



FEBRUARY Calendar

Tues., Feb. 1st– 11:00 am Brown Bag your lunch; Refreshments available.
11:30 am Daytime meeting.

7:00 pm Refreshments and Social Time

7:30 pm Evening Meeting

St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, East Ave. and Westminster Rd. across from George Eastman House, enter thru rear door.

Sun., Feb. 6th - at 2pm - JCC Play and Dinner

Tues., Feb. 8th – Board of Directors

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

Wed., Feb. 16th – between Noon & 3pm - Rear Window Captioned movie, Loew’s Webster, check theatre for movie and exact time; then, social time.

Save these future dates:

March 2-9 -Walk Kick-Off

Details from Sue Miller soon.

Sunday, May 1st –Walk4Hearing, Perinton Park

Tues, May 24th -- Annual Dinner

June 16-19 – Annual Convention, Washington DC

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

Hospitality Duties for February

Daytime Meeting – Paul Outhouse, Marlene Sutliff
Evening Meeting – Judy Rose

Board of Directors – Ginny Koenig

FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

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

Tues., Feb. 1st - Daytime Meeting – 11:00 am,
(Vote on Amendments to Chapter Bylaws)

“WHISPERING SWEET NOTHINGS – HOW TO COMMUNICATE LOVE WITH HEARING LOSS” – BARBARA BUSHART

Communicating love is *always* necessary to keep all types of relationships alive and healthy, but hearing loss can create a barrier to intimacy unless addressed proactively and creatively. Both the person with hearing loss and their significant other/s are seriously impacted by the communication challenges hearing loss presents. Join us to learn sensitive and effective strategies for keeping love strong just in time for Valentine’s Day practice!

Barbara Bushart is a late-deafened adult and cochlear implant user who has worked as a disability rights advocate in the local Deaf and Hard of Hearing communities for the last twenty years. She has an MSW degree from Roberts Wesleyan College and a Masters in Divinity from Northeastern Seminary. She is in the process of ordination in the Free Methodist Church and teaches at Empire State College.

This presentation is Audio looped.

Tues., Feb. 1st – Evening Meeting – 7:00pm
(Vote on Amendments to Chapter Bylaws)

**“AATV: (American Abilities Television Network)”
Television for those with hearing loss – Richard J. McCollough**

Richard J. McCollough, an award-winning Broadcaster/Producer/Director and founder of American Abilities Television Network (AATV), explains why he created TV and Internet programming for people with hearing loss. He will

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Evening Meeting (continued)

relate his struggles getting AATV on the air, finding sponsors, producing cutting edge programs and maintaining and promoting the AATV goals in a world cluttered with hundreds of TV channels and media outlets. We'll see a demonstration of a typical telecast. AATV programming can be seen on CW WHAM Channel 16 on Time Warner cable or over-the-air for free at 13.2 on your digital tuner. The website is www.mirusmedia.net

Richard J. McCollough, founder and producer/director, leads the Mirusmedia team with over 30 years of broadcasting and production experience. He is a broadcast meteorologist and has worked at Rochester's WHEC-TV Channel 10 NBC and 13WHAM-TV ABC and WSPA-TV 7 CBS in Spartanburg, SC. Richard continues to forecast the weather daily on #1 WDKX-FM 1039 in Rochester. He is also an award-winning producer-director-videographer, having been honored with 35 national awards including nine Telly awards of excellence in the past ten years.

(This presentation is Audiolooped and real-time captioned. Those needing a sign-language interpreter should contact Linda Siple at 585 475-6712, one week in advance.)

The Hearing Loss Association opens the world of communication to people with hearing loss through information, advocacy, education and support. Our message is: *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.*

Hearing Loss Association is a nationwide organization dedicated to advocacy, education and support for people with hearing loss. For more information, go to: www.hlaa-rochester-ny.org or telephone 585 266 7890.

