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SEPTEMBER Calendar

Tuesday, Sept. 11th

10:00 am – HOPE Session–Vestry Room, St. Paul’s

11:00 am - Refreshments/Social Time- Parish Hall

11:30 am – Announcements/Business Meeting

12 Noon – 1 pm – Program Speaker

7:00 pm – Refreshments/Social Time – Parish Hall

7:30 pm – Announcements/Business Meeting

8:00 pm – 9 pm – Program Speaker

Tues., Sept. 18th - BOD – 7-9pm, Al Sigl Center

Thurs., Sept. 20th - Device Demo Center, Lifespan, from 10am to 2pm, free to all. (see page 5)

Sun., Sept. 30th - Walk4Hearing (see page 5)

SAVE THESE FUTURE DATES

Tues., Oct. 2nd –“**CI Group**” 1:30-2:30pm after the Chapter Meeting (see page 3)

Tues., Oct. 9th – **BOD meeting**, 7-9pm, ASC

Tues., Oct. 16th – **PAC meeting**, 7-9pm, ASC

Our first meeting! Welcome!

June 20-23, 2019 – HLA National Convention, right here! in Rochester NY

Hospitality Duties for September:

Daytime Meeting –Carol Bradshaw, Ginger Graham, Marlene Sutliff

Evening Meeting –Ginger Graham, Barb Law

Board of Directors –Stuart Lowenstein, Art Maurer, Sue Miller

We need your support. Please consider joining our Chapter, or renewing your membership. (Please see form inside the back cover)

SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS

At St. Paul’s Church, East Ave. & Westminster Rd. 14607
(Enter only through the Westminster Road door.)

Tues., Sept. 11th – 10:00am; Vestry room

HOPE (Hearing Other People's Experiences) session –*Joe Kozelsky, MS, abd, CCC-A (retired)*

Prospective or new hearing aid users can share their experiences, questions, and hearing loss journeys in an informal round table discussion facilitated by retired audiologist and current hearing aid user Joseph Kozelsky.

Tues., Sept. 11th - Daytime Meeting -11:00am-Speaker begins at Noon.

AUDIOLOGY IN ZAMBIA –
John J. McNamara, Au.D.

One sole audiologist serves the 15 million inhabitants of Zambia, formerly Rhodesia, located in Southern Africa. John McNamara, Au.D., owner of Ontario Hearing Centers, participates in "Entheos," an organization focusing on humanitarian services locally and in third world countries with a philosophy of "giving back." He describes Entheos's mission in Zambia--identifying hearing problems and providing audiology services and hearing aids when necessary.

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Tuesday, Sept. 11th - Daytime (continued)

Dr. McNamara has worked with the hearing impaired population for over 35 years. He received his Au.D. in 2006. He has owned Ontario Hearing Centers since 1990, with offices in Brighton and Gates and a satellite office in Penn Yan.

Tuesday, Sept. 11th – Evening Meeting – 7:00 pm
Speaker begins at 8:00 pm**APPROACH TO TINNITUS AND DIZZINESS -**

Paul Dutcher, M.D.

Tinnitus is the perception of sound when no actual external sound is present. According to the American Tinnitus Association, an estimated 50 million Americans suffer from some form of it.

Dr. Dutcher, associated with the Rochester-HLAA chapter since its inception, explains tinnitus and its management. He will also present his approach to "dizziness."

He has been on the faculty at University of Rochester Medicine since 1983, having obtained his internship and residency here with a fellowship in otology/neurotology at the House Ear Clinic in Los Angeles. Many HLAA members are or have been his patients.

All HLAA programs are free. Anyone interested in hearing loss is welcome. For more information, view the organizational web site at hlaa-rochester-ny.org or telephone 585 266 7890.

HLAA Rochester Chapter meetings are held in the Parish Hall at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, East Avenue at Westminster Road, across from the George Eastman House Museum. Those needing a sign language interpreter for an evening meeting should contact Linda Siple at 585 788 6744 a week in advance. (Please note, this phone is only for those needing an interpreter.)

The Rochester Chapter is a dynamic group of individuals working together as a team. HLAA has a support network of organizations: Bethesda, MD; state organizations; and, local chapters.

