

## Hearing Loss Association of America celebrates 35 years!

### Our Founder: Rocky Stone

In 1979, Howard E. "Rocky" Stone founded Self Help for Hard of Hearing People (SHHH), which was later renamed to the Hearing Loss Association of America.

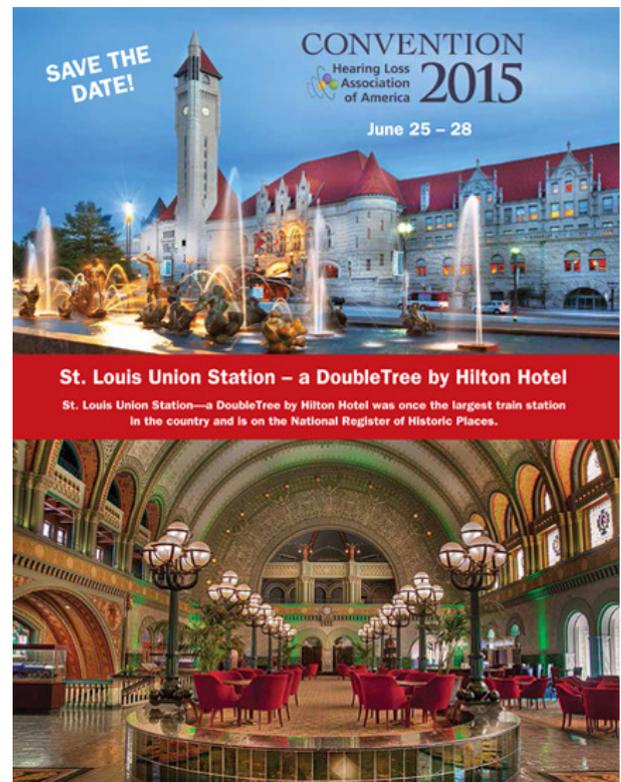
Rocky was born in 1925 in Cincinnati, Ohio. During World War II military service, an explosion resulted in a bilateral hearing loss. Following military discharge, he attended the University of Southern California, where he earned a degree in International Affairs. He won a scholarship to the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, but did not complete the program because his hearing loss precluded him from taking the oral exams. Recruited by the Central Intelligence Agency, he spent 25 years in federal service and in 1975, he received the agency's highest award, the Distinguished Intelligence Medal.

Because there were no services for hard of hearing people, Rocky founded SHHH in 1979, serving as its volunteer executive director until 1993. Rocky believed in the ability of individuals to help themselves; "I established SHHH as a membership organization run by people with hearing loss. We provide information necessary for them to make choices, but emphasize the choice must be theirs. The challenge is to develop togetherness within diversity."

Following retirement in 1993 as SHHH's first executive director, macular degeneration greatly impaired his sight. A cochlear implant in 1994 gave him better hearing. He liked to say, "I have only lost my sight, not my vision." Rocky Stone, whose love of and compassion for people knew no bounds, died on August 13, 2004 of complications from pneumonia.

Today, HLAA is the premier consumer organization for people with hearing loss, opening communication to people with hearing loss through education, advocacy and support.

For more information: [www.hearingloss.org](http://www.hearingloss.org) □



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# Hearing Loss Association of Boulder

By Kim Thompson, HLAA Boulder Chapter President

## Laura Hansen from Assist2Hear on Hearing Loops and an Update on the Loop Colorado Initiative

Saturday, November 15, 2014, 3pm – 5pm,  
Frasier Meadows Manor  
350 Ponca Pl.  
Boulder, CO 80303.

In the Assembly Hall, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Please sign in at front entrance and you will be directed from

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### Our Meeting Speaker

We will welcome Laura Hansen, from Assist2Hear. Laura will share her expertise regarding hearing loops, and update us on the Loop Colorado initiative. Come and learn how looping works to provide better hearing, and how we can support this initiative across the country.

Bring family members and friends to learn about living with hearing loss.

