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JUNE Calendar

Tuesday, June 4th

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 – 9 pm – Program Speaker

Tues., June 11th – Board of Directors

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

Tues., June 18th – Annual Dinner, Cobblestone Creek – see page 8.

Tues., June 25th - Program Planning Mtg. (for Evening meetings) – see page 3.

Wed., June 26th – Rear Window Captioned movie, Loew's Webster – Between Noon & 3 pm. Email Ginger the weekend ahead for exact movie & time. ggraham859@frontiernet.net. See you there!

SAVE THESE FUTURE DATES

Tues., July 9th – BOD mtg, JV room, Al Sigl Center

Tues., July 23rd – Program Planning Mtg. (for Daytime meetings) – see page 3.

Wed., July 24th – Rear Window Captioned movie.

Sun., Aug. 25th – Picnic at Miller's, see page 10.

Hospitality Duties for June:

Daytime Meeting –Jeannette Kanter, Ginny Koenig
Evening Meeting –Lisa Bailey, Laura Chaba
Board of Directors –Laura Chaba

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

"SWEET SIXTEEN"

This June 2013 HLAA-Rochester Newsletter is the first to attain 16 pages! We hope you agree that it includes informative, interesting information. Watch for our next 16-page issue later this year!

JUNE PROGRAMS

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

Tuesday, June 4th --Daytime meeting – 11:00 am

WHAT'S NEW? EVOLUTION OF HEARING TECHNOLOGY - John J. McNamara, AuD

Few of us remember when hearing instruments were boxlike devices strung around a wearer's neck, and Bluetooth was a Nordic king. Today's technology is smaller, more versatile, and more powerful than that of even turn of the century amplification. "Technology" the 21st century term for "hearing aids." Technology manufacturers constantly strive to improve their products, enhancing users' comprehension of speech, music, and sounds in all auditory settings.

What new developments are coming to help people with hearing loss to hear better? John J. McNamara, AuD, proprietor of Ontario Hearing Centers, introduces three technology representatives to describe the newest innovations in their products.

They are: Alphonse Sasso, "GN Resound;" Ryan Horan, "Widex;" and Gabrielle Simone, "Oticon."

A long time friend of the Hearing Loss Association, Dr. McNamara has owned Ontario Hearing Centers since 1988. He earned his Doctorate of Audiology in 2006. According to the firm's web site: "Today's technology provides a drastically different kind of hearing instrument than was available only a few years ago."

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Tues., June 4th - Evening Meeting – 7:00 pm

THE BRAIN: ITS IMPORTANT ROLE IN UNDERSTANDING WHAT WE HEAR –

Christy Monczynski Hopson, AuD

Dr. Monczynski Hopson's Power Point presentation details how the brain processes both hearing and information, including speech. The influence of hearing loss on auditory processing and comprehension is emphasized, with or without the use of hearing aids, cochlear implants, and assistive listening devices.

Dr. Monczynski Hopson's Doctor of Audiology was earned at SUNY at Buffalo in 2004. She presently serves as Director of Clinical Services at U of R Medical Center Audiology and URMCA Audiology at Highland Hospital. Her clinical specialties include audiologic evaluations, newborn hearing screening, central auditory processing disorders, amplification and rehabilitation strategies, and cochlear implant mapping.

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. A sign language interpreter is available for evening meetings only. To request an interpreter for an evening meeting, contact Linda Siple at 585 475 6712, 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 our website: www.hlaa-rochester-ny.org or telephone 585 266 7890.

LEADERS COLUMN

By Elise de Papp, M.D.



The last monthly meetings for our calendar year are coming up soon. But there are lots of other HLAA activities during the summer months. The Annual Dinner is June 18th, at Cobblestone Creek CC in Victor. Dinner reservations (\$26) due by June 13. (see page 8 for more info and reservation form)

The HLAA National Convention is late June, on the other side of the country, in Portland, Oregon. Due

to the distance, only a few Rochester members are going, including **Sue Miller** who has been to every single one--all 27 Conventions! (see page 6)

“Program Planning Meetings” for our 2013-2014 season are scheduled in June and July. Evening meeting programs, chaired by **Barb Law**, will meet at the Al Sigl Center, Justin Vigdor room, on Tues., June 25th, 6:30 pm. Daytime programs, chaired by **Sue Miller**, will meet at her house, 16 Buckthorn Run, Victor, Tues., July 23rd, at 10:00 am.

