

Consumer Hearing Loss Workshop: A Journey with Hearing Loss, September 24, 2011
Marion Downs Hearing Center and Hearing Loss Association of America in Colorado



Just prior to the start of the workshops



Jim Detterline, formerly with the National Park Service, narrates a slideshow of his journey with hearing loss on the job and in life



Jim Detterline spoke of very dangerous climbs to rescue people in the parks



The Professional Panel answering questions



The HLAA Colorado leaders with Jim Detterline (right) as a panel answering questions on hearing loss

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Hearing Loss Association of Boulder

By Christie Nudelman, Boulder HLA Chapter President

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The Boulder October meeting will have Namati Katungu from the Colorado Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing join us. Namati will give an update on the activities and plan for the state. In addition, we will review the convention highlights in Washington, D.C.

Saturday, October 15th, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
Meadows Branch Library, 4800 Baseline Road, Suite C-112, Boulder, CO 80303, behind Safeway

Information from Med-El meeting in September

Maestro Cochlear Implant System:

<http://www.medel.com/us/show/index/id/73/titel/MAESTRO+Cochlear+Implant>

If you or someone you care about is affected by severe to profound hearing loss, the MAESTRO™ Cochlear Implant System from MED-EL may be an effective solution. A cochlear implant system is a medical option for individuals with severe to profound sensorineural hearing loss. For individuals with this type of hearing loss, hearing aids provide little or no benefit.

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<http://www.medel.com/us/show/index/id/87/titel/VIBRANT-SOUNDBRIDGE-Middle-Ear-Implant>

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EAS Clinical Trial

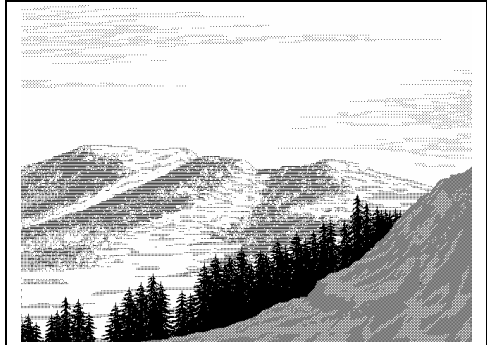
<http://www.medel.com/us/show/index/id/439/titel/EAS+Research>

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Submission deadline for November 2011 newsletter: no later than Sunday, October 30th 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

Freedom is not worth having if it does not include the freedom to make mistakes.

--- Mahatma Gandhi

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

Colorado Springs Chapter

By Chris Hampton, President

There is no October meeting for the Colorado Springs chapter as the September 24th workshops in the Denver area took the place of the October meeting. Details for November will come next month.

COLORADO SPRINGS CHAPTER

When: Second Saturday at 1:00 PM January-October
Where: Mission Medical Clinic, 2125 E La Salle Street, Colorado Springs, CO
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Sound, the Way the Brain Prefers to Hear It

Psychoacoustics has become an invaluable tool in designing hearing aids and cochlear implants, and in the study of hearing generally. "Psychoacoustics is fundamental," said Andrew J. Oxenham, a psychologist and hearing expert at the University of Minnesota. "You need to know how the normally functioning auditory system works - how sound relates to human perception." The field's origins date back more than a century, to the first efforts to quantify the psychological properties of sound. What tones could humans hear, and how loudly or softly did they need to be heard?

http://www.nytimes.com/2011/09/06/science/06sound.html?_r=1

Entertainment overcomes barriers of auditory training

Auditory training takes commitment, not just from audiologists who have to work intensively with patients over long periods of time, but also from patients themselves who have to spend hours improving their listening skills. The problem? Many auditory training programs do not live up to this standard, and patients often do not complete the program. Now, though, new computer-based programs are overcoming many of the barriers that have prevented the use of auditory training, reducing dropout rates and improving the effectiveness of auditory training. The key has been to make the process more engaging by using computer programs that provide face-to-face communication in noise while helping users improve speech comprehension skills.

