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### MARCH Calendar

#### **Tuesday, March 5th**

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

**Sun., March 10<sup>th</sup>** – Daylight Savings Time begins

**Tues., March 12<sup>th</sup>** – Board of Directors  
7:30 pm – Justin Vigdor Room, Al Sigl Center

**Thurs., March 14<sup>th</sup>** – Kick-Off for Walk4Hearing

**Wed., March 27<sup>th</sup>** – Rear Window Captioned movie,  
Loew's Webster – Between Noon & 3 pm. Email  
Ginger the weekend ahead for exact movie & time.  
[ggraham859@frontiernet.net](mailto:ggraham859@frontiernet.net). See you there!

### SAVE THESE FUTURE DATES

**Tues., April 9<sup>th</sup>** – BOD mtg, JV room, Al Sigl Center

**Tues., April 16<sup>th</sup>** – PAC mtg., 7pm, JV room, ASC

**Wed., April 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Rear Window Captioned movie.

**WEATHER – During the winter, the rule to follow  
for cancelations of meetings is: IF THE ROCHESTER  
DISTRICT SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED, OUR  
MEETING IS CANCELED. (No other notification  
will be made.)**

### **Hospitality Duties for March:**

Daytime Meeting – C. Treat, W. Crandell  
Evening Meeting – Rose Marie Kleinspehn  
Board of Directors – Cindy Kellner

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

***WELCOME ALL NEWCOMERS TO HLA!***



### MARCH PROGRAMS

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

**Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>** --Daytime meeting – 11:00 am

**“YOUR ACCOMMODATIONS UNDER THE  
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT --  
STRATEGIES TO GET THEM”** – Nelson  
Thomas, Esq.

Suppose you're in a public place with no provision  
for hearing-disabled people, and the management  
knows nothing about making the place accessible to  
you, or refuses.

Attorney Nelson Thomas, Esq., previously a member  
of our Professional Advisory Committee, suggests  
specific steps and strategies for those with hearing  
loss to receive the accommodations they are legally  
entitled to from places of public accommodation. A  
few of many examples are hospitals, doctors' offices,  
theaters, etc.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), signed  
into law in 1990, was created to make American  
society more accessible to people with disabilities.  
The ADA Amendments Act passed in 2008, broadens  
the definition of disability.

We people with hearing loss are considered disabled  
and are entitled to “accommodations” in many  
circumstances.

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## **March 5<sup>th</sup> - Daytime Meeting** (continued)

Mr. Thomas is a founding partner of Thomas & Solomon LLP in Rochester. He earned degrees from Emory University and the University of Virginia Law School and has had 20 years of litigation experience. He has presented on employment discrimination issues, and his practice focuses primarily on employee rights. In 2002, he received the “40 Under 40 Award” honoring leaders who have made a significant contribution to the Rochester community.

## **Tues., March 5<sup>th</sup> – Evening Meeting – 7:00 pm**

**INDIVIDUALS WITH HEARING LOSS AND THE MONROE COUNTY ADULT HEALTH SURVEY: YOUR OPINION IS NEEDED** – Byron S. Kennedy, M.D., PhD, MPH

The Monroe County Department of Health seeks your input. The Department has been attempting to include hearing-disabled individuals in its Adult Health Survey. Deputy Director Dr. Byron S. Kennedy will present data on local health indicators including those from the 2012 Adult Health Survey for Monroe County. People with hearing loss are considered a **“vulnerable subgroup.”**

Dr. Kennedy will explain this term and will comment further on public health statistics for people with hearing loss and their disparities from other respondents to the survey. He is particularly interested in audience input to consider potential “next steps” in future surveys including hearing-disabled community members.

Your opinion is important! Be ready to contribute your thoughts to the Health Department as an HLAA member with hearing loss!

Deputy Director Dr. Byron S. Kennedy has been with the Monroe County Dept. of Public Health since 2010.

