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## Council now transmitting loud and clear

### City hall chamber wired to boost hearing-aid reception



By **Kevin Duggan**

Keeping track of what's going on with city business has become a little easier for Fort Collins residents with hearing impairments.

The council chamber at city hall, 300 LaPorte Ave., was recently wired with a system that transmits audio signals directly to hearing aids equipped with telecoil, or T-coil, receivers.

With the flip of a switch that's about the size of a grain of rice, a hearing-aid wearer can pick up words spoken into the room's microphones, said Don Willson, coordinator for the Hearing Loss Association of Northern Colorado.

The technology behind the induction loop system is relatively simple, but it makes a huge difference for someone with a hearing aid, he said. "It sounds like the sound is coming from within your head," Willson said. "It sounds closer than if you're wearing headphones."

The loop system runs along the floor. Magnetic signals from the microphones move along the loop and are picked up by T-coils, which are common features in hearing aids and cochlear implants.

"One transmitter can get everyone in the room," he said.

The council chamber is the first public facility in the city to be wired with the system, Willson said. Loop systems are common in Europe in churches, public transportation facilities and entertainment venues.

City officials decided to wire the council chamber after a presentation on the loop system was made to the Commission on Disability, said Ken Mannon, operations services director.

Wiring the chamber cost about \$11,000. The system and the technology behind it are "pretty slick," Mannon said.

A requirement for hearing loop systems has been added to design standards for new and renovated city buildings, he said. Funding

was not available for including loop systems in the recently renovated Lincoln Center.

Retrofitting the Lincoln Center's main and mini theaters would cost about \$33,000.

"We'll do that when we have the funding available," he said.

Loop systems do not have to cover an entire room or building to be effective, Willson said. A small pad at a bank or pharmacy counter would be useful for customers with hearing loss.

#### INTERESTED?

For information about induction loop systems for hearing aids and the technology behind them, visit [www.hearingloop.org](http://www.hearingloop.org). □  
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*Hearing Loss Association of America in Colorado Newsletter Editor's Note:*

Don Willson wrote regarding this article:

"Attached is the FRONT PAGE newspaper article about the Fort Collins Council Chamber loop installation.

The following statement was a bonus that says a lot.

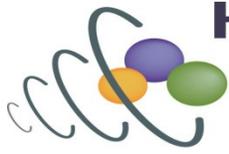
**"A requirement for hearing loop systems has been added to design standards for new and renovated city buildings, he said. Funding was not available for including loop systems in the recently renovated Lincoln Center."**

*(Loops were included in the major remodeling of the 2000 seat theater but a major construction defect from the original build that had to be corrected ate up the reserve.)*

I thought the reporter did a great job of telling the story. We even got a link to [www.hearingloop.org](http://www.hearingloop.org). □

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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 on Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, at the Meadows Branch Library in Boulder. The topic will be **Chapter Roundtable Discussion** – we will talk about chapter development and upcoming Walk 4 Hearing plans. Please join us as we develop and shape the Boulder chapter in 2012- we need your ideas and input! This includes what you want to see for topics and speakers and anything else you

have in mind. **Your ideas are very important.** If you are unable to come to the meeting, please send your thoughts and ideas to [blaaboulder@yahoo.com](mailto:blaaboulder@yahoo.com) or call **303-363-8917** directly to contact the newsletter editor (you can leave voice messages).

**Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm**

Meadows Branch Library, 4800 Baseline Road, Suite C-112, Boulder, CO 80303, behind Safeway

Please also mark on your calendars the great topic for the **March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting:**

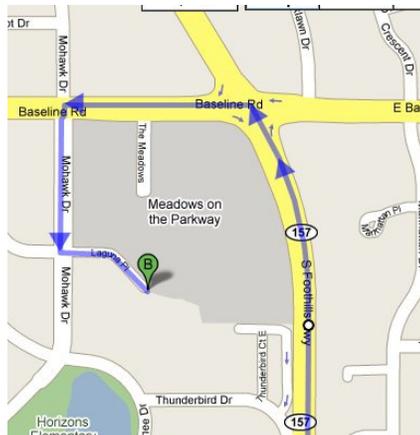
### All You Wanted to Know about Closed Captions and Subtitles on your TV and DVD Player

Jeremy Lovely, Technical Operations Supervisor at Comcast Denver, will fill us in on how to access and optimize the closed captions and subtitles available on broadcast programs and DVDs. He will also answer questions about connecting cables, set top boxes and remotes. Bring your questions to a person whose job it is to train Comcast personnel in these matters.