<http://tinyurl.com/3n39knz> □

**Hearing Loss Association**
of Denver

Hearing Loss Association of Denver. Chapter meeting October 22nd at 1000 E. Englewood Pkwy, Englewood Civic Center. 1:00 pm for socialization and greeting one another. 1:30 pm program.

We had a great seminar in September put on by the Marion Downs Hearing Center in Aurora. Lot of good information, wonderful presenters and grand venue. Your President was able to line up a future speaker early next year from the "cast" at that event. We also have two other speakers lined up for whom we are working to plug in dates of appearance early next year.

However, as we go to press we do not have confirmation for our program for this month. We are hopeful of obtaining a professional from the Hearing RE hab. Center to come and give us an update on new advances and developments to aid in our day to day communication. As soon as we get confirmation we will send out a notice to everyone either electronically or by phone.

If for some reason things do not jell for this month, then we will still have fun through a general discussion or forum wherein we share common issues. Letting each other know what things are working for you and where you are struggling allows us as a group to offer positive ideas for you. Through collective sharing it is amazing how things seem to happen, Lights go on and we are positively empowered. That is the reason for our existence: to support and share with one another. When we have done these "rap" sessions in the past, people have found them very helpful. So come and have fun. We will have some nice refreshments; there's nothing like some food and drink to bind us together. See you soon!

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Don Willson, Bernie Steinberg, Amy Beckett, Dave Conant and Jim Detterline made up the HLAA in Colorado Leaders/Hearing Loss Consumers Panel at the Sept. 24th Workshops.

**HLLA Chapters in Colorado
COLORADO**

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(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
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CENTRAL DENVER CHAPTER

When: Fourth Saturday of Month at 1 PM, no meeting July/August (special event in Sept. and Dec., date TBA)

Where: Englewood Public Library Anderson Conference Room 1000 E. Englewood Pkwy in Englewood Civic Ctr.
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COLORADO SPRINGS CHAPTER

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WESTERN COLORADO CHAPTER

When: First Saturday at 10:30 AM Sept – May
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Ph 970-241-2592

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OPEN-CAPTIONED MOVIE TITLE (OC) RWC = Rear Window ST = subtitles CV = CaptiView * = may play beyond	LOCATION (See http://www.regmovies.com/newshowing/opencaptionedshowtimes.aspx#CO and http://www.insightcinema.org/links.html for latest info), see also http://www.captionfish.com to find open/closed captioned movies	DATES
NOTE: This is the LAST TIME this list will be provided in this newsletter. The timeline has gotten too short now to provide this in a timely manner with little beyond a week ahead. The information above for links to check for movies and showtimes will still appear in future issues. The e-mails for captioned showings (movies/live shows) has not been sent out for a while due to the editor's full-time work demands. If you wish to get the emails, please let us know at kkeil75@yahoo.com and hopefully someone will step up to compile this list on a weekly basis for the HLA leadership to e-mail out.		
Grand Junction		
50/50	Regal Cinemas Canyon View Stadium 14	Oct. 11-13 OC
Golden (Lakewood)		
NA	UA West Village Stadium 12	NA
Broomfield		
NA	AMC Flatiron Crossing 14	NA
Lakewood/Littleton		
Moneyball	Colorado Mills Stadium 16	Oct. 9-13 OC
50/50	Colorado Mills Stadium 16	Oct. 11-13 OC
50/50	UA Meadows 12, Littleton	Oct. 11-13 OC
50/50, Contagion, Crazy, Stupid, Love, Dolphin Tale, Dream House, Drive, Footloose, Moneyball, Real Steel, The Help, The Ides of March, What's Your Number	Century 16 Bel Mar And XD – Lakewood	Oct. 9-13* CV
Moneyball	AMC Highlands Ranch 24, Littleton	Oct. 9-13* RWC
Colorado Springs		
Real Steel, The Ides of March	Hollywood Theaters-Interquest Stadium 14	Oct. 11 CV
50/50, Contagion, Courageous, Dolphin Tale, Dream House, Drive, Moneyball, Real Steel, Rise of the Planet of the Apes, The Help, The Ides of March, What's Your Number.	Cinemark Tinseltown – Colorado Springs	Oct. 9-13* CV
The Big Year, The Thing	Cinemark Tinseltown – Colorado Springs	Oct. 13 CV
Pueblos		
50/50, Contagion, Courageous, Dolphin Tale, Dream House, Footloose, Moneyball, Real Steel, The Help, The Ides of March, What's Your Number	Cinemark Tinseltown - Pueblo	Oct. 9-13* CV
Footloose	Cinemark Tinseltown - Pueblo	Oct. 14-15* CV
Denver		
Mozart's Sister	Chez Artiste, Denver	Oct. 9-13* ST
The Hedgehog	Chez Artiste, Denver	Oct. 9-13* ST
Circumstance	Esquire Theatre, Denver	Oct. 9-13* ST
Detective Dee and the Mystery of the Phantom Flame	Esquire Theatre, Denver	Oct. 9-13* ST
Love Crime	Esquire Theatre, Denver	Oct. 9-13* ST
Boulder/Denver		
50/50, Contagion, Dolphin Tale, Dream House, Drive, Machine Gun Preacher, Moneyball, Real Steel, Restless, The Debt, The Help, The Ides of March, What's Your Number	Century Boulder, 1700 29 th St.	Oct. 9-12 CV
Westminster		
Moneyball	AMC Westminster Promenade 24	Oct. 9-13* RWC