As you know, the monthly meetings at St. Paul's are the bedrock of HLAA Rochester, and it's vital that we have interesting and informative topics presented. If you can attend either of these planning sessions it would be great. If not, please email or call with your ideas and suggestions. (see page 3)

And then there's our summer picnic, at the Miller's summer home on Keuka Lake, Sunday, Aug. 25th, starting at 1:00pm. (see page 10)

The WALK4Hearing is almost upon us, one week from the day I'm writing this column. Today was a marvelously beautiful day and let's all hope we get another just like it on May 5th. (see page 12)

One more tidbit, not part of our chapter – Hearing Health Matters.org (hearinghealthmatters.org) is a weekly blog with up to date topics, especially of interest to those with a technology interest. There's a lot of research and study going on in the world of audiology.

Be back in September. Everyone have a great summer!



SAVE THE DATE !
Sunday, November 3rd, for our
Chapter's 30th Anniversary
Gala.

Watch our Newsletters for additional info.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

**“There really cannot be a crisis next week.
My schedule is already full!”**

(Henry A. Kissinger, American statesman)

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, 2013, to June, 2014.

Planning meeting for EVENING sessions:

Tues., June 25th, 6:30 pm, Barb Law, Justin Vigdor room, Al Sigl Center; light refreshments.

Planning meeting for DAYTIME sessions:

Tues., July 23rd, 10:00 am at Sue Miller’s home, 16 Buckthorn Run, Victor.

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!

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

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or, Birthday congratulations,

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INTERESTING FACT...

It’s estimated that **19,438 deaf and hard-of-hearing people younger than 65 live in the Rochester area**, according to NTID and cited by the National Center for Deaf Health Research.

About **3.7%** of the area’s 1.1 million population is deaf or HOH, compared with **3.5%** of the U.S. population.

(info from D&C 4/19/13; by Patti Singer)

NTID NEWS

By Greg Livadis

Four teams of RIT/NTID students competed for The Next Big Idea and \$10,000 in prizes for their innovative business ideas that could benefit the deaf and hard-of-hearing community. Check out the winning team, invisibleCAPTIONS, and the other top teams:

http://www.ntid.rit.edu/news/invisible-captioning-next-big-idea?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+NTIDNews+%28National+Technical+Institute+for+the+Deaf+News%29&utm_content=FaceBook

Educational summer camp for deaf and HOH students. Teenagers learn which college majors and careers may be best suited for them and meet other campers from around the country. They experience college life and get a taste of real-world careers in the fields of art, business, computing, engineering, health sciences and science.

“Explore Your Future” – 6-day career awareness program for college-bound high school sophomores and juniors. Held at NTID. Two sessions offered: July 13-18, or July 20-25.

Deadline to apply extended to June 15.
For details: www.rit.edu/NTID/EYF.

COCHLEAR IMPLANT GROUP

The CI meeting is held twice a year. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 24th, at 5:00– 6:30pm at St. Paul’s church, East Ave., Vestry Room. Light refreshments provided.

Contact: Bob or Carol Bradshaw at RCBradshaw@aol.com

SPRING-TIME THOUGHT

“The flowers of all tomorrows are the seeds of today.” - author unknown



For Your Donation to HLAA:
Webster Hearing Center (J. Kozelsky)

In Memory of Josie Altrieth: Rita Jenkins

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 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.

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 400 cookies to this year's Walk4Hearing! They go like lightning.

Chapter Celebrates 30 Years of Advocacy, Education and Support for People with Hearing Loss with Gala party!

By Meredith Low

This will be an affair to remember! The chapter's 30th Anniversary Gala is slated for Sunday afternoon, November 3rd, 2013, from 2:00-5:00 pm in the Grand Ballroom of the Inn on Broadway. Chapter members and their guests will be entertained by none other than the RIT/NTID Dance Company! This performance will be directed by one of our chapter's newest members, Thomas Warfield, Director of Dance at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf at Rochester Institute of Technology.

The RIT/NTID Dance Company's members are people with and without hearing loss. You won't want to miss this performance!

Meet your friends and make new ones at the Gala while enjoying the elegant surroundings and décor of the ballroom with its chandeliers, high windows, beautiful large, original murals, and parquet flooring. Tickets for the Gala will be \$15 per person. The Inn on Broadway has a large parking lot for guests; free valet parking will be available for the event, and the Inn is wheelchair-accessible. And, with the hours of 2:00-5:00 pm, there will be no driving in the dark!

