

Advocacy on a Cruise



A scene from THE LION KING movie with white lettered captions at the bottom. The screen was two full decks (floors) tall, perhaps close to the size of a regular movie theatre screen.

The Norwegian Epic ship on a Caribbean cruise in mid-November showed theatrical movies, one of which was THOR, which happened to show Spanish open captions with no apparent complaints. This prompted Denver HLAA chapter member Barbara Nguyen to request English captions for the movie, THE LION KING, showing the next day. Surely enough, the movie showed English open captions which were enjoyed by three HLAA Colorado chapter members Barb Nguyen, Pat Buss and Karen Keil, who were among many people viewing the movie. Barb wrote a letter of thanks to the cruise staff following the showing with all three names signed at the bottom. It pays to ask and to advocate! □



Another scene from THE LION KING with captions at the bottom center of the screen. The movie was evidently a digital print with digital captioning. (Photos by Karen Keil)

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Hearing Loss Association of Boulder

By Christie Nudelman, Boulder HLA Chapter President

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The HLAA Boulder chapter is meeting for **lunch on Saturday, December 17th noon at the Lauridiso Italian restaurant** in the backside/quiet area in the restaurant. Lauridiso is in the 29th Street Mall. Everyone interested to join us for delicious food and banter may RSVP to HLAABoulder@yahoo.com by **December 15th**

to ensure accurate seating for a reservation. Hope to see you there!

Laudisio
1710 29th Street #1076
Boulder, CO 80301
29th Street Mall - phone 303.442.1300

Parking

Plenty of free parking is available underneath the building. The elevators can take you up to the 1st floor then look for us on the NE corner of 29th and Canyon across from Borders Bookstore and Z Galleries.

The garage directly beneath our building sometimes fills up due to the movie theater. If this is the case, the adjacent lot (directly north of the theater) is very convenient to the restaurant as well. The third level joins the mall just east of Laudisio, on the same level. Just walk across the little bridge (towards the movie theater and the escalators) and round the corner by the Security kiosk. You'll see us straight ahead!

Getting Here

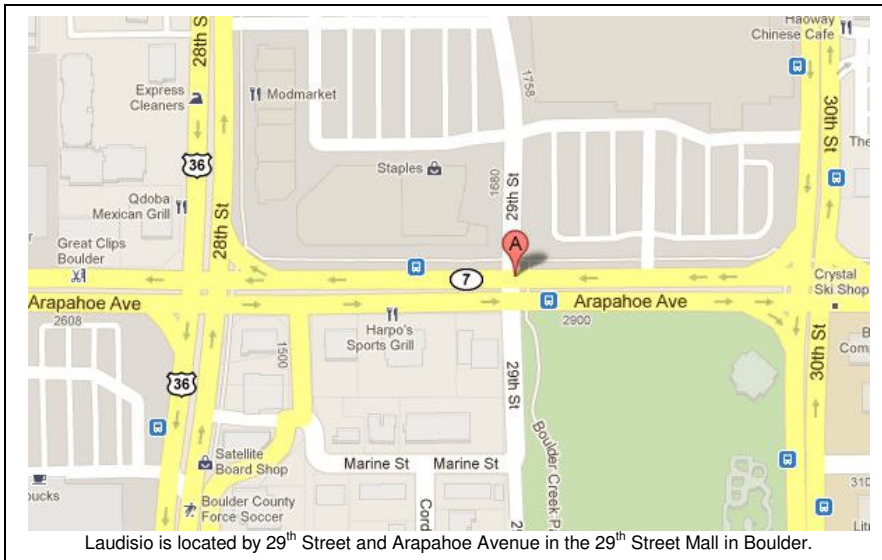
We're easy to find in the 29th Street Mall!

From 30th Street: Turn into the mall on Canyon. Pull into the garage on your right for convenient parking directly under the building, or turn North on 29th. We are directly on the corner.