Mohney's Musings

By Debbie Mohney, HLAA Colorado
State Coordinator

We had a wonderful Saturday in September of Hearing Loss Workshops given by the Marion Downs Hearing Center. The participants were able to participate directly in the workshops using clickers that allowed polling of the audience. This system is used regularly in college classes, and it allows for direct feedback from everyone. Interestingly enough, while many people do not have telecoils in their hearing aids, feedback from the audience at the workshops showed that over 90% of the attendees have telecoils in their hearing aids! This means that most of the audience is able to use assistive listening devices, including the audio loop that can be installed and used without having to pick up a receiver. Very encouraging!

I was able to sit and listen to all of the speakers as well this time around, and I thought the variety of presentations was a good well rounded set of presentations about Bluetooth and new hearing aid features, tinnitus, cochlear implants and implantable hearing aids. The speakers touched on so much technology and information, and the speakers all stayed for the whole session so everyone was able to ask questions.

Jim Detterline gave a wonderful presentation about his life with hearing loss, and all of the wonderful things he has been able to do. He has a Doctorate, has had an incredible experience around the world, has climbed Long's Peak more than any other person, and has been a U.S. Parks Ranger with an astounding number of rescues and law enforcement successes. I climbed Estes Cone (a smaller mountain close to Long's Peak) a couple of years ago with a group of deaf and hard of hearing teenagers in the Marion Downs Hearing Center

Teen program, and Jim led that climb. I was proud to make it the whole 7 miles, and I can tell you that Jim is a great leader, and is so supportive of everyone around him. He does not let hearing loss slow him down, but instead uses it to his advantage. He shared his message to help us use our hearing loss to our best advantage.

I have said it before, but I think we are living in the best time to have hearing loss. I love music, and my hearing aids enable me to enjoy listening to my son play jazz saxophone, and I wouldn't trade that for anything in the world. For me, being able to hear the sounds of every day life, my animals, and my friends and family, make learning about technology and everything it can do worth the time and money that I put into it.

Everyone is different and some people use other technology as their connection to the world. Computers and smartphones enable us to connect with people that was unheard of 20 years ago. We can chat or instant message with anyone in the world just by having a connection to the internet. Videophones have become a reality, as well as other video phone apps, such as Skype. Do you remember watching the cartoon "The Jetsons" and thinking it would be cool to be able to see the person you are talking on the phone with? We can do that and more today!