*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](http://www.hlaa-rochester-ny.org) or telephone 585 266 7890.*

## **LEADERS COLUMN**

*By Elise de Papp, M.D.*



I am pleased to introduce myself as your new President of our Chapter’s Board of Directors. I’ve recently moved up from VP, due to David Koon’s resignation. On page 4 of our February Newsletter you will find a business announcement of a new company, Hearing Loops

Unlimited, featuring several of our Board members. Don Bataille and David have stepped down from the Board due to possible conflict of interest. Though we will miss both Don and David’s official Board representation, they both will continue to be active in Chapter activities while starting up a hearing loop business. It’s a win-win situation for all of us.

There’s a lot happening right now in our local world of hearing loss. The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk4Hearing is rapidly approaching – Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> – same place, Perinton Park, Fairport. Read all about it on our website, including the Kick-Off Party March 14<sup>th</sup>. I’m looking forward to seeing you at this complimentary reception.

I hope you were able to attend our “Strategic Planning Retreat” on Feb.9<sup>th</sup>, led by Don Bataille. The Board is excited to see what ideas were generated to promote taking our chapter to the next level.

One of the important items on the agenda is the “looping” of the Dryden Theater at the George Eastman House. You read about this in our January Newsletter. The actual installation was done by several of our members, along with other volunteers from GEH, and completion is due mid-March. HLAA Rochester is a major donor helping to make the Dryden Theater hearing accessible with a hearing loop. It’s quite exciting to contemplate being able to go to the Dryden to see some great old movies and to be able to hear just about every word. Don’t know about all of you – I rarely go to the movies as, in spite of how loud the sound is, it’s still difficult to understand much of

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**LEADERS COLUMN** (continued)

what is being said. I recently saw “Skyfall,” the newest James Bond movie, and thought I could follow the plot as there was lots of body language; but I could not, and my family members couldn’t believe how much I missed. Maybe it’s time for hearing loops in all movie theaters!

**WINE TASTING** – Deaf Rotary Club

Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2:00 – 5:30pm

Holiday Inn Airport

2:00-3pm Beginners ASL ‘lesson’

3:00-5:30pm Wine Tasting

Proceeds will go to the Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund. For more info: [www.deafrotary.com](http://www.deafrotary.com)

**HELP HLAA VIA THE UNITED WAY**

We continue to be a United Way “Donor Designated Option” choice. We are not a direct United Way agency and do not receive any funding from their general campaign. Therefore, to donate to HLAA through the United Way, we ask you to consider donating to us through the “Designated Option” on your gift card.

**Our United Way number is 2425.**

Your past support is deeply appreciated. As with other gifts, your donation enables our chapter to continue to provide education, help, and advocacy for people with hearing loss, their family and their friends. Alas, even though the local chapter is a totally volunteer organization, there are still costs such as printing, postage, phones, and technical items. Many thanks!

**PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR!****Kick-Off Event for the Walk4Hearing**

**Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 – 7:30 pm**

**Complimentary Reception  
At Locust Hill Country Club**

**RSVP required** by March 8<sup>th</sup> to Kelly Barrett, (585)-309-2349 or, [rochesterwalk4hearing@gmail.com](mailto:rochesterwalk4hearing@gmail.com)

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

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

March 10th – **Book of Mormon**

May 12th – **Les Mis**

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

**GEVA Theatre Offering Captioned Plays!**

*By Bonnie Butkas*



All performances are **Saturday, at 2:00pm.**

April 6<sup>th</sup> – **The Whipping Man**

May 11<sup>th</sup> – **Midsummer Night’s Dream**

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

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

TWO FREE TICKETS WILL BE GIVEN OUT AT BOTH THE DAY AND EVENING CHAPTER MEETINGS FOR THE UPCOMING PERFORMANCE.

Our Chapter has given two tickets to Rochester School for the Deaf and also to NTID.

**We Welcome All Donations**

Please make your check payable to: HLAA-Rochester  
*HLAA is a 501©(3) organization.*

Mail to: Ms. Joanne Owens, 1630 Woodard Road,  
Webster, NY 14580

*Be sure to designate:*

This donation is: In Memory of; or, In Honor of,  
or, Birthday congratulations.

And who to send the Acknowledgment to. Thank you.