LEADERS COLUMN

By Don Bataille

Happy holidays and a happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed a joyous holiday season with family and friends. This is also a time to say "thank you" to the efforts of our Board and Committee members, our member support, and to look forward to new and exciting opportunities.



The year 2011 brings us an opportunity to resolve several agenda items aimed at improving our chapter's efficiency and commitment to providing quality community services. Two initial and fundamental structural areas the Board has been working on this past year include: Chapter Governance and Committee Structure.

Our focus during January and February includes adoption of proposed chapter Bylaws amendments to align with HLAA recommendations and to reflect organizational changes. The proposed changes represent the following:

-Clarify chapter purpose as a "Non Profit Section 501©(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

-Clarify HLAA national organization name as 'HLAA' and Chapter organization name as 'HLAA Rochester' throughout the document.

-Change reference of 'people that are hard of hearing' to 'people with hearing loss.'

-Change Board governance from membership organization to Board organization.

-Establish number Board of Directors members at 21 with 3-year terms, one-third elected annually.

-Change Executive Committee to Operations Committee, whose purpose "is to direct and monitor the business of HLAA Rochester and to assure financial management..."

The proposed Bylaws are posted on our website for your review and comment. **As directed by our current Bylaws, we have scheduled February 1st Chapter Noon and Evening meetings for member vote.** Please plan to attend and be a part of our Bylaws amendment ratification process.

"KICK-OFF WEEK" for the WALK

"Captains meetings" might be breakfast, or lunch or maybe pizza after work! Plans are not yet firm for the week of March 2nd – 9th. Details will follow soon from Barb Law. Stay tuned!

**MEMBER NOTICE
HLAA ROCHESTER CHAPTER BYLAWS
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS**

IN CONFORMANCE WITH CHAPTER BYLAWS,
THIS NEWSLETTER SHALL SERVE AS NOTICE TO
MEMBERS THAT **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS**
WILL BE VOTED ON AT OUR **February 1st, 2011**,
CHAPTER MEETINGS at 11:00 am and 7:00 pm.



WEBSITES OF INTEREST:

Our Chapter website is: www.hlaa-rochester-ny.org.

(Following submitted by **Michelle Gross**) –

Additional info on “Magpie” captioning software—it is free as are others which can be found at:
http://ncam.wgbh.org/invent_build/web_multimedia/tools-guidelines. (first reported in January Newsletter)

(Following submitted by **Al Suffredini**) --

NOAA Weather Radio for Deaf & HOH people has been recently designed to adapt to our needs. It can warn of hazardous conditions, giving around-the-clock, up-to-the-minute weather info. It can be a lifesaver much as the now commonly used smoke detector w/flashing light.
www.nssl.noaa.gov/users/wood/public_html/NWR/specs-nds-nwr.html.

(From Brenda Battat, “This Month in Bethesda” 11/2010)

For latest **captioning technology** for movie access organized by Regal Cinemas—several companies developed devices that show closed captions either like Rear Window Captioning or glasses worn by the viewer. Feedback from the consumer representatives on the system will be given to the companies to take into consideration as they continue to make improvements. Read about the devices that were tested:
<http://blog.keenguides.com/2010/11/17/theater-captioning-back-to-the-future/>.

Newsletter Deadline

**Monday, January 31st
(for the March Newsletter)**

Email: ggraham859@frontiernet.net

SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY, MAY 1st, 2011!

WALK4HEARING 5K

PERINTON PARK ALONG THE ERIE CANAL

FAIRPORT RD at O'CONNOR RD, Rt. 31F

REGISTRATION at 9:00 a.m.

RUNNERS START at 9:30 a.m.

WALKERS START at 10:00 a.m.

(By *Laura Chaba*)

Come and join us for the HLAA Rochester chapter's only annual fundraiser. Walk4Hearing is now in its 6th year raising and providing funds for scholarships for high school seniors going onto postsecondary education, live captioning for theater performances at the Rochester Broadway Theater League, 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 caption 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, 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. Contact Sue Miller, at 924-8933 or SusanLeeMiller39@cs.com.