Voice recognition is becoming better and better and allowing us to have captioned telephone calls, and even captioned radio is just around the corner! I've even heard of a phone app called Google Voice that claims you can caption anything you are listening to, as well as apps that can display captions in sync with music that is being played. I touched on this last month, but I continue to be amazed at all of the technology that is out there!

The Hearing Loss Association of America 2012 is going to be in Providence, RI, June 21 – 24, 2012, so start planning today! Early-bird registration will be open by the end of October, so watch <http://www.hearingloss.org/events/convention/registrationhotel-and-travel> for updates. □

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Why Hearing Loops are Back to Stay

It's ironic and somewhat unfortunate that the special feature that has the potential to provide the most benefit for many patients is one that often receives the least attention. In fact, it's entirely possible that the same audiologists who are concerned about the best DNR, directionally and feedback reduction systems might not even include telecoils in the majority of hearing aids that they dispense. The "potential benefit" I'm referring to is the use of telecoils with hearing loops. These loops could be installed somewhere as simple as the patient's living room, or made available in public listening locations like banks, hospitals, airports, auditoriums, places of worship and taxis. The list could go on and on (and maybe some day it will). All the patient needs is telecoils in his or her hearing aids. For a variety of reasons, the U.S. is far behind many other countries in the use of hearing loops. But hopefully that is changing. One person who is making it change, room by room, in her part of the world is this month's 20Q guest author.

http://www.audiologyonline.com/articles/article_detail.asp?article_id=2388

Sony developing 'subtitle glasses' for cinema use

Sony is hard at work building a special pair of glasses for cinema-goers that will display subtitles to the wearer without the words having to appear on the screen. For hearing-impaired cinephiles, the glasses will enable them to pop down to any screening rather than having to schedule their lives around special subtitled showings. "What we do is put the closed captions or the subtitles onto the screen of the glasses so it's super-imposed on the cinema screen, so it looks like the actual subtitles are on the cinema screen," explains Sony Digital Cinema, Tim Potter.

<http://tinyurl.com/3qr3ls7> □

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Industry Attempts to Dilute 21st Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act

Lawmakers who spearheaded efforts to get makers of smartphones, tablet computers and communications services to better meet the needs of the disabled are pressing the Federal Communications Commission to resist industry pressure to short-circuit landmark law. As the FCC nears an Oct. 11 deadline for a vote on ways to implement the 21st Century Communications and Video

Accessibility Act, commissioners are being urged by some key House and Senate Democrats to stand their ground. The lawmakers are concerned that segments of the tech industry want to win blanket waivers for some services, shield some products from the law's reach and delay implementation of the law. "This sweeping new law is designed to ensure that Americans with disabilities can access the technology tools that are indispensable for full participation in the 21st century," Rep. Ed Markey (D-MA) said in a statement to POLITICO. "My colleagues in the House and Senate have joined me in urging the commission to ensure that the implementing regulations are broad and do not delay or dilute the act's provisions."

<http://www.coataccess.org/node/10059>

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

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

*Hair.....Oct 16 at 2pm
The Lion King.....Dec 4 at 1pm
West Side Story...Jan 1 at 2pm (2012)*

Please come and support this open captioning effort!

Tickets

Voice: (303) 893-4100

TTY: (303) 893-9582

Online: www.denvercenter.org

If you wish to get updates on these shows and any other shows in e-mail,

please send e-mail to
kkeil75@yahoo.com to be put on the
**Captioned Movies and Shows e-
mail list.**

From the DCPA: Because Open Captioning uses a text display at the side of the stage, it is important that you alert our box office staff that you would like this service. This way we can ensure your seats are in the optimal location. Contact the Denver Center Box Office at (303) 893-4100; (800) 641-1222 or TTY (303) 893-9582. □

Denver Center for the Performing Arts (DCPA) ASL Sign Language Interpreted and Audio Description Live Shows

The Denver Center for the Performing Arts provides American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation and Audio Description of all of our productions on select dates. We invite persons who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing to join us for these plays and we will seat you in an optimal location to view the interpreters and the stage.

