



Senate Bill 13-039 – Audiologists and Telecoils in Hearing Aids

This bill will be discussed the week of February 11th so time is short. Please send emails to Senator Irene Aguilar, M.D. to support inclusion in the bill the wording on requiring audiologists to inform their patients about telecoils in hearing aids.

- 1) Too many audiologists are not telling the patient about telecoils or demonstrating how it works.
2) Even when telecoils are present in the hearing aids, some audiologists don't tell their patients about them nor activate them.
3) Telecoils are inexpensive, costing around \$10.00. The telecoils give you access and understanding speech clearly via various assistive listening systems like audio loops or personal listening systems.
4) The language in the bill is asking that audiologists inform and/or demonstrate the information on telecoils and have the patient sign a form saying that he/she has received the information and understood it.
5) Please note that the completely in-the-canal hearing aids and the smallest BTE (behind the ear) hearing aids don't have room for a telecoil, but all other hearing instruments can accommodate them.
6) You can write a letter in email using this as an example:

My name is _____ and I am writing in favor of the telecoil education language on the Senate Bill 13-039. I've had telecoils in my hearing aids as standard features since the early 1960s and have found them very useful on the phone and audio loops and other assistive listening situations.

I am very concerned about many people not getting or being informed about telecoils in their hearing devices/aids when they greatly help make the best of hearing well beyond their inexpensive costs. It is more expensive to include telecoils in hearing aids that can accommodate them after they are

purchased, and some can't be modified to include them after the fact.

Please keep the telecoil education language (along with recognition that a very small group of hearing aids don't have room for them) in this bill and thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
(your name)

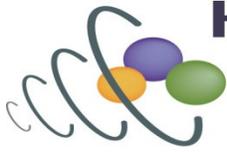
Please add information as you please beyond this about your experiences and observations in the sample email above and make it your own in your own voice.

Please send your emails to Senator Irene Aguilar, M.D. at ireneaguilar.md@gmail.com and spread the word on this to others in support of this language in the Senate Bill 13-039 on Audiologists and telecoils in hearing aids.

Hearing Loss Association of America Home Website
Information on this website has been postponed until next month. Please stay tuned!



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Hearing Loss Association of Boulder

By Debbie Mohny, HLAA Colorado State Coordinator

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The Hearing Loss Association of America – Boulder chapter will be meeting on **Saturday, February 23, 2013, 11:30am – 1:30pm** at the University of Colorado, Department of Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences Building,

2501 Kittredge Loop Road, Room 393, Boulder, CO 80309.

Directions from U.S. 36, exit at Baseline Road, turn left, turn right onto Broadway. Turn right onto Regent Drive, right again on Kittredge Loop Road, then an immediate left. Heading up the hill, take a left at the fork on the left toward the building at the top of the hill, and around the building to the left into the parking lot. The parking lot is open parking on weekends.

This meeting will help us to make plans for the coming year for the Boulder Chapter. In the meantime, please consider the following questions and come with your suggestions. The Boulder chapter is open to all ages of people with hearing loss, professionals, family and friends.

1. Would you like to meet on a weeknight, or Saturday, or Sunday for regular HLA Boulder meetings? And what time works best?
2. Would you be interested in a captioned movie club?
3. Would you like to participate in activities such as hiking, biking, bowling, museum, sporting events (and help me come up with more activities) (some may come with an entrance fee)
4. Are you interested in regular meeting topics? Every month? Every other month, alternated with social activity?
5. Would you like to have non-hearing topics presented using real time captioning and listening system? Topics could be anything useful that you have wanted to learn about, but haven't had gone to because you couldn't understand what was being presented?
6. Are you interested in a chapter project, such as looping venues?
7. Would you be willing to help to organize 1 or 2 meetings?