Even if you are not a Comcast subscriber there will be information that may benefit you generally.

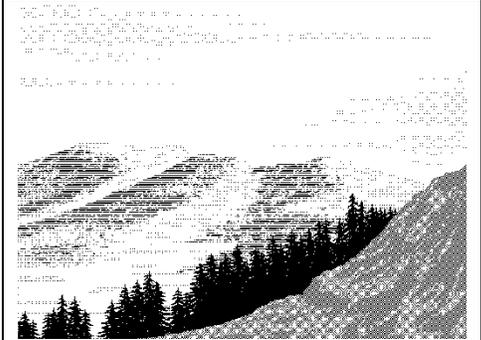
## Volunteers Needed!

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](mailto: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.



### Hearing Loss Association of Colorado

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To submit a news item, article, clipping, story, book review, new product, personal/general member news, etc., please contact Karen Keil, P. O. Box 472704, Aurora, CO 80047-2704 by mail or by home phone by calling **CapTel 1-877-243-2823**, then put in **303-363-8917** or **E-mail: [kkeil75@yahoo.com](mailto:kkeil75@yahoo.com)**. (Please include source, date (and page number if possible).)

**Submission deadline for March 2012 newsletter: no later than Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 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**  
*Being born is like being kidnapped. And then sold into slavery.*  
--- William Shakespeare



## Colorado Springs Chapter

*By Chris Hampton, President*

Information about the Colorado Springs Chapter February 2012 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](mailto:hampton116@gmail.com) □

## Denver HLA Chapter

January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012

### Meeting with the Presenters from Hearing Rehab Center on “What is the Best Hearing Aid”



John Curran, Au.D., George Modreck, MBA, CCC-A



George Modreck, MBA, CCC-A

#### Quote of the Day

*Most human beings have an almost infinite capacity for taking things for granted.*

---Aldous Huxley



**Hearing Loss Association of Denver. Chapter meeting  
February 25<sup>th</sup> 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.** Last month we were treated to a very professional, authentic and entertaining presentation from two widely experienced audiologists, George Modreck, MBA, CCC[-A, and John Curran, Au.D., from the Hearing Rehab Center in Aurora. The topic was ***What is the Best Hearing Aid***, and we were both enlightened and at times surprised by what they had to share.

It was a good way to start off the new year. We will be challenged to maintain this level of excellence, but we will try our best! Attendance was high as we were honored to have folks from the Boulder Chapter join us as well as the Colorado Springs and Ft. Collins Chapter leaders with us. Hope you will return any time.

Good news. We have most of our programs arranged for the next 5 months and this year we will be going back to "potlucking in a park" for our August social. We already have a reservation for the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of August booked. We thank Marjorie for making those advance arrangements. Our weather should be more accommodating in August over September.

This month we are looking forward to a return engagement from Suzanne Robinson with Sprint. Suzanne is a very entertaining and knowledgeable presenter. She understands some of the problems and needs that we have and you can count on her giving us some additional tools or tips to add to our tool box. These will include videophones, smartphones, cell phones and everyday ideas that help us in coping and relating to our fellow worker, friend or family. She is just a good friend to be able to contact or a friend to be at your side. I think you will find it will be a very enjoyable afternoon. Looking forward to seeing you!

We wish to thank Marjorie for our refreshments last month and Helene for serving us this month to help make our tongues and tummies singing as we partake.

