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NOVEMBER Calendar

Tuesday, November 6th

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

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, East Ave. & Westminster Rd.

Tues., Nov. 13th - Board of Directors

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

Wed., Nov. 28th - between Noon & 3pm -

RWC movie, Loew's Webster. Check theatre for movie & exact time; then, social time.

SAVE THESE FUTURE DATES

Tues., Dec. 11th -BOD - 7:30pm, JV room, ASC

Wed., Dec. 26 - Rear Window Captioned movie, Loew's Webster - Canceled due to holiday. See you in 2013 !

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 November:

Daytime Meeting - Betty Jennings, Joan Kohler,
Elaine Vanderbrook
Evening Meeting - Meredith Low
Board of Directors - David Hartman

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

*Welcome back members, and,
WELCOME ALL NEWCOMERS TO HLAA!*



NOVEMBER PROGRAMS

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

Tuesday, Nov. 6th --Daytime meeting - 11:00 am

"HELPING GUIDE THE FUTURE OF HLAA...AT HOME AND ACROSS THE USA" -
Dr. James DeCaro, NTID

At the annual HLAA Convention this June in Providence, RI, the Board of Trustees approved a "Statement of Strategic Intent." What is it, and how does it impact membership and the 36 million Americans with hearing loss?

Dr. James DeCaro, vice-president of the Board and chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee, will focus on the statement and its short-term and long-term implications for HLAA at the national, state and local levels.

The document elaborates goals for strengthening the organization. The statement is a collaboration among HLAA management, staff and Board members with input from other stakeholders.

Dr. DeCaro is professor and Dean Emeritus at NTID at RIT where he has been on the faculty since 1971. He served as NTID dean from 1985-98, two years of which he was interim director and CEO.

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Nov. 6th, Evening Meeting – 7:00 pm

“NOTHING ABOUT US, WITHOUT US!” -

Steven Barnett, MD, NCDHR; and HLAA members, Mary Chizuk and Don Bataille

The National Center for Deaf Health Research (NCDHR) has requested our chapter partner with them for the next phase of the Prevention Research Center (PRC) funded by the Center for Disease Control and Health Promotion.

YOUR input is sought to help determine the focus of this Community Participatory Research for people with hearing loss. The Center wants to know how your hearing loss has affected your health, positively and negatively. What are your concerns, worries, or fears?

For example: Has your hearing loss affected your sleep? Are you sleeping through thunderstorms or awakening due to tinnitus? Has your hearing loss affected your physical activity or your social life? Have you experienced a cardiac event, a fall, or memory loss? Share your hearing health experiences with Dr. Barnett and help drive the research.

Dr. Steven Barnett joined the research division of the U of R Medical Center faculty in 2002. His research, teaching and clinical interests include health care across languages and cultures, access for people who are deaf, and physician-patient communication. He is the Associate Director of the NCDHR and Medical Director of Strong Connections, the university's Telehealth Sign Language Interpreter Program.

Long-time chapter member, Mary Chizuk RN MS Ed, is the Care Manager at Rochester VA Clinic. Chapter past president, Don Bataille AIP, is an architect with SWBR Architects. They Co-chair the Exploratory Task Force of NCDHR.

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. Those needing a sign language interpreter for an evening meeting should 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 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.

LEADERS COLUMN

By David Koon



I hope everyone is ready for the upcoming holidays with lots of family, entertaining, food and celebrating.

Wishing everyone a very special Thanksgiving, and I hope you all have many things for which to give thanks.

We are going through great times at HLAA and we have lots to be thankful for--a wonderful Board of Directors to work with; closed captioning at GEVA Theater; hopefully a hearing loop system at the Dryden Theater at the George Eastman House; and a way for many people with hearing loss to get their needed hearing aids at a much cheaper cost.

Everyone on the BOD is working hard for all our members and helping HLAA to grow into a force in Rochester to be reckoned with. We are getting more and more of Rochester looped. We are going to keep the pressure on local media outlets to get our word out to all who can benefit from our services. This way we can continue to grow our membership.

I hope everyone who attended Gael Hannan's presentation walked away with new knowledge and a lighter heart. (Over 90 people heard her presentation Oct. 2nd.) We hope to continue our Featured Speaker programs next year and maybe even schedule two or more in the upcoming years.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Tuesday, November 6th, is Election Day and St. Paul's Church is a voting site. **Parking on church grounds that day is limited to Handicapped persons only.**

Please plan to park on alternate side of the street, or in the lot across the street in the George Eastman House. Restrictions are for this day only. Thanks for your help!

