

Check out the Employment Toolkit at HLAA's Website

Did you know that HLAA has an Employment Toolkit PDF document geared to people with hearing loss, who are in the workforce or looking for a job? You can download it at http://www.hearingloss.org/sites/default/files/docs/HLAA_Employment_Toolkit.pdf.

Revised in 2014, it comprises 13 chapters in its 28 pages with suggestions, information, advice and guidance for people with hearing loss along with links to resources to follow up on. For instance, Communications 101 discusses hearing loss as the invisible disability with all its implications and how to address that for the workplace, giving situations to address with suggestions on what to do. A chapter covers applying for a job. Another chapter covers interview strategies with things to consider and address. Others cover a job offer and on the job aspects. Another chapter deals with hearing loss and law in the workplace. Other chapters cover much more.

This is a very helpful tool to guide the person with hearing loss in today's workplace. Please see also the Workplace web page at <http://www.hearingloss.org/content/workplace> for more information in addition to the Toolkit. □

Wall Street Journal Article about HLAA Member

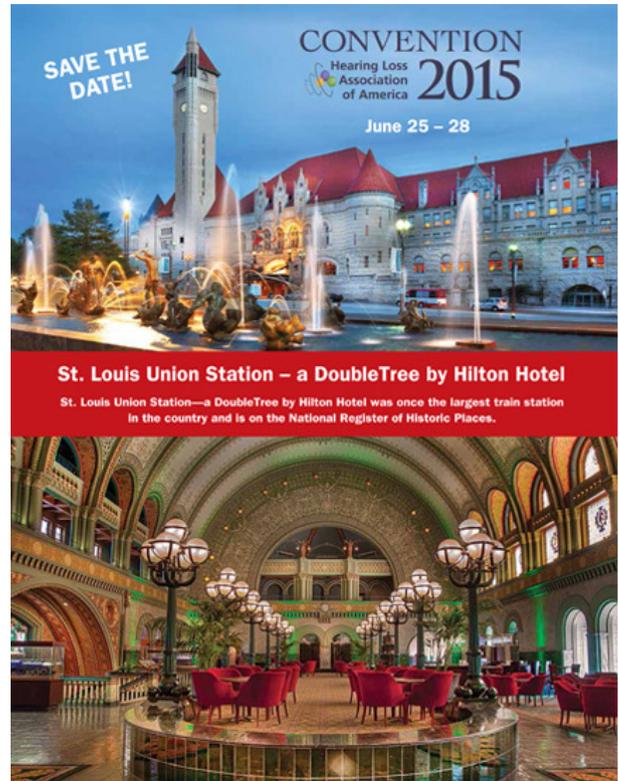
"If you've gone to the best schools, and become a success in the eyes of the world, yet still feel a nagging void in your soul, there are valuable lessons to learn from Nancy M. Williams," says *Wall Street Journal* author Ralph Gardner, Jr. He writes about **HLAA Member Nancy Williams**, a pianist with a hearing loss.

Throughout Nancy's adult life, her hearing loss slowly worsened and she now has a bilateral, moderate hearing loss, sloping to severe in the high frequencies. She wears two hearing aids and is currently penning her memoir about her return to the piano after a 25-year hiatus.

The Wall Street Journal published "Relishing a Piano Peace" featuring HLAA Member Nancy Williams where she mentions her cover story in the September/October *Hearing Loss Magazine* (<http://www.hearingloss.org/content/september-october-2014>).

Read *The Wall Street Journal* article here at <http://tinyurl.com/deafpianist>.

(Source: <http://www.hearingloss.org/content/wall-street-journal-hlaa-member>) □



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Hearing Loss Association of Boulder

By Kim Thompson, HLAA Boulder Chapter President

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A Hearing Journey with a Cochlear Implant After Years with Hearing Aids, as shared by a CI Recipient

Saturday, October 18, 2014, 3pm – 5pm,
Alfa's Market Community Room,
785 E. South Boulder Road
Louisville, CO 80027.

HLAA -Boulder October 2014 meeting will be on Saturday, October 18 from 3:00 - 5:00 pm and held at:

Alfa's Market Community Room
785 E. South Boulder Road
Louisville, CO 80027

Entering and exiting the Community Room is through the interior southeast corner of the store, next to the sushi department. Please park in the western portion of the parking lot.