**FROM OUR PRESIDENT, AND,
VICE-PRESIDENT**

By Dan Brooks and Suzanne Johnston

Greetings from **Dan Brooks**, HLAA-Rochester's new President, and **Suzanne Johnston**, Vice President. As we assume these responsibilities, we first turn to our colleagues, **Sue Miller and Art Maurer**, who have so graciously but firmly 'held the reins' over this past year. We express our sincere thanks for their commitment and hard work over this time, continuing to shore up a firm foundation, and to dream, create and set into motion 'building' in the name of the organization and its members. This, of course, only with the help of so many other members who are active and work hard to support HLAA and its mission! Thank you to ALL who have helped to make it a good year, with many exciting upcoming events and positive changes in program and organization that have served the Association and its members well. HLAA wants to get to know YOU, its members, and so we start by letting you know a bit about our own personal stories and backgrounds...



Dan grew up in Penfield. He was born with a HL and initially attended #1 School in Rochester, and was later mainstreamed in Penfield middle and high schools. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Media Studies through SUNY Buffalo. Dan is a Financial Planner and also the Chair of 'HL2', a community group which works to build understanding and support the needs of the community of people with hearing loss through discussions and local research. Dan has been a member of our chapter since 2014. If you have been to one of our Day or Evening Program meetings, you have seen him setting up and taking down equipment, and leading the meetings. He is a trainer at HLAA-Rochester's Device Demo Center at Lifespan. He was a member of the Day of Hearing and Walk4Hearing Committees. He has served on our chapter's Technology Committee,

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN (continued)

Finance Committee and Nominating Committee, and as Chair of Membership, and he is a member of the Board. He is married to Lisa, an RN who works in home care for HCR, and they have 3 children and a Toy Fox Terrier. They live in Williamson.



Suzanne has her Master of Arts from SUNY Buffalo in Communication Disorders and Sciences. She is a private-practice speech/language pathologist

who throughout her career has had interest and expertise working with the deaf and HOH community, long before experiencing a single-sided hearing loss. Suzanne is also clergy, a deacon in the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester, having served deaf and HOH in that ministry as well. She serves on the Board of the *Episcopal Conference of the Deaf*, the deaf arm of the National Episcopal Church, which supports ministries for deaf/HOH around the United States. She also serves as Chair of the *Rochester/Monroe County Council for People with Disabilities*, an advisory group for accessibility for public works projects and events. Suzanne has been a member of our chapter since 2012, having served on the Professional Advisory Committee prior to becoming Chair of that committee, Liaison for the Student Board and an HLAA-Rochester Board member. Suzanne lives in Pittsford with her husband, Bill, who is Construction Manager at the Greater Rochester International Airport. They have three adult children, and a Corgi.

One thing that we have in common is that we have used our own hearing loss experiences and background to the best advantage..as a catalyst to support others with hearing loss. Now that you know a bit more about us, we want to hear from YOU, our members! EVERY person with a hearing loss has a different story to tell, a different experience. It's important that we, HLAA Rochester, understand our diversity so that we can respond effectively to those experiences and needs. Through individual experiences, stories and hard

work, we can support each other and our community!

How can YOU be an active and vital part of this organization? We love to hear feedback regarding the support, advocacy and education we do for our members and the public at large. Call our HLAA telephone (585.266.7800) or visit our award-winning website (www.hearinglossrochester.org). Come to our meetings and events and be a visible part of the community. HLAA-Rochester has numerous committees and volunteer opportunities which are the foundation of the organization.

So many of us give many hours of time and talent to benefit those in our community with hearing loss. Become a member and you can read about some of them in our award-winning Newsletters, and discover how and where you might be able to support this great organization that we are so proud to be leaders of this coming year.

“CI GROUP” – Tues., October 2nd

By Janet McKenna, MLS

Is a cochlear implant a possibility in your hearing journey? Cochlear implants help adults with severe to profound hearing loss or children 12 months or older with moderate to profound hearing loss not receiving sufficient benefit from hearing aids.

Find out more about one manufacturer at the Tuesday, October 2nd meeting. The semiannual meeting is set for 1:30pm in the Parish Hall of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, East Avenue at Westminster Road, Rochester 14607, opposite the George Eastman Museum. It follows the routine HLAA chapter meeting.

Lisa Lamson, Au.D. and Megan Frey, representing Cochlear Americas Corporation, will introduce the company's new sound processors as well as wireless accessories accompanying the implant. They will explain the mechanics of implants.

For more information, please visit the company web site www.cochlear.com, or contact Ginger Graham at ggraham859@gmail.com.