**See map and directions on page 7.**

**Last Reminder - HLA OF DENVER CHAPTER DUES:** Annual \$15. Payable to HLA OF DENVER CHAPTER. If you haven't renewed, please pay at the February 25<sup>th</sup> 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**  
**COLORADO**

CO – STATE CHAPTER  
COORDINATOR : Debbie Mohny e-mail [HLAAColorado@yahoo.com](mailto:HLAAColorado@yahoo.com)  
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](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.  
Chapter Contact: Dave Conant Ph 303-777-2279 e-mail [DCONANT2279@MSN.COM](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:ajmelnick@hotmail.com) or [hlaawco@gmail.com](mailto:hlaawco@gmail.com)  
Ph 970-241-2592  
Updated: 09/09/2011 ☐

**DUE DATE: APRIL 11, 2012**

**TO:** Hearing Loss Association of America Leaders  
**FROM:** Hearing Loss Association of America Awards Committee  
**SUBJECT:** Hearing Loss Association of America Awards

Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) Conventions are a time to honor our organizations and members with well-deserved awards. HLAA affiliates find unique and special ways to serve member needs as they reach out and make an impact. National awards acknowledge these achievements and contributions.

The Awards Committee will examine applications with consideration of several factors such as locality, organizational size, etc. Do not presume your achievement "would not stand a chance." Please add appropriate detail to your application and include a completed cover sheet (next page) for each nomination. Nominations that include information closely matching the award criteria stand the best chance for being selected for the award. The following categories of awards will be presented at HLAA's Convention 2012 Awards program on Sunday morning, June 24. **Nominators and recipients will be notified by April 30, 2012;** both are encouraged but not required to attend the Convention and Awards Ceremony.

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The HLAA Awards Committee considers ongoing projects and activities. HLAA may not present awards in each category every year. The Awards Committee will not consider a previous year's recipient for the same category the following year. HLAA requires that individual award recipients be current HLAA national members. Please see the criteria for judging on the following pages. **Please use the award nomination form on the next page or the newsletter form for each entry.**

To be eligible for judging, applications and attachments (where applicable) must reach HLAA by e-mail to [elebarron@hearingloss.org](mailto:elebarron@hearingloss.org) or be postmarked by **APRIL 11, 2012**. If you are mailing materials, please include two copies/sets of each item printed in color. Mail applications to the HLAA Awards Committee at the address noted below. **Please e-mail entries when possible.**

Elizabeth LeBarron  
National States and Chapters Coordinator  
7910 Woodmont Ave., Ste. 1200  
Bethesda, MD 20814 (see Mohny's Musings on p. 5 for more information) ☐

**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

### HLAA Awards 2012 Nomination Papers

HLAA Awards Nomination documents can be obtained from Debbie Mohney. Please see the **HLAA Chapters in Colorado** box on page 4 for her contact information. The documents are:

HLAA Awards Nomination 2012 FINAL.PDF

HLAA Awards Nomination Cover Sheet (general).doc

HLAA Awards Nomination Cover Sheet (newsletters only).doc

### Walk4Hearing in Colorado

Please mark your calendars for these dates:

#### Walk4Hearing Kickoff

Saturday, April 7, 2012

#### Walk4Hearing Walk Day

Saturday, May 19, 2012

### HLAA National Convention 2012

June 21-24, 2012, Providence, Rhode Island

Registration is open for the 2012 Hearing Loss Association of America Convention, June 21 -24, 2012 in Providence, RI. This convention will feature:

\* Keynote Speaker Howard Weinstein, developer of a solar energy powered hearing aid, an analog solar charger, and a rechargeable battery, through his startup company, Godisa Technologies, where he employed persons with hearing loss and physical disabilities.

