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MAY Calendar

Tuesday, May 7th

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., May 14th – Board of Directors

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

Wed., May 22nd – Rear Window Captioned movie,
Loews 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., June 11th – BOD mtg, JV room, Al Sigl Center

Tues., June 18th – Annual Dinner, Cobblestone Creek
(see page 7)

Wed., June 26th – Rear Window Captioned movie.
(details above)

Sun., August 25th - PICNIC – Miller's on Keuka Lake

October – Next “Cochlear Implant” Group meeting

Hospitality Duties for May:

Daytime Meeting – Fred Altrieth, Carol Bradshaw,
Janet McKenna

Evening Meeting – Don Bataille, Linda Siple
Board of Directors – Tim Whitcher

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

WALK4HEARING

SUNDAY MAY 5th, 2013

PERINTON PARK
ROUTE 31F
FAIRPORT, NY

8:30 A.M.-- REGISTRATION, SOCIAL TIME
10:00 A.M. –WALKERS START -WALK4HEARING

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ADMIRING THE BEAUTIFUL SPRING FLOWERS
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CHEERLEADING
EATING BAGELS
SOAKING IN THE WARM SPRING SUN
OR BY JUST BEING THERE

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HELP US MEET OUR GOAL OF **500** PEOPLE!

SEE YOU SUNDAY, MAY 5th!

Double panels for May: Cochlear Implants, and Ask the Audiologists

Two panel discussions are featured for HLAA/Rochester's May meetings. Depending on the severity of your hearing loss, you can discover more about cochlear implants and/or hearing aids.

Tuesday, May 7th, Daytime meeting 11:00am

“LIVING AND HEARING WITH COCHLEAR IMPLANTS”

About twenty members of HLAA/Rochester have cochlear implants, and several people have one for each ear!

A severely to profoundly deafened individual benefiting little from hearing aids may wish to consider the surgically implanted prosthesis which bypasses a damaged inner ear to send electrical impulses directly to the brain.

Although cochlear implants now are more extensively publicized than previously, conflict and misinformation still exist about them. The four late-deafened adults on our cochlear implant panel relate their histories of living and hearing with six cochlear implants and two hearing aids among them. Two panelists are CI pioneers. All their experiences differ.

Panelists are: **Al Suffredini** from Canandigua, first implanted 1993, second implant 2012, Cochlear Amer.

Janet McKenna, all the way from Grand Island, first implanted 1998, second implant 2012, Advanced Bionics.

Jimmie Sorrento from Tonawanda, implanted in 2003, (uses a hearing aid in his unimplanted ear), Advanced Bionics.

Ginger Graham from Webster, implanted in 2010, (also uses a hearing aid), Cochlear America.

Among the topics they will touch on are: their reasons for undergoing an implant, surgery, hookup, insurance issues, and functioning in the real world. This is a unique opportunity to learn how cochlear implants have impacted the adults who use them daily.

Tues., May 7th – Evening Meeting – 7:00 pm

ASK THE AUDIOLOGISTS

Let's learn about hearing aids. A trio of experienced Audiologists takes the floor for the approximately annual

“Ask the Audiologists” panel question and answer session. As with previous hugely popular and informative “Ask the Audiologists” presentations, it is completely impromptu and unrehearsed.

The panelists are prepared to field your questions on all aspects of hearing aids and hearing loss. As hearing aid dispensers, they can comment on new developments in hearing aid technology, deafness, audiograms, etc.

Panelist are: **Carol Henn-Staino**, AuD from Arizona School of Health Sciences, Audiologist with Rochester Hearing and Speech Center.

Christine Stein, AuD from University of Florida, Audiologist at Professional Hearing Solutions in Victor.

Jared Teter, AuD from University of Florida, Audiologist at Hearcare Hearing in Penfield.

This is a great opportunity to query the experts. Come prepared with your questions! If they can't provide immediate answers, they will follow up.

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. 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.

VIDEO OF MAY 7TH DAYTIME CHAPTER MTG.

John Curtis, long-time chapter member, will be at this meeting to make a short video of an HLAA meeting. The movie is the personal story of a HOH adult and some of the difficulties in everyday life, to be presented to either the Sundance Film Festival or Internet. You'll need to sign a waiver to be included; or, sit off to the side if you'd rather not. We view this as good publicity for HLAA!