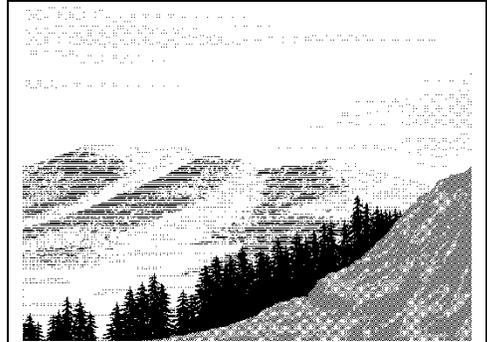
Looking forward to see you all at this meeting and welcome your input! Let's get creative and have some fun in 2013!

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Middle ear implant may restore hearing in deaf patients

A new implant replacing an impaired middle ear can restore hearing in deaf patients, say researchers at the Chalmers University of Technology in Sweden. The invention has been approved for clinical study. The device is called a Bone Conduction Implant (BCI). The BCI is designed to treat individuals who lost their hearing through chronic inflammation of the outer or middle ear, bone disease, or congenital malformations of the outer ear, auditory canal or middle ear. Most of these individuals do not benefit from hearing aids. The device can also help people with an impaired inner ear.

<http://tinyurl.com/aj4f3t3>



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Submission deadline for March 2013 newsletter: no later than Wednesday, February 20th 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

Life is the sum of all your choices.

--- Albert Camus



By Pauline Weiss, President

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

This past week, I read an article written by Gael Hannan, titled "Why People with Hearing Loss Should Meet Other People with Hearing Loss". The truth of it all really hit home. Beyond the practical benefits, such as finding out the latest in Assistive Listening Devices, there is such a positive benefit from going to meetings and workshops and hanging out with people who face the same struggles that I do with my hearing loss. Like Gael says, try it, and "You will come away with a new sense of your hearing loss, an attitude shift that may be subtle or dramatic". I have experienced this myself, and have also seen it with other people. So I'm a believer!

I read this article soon after I went online to pay my registration fee for HLAA's Convention 2013 so it was good timing. At least two of our Chapters members will attend this year's convention in Portland, Oregon at the end of June. I'm looking forward to it all, including meeting Gael in person, as she says she will be at the Convention.

Some of our members have been quite busy attending community meetings, making sure the needs of hearing impaired persons are known. We're seeing the beginnings of change. A church in town has a pilot project going, with remote CART via smart phones. One building in town is in the process of having hearing loops installed in several meeting rooms. More on that when the project is complete and we get a chance to try it out.

At our February 9th meeting, we'll have a presentation by Bob Cooley from International Hearing Dog, Inc. Cami, the Hearing Dog will be with him. It'll be interesting to learn about this whole process and to see Cami in action. This meeting will be captioned.

In March, we will have Laura Hansen from Assist2Hear as our guest speaker.

COLORADO SPRINGS CHAPTER

When: Second Saturday at 1:00 PM every month
Where: Mission Medical Clinic, 2125 E La Salle Street, Colorado Springs, CO
Chapter Contact: Pauline Weiss
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Hearing Loss Association of Denver Chapter meeting February 23rd at the Englewood Library located at 1000 Englewood Pkwy, first floor of the Englewood Civic Center, in the Anderson Room. 1:00 pm for socialization and greeting one another. 1:30 pm program. Chapter Contact: Dave Conant 303-777-2279 voice Membership Contact: Marjorie von Frantzius 303-368-7838 voice

By Paula DeJohn

Our January meeting found us back in the Englewood Public Library, where chapter vice president Bernie Steinberg took the podium to tell us some of the many things he learned at a weekend training session back in October.

Sponsored by Gallaudet University, the Marion Downs Hearing Center, the Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) and the University of Colorado, it covered technology that helps people with hearing loss communicate more effectively. Specifically, Bernie told us, the training was designed to teach participants how to be a resource for others with hearing loss.

"We teach people what's available and how to get it," he explained.

Hearing versus comprehension

What folks with normal hearing often don't realize—and the hearing-impaired quickly learn—is that higher volume doesn't equal better understanding. When speakers talk too fast, or with an accent, or with their hands over their mouths, we need to ask them to please face us and slow down (though we can't really expect them to change their accents!).