\* Research Symposium topic "How the Brain Makes Sense of the World of Sound"

\* Friday Evening Banquet featuring "Abracadabra" with award-winning magician George Saterial

\* WaterFire on the River in downtown Providence, a multi-sensory art installation of more than 100 dancing bonfires along the Providence River Find information on the convention at:

<http://www.hearingloss.org/content/convention>

Debbie Mohney's full column will resume next month. □

### 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:

<a href="#"><u>American Idiot</u></a> .....	Mar 11 at 2pm
<a href="#"><u>Beauty and the Beast</u></a> .....	Mar 18 at 2pm
<a href="#"><u>Wicked</u></a> .....	May 20 at 2pm
<a href="#"><u>The Adams Family</u></a> .....	Jul 1 at 2pm
<a href="#"><u>Jersey Boys</u></a> .....	Aug 5 at 2pm
<a href="#"><u>La Cage Aux Folles</u></a> .....	Sep 15 at 2pm
<a href="#"><u>Memphis</u></a> .....	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](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.

<a href="#"><u>Two Things You Don't Talk About at Dinner</u></a> .....	Feb 19 at 1:30pm
<a href="#"><u>The Taming of the Shrew</u></a> .....	Feb 26 at 1:30pm
<a href="#"><u>American Idiot</u></a> .....	Mar 11 at 2pm
<a href="#"><u>Beauty and the Beast</u></a> .....	Mar 18 at 2pm
<a href="#"><u>Great Wall Story</u></a> .....	Apr 22 at 1:30pm
<a href="#"><u>Heartbreak House</u></a> .....	Apr 29 at 1:30pm
<a href="#"><u>Ring of Fire: The Music of Johnny Cash</u></a> .....	May 6 at 1:30pm
<a href="#"><u>Wicked</u></a> .....	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. □



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

**Saturday, February 4, 2012**

**Christine Pett, Outreach  
Coordinator, MED-EL  
Corporation**

**Technology Solutions for Hearing  
Loss**

Christine Pett began her career in the field of deafness in 1991, when single channel cochlear implants were brand new. She spent 12 years teaching deaf children of all ages to listen and speak using their devices before joining MED-EL in May 2010 as a Consumer Outreach Manager. Christine travels to consumer groups to educate them on MED-EL's products and services and helps support children implanted with MED-EL devices in their classrooms. Christine is married and has a deaf stepson who has worn a cochlear implant for 10 years and a beautiful 6 year old daughter.

Some of the products she will talk about include the Maestro Cochlear Implant System, the Vibrant Soundbridge Middle Ear Implant, and

the Electric Acoustic Hearing (EAS) Implant System currently under clinical investigation in the US.

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, February 4, 2012  
10:30am – 12:30pm  
Center for Independence  
740 Gunnison Avenue  
Grand Junction, CO 81501**

**RSVP's are not required but  
appreciated**

**Amy Beckett:**  
[HLAAWCO@gmail.com](mailto:HLAAWCO@gmail.com)  
Or **970-241-2592** □

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR  
FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS!**

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

**March 3: Casey Wren**, KKCO TV Representative  
Casey will talk about captioning for the television, including regulations governing captions and the technology used to produce captions for both live and recorded television.

**April 7: Jim Detterline**, Colorado Adventurer, Mountain Climber and Hearing Loss Advocate  
Jim has been associated closely with Longs Peak since 1979, when he made his first attempt on the 2000 foot high "Diamond" on the east face. He has 375 Longs Peak summits. Jim has been an advocate for those with hearing loss, as he has been similarly afflicted with

hearing loss most of his life, and has worn hearing aids since 1985. Jim will provide an exciting visual presentation of his climbing and rescue adventures, and will include information about his hearing experiences.

**May 5: Program and speaker to be determined**

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.

**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](http://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](http://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 Beckett:  
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](http://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. □

## PROJECT ENDEVOR

Project Endeavor is available for eligible deaf and hard of hearing individuals to apply for almost 50 percent discounted electronic communication technology. The program is funded by the federal grant for two year with last November being the half-way point. The application process is a simple, one-page form. An applicant must be Deaf or hard of hearing, over 16 years old, a US citizen, and below the household income guidelines (up to 400% above poverty level).

Upon being approved, an applicant can choose ONE equipment item (mobile phone, netbook, tablet) plus ONE source of service connection (internet or phone) as needed. It is possible to choose equipment only if the applicant already has a service connection, or service connection only if the applicant already has equipment. Everything is offered at discount price, up to 50% off, but the applicant and/or their support network must pay the remaining balance.

