

Marion Downs Celebrating the Legacy Awards Gala, Sunday, January 26, 2014 to celebrate Marion's Legacy on her 100th Birthday



L to R: John Schneider, Roger Ponds, Donny Osmond, Marion Downs, and Merrill Osmond.

The Marion Downs Hearing Center Foundation presented the Celebrating the Legacy Awards Gala, on Sunday, January 26, 2014 to celebrate Marion's legacy on her 100th birthday that very day at the Hyatt Regency Tech Center in Denver, Colorado. The Gala was held in part to raise funds for a new building for hearing loss research and help for all people with hearing loss.

The Marion Downs Hearing Center people supported the HLAA Colorado chapter members with putting on a one-day conference for people with hearing loss in their meeting place for three years, providing speakers, topics and help with many of the costs/expenses.

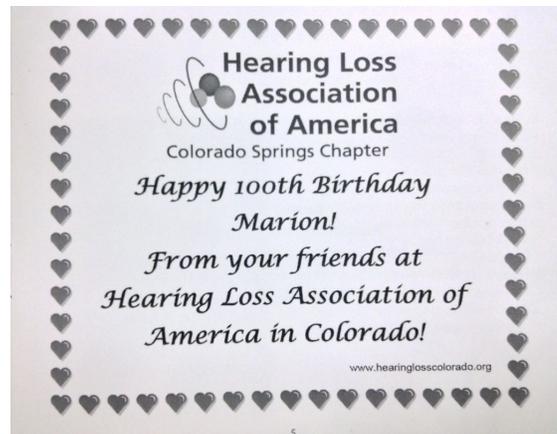
In appreciation of their help, the HLAA -- Colorado members put a half page ad of appreciation in the program. Three Colorado HLAA members and an employee from a long-time corporate Walk4Hearing sponsor attended the Gala -- Debbie Mohney, Karen Keil, both from the Boulder Chapter, and Roger Ponds from the Denver Chapter, and Kathy Keil Norris from Lockton, a Walk4Hearing company sponsor.

Roger Ponds was once a patient of Marion Downs, a very well-known audiologist, and she diagnosed his hearing loss when he was 4 or 5 years old. She remembers him well (and all her

other patients that crossed her door over the years). Marion Downs is the author of a book, **Shut Up and Live!**

The famous musical Osmond Family was involved with Marion Downs and her center through Justin Osmond, son of Merrill Osmond. The family went to Denver over the years for diagnosis and support with Justin's hearing loss. Two other members of the Osmond family also have hearing loss.

Donny Osmond presented a show of singing and video, and Merrill Osmond sang a song solo. Justin Osmond and Isela Barron, a young CI recipient, played a violin duet tribute, *Any Dream Will Do*, to Marion Downs. John Schneider (of *The Dukes of Hazzard* TV show) was the Emcee.



HLAA – Colorado ad in the Gala Program □

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Hearing Loss Association of Boulder

By Debbie Mohney, HLAA Colorado State Coordinator

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Communication Strategies

Saturday, February 15, 2014, 3pm – 5pm,
University of Colorado, Dept of Speech, Language and
Hearing Sciences Building,
2501 Kittredge Loop Road, Room 230,
Boulder, CO 80309.

We will have a discussion on Communication Strategies.

DIRECTIONS: from U.S. 36, exit at Baseline Rd, turn left, turn right onto Broadway. Turn right onto Regent Dr, right again on Kittredge Loop Rd, 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. PLEASE NOTE: this parking lot is up at the top by the Events Center, and the Department of Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences Building is across the parking lot. □

Text to 911 Update

Fri, 02/14/2014

On January 30, 2014, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) adopted a policy statement setting forth goals for achieving text-to-911 and issued a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FNPRM). The policy statement highlighted the nation's four largest wireless telephone providers' commitment to make text-to-911 available to all their customers nationwide by May 15, 2014.

