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Saturday, May 19, 2012

Clement Park
7306 West Bowles Avenue
Littleton, CO

Walk Chairperson: *Debbie Mohny, hlaacolorado@yahoo.com*

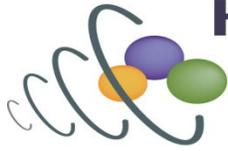
Walk Day Chair: *Christie Nudelman,
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Images from the 2011 Walk4Hearing Walk Last Year



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Hearing Loss Association of Boulder

By Christie Nudelman, Boulder HLA Chapter President

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Saturday, April 21th, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
 Meadows Branch Library, 4800 Baseline Road, Suite C-112,
 Boulder, CO 80303, behind Safeway

Spring Brainstorming Meeting

The April meeting will be a Spring Brainstorming meeting to see what direction we want the Boulder chapter to go. All members are encouraged to attend to give their input. Among the items discussed is the meeting time which regardless of when it is seems to work for some people but not for others. Also need suggestions on where to meet if not at the library since the room can't be reserved more than two months in advance. Also, we are asking for topic ideas for the meetings. What do you want to know? Another idea is to involve some audiologists in an advisory committee for the chapter. What ideas do you have for the future direction of the Boulder chapter? Please let us know! You can contact us with input at HLAABoulder@yahoo.com or 303-938-9659 if you won't be attending the meeting.

March Meeting

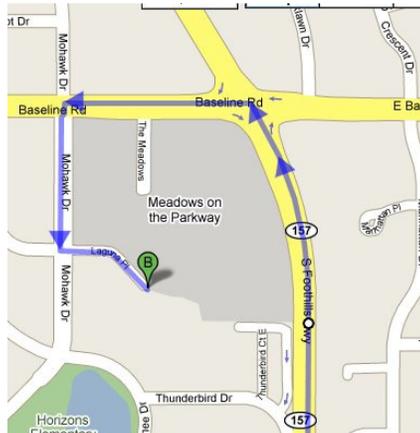
Jeremy Lovely, from Comcast, joined the Boulder Chapter meeting in March. Jeremy reviewed the history of Captioning and explained the differences between closed/open captioning and how it appears on the TV. In a nutshell, those who create programs for TV submit the recording as well as the captioning to those who broadcast it. The Comcast Box has a captioning decoder in it; as well as *most* TVs. There is often times a difference in the captions displayed by these two; but in the end it's best to turn on captions with the TV; versus cable box. But, it's up to you to experiment on which ones work best for you.

Should you see a channel or show that does not have captions coming through, please log a complaint at <http://www.fcc.gov/complaints>

It was a pleasure having Jeremy at our meeting and we thank him for his time and passion!

Volunteers Needed!

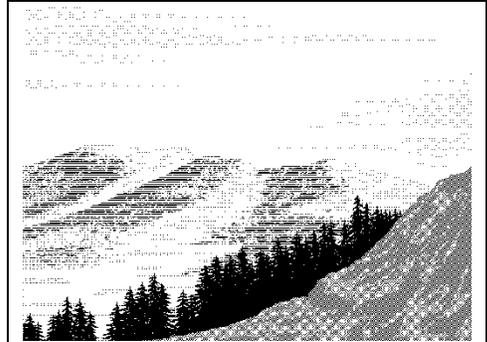
Seeking volunteers for the Walk4Hearing walk in whatever way you can help. It can be preparations prior to the walk or the walk day itself. No task too small to help!! Please respond to Christie_nudelman@comcast.net if you are interested in helping out where you can. More details will be provided. Nothing is expected or demanded; opportunities will be matched to availability, interest and need of the chapters for the Walk4Hearing – Colorado walk. □



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.



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Submission deadline for May 2012 newsletter: no later than Saturday, April 28th 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

Challenge is a dragon with a gift in its mouth...Tame the dragon and the gift is yours.