RBTL LIVE THEATRE—CAPTIONED!

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

Oct. 21st – **A Bronx Tale**
Dec. 16th – **Fiddler on the Roof**

Feb. 10, 2019 – **Chicago**
March 10, 2019 – **Miss Saigon**
April 28, 2019 – **Hamilton**
June 9, 2019 - **Waitress**

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 – CAPTIONED PLAYS !

SAT. shows 2pm;
WED. 2pm & 7:30pm
unless otherwise indicated

Sat. Sept. 8; Wed. Oct. 3 @ 2pm & 7pm – **Hair**
Sat. Oct. 6 @ 2:30pm – **Fortune**
Sat. Oct. 20; Wed. Nov. 7 @ 2pm & 7pm – **Thurgood**
Sun. Dec. 9 @ 12 noon; Wed. Dec. 19 @ 7pm –
A Christmas Carol

Sat. Jan. 12; Wed. Jan. 30 @ 2pm & 7pm – **Hard Cell**
Sat. Jan. 26 @ 2:30pm – **The Magician’s Daughter**
Sat. Feb. 23; Wed. March 13 – **The Humans**
Sat. March 16 @ 2:30pm – **Erma Bombeck**
Sat. March 30; Wed. April 17 - **Native Gardens**
Sat. April 13 @ 2:30pm - **The Royal**
Sat. May 4; Wed. May 29 – **Revival: The Resurrection of Son House**

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

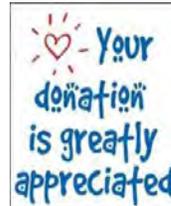
We need your support!
Rising costs are making the mailing of Newsletters to non-dues paying members difficult. Please pay your dues! Thanks so much.

**JCC CenterStage – Captioned Plays!**

Wed/Thurs @ 7pm; Sat/Sun @ 2pm
unless otherwise indicated

Sun. Oct. 14; Thurs. Oct. 18 – **“Becoming Dr. Ruth”**
Sun. Dec. 9; Thurs. Dec. 13 – **“Legend of Georgia McBride”**
Sun. Feb. 10; Wed. Feb. 13 – **“Hit Makers: The British Are Coming”**
Sun. April 7; Thurs. April 11 – **“Indecent”**
Sun. May 12; Wed. May 15 – **“Oklahoma”**

Tickets and information are available at www.jcccenterstage.org or (585) 461-2000. *Please specify “Captioned Area.”* Tickets are \$26-29 with discounts for JCC members, full-time students and season subscribers.

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LIKE US ON FACEBOOK !

By Jenn Hurlburt

Are you on Facebook? If so, please be our friend. We currently have **341** friends and we want more. Find us at: **Hlaa Rochester Ny**

Newsletter Deadline

Friday, August 31st
(for the October Newsletter)
Email: ggraham859@gmail.com

CAPTIONING OF MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETINGS WILL BE CONTINUED !

Great news! Our Daytime and Evening monthly meetings will continue to be **captioned**.

The captioning is done remotely by Alternative Communication Services—it is flawless, plus the people doing the captioning are from all over the country! It's amazing to see the words almost instantly on the screen as soon as they're spoken. The service cost is \$3,000 a year and it is being paid by CaptionCall. It will be the 8th year Cameron Tingley has offered to underwrite the cost of this invaluable service. By June 2019, CaptionCall will have spent \$24,000 to have our meetings captioned...aren't we blessed! and we thank you!

We also owe a huge debt of thanks to **Dan Brooks, Lorin Gallistel, Charlie Johnstone, and Bruce Nelson** for overseeing the technical set-up needed for this service. Without their dedication in attending *all* meetings, this would not happen!

2018 BUFFALO WALK4HEARING

By Carol Loftus



Plans are well under way for the Walk4Hearing. The Walk will take place on Sunday, Sept. 30th. This year, walkers will gather at South Park, Ring Road, in Buffalo. Please note this new location. Registration begins at 10 am; Walk starts at 11 am.

The Buffalo Walk4Hearing has a goal of \$45,000. Directions: go to – www.hearingloss.org/programs, then, Buffalo – more info – directions.

We hope you will think about carpooling. Whether attending or not, please show your support by soliciting donations from family, friends and business acquaintances. For more info, please contact me at cloftus3@gmail.com.

WEBSITES OF INTEREST

Our award-winning Chapter website is:

www.hearinglossrochester.org and

Michelle Gross is our Web Master.