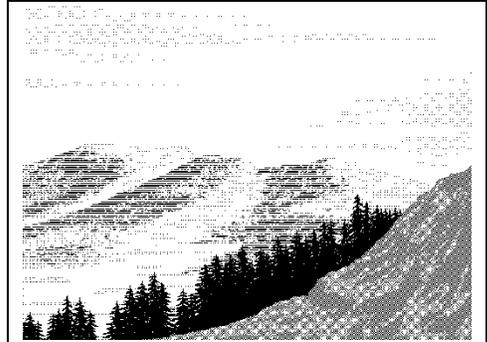
The FCC encouraged other text providers to offer text-to-911 as well and asked for comment on proposals to meet the goals of making sure that people with disabilities have direct access to 911 services and enabling people in situations from which it might be impossible or dangerous to make a voice call (i.e., hostage situation, domestic violence) to make text-to-911 calls. In his statement at the FCC's Open Commission Meeting, Chairman Tom Wheeler said it is now up to the 911 call centers, known as Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs), to make themselves ready to accept these texts.

Source: HLAA website: <http://www.hearingloss.org/content/text-911-update> □

DeafDigest Mid-Week edition, February 13, 2014

A Deaf Participant in the Sochi Winter Olympics

We have a deaf participant in the Sochi Winter Olympics, going on right now. It is Elena Yakovishina, from Russia. Specializing in alpine skiing, she finished 14th in the super-combined and 28th place in the downhill. Interestingly enough she said that her hearing aid helps her while doing downhill with the skis. Hearing aids are not permitted in the Deaflympics and in the Winter Deaflympics! DeafDigest thinks she is the first deaf participant in the Winter Olympics; we have many deaf participants in the Summer Olympics, but not in past Winter Olympics! □



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Submission deadline for March 2014 newsletter: no later than **Saturday, February 22nd 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

It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop.

--- Confucius



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

By Pauline Weiss, President

The Colorado Springs Chapter of HLAA meets the second Saturday of each month, September through May, from 1-3 pm, at The Independence Center, 729 South Tejon Street, in Colorado Springs. Parking is available in the parking lot behind the building. Enter through the back entrance. Our meeting room is on the 2nd floor, and has a professionally installed hearing loop system. Live captioning (CART) is also provided.

At our January meeting, we viewed the *Who We Are* video from HLAA's website. Following that, we had a lively discussion on many topics dealing with living with hearing loss and goals for our chapter. Dianne Reitan brought her newly designed chapter flyer, with the catchy heading *Hard of Hearing? Join the Club!*. Each member received one copy and was asked to distribute this somewhere in town – at their church, clubhouse, gym or wherever people gather. This is part of our ongoing effort to reach and help more hard of hearing people.

Did you happen to read the *HLAA State and Chapter News* in the November/December issue of *Hearing Loss Magazine*? If so, you probably read about our chapter's work to ensure effective emergency communications during disasters. Live captioning on television vastly improved since our meeting, and for that we're grateful.

We plan to have more social activities and some trips to the movies lie ahead.

We're looking forward to introducing more people to the Captiview devices and Sony Access Glasses that are available for captioning, as well as the ALD's that theaters provide to add to our enjoyment of the movie experience.

Vickie Pacheco and I enjoyed our recent trip to Boulder, where we attended the Boulder Chapter monthly meeting on January 18. It's always good to be able to meet our fellow Colorado members!

For our February 8 chapter meeting, our speaker will be Damon Boyce, Au.D. Dr. Boyce is Staff Audiologist at Westone Laboratories, Inc., a company whose headquarters are located here in Colorado Springs. They specialize in custom earplugs and earpieces as well as other products to protect and enhance hearing. Poorly fitted earmolds can prevent hearing aid users from being successful with their amplification, and Dr. Boyce will discuss the warning signs of a poorly fitted mold and ways to address fit related issues. He'll show us various options available for custom earmolds and we'll also look at some of the other custom products available on the market today.