PARENTS COLUMN*By Katy Kuczek*

Katy's column will return next month.

If your child has hearing loss, please consider joining our Parents group at HLAA. Contact: kkuczek@rochester.rr.com ...for more information.

Newsletter Deadline

WED., Oct. 31st
(for the December Newsletter)

Email: ggraham859@frontiernet.net

NEWS FROM NTID*By Greg Livadis*

Hello! We've been asked this question for decades: How many deaf people live in Rochester? The answer varies a lot; but today we have better facts.

Researchers at NTID have just released their findings with Rochester's deaf population better defined: **Nearly 20,000 deaf/hard-of-hearing people under the age of 65** live in the Rochester area. For more info: <http://www.ntid.rit.edu/news/rochester-areas-deaf-population-better-defined>

REFRESHMENTS

Special thanks to these folks for bringing the delicious treats for our Featured Speaker Program Oct. 2nd:

Carmen Coleman, Gloria DeMeo, Cindy Kellner, Barb Law, Meredith Low, Nancy & Doug Meyer, Sue Miller, Al Suffredini, Marlene Sutliff, Elaine Vanderbrook

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RBTL LIVE THEATRE--- CAPTIONED!

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



December 2nd – **Memphis**
February 10th – **Addams Family**
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.

GEVA Theatre Offering Captioned Plays!*By Bonnie Butkas*

We are offering captioning for some shows of our 40th Anniversary Season. All performances are on Saturday, at 2:00pm.

January 12th –**Next to Normal**
February 23rd –**Book Club Play**
April 6th –**The Whipping Man**
May 11th –**Midsummer Night's Dream**

The Box Office is available to take ticket orders and subscriptions—(585) 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 the Mark and Bobbie Hargrave Hard of Hearing Clarity, Hoffman and Daughters, the Hearing Loss Association of America, and anonymous donors.

NEWS FROM RHSC*(from Webster Post, 9/6/12)*

RHSC will accept used batteries for recycling at their office on Elmwood, also Webster, Brighton, or Greece. You may drop off your used batteries whether or not you purchased your HAs thru RHSC. For more info: call 585-271-0680.

HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS

Useful Gift Ideas

- 1 Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
- 2 Fire extinguishers (appropriate to the area)
- 3 Foldable second-story ladders
- 4 Disaster kits for home, vehicle, and pets
- 5 Weather and disaster radios
- 6 Dry and Store Kits for hearing aids

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“Life isn’t about waiting for the storm to pass. It’s about learning how to dance in the rain.”

(author unknown; from D&C 5/20/12)



For Your Donation Above Basic Membership:

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DID YOU KNOW.....

When family and friends visit during the holiday season.....

The **Planetarium** has an Induction Loop to accommodate people who wear a hearing aid or CI with a tele-coil or T-switch. It is advisable to mention at the box office that you will be using the Induction Loop system---so they can turn it on!



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“Patience is the best remedy for every trouble.”

Plautus, Roman playwright (254-184 B.C.)

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!

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.

REED EYE ASSOCIATES NOW DISPENSES HEARING AIDS

By “a caring audiologist in town”

The audiologists in this area are responding to the news that Reed Eye Associates at the Kregg Road Office are dispensing hearing aids. The website can be seen at: www.reedhearing.com. Apparently, there is a relationship with the Beltone hearing aid company which is not evident on the website. The office stipulates that full hearing examinations and hearing evaluations are available from their Board Certified Hearing Instrument Specialist. In addition to other issues, audiologists are concerned about the qualifications of the specialist performing the above duties. Please contact your local audiologist to learn more.

HLAA PRESIDENT, DAVID KOON, SEEKING RETURN TO ALBANY

David Koon, current HLAA-Rochester President and 15-year member of the NYS Assembly, is seeking to return to his seat in Albany and needs our support. David represented the 135th Assembly District--which includes the towns of Webster, Perinton, Penfield, and East Rochester—as well as the Villages of Webster and Fairport. Thank you for your consideration.

EXCITING COCHLEAR IMPLANT MEETING

By Jeannette Kanter

On Thursday, September 27th, the Cochlear Implant group had its Fall meeting. We were gratified by the turnout--**18 people** attended the meeting, which was titled, "Fifty Shades of Cochlear Experience." This diverse group included: 4 bilateral implantees; 2 new attendees who are considering getting a Cochlear Implant; 3 audiologists who work with children and adults with Cochlear Implants; one recent bilateral implantee; and one person about to get her second implant.