The Rochester Chapter's 9-member Gala Committee has been working together on this event to make it a memorable one. Look for Gala invitations in the September issue of this Newsletter!

Surprising Medical Causes of Hearing Loss

(By Karen Appold; excerpt from *Hearing Health* magazine, Spring 2012) (Suggested by Fred Altrieth)

- Cytomegalovirus (CMV)
- Diabetes
- Herpes Zoster
- Hypertension (high blood pressure)
- Hypothyroidism
- Lyme Disease
- Measles
- Meningitis
- Multiple Sclerosis (MS)
- Mumps
- Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA)

WEBSITES OF INTEREST

Our Chapter website is: www.hlaa-rochester-ny.org.
Michelle Gross and Richard McCollough are updating our website. (Barb Law continues as consultant.) The website for National is: www.hearingloss.org.

(submitted by Gary and Mary Wagner)

A woman hearing sounds for the first time!
 Go to: <http://news.yahoo.com/blogs/trending-now/video-26-old-woman-hearing-family-voices-first-194546974.html>.

(submitted by Al Suffredini)

Assistive listening systems (ALS) are devices which enhance sound quality and volume of public address systems. The ADA requires ALS in theaters, concert and lecture hall, and arenas. For technical bulletins that explain the different types of ALS, go to:

ALS Bulletin for Consumers PDF version –
www.access-board.gov/adaag/about/bulletins/als-a.htm

Health Reform Law provides coverage for nearly 50,000 Americans with Pre-Existing Conditions. Until 2014, when insurers will have to cover Americans with pre-existing conditions, this program will continue to provide people with affordable insurance coverage.

Go to:
www.hhs.gov/news/press/2012pres/02/20120223a.html

(submitted by Steven Barnett, M.D.; and, Meredith Low)

“Shouting Won’t Help” by Katherine Bouton
 Transcript of the NPR interview:
www.npr.org/2013/02/15/172100123/npr-author-katherine-bouton-opens-up-about-going-deaf

or, go to:
www.npr.org/player/v2/mediaPlayer.html?action=1&t=1&islist=false&id=172100123&m=172100107

(submitted by Katy Kuczek)

People with normal hearing may think that wearing hearing aids is akin to putting on a pair of glasses. For those with sensorineural hearing loss, like my daughter, this is not the case. Check out this link to listen to audio clips that mimic the kind of speech distortions that those with hearing loss experience:

www.npr.org/blogs/health/2013/04/06/175945670/the-real-sounds-of-hearing-loss

“NEITHER HERE NOR THERE”

By Michelle Gross

Have you ever thought about the expression, “It’s neither here nor there”? Most of the time when that expression is used it’s to indicate the items compared are of little relevance or importance--it’s the results which matter. We can say, “Whether he’s rich or poor is neither here nor there, it’s the fact he is a man of good character which counts”--the point is made.

To people living with a hearing loss, being neither hearing nor Deaf is hardly irrelevant nor unimportant. Somehow not fitting either model makes life more difficult. Although we all hear differently, we share the fact that listening is work. Oral/auditory communication is often fraught with stress, anxiety, misunderstandings, frustration, hurt feelings and anger for us, and those with whom we interact. In seeking a solution, learning sign language may come to mind.

There are many forms of sign language each with their proponents and detractors. The Gold Standard of the Deaf is American Sign Language (ASL). Due to its complex syntax, ASL is often too difficult for many who speak English to master, quickly. To be useful, members of our household and others in our lives would also need to learn ASL, and meeting with frustration may cause people to lose interest.

One possibility is, paradoxically, a “neither here nor there” solution--namely learning the manual alphabet and a few signs rather than full ASL. We know how much easier it is for us to understand when someone uses even a small gesture, such as pointing. It’s a delight and relief to take some of the guesswork out of communication. Learning even some signs can be fun and rewarding.

There are a number of ways to learn sign language, other than the classroom. There are online sites such as: Life print: <http://lifeprint.com>, Signing savvy: <http://www.signingsavvy.com>, Signingonline: <https://signingonline.com>, <http://commtechlab.msu.edu/sites/aslweb/browser.htm>, and others.

Some sites are free, some have a free and a paid component, and others are pay only, so you’ll need to look around. You may want to learn from a book or DVD, obtainable from your local library or bookstore, as well as online at companies which sell assistive devices.