--- Neola Evans



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

By Chris Hampton, President

The Colorado Springs Chapter of the Hearing Loss Association meets the second Saturday of each month, from 1-3 pm, at Mission Medical Clinic, 2125 E. LaSalle St., in Colorado Springs. We provide a loop system for the benefit of members and visitors with telecoils in their hearing aids.

April 14th HLAA Colorado Springs Meeting starting at 1:00pm.

Tara Alexander, a therapist in private practice in Colorado Springs will be the speaker. She says: "I specialize in working with the Deaf and hard-of-hearing and grew up in a household of hard-of-hearing people. I will be sharing what I have learned from what clients have taught me."

After Tara's presentation at the meeting, we plan to take a field trip to go to Vickie Pacheco's house to see and demonstrate a simple yet complete signaling system that can alert a heard of hearing (or even a deaf) person to doorbells (or a knock on the door), phone, alarm clock, baby crying, security alarms, motion detector, etc., even if you are outside, asleep, on another floor or in another room of your home, or without your hearing aid on.

The complete demo takes about 30 minutes. So, regardless of how long Tara's presentation and questions/discussions we all might want to talk about with her at the meeting, the demo is still on the agenda after the April meeting for those of you who still want to see it.

APRIL Stand up for Hearing Loss Month!

The Month of April we would like everyone that has hearing loss or has family members with hearing loss to stand in acknowledgment of Hearing Loss when the **Stand up for Hearing Loss** announcement is made.

We are asking all churches, public and private meetings to make the announcement to Stand up for Hearing Loss at each meeting this month to see how many of their members are dealing with Hearing Loss.

This will be an educational event for everyone and will help people with Hearing Loss that are in DENIAL to gain the courage to speak out about the problems they face.

Please help us with this important project.

Thank You, Chris Hampton

COLORADO SPRINGS CHAPTER

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

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

Chapter Contact: Chris Hampton

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**Hearing Loss
Association
of America**
of Denver

Hearing Loss Association of Denver. Chapter meeting April 28th at 1000 E. Englewood Pkwy, Englewood Civic Center. 1:00 pm for socialization and greeting one another. 1:30 pm program.

We will meet in the Anderson room. If you missed the March program you missed a very inspiring personal account from speaker Rebecca Novinger of her struggles but ultimate triumph in her academic schooling, especially in college. Her personal journey was poignant and exemplified amazing strength of self-advocacy.

Our speaker this month will be Dr. Don Kim, AuD, who recently joined Dr. Barbara Jenkins at Advanced Audiology, Inc. Graduating summa cum laude with a dual major in mathematics and computer science, he is certainly well versed in technology. He parlayed this education into his audiology career and is a hearing aid technology expert. Dr. Kim has just attended the national Audiology convention in Boston, where it is reported that he met with some engineers and designers of the most advanced hearing aids in the world. Dr. Kim will relaying to us this information about the new advances from all the major manufacturers, and answer your questions on hearing aid technology. Hearing his presentation should clearly make you a more informed consumer!

If this is not enough inducement, then you will want to come and enjoy refreshments provided by Garlan Jacobson!

Our Kickoff for our annual Walk4Hearing will be on Saturday, April 7, at the Ken Caryl Ranch House. Anyone is invited (with RSVP) to attend this event where you will learn what the Walk is all about and how you can participate. Lunch is provided! You will also be receiving an invitation from me asking that you consider again supporting this important event. You have certainly been very generous with your support in the past. Funds raised are used to support Colorado Chapters as well as the national HLAA mission of education, advocacy and service.

If you are not already an HLAA member, I want to encourage you to take a moment and think about making this commitment. Some 30 years ago Rocky Stone fervently believed that hearing loss, for many an invisible disability, should become a national issue, and he certainly achieved that dream and goal. As a member you will receive the bi-monthly Hearing Loss Magazine, more than worth the modest cost for your membership. From reading this valuable publication, you will receive the kind of information that Dr. Kim will be sharing with you. If you derive just one useful tip or product idea to make your daily communication needs more enjoyable, then it will be well worth your investment.