## CAPTIONED CHAPTER MEETINGS

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

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



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

*For Your Donation Above Basic Membership:*  
S. D'Angelo, A. Fitelson, D. Goodman, M. Low

*In Memory of John Decker:* Fred & Josie Altrieth



The National HLAA Convention will be held in Portland, Oregon, June 2013. The off-site event is planned for the World Forestry Center in Washington Park. Hold the date on your calendars now!

Cost for registration by May 31st is \$359.  
Go to: [www.hearingloss.org/content/registration](http://www.hearingloss.org/content/registration). Or, our home page: [www.hlaa-rochester-ny.org/index.html](http://www.hlaa-rochester-ny.org/index.html).

**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.**

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

**“Even if you’re on the right track, you’ll get run over if you just sit there.”** Will Rogers 1879-1935

## 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](mailto: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.

## CAPTIONED MOVIES AT LOEW'S WEBSTER

*By Kevin Deutsch, Manager*

AMC Entertainment proudly announces the new and improved AMC Webster 12 coming in May 2013. 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 with hearing impaired/deaf and Descriptive Video throughout the complex**. Come join us for the grand opening and see the difference!

## LOOPING THE DRYDEN THEATRE



HLAA volunteers (**Don Bataille, David Koon, and Tim Whitcher**) and George Eastman House volunteer (**Caroline Yeager**) after completing day 2 of the hearing loop installation at the

Dryden Theatre. **Mark Hargrave** (seated), involved with the original hearing loop, visited the job site and gave us his approval. (Mark celebrated his 91<sup>st</sup> birthday on February 16<sup>th</sup>!!) Funding for the hearing loop was provided by HLAA, Charity Fund, and LeChase Construction. All installation work was completed by volunteers...3 from HLAA, and 10 from the George Eastman House...with considerable assistance from LeChase Construction, Inc. and Schuler-Haas Electric Corp.

*(photo courtesy of Barbara Puorro Galasso)*

## WEBSITES OF INTEREST

Our Chapter website is: [www.hlaa-rochester-ny.org](http://www.hlaa-rochester-ny.org). **Michelle Gross and Richard McCollough** are updating our website. (Also, the website for National is [www.hearingloss.org](http://www.hearingloss.org) )

(submitted by Al Suffredini)

The free Hearing Health magazine, Spring 2012, had an article on “Mini-Gems”—Are invisible hearing aids that sit deep inside the ear canal right for you? They reviewed the pros and cons, and looked at Lyric by Phonak; Eclipse by Siemens; Esteem by Envoy. Under each device there is a short summary and also a list of some of the drawbacks and things to be aware of. Go to: <http://online.qmags.com/HH0412#pg35&mode2>.

(submitted by Larry Taylor, at Central Library)

Regal Cinemas recently added “descriptive video service” to many of the movies showing in their theatres. Go to: [www.regmovies.com/Theatres/Captioning-and-Descriptive-Video](http://www.regmovies.com/Theatres/Captioning-and-Descriptive-Video) Click, then choose NYS, & city.

(submitted by Al Suffredini and Tim Whitcher)

Good photos of what a hearing loop looks like installed around a room. Go to: [www.assistiveaudio.com/facts.htm#Advantages](http://www.assistiveaudio.com/facts.htm#Advantages), and, to [www.hearingloop.org](http://www.hearingloop.org). And, at: [www.hearingloop.org/places\\_churches.htm](http://www.hearingloop.org/places_churches.htm), there is a quote from our Rochester Chapter.

(submitted by Mary Beth Mothersell)

**Project Endeavor:** for a limited time, qualified seniors can receive a discounted CapTel 840i phone. Call 1-800-233-9130 to see if you qualify. This phone works with your high speed Internet service and landline phone. Act now and pay only \$20 for the Captioned Telephone!

CapTel 840i + Sprint Cradle Point Internet Service includes a 2-year service plan for individuals without Internet service. Internet service and the CapTel phone bundled together for people who don't already have Internet service. Act now and pay only \$50 for everything!  
To learn more: [www.captel.com/endeavor](http://www.captel.com/endeavor).

