

## This Month in Bethesda – January 2011

- We are in the process of registering HLAA in state employee fundraising campaigns that are similar to the Federal Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) that HLAA is already enrolled in.

- HLAA Executive Director Brenda Battat has written an article on the value of self help groups which has been published by the Better Hearing Institute in its electronic newsletter.

- We have an update on the number of online views the Hearing Loss 101 videos have received through the third quarter of 2010. These videos and both be viewed and ordered on [www.hearingloss.org](http://www.hearingloss.org). Click on "Learn about Hearing Loss-New Video Series" on the homepage.

Understanding Hearing Loss: 17,556 viewers.

Understanding Hearing Loss – CAPTIONED: 16,278 viewers.

These are combined video views from MonkeySee.com plus hundreds of other websites that use our video content. This count does not include online views from television station websites or views from any of the videos that have been used on local television newscasts. We are getting the word out slowly but surely.

- HLAA sent an action alert to encourage people to comment on the Department of Justice (DOJ) notice regarding captioned movies. To date more than 100 people have sent in their comments. This is wonderful and much appreciated.

- The new DVD, HLAA-Teamwork for Hearing Loss Awareness, is ready for distribution. This DVD is for HLAA Chapters to use at their meetings and other events. The production and distribution of the video was made possible by a generous contribution from the HLAA-Manhattan Chapter's Walk4Hearing™ proceeds. We will send the video out to each of our chapters with an introductory letter and guidelines on how to make the best use of it.

- The Get in the Hearing Loop Project Steering Committee met via conference call. The topics discussed were:

- 856 surveys received on the usage of ALDs – 605 from [www.hearingloss.org](http://www.hearingloss.org), and 251 from the American Academy of Audiology website. The results will be

evaluated and used in presentations promoting the telecoil and ALDs.

- A scripted Power Point presentation in production for consumer and professional advocates of telecoils and looping to use.

- A new brochure on assistive listening devices is available for distribution. The brochure is part of the "Get in the Hearing Loop" project with HLAA and the American Academy of Audiology. (This is an addition to the educational materials that are part of the "Get in the Hearing Loop Project.") So far, we have brochures on telecoils and ALDs and downloadable versions of both are available on [www.hearingloss.org](http://www.hearingloss.org) (Go to "Learn about Hearing Loss," then click on the side menu "Information and How to Get Help.")

- HLAA staff met with National Public Radio and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting officials to explore the possibility of running a pilot project for captioning radio. HLAA is supportive of captioned radio and will help recruit consumers to test the captioned radio when the funding is available. In addition to stand-alone devices, the project will be looking at streaming to mobile devices such as Kindles and cell phones.

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# Hearing Loss Association of Boulder

By Debbie Mohney, HLA of CO State Coordinator

February 2011						
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Saturday, Feb. 19th, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm  
Meadows Branch Library, 4800 Baseline Road, Suite C-112,  
Boulder, CO 80303, behind Safeway

*The Envoy Esteem, the completely implantable hearing aid  
Brittany Kelley from Envoy Medical*

Our February meeting is Saturday, February 19th, 2011, 10:30am to 12:30pm at the Boulder Library – Meadows Branch. The meeting features a presentation on the completely implantable hearing aid “The Envoy Esteem”. Brittany Kelley from Envoy Medical will be presenting, and a patient who has the Envoy Esteem will be there to share their experience as well! Plan on attending to learn more about this new technology!

Our January meeting kicked off 2011 in grand style! We got to experience the room divider, which worked very well, for this meeting, as they were holding a Town Meeting for a state legislator at the same time. Thank you to those of you who came and helped to set up in the modified space! We had a wonderful discussion, sharing questions and ideas with each other. There is a lot to be said for talking to other people who can share their experiences with each other, we learn that we are not alone with our hearing loss and that there are many solutions out there!

See you at the February meeting!

We hope to see you all at the meeting!

See maps and directions on page 5. □

## HLA of Western Colorado

The Colorado Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing has been scheduled to speak at two Western Colorado HLAA meetings -- **Saturday, February 5th**, and **Saturday, March 5th, 2011**, about their Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (TEDP), and other services. Applications for free mobile phones will be available at these meetings.