CONDOLENCES

Our sincere sympathy to Elmer and Gwen Cheney, on the loss of their daughter, Joan, on December 20, 2010.

About HLAA

The Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA), founded in 1979, opens the world of communication to people with hearing loss through information, education, advocacy and support. HLAA publishes the bimonthly Hearing Loss Magazine, holds annual conventions, a Walk4Hearing, and more. Check out <http://www.hearingloss.org/>. HLAA has chapters and state organizations across the country.

CAN YOU HELP AT MEETINGS?

Each month at our Chapter Meetings, **Hal Hood, Fred Altrieth and Joe Damico** set up our equipment, such as the microphones, computer, screen and projector. We need help in getting this done. Fred can attend only the Daytime meeting and Joe, the evening meeting.



Could you make yourself available, and let Hal know, that you are willing to work with him in setting up? It would be a great help to him and to our meetings!!

CAPTIONING OF RBTL LIVE PERFORMANCES

By Pete Fackler

“IN THE HEIGHTS”



Sunday, January 30th, Matinee performance - 2:00 pm will be **captioned**. Be sure to ask for seats in the orchestra section where captions are visible.

Tickets go on sale 6 weeks in advance of each show. Call 222-5000.

Upcoming Live Theatre **captioned** performances:

“The Lion King” – March 27, 2011

“West Side Story” – June 5, 2011

HLAA PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS

The purpose of the Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) is to furnish professional advice and support in order to promote the development of a credible and effective HLAA organization in the Rochester area.

Elizabeth G. Finigan, MD, is a Family Physician currently practicing at the Rochester VA Outpatient Clinic. She holds a BS in Communication Disorders from the University of Massachusetts and received her medical training at the Medical College of Wisconsin. She has extensive knowledge of hearing impairment and deafness that includes research, advocacy and medical care for people with hearing loss and deaf children and adults.

Betsy has a 21-year old son, Daniel, and is in the process of adopting a 12-year old deaf girl, named Enana. She met Enana while volunteering as a physician in Ethiopia last Fall. Betsy enjoys skiing, hiking and world travel. When she's not on the road, she likes to be home knitting in the company of Kaylee, the dog, and Floyd, the cat—who like to stay home!

NEW PRODUCTS

Clarity's new D613 cordless phone

<http://shop.clarityproducts.com/products/listing/item3304.asp>. It amplifies up to 30 dB. Large, soft touch buttons, bold numbers and text. Radio Shack for \$89.95.

Jitterbug Phone (www.jitterbug.com) Easy to use and compatible with hearing aids and CI's. It has a deep listening cup circled by a foam ear pad to reduce extraneous noise and the likelihood of feedback. No complicated menus or icons, no contracts or prepaid hassles and helpful operator available 24/7. Several colors, cost \$99, service plans start at \$15/month.

ClearSounds Quattro Bluetooth Amplified Neckloop will make a cell phone call more enjoyable. It connects with telecoil-equipped hearing aids or implants and has 30 dB amplification boost. The Bluetooth neckloop streams the signal directly, thereby removing interference generated by mobile phones & HA's in close proximity. Use it with a computer, cordless phone, MP3 or other audio device. Available from HARC Mercantile for \$199 (www.harcmercantile.com).

(from HEARING HEALTH, Fall 2010)

The HEARING HEALTH email newsletter is now published monthly. Subscribe to receive via email: (www.drf.org/E-newsletter).

(HLAA does not recommend or endorse products.)

HARD OF HEARING FUN...

Three old guys are out walking. First one says, “Windy, isn't it? Second one says,” No, it's Thursday.” Third one says, “So am I, let's go get a beer!” (from Vern Thayer)

PARENTS COLUMN

By Katy Kuczek

Once a year, the Center for Hearing and Communication in NYC holds a workshop for students who are deaf or hard of hearing, attending 5th-8th grades in mainstream educational settings. The workshop is aptly named “**Connections**,” as it provides an opportunity for these kids to interact and share similar experiences. My daughter and I were able to attend this past November, and it was well worth the trip.