HLAA National website is www.hearingloss.org.

(submitted by Al Suffredini)

Department of Justice ADA movie captioning along with an Audio description rule. The ruling can be viewed at: https://www.ada.gov/regs2016/movie_captioning_rule_page.html

Loud sounds on headphones, noisy workplaces, and drug side effects can all contribute to hearing troubles. Noise and age are the biggest risk factors in hearing loss. The good news is there are some simple steps you can take to keep your ears sharp in a noisy world.

https://www.consumerreports.org/hearing-ear-care/tips-for-preventing-hearing-loss/?EXTKEY=EE864PMAC&utm_source=acxiom&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20180703_cromc_engagewkly or [-https://tinyurl.com/y6wou3g4](https://tinyurl.com/y6wou3g4)

ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICE DEMO CENTER

By Charlie Johnstone

Once again, thanks to the enthusiastic efforts of those involved, the Demo Center session on June 21st was a great success! All played a key role, whether they were actually there or helped with the preparations. Thanks go to **Stan Gross, Dan Brooks and Charlie Johnstone** who were “trainers” and to member volunteers, **Al Baker, John Curtis, Michelle Gross, Eric Matson, Art Maurer and Barbara Law**.

Ten guests stopped by inquiring about devices. The types of devices represented during the demo sessions include signaling-alerting devices, captioned telephones, personal assistive listening devices and hearing aid accessories.

A new “virtual device demo center” app for smart phones and tablets is planned to be pilot tested during upcoming demo sessions. With this new demo session season, expect to see a few new representative devices as part of the effort to demonstrate the most up-to-date technologies. *(continued on page 6)*

DEVICE DEMO CENTER (continued)

The next demo session is Thursday, September 20th, 10am to 2pm at Lifespan, at the Tops Plaza at 1900 S. Clinton Avenue, Rochester (14618).

The device center is open the 3rd Thursday of each month (except July and August). It's free; all are welcome!

BIRTHDAYS – 90 YEARS AND OVER...

Everyone: please let me know if you're one of our special Chapter members who will reach the spectacular age of 90 years, or more. If you agree, we'd like to announce it in our Newsletter. It is important to let me know right away as our Newsletters are written two months ahead. Thanks, Ginger

ggraham859@gmail.com; or, (585) 671-2683

T-COIL VS HEARING AID MIC?

(excerpt from Peninsula chapter CA, Spring '18)

What is the difference between a T-coil and a hearing aid microphone?

With a T-coil in your hearing aid, you'll hear just through the loop. You won't hear outside noise. Note that a loop can be a room loop or a neck loop. With a hearing aid microphone, you'll hear everything. Just the normal noise around you.

Some hearing aids have physical switches where you can have one or the other or both. Other aids have programs so you can select one of these options.

VENUES WITH ALS OR CAPTIONING

By Tim Whitcher

Have you seen a movie or a show that has an Assistive Listening System or Captioning system and would like to share your experience with your fellow members? Did your church or synagogue install or upgrade such a system, and you'd like to make that known?

Please contact Tim Whitcher at hlaa.rochester@yahoo.com with the info that you'd like to share. (Please mark your email to Tim's attention.) Likewise, if you have a question regarding such a venue, please contact Tim.

HOW WILL I PAY FOR HEARING AIDS?

By Ramona Stein, Ph.D., CCC-A

For those who put off purchasing hearing aids due to the cost, there are some options available that may help make your purchase more manageable.

Many practices are offering both "bundled" and "unbundled" purchasing options. With the bundled version, the price includes all services along with the cost of the hearing aids. The unbundled version is more of an à la carte model and may be a less expensive and a better choice for long-term hearing aid users who generally require fewer adjustments than new hearing aid users.

CareCredit can be used to pay for out-of-pocket expenses not covered by medical insurance. Shorter term financing options of 6, 12, 18 or 24 months (check with your provider to see which options they offer) are available with 0% interest charged when you make the minimum monthly payments and pay the full amount due by the end of the promotional period. Wells Fargo offers a similar plan through their Health Advantage credit card program. More information is available at www.carecredit.com, and https://retailservices.wellsfargo.com/wfha_audiology.html.

If you have served in the U.S. military, you might be eligible for hearing aids through the Veteran's Administration. In most cases, qualified Veterans receive hearing aids, including a supply of batteries, at no cost. For more information, contact 585-546-1081 or online at <https://veteransoutreachcenter.org/>.