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COLORADO SPRINGS CHAPTER

When: Second Saturday at 1:00 – 3:00 PM every month

Where: The Independence Center, 729 South Tejon Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Chapter Contact: Pauline Weiss

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**Hearing Loss
Association
of America**
Central Denver Chapter

Hearing Loss Association of Denver Chapter meeting February 22nd at the Englewood Library located at 1000 Englewood Pkwy, (Hampden and Santa Fe), 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 Historian: Marjorie von Frantzius 303-368-7838 voice

By Paula DeJohn

The Denver Chapter began its first meeting of the New Year with the election of officers. Members accepted, by voice vote, a slate of candidates recommended by the nominating committee. The new President is Bernie Steinberg, who moves up from the position of Vice President. Succeeding him as Vice President is Beth Harris. Paula DeJohn is the new Secretary, and Ann Monson was reelected Treasurer.

The wounds of war

Guest speaker was Steve Huart, Au.D., audiology supervisor at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Eastern Colorado Health Care System in Denver. Steve informed us that slow but steady progress continues in the construction of a new VA hospital in Aurora, at the old Fitzsimons complex. A U.S. Navy veteran, Steve has been an audiologist for 30 years. Before coming to Denver in April 2013, he worked at the Mayo Clinic and at the VA hospital in Tucson, Arizona.

Treatment of hearing loss is a major concern at the VA. Hearing loss and tinnitus are at the top of the list of ailments that returning veterans suffer. This is not surprising, given the din of war many soldiers are exposed to for long periods. The 155 mm Howitzer, a piece of artillery familiar to ground troops, sounds off at 181 decibels, according to the Army. Aircraft, rifles and explosive devices also are damaging.

Steve noted that it only takes one incident of excessive noise to damage hearing. Skipping use of protection just once, while firing a weapon, for example, can be harmful. Unfortunately, hearing protection is not the highest priority during combat.

“Very few people actually go deaf from noise exposure,” Steve noted, “but you can have a really nasty hearing loss.”

With hearing loss at the top of the list of injury categories during recent wars (and a historical problem since the invention of gunpowder), nearly all of the 151 VA hospitals offer audiology services. In addition, there are outpatient clinics scattered throughout the country. Eleven are in Colorado, and seven of these have sound booths for hearing tests.

To counter a myth among some veterans, Steve stressed that the VA provides top-of-the-line services and devices to its patients. Thanks to its high purchasing volume, the VA can negotiate the best prices with manufacturers. “VA is the largest consumer of hearing aids in the world,” Steve said.

Veterans who meet income limits, and all veterans whose disabilities are service related, pay nothing for their hearing aids or examinations or any other services. Those with higher income levels are charged a small co-pay.

The play's the thing

Speaking of services, Denver-area HLA members are invited to attend performances of the Denver Center for the Performing Arts (DCPA) and try out the assistive listening devices provided by the various theaters. Several Denver Chapter members attended a performance of Hamlet on a recent

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HLAA Chapters in Colorado

CO – STATE CHAPTER

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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 3:00 – 5:00 PM, Sept. - May

Where: University of Colorado, Dept of Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences Bldg, 2501 Kittedge Loop Road, Room 230, Boulder, CO 80309. Chapter Contact: Debbie Mohney, 303-938-9659

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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 every month

Where: The Independence Center, 729 South Tejon Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Chapter Contact: Pauline Weiss

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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

Chapter Contact: Amy Becktell e-mail ajmelnick@hotmail.com or

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Looking ahead to March, we'll have an emergency preparedness overview.

Presenter Nick DeSutter is The Independence Center's Emergency Preparedness Coordinator. He will present interactive material including a brief overview of his program and areas in which individuals who are hard of hearing can best prepare for, react to, and recover from local emergencies and disasters. □

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weekend. The sound system in the Bonfils Theater helped those who needed a volume boost enjoy the immortal speeches—and no help was needed to appreciate the clanking swordfights!

Bernie, our representative on the community relations board of the DCPA, says those who have so far hesitated to attend live performances in the past should give this venue a try. Technology and culture can work together to make our lives better.