LEADERS COLUMN

By Elise de Papp, M.D.



The **Walk4Hearing** will be coming up almost as soon as this newsletter hits the press – **May 5**. There was a lovely reception for the Walk at Locust Hill Country Club March 14, sponsored by Nixon

Peabody. Kelly Barrett did a great job hosting the evening, with help from Dave Koon and Barb Law, chief engineers of the whole project.

A bit earlier that same afternoon there was a reception at the Dryden Theater for sponsors of the renovation. Dryden spokesperson, Carolyn Yeager, Assistant Curator, Motion Picture Dept., spoke about the project and we saw 2 short film clips from different eras. The first was from an old movie, Master and Commander series, showing a “battleship” in the days of Napoleon, actually in canon exchange with another ship. Not what we think of as battleships – this was wooden, with sails, and you could hear the planks creaking and the horses in the hold screaming. The sound was incredible. The second film was a segment from a very new Cirque de Soleil movie. The Dryden apparently has a collection of old silent films, plus the equipment to show them; think I might enjoy some of those, despite having the **new loop**.

Moving from cocktail parties to books....many HLAAs are reading and loving Katherine Bouton’s new book “**Shouting Won’t Help – Why I – and 50 million – Other Americans Can’t Hear You.**” The author is a writer, with The New Yorker and then the NY Times. It’s a great read and very well written. She became very HOH early on, and now has Cochlear Implants.

The book is about her search of why and how she lost her hearing and she presents informed and accurate details about many aspects of hearing loss: anatomy, noise exposure, ototoxins, environmental influences, and so on. And above all, she writes in a comfortable way about all the feelings, frustrations, anxieties with which we are all familiar. Curling up with this book is like spending a couple of hours with a good friend (especially one who understands the difference between hearing and understanding what is being said).

RBTL LIVE THEATRE--- CAPTIONED!



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

May 12th – **Les Miserables**

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

GEVA Theatre Offering Captioned Plays!

By Bonnie Butkas



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

May 11th – **Midsummer Night’s Dream**

Call the Box Office at 232-4382. Ask for seats 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.

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

Watch our Newsletters for additional info.

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!



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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. Make your reservations now!

Cost for registration by May 31st is \$359.

Go to: www.hearingloss.org/content/registration. Or, our home page: www.hlaa-rochester-ny.org/index.html.

Rochester members planning to attend, please go to our website: www.hlaa-rochester-ny.org for the form to fill out to receive a STIPEND.

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.

MOTHER'S DAY

(from the Old Farmer's Almanac)

After her mother died in 1905, Miss Anna Jarvis campaigned for a national day to honor all mothers.

On May 10, 1908, a Mother's Day service was held at a church in Grafton, West Virginia. In **1914**, Mother's Day was declared an annual national holiday on the second Sunday in May. Love to all Mothers!

"ARCHIVIST" WANTED

Do historical facts fascinate you? Are you an enthusiastic "scrap booker?" HLAA/Rochester needs a volunteer "Archivist" to keep and preserve records of our Chapter's 30 year past and its future activities.

You would clip, affix into scrap books, and caption articles about our Chapter appearing in Rochester-area print media, as well as other materials such as programs, invitations, speeches, photos, etc. This opportunity is not part of a committee, but you would have help from other members supplying info they've accumulated. This leading HLAA Chapter wishes to retain its 30-year history! Please contact Sue Miller at (585) 924-8933 or, SusanLeeMiller39@cs.com

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By Cindy Kellner

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WEBSITES OF INTEREST

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

(submitted by Ginny Koenig)

From Steve Frazier, New Mexico chapter, info on "Hearing Disorders and Deafness: MedlinePlus" www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/hearingdisordersanddeafness.html.

(submitted by Michelle Gross)

Excellent link for Cochlear Implants and how they work. It's captioned; made in the early 2000's but the principle is still good. Go to: www.youtube.com/watch?v=SmNpP2fr57A.

(submitted by Don Bataille)

Loops and Telecoils. Go to: www.oticon.com/~asset/cache.ashx?id=19745&type=14&format=web Also, go to: www.oticon.com/products/hearing-aids/performance/alta/about-alta.aspx.

