

## Hearing Aid Comparisons: Get The Right Features For You

Wednesday, February 16th 2011 (<http://www.healthyhearing.com>)

To get the most for your money when [buying hearing aids](#), it makes sense to review some features that are available before purchasing. This way you will only pay for the features you want and need and don't pay for features you don't need or won't use. When you [compare hearing aids](#), here are some of the more popular features:

### Channels

More channels means the better the hearing aid can be tuned to your hearing needs and preferences. Fewer channels means fewer tuning options to your specific needs. For some types of hearing loss, more channels are essential in order to fit the amplification (referred to as "gain") to the specific loss in each frequency range.

### Directional Microphones

If you are in a loud environment, but you want to focus on the person speaking in front of you, directional microphones can help by reducing the level of sounds coming from the left, right, and behind you. Assuming you are facing the person you want to hear, directional microphones can help "pull" that person's voice out of the background noise.

### Automation

Many of today's best hearing aids can do everything, without you having to push a button and are basically computers for the ears. These high-end models continuously analyze the sounds around you and automatically adjust the volume, auto-tune the microphone's direction, and reduce unwanted noise. They are able to identify everything from the background noise at your favorite eatery to the wind blowing on the golf course and reduce this background noise automatically.

### Wireless Connectivity

Today there are wireless connections everywhere and the same is true with the newest hearing aids that can pick up

wireless signals, keeping you hooked in with the rest of the world.

Cell phone calls can be routed directly to your hearing aids, along with your television, iPod, MP3, PDA, and more - helping you stay connected to the world of technology around you.



Even entry-level models come packed with features. So what's important to you? Make a list. Then, make an appointment to see a [hearing professional](#)

<http://tinyurl.com/HearingAidComparisons>

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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 **January 28<sup>th</sup> in Denver in a joint meeting with the Denver Chapter** for the Denver Chapter's program of 1) the speakers from the Hearing Rehab Center and 2) the speaker, Namati Katungu from the Colorado Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. For additional details of this joint meeting's agenda, please see the Denver Chapter's column for more

information. The meeting is at the Englewood Public Library in the Anderson Room at 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. See Map and Directions below on this page.

February meeting plans are yet to be finalized, but here is a tidbit planned for the March 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. □

### 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.

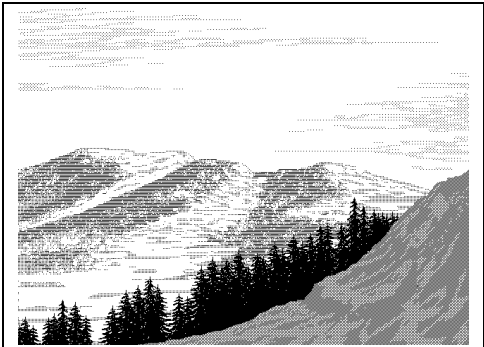
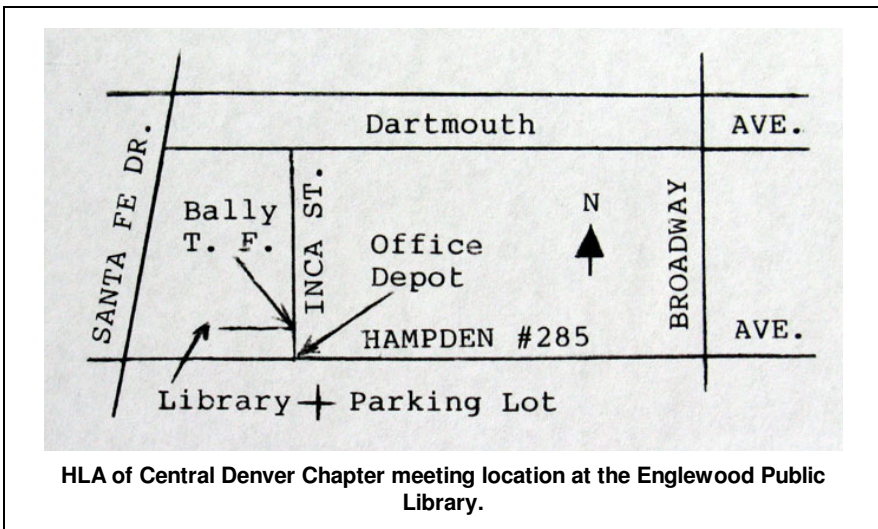
**From Dartmouth Avenue:**

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. □



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**Submission deadline for February 2012 newsletter: no later than Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 pm.** The newsletter is mailed at least 10 days prior to Colorado Springs monthly meeting.