Our speaker will be:

Kathryn DeVleming of Cochlear Americas is sending an implant recipient to share their journey with receiving an implant after years of wearing hearing aids. She is not able to join us herself on that date.

Thank you,
Kim.

Directions to Alfa's Market: From U.S. 36, take the StorageTek Drive exit toward Interlocken Loop/Broomfield. Turn right onto StorageTek Drive (signs for Louisville). Continue onto Northwest Parkway. Turn left onto S 96th St. (signs for 96th Street/Louisville). Continue onto CO-42 N/Courtesy Rd. Turn left onto E. South Boulder Rd. Destination will be on the right.

Questions? Please send email to hlaacolorado@yahoo.com. □

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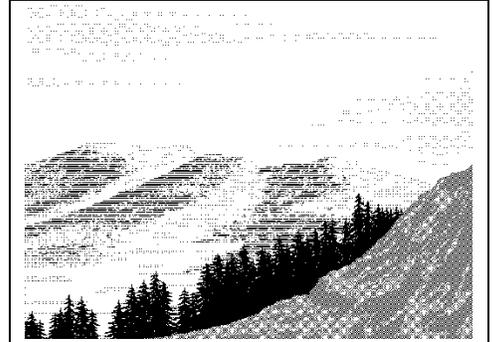
Another Heather Whitestone

Are we having another Heather Whitestone, a deaf woman, who was Miss America 1995? We have a deaf participant taking part in 2015 Miss America Competition right now. It is Miss Michigan K.T. Maviglia. Every Miss America participant has a goal in life; K.T.'s goal is to provide hearing aids for deaf children.

DEAFDIGEST Mid-Week Edition— October 6, 2014

A captioned TV program that was hacked

Deaf people watching the Blue Bloods TV program on the CBS network was puzzled by strange captions, these strange phrases and words that were not part of the program. Somehow these captions were hacked into, and the script was changed all around. The CBS people were not too happy about it and has promised an investigation to make sure it never happens again!
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Submission deadline for November 2014 newsletter: no later than Wednesday, October 22nd 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

"The illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write, it will be those who cannot learn, unlearn, and relearn."

-- Alvin Toffler

**Hearing Loss Association**
of America
Colorado Springs Chapter

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 2nd floor, and has a professionally installed hearing loop system. Live captioning (CART) is also provided.



The September 13 meeting was well attended and Dr. Zeitler's (Denver Ear Associates) presentation on cochlear implants was very well received. We also had Debbie Mohney, HLAA CO State Coordinator, present for a few minutes on the benefits of HLAA membership. Attendees seemed to appreciate the information on how our chapter fits in with the national office.



Ann Belfiglio, Vice President, and incoming President, Dianne Reitan, gave outgoing President, Pauline Weiss, a Thank You basket for her last two years of hard work on behalf of the Colorado Springs Chapter. There are a lot of exciting things happening for the chapter including being a part of the success in getting the local city council meetings looped for 2015 - yeah!

We decided as a chapter to forgo formal presentations every other month so October 11, 1-3 pm will be our social Halloween Party! Even Lucus Marquardt, from the Deaf and HoH Commission plans to come - and it will be catered - so please join us! For more information, email Dianne at 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 HLAAColoradoSprings@gmail.com

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**Hearing Loss Association**
of America
Central Denver Chapter

The next Hearing Loss Association of America, Denver Chapter meeting will be from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, October 25, 2014, at Englewood Public Library, 1000 Englewood Parkway, Englewood, CO 80110 (Hampden & Santa Fe). Chapter contact: Bernie Steinberg, berniedan@yahoo.com.

By Paula DeJohn

In September, the Denver Chapter hosted Stephen Cass, M.D., professor of otology and neurotology at the University of Colorado, and a practicing surgeon. Dr. Cass noted that the cochlear implant is now 30 years old, and about 200,000 people worldwide have received them.

Saving both skin and hearing

During its 30 years of use, the cochlear implant has undergone continual improvement. Surgical technique also has improved: The procedure now requires only a small incision behind the ear, instead of a much-longer cut across the scalp. Electrodes have become softer and thinner over the years, producing less trauma on insertion.