A limited number of tickets are available, at no charge to HLA members, for the following plays:

Shadowlands, March 28-April 27

Animal Crackers, April 4-May 11

See map and directions on page 7. □

DeafDigest Mid-Week edition, January 31-February 1, 2014
<http://deafdigest.net/2014/01/>

Hearing Ear Dog In An Unusual, But Dangerous, Job

A deaf person using his hearing ear dog to help him with his unusual, but dangerous job? Yes – as a truck driver! This job is dangerous for many reasons, and hearing truck drivers must listen for noise and sounds while on the road. Yes, deaf truck drivers deal with these same dangerous situations, using their eyes instead of their ears. But for one deaf truck driver, he uses his hearing ear dog to alert him to noise and sounds. Seems he's the only deaf truck driver to use a hearing ear dog. □

DeafDigest Mid-Week edition, January 13, 2014

A Brave Deaf Man Became A Hero

Four people were in an elevator in New York City, three of them hearing; the fourth person was deaf. The elevator fell down four floors, knocking out three hearing people unconscious. The deaf man, despite the impact on elevator hitting the bottom level, was still conscious. He pulled open the elevator roof and yelled for help in ASL. Luckily one of the rescuers knew ASL and could communicate with him. In due time all four people were rescued. Who was that deaf man and when did it take place? It was Henry Souwein and the year was 1913! □

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 for Regal and United Artists theatres in Colorado.

<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). •

HLAA Files a Friend of the Court Brief Supporting Equal Access to Captioned Telephones

On August 26, 2013, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) adopted rules regarding the use of Internet-based captioned telephone service (IP CTS) and software applications (apps) that provide captioned phone calls on smart phones. Included in the rules was the requirement that captioned telephones and apps would be available only if they were purchased for a minimum of \$75 each. They also ruled that the phones must be set up so that captions would not appear until the consumer turned the captions on.

HLAA has watched captioned telephone services become increasingly successful since their arrival on the scene in 2001. Over the years, it has proven to be the one service that is truly equivalent to the traditional phones many of us grew up with: pick up the phone, dial and talk directly to friends, family, co-workers, even Joe's Pizza. The FCC, instead of embracing the success of captioned telephone services, appears to be focusing primarily on the cost of providing captioned telephone services.

In response to the new rules, CaptionCall, one of the companies that provide captioned telephones, filed a Stay Request and a Motion to Vacate in the Washington, D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals, arguing the new FCC regulations violated the rights of people with hearing loss as guaranteed by the ADA. Their Stay Request was granted in part by the court on December 6, 2013, so that companies are now permitted to offer IP CTS phones for free with professional certification of hearing loss.

HLAA supports the FCC's efforts to ensure that no fraud or misuse harm the TRS fund. However, we believe this rule goes too far. The ADA is a civil rights law: no one should have to pay a special fee to have access to their civil rights. Consumers with hearing loss who need captioned telephones should not be prevented, deterred or discouraged from receiving this essential service.

In their brief to the court, CaptionCall notes that the FCC acted when the number of users of IP CTS approached 150,000 in January 2013. With 48 million Americans with hearing loss, it would

seem logical that more than 150,000 of those people would benefit from captioned phones. In addition, the FCC apparently did not dispute CaptionCall's claim that preserving the fund would have required an increase of only three one hundredths of one percent in the contribution factor for contributors to the TRS Fund.

HLAA Files Friend of the Court Brief

HLAA filed a Friend of the Court Brief (amicus brief) January 14. We support CaptionCall's petition to the court requesting that the FCC's Order be vacated on two issues: 1) regarding the requirement of the minimum \$75 fee for the phone or software applications; and 2) the requirement for keeping the captions on. We argue that these rules create a barrier to people with hearing loss who could benefit from or have benefited from captioned phones. It's our understanding the court will rule on the issue sometime this summer. When that happens, we'll know just how difficult it will be for people to make a simple phone call.