All free HLAA-Boulder Chapter meetings include CART services provided by Visual Voices. An induction hearing loop is also available.

**Directions to Frasier Meadows Manor:** 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 Hall on the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor. After the flooding in September 2013, the main elevator had been out of service but is now back in service. There are also elevators down in the side hallways from the main elevator, then the Assembly Hall is back at the center by the main elevator. Questions? Please send email to [hlaacolorado@yahoo.com](mailto:hlaacolorado@yahoo.com). □

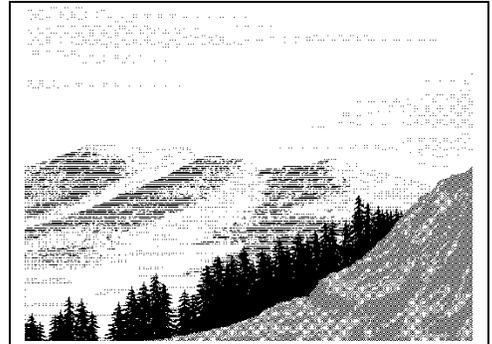
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## only one internet relay provider remaining

This is not good news for deaf people that prefer to use internet relay. The message from Purple is this:

As a result of FCC action, IP-Relay is forced to cease providing this service to our customers effective November 14, 2014. If you would like to use IP-Relay after this date, you will need to port your text ten-digit number to Sprint, the only remaining provider.

If Sprint closes their IP relay, then there will be problems among non-signing, non-speaking deaf. □



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**Submission deadline for December 2014 newsletter: no later than Saturday, November 29th at 11:30 pm.** The newsletter is mailed at least 10 days prior to Colorado Springs monthly meeting.

A major objective of HLAA is to develop a constituency of hard of hearing people. This cannot be achieved without members throughout the U.S. Members of HLAA groups and chapters should be members of HLAA National to help accomplish the goals that will benefit **all** hard of hearing people and at the same time receive the benefits of that national membership.

**Individual:** \$35/USA, \$35/Canada/Mexico, \$45/Overseas (via airmail).

**Professional:** \$35/USA, \$45/Canada/Mexico, \$55 /Overseas (via airmail).

(Other types of memberships include **Library, Non-Profit Organization** and **Organization**, etc.)

For information, send a SASE to HLAA, 7910 Woodmont Ave., Suite 1200, Bethesda, MD 20814.

## Quote of the Month

"When we do the best that we can, we never know what miracle is wrought in our life, or in the life of another.

-- Helen Keller



By Dianne Reitan, President

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.

### Demystifying the Hearing Aid Purchase



Dr. Nichole Kovel will talk with us on:

- **Choosing a provider**
- **What to expect with testing**
- **Understanding your needs**
- **Hearing aid manufacturers and pricing**

We will also celebrate HLAA's 35th Anniversary with cake. HLAA is offering free membership to Veterans that includes a subscription to our *Hearing Loss Magazine*.



Vickie Pacheco and Billy Allen

Invite a vet and join us for a Patriotic theme as we also toast and salute our Veterans.

Please RSVP to:  
Dianne Reitan: [diannereitan@reagan.com](mailto:diannereitan@reagan.com)

**COLORADO SPRINGS CHAPTER**  
When: Second Saturday at 1:00 – 3:00 PM Sept-May  
Where: The Independence Center, 729 South Tejon Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80903  
Chapter Contact: Dianne Reitan e-mail [diannereitan@reagan.com](mailto:diannereitan@reagan.com) □



The next Hearing Loss Association of America, Denver Chapter meeting will be from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, November 22, 2014, at Englewood Public Library, 1000 Englewood Parkway, Englewood, CO 80110 (Hampden & Santa Fe). Chapter contact: Bernie Steinberg, [berniedan@yahoo.com](mailto:berniedan@yahoo.com).

By Paula DeJohn

At the Denver Chapter's October meeting, member Helene Gustafson agreed to coordinate refreshments for future meetings. She asked members and frequent guests to sign up to bring snacks. President Bernie Steinberg did the honors in October.