Most exciting, chapter members agree, is Dr. Cass's announcement that future implant recipients may be able to retain some of their residual hearing, benefiting from both electric and acoustic sound sources. That technology has barely arrived on the horizon, but is showing promise. "It's possible to preserve hearing, but it's still unpredictable," Dr. Cass says.

The reason for hope is the development of a hybrid cochlear implant, in which a hearing aid is combined with the electrical stimulus. Until recently, implants were reserved for people with severe to profound hearing loss, so preserving hearing was not an issue. In any case, residual hearing would be lost. Now, trials are showing that hybrid devices can allow use of natural hearing while adding the digital technology.

The reason to provide implants in people with moderate hearing loss is to conserve hearing while enhancing word understanding, especially in noisy environments.

The range of conditions that cochlear implants can improve is expanding as well. The U.S. is beginning to follow the lead of Germany in treating people with single-side deafness by implanting the deaf ear only. As the population ages, studies are demonstrating that implants are as effective for older as well as younger adults—and they are considered crucial in helping children develop language and succeed in school.

About the only patient category in which cochlear implants are not appropriate, Dr. Cass says, is the presence of dementia. "We need a well-functioning brain to use sound for communication," he says.

Drama queens

Chapter Secretary Paula DeJohn distributed copies of the current issue of *Hearing Loss Magazine*, featuring a story at <http://tinyurl.com/o9yewwa> about how President Bernie Steinberg and Past President Dave Conant convinced a Denver theater to install a loop system. The story alerts readers nationally of the administrative and legal path to improving access to entertainment for people with hearing loss. It also shines a spotlight on the chapter's resourceful members and on our lovely and lively city.

Meanwhile, new member Charlotte Worster reported she has completed publication of the first issue of a chapter newsletter.

Sorrowful news

Also in September, chapter members mourned with Roger Ponds the death of his sister Joan. 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

80304-3106 (Note: Please notify me if you aren't able to reach your chapter contact)

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 Mohney, 303-938-9659 e-mail 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 HLAAColoradoSprings@gmail.com

WESTERN COLORADO CHAPTER

When: First Saturday at 10:30 AM Sept – May

Where: Center for Independence, 740 Gunnison Ave, Grand Junction, CO 81501

Chapter Contact: Amy Becktell e-mail ajmelnick@hotmail.com or hlaawco@gmail.com

Ph 970-241-2592

Updated: 09/09/2014

News You Can Use from the National Office

The Boulder, Denver, Colorado Springs and Western Colorado Chapters are local groups that is affiliated with the national Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA). HLAA provides assistance and resources for people with hearing loss and their families to learn how to adjust to living with hearing loss. HLAA is working to eradicate the stigma associated with hearing loss and raise public awareness about the need for prevention, treatment, and regular hearing screenings throughout life.

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 topic is *Untreated Hearing Loss: Effects on Physical, Cognitive, and Social Well Being*, Lyndsey Nalu, Au.D., CCC-A, Oct 15 2014, 8:00pm - 9:00pm ET.

Prior webinar topics are available for playback. See the national website at this link:

<http://www.hearingloss.org/online-community/webinars/transcripts-replay-webinars>

- Federal Relay Services and Solutions for Functional Equivalency in the Workplace
- Master Your Emotional Intelligence
- Audiological Evaluations, Findings and Recommendations: A Parent's Guide
- FCC Update on CVAA and Closed Captioning
- Tinnitus Today, Silence Tomorrow

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

DeafDigest Mid-Week edition, October 7, 2014

a possible perfect job for the deaf

What is a possible perfect job for the deaf in the future? A writer of a high tech web site said that closed-circuit television surveillance jobs may be ideal for the deaf. In fact, in South Africa, there are classes for the deaf in surveillance in hopes that some of these graduates will find jobs in that field. □

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

I can’t believe how fast 2014 has been flying by! 2014 still has some exciting times to come, including the 35th Anniversary of Hearing Loss Association of America in November!