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“NEITHER HERE NOR THERE” – continued

If you do purchase a DVD be sure it’s captioned, some are not.

A well-known resource but by far not the only one, is the book/DVD combination: Learning American Sign Language DVD / Edition 2 by Tom L. Humphries, Carol A. Padden, Robert Hills, Peggy Swartzel Lott, Daniel W. Renner. It’s a bit pricey but not difficult to use. It’s obtainable from Amazon and some bookstores. You also may be as fortunate as I was and connect with someone local who interprets and would be willing to take you on as a private student.

Unless your goal is true proficiency with ASL, you may do just fine “going it alone.” Just be advised that you’ll still need to practice, and finding a partner may be a challenge, but it can be done.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE REACHES GOAL IN APRIL

By Meredith Low

It is difficult to nail down just who is the 200th member of the Rochester Chapter of HLAA this year, but **Thomas Warfield** sure comes close! He is Director of Dance at NTID/RIT, and founder and artistic director, PeaceArt International. You can read more about him and his multiple talents as a dancer, singer, musician and choreographer at: www.peaceart.org.

The Membership Drive’s goal for the 2012-2013 fiscal year for the Rochester Chapter was 200 paid members. As of the end of April, 2013, there are 203 paid members; a whopping 50% wrote checks over and above the basic amount of \$10.00 for a single membership. Approximately 40% of chapter members wrote checks for \$25.00.

To all of you who decided to join the chapter this year, either for the first time, or as a renewal, here’s a huge and very enthusiastic “Thank you!”

INTERESTING FACT....

FLAG DAY June 14th: On March 3, 1931, “The Star-Spangled Banner” became the national anthem of the US as President Herbert Hoover signed a congressional resolution to make it so. *(from D&C 3/3/13)*

THE JOY OF ATTENDING OUR NATIONAL CONVENTIONS *(excerpt from HLAA National e-News)*

“Once you attend an HLAA Convention, you will be hooked.” That is the sentiment we hear year after year from so many attendees; it’s not just the phenomenal workshops or the chance to see the latest technology and services in the Exhibit Hall, but the opportunity to meet so many other people with hearing loss. Not only will you go home inspired and with a brain full of new knowledge, you’ll also have many new friends and contacts. That’s what keeps **Sue Miller** of Rochester, NY, and **Bob Branigin** of Seattle, Washington, coming back – **they are the only two HLAA members who have attended all 27 Conventions.**

In her own words, **Sue** writes, "I was hooked from the very first Convention I attended in 1984 in Chicago. I had struggled for so many years with a hearing loss, and then to miraculously meet hundreds of others from all over the country who also knew what it was like to not hear well! We became 'family,' and it's always like 'old home week' at Convention. Such joy and happiness to see so many friends I've made over the years. There's also a special feeling about helping to keep Rocky's memory and dream alive."

HEARING HUMOR

By Steve Frazier, HLAA NM

Percy, an 82-year-old man, went to the doctor to get a physical. A few days later the doctor saw Percy walking down the street with a gorgeous young lady on his arm.

A couple of days later the doctor spoke to Percy and said, "You're really doing great, aren't you?" Percy replied, "Just doing what you said, doctor: 'Get a hot mamma and be cheerful.'"

The doctor replied, "I didn't say that. I said 'you've got a heart murmur. Be careful.'"

If someone you know often mis-hears things, introduce them to CaptionCall, or a Hearing Loop!

DONATING HEARING AIDS TO LIONS CLUB

By Joe Kozelsky

I am the audiologist for the Finger Lakes Lions Hearing Foundation and have been for more than 20 years. The Foundation's catchment region extends between Utica/Syracuse area to Buffalo and from the PA border to Lake Ontario.

Virtually every hearing aid in this region donated to Lions Clubs finds its way to the Foundation and will eventually find its way to either my office or to Art Elliott in Victor who checks them out for us.

If you have used hearing aids, bring them to me or drop them off at any Lions Club Drop Box. (Cleaning tools, cases, most accessories, etc. have virtually no value and are discarded.) Aids that are usable are cleaned and checked and made ready for sending out from my office to volunteer audiology providers in the region specified above for qualified recipients.