"YELLOW DOT" PROGRAM

By Ginger Graham

A new program was started by the NYS Sheriff's Association. It helps Emergency Responders provide prompt care in the event of a car accident by placing your medical emergency info inside your glove box.

You place the yellow dot on the rear window, driver's side, and it will alert EMTs to look in the glove box for your medical info. The yellow sheet of medical info that you fill out is easy to do.

(The yellow dot decal can also be placed on or beside your front door. An Emergency Responder will look in your freezer for the medical info.)

Most Town Halls have these yellow dots and forms. Or, go to: www.nysheriffs.org/yellowdot or, go to: www.monroecounty.gov click on "department" then "sheriff" then "yellow dot program."

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!

Barb Law: Blaw1@rochester.rr.com; (585) 381-8640
 Sue Miller: SusanLeeMiller39@cs.com; (585) 924-8933

FAMILY TIPS FOR PEOPLE WITH HEARING LOSS

By Joe Kozelsky, March 2013

NEVER SAY: "Never mind." Or, "It doesn't matter." Or, "Forget it."

Keep in mind: hearing aid users do not miss things on purpose. It can be very disturbing to hear such comments.

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TOURS AT GEORGE EASTMAN HOUSE

By Bob Menchel

For signed English and voice tours which begin to add tours of the garden:

May 11, 11-12N; 15, 10:15-11:45; 18, 11-12N; 25, 11-12N; 29, 10:15-11:45

June 8, 11-12N; 15, 11-12N; 19, 10:15-11:45; 26, 10:15-11:45; 29, 11-12N

Tours start on time, but due to the difference between a regular tour and one for deaf or hard of hearing, the end time may vary. I'm more sensitive to talking to people with hearing loss and you might get more out of it than on a crowded tour with a regular guide.

HEARING LOOP INSTALLATION U of R Medical Center Saunders Building, NCDHR Conference Room

By Donald Bataille

A hearing loop called a Super Loop System (SLS), with HiFi quality sound, has been installed in the lower level **NCDHR conference room (B309 and B311)** providing individuals with cochlear implants and/or hearing aids communication accessibility to meetings and instructional programs. This is a first on the U of R campus, and has been a hit with Healthy Living with Hearing Loss (HL2), a Community Based Participatory Research (CBPR) committee that works closely with NCDHR. A second SLS hearing loop system is planned for room 1416.

A hearing loop creates a magnetic field that is picked up by a T-coil located in a hearing aid or cochlear implant, delivering a clear speech signal absent of conflicting room noise. The unique hearing loop design, utilizing a series of figure 8 hearing loops, was applied to the concrete floor just before carpet installation. The advantage of an SLS design is that it eliminates signal spill into the adjoining corridor and office areas assuring meeting confidentiality. The SLS design also offers a very even 3D signal level within the meeting room eliminating user head tilt issues.

The hearing loop design, included as part of the NCDHR office area renovation, was completed by SWBR Architects, 387 East Main Street, Rochester, NY. Don Bataille, AIA, CCS, Architect and hearing loop designer, noted the advantage for building owners is that hearing loops provide a superior sound quality without the need to maintain other redundant or encumbering equipment. Don can be reached at don@bataille.us for further information.

HEARING LOSS MAGAZINE (March/April 2013)

Another reason to belong to our National organization is receiving this magazine every couple of months. For instance, this issue includes:

- Poison to the Ears. Making sense of Ototoxicity
- Improving Your Relationship with Music
- Show me Captions!
- Hearing Help in Nursing Homes
- Captioned Telephones
- Get in the Hearing Loop

Subjects of June 4th Chapter Meetings

Daytime –R&D Reps from Hearing Aid Manufacturers

Evening – “How Our Brain Processes Hearing and Info” – Christy Monczynski Hopson, AuD, U of R

CARD OF THANKS

All your cards, prayers and things brought to my home were much more appreciated than you can imagine by me and my family during the January thru March period. Your prayers sent prior were also appreciated and the cordial welcome Josie always received when attending the meetings each month was enjoyed by her. Thank you for attending Josie’s Memorial Service on March 23rd.