Most current technology is aimed at improving speech comprehension by amplifying voices while minimizing background noise. The audio induction loop, Bluetooth, infrared and FM devices, and direct wire connections to hearing aids all help make voices clearer. Hearing aids alone amplify both speech and background sounds, producing a signal-to-noise ratio that seems to drown out the speech in favor of ceiling fans and elevator music.

Meanwhile, laws and the demands of the marketplace are improving the hearing environments in public places, such as churches and theaters, though, as Bernie noted, we have a long way to go provide the kinds of systems now available in Europe.

Put it in writing

Meanwhile, captioning is making it easier to watch television, movies, and plays, and to use the telephone. In theaters, personal captioning devices on eyeglasses and seat-mounted small screens are becoming more common. The newest telephone systems are designed for cell phones, turning speech into text messages.

Real-time captioning requires the assistance of highly trained interpreters, such as Diane, who captions our chapter meetings. Known as CART (Communication Access Realtime Translation), the service can make the difference between enjoying a movie or a meeting and feeling left out and frustrated.

Educate and advocate

Speaking of movies, Bernie encouraged us to ask for assistive listening devices wherever we go, and even to encourage our friends with good hearing to do so. Why? Because the best incentive for

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HLAA Chapters in 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: Debbie Mohney 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 every month

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

Chapter Contact: Pauline Weiss

e-mail HLAACoSprings@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: 11/01/2012

(Central Denver Chapter continued from page 3)

businesses to invest in helpful devices is to have their customers insist on them. If your favorite theater does not provide them, Bernie advises, "Don't go."

We discussed another problem common to movie theaters and other venues: music that is painfully loud. It seems theaters can't soften soundtracks and film studios won't.

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) sponsors a web site called "Turn It Down" to encourage Americans to play their music at lower volume; blasting rock (in every sense) is a real health hazard.

Finally, Bernie explained that for those with Internet access, there is a world of adventure waiting, on web sites that allow sampling of sound effects from various devices. There is even a kind of "library" that lends devices for trial. The site, sponsored by the CU School of Medicine, is www.assistivetechologypartners.org. It covers mobility and other issues besides hearing.

For January's meeting, Marjorie von Frantzius provided snacks and Roger Ponds brought coffee. In February, Janis Sabel will do the honors.

Next month the topic will be hints for managing holiday celebrations and other events where relatives, unfamiliar surroundings and festive sounds combine to make hearing especially difficult.

See map and directions on page 7. □

Central Denver HLAA Pictures from January 2013 meeting



Bernie Steinberg, left, and Dave Conant set up meeting equipment.



Marjorie von Frantzius arranges buffet prior to the meeting.



Paula DeJohn arrives for the meeting. □

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Siemens Introduces Waterproof Hearing Aid

Being deaf or hearing impaired may present technological challenges, especially if you are fond of the great outdoors and all the weather-related perils that come with it. Siemens knows this and developed the Aquaris hearing aid, the only one to receive an IP68 rating for continuous submersion underwater (to three feet). It's also dust- and shock-proof, if you're further up the extreme activity lifestyle ladder. It's not just about keeping the elements out, it's also got Bluetooth, meaning wearers can listen to music on smartphones and other devices while underwater.

<http://tinyurl.com/bf9vwqn> □

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)

SONY = SONY® Access Glasses showing closed captions via infrared transmission (can be put on over prescription eyeglasses). □

Mohney's Musings

By Debbie Mohney, HLAA Colorado State Coordinator

I hope you are all having a wonderful 2013!

Please mark your calendar for the 2013 Colorado Walk4Hearing, Saturday, June 1, 2013 at Clement Park in Littleton, CO. Same location, but a new date! Check www.walk4hearing.org for registration information, if you have participated in the past, you may have already received an e-mail with instructions on how to sign up for this year's walk. Looking forward to seeing all of you back, along with more new faces!