For the **February 5<sup>th</sup> meeting**, the topic was **Maintaining Your Independence**, with special guest, **Namati Katungu**, Education and Training Program Specialist with the Colorado Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

Namati Katungu provided an update about the Colorado Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and what it is doing to improve statewide services for the deaf and hard of hearing communities. He explained how to utilize the Telecommunication Equipment Distribution Program to apply for free telecommunication equipment, and discussed a new telecommunication initiative that will be implemented this year. Namati also discussed a new mandated Education and Training Program that was implemented last fall to ensure that the deaf and hard of hearing have equal access to communication in programs and services that are provided by governmental agencies, public agencies and some private entities.

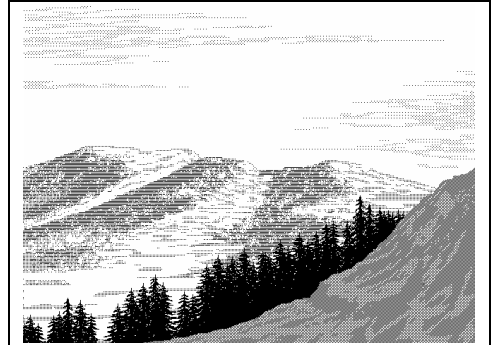
The attendees asked questions and shared concerns and insight. The CCDHH provided lunch, live captioning and sign language interpreters.

Please contact these below for the upcoming **March 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting**, also featuring the **CCDHH**:

Questions: contact Amy Beckett: [HLAAWCO@gmail.com](mailto:HLAAWCO@gmail.com), or Micaela Folsom: 970-241-0315 or 1-800-613-2271.

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

More about the Center for Independence at: [www.cfgj.org](http://www.cfgj.org) □



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**Submission deadline for March 2011 newsletter: no later than Sunday, Feb. 27th, at 9:00 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

*Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting.*

--- Susan J. Decuir of Carrollton, Texas  
Guideposts, October 2010, p. 14



## Colorado Springs Chapter

*By Chris Hampton, President*

Colorado Springs Chapter of HLAA is planning on discussing the Walk4Hearing and the Kickoff next meeting. We are also working on ways to involve more people that are touched by hearing loss.

Alberta Valkonen was replaced as Secretary of the Chapter by Leslie Ralphe. Thank you, Leslie, for volunteering and we thank Alberta for serving so faithfully. The chapter is growing and we are looking forward to the Walk4Hearing.

### **COLORADO SPRINGS CHAPTER**

When: Second Saturday at 1:00 PM January-October

Where: Mission Medical Clinic, 2125 E La Salle Street, Colorado Springs, CO

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## **Man who relies on hearing aid alleges police discrimination**

When he was about 5, someone snapped a picture of Bill Furman playing cop in his dad's police uniform hat. "The picture speaks for itself," he said. Furman always knew that he wanted to be a municipal police officer. He never thought being partially deaf would make it so hard. Five years ago when Furman went to take the state-mandated municipal officers training course – called Act 120 training - he was shocked and angered when he was told he couldn't attend class with his hearing aids. Furman, working now as a Centre County Sheriff's Deputy and a constable, is five months into a legal fight with the state police, which he's accusing of discrimination.

<http://tinyurl.com/23m7arc>



**Hearing Loss Association of Denver. Chapter meeting Saturday, February 26th, at 1000 E. Englewood Pkwy, Englewood Civic Center. 1:00 pm for socialization and greeting one another. 1:30 pm program.**

We did a "switcharoo" for our program in January. We had been pursuing Dr. Cass, with the Marion Downs Center, UCD, for some time, When he suddenly appeared before us, your President decided to seize the moment and insert him into the program. Despite some A/V equipment malfunction, Dr. Cass adapted very quickly and gave an impromptu blockbuster presentation covering the anatomy of the ear and the myriad of hearing loss dysfunctions that can ensue. His talk was very informative and most engaging. We were most indebted to Dr. Cass for this time that he gave to be with us. We are also delighted that Dr. Cass offered to return at some point and do an encore on the originally scheduled talk concerning ototoxic medications and drugs which can affect our hearing adversely.