The group discussed the continuing difficulty of finding quiet restaurants and other establishments. It seems large regional and national chains have policies of requiring loud music to give the impression they are busy and popular. Past President Dave Conant noted that he has enlisted speakers for most of 2015.

### Sharing the wealth

Our speaker was Barbara Jenkins, AuD, BCABA, the owner of Advanced Audiology in Centennial and president of the Tinnitus Treatment Center. As people familiar with the issues surrounding hearing loss, we should take responsibility for helping others seek treatment, even for mild cases of hearing loss, she explained. "It's your job to help others understand how important it is."

Another way to help others hear better is to donate our used hearing aids. Local hearing aid banks can use the devices, or parts obtained from them, to produce affordable or free aids for others.

This isn't just kindness; people who don't hear well are less likely to get or keep jobs, producing an economic spiral affecting family finances and their own mental and physical health, making them more dependent on other resources.

Dr Jenkins is executive director of the Hear to Work Program of the Sertoma Promotion Club. The program serves patients who need hearing aids but can't afford them, and whose careers are suffering as a result. The patient lines up an audiologist, gets a professional, such as a social worker, to verify that the patient cannot obtain a job appropriate for their skills and qualification, and completes an application. For details, send an email to [heartowork@gmail.com](mailto:heartowork@gmail.com).

The program further involves patients by asking them to "pass it forward." On receipt of their subsidized hearing aids, they commit to paying back \$800 (a very small portion of the actual cost) over time as they can manage it. The money goes to help additional patients.

### The Mexican connection

When she is not helping people in the Denver area, Dr Jenkins travels to the rural community of Tehuacan, Mexico, where she founded and manages the Casa del Nino Sordo, Mexico's first school for deaf children. In an environment where a deaf child has virtually no hope of going to school or receiving any treatment (as opposed to in large, cosmopolitan cities) the school, also known as the Tehuacan Project, is the only source of speech therapy, computers, education and sign language training—all of which the school provides.

See Meeting Map and Directions on page 7. □

## HLAA Chapters in Colorado

CO – STATE CHAPTER  
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Ph 303-444-2781, Boulder, CO  
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**State website:**  
<http://www.hearinglosscolorado.org>

Join the Hearing Loss Association of America e-mail E-News:  
<http://www.hearingloss.org/membership/Sen.asp>

### BOULDER CHAPTER (Boulder)

When: Third Saturday of Month at 3:00 – 5:00 PM, Sept - May  
Where: University of Colorado, Dept of Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences Bldg, 2501 Kittredge Loop Road, Room 230, Boulder, CO 80309.  
Chapter Contact: Kim Thompson or Debbie Mohny, 303-938-9659  
e-mail [hlaaboulder@yahoo.com](mailto:hlaaboulder@yahoo.com)

### DENVER CHAPTER

When: Fourth Saturday of Month at 1 PM, no meeting July/August (special event in Sept. and Dec., date TBA)  
Where: Englewood Public Library Anderson Conference Room  
1000 E. Englewood Pkwy  
in Englewood Civic Ctr.  
Chapter Contact: ~~Paula DeJohn, Secretary, Ph 303-617-6135~~  
e-mail [paula.dejohn@yahoo.com](mailto:paula.dejohn@yahoo.com)

### COLORADO SPRINGS CHAPTER

When: Second Saturday at 1:00 – 3.00 PM Sept - May  
Where: The Independence Center, 729 South Tejon Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80903  
Chapter Contact: Dianne Reitan  
e-mail [diannereitan@reagan.com](mailto:diannereitan@reagan.com)

### WESTERN COLORADO CHAPTER

When: First Saturday at 10:30 AM Sept – May  
Where: Center for Independence, 740 Gunnison Ave, Grand Junction, CO 81501  
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Ph 970-241-2592

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## News You Can Use from the National Office

One of the many resources the national HLAA provides is on-line live and recorded webinars. Short for Web-based seminar, a webinar is a presentation, lecture, workshop or seminar that is transmitted over the Web using video conferencing software. Typically, it is fairly easy to configure your computer to be able to participate or view the webinars.