The discussion was lively, thanks to the variety of experiences of the members and the professionals. We all benefited from knowing: what procedures for obtaining a Cochlear Implant have changed, in comparison to years ago; how promptly insurance covers and responds to requests for implants; the benefits of two implants, as compared to just one; the rehabilitation procedures; short cuts to becoming proficient with a new implant; and other issues.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 7, 2013, at noontime, when we will join the Rochester Chapter routine noontime meeting for a presentation by an otolaryngologist on Cochlear Implants. We hope to see you in May!

EYES INTO THE DEAF WORLD – PHARMACY STUDENTS – *By Sal Maiorana (excerpt from the D&C 3/8/2012)*

There will come a time when the students in St. John Fisher's College of Pharmacy become registered pharmacists and will have to provide service to a patient who is deaf. Thanks to a role-reversal exercise that 80 first-yearers participated in, not only will they know how to impart proper service, they'll understand and appreciate the difficulties the deaf patient standing before them endures.

Kelly Curran, a student from Rockland County, stated "I learned that (the deaf community) is a culture in itself and it's something we have to understand." For the third consecutive year, Fisher College has partnered with Deaf Strong Hospital to offer pharmacy students the opportunity to play the role of deaf patients seeking medical attention. (Deaf Strong Hospital was first established by medical students at UR's School of Medicine and Dentistry.)

HELP FOR RINGING EARS

(from Readers Digest, July/Aug.2012)

Report from Germany—A new device might help fix tinnitus by treating the brain.

In people with tinnitus, brain cells fire in bizarrely hyperactive rhythms, fooling the mind into thinking it hears a loud noise. The iPod-sized device has the user listen to a sequence of quiet tones to stop abnormal rhythms; it reduced tinnitus in 75% of patients in early tests. Its developer, ANM Adaptive Neuromodulation, is finding partners to launch it here.

Reporting by Regina Nuzzo

Subject of Dec. 4th Chapter Meetings

Daytime – "Give Yourself the Gift of Learning thru OSHER!" – Ed Salem, Exec. Dir. of OLLI

Evening – "Getting Looped for the Holidays" – Tony Strong with Williams Sound
Special holiday refreshments – both meetings.

Flu Shots –The CDC recommends getting your flu shot now. Because flu is contagious 1-2 days before symptoms appear, it can be spread before we know we're infected. For more info, go to:

www.cdc.gov/flu.

MORE GOOD REASONS TO JOIN NATIONAL!

By Ginger Graham

You really should belong to **both** our Rochester Chapter and to HLAA National. Why? There is so much to learn from our National organization, with only limited amounts of information finding its way into our monthly award winning Chapter Newsletter. If you were better informed, it's fair to say you would be reaching out by sharing new information with your families, professionals, etc. Before we were founded, people with hearing loss were not recognized because we were not united. Think about it! Where would we be today without HLAA!!

HEARING LOOPS

By Don Bataille

When I was asked to prepare an article about hearing loops, I said “Great!” because hearing loops (loops) are pretty fantastic systems for hearing aid users, almost magical!...and well... I also like talking about loops.

A properly installed loop system provides a clean signal directly to a person’s hearing aid telecoil (T-coil) without interfering background noise or room echo via a system called a Hearing Loop—technically, an Audio Frequency Induction Loop System. The “magic” of a loop is its simplicity; a hearing aid/Cochlear Implant user simply turns on their T-coil switch and instantly hears clear sound directly from the sound source as if the sound source is inches away from your ear. Pretty fantastic!

Loops are universal. They work in any hearing environment such as conference rooms, public venues, banks, airports, family rooms, even taxi cabs because they interface with any audio device such as a public address system, TV, radio, smart phone, or an iPod.

Loops provide freedom and flexibility for you to join a group in a non-intrusive way, instantly providing hearing aid users the ability to participate in meetings, public events, classrooms, and worship services. An installed loop system serves everyone equally-- hearing aid (or CI users) and non-hearing aid users (with use of a loop receiving unit with a headset). Loops do all this at no cost to the hearing aid or Cochlear Implant user.