I also want to encourage you to try to join us on Saturday morning, May 19th, for the Walk itself. It is not necessary that you actually take part in the actual Walk around Johnston Reservoir in Clement Park. Just being a part of the gathering, you will feel good seeing so many joyous young people coming together in celebration and unity in affirming that we are truly doing something about coping with our loss, both individually and as a community. You cannot help but catch the energy and leave feeling good!

See map and directions on page 7.

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HLAA Chapters in Colorado COLORADO

CO – STATE CHAPTER

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(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 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

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.

Chapter Contact: Dave Conant Ph 303-777-2279

e-mail DCONANT2279@MSN.COM

COLORADO SPRINGS CHAPTER

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

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

Chapter Contact: Chris Hampton e-mail hampton116@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: 09/09/2011 □

Colorado Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCDHH) BOARD POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Applications are now being accepted for the CCDHH Legal Auxiliary Services Advisory Council (LASAC)

The Colorado Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCDHH) is seeking qualified applicants to serve on the Advisory Council for the Legal Auxiliary Services for a 2-year term to begin on July 1, 2012.

Open positions are:

1-Hard of Hearing Representative

1-Deaf Representative

Purpose: to advise the CCDHH Legal Auxiliary Services in matters pertinent to the provision of quality auxiliary services (Sign Language Interpreters/CART/Assistive Listening Systems) to ensure effective communication for deaf and hard of hearing individuals and the Colorado State Courts as set forth by C.R.S 13-90-(201– 210).

Members: (2) Deaf, (2) Hard of Hearing, (3) Sign Language Interpreters holding the Legal Credential Authorization (at least one CDI/DI preferred), (1) CART Provider, and (1) person with background/experience in disability law.

Meetings: a minimum of 2 times per year, additional meetings may be called as necessary.

JOIN US!

The Legal Auxiliary Services Advisory Council is an energetic group of professionals from various stakeholder communities: Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Legal Sign Language Interpreters, CART Providers and a Disability Law Specialist. These professionals serve as liaisons between their communities and CCDHH Legal Auxiliary Services. If you are familiar with the Colorado legal system and believe that deaf and hard of hearing citizens have the right to have effective communication in the Colorado Courts and for probation and court ordered treatment, consider joining this very passionate group. This involvement ensures that the voices of these communities are represented when programming and planning decisions are made. You will make a difference!!

All interested individuals should submit an email or letter of interest BY May 4, 2012 to:

Cheri Davis, Legal Auxiliary Services Manager
Colorado Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
1575 Sherman St., Garden Level
Denver, CO 80203
VP: 720-457-3679 Voice: 303-866-4824
cheri.davis@state.co.us .□

Captioned Movies in Your Area

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

<http://www.regmovies.com/nowshowing/opencaptionedshowtimes.aspx#CO>

This link gives listings per state for Regal and United Artists theatres.

<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) □

Mohney's Musings

By Debbie Mohney, HLAA Colorado
State Coordinator

Springtime in the Rockies is here! Springtime is a time for renewal, easy to see was the trees, grass, and plants begin to turn green, and flowers bloom. Renewal, clean up, planting new seeds, watering, are all part of the spring cycle. And, the Walk4Hearing is right around the corner, plan on adding walking to your spring!

Have you checked out www.captionfish.com lately? This website lists captioned movie showings in local theaters. For years I wished that I could go in to the movie theater and get captions anytime I wanted to go, only to have to wait for a movie to come to town that would have 1 or 2 showings on a Sunday night after 10 p.m. With the advent of CaptiView, a digital captioning system, Century/Cinemark theaters have provided the ability to have captioned movie showings for about half of the movies showing (many independent movies and 3D are not available with captions), for any show every day. You pick up a viewer that is set to digitally sync with the screen where your movie is showing. Keep in mind that there are occasional glitches, but if you run into problems go back to customer service and ask for a solution.