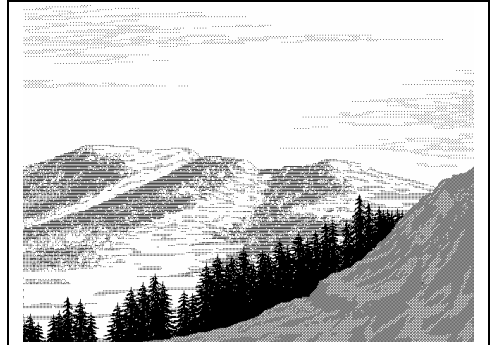
From Arapahoe: Turn into the mall on 29th St. For garage parking go right on Canyon and find the garage entrance on your left.

From 28th Street: Enter the mall on Canyon. You'll see us on the NE corner of 29th. Keep going for the garage entrance!

From Denver: 36 West to Boulder. 36 will become 28th Street. From 28th, turn right (east) on Canyon.



Laudisio is located by 29th Street and Arapahoe Avenue in the 29th Street Mall in Boulder.



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Submission deadline for January 2012 newsletter: no later than Wednesday, December 28th 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

Write down all of your troubles in the sand.
 Carve all of your blessings and accomplishments in stone.

--- Donato C. Rinaldi, Jr.,
 Throop, Pennsylvania



Colorado Springs Chapter

By Chris Hampton, President

Information about the Colorado Springs Chapter November meeting was not available at press time. Please contact Chris Hampton (contact details below) for information.

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 □

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FCC Proposes Update to Hearing Aid Compatibility Requirement

Current cellphones are tested for hearing aid compatibility based on a FCC standard adopted in 2007 that doesn't account for interference with newer technologies, such as the 700MHz band used for 4G LTE by Verizon and AT&T. As a result, the FCC recently made a proposal for adopting the 2011 revision of the ANSI Standard, which uses a different method of measuring RF interference and has been expanded to include all bands from 698MHz to 6GHz, as opposed to the 2007 version, which only covered devices in the 800MHz to 950MHz and 1.6GHz to 2.5GHz spectrums.

<http://tinyurl.com/3o94w7g>

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2nd International Hearing Loop Conference White Paper

The 2nd International Hearing Loop Conference was co-hosted by the Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) and the American Academy of Audiology (Academy) in Crystal City, Virginia, from June 18 through June 20, 2011. The conference was a culmination of the year-long "Get in the Hearing Loop" campaign spearheaded by HLAA and the Academy. The event offered an international, highly public platform "to enlighten and excite consumers, as well as audiologists and other professionals who dispense hearing aids or provide services to individuals with cochlear implants, about telecoils and hearing loops and their unique benefits." The conference was noteworthy in many ways. <http://tinyurl.com/86s9nmj> □



Come Join Us at The

HLA of Denver Chapter HOLIDAY POTLUCK PARTY

Saturday, December 10, 2011
12 Noon – 3:00 PM

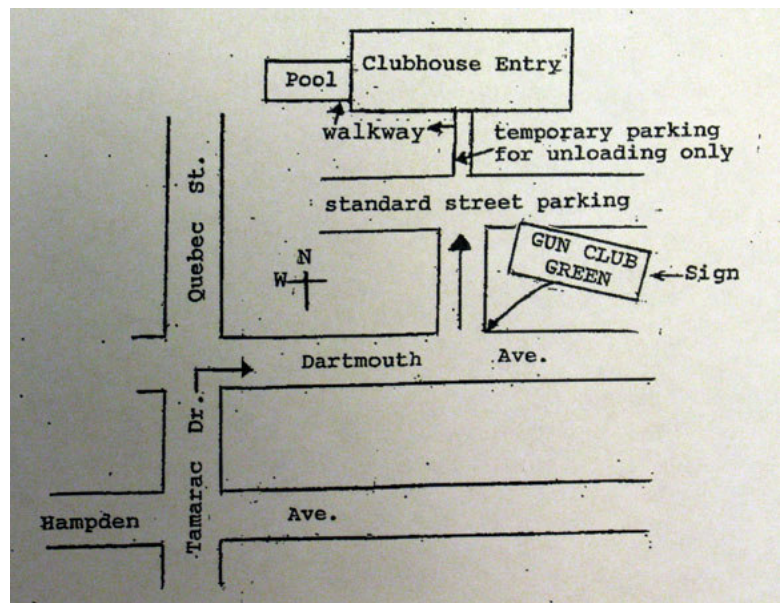
At the Gun Club Green Clubhouse
8101 E. Dartmouth Ave., Denver, CO

What to bring: Entrée, salad, bread, rolls, or dessert. The chapter will supply the table setting, beverage, and ice. Reservations not necessary.