The Foundation only provides BTEs. In-the-ear and in-the-canal hearing aids are sent to Starkey for salvage along with most BTEs. The best BTEs are repaired as needed for use by the Foundation. All the others are sent to Starkey for Salvage value. All ITEs no matter how old have a salvage value of only \$5, and in-the-canal hearing aids have a salvage value of only \$10. BTE salvage values range from \$10 to \$60 depending on age. The Foundation uses the salvage credit to repair the BTEs that we think are good for use by Foundation beneficiaries.

Having said all this, when I was at RHSC, we provided the following chart for valuation:

- Less than one year old - 75% of purchase value
- one to two years old - 50% of purchase value
- two to three years old - 25% of purchase value
- more than three years old - minimal deductible value.

I don't know how this was determined.

Bottom line – it's up to the donor and their tax preparer to stipulate the value.

The Foundation will be pleased to provide a letter of

receipt of donated items. We need the make, model and serial number. However, the donor needs to provide cost data to their tax preparer as the Foundation is not in a position to stipulate value.

Newsletter Deadline

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31ST
(for the September Newsletter)

Email: ggraham859@frontiernet.net

EMERGENCY TIPS - LIGHTNING SAFETY

By Glenn Johnson, D&C 6/26/11

Hundreds of people are struck by lightning each year. To avoid being struck, there are a few tips to keep in mind:

- Monitor the 13 WHAM weather forecasts, and if lightning threatens, have a plan to get to safety.
- Try to get inside an enclosed building or vehicle at first rumble of thunder. Stay indoors for 30 minutes after the last thunderclap.
- Keep away from plumbing, electrical equipment, and wiring.
- Do not use corded (land line) phones, but an unplugged cell phone is safe to use.

Remember, "When thunder roars, go indoors!"

Subject of Sept. 10th Chapter Meetings

Daytime & Evening Meetings:

Our chapter members and companions will report on the HLAA National Convention held in Portland, Oregon, in June 2013.

FUN FACTS

Seabreeze Amusement Park is the fourth oldest operating amusement park in the country, and the "Jack Rabbit" rollercoaster is the third oldest operating wooden coaster. (*from D&C 11/27/11*)

ANNUAL DINNER

By Sue Miller

We'll all have the chance to come together on **Tuesday, June 18th** for the Annual Dinner of the Rochester Chapter of HLAA. From **6 to 9pm**, we'll get to know our scholarship winners and their families. And, recognize just some of the people who make a difference to HLAA in the Rochester area.

The Cobblestone Creek Country Club has done a superb job in past years with service, hearing accessibility and scrumptious food.

You will enjoy being part of this fabulous evening.

Please sign up by **Thursday, June 13th** using the form included [here](#). Hope to see you there!

Please join us!

HLAA Annual Dinner

Tuesday, June 18th, 2013

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

6:00 to 9:00 P.M.

Spouses/guests welcome!

Menu choices:

- (1) **Grilled Tenderloin of Beef (4 oz) with a red wine demi glace & Chef's choice vegetable and starch**
- (2) **Chicken – Breast stuffed with spinach and artichoke, with tomato-fennel sauce, Chef's choice of vegetable and starch**
- (3) **Vegetarian – Spring Vegetable Risotto**

\$26.00 per person (includes gratuity)

Questions?

Please email Sue Miller at SusanLeeMiller39@cs.com; or, phone, 585-924-8933.



**HLAA ANNUAL DINNER
Reservation Form**

Name: _____

Address _____

Phone or E-mail _____

Dinner choice _____
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**Guest:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Dinner choice** \_\_\_\_\_  
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2nd Guest: _____
Dinner choice _____

**Dinner reservations will be accepted until
Thursday, June 13th**

_____ **Dinners @ \$26 each = \$** _____

**(please make check payable to
HLAA-Rochester)**

**Return form and check to:
Ms. Joanne Owens
1630 Woodard Ave., Webster, NY 14580**

CAPTIONING OF MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETINGS WILL BE CONTINUED !

This past year, our chapter members have enjoyed the opportunity to have the Daytime and Evening monthly meetings **captioned**, thanks to CaptionCall! This has fulfilled a wish for our chapter for almost 30 years. We have just learned that they are willing to provide this wonderful service again for the coming year!

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 it is being paid by CaptionCall...such an incredible gift to our chapter. CaptionCall has been a blessing in providing true access for everyone in our chapter...and we thank you!

We also owe a huge debt of thanks to **Candi and Bruce Nelson**, and **Tim Whitcher** for overseeing the technical set-up needed for this service.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK !

