

Hearing Loss Association of America, Colorado State Newsletter Editor: Due to computer problems, I am sending the January 2014 news along with last month's news for all four Colorado chapters here for your information. I hope to put out a real January/February 2014 newsletter soon.

## Hearing Loss Association of America, Denver Chapter January 2014 Meeting News

Next Hearing Loss Association of America, Denver Chapter, meeting will be Saturday, January 25, 2014, at Englewood Public Library, 1000 Englewood Parkway, Englewood, CO 80110 (Hampden & Santa Fe). Chapter contact: Dave Conant, 303-777-2279 (voice). Historian: Marjorie von Frantzius, 303-368-7838 (voice).

By Paula DeJohn

At our annual holiday party on December 14, the Denver Chapter honored Dave Conant as he stepped down as Chapter President. Dave has devoted many years of service to the chapter, arranging programs, leading meetings, and offering encouragement to all of us. He will remain as an active, valued member of the chapter.

Our liaison with the Denver Center for the Performing Arts, Bernie Steinberg, announced he has a limited number of complimentary tickets for HLA members for the following upcoming productions:

**The Legend of Georgia McBride**, January 10-February 23

**Black Odyssey**, January 17-February 16

**Hamlet**, January 24-February 23

**Shadowlands**, March 28-April 27

**Animal Crackers**, April 4-May 11

For more information, email Bernie at [berniedan@yahoo.com](mailto:berniedan@yahoo.com).

### Next up

On January 25, 2014, the guest speaker will be Steven Huart, Au.D., audiology supervisor at the Denver VA medical center. A U.S. Navy veteran, Steve has been an audiologist for 30 years. Before coming to Denver in April 2013, he worked at the Mayo Clinic and at the VA in Tucson, Arizona.

He will discuss services the VA provides for military veterans with hearing loss.



Denver Chapter Treasurer Ann Monson presents a "Thank you" cake to outgoing President Dave Conant.



Dave Conant holds a photo of his favorite peach orchard, honoring his many years of service to the Denver Chapter of HLA.

## Hearing Loss Association of America, Boulder Chapter January 2014 Meeting News

Hearing Loss Association of Boulder meeting, Saturday, January 18th, 2014, 3 pm – 5pm, at Frasier Meadows Retirement Community, 350 Ponca Place, Boulder, CO in the Assembly Room – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor. The Assembly Room has a permanently installed Hearing Loop! (Meeting location change for January 2014 only)

Don't miss out on the January 18<sup>th</sup> meeting! The topic is "Hearing Aids are Only the Beginning." This will be a HAT presentation given by Joan de Graaff to show how to extend further the abilities of hearing aids using additional approaches and/or additional devices to use with them. Please come to find out how you can get the most out of your hearing equipment!

Directions to Frasier Meadows Retirement Community: From U.S. 36, take Foothills Parkway north, Left on Baseline, Left on Mohawk, Left on Pawnee Drive. Circle around to the front of Frasier Meadows. There is parking along some of the street, and some for guests in the parking lots, please be mindful of signs.

When you come in the front door, you will need to sign in and note that you are going to the Assembly Room on the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor. Because of the flooding in September, the main elevator has been out of service. There are elevators down in the side hallways from the main elevator, then the Assembly Room is back at the center by the main elevator.

**Please note**, we thank Frasier Meadows Retirement Community for providing our meeting space in January, and thank you to Joan De Graaff for making the arrangements! There is a game at the University of Colorado on the same day, and there is no parking at our regular location. Our next meeting back at CU Hearing, Speech and Language Sciences building will be in February 2014.

## Hearing Loss Association of America, Colorado Springs Chapter January 2014 Meeting News

The Colorado Springs Chapter of HLAA meets the second Saturday of each month, September through May, from 1-3 pm, at The Independence Center, 729 South Tejon Street, in Colorado Springs. Parking is available in the parking lot behind the building. Enter through the back entrance. Our meeting room is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, and has a professionally installed hearing loop system. Live captioning (CART) is also provided.

Our Chapter had a lively Christmas party at The Independence Center. We had a small group, but a fun group. There was plenty of good food, and we enjoyed the gift exchange. It was a good way to end the year.



We will be showing a short video on hearing loss at our **January 11 meeting**, followed by group discussion. The officers plan to present a few new ideas to our members, and we're asking that everyone in attendance share their ideas on the type of meetings they'd like to see, and what they enjoyed most in the past.

In February, we will have Dr. Damon Boyce as a guest speaker. He is from Westone, located here in Colorado Springs. Westone provides products and services that enhance and protect the hearing experience. He'll tell us about the hearing aid ear molds made by his company, and the importance of having an ear mold that fits correctly.

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## Hearing Loss Association of America, Western Colorado Chapter January 2014 Meeting News

Western Colorado Chapter  
Hearing Loss Association of America

Free Monthly Meeting

Saturday, January 11, 2014

10:30am – 12:30pm

*Note: this meeting will be on the second Saturday of January*

Jim Pringle, Warning Coordination Meteorologist,

National Weather Service, Grand Junction

Center for Independence

740 Gunnison Avenue

Grand Junction, CO 81501

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We all want to be prepared for weather emergencies in our area and when traveling. Having a hearing loss presents challenges with altering systems during emergencies. Jim will discuss emergency preparedness with practical advice for everyone in your family.

Jim has been with the NWS in various roles since 1978. As the Warning Coordination Meteorologist (WCM), he is the primary liaison between the NWS office and the external emergency managers in the community. In addition to Hazardous Weather Coordination and Spotter Training, the WCM is responsible for the Public Education Program. In this role, Jim is responsible for the hazardous weather education program in our community. He also promotes the science of meteorology and an understanding of weather forecasting to the general public.

Jim's office reached out [to] our chapter to ensure that the NWS is providing services to people who are deaf and hard of hearing. We appreciate the contact and special attention.

This meeting will be captioned and looped. Light refreshments will be served.

Thanks to a generous contribution from an anonymous member, this meeting will be captioned.

**People of all ages and all types of hearing loss are welcome!**

All HLAA chapter meetings are free to members and non-members, including family and friends. Meetings are held the first Saturday of every month, 10:30-12:30.