A major objective of HLAA is to develop a constituency of hard of hearing people. This cannot be achieved without members throughout the U.S. Members of HLAA groups and chapters should be members of HLAA National to help accomplish the goals that will benefit all hard of hearing people and at the same time receive the benefits of that national membership.

**Individual:** \$35/USA, \$35/Canada/Mexico, \$45/Overseas (via airmail).

**Professional:** \$35/USA, \$45/Canada/Mexico, \$55 /Overseas (via airmail).

(Other types of memberships include **Library, Non-Profit Organization** and **Organization**, etc.)

For information, send a SASE to HLAA, 7910 Woodmont Ave., Suite 1200, Bethesda, MD 20814.

### Quote of the Month

What an anchor is to a ship, hope is to the soul. Both ships and souls are kept safe by a firm, secure anchor that keeps holding despite turbulent winds and churning tides.

--- from **Hope for Your Heart: Finding Strength in Life's Storms** by June Hunt

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

**Colorado Springs Chapter**

*By Chris Hampton, President*

Information about the Colorado Springs Chapter January 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 Potluck December 10, 2011**



**Hearing Loss Association  
of Denver**

**Hearing Loss Association of Denver. Chapter meeting January 28<sup>th</sup> at 1000 E. Englewood Pkwy, Englewood Civic Center. 1:00 pm for socialization and greeting one another. 1:20 pm program.**

**Note: We will be back in the Anderson room.** As we have a very full and informative program for you, we would ask that you try to arrive as close to 1:00 as possible to allow for sufficient time to socialize a little and enjoy our refreshments provided by Marjorie von Frantizius!

**We want to start our program this month at 1:20 sharp!** Our speakers this month are from the Hearing Rehab Center in Aurora. They come highly recommended by our own Bernie Steinberg, for whom we are indebted in helping to book and arrange for this program. We hope to have perhaps two audiologists with us to share in the program. The topics that we have suggested that we would like them to cover include: How does one become an audiologist, and how does one go about choosing an audiologist; What we should realistically expect from an evaluation, What are some of the newer features in a 'state of the art' hearing aid, either currently or "in the pipeline", and if they have time perhaps to speak to some the assistive equipment that can benefit us! It'll be meaty stuff for us all to hear about.

Then at 2:20 pm, we will take a very short break and then we hear from Namati Katungu from the Colorado Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. As you may recall, Namati spoke to us about a year ago and he is anxious to touch bases with us regarding new information about things happening with the Commission and to quickly solicit our ideas how these advances might benefit us, providing needed feedback to Namati. We will wind up this "bonus feature" by close to 2:50 pm, so you can digest all that has been shared and to enjoy the rest of the weekend, hopefully filled with new energy about things out there that can help us.

We wish to remind that there is still time to pay your dues and be listed and accounted for in our new directory to be published hopefully by March. Help us make this happen by paying your dues now for those of you who have not already done so.

Finally, we will have transcripts available for you of Dr. Stephen Cass's presentation on ototoxic drugs for those of you who did not already pick one up at the holiday party.

Looking forward to seeing you!! **See map and directions on page 2.**

**HLA OF DENVER CHAPTER DUES:** Annual \$15. Payable to HLA OF DENVER CHAPTER. Please pay at the January 28<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

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Ph 303-938-9659

(Note: Please notify me if you aren't able to reach your chapter contact)

State website:

<http://www.hearinglosscolorado.org>

Join the Hearing Loss Association of America e-mail E-News:

<http://www.hearingloss.org/membership/Sen.asp>

### BOULDER CHAPTER (Boulder)

When: Third Saturday of Month at 10:30 AM, Sept. - May

Where: Meadows Branch Library, 4800 Baseline Road, Suite C-112, Boulder, CO 80303

Chapter Contact: Christie Nudelman e-mail [hlaaboulder@yahoo.com](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.

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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

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## Closed Captioning Now Available for Live Television Onboard Continental Airlines

Wed, 12/14/2011

Press release from PRNewswire - LiveTV, 11/30/11

LiveTV is proud to announce that, for the first time in the history of inflight entertainment, closed captioning is now available for live television content onboard an aircraft. This system enhancement is a major step forward in delivering the excitement of inflight entertainment to those passengers with hearing loss and continues to drive toward LiveTV's goal of a fully realized "At Home in the Air" experience for each of its end-users.

The closed captioning enhancement will initially be offered to passengers on all LTV3-equipped Boeing 737NG aircraft operated by Continental Airlines, a subsidiary of United Continental Holdings, thereby putting each customer in control of the feature while interacting with the 100+ channels of DIRECTV-provided satellite television available onboard. Continental will be the first airline in the world to provide this feature to its passengers.