By Cindy Kellner

Are you on Facebook? If so, please be our friend. We currently have 145 friends and we want more.

Find us at: **Hlaa Rochester Ny**

THOUGHTS FOR FATHER'S DAY

**"Becoming a father is easy enough,
but being one can be tough."**

*Wilhelm Busch, German illustrator
and poet (1832 - 1908)*

In 1910, the first-ever Father's Day was celebrated in Spokane, Washington. (The idea for the observance is credited to Sonora Louise Smart Dodd.)

(from D&C 6/17/2012)

CMAC - ACCESSIBILITY

By Al Suffredini

Constellation Brands-Marvin Sands Performing Arts Center (CMAC) is an outside arts center, in Canandaigua, providing various musical programs throughout the summer, and it meets federal accessibility standards for individuals with disabilities.

Assistive Listening Devices are available at the CMAC guest services office located under the shell. See the usher in your section or stop in at the box office on the day of the performance for details. CMAC has an FM system with an ear bud that attaches to the FM receiver. If you require a neck loop, please bring yours to the musical performance. (I am unsure at this time whether they have neck loops available.)

Handicap Parking: Under ADA regulations, the appropriate amount of handicap parking spots have been designated in each lot for each show. VIP lot is located in front of FLCC and offers the closest parking. The General Lot is located off East Lake Rd and is a quarter mile from the venue.

The CMAC website for further info and the events calendar: <http://cmacevents.com/>.

Please give us feedback on your visit there.

Contact me at: ajs36csf@rochester.rr.com.

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.

WORDS TO LIVE BY

**"Even though you cannot go back
And make a brand new start,
You can always start again
And make a brand new ending."**

(by M. T. Hargrove, May 2013)

SUMMER-TIME HIGHLIGHTS

In 1872, President Ulysses S. Grant signed an act creating Yellowstone National Park.

In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson signed a measure establishing Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona.

In 1929, President Calvin Coolidge signed a measure establishing Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming.

BIRTHING CENTER NEWS – F.F.THOMPSON HOSPITAL - CANANDAIGUA

By Bob Sickmond

The Thompson Hospital Guild through various fund raising efforts (the main one being their hospital gift shop) provides assistance and support to the Thompson Health System for the purchase of needed state-of-the-art equipment. The most recent being a new hearing screening unit for newborns, as well as an infant mannequin for staff training.

The previous screening device used Otoacoustic Emissions testing (OAE) which tests the hearing at a cochlear level. If a newborn did not pass the OAE screening, they were referred to an outpatient audiologist to perform Auditory Brainstem Response testing (ABR), which tests the entire hearing pathway.

The new system funded by the Thompson Guild allows the birthing center to perform both OAE and ABR testing in the hospital. A benefit for patients as they will not need to have the outpatient visit with an audiologist. In addition, none of the local audiologists accept newborn patients with Medicaid insurance. This resulted in the need for the mother to take her baby into Rochester for the ABR testing. Due to the logistical problems, the ABR testing was sometimes not done.

HAIKU IN ENGLISH

(By Carolyn Coit Dancy; published in "Sharing the Sun"-2010 Haiku Society/Members Anthology)

Originating centuries ago in Japan, haiku is *unrhymed poetic verse* consisting of no more than three lines. The hallmark of haiku is its brevity with fewer than a dozen words. Its genius is creating a multi-layered picture within this tiny framework.

**my next life –
a calico cat
asleep in the sun**



ANNUAL PICNIC **August. 25th, at 1:00 pm,** **Keuka Lake**

Swimming, boat rides, sunning, good food, relaxation and fun conversation on what we hope/expect will be a sunny day on Keuka Lake. Bring along your Frisbee, horseshoes, Jarts, and more!

Please bring a dish to pass –salads, or casseroles, or appetizers, or desserts, and serving spoon. The chapter provides beverages, paper products, silverware, and the Meat item.

Location: Sue & Scott Miller's cottage
10461 (previously 1050) East Bluff Drive, Penn Yan
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Directions: Use Canandaigua Exit 44 off the NYS Thruway. Route 332 into Canandaigua. Turn left onto Rt. 5/20. About 9 miles, turn right onto County Rt. 5 (which turns into Rt. 14A), where the sign points to "Hall" and "Penn Yan." Straight into Penn Yan. At the 5th traffic light, turn right onto Elm St.(Rt.54A). Follow signs for Keuka College.