DID YOU KNOW...

"In 1922, President Warren Harding had the first radio installed in the White House." (*D&C 2-4-18*)

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS 2018

By Madge Ludwig



This past May we awarded three high school Seniors with hearing loss \$1,000 Scholarships! The awards were presented at our Chapter's Annual Dinner. The recipients with their families and friends joined us for the evening and expressed their gratitude.

Recipients were: Ashley Jones, Olivia Rotoli, and Hannah Martin (receiving the first Vern Thayer Scholarship Award). Congratulations and best wishes to all of them!

We are proud to report that, since 1996, HLAA-Rochester has awarded \$107,500 to 123 students.

I'd like to thank the 2018 Scholarship Contributors: HLAA-Rochester Chapter; Friends of Vern Thayer; and especially the J. Stuart and Phyllis MacDonald Fund. Grateful thanks to this year's Scholarship Committee: Mary Chizuk, Barb Law, Madge Ludwig, Doug and Nancy Meyer, and Sue Miller.

NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS 2018-2019

By Margaret Cochran, Nominating Comm.; and, Sue Miller

The committee is pleased to announce the new slate of officers for our Chapter, from July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019:

President:	Dan Brooks
Vice-President:	Suzanne Johnston
Corresponding Secretary:	Carol Loftus
Recording Secretary:	Stuart Lowenstein
Treasurer:	Tom Corteville
Assistant Treasurer:	Joan Kohler

With many thanks to these folks for stepping up to lead our chapter in future months!

DID YOU KNOW...

"In 1963, the US Post Office raised the cost of a first-class stamp from 4 to 5 cents." (D&C 1-7-18)

ANNUAL AWARDS – Given at May 22 Dinner

By Ginger Graham, Michelle Gross



The **Community Person Award**: Presented to the individual who has done an outstanding job of furthering HLAA-Rochester's purpose of helping those who are touched by hearing loss.

Arnie Sohinki accepting for **Ralph Meranto**, JCC CenterStage Artistic Director and Producer, presented by Janet McKenna.



The **Community Organization Award** is given to a business entity that understands and supports the goals of HLAA and people with hearing loss.

Charles G. Perreaud, Commissioner of Jurors (right), accepting on behalf of lawyers and disability representatives, advocates for court access, presented by Charlie Johnstone.

NEW CHAPTER TREASURER

By Ginger Graham

Tom Corteville, CPA, is joining our Chapter as our Treasurer. He was looking for a non-profit group where he could volunteer his services and expertise. And Art Maurer found him!

Tom is replacing **Gerry Loftus**, who helped us for several years. Thanks, Gerry! Gerry will continue on as a member of our Board of Directors.

In addition, **Jo Owens**, our Assistant Treasurer for several years is retiring (with her husband!) and **Joan Kohler** is replacing Jo. Thanks, Jo!

STUDENT BOARD - ROCHESTER CHAPTER

Our chapter has a Student Board and welcomes students with or without hearing loss to participate. Please go to our website for details. Contact: Suzanne Johnston at suzannejohnston@aol.com.

IF YOU MOVE, or are a "SNOWBIRD!"

Please don't forget to notify **Henry J. Adler, Ph.D.**, Univ. of Buffalo, 137-L Cary Hall, 3435 Main St., Buffalo NY 14214; or – hjadler@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.

CONDOLENCES



Our sincere sympathy is extended to **Michelle Cordell** on the loss of her husband, **Willis**, May 16th. And to **Carol and Gerry Loftus** on the loss of her father, James J. Palumbo, June 29th. And also to **Ginger Graham**, for the loss of her brother, William O. Hargrove, May 26th; and her nephew, Christopher Sean Hargrove, July 21st.

DONATING HEARING AIDS TO THE LIONS CLUB

By Michelle Gross



If you have used hearing aids to donate, please address the package to:
John McNamara, Au.D., Ontario Hearing, 2210 Monroe Avenue
Rochester, NY 14618

Put on the lower left corner of the package: "Finger Lakes Region Lions Club"

(Cleaning tools, cases, most accessories, etc. have virtually no value and are discarded.) Aids that are usable are cleaned and checked and made ready for sending to the Lions Club for qualified recipients. You can obtain a receipt for your donation (for tax purposes) but you must request it. And, thanks for considering donating your used aids.