Easy Directions

Eastbound on Hampden Ave. (#285): Turn LEFT (north) on Tamarac Dr. (8000) east). Then turn RIGHT on Dartmouth Ave. Drive about a mile, then see the GUN CLUB GREEN sign at the corner. Turn LEFT. Follow map to clubhouse entry. Carpooling is encouraged.

Westbound on Hampden (#225): Turn RIGHT on Tamarac Dr., then RIGHT on Dartmouth Ave. Go about a mile then see the GUN CLUB GREEN sign at the corner. Follow map to clubhouse entry. Carpooling is encouraged.



HLA OF DENVER CHAPTER DUES: Annual \$15. Payable to HLA OF DENVER CHAPTER. Please pay at the December 10th meeting or send payment to Treasurer Ann Monson, 21298 E. Powers Place, Centennial, CO 80015. Your prompt response would be appreciated.

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HLAA Chapters in Colorado

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Ph 303-938-9659

(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.

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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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WESTERN COLORADO CHAPTER

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

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

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Ph 970-241-2592

Updated: 09/09/2011

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HLAA'S WALK4HEARING EXCEEDS FUNDRAISING GOAL OF \$1.2 MILLION!

HLAA wants to congratulate the spring and fall Walk4Hearing sites! We had 23 successful Walks this year and have surpassed our fundraising goal of \$1.2 million. Congratulations! Thank you to all the Walk chairs, committee members, national and local sponsors, volunteers, team captains, donors, alliance groups and of course walkers. We couldn't have done it without everyone's hard work and dedication so THANK YOU!

We hope to see you back walking with us next year! For more information about the Walk4Hearing, please visit www.walk4hearing.org.

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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)

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Mohney's Musings

By Debbie Mohney, HLAA Colorado State Coordinator

It's not too early to plan on attending the 2012 Hearing Loss Association of America Convention in Providence, RI, June 21st - 24th, 2012. This year's convention will feature Keynote Speaker Howard Weinstein, through his work with Godisa Technologies, he has produced three new products: a solar energy powered hearing aid, an analog solar charger, and a rechargeable battery. The Research Symposium will feature "How the Brain Makes Sense of the World of Sound", moderated by John Niparko, M.D. Wonderful stuff! Check out the convention at: <http://www.hearingloss.org/content/convention>

Please keep your calendar open on the 3rd Saturday in May, which is our tentative date for the 2012 Walk4Hearing! We had a great turnout and day for a walk in 2011, let's make 2012 even bigger! It's a great way to spread the word about hearing loss! For more information visit www.walk4hearing.org.

If you have been receiving e-mails from us in the past, and you are missing them, or you want to start receiving them, you can visit our website: <http://www.hearinglosscolorado.org/newsletters.html> and fill in the information to be put back on our e-mail list. The new system looks a little different and the e-mails now come from info@hearinglosscolorado.org. We want to make sure you are able to get the latest information, so please sign up if you aren't receiving our e-mails! Our website also has a calendar, so you can see at a glance what is happening in the current month.

Have a safe Holiday Season, and don't forget to attend your chapter meetings! □

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

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

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

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.

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. □



Western Colorado Chapter Hearing Loss Association of America

Free Covered Dish Holiday Meal Saturday, December 3, 2011

Come join us at our holiday covered dish meal! This will be an opportunity get to know other people with hearing loss in an accepting environment. We will have a short educational program.