The other good news is we will still hear from Valerie Miller, THIS month. Valerie has many years of experience in doing TV captioning and she will help explain why captions are sometimes really garbled and she will also tell us some specific things that we can do to make a difference for our viewing! Your President had an opportunity to briefly avis with Valerie and we can assure you are in for a treat.

Unfortunately, Dave will probably not be present as he will be having his cochlear implant surgery just two days before the meeting. (If he does show up, he might be pretty scary in his post-Halloween headgear.) Bernie Steinberg will be in charge so you will be in good hands--- and probably in better hands. We are so appreciative of Valerie for being willing to make this switch for us.

John Ades, who is a member of the cochlear implant support group, shared some information which would enable anyone with a "Smart" cell phone to automatically caption conversations so that you can read as well as listen to the other person. The links for the two special applications are: [http://www.hamiltoncaptel.com/mobile\\_captel/what\\_is\\_mobile\\_captel.htm](http://www.hamiltoncaptel.com/mobile_captel/what_is_mobile_captel.htm) and a site for **Clear Caption**: <http://www.clearcaptions.com/>. Just one more bit of technology that we can use!

We also want to thank Diane Humphrey, for being with us to provide CART services (captioning.) It was a real hit and definitely enhanced our comprehension of everything communicated. We are just so fortunate. What a gift!

We ask that you keep long time member and friend, Jack Gibson, and his family in your thoughts and prayers. Jack has been in failing health over the past year and has recently been moved to hospice care.

We want to thank Paula DeJohn for providing our refreshments this month.

A big thank you to all of you who have paid your for your membership for the coming year. We will be to putting out a new member directory. (Let us know if you do NOT wish to have your name listed.)

We look forward to an exciting array of programs for you.

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**HLAA Chapters in Colorado**  
**COLORADO**

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<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 10:30 AM, Sept. - May  
Where: Meadows Branch Library, 4800 Baseline Road, Suite C-112, Boulder, CO 80303  
Chapter Contact: Christie Nudelman e-mail [hlaaboulder@yahoo.com](mailto:hlaaboulder@yahoo.com)

**CENTRAL 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.  
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**COLORADO SPRINGS CHAPTER**  
When: Second Saturday at 1:00 PM January-October  
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<b>Grand Junction</b>		
The Mechanic	Regal Cinemas Canyon View Stadium 14	Feb. 15-17
The Rite	Regal Cinemas Canyon View Stadium 14	Feb. 13-14
<b>Golden (Lakewood)</b>		
Black Swan	UA West Village Stadium 12	Feb. 11-17
<b>Broomfield</b>		
Just Go With It	AMC Flatiron Crossing 14	Feb. 13-17* RWC
<b>Lakewood/Littleton</b>		
The Rite	Colorado Mills Stadium 16	Feb. 11-17
Gnomeo & Juliet	Colorado Mills Stadium 16	Feb. 18-TBD
The Roommate	UA Meadows 12, Littleton	Feb. 13-17
The Roommate	AMC Highlands Ranch 24, Littleton	Feb. 13-17* RWC
<b>Denver</b>		
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NA	Chez Artiste, Denver	NA
<b>Boulder</b>		
NA	Century Boulder, 1700 29 <sup>th</sup> St.	NA
<b>Westminster</b>		
The Roommate	AMC Westminster Promenade 24	Feb. 13-17* RWC

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**Ninety-nine year old gets cochlear implant!**

Hedwig Christoph, age 99, doesn't want to miss a single sound this holiday season. And following her Dec. 10 surgery, the Califon, NJ resident will be able to hear better than she has for quite awhile -- bells ringing, children singing -- the glorious gift of hearing will be hers before the New Year.

At 7:30 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 10, Christoph underwent surgery to receive the N-5 Cochlear Implant, a device that helps deliver sound to people with severe-to-profound hearing loss. Otologist/neurotologist, Jed A. Kwartler, MD, of the Berkeley Height-based Summit Medical Group, performed the surgery on Ms. Christoph, who is the oldest patient on record to receive a cochlear implant.