## FUN FACT

**Jell-O was invented in Rochester in 1897.**  
(from D&C 11/27/11)

## NEWS FROM NTID

*By Greg Livadis*

This just out  
<http://www.rit.edu/news/story.php?id=49707&source=newsletter>

Many will know Stephanie (formerly Aldersley) Polowe in the community...

### Subjects of April 2<sup>nd</sup> Chapter Meetings

**Daytime** – “Elements of a Good Hearing Aid Evaluation Appointment” – M. MacDonald, AuD.

**Evening** – “Airport/transportation Accessibility” – Mike Giardino, Director of Aviation

## DDW Benefit --- Save the Date!

*By Davin Searls*

Join **Discovering Deaf Worlds (DDW)** for our Third Annual Benefit on Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm-9:00pm at the German House (315 Gregory Street) in downtown Rochester.

Enjoy hors d'oeuvres catered by Zeppa Bistro, including assorted bruschetta, chicken satay, homemade mozzarella caprese, sweet-and-sour meatballs, and more. Bharata School of Indian Dance and Geneseo Bhangra will provide performances not to be missed! Tickets include one free cocktail, with a cash bar to follow.

ASL interpreters and real-time captioning will be provided. Please come eat, drink, and be merry, while supporting a great cause! General admission tickets are \$30, and can be purchased securely online at: [www.discoveringdeafworlds.org/purchase-event-tickets](http://www.discoveringdeafworlds.org/purchase-event-tickets)

For more information or to inquire about sponsorship opportunities, please contact DDW's Executive Director Davin Searls at [ddwteam@discoveringdeafworlds.org](mailto:ddwteam@discoveringdeafworlds.org)

*DDW is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based in Rochester, NY that collaborates with Deaf and hard-of-hearing leaders in developing countries to improve education and human rights for their communities.*

## ALERT DEAF POPULATION, TOO

By Dean DeRusso (excerpt from D&C 11/17/12)

Rochester has the largest deaf population, per capita, in the US, yet our local broadcast media continue to ignore us. What happened during Superstorm Sandy is a perfect example. While a potential hurricane was bearing down on Rochester, county officials sent press releases to the media to warn citizens of the approaching danger. These critical, life-saving announcements were reported on our local news stations as “emergency reports” and “breaking news.” **Because these reports were live, there was no captioning...meaning thousands of people were not considered important enough to be informed.**

Our local TV stations use a method of captioning newscasts that makes it impossible for deaf (or, people with hearing loss) to understand what’s being said. I challenge any “hearing person” to watch a local TV newscast with the sound off, and the captioning on. You will have no idea what they’re talking about. Sadly, the FCC does **not** require Rochester stations to provide live captioning, but when there is an emergency, they’re required to do so. There are no exceptions.

The primary method of communication for the deaf is a sign language interpreter. Why not add those bubble interpreters during emergency announcements? Monroe County is required to prepare for disasters. This includes having funds available, in advance, for sign language interpreters and live captioning on TV. From what we saw with Sandy, there is no preparation at all! Does a deaf (or hard of hearing) person have to die from their negligence before action is taken?



**SAVE THE DATE !**  
**Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, for our**  
**Chapter’s 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala.**

*Watch our Newsletters for additional info.*

## DID YOU KNOW

March 1<sup>st</sup> –The early Roman calendar started with **March** (then called Martius) and it contained only 10 months. *January and February were added around the late 8<sup>th</sup> century B.C. (Old Farmer’s Almanac)*

## WALK4HEARING 5K

**Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**

PERINTON PARK ALONG THE ERIE CANAL  
 FAIRPORT RD at O’CONNOR RD, Route 31F

**Registration at 8:30 a.m.**  
**Walkers start at 10:00 a.m.**



Come and join us for the HLAA Rochester Chapter's only annual fundraiser. Walk4Hearing is now in its **8th year** raising and providing funds for scholarships for high school seniors going on to postsecondary education, live captioning for theater performances at the Rochester Broadway Theater League, and also, GEVA, and installing a hearing loop system in the Dryden Theatre at the George Eastman House; as well as, assisting national HLAA in its support, education and advocacy of millions of people with hearing loss, and so much more.