The day was broken up into three parts, beginning with a keynote speaker, Catharine McNally, a young tech-savvy entrepreneur who received her first single-channel Cochlear Implant at age 3. She founded Keen Guides, a company dedicated to providing more accessible touring and museum experiences for people who are deaf or hard of hearing. Her keynote address was inspiring, and her enthusiasm and energy, infectious, as she impressed upon kids the message that you are your own best advocate.

The breakout sessions were next, with the younger and older teens split into separate groups, while the parents gathered in an adjoining room. Led by a moderator, the teens shared issues they now face in middle school. The parents discussed issues like socialization & technology.

The final segment featured a panel of high school students who shared their experiences and answered questions. They urged the students to be up front with their hearing loss, to accept who they are, but to also keep in mind that hearing loss doesn't need to define you. The overall theme of the workshop was that you can do anything! We left with a positive frame of mind and a new “connection” for my daughter—another girl with hearing loss who keeps in touch via email.

For more information about the emerging HLAA Parents Group, email: kkuczek@rochester.rr.com.

More for Parents:

“**Hands & Voices**” is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting families with children who have a hearing loss. It provides a wealth of resources, networks and info to improve communication access and educational outcomes for their children. Go to: www.handsandvoices.org.

“Tech Talks” for Chapter Meetings –

Feb. 1st – (Day) – Personal ALD – Bob Sickmond
(Eve) –

Watch this space for future topics requested by members, and thanks for your contributions!

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!

IF YOU MOVE

Please don't forget to let Ginny Koenig, at 5 Packett's Grove, Fairport, NY 14450, or via Email at GinnyK52@frontiernet.net, know 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.

NOISE AND THE HEART

(from D&C 10/6/2010)

What's bad for your ears may also be bad for your heart. According to a new study, people who work in noisy places for at least 1 ½ years could have triple the risk of a serious heart problem. Gan Wenqi, Univ. of British Columbia, examined over 6,000 people at least 20 years old & employed, in a US health survey from 1999-2004. Most were men aged 40 and more likely to be a smoker or overweight. After statistically adjusting for those variables, Gan still found people working in loud places had a higher chance of heart disease. The study was published online Oct. 2010 in the journal “Occupational and Environmental Medicine.”

“LOVE, LUCK, AND LAUGHTER”
at JCC Center Stage, on February 6th
By Barb Law

Sunday, February 6, 2011 at 2 PM

Jewish Community Center is located on Edgewood Drive in Brighton.

Pick up your ticket at the front door at 1:30pm.

Immediately following the performance, we will meet at the **Olive Garden**, on Jefferson Rd. near Marketplace Mall for dinner. It might be best to sit in smaller groups, order off the menu and pay your own bill. Since this is Super Bowl Sunday, some might want to be home in time for the big game.

Please email Barb Law at blaw1@rochester.rr.com if you still plan to attend and indicate the number of tickets. And let her know if you plan to go to dinner.

Make check to HLAA-ROCHESTER, and mail to me at 25 Harvest Road, Fairport, NY 14450.



...for your donation to HLAA:

Sue Miller, in memory of Elmer and Gwen Cheney's daughter, Joan.

Subjects of March 1st Chapter Meetings

Daytime: “Race for Hearing...Car Rally – Steve Hart, Au.D.

Evening: “National Center for Deaf & Hard of Hearing Research - Update”
 Dr. Steve Barnett

HLAA CHAPTERS

From National 5/18/2010

Are you looking for a place where you can talk to other people about hearing loss? Find out the latest information? Then, HLAA Chapters might be for you. See the latest chapter news @

<http://hlaachapternews.blogspot.com>.

We Welcome All Donations

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 or, Birthday congratulations.