### About LiveTV

LiveTV is the world's leading provider of live in-flight entertainment and connectivity systems for commercial airlines. Founded in 1998 in Melbourne, Florida, LiveTV has installation and maintenance locations around the world to support the more than 700 aircraft equipped with its products. Current customers include JetBlue, Continental, Frontier, AirTran, Alitalia, Virgin Blue, WestJet and Azul. For a full listing of products and partners, or for more information, please visit [www.livetv.net](http://www.livetv.net). LiveTV is a wholly-owned subsidiary of JetBlue Airways.

News contributed by HLAA Member Bob MacPherson.

<http://www.hearingloss.org/content/closed-captioning-now-available-live-television-onboard-continental-airlines>

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## Captioned Movies in Your Area

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

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

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

<http://www.captionfish.com> (you specify the city and state)

This link lists the showtimes of movies for all theatre chains and businesses that choose to show captions and share the showtimes with Caption Fish with the following kinds of captioning:

**OC** = open-captioned on the movie screen—seen by everyone

**RWC** = Rear Window Captions (closed) --captions from LED screen on back wall seen on reflector panels provided by the theatre

**ST** = Subtitles (like those seen in foreign movies)

**CV** = CaptiView (captions on a device for personal viewing – provided by the theatre)

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## Mohney's Musings

By Debbie Mohney, HLAA Colorado  
State Coordinator

As I reflect back on 2011, I have to include in the highlights the 2011 Colorado Walk4Hearing, attending the Hearing Loss Association of America Convention in Washington, DC, and the Colorado Conference with the Marion Downs Hearing Center in September, and all of the wonderful chapter meetings around the state during the year.

Hearing Loss Association of America is near and dear to my heart, personally because of what I have learned and experienced over the years, and knowing that I am not the only one with hearing loss. As a volunteer with this wonderful organization, it is heartwarming when people to learn how they can take control of their hearing loss, and employ the self help concept that this organization is founded on.

I appreciate every person who has been a part of our chapters in Colorado, the Walk4Hearing, and for all of our dedicated volunteers (you know who you are). You make a difference!

I learned something new today during my visit to my audiologist's office. I have an iCom, a Bluetooth streamer for my Phonak hearing aids. A couple of weeks ago, I had to take it in for repair under warranty for a loose connection. I had noticed, but not thought much of it, that it was taking a while to "pair" each time I turned it on, with my phone, or whatever device I was trying to use. The repaired device came back with a firmware update, which is a term for software program update. Apparently, there are so many advances that devices need to also have their software updated periodically, just like a computer.

For example, if you have a DVD player that is somewhat new, chances are that it can be updated through your computer and the device manufacturer's website. New DVDs may contain programming that is incompatible with older DVD players, and the device needs to be updated. I had heard of cochlear implants being backwards compatible with their processors so that people who were implanted with early electrode devices can benefit from advances in programming with their external processors, not unlike being able to update digital hearing aids. I had not heard of common electronic devices other than computers needing programming updates, but apparently many do! So, be sure to check your device manufacturer's website for instructions on updating your equipment instead of tossing it out to buy new equipment!

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>

Mark your calendars with the tentative date for our 2012 Colorado Walk4Hearing on Saturday, May 19, 2012 at Clement Park in Littleton. Keep your eyes and ears open for more information to follow! □

### 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:  
*American Idiot*.....Mar 11 at 2pm  
*Beauty and the Beast*.....Mar 18 at 2pm  
*Wicked*.....May 20 at 2pm  
*The Adams Family*.....Jul 1 at 2pm  
*Jersey Boys*.....Aug 5 at 2pm

*La Cage Aux Folles*.....Sep 15 at 2pm  
*Memphis*.....Oct 21 at 2pm

### Please come and support this open captioning effort!

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

[The Whale](#).....Feb 5 at 1:30pm  
[Two Things You Don't Talk About at Dinner](#).....Feb 19 at 1:30pm  
[The Taming of the Shrew](#).....Feb 26 at 1:30pm  
[American Idiot](#).....Mar 11 at 2pm  
[Beauty and the Beast](#).....Mar 18 at 2pm  
[Great Wall Story](#).....Apr 22 at 1:30pm  
[Heartbreak House](#).....Apr 29 at 1:30pm  
[Ring of Fire: The Music of Johnny Cash](#).....May 6 at 1:30pm  
[Wicked](#).....May 20 at 2pm  
[I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change](#).....Jun 24 at 2pm  
[The Adams Family](#).....Jul 1 at 2pm  
[Jersey Boys](#).....Aug 5 at 2pm  
[La Cage Aux Folles](#).....Sep 15 at 2pm  
[Memphis](#).....Oct 21 at 2pm