The Walk4Hearing continues to be a great way to raise awareness about hearing loss, and to help raise funds for national and local programs. Last year, we had 3 alliance teams, Center for Hearing, Speech, and Language, Marions Downs Hearing Center Foundation, and Cherry Creek Schools, participate in the walk to help raise funds for their hearing loss projects. We hope to have more alliance teams on board this year!

Another way to learn more about hearing loss is to attend the Hearing Loss Association of America Convention. This year's convention will be in Portland, OR, June 27th – 30th. Check out workshop and registration information at:

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

This year's keynote speaker is Howard Weinstein, Inventor of Solar Ear, manufacturer of hearing aids that run on new solar-powered battery technology, creating new access to hearing aids to the largely excluded population of low-income people with hearing loss in the developing world.

The Research Symposium, always a wonderful insight into current hearing loss research, features the *Latest Developments in Hearing Rehabilitation Research* – includes Diabetes and Hearing Loss, Approaches to Tinnitus Management, and Approaches to Auditory Rehabilitation.

I have attended 11 out of the last 12 HLAA Conventions, and each year I marvel at the wealth of information available, the exhibit hall with access to the latest products for people with hearing loss, and the reconnection with

friends I have met over the years. It's like coming home every year, and I come home energized and ready to share new information.

Hope to see you at our Colorado Walk4Hearing and at the Hearing Loss Association of America Portland Convention!

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Northern Colorado HLAA Chapter

No action on regular meetings at this writing. Don Willson is continuing to advocate for loop accessibility, and had loop accessibility installed in the Fort Collins City Hall chamber. An article on this appeared in the *Fort Collins Coloradoan*, January 23, 2012, p. A1, A2. (See HLA of CO February 2012 newsletter).

Don is meeting with various groups on the topics of hearing loss and related aspects, and is spending most of his time in self-education on this area.

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Hearing Loss Association of America
Northern Colorado Chapter
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HLAA Convention 2013 June 27 – 30

Register for Convention 2013

There's no time like the present! So don't delay – register now for Convention 2013.

Two ways to register:

ONLINE - for quick and secure registration, begin by logging into the HLAA Portal at <https://17291.thankyou4caring.org/ss/page.aspx?pid=291> (you may create a login on this page if you don't have one yet). To see the registration rates prior to logging in, open the Registration Form (PDF) below.

Start by clicking on Convention Registration at <http://www.hearingloss.org/content/registration> on the left menu and read the instructions. Should you have any questions, please contact Nancy Macklin at nmacklin@hearingloss.org.

NOTE: On the same page where you will select your registration package, be sure to add on tickets for *An Enchanted Evening* at the World Forestry Center and RSVP for the Awards Breakfast.

OFFLINE – use the Registration Form (pdf) at <http://www.hearingloss.org/sites/default/files/d>

[ocs/2013_HLAA_Conv_RegForm.pdf](#) and submit it in any of the following ways:

- Mail it to 7910 Woodmont Ave, Suite 1200, Bethesda, MD 20814
- Fax to 301.913.9413
- Scan and email to convention@hearingloss.org

Should you have any questions about the Convention or registration, please contact Nancy Macklin, HLAA Director of Events, at nmacklin@hearingloss.org or 301.657.2248, Ext. 106.

Please check out Portland, Oregon, site of the Hearing Loss Association of America 2013 Convention at <http://micro.travelportland.com/hlaa2013/>. This micro website especially created for HLAA has information on accommodations, key locations marked on a map, orientation links for getting there, getting around, maps, restaurants, bars, wineries, breweries, attractions and activities.

Links are provided for the TRAVEL PORTLAND  app for both Apple and Android tablet/smartphone devices. The micro website also has links to request a free copy of **Travel Portland** magazine or download a PDF of it, a link to subscribe to the **Travel Update** newsletter and a link to browse the Portland website. □

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HLAA National Convention in Oregon in June

The Hearing Loss Association of America will host its annual convention on June 27 to 30 at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland. Highlights of the convention include:

* Howard Weinstein, inventor of solar-powered hearing aids, will deliver keynote at the Opening Session on Thursday, June 27, 5 PM to 6:30 PM. Opening Session sponsored by Williams Sound.