The chapter will provide a ham and drinks. We typically have about 15 people at our meetings, and we are asking for RSVP's so we can plan. Please bring a side dish according to your last name:
A – H: Appetizer I – O: Dessert P – Z: Vegetable

**Saturday, December 3, 2011
11:00am – 1:00pm**

(Please note time change from regular meetings)

**Center for Independence
740 Gunnison Avenue
Grand Junction, CO 81501**

**Please RSVP to
Amy Becktell:
HLAAWCO@gmail.com
Or 970-241-2592**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS!

January 7: Bill William Higgins,
Grand Junction Managing Attorney
The Legal Center for People with Disabilities and Older People (The Legal Center)
Bill will be discussing employment rights and responsibilities for people with hearing loss. This session is open to all ages, regardless of your work status. Your input and life experiences will be appreciated.

February 4: Christine Pett,
Outreach Coordinator, MED-EL Corporation
Christine will present information about technology solutions for various types of hearing loss.

March 3: Casey Wren, KKCO TV Representative
Casey will talk about captioning for the TV, including regulations and the technology.

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
Center for Independence, 740 Gunnison Ave, Grand Junction, CO

Thanks to a grant provided through the Colorado Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

(CCDHH), all educational meetings are captioned.

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.

More about the Institute of Self Knowledge at: www.instituteofselfknowledge.org
Working with Self Knowledge allows you to experience your mental, emotional, and spiritual needs, which guides you to a place of wisdom. It's Okay to be here just the way you are! □

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Log in online to the HLAA website now

We have two exciting pieces of news to share with you! First, you may now create a User ID and Password to access your HLAA membership via the [HLAA Online Portal](http://www.hearingloss.org). (<http://hlaa.convio.net/site/R?i=uJ2goXgNQMzpfWReoz-4Q>). Second, registration for Convention 2012 is open and this new system will make registration a breeze.

With a login you can:

- update your contact information including mailing address, e-mail address, and phone number;
- view membership information such as the expiration date;
- view your giving history and receive an e-receipt for donations made to HLAA,
- register online for Convention 2012 (June 21–24 in Providence, Rhode Island);
- and more!

Once your login has been created, click the Login link at www.hearingloss.org anytime! Should you have any questions, please contact inquiry@hearingloss.org.

Best regards,

Nancy Macklin
Director of Events and Marketing

P.S. Please note that this new system is not the same one used for the Walk4Hearing. If you are a registered walker, we suggest that if you would like to use the same User ID and Password, then please enter them both when completing the [New User Registration form](http://hlaa.convio.net/site/R?i=z8rkdORLz6NKWAubsbTdw) (<http://hlaa.convio.net/site/R?i=z8rkdORLz6NKWAubsbTdw>). □

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The Hearing Loop Movement is Accelerating

By David G. Myers, PhD

HOH-LD News Editor: Here's another article by Dave Myers that argues for universal access via hearing loops. It originally appeared in "Advance for Hearing Practice Management" and is reproduced with the author's kind permission.

"I think the future is bright," observed International federation of Hard of Hearing People president Dr. Ruth Warwick at the close of last June's second International Hearing Loops Conference. "Telecoils and hearing loops used to be the past, and now they're the future."

David G. Myers, PhD, is a social psychologist at Hope College and author of *A Quiet World: Living with Hearing Loss* (Yale University Press), the recipient of a 2011 American Academy of Audiology Presidential Award, and the creator of the informational resource www.hearingloop.org.

Warwick expressed the excitement of the 235 attendees from 11 countries who gathered for the culmination of the "Get in the Hearing Loop" joint initiative of the Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) and the American Academy of Audiology. The animating vision that energizes this consumer-initiated and now audiologist supported advocacy is simply this: America can better serve people with hearing loss by enabling hearing aids to serve as customized, wireless loudspeakers in all sorts of venues.