Source: <http://www.hearingloss.org/content/hlaa-files-friend-of-the-court-brief>. □

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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DeafDigest Mid-Week edition, January 28, 2014

A Familiar Deaf Face Coming Back to TV

A popular TV reality program is **The Amazing Race**. The 2014 edition will start on February 23rd. One of the returning teams is the Maggie O'Donnell-Luke Adams team which excited the nation in the past. While mother Maggie is hearing, son Luke is deaf. □

Depression and Medication

By Claudia Reiche

01/04/2013



This is probably a good time to talk about depression. With the holidays behind us, the long hours of darkness, and the cold weather, a feeling of melancholy may set in. Dealing with depression is such a big subject! Recently, I conducted a survey, which included an inquiry about what types of issues people are seeking help with. Not surprisingly, depression emerged as one of the top three. Rest assured, if you are struggling with depression you are not alone, quite on the contrary!

It is true that there is a lot we can do to support the process of relieving feelings of hopelessness, diminished enjoyment of activities, sleeplessness and many other of the symptoms connected with depressive conditions. The combination of therapy and medications has shown to be effective in research studies. However, in this country there is a tendency to prescribe psychotropic medications rather quickly (e.g., Prozac, Celexa, Wellbutrin). Sometimes the side effects of the drugs are so disabling that they make it difficult to appreciate their value.

Medical doctor Elliot Dacher states: "Every time I prescribe a medication or another practitioner prescribes his or her form of treatment, we are toying with a very sharp knife that cuts two ways: In one direction it augments the process of recovery; in the opposite direction it cuts the individual off from his or her experience, denying the patient access to deeper intentions, personal growth and development, and, in fact, long-term potential for high-level health." A friend of Dr. Dacher's, a psychiatrist, provided evidence of this predicament when he declared: "Prozac allowed me to function again. It allowed me to keep my hand in

the fire far longer than I should have.” In other words, “numbing” ourselves with medications can actually have a destructive effect by tolerating situations that need to be remedied.

Dr. Dacher touches on a central entanglement: treating symptoms versus healing the source of a problem. Medications in and of themselves cannot provide a satisfying answer. For lasting relief, we have to do the work within ourselves, otherwise we will fall short of our potential. The good news is, you don't have to do this undertaking by yourself. Accept any help you can get.

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

Captioned Live Showings Coming up in 2014 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:

Million Dollar Quartet	Mar. 9, 2014	2 pm
Chicago	Mar. 22, 2014	2 pm
Rock of Ages	Apr. 26, 2014	2 pm
Animal Crackers	May 4, 2014	1:30pm
Once	May 18, 2014	2 pm
American Idiot	May 24, 2014	2 pm
The Book of Mormon 2015	Aug. 30, 2015	2 pm

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**.

Accessibility Brochure Available!

Also, you can get the beautiful **2013-2014 Accessibility Brochure** both in print and in PDF with listings of all live shows with accessibility format. The PDF format can be obtained at <http://tinyurl.com/DCPAaccess1>. You can see listings of accessible live shows here at this link at www.denvercenter.org/accessibility.

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 with promo code **ASL**, 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 or large print program, please call 303.893.4836 or ckrueger@dcpa.org at least two weeks before the performance.

Hamlet	Feb. 23, 2014	1:30pm
Girls Only	Mar. 2, 2014	2 pm
Million Dollar Quartet	Mar. 9, 2014	2 pm

Chicago	Mar. 22, 2014	2 pm
Rock of Ages	Apr. 26, 2014	1:30pm
Shadowlands	Apr. 27, 2014	1:30pm
Animal Crackers	May 4, 2014	1:30pm
Once	May 18, 2014	2 pm
American Idiot	May 24, 2014	2 pm
The Book of Mormon 2015	Aug. 30, 2015	2 pm

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

Order Your Free DVD(s)

Ever wonder how the organization you help run and HLAA are linked? Do your members know how HLAA helps support them? Learn how we work together to support people with hearing loss. Go to <http://tinyurl.com/hlaateamwork> to view the captioned video "**HLAA - Teamwork for Hearing Loss Awareness**." Even if you have seen it before, it is worth seeing again as a refresher. You might also show the video at an upcoming chapter or state organization meeting. It's only 8 minutes long and chock full of useful information. You can even quiz your members afterward on what they learned.