"CHAPTER AWARD" THANKS!

By Margaret Cochran

Surprise, Surprise, Surprise!



WOW – not only was it a HUGE (and I *mean* HUGE) surprise to receive the coveted **Chapter Award** presented each year at our Annual Dinner, but it is indeed, a **distinct honor**.

**Margaret Cochran, past President;
& Art Maurer, Vice-President**

It is not often that I am without words, but here we are 2.5 months out and I'm still in awe of this gracious recognition. Humbled perhaps because I have seen first hand the commitment and dedication of those that make HLAA-Rochester what it is – *and is to so many*. It is because of this integrity that we have such a wonderful Chapter! Please join me in a "KUDOS TO YOU" cheer! And a heartfelt THANK YOU for acknowledging my contributions for I only see how much more there is to be done.

So, I'm going to use this precious space to encourage you to engage yourself on whatever level you are comfortable: attend meetings, volunteer for events, visit the website, or just tell a friend or family member about HLAA-ROCHESTER knowing that there will be a positive return on your investment. Become part of a group that makes a difference not only in your life, but also in those around you.

Thank you again, with all my heart, for this incredibly rewarding recognition.

SUBJECTS OF OCT. 2nd MEETINGS:

Daytime – Panel discussion—Members comment on health care from patients' perspective.

Evening – Psychiatrist Anton Porsteinsson, M.D. questions whether a relationship exists between untreated hearing loss and dementia.

SUCCESS STORY—NOT REALLY

By Donna Kiikka

For years I struggled to hear at our Town Board meetings. The speaker's use of a microphone was helpful, and I would sit in the front row. Even that became difficult.

HLAA introduced me to "The Loop". Seemed perfect. I approached the town supervisor who was very interested. Money was allocated and a hearing loop system was installed. I felt I was instrumental in helping others and myself to hear at the town meetings.

Our town hall was recently built. It had a long table and a flexible microphone in front of each board member. The loop was on—AND I DIDN'T HEAR A WORD. No one used their microphones! They spoke into the air, some mumbled, some addressed other members to their side. So could I hear after so much money spent, and much effort on the town's part? Nope! Sorry! Should I try to educate the speakers?

We have asked for "loops" in many public places. I would caution you--unless it's for one microphone, one speaker--you may not have a success story.

We Welcome All Donations

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

Mail to: Ms. Joan Kohler, 15 Pickett Lane,
Hilton, NY 14468

Be sure to designate:

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

With sincere thanks for donating to our Chapter!

We need your support! Rising costs are making the mailing of Newsletters to non-dues paying members difficult. Please pay your dues! Thanks so much.



NEW PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS

By Suzanne Johnston

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. Following is more information on new PAC members:

KATHY FOSTER



I attended SUNY Fredonia where I earned my Bachelor's Degree as a Teacher for the Speech and Hearing Handicapped, and later earned my Master's Degree from Nazareth College of Rochester in Speech-Language Pathology.

I worked in the Rochester City School District practicing Speech-Language Pathology, primarily at the elementary level, for 17 years. In 2013, I began SUNY Brockport's Educational Leadership Program, and in 2015, received my Certificate of Advanced Study in Administration. I then achieved the position of Coordinating Administrator for Special Education in RCSD.

In February 2018, I took the opportunity to pursue a new administrative position, and now am the Assistant Coordinator for the Deaf Education/ASL, Vision, Orientation & Mobility Department at Monroe One BOCES.

I live in Penfield with my husband, Michael, and two daughters, Genevieve and Francesca. I enjoy outdoor activities and being active as an instructor for the Eastside YMCA.

DID YOU KNOW...

"In 1909, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was founded."
(D&C 2-11-17)

SPIDER SILK?

excerpt from Fox Valley News, Wisc, March 2018



Spider silk could offer a breakthrough in hearing aid microphones. A recent study by a Binghamton University professor on spider silk is providing

promising possibilities for the way hearing aid microphones will be able to manage background noise -- and may even change the way you look at the 8-legged creatures the next time you see one.

The fiber they spin could be the future of directional microphone technology in hearing aids, improving the quality of sound wearers experience across all frequencies, according to an article published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States (PNAS) in October, 2017. Healthy Hearing 01/16/2018.

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Sincere happy birthday greetings to these members who turned 90 years or older! Congratulations and many more healthy and happy years!