The surgery took approximately one hour and the device will be activated -- she will hear -- in approximately three weeks. Medicare paid for the \$30,000 device.

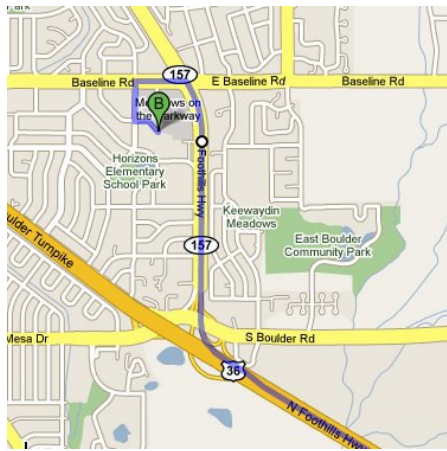
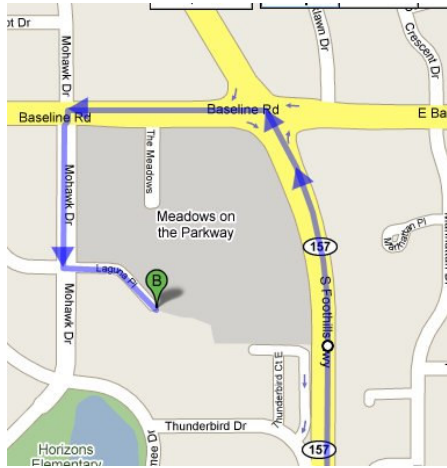
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## Directions to Boulder HLA Chapter

### Directions from Denver

Go on Highway 36 west from I-25. Exit on CO-157 Foothills Parkway ramp and merge (slightly left) into Foothills Parkway. Turn left onto Baseline Rd. Turn left at Mohawk Dr. Turn left at Laguna Pl. The library and its parking lot will be on the left.



## HLA of Fort Collins Chapter News

**February 26, 2011 at 3:00 pm**

**Rigden Farm Senior Living Center  
2350 Limon Drive  
Fort Collins, CO**

**Please join us!**

## Mohney's Musings

*By Debbie Mohney, HLA Colorado State Coordinator*

Relationships can be challenging for everyone, but they can be extra challenging for people with hearing loss. Gael Hannan is a woman with hearing loss who performs a one woman show about people with hearing loss. One of the vignettes performed by Gael Hannan is about the time she was walking on the beach with her date, and he asked her something and she bluffed that she understood what he was saying and she said no. She later realized that he had asked her to marry him and she had turned him down.

When I first joined Hearing Loss Association of America (then called Self Help for Hard of Hearing People), I used to bluff my way through many conversations. Like a lot of people with hearing loss, I can still hear people talking to me, but I don't always hear what they say. I used to say that people mumbled a lot, and they didn't speak very clearly. I went to the chapter meetings and listened to what other people said about their hearing loss and gradually I began to understand that there are many tools out there for dealing with hearing loss.

I already knew that hearing aids weren't the cure-all for hearing loss, since I got a hearing aid when I was 18, and I ended up putting it in the drawer more than I wore it. It was too loud at times, and I still couldn't understand people any better.

As technology improved and I learned more, I finally got a pair of hearing aids that I honestly worked on becoming used to and using all day long every day. The hearing aids I got were the precursor to the digital hearing aids available today, they were programmable analogs, and they had a telecoil so I could also use assistive listening technology. I had to pay for every hearing aid I have

owned because insurance doesn't pay for them. But, I can honestly say now that my hearing aids are worth every penny I pay for them. They aren't always perfect, and I still have problems hearing in noise, but by utilizing all the tools I can, I hear as well as I can. I'm so glad I found Hearing Loss Association of America.

Do you know anyone who lives over on the Western Slope of Colorado with a hearing loss? Have them check out the newly forming chapter in Grand Junction! Check out the notice for this month's meeting. It's great that there is now a place for people to go in western Colorado to find out about technology and meet other people with hearing loss!