We need your support! How can you help? Become a team captain and gather a group to walk on Walk Day. Become a walker and walk along the beautiful Erie Canal. You don't have to walk the entire 5K. Any distance you walk is fine. Don't care to walk? Show up and root for us! There will be lots of fun. Breakfast, clowns, face painting, music, and a silent auction full of great gift cards and other goodies from local merchants.

We also need event sponsors. If you know of any business you think would be willing to sponsor us, please let us know. Email to: [DKoon@rochester.rr.com](mailto:DKoon@rochester.rr.com).

Please join us for the “**Kick-Off**” gathering **March 14<sup>th</sup>** from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Locust Hill Country Club.

Mark your calendar today for this exciting event: Sunday morning, **May 5<sup>th</sup>**, and see you at the WALK!

## ANNUAL DINNER, Tues., June 18<sup>th</sup>

**We need your help in organizing our dinner.**  
**Please contact Barb Law at**  
**[blaw1@rochester.rr.com](mailto:blaw1@rochester.rr.com); or, Sue Miller at**  
**[SusanLeeMiller39@cs.com](mailto:SusanLeeMiller39@cs.com) for more info.**  
**Thanks for your consideration!**

## NEED A CAPTIONING SERVICE & CAN'T FIND ONE?

*By Michelle Gross*

**CaptionMatch** (<http://captionmatch.com>), is a new service for matching captioning providers with those who need a captioning service. CaptionMatch began its service at the end of 2012, so at this point it's not a fully tested business. CaptionMatch has an association with The **Collaborative for Communication Access via Captioning** (CCAC - <http://cccaptioning.org>), which is a volunteer captioning advocacy group.

Individuals or companies, which *provide* captioning services, register with CaptionMatch and pay a small fee. Those interested in *obtaining* captioning services also register with CaptionMatch however there is no fee for the individual or group requesting the match for service.

CaptionMatch makes its profit from the registration fee paid by captioning service providers and a fee/percentage of the money received by the provider after they've provided captioning service for the customer. The "matches" made by CaptionMatch are based on the needs of the client, and information the captioning service provided to CaptionMatch when registering. CaptionMatch is out of the picture once the provider and client are successfully matched.

It's important to note that CaptionMatch provides only a subset of caption providers; that is, those that register with them. Neither CaptionMatch nor the CCAC, insure satisfaction between provider and customer. Despite that, it's another avenue to pursue if you're interested in obtaining the services of a professional captioning service. Contact: [sugarbeal40a@yahoo.com](mailto:sugarbeal40a@yahoo.com).

## PREP FOR BOOMERS' FADING HEARING

*By Bob Menchel (excerpt from D&C 11/25/12)*

An essay by Dean DeRusso (see page 6) showed the problem that deaf and hard-of-hearing people have when there is an emergency and nothing is done to provide the emergency info to this community.

It's a well known fact that as one ages, hearing begins to decline; yet industries fail to recognize this problem. For example, the auto industry is trying to make cars safer with warning signals that beep or click. I'm deaf and cannot hear warning signals in my car. I depend on **visual warning signs**. It would be much better if there were a flashing light warning me that the headlights are on, instead of a faint beep.

Well-meaning industries should think of this problem and begin acting now to provide safer products for the baby boomers who surely will have less hearing than they have now.

## VETERANS ADMINISTRATION NEWS

*By Jocene Henderson*

Hearing loss does not just affect older Veterans. Many of our young Veterans returning from Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom also suffer from hearing loss. One recent VA report estimates that the number may be as high as 59,000.