* Opening-night Get Acquainted Party sponsored by CaptionCall. Come meet old friends and make new friends while enjoying light refreshments and entertainment, 8:30-10:30 PM.

* Research Symposium presented by research audiologists from the National Center for Rehabilitative Auditory Research (NCRAR) at the VA National Center in Portland. Topics include

Diabetes and Hearing Loss: Current Findings and Thoughts; Approaches to Tinnitus Management (Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation and Progressive Tinnitus Management); Approaches to Auditory Rehabilitation (Computerized Auditory Training and Group Aural Rehabilitation).

* Workshops featuring professionals from across the country. The workshop schedule has now been posted; a summary of each workshop will be posted soon as well. The line-up of workshops is rich in variety - there is something for everyone, including presentations for spouses and veterans with hearing loss.

* An Enchanted Evening at the World Forestry Center - The Center's mission is to educate and inform people about the world's forests and trees, and environmental sustainability. It's more than that though - it's located in breathtaking Washington Park which is also home to the Oregon Zoo, Portland's Children's Museum, Hoyt Arboretum, Portland Japanese Garden, and the International Rose Test Garden. While at Discovery Museum, you will also have the opportunity to view the Ansel Adams exhibition, Distance and Detail. Ansel Adams (1902-1984), photographer, environmentalist, and social activist, is recognized as one of America's foremost photographers. (Optional event; \$35/ticket)

* Hamilton CapTel(r) presents Hearing Loss Solutions for Veterans, an all-day track of useful information and resources for veterans including a luncheon in the Exhibit Hall.

* Farewell, the Saturday evening banquet will honor the accomplishments of retiring executive director Brenda Battat. Join us for a memorable evening with entertainment provided by the band Five Guys Named Moe. Farewell is sponsored by Contacta and Univox. For more information and registration, visit <http://www.hearingloss.org>.

Source: Hearing Loss Association of America □

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:

<i>Catch Me If You Can</i>	Mar 10, 2013	2 pm
<i>Spamalot</i>	Mar 30, 2013	2 pm
<i>Mary Poppins</i>	May 4, 2013	2 pm
<i>Sense & Sensibility: The Musical</i>	May 19, 2013	1:30pm
<i>Les Miserables</i>	May 25, 2013	2 pm
<i>Peter and the Starcatcher</i>	Sept 1, 2013	2 pm
<i>Priscilla, Queen of the Desert</i>	Sept 15, 2013	2 pm
<i>Sister Act</i>	Oct 6, 2013	2 pm
<i>Evita</i>	Jan 2014	TBA
<i>Once</i>	Apr/May 2014	TBA
<i>The Doyle & Debbie Show</i>	Spring 2014	TBA

Please come and support this open captioning effort!

Tickets
 Voice: (303) 893-4100
 TTY: (303) 893-9582
 Online: www.denvercenter.org

If you wish to get updates on these shows and any other shows in e-mail, please send e-mail to kkeil75@yahoo.com to be put on the **Captioned Live Shows e-mail list**.

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 Bonfills Theatre Complex and through house management at the coat check in the other theatres (photo id required).

For a Braille script or large print program, please call 303.893.4836 or ckrueger@dcpa.org at least two weeks before the performance.