June 6 – Fred Altrieth; June 11 – Larry Fersaci;
July 27 – Warren Crandall; Aug. 30 Anna Shapiro

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

By Dan Brooks

A reminder--our membership year is July 1st to June 30th. And if it is past July 1st and you haven't paid yet, you may not be a current paid-up member with the Rochester Chapter.

Also, please consider paying for a friend's membership. One--it will get the word out about HLAA-Rochester Chapter, and the other great reason is that you may be helping a friend realize they are not alone dealing with HL. After all, word of mouth has been the number one way HLAA has been introduced. (see form inside back cover)



A heart-felt thank you to everyone who attended the recent HOPE group sessions. As always, it was a fun and

informative time and goes by so quickly!

At our meeting June 5th, we had 4 new people and about 15 regular members. A great meeting!

Hearing loss is a daily challenge. We try to make the best of it. We want to hear as well as we can. We don't want to be left out. The more educated we are about living well with hearing loss, the better we can cope, advocate for ourselves, and communicate our concerns and needs.

By participating in HOPE meetings we learn things that cannot be found anywhere but from those who experience living daily with a hearing loss. HOPE to see you Tuesday, Sept. 11, at 10:00am. (see page 1)

We hope you stay for our routine Chapter mtg:
Social Time-- 11:00 – 11:30am, Parish Hall.

Business meeting-- 11:30 – Noon.

Chapter Meeting speaker-- Noon to 1:00pm.

Speaker is "Supporting People with HL in Africa" – John McNamara, Au.D.

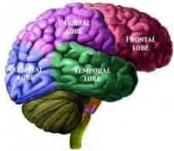
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I've learned...

That being kind is more important than being right.

Andy Rooney.

SYNCHRONIZING COCHLEAR SIGNALS STIMULATES BRAIN TO 'HEAR' IN STEREO *(submitted by Tom Jennings)*



Using both ears to hear increases speech recognition and improves sound localization. In essence, it helps you to identify a friend's voice so you can follow her

amusing anecdote over the din of a cocktail party. Ruth Litovsky, a researcher at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, wants to bring this advantage to people who use cochlear implants.

According to Litovsky, the brain acts like a little computer. It uses synchronized information to calculate the difference as sound waves arrive at each ear from different locations. These mental calculations help people locate sounds and separate speech from noise. Currently, individual cochlear implants send information to the brain independently, but the brain does not integrate the signals in an optimal way.

Cochlear implants do not restore the ear's ability to pick up soundwaves. Rather, these surgically implanted devices bypass the damaged inner ear and translate sound into electrical pulses that stimulate the auditory nerve. The Food and Drug Administration has approved the implants in children as young as one year of age.

Litovsky is committed to synchronizing auditory experiences especially for young children. The brain loses plasticity during development, so it is harder to learn to synchronize sounds later in life.

Now, the engineering setup for the technique is limited to the laboratory, but she hopes that researchers can eventually partner with implant manufacturers to make synchronous hearing a reality. Condensed from <https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2018/05/180508081502.htm>

NTID –50TH ANNIVERSARY

By Vienna Carvalho

As part of its 50th anniversary activities, NTID will host a “50 Artists - 50 Years” exhibition in the [Dyer Arts Center](#). The exhibition runs through Oct. 20th, with an artists’ reception 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19.

NTID, the world’s first and largest technological college for deaf and hard-of-hearing students, has graduated many talented artists throughout its 50-year history. The exhibition showcases 50 alumni artists, displaying more than 100 works of art, including media such as painting, photography, mixed media, wood, textile, watercolors and more.

Works by well-known artists such as the late Chuck Baird, along with local artists like Laural Hartman and many others, are included. Along with the “50 Artists - 50 Years” exhibition, the center will host an NTID’s History exhibition in the Milton H. and Ray B. Ohringer Gallery, displaying a variety of memorabilia and highlighting the contributions made by RIT/NTID alumni, faculty, staff and students. Go to:

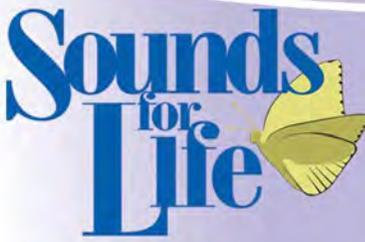
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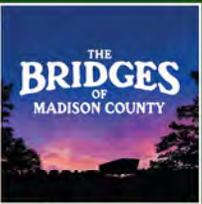
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