Beautiful  
 April 17, 2016 – Matilda  
 May 15, 2016 – Dirty Dancing

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 Offering Captioned Plays!**

All performances are **Saturday, at 2:00pm** (except-- A Christmas Carol)

Sept. 12 – Spamalot  
 Oct. 24 - Red  
 Nov. 29 - A Christmas Carol --**SUNDAY**  
 Feb. 20, 2016 – To Kill a Mockingbird  
 April 2, 2016 – A Moon for the Misbegotten  
 May 7, 2016 – The May Queen

Call the Box Office at 232-4382. Ask for seat in the “open captions” viewing section.

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**HIGHLIGHT IN HISTORY**

**In 1794, President George Washington approved a measure adding two stars and two stripes to the American flag, following the admission of Vermont and Kentucky to the Union. (The number of stripes was later reduced to the original 13.)**

*(from D&C 1-11-15)*



For Your Donation to HLAA:

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**HIGHLIGHT ON OUR MEMBERS**

*By Janet McKenna*

Patriot **Vern Thayer**, excused from the World War II draft because of his poor hearing, helps his country by donating blood.



Today HLAA elder statesman Thayer at 98 years of age is one of the oldest blood donors in the country--continuing as a platelet donor with the Greece Blood Donor Center.

Vern was featured in a full page article in the May 2015 issue of "In Good Health," a tabloid billing itself as "Rochester's Healthcare newspaper." The paper is available free in supermarkets, libraries, and drugstores.

Vern was lauded for his longevity as a blood donor and volunteer. His ears may be imperfect but his 98 year old blood is super! (He tells good jokes, too, and played tennis until recently.)

**AUDIOLOGIST TURNS RACE CAR DRIVER TO RAISE MONEY FOR BETHANY HOUSE**

As he did in September 2009 to help HLAA-Rochester, **Steve Hart, Au.D.** will race in the Targa New Foundland race in September with his life-long friend, Tom Megan, in his Porsche 356SC. He will raise money for Bethany House, a shelter for homeless women and children.



## LATEST NEWS: WIRELESS CONNECTIVITY TURNS HAS INTO MULTIPURPOSE DEVICES

*(from Wisconsin NL, Volume 9, issue 1, 2015)*

New global Bluetooth standard to support connectivity with a variety of mobile devices -- With the introduction of wireless connectivity, hearing aid technology has taken a great leap forward. It allows people to connect their hearing aids with a wide range of mobile devices which have become an essential part of modern life from MP3 players to TV and mobile phones to stay connected to the audible world around them.

However, there are still limits to overcome: the tiny batteries used in hearing aids, additional accessories required to connect hearing aids to mobile devices and the fact that you are bound to one brand due to the lack of a global Blue-tooth standard.

To solve these restrictions, the world's leading hearing aid manufacturers have joined forces with the Bluetooth Special Interest Group (SIG), mobile phone and TV producers to develop an ultra-low power non-proprietary solution that will be part of a new Bluetooth specification. This solution will allow hearing aid users to wirelessly receive stereo music and voices from their phones, TVs, etc.

"To allow hearing aid users to fully benefit from the possibilities that wireless technology has to offer, it is important that we connect to all kinds of mobile devices," says Soren Hougaard, the European Hearing Instrument Manufacturers Association (EHIMA) secretary general. "In order to achieve this goal, we are working on a standard every consumer electronics manufacturer can implement. This becomes even more important if we consider that this technology could also be installed in cinemas, schools and public places to improve the lives of people with hearing loss in even more listening situations."

Next generation connectivity --Tomorrow's hearing aids won't just be about sound. The first manufacturers have already started to incorporate health and activity sensors into earbuds, providing

athletes with information about their body whilst they are on the move. These new features may help encourage more people to start wearing hearing aids at an earlier stage of hearing loss. For more info: EHIMA Media contact: Secretary General Soren Hougaard, +45-40457135, [sh@ehima.com](mailto:sh@ehima.com)  
*(Ed.Note: come to our June 2<sup>nd</sup> evening meeting to hear Kristen Nolan speak about Bluetooth)*

### LIKE US ON FACEBOOK !

*By Cindy Kellner*

Are you on Facebook? If so, please be our friend. We currently have **223** friends and we want more.

Find us at: **Hlaa Rochester Ny**

*(Facebook coordinator: Jennifer Hurlburt)*

### MEDICARE & COST OF AIDS

*(from AARP Bulletin, April 2015)*

Question – Does Medicare cover the cost of Hearing Aids?