In the United Kingdom and Scandinavia, this vision has become a reality. In tens of thousands of venues-including the back seats of all London taxis, 11,500 British post offices, and countless worship places, auditoriums, and ticket windows-hearing loops magnetically transmit sound directly to hearing

instruments outfitted with telecoils. So why not in the U.S. as well? Telecoils, as hearing professionals know, are inexpensive magnetic sensors that facilitate both telephone listening and assistive listening in looped facilities. For such reasons, the HLAA "strongly suggests" their inclusion in hearing aids. It "strongly recommends" that consumers elect hearing aids with telecoils. And it urges that "telecoils be given the prominence they deserve as a valuable hearing aid feature."

Happily, telecoils have become available in approximately 69 percent of hearing aid models, including 68 of 69 in-the-ear and conventional behind-the-ear models. Telecoils also now reportedly come with all new cochlear implants.

Alternative wireless technologies can helpfully connect us to our phones and TVs. But, as a person with hearing loss, my home TV and office phone loop systems already do that for me. Moreover, they turn my hearing aids into wireless loudspeakers when I worship at virtually any facility in my looped West Michigan community, when I attend lectures in my campus and community auditoriums, and even when I hear gate announcements at Michigan's second largest airport. With no fussing and no extra equipment, my telecoils are a simple and universal assistive listening tool in venues small and large.

The response to the looping of several Michigan venues has been gratifying. Where there are hearing loops, use of hearing assistance soars. When struggling to hear, most people with hearing loss will not take the initiative to locate, check out and wear conspicuous headsets that deliver generic sound. Headsets get checked out about "once per month per theater," a manager at my community's movie multiplex told me. But people will push a button that effortlessly and invisibly transforms

their aids into customized wireless loudspeakers!

Are telecoils and hearing loops the last word in assistive listening? Probably not. But any technology that eventually supplants them will, we can hope, be similarly: . simple-just push a button, with no extra equipment needing pairing or charging; . affordable-hearing aid manufacturers pay an average of \$2 per piece when buying telecoils in bulk; . available with most hearing instruments -as telecoils are; . energy efficient-telecoils consume zero battery power; . flexible-via hearing aid mic + telecoil (MT) settings, allowing a user, while watching TV, to hear conversation in the room or the phone ringing; . scalable-from discrete places (New York City's 453 newly-looped subway booths) to the huge (12,200 fixed seats of Michigan State University's looped basketball arena); . universal-with the same magnetic signal serving everyone, no matter what manufacturer makes their hearing aid.

Hearing loops, as Ruth Warwick noted, are a classic technology now in modern forms and undergoing a renaissance. New companies that design and install loops have arisen. Grassroots hearing loop initiatives have emerged in Wisconsin, New Mexico, Arizona, California, Florida, and New York. The big idea-that we can double hearing aid functionality with assistive listening that is directly hearing aid-compatible-has begun to capture media and public attention.

As we approach the tipping point-at which telecoils will, as the HLAA advises, be included in nearly all hearing instruments, and newly installed assistive listening becomes directly hearing aid compatible-America will become more hearing-accessible. Think about it: The surest way to lessen the stigma of hearing aids and to increase their adoption is to double their usefulness. As Sergei Kochkin, PhD, executive director of the Better Hearing Institute, has

urged, "Put miniaturized internal wireless receivers in every hearing aid."

Let's do it! Let's put a simple-to-use, virtually free, universal wireless receptor-a telecoil-in every hearing instrument. Let's loop America. And then let's look forward to a day when demand will grow for these customized, wireless in-the-ear loudspeakers (a.k.a. hearing aids), and when hearing aids for challenged ears become as commonplace as glasses for challenged eyes.

References

1. Hearing Products Review. Jan. 2009; Jan., Feb., May/ June, Sept., Oct. 2010

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HLAA Denver Chapter November 19th Meeting



Dr. Stephen Cass spoke at the HLAA Denver Chapter on November 19th about Ototoxic drugs.

Northern Colorado HLA Chapter

No action on regular meetings at this writing. Don Willson is continuing to advocate for loop accessibility, which he is discussing with the City of Fort Collins.

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.

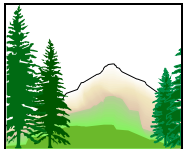
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