HLAA also offers the DVD "**Learn About Hearing Loss**," a series of seven, 4-minute, captioned videos to help people recognize that they have a hearing loss and what they can do about it.

If you would like HLAA to send you either DVD, please write to Chapters@hearingloss.org and place "TEAMWORK DVD" and/or "LEARN DVD" in the subject line. □

"Adventure is worthwhile in itself."
-- **Amelia Earhart**

DeafDigest Mid-Week edition, January 8, 2014

Stealing From A Famous Deaf Artist

There is a book about Ann Silver, the deaf artist; it is titled "**One Way; Deaf Way**." As a young woman, she lived in New York, and worked with the Museum of Modern Art's Department of Education division. She drew a logo of Museum's ASL interpreter. A few days later she found out that her logo was pirated with different versions being used by different groups. The interpreter sign hands were the same everywhere. Even the

RID logo looks almost the same but because the organization did not commission the artwork, there was no issue with the copyright! ☐

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.

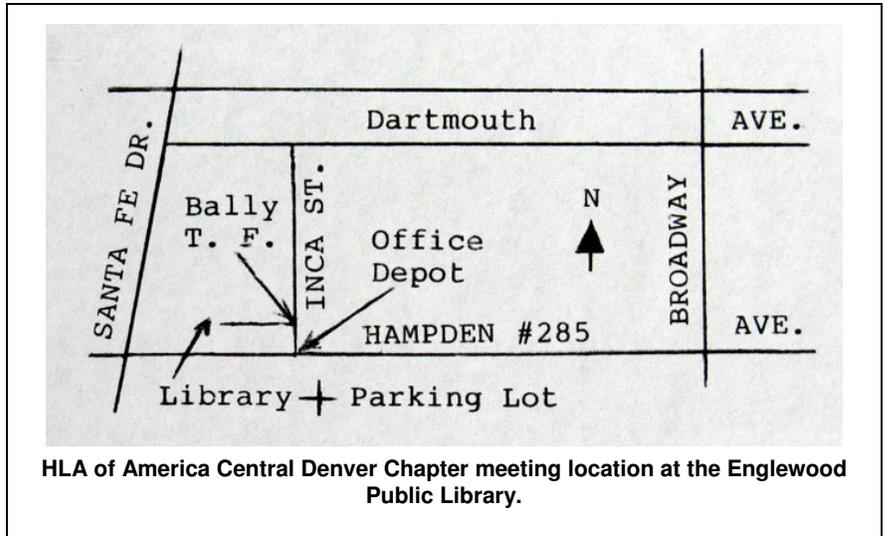
Turn left where the Bally store is and continue to go into the parking garage to park. The library is on the right next to the garage.

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. ☐



HLA of America Central Denver Chapter meeting location at the Englewood Public Library.

If we did all the things we are capable of, we would astound ourselves. -- Thomas Edison



**Western Colorado Chapter
Hearing Loss Association of America
Free Monthly Meeting
Saturday, February 1, 2014
10:30am – 12:30pm
Center for Independence
740 Gunnison Avenue
Grand Junction, CO 81501**

**Jim Pringle, Warning
Coordination Meteorologist,
National Weather Service, Grand
Junction**

(Note: Jim Pringle was unable to attend the January meeting & will instead present for the February meeting)

We all want to be prepared for weather emergencies in our area and when traveling. Having a hearing loss presents challenges with altering systems during emergencies. Jim will discuss emergency preparedness with practical advice for everyone in your family.

Jim has been with the NWS in various roles since 1978. As the Warning Coordination

Meteorologist (WCM), he is the primary liaison between the NWS office and the external emergency managers in the community. In addition to Hazardous Weather Coordination and Spotter Training, the WCM is responsible for the Public Education Program. In this role, Jim is responsible for the hazardous weather education program in our community. He also promotes the science of meteorology and an understanding of weather forecasting to the general public.