The upcoming topics are:

**Dec 17 2014 - 8:00pm - 9:00pm**

Guest Speaker

[Abram Bailey, Au.D.](#)

Topic: 2 - **Improve Your Next Hearing Aid Experience with Hearing Tracker**

#### Summary:

Launched in March 2014, HearingTracker.com has rapidly grown to become an important online resource for consumers with hearing loss. HearingTracker.com boasts America's most comprehensive directory of hearing health care providers, including details on each provider's educational background, qualifications, provided services, and consumer reviews. HearingTracker.com also hosts a large collection of hearing aid model listings and authenticated hearing aid reviews. Consumers may browse and compare hearing aid models, and locate nearby suppliers. Please join Hearing Tracker founder and President, Abram Bailey, Au.D., for a personalized tour of HearingTracker.com's features. Learn what to look for in a provider, what hearing aid features matter, and how to improve your next hearing aid experience.

**Nov 19 2014 - 8:00pm - 9:00pm**

Guest Speaker

[Dr. Rob Jackler](#)

Topic: 1 - **A Tale of Two Ears**

Dr. Jackler will provide a broad overview of the state-of-the-art in the bioscience and technology of hearing loss with an emphasis upon emerging new methods of treatment and promising lines of research which may lead to new cures.

**Prior webinar topics** are available for playback. See the national website at this link: <http://www.hearingloss.org/online-community/webinars/transcripts-replay-webinars>

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**Mark your calendar now for the 2015 HLAA National Convention  
June 25 – 28, St. Louis Union Station Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri!**

### Captioned Movies in Your Area

Links to see captioned movie listings in your area may be found at:

<http://www.regmovies.com/Theatres/Captioning-and-Descriptive-Video#CO>

This link gives listings for Regal and United Artists theatres in Colorado.

<http://www.captionfish.com> (You specify the city and state.)

This link lists the showtimes of movies for all theatre chains and businesses that choose to show captions and share the showtimes with Caption Fish with the following kinds of captioning:

**OC** = open-captioned on the movie screen—seen by everyone

**RWC** = Rear Window Captions (closed) --captions from LED screen on back wall seen on reflector panels provided by the theatre

**ST** = Subtitles (like those seen in foreign movies)

**CV** = CaptiView (captions on a device for personal viewing – provided by the theatre)

**SONY** = SONY® Access Glasses showing closed captions via infrared transmission (can be put on over prescription eyeglasses), provided by the theatre. •

## Mohney's Musings

By Debbie Mohney, HLAA Colorado State Coordinator

November 2014 marks the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Hearing Loss Association of America! Howard E. "Rocky" Stone founded Self Help for Hard of hearing People (SHHH) in 1979, and served as its volunteer executive director until 1993. He was in the CIA for 25 years prior to his retirement in 1975, having assignments to Near and Far East countries, and received the agency's highest award, the Distinguished Intelligence Medal.

Rocky believed that individuals with hearing loss had the ability to help themselves. He wanted the organization to be run by people with hearing loss, and to provide information necessary to make their own choices about their hearing loss. The HLAA mission remains the same "The Mission of HLAA is to open the world of communication to people with hearing loss by providing information, support, and advocacy.

This month we celebrate 35 years for 48 million people with hearing loss. HLAA does so much to advocate for all of us with hearing loss. Let's show our support by being a member (visit <http://hearingloss.org/content/join>), membership costs less than 10 cents a day! What a great deal for all the great information contained in the Hearing Loss Magazine, access to chapters across the U.S., advocacy on our behalf, and a great website packed with so much great information. If you are not already a member, join today!

Are you a United States veteran with hearing loss? HLAA is honored to offer a complimentary HLAA membership, a complimentary registration for the HLAA Annual Convention (being held in St. Louis, MO in 2015), as well as other benefits. Please visit

<http://hearingloss.org/content/veterans> for more information.