Answer—No, nor does it cover routine hearing tests. If your hearing loss is the result of an accident or illness, Medicare will reimburse for a diagnostic hearing test. Some Medicare Advantage plans (such as HMOs and PPOs) help pay for hearing aids. If you qualify, Medicare reimburses for Cochlear Implants and other implanted devices. Qualifying for bilateral implants is more difficult.

*By Katherine Bouton, AARP hearing-health blogger*

### We Welcome All Donations

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## AFTER OUR WALK4HEARING

By Cindy Kellner



Mother Nature finally cooperated and our 10<sup>th</sup> Walk4Hearing was a huge success! With special thanks to **Sister Veronica Casey** and the Sisters of Mercy praying all year for beautiful weather. Once again, Ginny Ryan,

Channel 13 news anchor, came out to help and introduce our celebrity walkers. This year's Walk was dedicated to long active HLAA-Rochester founder and volunteer **Mark Hargrave** who sadly passed away earlier this year. The amount raised is still being counted. Preliminary figures indicate about 320 people stepped out and enjoyed the festivities at our great 10<sup>th</sup> Walk..

A heartfelt THANKS to all who helped at this year's Walk -- **Lisa Bailey, Kelly Barrett, Don Bataille, Dan & Lisa Brooks, Laura Chaba, Mary Chizuk, Margaret Cochran, Barb Law, Carol & Gerry Loftus, Art Maurer, Sherri McCarthy, Sue Miller; Suzanne D'Amico, NE Coordinator; Ronnie Adler, National Director**-- all sat, with me, on the Walk Steering Committee.

**Betty De Prez, Marlene Sutliff, Trish Prosser, Doug & Nancy Meyers, Dave Koon, Janet McKenna, Carmen Coleman, Carol & Bob Bradshaw, and Richard McCollough**, all did an outstanding job manning the various tables, photographing and video graphing the event and keeping us all free from hunger. Thanks also go to Boy Scout Troop #31 for their generous gift of time and muscle helping us set up and clean up. Suzanne D'Amico, our NE Regional Walk Coordinator, came to walk and help and we sincerely appreciate it. The wonderful **Linda Siple** helped, as always, with interpreting. Rochester's very own "Spike" (from the Red Wings) kept us entertained along with Just Clowning Around (Scooter and Crystal) and live music by **Brian Ayers** and **Bryan Law**.

All in all, it was a wonderful day. Thanks to all of you who gave your time, energy and money to help us make the world a little kinder and more accessible to those of us with hearing loss. Please join us next year May 1<sup>st</sup>, when we again Walk4Hearing!

(Photo of Barb Law, Cindy Kellner, Sue Miller, Carol Loftus, courtesy of Art Maurer)



## SAVE THE DATE!

### PLANNING THE PROGRAMS FOR YOUR CHAPTER MEETINGS

Are you tired of "the same old subjects" at our Chapter meetings? We hope not!! But we do need your input and **new ideas for programs!** Please plan to attend either the Daytime Program Planning meeting held by Sue Miller, or, the Evening Planning meeting held by Barb Law, to give them your ideas for possible topics for the new season from September, 2015, to June, 2016.

#### Planning meeting for DAYTIME sessions:

**Tues., July 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am at Sue Miller's home, 16 Buckthorn Run, Victor.**

#### Planning meeting for EVENING sessions:

**Tues., July 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm, Barb Law, Al Sigl Center; light refreshments.**

#### Note that both meetings are on the same day!

**RSVP:** Please email (or, call) either Sue or Barb and let them know you're attending. Hope to see you at one of the meetings! We're eager for your suggestions!

Barb Law: [Blaw1@rochester.rr.com](mailto:Blaw1@rochester.rr.com); (585) 381-8640

Sue Miller: [SusanLeeMiller39@cs.com](mailto:SusanLeeMiller39@cs.com); (585) 924-8933

#### 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 2 months ahead. Thanks, Ginger

[ggraham859@frontiernet.net](mailto:ggraham859@frontiernet.net); or, (585) 671-2683

#### CAPTIONING OF MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETINGS WAS CONTINUED!

Thanks to CaptionCall! our Daytime and Evening monthly meetings were **captioned** in 2014 - 2015.

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. The service cost is \$3,000 a year and was paid for by CaptionCall for the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row. With special thanks to our members, **Bruce and Candi Nelson, and Tim Witcher.**



## WEBSITES OF INTEREST

Our Chapter website is: [www.hlaa-rochester-ny.org](http://www.hlaa-rochester-ny.org). Michelle Gross is our Web Master. (Barb Law continues as consultant.) The website for HLAA National is: [www.hearingloss.org](http://www.hearingloss.org). Congratulations! Our Rochester Chapter has won the National Award for best Website.