We are also working on reviving the chapter in Fort Collins! We had an informational meeting at the Rigden Farm Senior Living Community on Saturday, January 29, 2011, and had a great turnout! They have set their next meeting for Saturday, February 26, 2011 at 3pm at the Rigden Farm Senior Living Center, 2350 Limon Drive, Fort Collins, CO.

Get ready to Walk4Hearing 2011! Get your team ready and registered at [www.walk4hearing.org](http://www.walk4hearing.org), and mark down the Walk4Hearing Kickoff on Saturday, April 9, 2011 at the Ken Caryl Ranch House in Littleton, CO, and the Walk will be on Saturday, May 21, 2011 at Clement Park in Littleton, CO! If you would like to volunteer to help with the walk, or sponsor the walk, please contact us at [hlaacolorado@yahoo.com](mailto:hlaacolorado@yahoo.com).

Are you thinking about attending the Hearing Loss Association of America Convention in 2011 in Washington DC? Now is the time to get registered for this great convention! You can't get more information, see more technology, or connect with more people than you can every year at the Hearing Loss Association of America Convention! Visit <http://www.hearingloss.org/convention/index.asp> for more information. □

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

### Captioned Live Showings Coming up in 2010/2011/2012 at Buell Theatre

Avenue Q.....Mar 13 at 2pm  
9 to 5.....May 8 at 2pm  
Billy Elliot.....June 5 at 2pm  
Rock of Ages.....June 26 at 2pm  
Les Miserables.....Sept 4 at 2pm  
Hair.....Oct 16 at 2pm  
The Lion King.....Dec 4 at 1pm  
West Side Story.....Jan 1 at 2pm (2012)

### 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 Movies and Shows e-mail list.

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, 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, please call 303.893.6003 or contact

[jalexander@dcpa.org](mailto:jalexander@dcpa.org) at least two weeks before the performance.

[The Catch](#).....Feb 19 at 1:30pm  
[A Midsummer Night's Dream](#)...Feb 26 at 1:30pm  
[Ruined](#).....April 23 at 1:30pm  
[Superior Donuts](#).....May 7 at 1:30pm  
9 to 5.....May 8 at 2pm  
Billy Elliot.....June 5 at 2pm  
Rock of Ages.....June 26 at 2pm  
Les Miserables.....Sept 4 at 2pm  
Hair.....Oct 16 at 2pm  
The Lion King.....Dec 4 at 1pm  
West Side Story.....Jan 1 at 2pm (2012)

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

### SUNSET REVIEW OF THE AUDIOLOGY AND HEARING AID PROVIDER REGISTRATION PROGRAM

The Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies is conducting a sunset review of the Audiology and Hearing Aid Provider Registration Program. This review will produce a report to the General Assembly and subsequent legislation.

As a stakeholder, your input is an important component of a successful sunset review. You are invited to submit written comments directly to me regarding the regulation of audiologists and hearing aid providers in Colorado.

Sunset review is a system created by statute to eliminate unnecessary government programs and to make necessary programs more efficient and effective. In the Office of Policy, Research and Regulatory Reform, we strictly adhere to the nine sunset criteria

outlined in section [24-34-104 CRS](#). If you are interested in learning more about OPR or the sunset process, our website is [www.dora.state.co.us/opr](http://www.dora.state.co.us/opr).

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## Daylight Advocacy Network Training Offered in March

An innovative series of consumer advocacy training workshops will be offered to encourage people with hearing loss and deaf people to become active in their communities to improve access to needed services. The Daylight Project, sponsor of the training series, seeks to improve access to mental health and substance abuse services for hard of hearing and deaf people and their families in Colorado. The goal of the Daylight Advocacy Network is to support the development of a network of trained consumer advocates who are willing to act to improve awareness among Colorado's mental health and addiction recovery treatment providers about the experiences of people who are hard of hearing or deaf. And so, the first training sessions begin!