Hearing Loss Association of America was founded as Self Help for Hard of Hearing People, Inc. by Rocky Stone in 1979, in the family room of his home. The concept that he started, with local chapters, has continued. They provide a community of people with hearing loss, help you to deal with the issue of hearing loss stigma, share technologies beyond hearing aids, empower you through the exchange of knowledge, encouragement and the sharing of experiences, and alleviate the despair and isolation of hearing loss through their support.

Please visit www.hearingloss.org for more information on hearing help and support. If you are not already a member, consider joining the largest consumer organization for people with hearing loss. The membership includes a wonderful magazine that comes out 6 times a year, and is a bargain at \$35 a year for individuals. The advocacy done through Hearing Loss Association of America alone is priceless for the 48 million people people in the U.S. who have hearing loss.

There is a lot of attention right now being focused on captioned telephone service. Captioned telephone service is free, however, users must be able to certify that they have a need for this service per requirements set up by the FCC. There are 4 captioning apps that work on smartphones: ClearCaptions (by Purple Communications), Hamilton CapTel, Innocaption, Wireless CapTel by Sprint. There are also WebCapTel Services that work on the internet with any telephone: Hamilton Web CapTel and Sprint CapTel. There are also many captioned telephones that work with landlines. Please visit www.hearingloss.org/content/telephones for more information.

It’s not too early to put the 2015 Hearing Loss Association of America Convention on your calendar! It is being held June 25 – 28, 2015 at the St. Louis Union Station Hotel in St. Louis, MO. Dr. Charles A. Laslo, Ph.D. has been announced as the

keynote speaker for convention 2015. Charles is the founding president of the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association, and will deliver his speech, **Advances, obstacles, and Solutions in a Changing World.**

Happy Halloween, Everyone! ☐

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.

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Northern Colorado Chapter
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a wasted Marlee Matlin movie?

Many movies are made in Hollywood but never shown. Many producers and directors change their minds about showing the movies they just filmed. Many reasons – and there is one Marlee Matlin that has never been shown. It is **Silent Knights** and it is about a successful hearing college football coach getting into an accident and losing his job. He then finds a new job as a coach at a school for the deaf. He then becomes friends with a deaf teacher. That teacher is Marlee Matlin. ☐

DeafDigest Mid-Week edition, September 18, 2014

wristband communications

Do we need a wristband that says “deaf” or “hearing impaired”? Well, the VFW Kelly Ingram Post 668 in Alabama, is distributing these wristbands to those that want this stuff. Some say [a] wristband is better than a pin or a shirt tag that says the same thing. The wristband can be hidden and shown only to one person instead of “telling the world.” ☐

Accomplishments

By Claudia Reiche



Accomplishing something in life means a lot of different things to different people. Many times it is defined in terms of material, measurable elements: houses, cars, monetary assets, vacations, etc. It can also be connected to power and prestige, for example holding a certain position in a particular job, being connected to people who are influential, perhaps well-known, or having received awards and other recognitions. Good grades in school and achievements at work make us feel successful.

In our difficult economic and social circumstances, it can be hard for the average person to achieve a sense of accomplishment through the aforementioned means. How is one supposed to feel validated when unemployment persists long-term, homes are lost, the struggle to make ends meet is ongoing? It is a difficult question. We are encouraged to not lose hope, work hard, and be patient and not give up anymore.

This requires a shift in thinking and action.

First, you are absolutely entitled to feel this way. There is no need to fight it or blame yourself. Acknowledge it and allow that this is where you are at right now.

Second, it takes time. There’ll be ups-and-downs (sometimes extreme ones) when recognizing that things are different now. Again, there is no need to

force anything right this moment. Adjusting takes time and being kind to oneself. It may include feeling angry, devastated, and hopeful. That can be draining.

Finally, we have to reframe for ourselves what it means to have accomplished something. This is highly individual and can take on many forms. Here are some examples: I exercised for 20 minutes today, I took the day off, I called a friend, I read a book from start to finish, I made an appointment with ... (employment counselor, housing counselor, accountant, etc.), I volunteered, I have made the decision to ... , someone gave me a compliment for ...

When we are able to transform ourselves in this or a similar manner, it enables us to start working (again) towards the changes that we have to make in order to improve our situation.