Sincerely, Fred Altrieth and family

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!

Newsletter Deadline

TUESDAY, APRIL 30TH
(for the June Newsletter)

Email: ggraham859@frontiernet.net
(This will be the last Newsletter til September)

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 to 9 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: _____

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Dinner choice _____

Guest: _____

Dinner choice _____

2nd Guest: _____

Dinner choice _____

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**Return form and check to:
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CAPTIONS IN MOVIE THEATRES

By Alan Kutner, excerpt from Hearing Loss Magazine, March/April 2013)

Closed captioning in movie theaters is now the law under the Americans with Disabilities Act. Theaters are now required to convert all of their movie screens with rare exceptions. Of the four largest movie chains in the US, Regal Cinemas is by far the largest, with more than 544 movie theaters.

To date, Regal has provided captioned movies in more than 225 of its theaters and promises to have all converted by end of the year. AMC Theaters, the second largest, has just started converting. Cinemark Theatres, the third largest chain, has already converted all of its theaters in the US, and Carmike Cinemas (4th largest) has converted all of its movie theaters in Pennsylvania and is now doing so throughout the US.

It is anticipated that all four major chains will have converted all of their movie theaters and screens to closed captioning via one of several captioning devices by the end of the year. So the next time you go to the movies, be sure to ask the ticket seller for their closed captioning device, and don't be shy about saying "Show me the Captions."

BEHIND THE SCENE AUDIOLOGIST INTERVENTION CHART NOTES (VERSUS AN ON-LINE PURCHASE) FOR HEARING AIDS

(from a local Audiologist)



Following chart notes are for only two of the four patients seen in one-half day recently. It took a little over 1 hour to complete chart notes and correspondence for the four "straight-forward" visits, two of which are listed here.

"Richard" (new patient, recently received hearing aids)

He reported several issues and asked what could be done. A woman's sharp voice at Dunkin Donuts being intrusive; other instances of being bothered by background noise. Retention issue Left, and report that hearing varies. HA use analysis showed average use of 6.7 hrs/day and much of it in noisy situations. Little use at home, in quiet. Counselor re: importance of full-time use, activated mute function, counseled muting one HA if

bothered by intrusive voices. He was counseled re: nature of background noise management by broadcast and entertainment industries and how it's different for hearing aids. Changed to #4 M speakers for retention issue. Seemed better in office. Plan: Follow-up visit as scheduled in 2 weeks.

"Dan" (long-term patient)

5th follow-up visit. Reports he is not hearing as well as he was with his old hearing aids. Also, comments from his wife and their daughter to the same effect. Changed identity to calm, and made (compression) as linear as possible, then increased gain 3 clicks for all frequencies, then increased gain for loud and moderate level sounds 3 clicks more for 1.5 kHz – 3 kHz. No feedback, no issues with clatter sound. Compared (visually) sound field results with previous HAs and they line up well, within 5 dB, but generally poorer with new instruments before the above-mentioned changes. Plan: Return visit 2 weeks for follow-up.

Hearing aid fitting is not a simple process and this was one half of an EASY half day!

Note: It should be kept in mind that under the current delivery model user satisfaction has hovered around 66% for the last 20+ years, with possibly as many as 20% or more hearing aids in the drawer. This is not good, but one can only imagine what user satisfaction rates might be for hearing aids purchased on-line without assistance from a knowledgeable third party.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"The most remarkable thing about my Mother is that for 30 years, she served the family nothing but leftovers. The original meal has never been found." (Calvin Trillin – Readers Digest 5/12)

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Hearing Loss Association (HLAA) Rochester Chapter, a tax exempt and volunteer group, is a chapter of a national, nonprofit, nonsectarian, educational organization devoted to the welfare and interests of those who cannot hear well. We meet the first Tuesday of the month from September through June at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, East Ave. While our primary focus is directed toward hard of hearing, we welcome everyone to our chapter meetings whatever their hearing ability. For more information, Call **585-266-7890**

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

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

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

Meetings are hearing accessible

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

All meetings are audio looped and captioned. Interpreters are available on request *for evening meetings only*-- contact Linda Siple, 585-475-6712, or at lasnss@rit.edu, at least a week in advance.

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