And who to send the Acknowledgment to. Thank you.

NATIONAL CONVENTION

Date: Thursday, June 16 through Sunday, June 19th

Place: Hyatt Regency Crystal City Hotel,
 Arlington, VA (outside Washington, DC)

Reservations: NOW. Visit the Convention page at
www.hearingloss.org.

Tickets are limited for a captioned performance of the award winning musical, **WICKED**, at the Kennedy Center on Friday, June 17 at 7:30 pm. Bus transportation included.



Being held in conjunction with our Convention is the 2nd Hearing Loop Conference—“Get in the Hearing Loop” on June 18 – 20.

Registration: To register for either or both, go to: www.hearingloss.org/convention/ or, call, 301-657-2248.

TINNITUS AND CELL PHONES

(from Prevention, Dec. 2010, LG)

Austrian research finds long-term cell phone users were 95% more likely to experience tinnitus. Microwave radiation may cause cellular changes in the inner ear that lead to nerve damage. Alternate which ear you use!!

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT....

“Excellent people stretch themselves, expand themselves, and demand the best of themselves.”

By James J. DeCaro, PhD.

“Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending.”

By Maria Robinson (from the D&C 12/26/2010)

“MENIERE’S DISEASE AFFECTS HEARING, AND SENSE OF BALANCE”

(Dr. Paul Donohue, D&C, 11/11/2010)

Meniere’s (men-YAIRS) is a triad of symptoms that comes in spells: vertigo, tinnitus and hearing loss.

Vertigo is a whirling, spinning sensation that lasts 20+ minutes. **Tinnitus** is noises in the ear. It, too, comes in episodes, along with vertigo and hearing loss. As time passes, time between attacks lessen, and these symptoms become more or less permanent.

All of this comes from an accumulation of fluid in the inner ear. Getting rid of the fluid will help to get rid of the symptoms.

A greatly reduced salt intake, and, abstention from alcohol and caffeine help. Diuretics (water pills) get rid of the fluid. For control of dizziness, a medicine like “Antivert” is useful. Incapacitating symptoms call for more drastic measures. One is injection of the inner ear with the antibiotic “gentamicin.” You should see an Ear, Nose, Throat doctor, or a neurologist.

MODIFIED COCHLEAR IMPLANT TO TREAT MENIERE’S DISEASE

(from Albuquerque, NM, Newsletter Dec. 2010;
Submitted by Ginny Koenig)

A University of Washington Medical Center patient is the world’s first recipient of a device that aims to quell the disabling vertigo associated with Meniere’s.

The UW Medicine clinicians who developed the implantable device hope that success in a 10-person surgical trial of Meniere’s patients will lead to exploration of its usefulness against other common balance disorders that torments millions of people.

The device being tested—a cochlear implant and processor with re-engineered software and electrode arrays—represents more than 4 years of work by UW specialists in signal processing, brain-stem physiology and vestibular neural coding.

For more details, go to: www.hearinglossweb.com and Click on HOH_LD news, and link to volume 45, number 4.

CALL 2-1-1 FOR PROBLEMS WITH MENTAL WELL-BEING

(By Driadonna Roland, D&C 12/30/2010)

Dialing 911 for physical health emergencies is one of the first phone numbers everyone is taught. How many people know whom to call for a mental health emergency?

The **2-1-1 LIFE LINE Call Center** is a great place to start, says Shye Louis, manager of the 24-hour hotline. Operated by ABVI-Goodwill, everyone who calls reaches a staff member who can sort through issues and create an action plan. They connect callers with agencies or programs that address a variety of human services. It currently averages 450 calls a day.

Calls are confidential, but the website—www.abvi-goodwill.com/211.asp – is another resource for someone **hearing impaired**. The site contains a database of agencies and allows visitors to chat with a counselor online.