The Denver Center for Performing Arts has also worked on making their performances more accessible. If you have ever wanted to see a Broadway show, this is your chance to see 5 more shows this year with open captions:

- * Wicked - Sunday, May 20, 2012, 2 p.m.
- * The Addams Family, Sunday, July 1, 2012, 2 p.m.
- * Jersey Boys, Sunday, August 5, 2012, 2 p.m.
- * La Cage Aux Folles, Sunday, Sept 16, 2012, 2 p.m.
- * Memphis, Sunday, October 21, 2012, 2 p.m.

To buy tickets for these shows, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/DCPA-OCAP>

If this link does not work, go to www.dcpa.org, and scroll down to the bottom of the page to find "accessibility", scroll down to find open captioning, then visit the page to purchase tickets. If you call the box office, 303-893-4100, be sure to tell them you want the OCAP seats if you intend to use the captioning.

The 2012 Walk4Hearing is coming up on Saturday, May 19, 2012 at Clement Park in Littleton. To register your team, please visit www.walk4hearing.org. If you have participating in previous years, follow the instructions for registering again this year, you should have received an e-mail with your walker information.

Thinking about attending the Hearing Loss Association of America national convention? It will be June 21 - 24, 2012 in Providence, RI. Find more information and register online at: <http://hearingloss.org/content/convention>

Looking forward to seeing you all soon! ☐

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

Captioned Live Showings Coming up in 2012 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:

- [Wicked](#).....May 20 at 2pm
- [The Adams Family](#).....Jul 1 at 2pm
- [Jersey Boys](#).....Aug 5 at 2pm
- [La Cage Aux Folles](#).....Sep 15 at 2pm

[Memphis](#).....Oct 21 at 2pm

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 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 at least two weeks before the performance.

[Great Wall Story](#).....Apr 22 at 1:30pm
[Heartbreak House](#).....Apr 29 at 1:30pm
[Ring of Fire: The Music of Johnny Cash](#).....May 6 at 1:30pm
[Wicked](#).....May 20 at 2pm
[I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change](#).....Jun 24 at 2pm
[The Adams Family](#).....Jul 1 at 2pm
[Jersey Boys](#).....Aug 5 at 2pm
[La Cage Aux Folles](#).....Sep 15 at 2pm
[Memphis](#).....Oct 21 at 2pm

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

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

Saturday, April 7, 2012

Jim Detterline

Colorado Adventurer, Mountain
Climber and Hearing Loss Advocate

Jim is an advocate for those with hearing loss, and has worn hearing aids since 1985. He will provide an exciting visual presentation of his climbing and rescue adventures with the National Park Service, and will include information about his various hearing experiences and creative use of hearing assistive technology.

Jim served as the Longs Peak Supervisory Climbing Ranger between 1986 and 2008, personally taking part in many of the rescue missions, law enforcement incidents, wildfires, and management of the peak's diverse resources and human needs. He has received numerous awards for his

accomplishments. He volunteers for the Marion Downs Hearing Center, and took a group of teenagers with hearing loss rock climbing, hiking, and to the summit of Longs Peak during the summer of 2009. He is also a talented trumpet player!

This meeting will be captioned and light 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 every month, 10:30-12:30.

**Saturday, April 7, 2012
10:30am – 12:30pm
Center for Independence
740 Gunnison Avenue
Grand Junction, CO 81501**

RSVP's are not required but appreciated

**Amy Becktell:
HLAAWCO@gmail.com
Or 970-241-2592** □

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR
FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS!**

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 the first Saturday of the month, 10:30 – 12:30

May 5: Better Speech and Hearing Month

May is Better Speech and Hearing month and we plan to have an exciting program for our members and guests. We will also welcome the Accountability Team from the Hard of Hearing Education and Training Program from the Colorado Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCDHH). Namati Katungu will give an update on the activities and plans for the CCDHH. There will also be an opportunity for open questions and comments.