I think that it is important to remember that even tough times are times of our lives. We don't like them, and, at the same time, we have to face them. I could imagine that looking back at one's life, we don't want to feel that we were just waiting for it to go by as quickly as possible, continuously hoping for the next (better) thing to happen. We want to make life count under any circumstance. And that is one very tough life lesson to learn successfully.

Claudia Reiche is a registered psychotherapist in Longmont, CO who offers counseling and works with people dealing with tinnitus and hearing loss. For more information, please visit: www.coloradotherapy.com. Reprinted by permission. The opinions are those of the author and not of HLAA. Inclusion of a product does not mean HLAA endorsement nor does exclusion of a product mean disapproval. □

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>Pippin</i>	Sep. 20, 2014	2 pm
<i>The Unsinkable Molly Brown</i>	Oct. 19, 2014	1:30pm
<i>Kinky Boots</i>	Nov. 9, 2014	2 pm
<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 & Kicking!</i>	Jan. 25, 2015	2 pm
<i>Rodgers & 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

If you wish to get updates on these shows and any other shows in e-mail, please send e-mail to 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 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.

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.

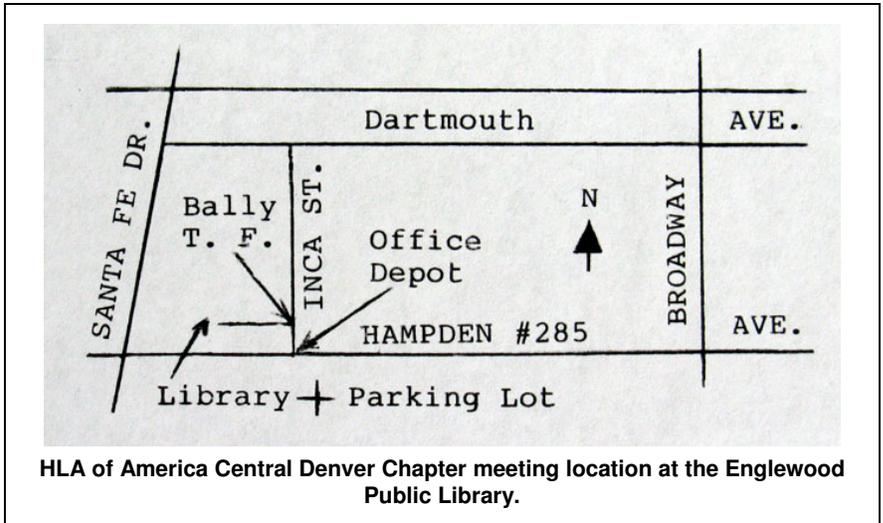
When you purchase your tickets with promo code **ASL**, please alert our box office staff that you would like ASL interpretation, so that we can secure appropriate seats.

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 at least two weeks before the performance.

<i>Pippin</i>	Sept. 20, 2014	2 pm
<i>You Say Tomato, I Say Shut Up!</i>	Oct. 12, 2014	2 pm
<i>The Unsinkable Molly Brown</i>	Oct. 19, 2014	1:30pm
<i>Lord of the Flies</i>	Oct. 26, 2014	1:30pm
<i>Kinky Boots</i>	Nov. 9, 2014	2 pm
<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 & Kicking!</i>	Jan. 25, 2015	2 pm
<i>Appoggiatura</i>	Feb. 8, 2015	1:30pm
<i>Rodgers & 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. □



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, October 4, 2014**

Software Resources for Adapting to Hearing Loss

The Western Colorado Chapter of the Hearing Loss Association of America has access to several software programs and technical resources to help people with hearing loss improve their lives. At this meeting, the chapter leaders will demonstrate various technologies.

- **Seeing and Hearing Speech:**
This program takes users through various exercises to improve lip-reading skills.

- **Hope Notes:**
This is a music perception and appreciation training program. Using familiar songs, the program plays simple melodies and adds complexity as the user improves.
- **LACE – Listening and Communication Enhancement:**
This is an adaptive auditory training program designed to improve listening skills for people with hearing loss.
- **Angel Sounds:**
This is another auditory training program that is web-based.