<i>Grace, or the Art of Climbing</i>	Feb 17, 2013	1:30pm
<i>Ed, Downloaded</i> <small>(Audio Description only)</small>	Feb. 16, 2013	1:30pm
<i>Romeo & Juliet</i>	Feb 24, 2013	1:30pm
<i>Catch Me If You Can</i>	Mar 10, 2013	2 pm
<i>Spamalot</i>	Mar 30, 2013	2 pm
<i>A Weekend with Pablo Picasso</i>	Apr 21, 2013	1:30pm
<i>Other Desert Cities</i>	Apr 28, 2013	1:30pm
<i>Mary Poppins</i>	May 4, 2013	2 pm
<i>Sense & Sensibility: The Musical</i>	May 19, 2013	1:30pm
<i>Les Miserables</i>	May 25, 2013	2 pm
<i>Peter and the Starcatcher</i>	Sept 1, 2013	2 pm
<i>Priscilla, Queen of the Desert</i>	Sept 15, 2013	2 pm
<i>Sister Act</i>	Oct 6, 2013	2 pm
<i>Evita</i>	Jan 2014	TBA
<i>Once</i>	Apr/May 2014	TBA
<i>The Doyle & Debbie Show</i>	Spring 2014	TBA

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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The Effects of Aging on Auditory Processing

The effects of aging on peripheral hearing function are well known, and age-related hearing loss (presbycusis) is common among those over 60. An audiologist during a typical hearing evaluation considers whether test results conform to expectations for a presbycusis hearing loss, which is a gradually sloping hearing loss in the high frequencies. What we may fail to consider, however, are the effects of aging on central processing. The American Academy of Audiology Task Force on Central Presbycusis recently published a review of the literature for central presbycusis, concluding that evidence supports the existence of a central presbycusis that arises

from a combination of factors involving age- and disease-related issues, including changes in cognitive function. <http://tinyurl.com/a257ph9> □

Directions and Map to Englewood Public Library

From East Hampden:

Turn right on to S. Inca St.

From West Hampden:

Turn left on to S. Inca St.

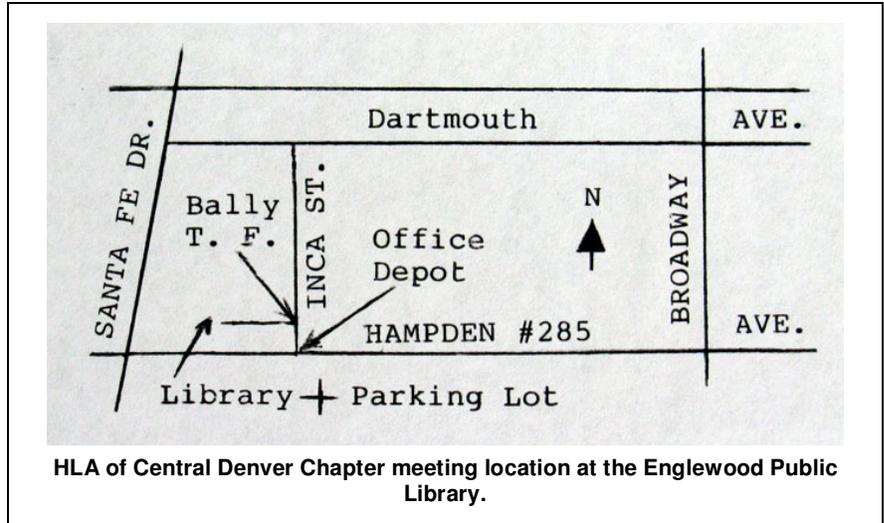
Turn left where the Bally store is and continue to go into the parking garage to park. The library is on the right next to the garage.

From Dartmouth Avenue:

Turn left from the East or turn right from the West into S. Inca St. at the northern end.

Continue south on S. Inca St. Turn right where the Bally store is, and continue into the parking garage. Library is to the right.

See map on this page. □



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

**Free Monthly Meeting
Saturday, February 2, 2013**

**Double the Effectiveness of
Hearing Aids – Get in the Hearing
Loop!**

Laura Hansen, Assist2Hear

Are you familiar with Hearing Loops? Induction loop systems can help you hear better at home and in public venues. All that is required is a telecoil in your hearing device. The loop creates a magnetic field that is picked up by the telecoil which is converted to sound sent from the loop amplifier. Background noise is reduced, creating a clearer signal from the source of the sound. Additional equipment is not required; users of the system can discreetly turn on their telecoils to receive the sound. Hearing loops are being installed in public buildings throughout the country.