May 19: Colorado Walk4Hearing, Clement Park, Littleton CO

The Walk4Hearing is the annual event to raise funds and awareness for issues related to hearing loss. For more

information about the walks:
www.walk4hearing.org

June 21 – 24: National HLAA Conference, Providence, RI

The conference is full of workshops, plenary sessions, exhibit hall, and social events. Registration information is at www.hearingloss.org. The Keynote Speaker is Howard Weinstein, developer of hearing aids that run on new solar-powered battery technology and are distributed to people with hearing loss in developing world.

**All HLAA WCO Meetings are held at:
Center for Independence,
740 Gunnison Avenue,
Grand Junction**

**For more information, questions, or comments: Amy Becktell:
HLAAWCO@gmail.com or 970-241-2592**

Thanks to a grant provided through the Colorado Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCDHH), all educational meetings are captioned. People of all ages and all types of hearing loss are welcome!

More about the Hearing Loss Association of America at: www.hearingloss.org

HLAA is the nation's leading organization representing people with hearing loss. 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 impacts on communication access, public policy, research, and services related to hearing loss. □

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YouTube Improves Captions

Captions on YouTube videos can't be all that exciting. It's been around since 2006. But apparently caption functionality has been widely extended, according to a blog post by YouTube. The video sharing platform that takes up half the work day for most of us has introduced new languages to YouTube's caption feature. Automatic captions and transcript synchronization are now available for Japanese, Korean and English, and there are over 155 supported languages for manual captions and subtitles. YouTube rentals will also start telling you what subtitles are available to you before you rent. Channel owners will also now have support for their chosen format when it comes to broadcast video captions. In other words,

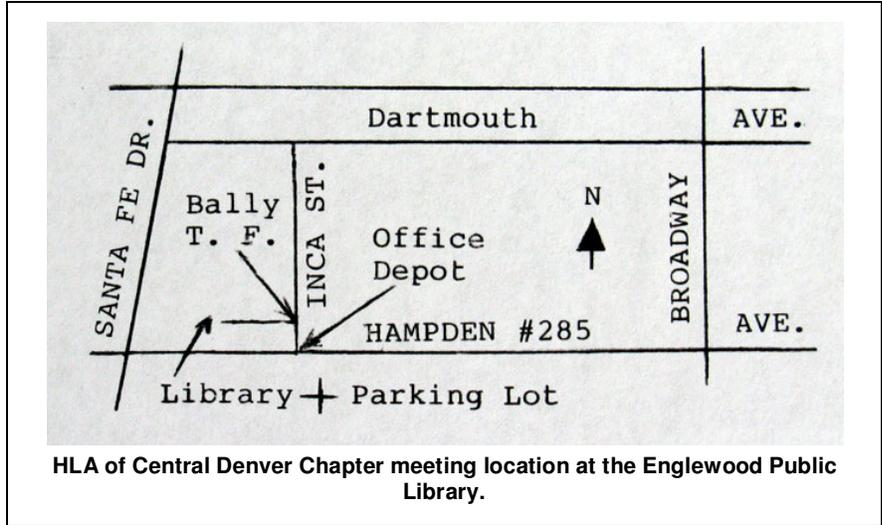
text will be seen in its original position and style, and can be placed near the speaker, italicized to indicate off-camera voice over, or even set to scroll if the captions were generated in real-time model. Of course, we're looking for videos on YouTube more often than we're posting them (in most cases). That said, YouTube has added a new search option for closed captions. Simply add ", cc" to any search or click Filter > CC. <http://tinyurl.com/7rv78rn> □

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 on this page. □



Northern Colorado HLA 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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Hofstra Professor Helps Develop Sabbath Friendly Hearing Aid

Orthodox Jews who wear high end, multi-program hearing aids often disable their devices' most helpful features on the Jewish Sabbath, because they are concerned about inadvertently

depressing a program button when they are inserting the instrument. Hofstra University Professor of Audiology Dr. Levi A. Reiter and Persona Medical Inc. have recently developed the new "EMET" hearing aid, which circumvents the problem of activating buttons or switches on the Sabbath, making it the world's most Sabbath-friendly hearing aid.