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, October 4, 2014
10:30am – 12:30pm
Center for Independence
740 Gunnison Avenue
Grand Junction, CO 81501**

For questions or further information contact:

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Or 970-241-2592 □

More about the Hearing Loss Association of America at: www.hearingloss.org
More about the Center for Independence at: www.cfigi.org □

Angel Sound™

Reported by Karen Keil

Angel Sound™'s website at <http://angelsound.tigerspeech.com> says that Angel Sound™ is “an UPGRADED and FREE version of “Sound and WAY Beyond”, an auditory rehabilitation program based on CAST technology and distributed by Cochlear Americas. Angel Sound™ includes more advanced training protocols (i.e., bilateral training procedures, advanced psychophysical training protocols, animated audio and visual feedback, remote data access, and advanced training customization with favorite setting) than Sound and WAY Beyond. Also, Angel Sound™ has more advanced training modules (i.e. comprehensive music training, auditory resolution training, and functional hearing test module).”

- The PC software has several modules—
- Basic module
 - Auditory Resolution module
 - Telephone Speech Recognition module
 - Melodic Contour Identification module
 - Adaptive Speech in Noise module
 - Comprehensive Music module
 - Openset Recognition module.

The website has a section explaining how to use the software on the computer and goes in detail what the program suite is all about.

The PC software can be downloaded to your computer or have the CD of the software be sent in the mail by request at the website to you. It says that “the PC software is not compatible with Mac

Computers or iPad. To use **Angel Sound™**, Parallels Desktop or Bootcamp (with Windows OS installed) is required for Mac computers. For iPad/iPhone users, please download **i-Angel Sound** from Apple Store."

By downloading from the Apple's App Store the six apps of the **Angel Sound Suite**:

iAngelSound (i-Angel Sound)

SoundExplorer (Sound Explorer)

DigitNoise (Digits in Noise Test)

Digitspan (Digit Span Test)

eSentNoise (Concatenated Sentence Recognition)

MCtest (Melodic Contour Identification)

to the iPod Touch 5G, iPad, and iPhone devices, it makes it convenient to improve one's hearing recognition and understanding skills.

The website is extensive with directions on how to install it and various ways to use it, along with details on secret additional features/aspects of the software. □

Where (in the Human Body) Venture Capital Is Going

<http://on.wsj.com/1s2oGJ6>

This Journal Reports: Healthcare article in the online *Wall Street Journal* (updated 9/15/2014) asked, "What body parts are

seeing the most striking rise in venture-capital funding?"

Then it said "the answer in recent years has been the eyes and ears, as investors have poured money into treatments for diseases causing blindness, hearing loss and other diseases affecting an aging population."

The article noted that at the same time, investment money is pulling back from "two historical leaders, heart and orthopedic conditions, in part because of difficulties in bringing medical devices for those ailments to market", according to reviews of venture-capital investment trends on various parts of the human body, based on data on thousands of financing of startups" for the time period from 1999 through the first half of 2014.

The article said that "since startups are a key source of medical invention, the decisions of venture investors ultimately influence which new therapies reach the public."

Of the four areas discussed – The Eyes, The Ears, Cardiovascular, and Spinal and Orthopedic, this section is quoted:

The Ears. A surge in interest in hearing problems led to \$76.2 million in investment last year—the highest yearly total since

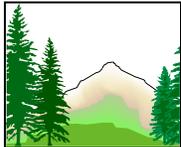
\$100.9 million was raised in 2008—followed by \$114.4 million in just the first half of 2014. Some 30% of people age 65 to 74 are living with diminished hearing, according to the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders.

Venture investors have responded by backing such startups as EarLens Corp., which is working on a hearing device with potential to deliver higher-quality sound than hearing aids available today. The company will seek Food and Drug Administration clearance for the device.

Another company, Otonomy Inc., [<http://www.otonomy.com/>] is trying to develop drugs for conditions like Ménière's, an inner-ear disease that causes vertigo and other symptoms. Venture capitalist Jay Lichter of Avalon Ventures co-founded Otonomy in 2008 after discovering that he had this condition. Otonomy, which went public in August, aims to raise the profile of this and other ear diseases.

"Hearing and balance disorders are a set of diseases that you don't see," Dr. Lichter says. □

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