The HLAA Convention 2015 is being held at the St. Louis Union Station Hotel in St. Louis, MO June 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>. It is our 30<sup>th</sup> annual Convention! Don't miss out on the fun, stay tuned for registration, and visit <http://hearingloss.org/content/convention> for more information!

Happy Birthday Hearing Loss Association of America! Join in the fun by attending a Chapter meeting! ☐

### Northern Colorado HLAA Chapter

No action on regular meetings at this writing. Don Willson is continuing to advocate for loop accessibility, and had loop accessibility installed in the Fort Collins City Hall chamber. An article on this appeared in the *Fort Collins Coloradoan*, January 23, 2012, p. A1, A2. (See HLA of CO February 2012 newsletter).

Don is meeting with various groups on the topics of hearing loss and related aspects, and is spending most of his time in self-education on this area.

Contact:  
Don Willson  
Hearing Loss Association of America  
Northern Colorado Chapter  
[LoopNColo@comcast.net](mailto:LoopNColo@comcast.net) ☐

### Voters with Disabilities

Tue, 11/04/2014

The U.S. Department of Justice announced it has published a new technical assistance publication about federal laws that protect the rights of voters with disabilities, including the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Voting Rights Act, the National Voter Registration Act and the Help America Vote Act. The publication titled *The Americans with Disabilities Act and Other Federal Laws Protecting the Rights of Voters with Disabilities*, is intended to help election officials, poll workers and voters understand how the ADA and other federal laws ensure equality in the voting process for people with disabilities. The publication is available in HTML and PDF versions on [www.ADA.gov](http://www.ADA.gov).

To find out more about the publication or the ADA, call the Justice Department's toll-free ADA Information Line at 800.514.0301 or 800.514.0383 (TDD), or go to [www.ADA.gov](http://www.ADA.gov). ☐

(source: [www.hearingloss.org](http://www.hearingloss.org))



Celebrating 35 years for  
48 million people with hearing loss

## Celebrate Your Introvert

By Claudia Reiche



For the first 36 years of my life, I tried to fit in with our cultural ideal of being outgoing, talkative, witty, and chatty. I worked so hard on having fun at parties, being good at small talk, and participating in group discussions and work meetings. The truth of the matter was, it literally drained the life out of me. I felt exhausted after socializing all day, and on top of it beat myself up about not being able to enjoy myself like the people around me appeared to. No matter where I went, the message always seemed to be the same: you must be extroverted, funny, and have a huge circle of friends and acquaintances.

Why could I not feel comfortable in this role? I felt so out of place because I was trying to be someone I am not. I wasn't being authentic. This does not mean that I don't possess these attributes. I can be quite chatty, funny, and outgoing. This, however, happens when I feel comfortable with the situation, the person I am talking to, and when I am able to take breaks to recharge. It illustrates a major difference between introverts and extroverts: while socializing energizes extroverts, it takes work and energy for introverts to do so. Hence, the way an introvert structures social life needs to be different from that of an extrovert.

Since I have discovered and accepted that I am an introvert, my life has changed significantly. I have researched the subject in-depth and the world, and my worldview, makes a lot more sense now. Would you be surprised to learn that one third to one half of all people are introverts? Hard to believe when we watch television or observe who in our society is seen as role model. Based on that information we would assume that all of us should be extroverts. It is

fascinating to know that the brains of introverts and extroverts are actually working differently. We are biologically wired to be one or the other. In other words, being introverted or extroverted falls into the same category as being right-or-left handed, blue-or-brown eyed. You cannot choose what you are bestowed with.