*(submitted by Don Bataille)*

Celebrating 25 years of Americans with Disabilities Act, each month the Dept. of Justice will spotlight efforts that are opening gateways to full accessibility for people with disabilities. Go to: [www.ada.gov/ada\\_25th\\_anniversary/index.html](http://www.ada.gov/ada_25th_anniversary/index.html)

*(submitted by Janice Schacter Lintz)*

12 tips for traveling with a hearing loss. <http://www.johnnyjet.com/2015/02/12-tips-traveling-hearing-loss/>

*(from Peninsula, California NL, Winter 2015)*

Parents raising deaf or hard of hearing children: <http://www.impactfamilies.org>

American Tinnitus Association: [www.ata.org](http://www.ata.org)

Induction loops: [www.hearingloop.org](http://www.hearingloop.org)

To find venues that offer ALD and Loops: Go to: [www.ALDLocator.com](http://www.ALDLocator.com).

## HLAA NATIONAL CONVENTION



At the St. Louis, MO, Union Station Hotel

Keynote Speaker: Charles A. Laszlo, Ph.D. – “Advances, Obstacles and Solutions in a

Changing World.” + St. Louis Cardinals vs. Chicago Cubs baseball

Hotel reservations at <http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalize/d/S/STLUSDT-HLA-20150619/index.jhtml>, or phone:

1-855-271-3620. With the Chicago Cubs in town that weekend, hotel rooms will become scarce!

Go to: [www.hearingloss.org](http://www.hearingloss.org).

Active Rochester members planning to attend, please go to our website: [www.hlaa-rochester-ny.org](http://www.hlaa-rochester-ny.org) for the form to fill out to receive a STIPEND. On the Home Page, click on “Forms” section of the navigation menu.

## CHAPTER BUILDING WORKSHOP

*By Cindy Kellner, President, Rochester Chapter*



The following workshop is an HLAA Upstate New York District event that the Rochester Chapter is thrilled to be hosting. Welcome to an all-day Chapter Building Workshop with National’s **Ed Ogiba**, Director of Chapter Development, on **Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> from 10 am until 4 pm** in the Main Conference Room, First Floor, in the Golisano Building at the Al Sigl Center, Elmwood Avenue and South Avenue.

Ed will be arriving on **Friday, the 29<sup>th</sup>**, and **Scott and Sue Miller** will be hosting a wine and cheese affair at their home that evening, from 5:00 – 7pm. Home address: 16 Buckthorn Run, Victor, NY 14564. All attendees are invited and encouraged to come to both events. More details will follow. Come and be a part of our future.

Please **RSVP** to [SusanLeeMiller39@cs.com](mailto:SusanLeeMiller39@cs.com), if you are planning to attend one or both of these events.

## NEW BILL...NEEDS SUPPORT!

*By Gerry Loftus*

Rep. Debbie Dingell, Michigan, introduced the Medicare Hearing Aid Coverage Act of 2015, HR 1653, March 27. This bill would improve access to hearing aids and related examinations by removing part of the Social Security Act that prevents Medicare from covering hearing aids. Members should write or email their representative and request he/she support HR 1653.

### Newsletter Deadline

**FRIDAY, JULY 31<sup>ST</sup>**

(for the September Newsletter)

Email: [ggraham859@frontiernet.net](mailto:ggraham859@frontiernet.net)

## SMART PHONE HELP

By Cindy Kellner



Want to learn to better utilize your smart phone to aid with hearing loss? If so, HLAA-Rochester and Verizon are teaming up to help.

Training sessions will be held at Verizon's Pittsford Plaza Store (Monroe Avenue) from **9:00 am - 10:00 am**. The store will not be open to the public.

The sessions are free and open to all Verizon customers. The first session will cover many of the basics and the second will address doing more.

**Android** users should attend the May 26<sup>th</sup> and June 9<sup>th</sup> sessions. (I Phone training was held in May.)

Hats off to Verizon for this generous offer to help and teach. For more information contact Cindy Kellner at [ckellnel@rochester.rr.com](mailto:ckellnel@rochester.rr.com).

## WALK4HEARING

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## CMAC ACCESSIBILITY

By Al Suffredini

**Summer Schedule for CMAC (Constellation Brands Performing Arts Center) 3355 Marvin Sands Drive, Canandaigua, NY; 585-394-4400.**

HLAA members can view the entertainment scheduled for this year at: [www.cmacevents.cvom](http://www.cmacevents.cvom)

Tickets can be purchased here and it gives entertainment dates:

[http://www.ticketscenter.co/Event.aspx?EventID=97165&ppsrc=TzAMPI&gclid=CM\\_DzJ-MnsUCFe1j7AodZEYA1w](http://www.ticketscenter.co/Event.aspx?EventID=97165&ppsrc=TzAMPI&gclid=CM_DzJ-MnsUCFe1j7AodZEYA1w)

CMAC is accessible for people with hearing loss, and has an FM System. Inform Attendants of your needs and they will bring the receiver to your seat. You need to give them your driver's license and at the end of the concert they will return your driver's license and take the receiver. Also you may want to take your own personal Neck Loop, since the receiver they issue has an ear mold adapter.