The advantages of a hearing loop are many;

- Loops provide a clear direct sound signal to your hearing aid/CI without an intermediate body-worn device, typical of other assistive listening systems.
- Loops eliminate disrupting background noise and room echo.
- Loops do not call attention to HA/CI users by requiring them to locate, to check out and to wear a (previously worn) device around their neck or on top of their head.
- At public venues, loop systems eliminate device management, maintenance (battery charging) and also eliminate distracting broadcasting/signal transmission devices from the auditorium.
- Loop systems easily connect to an AV system without interference.

Lastly, loops allow and enable the HA/CI user to manage their own hearing environment. Portable loop systems can be easily set up for any function.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to continuing our discussion.

Donald Bataille, AIA; is the immediate past president of HLAARochester Chapter, is an Architect with SWBR Architects providing hearing loop design services and is a hearing loop activist promoting loops in public spaces.

PHONE CALLS RECEIVED ON OFFICIAL HLAAR PHONE LINE

By Ginger Graham



This is a new column to give you an idea of the type of calls we receive that our members respond to. As you know, we aren’t lawyers or professionals!

(1)--We had a call recently from a woman looking for information because she has “a family member with hearing loss that needs housing.”

Our chapter member who returned the woman’s call suggested she contact Lifespan and/or the Regional Center for Independent Living. We mentioned the ADA and fair housing laws saying that her relative can’t be denied housing based on a disability.

(2)-- “Mr. Smith” said he needs help with purchasing low-cost hearing aids. One of our members talked with him and found out he has Medicaid but didn’t know that Medicaid would provide a HA. We suggested he might go to Strong Audiology or RHSC, the Elmwood office. (The other RHSC offices in Webster and Greece don’t take Medicaid patients.) We also gave him the number of the Finger Lakes Region Lions Hearing Foundation. (Interestingly, he had a “discount” card for the Beltone office in Batavia, but he said he couldn’t make it out there, and was pleased with the info from us.)

(3)-- A call came from JN, Director of Programs, at the “Steeple.” Our member explained that we provide presentations from the perspective of people with hearing loss and we’re not professionals, etc. We give presentations to staff also and she provided some examples of how a person may appear if they have a hearing loss but their response is thought to be something else, i.e., dementia or rudeness, being short tempered, angry etc.

NECK LOOPS AND IMPLANTED PACEMAKERS AND DEFIBRILLATORS

By Michelle Gross

Some people have expressed concern about the use of an inductive neck loop receiver if they also have an implanted Pacemaker or Defibrillator. The concern is there will be electromagnetic interference (EMI) between the signals of the two devices, which will cause the pacemaker/defibrillator to misbehave.

There are many types of electromagnetic interference but not all cause problems with pacemakers/defibrillators, especially since the implanted devices have shields and other protections which decrease the effects of interference. The electrical signal strength, nature of the interference, distance from the source, and condition of the electrical device—are some of the factors which determine if there may be an interference problem.

In general, the recommendation of implant devices is to maintain a minimum distance of 6” between most small devices, which have a low possibility of interference, and the pacemaker/defibrillator. Manufacturers of P/D provide lists which advise users of the recommended distances between the pacemaker/defibrillator and electrical equipment.

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EAR HOOKS



In general, neck loops have a low possibility for causing an interference problem if they are worn *at least six inches away* from the medical device. Most, if not all, manufacturers of neck loops recommend they not be worn at all if you have a pacemaker or defibrillator—to be sure their product isn’t misused. It’s best to avoid any problem by the use of silhouettes or ear hooks. They do the job of a neck loop and have the advantage of moving with your head!

FOR ALL MEMBERS AND MEMBERS-TO-BE – “DID YOU KNOW?”

By Meredith Low, Membership Chair

Did you know that we have members who travel over 80 miles from Grand Island, NY, and one who plans to attend meetings coming from Phelps, NY, 70 miles southeast of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, where we hold our monthly meetings?

Did you know that our annual membership letter and card has been mailed out? By now, you should have received, via U.S. Mail, a membership letter from our President, David Koon and me with an envelope-sized membership card. If you haven’t received it, please contact me, **Meredith Low**. Please send your name, residential address, phone number and /or your email address. My email: meredithlow@yahoo.com.

And did you know that individual membership in our chapter is still only \$10.00, and this amount has remained unchanged for the life of our chapter!

WELCOME NEW, FIRST-TIME MEMBERS!

Todd Elzey
Denise Junker
Shirley MacDonald
Kathleen Sclamo
Kathryn Tomaselli

Thank you for choosing the Rochester Chapter!