It is, of course, possible to develop those attributes that we don't naturally possess. However, this can only be accomplished to a certain degree. It is the reason why I was unable to turn myself, even after decades of work, into an extrovert. Our lives will change for the better if we choose to accept ourselves for who we are and make the most out of what has been given to us. And introverts are blessed with many skills such as "quiet determination and persistence, the ability to listen deeply and solve complex problems, and to see and act on warning signs." (Susan Cain)

If you are still hesitant to believe that being introverted is not an obstacle to achieve success, consider the following famous introverts:

- Albert Einstein
- Mohandas Gandhi
- Steven Spielberg
- Barack Obama
- Bill Gates
- Hillary Clinton
- Steve Wozniak
- Mother Teresa

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**Denver Center for the Performing Arts (DCPA) Open-Captioned Live Shows**

**Captioned Live Showings Coming up in 2014 at Buell Theatre**

We offer Open Captioning at select performances for many of our shows. We invite persons who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing to join us for these shows.

Because Open Captioning uses a text display at the side of the stage, it is important that you alert our box office

staff that you would like this service, this way we can ensure your seats are in the optimal location. Seats for Open Captioning are also available online by entering the promo code **OCAP**.

Captioning is available on these dates:

<i>Jersey Boys</i>	Dec. 13, 2014	2 pm
<i>Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas</i>	Dec. 27, 2014	2 pm
<i>Forbidden Broadway: Alive &amp; Kicking!</i>	Jan. 25, 2015	2 pm
<i>Rodgers &amp; Hammerstein's Cinderella</i>	Feb. 15, 2015	2 pm
<i>Motown The Musical</i>	April 18, 2015	2 pm
<i>Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat</i>	April 25, 2015	2 pm
<i>Annie</i>	May 10, 2015	2 pm
<i>Wicked</i>	June 27, 2015	2 pm
<i>The Book of Mormon 2015</i>	Aug. 30, 2015	2 pm

**Please come and support this open captioning effort!**

Tickets  
Voice: (303) 893-4100  
TTY: (303) 893-9582

Online: [www.denvercenter.org](http://www.denvercenter.org)

If you wish to get updates on these shows and any other shows in e-mail, please send e-mail to [kkeil75@yahoo.com](mailto:kkeil75@yahoo.com) to be put on the **Captioned Live Shows e-mail list**.

**Accessibility Newsletter Available!**

Also, you can sign up for the Accessibility Newsletter from the Denver Center for the Performing Arts by sending an email to [ckrueger@dcpa.org](mailto:ckrueger@dcpa.org) with the subject topic entitled "Accessibility Newsletter" to request it by email. You can also see listings of accessible live shows here at this link at [www.denvercenter.org/accessibility](http://www.denvercenter.org/accessibility).

From the DCPA: Because Open Captioning uses a text display at the side of the stage, it is important that you alert our box office staff that you would like this service. This way we can ensure your seats are in the optimal location. Contact the Denver Center Box Office at (303) 893-4100; (800) 641-1222 or TTY (303) 893-9582. □

**Denver Center for the Performing Arts (DCPA) ASL Sign Language Interpreted and Audio Description Live Shows**

The Denver Center for the Performing Arts provides American Sign Language

(ASL) interpretation and Audio Description of all of our productions on select dates. We invite persons who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing to join us for these plays and we will seat you in an optimal location to view the interpreters and the stage.

When you purchase your tickets with promo code **ASL**, please alert our box office staff that you would like ASL interpretation, so that we can secure appropriate seats.

Blind or low vision patrons can check out assistive listening devices for the Audio Description and large print versions of the Applause program magazine at the patron services desk in the Bonfils Theatre Complex and through house management at the coat check in the other theatres (photo id required).

For a **Braille script** or **large print program**, please call 303.893.4836 or [ckrueger@dcpa.org](mailto:ckrueger@dcpa.org) at least two weeks before the performance.