This meeting will be captioned and looped. Light refreshments will be served.

This meeting will be captioned thanks to a generous donation from

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March 1: Hearing Aids and Implantable Devices, with a Focus on Improving Music Appreciation

Cory Workman, Au.D. and Jeanette Sadler Au.D., Colorado West Otolaryngologists, P.C Cory and Jeanette will provide an update on the latest technology for hearing aids and implanted devices. They will also focus on steps users can take with their devices to improve music appreciation.

April 5: Guest speaker: Carlene Goldthwaite, President, Create Real Growth, LLC

The program will discuss how to create balance in your life and stay motivated. She will also talk about team building, and how we can improve our “team” of communication partners.

May 3: May is Better Speech and Hearing Month and we will have a special program with lunch.

Chapter Board Meeting, February 26, 2014, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm at the CFI

The Western Colorado Chapter will have a planning and board meeting on Wednesday, February 26, 2014, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm, at the Center for Independence, 740 Gunnison Ave, Grand Junction. The meeting is free and open to all interested parties; however, only chapter members will be allowed to vote, if an issue comes to a vote. We will have captions and the loop will be used. The purpose of the board and planning meeting is to review the status of the chapter and plan activities for the coming year.

Colorado Walk4Hearing, June 7, 2014

The Colorado Walk4Hearing is set for Saturday, June 7, at Clement Park in Littleton, CO. The Hearing Loss Association of America's (HLAA) Walk4Hearing is the largest walk of its kind taking place in multiples cities across the country. Every spring and fall thousands of walkers form teams and walk in their communities to increase public awareness about hearing loss, help eradicate the stigma associated with it and raise funds for programs and services. The website is being updated for the 2014 walks, but you can watch for updated information at www.walk4hearing.org.

National Convention 2014 Registration is OPEN! Austin, TX June 26 – 29

Early-bird rates will be available for HLAA members through Friday, January 31, 2014. Visit the website at www.hearingloss.org for more information. Seeing that Austin is the Music Capital of the World, it seems especially fitting that the keynote speaker for Convention 2014 is music composer Richard Einhorn. In his keynote address, Richard will discuss his life as a professional musician whose work has been performed by some of the greatest orchestras in the world; his personal experience coping with sudden sensorineural hearing loss; and his efforts as a passionate advocate for people with hearing loss. Also, Gael Hannan, an actor with a

hearing loss, will perform at the Saturday evening banquet. □

Hearing Loss Webinars on the National Website

The national website at www.hearingloss.org provides monthly webinars on various topics. These live, captioned webinars can be attended at no charge, but you must set up your computer prior to attending the webinars. You can also go online to view webinars that have been recorded. Upcoming topics are listed below.

Wednesday, February 19, 2014, 8 p.m. – 9 p.m. (Eastern)

How to Start a Hearing Loop Initiative in Your Community

Presenter: Juliëtte Sterkens, Au.D.

Wednesday, March 12, 2014, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. (Eastern)

HLAA's History and Why It Matters Now

Presenter: Julie Olson, HLAA Board of Trustees Past President

Wednesday, April 9, 2014, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. (Eastern)

Attracting and Keeping Volunteers

Presenter: Kate Scherr-Adams, KS Solutions
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The harder you work, the harder it is to surrender. -- Vince Lombardi

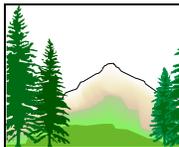
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...HLAA Chapters and State organizations share the same mission as HLAA National? Our united mission is to open the world of communication to people with hearing loss by providing information, education, support and advocacy.

Our Ranks Are Growing

There are now 48 million people with hearing loss in the United States, a 30% increase from the previous estimate of 36 million. The number is based on research conducted by Frank Lin, M.D., Ph.D. at The Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland. □

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