Project Endeavor website  
<http://www.projectendeavor.com>.

Additional contact information:

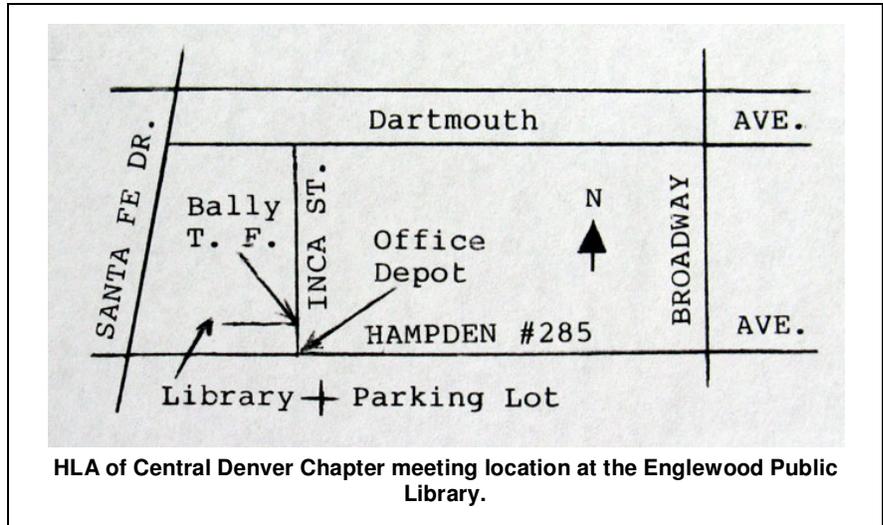
Voice: 877-638-6377

Video Phone: 605-550-4056 and 605-644-7399

Email: [info@projectendeavor.com](mailto:info@projectendeavor.com)

Fax: 605-782-8446

You can go online to the website and click on the "Apply" heading. A dropdown comes down. Click on "Am I Eligible?" to get the eligibility quick check form. If eligible, then click on "Apply" again and click on "How Do I Apply?" and a webpage comes up with two images of the application form—one in English and one in Spanish. Click on the English form and the form comes up with places to type in your information. When done, print out a few copies with one or two for your records and one to send



and fax or mail in the completed form. (You cannot save the filled in data on the form.)

For equipment available to choose from, click on PRODUCTS and look at the several categories of equipment available for you.

Quick Links:  
ELIGIBILITY (QUICK ELIGIBILITY CHECK FORM)  
<http://www.projectendeavor.com/Apply/AmlEligible.aspx>

APPLICATION  
<http://www.projectendeavor.com/Apply/HowDoIApply.aspx>

### 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, 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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### Can Zinc Treat Sudden Sensorineural Hearing Loss?

The mineral zinc has received some attention as of late because it appears to help fight the common cold when taken at the onset of symptoms. However, new research has shown another potential use in regard to idiopathic sudden sensorineural hearing loss, also known as SSNHL. SSNHL, which is a sudden, unexplained loss of hearing, impacts about five to 20 people per 100,000 each year, although it's suspected that a significant number of cases go unreported. Recovery is possible (and occurs in an estimated 32-65 percent of cases), but treatment usually involves systemic, high-dose steroids even though their use is controversial and evidence to support their efficacy is limited. While it's not known exactly why some people develop SSNHL, one theory is that a viral infection or immunologic disease is involved, which brings us to zinc.

<http://tinyurl.com/7v7mknu> □



HLA Boulder Chapter at Turley's, November 19, 2011

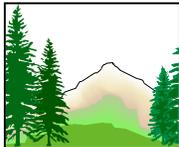
The Boulder November lunch meeting was great. We had about 10 people gather for lunch at Turley's. Jay [Tinglum] from ADCO, was there to show products and answer questions! Join us next time!

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**AN EXCUSE FOR NOT WEARING A HEARING AID**

Said a DeafDigest subscriber:

My mom doesn't wear her hearing aid because she says it makes her tired to hear all day.



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