**The free series consists of three workshops held on March 8, March 10, and March 15, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Denver.** Each part includes a 4-hour interactive class taught by hard of hearing and deaf presenters, free dinner, and an Advocacy Notebook containing class materials, useful resources for advocacy, and other take-home guides for each participant. CART captioning, ASL interpreters, assistive listening devices, project materials, and slide presentations make the material accessible

to people with any level of hearing loss as well as hearing family members. **Classes will be held at the Mental Health Center of Denver, 4141 East Dickenson Place, Denver, CO 80222.** Participants must be hard of hearing or deaf or be family members of hard of hearing or deaf people, and some exposure to mental health and substance abuse issues is preferred. Adults of all ages are welcome, and child care will be provided. To register for the free workshops in March, contact Mary Sterritt by email at [mary.sterritt@mhcd.org](mailto:mary.sterritt@mhcd.org), or by phone at 303-504-6521.

**The first workshop (March 8)** will cover how to present our experiences with hearing loss to others, examine the common ground we share when doing advocacy work, and explore distinctive cultural features of the hard of hearing and deaf communities. **On March 10, the second workshop** focuses on how mental health and substance abuse services are provided in Colorado, what barriers consumers can face when seeking treatment, and where consumers have opportunities to give input to providers to improve access and understanding. **The final workshop, March 15,** is on personal and community advocacy, giving a framework for advocates to use that links standing up for ourselves (such as explaining our hearing loss or getting the accommodations we need) and working together in groups to be sure our perspectives are understood when and where decisions are made. We request that participants plan to attend all three trainings.

As many of you know, the Daylight Project is a statewide effort guided by the Colorado Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCDHH) to improve access to mental health & substance abuse services for deaf & hard of hearing people in Colorado. Project partners are the Mental Health Center of Denver (MHCD) and the Center for Systems Integration. The project is co-chaired by Cliff Moers, CCDHH director; Ric Durity of MHCD, and Ami Garry of Dove Advocacy Services. In January, the Daylight Project began to train for mental health providers and other staff at MHCD on deaf and hard of hearing awareness and assistive technology use; this training program will continue in the months to come. To read more about the Daylight Project, see the

CCDHH website at [www.coloradodeafcommission.com/advocacy/mhsa.aspx](http://www.coloradodeafcommission.com/advocacy/mhsa.aspx) or see the project website at [www.csi-policy.org/daylight/index.htm](http://www.csi-policy.org/daylight/index.htm). □

### **Living Well with Hearing Loss** Workshop Series **Louisville Senior Center** **900 West Via Appia**

**Third Wednesday** of every month  
from **9:30 to 11:00 a.m.**

Hearing loss is the most common disability in America, affecting 36 million people. Yet many people lack the information they need to adapt; many feel isolated. This series explores the nature of hearing loss, how it impacts our lives, and how to adjust.

### **Keeping in Touch:** **Great Telephone Alternatives for People with Hearing Loss**

Is hearing loss making phone conversations more difficult? Learn about your options for staying connected. Find out about amplified phones & text phones & phones with captions; see cell phone listening options, text devices for typing relay phone calls, & computer-based options.

Wednesday, February 16th • 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. • Register for 18010-2 • \$5/\$7

### **The Lighter Side of Hearing Loss**

Hearing loss is a serious condition...but that doesn't mean we can't have a little fun. Come share jokes, cartoons, and stories about our own adventures and misadventures. Humor helps us all cope with the stresses of hearing loss & wins us allies. Explore some friendlier ways of presenting your hearing loss, to encourage cooperation instead of resistance. Wednesday, March 16th • 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. • Register for 18010-3 • \$5/\$7

### **Beyond Hearing Aids:** **Today's Best Devices for People with Hearing Loss**

Communication technology offers many great options for living well with

hearing loss. Check out home adaptations for TV and music listening, bed-shaker & strobe-light alarm clocks, flashing alerts for phone calls and doorbells, and devices to use when traveling. Wednesday, April 20th • 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. • Register for 18010-4 • \$5/\$7

Presented by consumer advocate Rebecca Herr, with support from the Boulder County Aging Services Create Our Future program, the Hearing Loss Association of Boulder, the Colorado Academy of Audiology, and Visible Voices CART Services Register: Louisville Recreation & Senior Center, 900 W. Via Appia, Louisville, CO 80027 • 303 666-7400 • [www.louisvillerecreation.com](http://www.louisvillerecreation.com)