*(Ed.Note: Al is trying to get them to provide Neck Loops.)*

Some personal comments: Over the past years at concerts, we have had members of our chapter there who did not ask for a receiver. Fortunately I saw them and told them to request one. To go somewhere where this is signage for accessibility, and not ask for it, makes it difficult for me when I approach venues. I have been told that no one asks for these devices other than me. It's very embarrassing when they tell me that. It's either the word is not out, no one cares, or HH people just don't go. As you see we have a long way to go to inform our own people with hearing loss to ask. CMAC monitor requests at every concert. I believe they do this for quality control. This affects my credibility here in this community when I approach them for future needs in accessibility.

## HISTORICAL FACT...

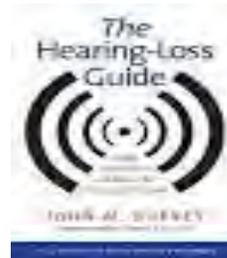
In 1931, "The Star-Spangled Banner" became the national anthem of the United States as President Herbert Hoover signed a congressional resolution.

*(from D&C 3-1-15)*

## BOOK REVIEW: "The Hearing-Loss Guide"

By Janet McKenna

Burkey, John M. *"The Hearing-Loss Guide: Useful information and advice for patients and families"* (New Haven, Yale University Press, 2015)



The targeted reader of John M. Burkey's book probably is unaware of the Hearing Loss Association. Beginners, individuals barely coming to terms with hearing loss, and their significant others will benefit from "*The Hearing-Loss Guide*."

Mr. Burkey, director of audiology at the Lippy Group for Ear, Nose and Throat in Warren, Ohio, has authored two other books on hearing loss. As a veteran clinician, he compiled an in-depth questionnaire for his patients. Their answers, opinions, and advice comprise two thirds of this paperback: real patients address new patients about their futures with hearing loss and hearing aids.

In readable but candid fashion, prospective patients are told: Hearing is important. Don't wait to get it checked! Readers can absorb many cogent tips, warnings, and heads-up from others who have walked the hearing loss road. Their answers exceed what patients glean from family members or long-ago recollections of hearing loss.

Significant others' reactions to their associates' hearing loss are essential. Having read the book, a sensible person with untreated hearing loss (and their significant other) should be persuaded to run to an audiologist with better understanding of the physical and psychological effects of hearing loss and its remediation. You are not alone.

The book's first seventy pages are a nontechnical description of the mechanics of hearing and hearing aids. Illustrations are clear. Hearing aids are emphasized rather than cochlear implants which are briefly mentioned. Included in the list of helpful resources is the Hearing Loss Association.

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## “THE HEARING-LOSS GUIDE” (continued)

Mr. Burkey's respondents were unaware of it as a source of assistance or information. There is an extensive bibliography, although I'd wish for more current citations.

“*The Hearing-Loss Guide*” is a fine introduction to the subject for new patients and their families, and old timers could review the questionnaire also. The book should be included in every public library and audiology practice.

## GOVERNMENT WORKS!

*By Cindy Kellner*

I would like to take this opportunity to give a huge shout out of appreciation to Congresswoman Louise Slaughter and her dedicated staff.

In March of this year I contacted her office to seek help with getting HLAA-Rochester's tax exempt status reinstated (it was terminated when we incorporated). The application with the IRS was submitted, but the agency was telling us it would take at least 180 days to review our request. The Walk Committee was obviously concerned that this delay could negatively impact this year's Walk.

After reaching out to Washington for help, Congresswoman Slaughter's staff immediately contacted the IRS, diligently stayed on our problem and thankfully as a result of their efforts our tax-exempt application was granted in plenty of time for our Walk. I was quite impressed and very grateful to see that government can really work for the people.

Once again, a heartfelt thanks to Congresswoman Louise Slaughter and her hard working staff. She has my vote!

*(Ed.Note: “55 Plus” magazine, May/June 2015 has several pages about Ms. Slaughter's past and present work in Congress since 1986.)*

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We're looking forward to seeing everyone for a fun day in the sun, Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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*By Sue Miller*



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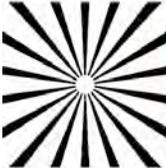
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