According to Jewish Law, operating electronic switching mechanisms may violate one of the principles of Sabbath observance. Orthodox Jews often choose to have their audiologist program the instrument's software to disable the multi-program option. These multi-program features are designed to increase ease of listening in various sound environments, e.g., restaurants, music venues, traffic noise, etc. While this solves the Sabbath problem, it also denies the wearer access to program selection during the week when it could be very useful.

The new EMET hearing aid, inscribed with the Hebrew font as ??? meaning "true" (as in true sound), enables a hearing aid wearer to activate the multi-program option. Therefore, during the week the wearer has full access to any one of four listening programs. Before the Sabbath arrives the wearer can select the listening program he/she prefers for the day. The chosen program cannot be altered inadvertently. Once the Sabbath is over, the wearer can again assume full access to a wide range of listening settings.

Dr. Reiter says, "Fortunately we have been able to apply the EMET concept to all known hearing aid types, including the tiny custom, 'deep canal' fittings, the full

range of 'in-the-ear' sizes, and the 'behind-the-ear series, including 'slim-tube open ear fittings, 'receiver-in-canal' instruments, and powerful behind-the-ear hearing aids."

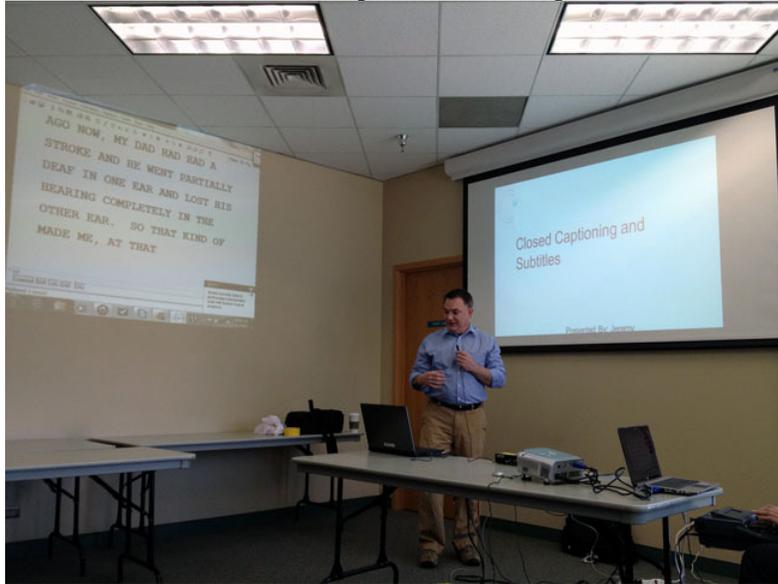
Dr. Reiter first made news in 2006 when he composed a rap song for Hofstra's freshman orientation, titled, "Say Whut?," explaining the importance of the field of audiology. For this, the grandfather of 26 received the admiration of his students as well as the American Speech-Language and Hearing Association (ASHA), which adapted it for its recruitment efforts.

In 2008 Dr. Reiter was again in the news for his diagnosis of an Ear-Kiss Syndrome, which was subsequently named "Reiter's Ear-Kiss Syndrome"(REKS). One of his patients, a young mother, suffered permanent hearing loss when her toddler daughter gave her a strong kiss on the ear. Dr. Reiter's research found this condition is much more common than previously thought, and he started a campaign to get people to be more mindful of any shows of affection near the sensitive ear area. His work in this area has also made audiologists more mindful of this condition and its causes.

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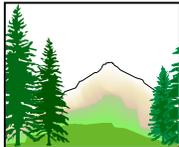
Jeremy Lovely, from Comcast, joined the Boulder Chapter meeting in March. Jeremy reviewed the history of Captioning and explained the differences between closed/open captioning and how it appears on the TV. □



Rebecca Novinger at the Denver March Meeting.



Beginning of the 2011 Walk4Hearing Walk □



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