<i>Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike</i>	Nov. 15, 2014	1:30pm
<i>Jersey Boys</i>	Dec. 13, 2014	2 pm
<i>A Christmas Carol</i>	Dec. 20, 2014	1:30pm
<i>SantaLand Diaries</i>	Dec. 21, 2014	2 pm
<i>Dr. Seuss's How the Grinch Stole Christmas</i>	Dec. 27, 2014	2 pm
<i>Forbidden Broadway: Alive &amp; Kicking!</i>	Jan. 25, 2015	2 pm
<i>Appoggiatura</i>	Feb. 8, 2015	1:30pm
<i>Rodgers &amp; Hammerstein's Cinderella</i>	Feb. 15, 2015	2 pm
<i>Benediction</i>	Feb. 22, 2015	1:30pm
<i>Motown The Musical</i>	April 18, 2015	2 pm
<i>One Night in Miami</i>	April 19, 2015	1:30pm
<i>Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat</i>	April 25, 2015	2 pm
<i>The 12</i>	April 26, 2015	1:30pm
<i>Annie</i>	May 10, 2015	2 pm
<i>Wicked</i>	June 27, 2015	2 pm
<i>The Book of Mormon 2015</i>	Aug. 30, 2015	2 pm

Should you need assistance in ordering tickets to these programs, contact us at 303.893.4100, 800.641-1222 or TTY 303.893.9582. □

**20 Years**

The editor of this newsletter celebrates 20 YEARS this month as editor, beginning with the November 1994 issue. One of the very first articles written was a review of a book, **SILENT NIGHT**, by Sue Thomas, a deaf FBI agent. □

### Directions and Map to Englewood Public Library

#### From East Hampden:

Turn right on to S. Inca St.

#### From West Hampden:

Turn left on to S. Inca St.

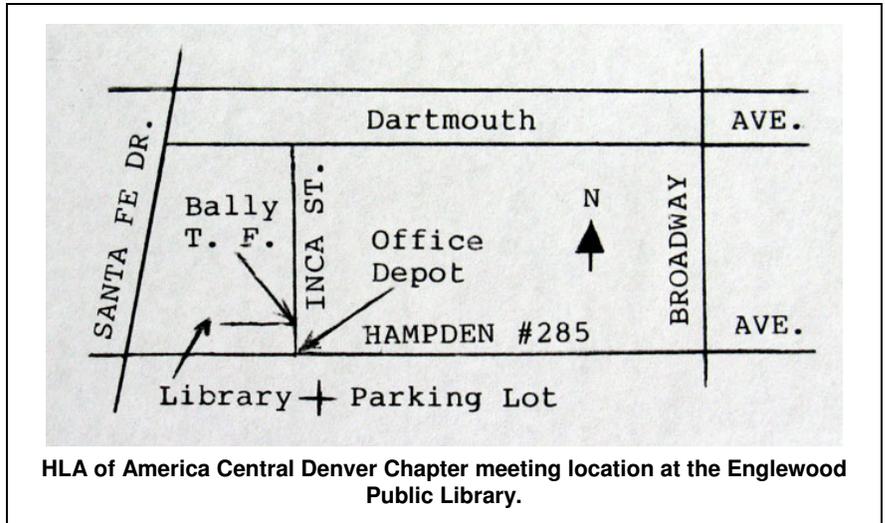
Turn left where the Bally store is and continue to go into the parking garage to park. The library is on the right next to the garage.

#### From Dartmouth Avenue:

Turn left from the East or turn right from the West into S. Inca St. at the northern end.

Continue south on S. Inca St. Turn right where the Bally store is, and continue into the parking garage. Library is to the right.

See map on this page. □



### Western Colorado Chapter

Hearing Loss Association of America  
**Free Monthly Meeting**  
Saturday, November 1, 2014

### How to Start a Hearing Loop Initiative in Your Community Special Meeting at the Avalon Theatre!

The November meeting will be held at the **Avalon Theatre**. The recent renovation at the historic theatre included the installation of an induction hearing loop. Hearing loops are wireless systems that broadcast audio directly to hearing instruments and cochlear implants equipped with telecoils. This meeting will be a great opportunity for our members and guests to experience the benefits of the induction loop system in the comfort of the newly remodeled theatre. Come show your support and invite your friends!