Given the higher incidence of hearing loss among Veterans of all ages, the VA has an extensive network of services and benefits for Veterans to cope with hearing loss. In fact, the VA provided an estimated 59 million hearing aid batteries last year. (Contact: [jocene.henderson@veteransoutreachcenter.org](mailto:jocene.henderson@veteransoutreachcenter.org) )

[https://www.myhealth.va.gov/mhv-portal-web/anonymous.portal?\\_nfpb=true&\\_nfto=false&\\_pageLabel=spotlightArchive&contentPage=spotlight/06112012\\_HearingAid\\_SlideShow.html](https://www.myhealth.va.gov/mhv-portal-web/anonymous.portal?_nfpb=true&_nfto=false&_pageLabel=spotlightArchive&contentPage=spotlight/06112012_HearingAid_SlideShow.html)

### How to order replacement batteries online:

You can now order batteries online using the Remote Order Entry System-Public (ROES-Public) application. In order to ensure your personal information is kept secure, you will need to obtain access credentials prior to placing your first order. The instructions for obtaining the credentials can be found at [www.va.gov/eauth](http://www.va.gov/eauth).

If you have access to VA's My HealtheVet application, you may already have established your credentials. Look for the ROES-Public application at [www.va.gov/eauth/roes](http://www.va.gov/eauth/roes) and follow the easy steps to place an order for batteries.

### Newsletter Deadline

**THURSDAY, FEB. 28<sup>TH</sup>**  
(for the April Newsletter)

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



## SONY GLASSES – FOR CAPTIONING AT REGAL THEATRES

*By Al Suffredini*

I was issued the glasses and given a short demonstration on how they work. I also was given another small electronic device that links a wire to the glasses which provides the captioning. I had to sign my name, address, and phone number after receiving the glasses.

The small electronic device needs to be facing the screen, either in your shirt pocket, hand held, resting on your chest; or they have a neck attachment (which I used) to hold the device just below your neck comfortably. (If you go, request this.)

The unit also has a head set plug. But it does not work with a neck loop, or a silhouette, which I tried. It only works with their ear plug or head set. I gather the impedance is geared only for their headsets.

I could turn my head, move my body, look around, and never lost captioning. I could move the captioning on the screen up, down, sideways, by moving my head as the device was facing the screen. I preferred looking straight ahead and keeping the captions below the movie picture. The captioning in all captioned movies with the SONY glasses is in the color green. So if there were certain colors in the movie background that were green, you will lose some of the captions. So I kept the captioning below the screen, in a complete black area, and the green stood out perfectly.

You can also make the captions brighter and/or larger, with the select (SEL) button on the small electronic device that is wired to the glasses. On the device it has a (-) on the left, to lower the volume and a (+) on the right, to raise the volume. The SEL button is in the middle, and by pressing it, you can choose how large and wide you want your captions, and how bright. I kept my

brightness on level 3 out of 5. I kept captioning size at normal. (Contact: [ajs36csf@rochester.rr.com](mailto:ajs36csf@rochester.rr.com).)

Photo from Joe Dashiell, Greater Miami Chapter

## CONTINUATION OF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

*By Cindy Kellner*

Note: **Deadline is March 15<sup>th</sup>**. The Rochester Chapter of HLA A is pleased to announce the continuation of our scholarship program in 2013. The program was initially started in 1996. To date we have awarded 74 scholarships for a total of \$58,500. Since 2006 the awards donated to our scholars have been made possible primarily through funds raised by our annual Walk4Hearing walkathon. This year's scholarship is a \$1,000 award.

Scholarship recipients must have applied to a college or other postsecondary school and be between the ages of 17 and 20. They must have a hearing loss in both ears (or only one, in exceptional circumstances). Financial need is not a consideration. The scholarship is a one-time award.

To apply for the scholarship please go to: [www.hlaa-rochester-ny.org](http://www.hlaa-rochester-ny.org) and click on "Support" and "Scholarship Form" to obtain the application form and instructions. **The application deadline is Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>.** Please help us spread the word about this wonderful program. Contact: [CKellnel@rochester.rr.com](mailto:CKellnel@rochester.rr.com)

### 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**

## MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup>, DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

- First to suggest the idea: Benjamin Franklin, in 1784.
- First North American region to adopt it: Newfoundland, in 1917.
- First year in which the United States adopted it: 1918.  
(*Old Farmer's Almanac 2012*)



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