A few quips from Will Rogers, for senior citizens

- You tend to use more 4 letter words....”what?””when?”
- What used to be freckles are now ‘liver spots.’
- Everybody WHISPERS.
- Now that your husband has retired, you’d give anything if he’d find a job!
- There are two theories to arguing with a woman—neither one works!

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“Knowledge is learning something new every day.
Wisdom is letting go of something every day.”

Zen proverb

IS YOUR CELL PHONE A HEALTH HAZARD?

(By Laura Schocker, *Prevention*, May 2011)

Collectively, Americans spend more than 6 billion minutes a day glued to their cell phones. But new science suggests a link between 30 minutes or more a day use and an increased risk of a type of brain cancer. And now, a new study from the National Institute of Health reports that the electromagnetic radiation that's given off by a cell phone antenna triggers an increase of brain glucose in the area of the head that's closest to where the cell phone is held. To minimize your exposure:

--Try to avoid direct contact with the phone during calls. Use the speaker-phone setting or wired hands-free device. Although wireless Bluetooth devices do reduce radiation, they don't eliminate it.

--Follow the bars. Radiation exposure increases when a signal is weak or when traveling in a fast-moving car. Wait till you have 3 or more bars showing before making your call.

--Tell your kids to text. Because their skulls are thinner than adults, children absorb radiation at a higher rate when they hold a cell phone to their ear.

--Save the long chats for a landline or an Internet phone system (like Skype). When on the go, text instead of talking, but never do either while driving!

FDA APPROVES STUDY USING STEM CELLS TO TREAT HEARING LOSS

(from HLAA Wisconsin Newsletter, March 2012)

HOUSTON—1-12-2012—Children's Memorial Hermann Hospital and Cord Blood Registry (CBR) are launching the first FDA-approved, Phase 1 safety study on the use of cord blood stem cells to treat children with sensorineural hearing loss.

The study, which will use patient's stem cells from their own stored umbilical cord blood, is the first of its kind, and has the potential to restore hearing. This follows evidence from published laboratory studies that cord blood helps repair damaged organs in the inner ear.

The year-long study will follow 10 children; ages 6 weeks to 18 months, who have sustained post-birth hearing loss. To ensure consistency in cord blood stem cell processing, storage, and release for infusion, CBR is the only stem cell bank providing clients for the study.

"Children only have 18 months to acquire language skills and, if a child does not hear well, they will not acquire the language skills to speak normally," said James Baumgartner MD, sponsor of the study, and guest research collaborator at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth) Medical School.

Parents will be interviewed by phone to determine eligibility of their children for the study. Those who meet the criteria will be admitted to Children's Memorial Hermann Hospital to undergo a series of blood tests, hearing and speech tests, and an MRI that will view the tracts that send signals from the inner ear to the brain.

There is limited information along with a video on Stem Cell Research at the Wisconsin HLA website. Type 'Stem cell research' into search to access both. www.hearingloss.org There are links to further information at: www.hlaa-wi.org

NOTE: There are culturally Deaf groups who oppose this research. This is a 'hot topic' right now. There is talk within the medical research community of curing deafness within a decade or two. The large majority of Americans with hearing loss are supportive of this research and the concept of a cure. There are 36 million Americans with hearing loss, according to the National Institute of Health. Of that number, fewer than 2 million are culturally Deaf.

TOYS CAN DAMAGE HEARING

By Sarah Klimasewski, Au.D.,
Hart Hearing Centers



With the gift-giving season upon us, many well-intentioned parents may be purchasing potentially harmful toys for their children. The incidence of noise-induced hearing loss is on the rise.

When shopping, hold the toy close to your ear and listen. If it's too loud for you, it definitely is too loud for a child. Look for toys with volume controls. MP3 players and iPods pose a threat to children's hearing. Some websites for helpful tips on safe listening are www.DangerousDecibels.org and www.HartHearing.com. If in doubt, don't buy the noisy toy and choose something quieter. Your child has a long life of listening ahead of them!

HAVE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

From Ginger, Janet, Joan and Michelle

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For more information, go to www.nyrelay.com/captel

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HLAA Membership Information

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
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION – ROCHESTER CHAPTER

Yes, I want to join/renew -- Support entitles me to receive the award winning Newsletter in order to be alerted to interesting and informative articles plus Daytime & Evening Chapter Meetings and Cochlear Implant meetings.

New, first-time member

Yes, I need transportation to meetings

Check type of contribution

Individual \$10 Friend of HLAA \$25
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