The program will be a captioned, recorded webinar titled "How to Start a Hearing Loop Initiative in Your Community," with speaker Juliëtte Sterkens, Au.D. Ms. Sterkens took a

leave from her audiology practice to take on the position of Hearing Loop Advocate for HLAA, traveling across the country to meet with HLAA Chapters and audiologists about the importance of telecoils and how to get a hearing loop project started in their community.

**Many thanks to the Avalon Theatre Foundation for making this meeting possible.**

Prior to using the hearing loop, please ask your hearing service provider about the telecoils in your device to ensure it is activated. There will be a limited number of headsets available.

This meeting will be captioned. An induction hearing loop is also available. Refreshments will be served.

#### **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 the month, 10:30-12:30.

**Saturday, November 1, 2014**

**10:30am – 12:30pm**

**Avalon Theatre**

**645 Main Street**

**Grand Junction, CO 81501**

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More about the Hearing Loss Association of America at: [www.hearingloss.org](http://www.hearingloss.org)

More about the Avalon Theatre Foundation: [www.avalontheatrefoundation.org](http://www.avalontheatrefoundation.org)

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### **An Invisible Condition: The Human Side of Hearing Loss**

Authored by Howard E. "Rocky" Stone, 1993

*Comments By Karen Keil*

This book was published in 1993 containing 14 years of the **An Invisible Condition** editorials written by Howard E. "Rocky" Stone, the founder of Self Help for Hard of Hearing People, Inc. (SHHH), now the Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA), in the **SHHH Journal** magazine. His editorials gave invaluable in-depth insight in the invisible and greatly misunderstood condition of hearing loss and its effects on people everywhere. The Foreword written by Howard P. House, M. D., Chairman Emeritus and Founder, House Ear Institute, said:

*"Those editorials, written under the intriguing ongoing heading, "An Invisible Condition," give visibility to the man and to the organization. Those editorials, individually and in their entirety, have shaped this past decade of self help with their focus on the plight and the hopes and the aspirations — and*

*the accomplishments — of hard of hearing people everywhere.*

*“Beyond that, they are a look into a man’s soul. Poignant, funny, farseeing, backward glancing, forward looking, but always filled with a unique ability to portray the “humanness” of the person with hearing loss. I have never encountered so deep and so compassionate an understanding of what hearing loss means to the individual human being.”*

I vividly remember buying this book at my third SHHH convention in San Diego, CA, in June 1993 and having it autographed personally by Howard E. “Rocky” Stone himself. The hardcover edition of **An Invisible Condition** is out of print, but it is available free in PDF format at [www.hearingloss.org](http://www.hearingloss.org) to download from <http://tinyurl.com/nvhwse9> in celebration of HLAA’s 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary! ☐

## Emerging Issues in Cochlear Implantation

Tue, 10/21/2014

The American Cochlear Implant Alliance has just published their proceedings from its first symposium. The proceedings are intended to be a general resource for anyone in hearing health care—not just cochlear implant clinicians. Consumers and parents will find it to be accessible and interesting reading.

These are emerging issues in cochlear implantation including cochlear implants in very young children, single-sided deafness, residual hearing, children with multiple needs, telehealth, and cochlear implants in older adults. This was published in the peer reviewed British journal Cochlear Implants International and is available open access to help us increase public understanding of the range of

opportunity provided by this extraordinary intervention.

[CI 2013: Proceedings of the First Annual Symposium of the American Cochlear Implant Alliance \[PDF\]](#)

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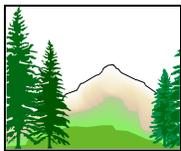
### Technology

Unlike the situation years ago, nowadays just about everyone with any type or degree of hearing loss can be helped with some kind of [hearing assistive technology](#) – whether it be [hearing aids](#), [cochlear implants](#), other [implantable devices](#), [assistive listening devices](#), or [captioning](#).

If you are told there is nothing you can do and you should just learn to live with the hearing loss, seek a second opinion.

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