### **More of This Month in** **Bethesda – January 2011**

• The 2nd International Hearing Loop Conference will be held in conjunction with the HLAA Convention 2011 in Washington, DC, this June. There are 84 registrants so far. We will have exhibits, a welcoming banquet, and dinner cruise on the Potomac River. For more information on both the conference and the convention, see Hearing Loss Magazine or visit [www.hearingloss.org](http://www.hearingloss.org).

The program topics include:

- The user perspective
- Effective communication access
- Understanding and addressing EMI electro-magnetic interference
- Basic loop issues
- Telecoil panel
- International standards
- Pictorial slideshow of interesting loop installations world-wide
- Microphones and other audio input considerations
- Advanced loop installations
- United Kingdom: evaluation and feedback for loop systems
- Audiologist panel
- Integration of loop technology with FM/IR
- Verifying loop systems

• Planning for the HLAA Convention 2011, June 16-19) is well underway. Presenters have been notified; 26 exhibitors are signed up thus far; 281 have registered for the HLAA Convention; 90 have registered for the loop conference (see above); and 161 people have bought reduced-price tickets for the captioned performance of Wicked at the Kennedy Center. Barbara Gurtov of New York City won the Kindle in the drawing for early-bird registrations. For more information on both the



conference and the convention, see Hearing Loss Magazine or visit [www.hearingloss.org](http://www.hearingloss.org). □

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### Directions and Maps to Englewood Public Library

**From East Hampden:**  
Turn right on to S. Inca St.

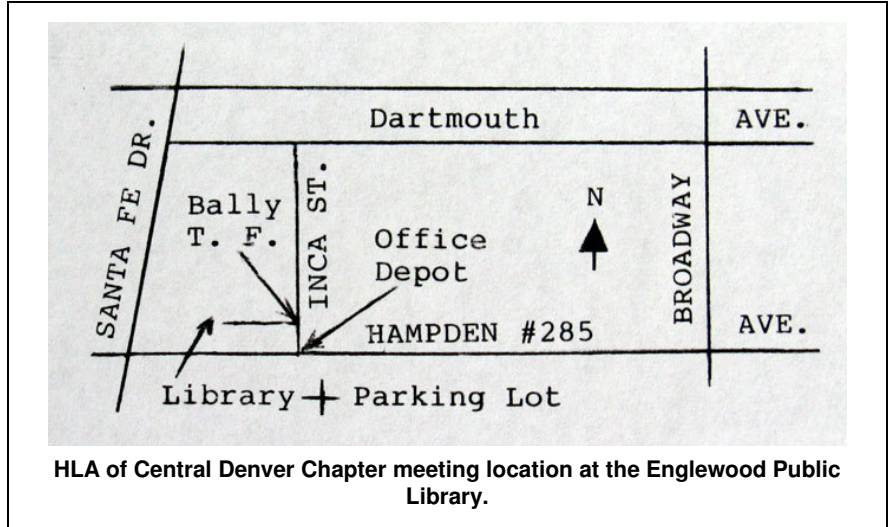
**From West Hampden:**  
Turn left on to S. Inca St.

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 at right on this page. □



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### An overview of common procedures for the management of tinnitus patients

This article presents an overview of the tinnitus-management procedures most frequently used by non-physician hearing healthcare providers (HHPs).

Subjective tinnitus is a symptom associated with practically every known otologic disorder. Evidence suggests that when there is a

peripheral attenuation of acoustic stimulation (as would be caused by hearing loss) there is also an increase in central auditory nervous system activity at numerous anatomical sites, including the dorsal cochlear nucleus, inferior colliculus, and auditory cortex. This has been verified via neuroimaging. Further support for a central model of tinnitus is that patients whose symptoms are presumably caused by cochlear damage from noise exposure may still "hear" tinnitus following the surgical destruction of the auditory nerve. <http://tinyurl.com/2wzmz87> □



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