Ms. Hansen is the owner and founder of Assist2Hear, a Colorado company active in professional installation of induction loop systems. Having worked in the Senior Care industry, Laura has seen many seniors isolate themselves

because they cannot hear in social settings and are unaware of available products to help in these settings. The company is committed to making improvements to public and private meeting places to help them conform to ADA guidelines for those with hearing disabilities, and to promoting Induction Hearing Loop technology in both residential and commercial settings throughout Colorado. Come learn more about this technology and its benefits.

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 2, 2012
10:30am – 12:30pm
Center for Independence
740 Gunnison Avenue
Grand Junction, CO 81501**

RSVP's are not required but appreciated

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Or 970-241-2592** □

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, public awareness, and service delivery related to hearing loss.

More about Assist2Hear at www.assist2hear.com

Thanks to a grant provided through the Colorado Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, our meetings are captioned.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR
UPCOMING HLAA WCO
MEETINGS!**

**You don't want to miss these
informative sessions!**

All HLAA Western Colorado 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. (No meeting in June, July, and August.)

**March 2, 2013: John Schultz, MA
Managing Emotions and Expectations**
Many people with hearing loss want to function fully in the hearing world. The reality is that may not be possible. Therefore, we can learn to cope by managing our emotions and expectations. This session will be a guided group discussion, led by counselor John Schultz.

**April 6, 2013: Christine Pett, MED-EL
Auditory Rehabilitation**
After receiving hearing instruments such as hearing aids or cochlear implants, auditory rehabilitation can help the user adapt and become more adept at using the instruments. Just as physical rehabilitation after an injury is important to the body, auditory rehabilitation is important for hearing instrument wearers.

May 4, 2013: Denice Roberts, Assistive Technology Partners Devices for Your Life

Ms. Roberts, our chapter's Professional Advisor, will present and demonstrate various devices to help people with hearing loss be independent and safe in their homes.

June 1, 2013: Colorado Walk4Hearing, Littleton Colorado

Plans are underway for the annual Colorado Walk4Hearing. This project raises awareness about hearing loss and provides funds to continue our hearing loss advocacy efforts. We will try to participate from the Western Slope.

June 27 – 30, 2013: HLAA National Convention, Portland

It's time to register for Convention 2013 in Portland, OR! Get more information at: <http://www.hearingloss.org/content/convention>

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The bad news is time flies. The good news is you're the pilot.

– Michael Altshuler



Boulder Magazine, Winter/Spring 2012-13 Features Article, WELCOME TO THE HEARING WORLD

The subtitle of this article (pp. 73-75) says, "Whether because of stigma, denial or cost, only about 20 percent of people who need hearing aids have them. But new high-tech aids are really worth the money."

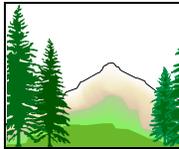
Debbie Mohny, HLAA Colorado State Coordinator and Sue Defenbaugh are profiled in this article (pp. 73-75) with their experiences before and after getting new high tech hearing aids.

The article discusses high-tech aids in that they can synchronize with MP3 players, TV, and landline phones among other things, using accessories for them. They are also fine-tuned for sound quality adapted to your specific hearing loss.

It also discusses the impact of hearing loss has on a person's quality of life with family, friends and in the work place. It features two side boxes with facts regarding damage from noise upon one's hearing, giving decibel levels for everyday sounds and statistics on hearing loss today.

The *Boulder Magazine Winter/Spring 2012-13* issue is free and available on the newsstands locally and also can be downloaded in entirety as a PDF file at <http://www.getboulder.com>. The article can be read online or printed off to your computer printer. The PDF article alone with the magazine cover may be downloaded at this link here: <http://tinyurl.com/WorldofHearing>

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