CLEANING FOR A REASON

(From Parkminster; submitted by Sue Miller)

If you know any woman currently undergoing chemotherapy, get word to her there is a service that provides **FREE** housecleaning-----once per month, for 4 months, while she is in treatment. All she has to do is sign up and have her doctor fax a note confirming the treatment. “Cleaning for a Reason” will have a participating maid service in her Zip Code area arrange for the service.

This organization serves the entire USA and currently has 547 partners to help these women. For more info, go to: www.cleaningforareason.org/.

DID YOU KNOW?

You can get **credit** (for Income Tax purposes) for donating used hearing aids to the Finger Lakes Regional Lions Club Hearing Foundation.

Contact Arthur Elliott, 7134 Valentown Road, Victor, NY 14564;

phone: 924-2875. Be sure to request a receipt.



LEADERSHIP

By Marcia B. Dugan

I attended a Leadership Training weekend in Bethesda in 1998 and was thrilled to see the spirit of cooperation and “can do” attitude that was pervasive throughout the weekend. In reviewing several books in preparation, one struck a bold note. In his book, “Leadership is an Art” Max DePree, CEO of the highly successful Herman Miller Company, asserts that leadership is more tribal than scientific, more a weaving of relationships than an amassing of information. I heartily agree. He offers several lessons for leadership that apply to working with any group.

1. Understand and recognize the diversity of people’s gifts, talents, and skills. No one can know or do everything. Leaders need to plant and grow other leaders for the future.
2. Value tribal storytellers. The penalty for failing to listen is to lose one’s history, one’s historical context, and one’s binding values.
3. Evaluate performance. At least once a year, honestly assess where the group is and then ask, “What’s next?” This helps us to look at our goals, rework principles and practices, and measure progress. We can’t become what we need to be by remaining what we are.
4. Let others take the lead. Encourage “roving leadership.” Help members who have special gifts to lead in specific situations.
5. Be inclusive. Leaders who are inclusive provide the gift of space so that others can fulfill their individual potentials and also open up the opportunity to serve.
6. Retain the vitality of an organization by taking time for celebration and ritual, and encouraging collective thinking for problem solving and goal setting.



DePree believes that leadership is more an art, a belief, a condition of the heart than a set of things to do. He says, “To be a leader means, especially, having the opportunity to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those who permit leaders to lead.”

During the training, I thought to myself, “Yes, we are specifically training chapter and group leaders, but all empowered HLAA members can be and already are leaders.” I ask all of you to be leaders. You have an interest in and enthusiasm for the mission and vision of HLAA or you would not be a member. Each of you possesses individual skills that can be used to further the mission.

Leaders ask themselves, “What needs to be done?”—not “What do I want?” So I ask you to look around your chapter and community and ask yourself that first question. Ask what you can do to make a difference.

(Ed. This is in memory and in honor of Marcia B. Dugan who wrote this at the time she was President of the SHHH(HLAA) board of trustees. It appeared in the May/June 1998 issue of Hearing Loss Magazine. Marcia died February 7, 2010. She will be forever missed.)
(Submitted by Barb Law; written by Ginger Graham.)

URGENT ACTION ALERT—WRITE DOJ TO SUPPORT CAPTIONING IN CINEMA

(from National – Lise Hamlin, Brenda Battat)

The US Dept. of Justice published a notice that it is considering changes to its regulations to require movie theater owners/operators to show **captioned movies**. The DOJ proposes requiring theaters to show films with closed captioning—but to limit this requirement to no more than 50% of films shown, and DOJ is willing to give them up to 5 years to get to the 50% mark.

HLAA’s position on **movie captioning** is—all movies should be made accessible to movie goers with hearing loss thru captioning; people with HL should be able to see any movie at any time on any day; HLAA does not specify the method used to caption the movie so long as it provides effective communication.

The DOJ is seeking comments in response to 26 questions. The entire document can be accessed at: www.regulations.gov. Reply to some or all. We suggest, at a minimum, you respond to Question #1.

We need to take action immediately! Thanks for your help.



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