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

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

**Saturday, January 7, 2012**

**Employment Rights and  
Responsibilities for People with  
Hearing Loss**

William Higgins, Grand Junction  
Managing Attorney

The Legal Center for People with  
Disabilities and Older People (The  
Legal Center)

Bill Higgins became managing attorney of the Legal Center in 2003, and has spent the past eight years traveling the Western Slope to meet with clients. He takes pride in making a difference in their lives. Bill will be discussing employment rights and responsibilities for people with hearing loss. This session is open to all ages, regardless of your work status. Your input and life experiences will be appreciated.

Some of the services that The Legal Center provides include representing students in special education cases, challenging the decisions and provision of services of the community centered boards, and representing many people in housing and employment cases.

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, January 7, 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 □

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The Legal Center for People with Disabilities and Older People (The Legal Center)

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**February 4: Christine Pett**, Outreach Coordinator, MED-EL Corporation  
Christine will present information about technology solutions for various types of hearing loss. Some of the products she will talk about include the Maestro Cochlear Implant System, the VIBRANT SOUNDBRIDGE – Middle Ear Implant, and the EAS Hearing Implant System currently under clinical investigation in the US.

**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!**

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

**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.

**More about the Institute of Self Knowledge at: [www.instituteofselfknowledge.org](http://www.instituteofselfknowledge.org)**

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

**New Member Program**

The New Member Recruitment Rebate began as a Pilot Program in April 2009 to encourage Chapters to recruit national HLAA members, to increase the number of Chapter members who are also national members and to build revenue for the Chapters.

Eight chapters participated in the pilot program and recruited 103 members, so the program was deemed a success.

Our chapter was one of the pilot chapters.

Effective Nov 1, all chapters can elect to participate in the program. The Western Colorado chapter will continue in the program. The chapter will receive a \$10.00 for each new member that joins the national HLAA organization.

However, the dues and application must be submitted to the chapter in order to obtain the rebate. Members who elect to renew their annual membership should submit their payment directly to the national office.

**HLAA will award a free Chapter Delegate registration to the 2012 HLAA Convention to participating Chapters that recruit 5 or more new HLAA members from November 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012. Approximate value: \$300. Location: Providence, RI.**

(Source: HLAA WCO January 2012 Newsletter)

**Upcoming Webinar at HLAA National website**

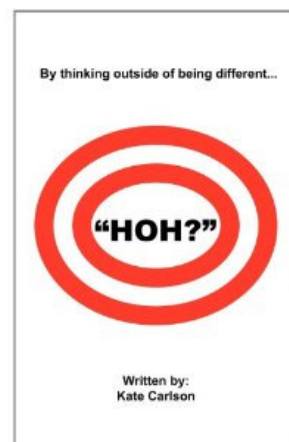
**February 16, 2012, 7pm (EST) - Technology in the Workplace (Esther Kelly)**

Do you use walkie-talkies or two-way radios at work or answer multi-line telephones? Learn "outside of the box" solutions to these and many other workplace difficulties for people with hearing loss.

You can contact the national office to receive printed copies of on-line material if you don't have access to the website.

Hearing Loss Association of America  
7910 Woodmont Ave, Suite 1200  
Bethesda, MD 20814  
Phone: 301.657.2248 Fax: 301.913.9413  
<http://www.hearingloss.org/content/schedule> □

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**HOH? A Book on Hearing Loss  
Get it on Amazon!**

**IF YOU HAD A CHOICE, WOULD YOU BE HARD OF HEARING? OF COURSE NOT!!!**

None of us would make that choice. None of us LIKE the adjustments we had to make when we lost hearing ability - including ME. I am also HOH and decided to write about the process, the adjustments, people's reaction to the high pitched ringing that only a hearing aid can make and the changes that had to happen to continue to make myself comfortable as a HOH.

Some of the changes were difficult, some of the incidents were odd or funny but none of them took away from who I was.

MY BOOK IS CALLED "HOH?" AND IS AVAILABLE ON AMAZON.COM YOU CAN FIND IT UNDER "BOOKS" AND THEN UNDER HOH CARLSON. (Paperback, \$9.99)

<http://tinyurl.com/HOHbyKateCarlson>

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**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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Northern Colorado Chapter  
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**Providence, Rhode Island  
CONVENTION 2012**  
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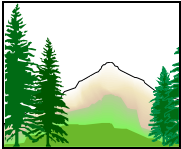
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