This will take you onto E. Bluff Drive. Miller's blue lakeside cottage at 10461 E. Bluff Drive is close to the end of the bluff. Keuka Lake will be on your left as you drive South on the bluff. Look for balloons on the mailbox. **Plan to park on the road** due to limited parking down a long driveway.

We're looking forward to seeing everyone for a fun day in the sun, Sunday, August 25th, Anytime after 1pm.

CAPTIONED MOVIES AT LOEW'S WEBSTER

By Kevin Deutsch, Manager

AMC Entertainment proudly announces the new and improved AMC Webster 12 coming in mid-June. The theater will get a much-needed facelift, including a new automated box office, guest services, new concession stand with finger foods, & Coke free-style, as well as auditoriums with plush red leather recliners, and **Closed Caption Capability for hearing impaired/deaf and Descriptive Video throughout the complex.** Come join us for the grand opening and see the difference!

PRETTY SCARY

By Joe Kozelsky

It was morning, **April 2nd** and I was working at the kitchen table when my wife, Linda, came downstairs and opened the sliding doors in back of me to the dining room. She exclaimed: “No!” Alarmed, I said what? She said “NO” even louder. Now being highly alarmed I yelled “WHAT?” And she yelled “NO-O-O!”

I got up and looked into the dining room and to my relief, everything looked normal. I said, “What’s going on?”— closer to her now, I finally heard the “s” sound.

Looking out the window, she was saying snow!
Repeating it more loudly each time I missed it.

What a relief? And a good laugh!

OUR CHAPTER’S WEBSITE, BEHIND THE SCENES

By Michelle Gross

Hopefully you have had the chance to check out our Chapter’s website <http://www.hlaa-rochester-ny.org>. You may find it interesting to learn a bit more about its origins and how the Website functions.

Paul Pakusch created our first Website, when HLAA was still known as “SHHH”. The site changed hands briefly over the years, eventually coming to rest in the hands of Barb Law, around 2005. Barb did a wonderful job of keeping the Website flame burning, however some time in 2011 Barb needed to devote her energies in other directions, both in her personal life, and within our Chapter. A committee was formed to determine a path forward. Committee member Richard McCollough, was enlisted to develop a new Website, and later manage the technical aspects of the Website. I was asked to manage the content and informational portion of the Website.

A web host was needed. A company called Intuit® was selected. Intuit provides the Template, which dictates how information is laid out on our Website. There are challenges such as placing content in a way that is logical, easily accessible, and fits within

the allowable parameters of our template. We want to keep information up to date, fresh looking and interesting.

Take some time to browse: “click” on the headings you see on our Home Page Banner, the links on the Home Page itself, and the links within the Website pages. If you have ideas or suggestions for the Website, please send an email to our Chapter (hlaa.rochester@yahoo.com)-- suggestions are always welcome.

The Website provides an opportunity for viewers to obtain information about hearing loss and those of us living with less than ideal hearing. It also provides valuable information about our Chapter; its members and functions. Take a look. We’re sure you won’t be disappointed.

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(Helen Keller)



2013 WALK4HEARING

By Sue Miller

Our Walk took place under sunny skies and warm temperatures.

Channel 13 news anchor, **Ginny Ryan**, introduced celebrity walkers, and asked **Mark Hargrave** to help with the countdown to launch the walk.

Preliminary figures indicate more than 420 people joined us, and almost \$50,000 raised! Detailed information will appear in our September Newsletter.

Our heartfelt THANKS to a number of people:

Barb Law recruited and coordinated the Team Captains.
Marlene Sutliff and her crew working behind the refreshment tables.

Cindy Kellner & volunteers at the Registration tables.

Mary Chizuk's untiring efforts on The Silent Auction.

Art Maurer, Betty DePrez, Walk photographers.

Carol and Gerry Loftus staffed the Membership table.

Carol Bradshaw oversaw the T-shirts & hats table.

Sherri McCarthy coordinated children's activities.

Brian Ayers, Joe Ceravola, Bryan Law, Joe Mohring,

Devin Petz provided lively guitar music.

Just Clowning Around and their antics!

Boy Scout Troop #31, and also Troop #207.

And sincere thanks to all the behind-the-scene helpers.

Watch for our September Newsletter with a complete write-up and more details on our 8th Walk4Hearing.

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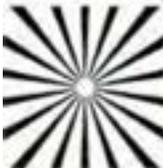
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