When you purchase your tickets, please alert our box office staff that you would like ASL interpretation, so that we can secure appropriate seats.

Blind or low vision patrons can check out assistive listening devices for the Audio Description and large print versions of the Applause program magazine at the patron services desk in the Bonfils Theatre Complex and through house management at the coat check in the other theatres (photo id required).

For a Braille script, please call 303.893.6003 or contact jalexander@dcpa.org at least two weeks before the performance.

*Hair.....Oct 16 at 2pm
The Lion King.....Dec 4 at 1pm
West Side Story.....Jan 1 at 2pm (2012)*

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

Western Colorado Chapter Free Monthly Meeting No Meeting for September 2011

The Western CO Chapter held its last meeting on Saturday, Oct 1, 10:30-12:30 at the Center for Independence. We watched and listened to a captioned webinar from the national HLAA website: *Hearing Research: New Devices, Treatments & Remedies You Can Expect*, by Dr. Jack J. Wazen. This was a new and interesting way to share new information with our members.

In September, we were pleased to help host the quarterly Commissioners meeting for the Colorado Commission for the Deaf and hard of Hearing. It was great to know that deaf and hard of hearing people on the Western Slope are receiving attention from the Commission. After the meeting, the chapter sponsored the Community Open Forum with local panelists, including:

Linda Taylor

Executive Director, Center for Independence, Moderator

Denice Roberts

MEd, Instructor/Assistive Technology Specialist, ATP/Western Slope Technical Assistance Center (WestAC)

William Higgins

Grand Junction Managing Attorney, The Legal Center for People with Disabilities and Older People (The Legal Center)

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Brandy Lujan

National Board Certified-
Hearing Instrument Specialist,
AAA Hearing

Amy Beckett
Hearing Loss Consumer and
Leader of Western Colorado
Chapter of Hearing Loss
Association of America

The topic for the November
5 meeting has not yet been
finalized. Our chapter meetings
are held the first Saturday of
the month, 10:30-12:30 at the
Center for Independence, 740
Gunnison Ave, Grand Junction,
CO. For more information
contact Amy Beckett, 970-241-
2592 or HLAAWCO@gmail.com.

*As a service to the members of our
Hearing Loss group, I am forwarding
information about "Deaf Jam." Please
check details, dates, and times below,
and also at this link.
<http://www.rmpbs.org/cinema/>
Thanks, Amy*

Western Colorado's October ITVS Community Cinema: "Deaf Jam"

Aneta Brodski is a deaf teen
introduced to American Sign
Language (ASL) Poetry, who then
boldly enters the spoken word slam
scene. In a wondrous twist, Aneta, an
Israeli immigrant living in the Queens
section of New York City, eventually
meets Tahani, a hearing Palestinian
slam poet. The two young women
embark on a hearing/deaf
collaboration, a performance duet
that is a metaphor for the complex
realities they share - generating a
new form of slam poetry that speaks
to both the hearing and the deaf.

Chevron is a proud sponsor of all the
Western Slope's Community Cinema
screenings.

DURANGO
Tuesday, October 4 • 8pm
The Back Space Theatre
1120 Main Ave. Ste. 2
Corner of 11th Street
Durango, CO 81301 - [MAP](#)

GRAND JUNCTION
Tuesday, October 11 • 7pm
6:30pm Reception
Colorado Mesa University, Recital
Hall
12th Street and Bunting Avenue
Grand Junction, CO 81501 - [MAP](#)
[PDF](#)
[RSVP for this event](#)

MONTROSE
Monday, October 17 • 7pm
Montrose District Library
320 S. 2nd St.
Montrose, CO 81401 - [MAP](#)

NATURITA
Wednesday, October 19 • 1:30pm
Naturita Community Library
107 1st Ave.
Naturita, CO 81422 - [MAP](#)

TELLURIDE
Wednesday, October 19 • 6pm
Wilkinson Public Library
100 West Pacific Ave.
Telluride, CO 81435 - [MAP](#)

MANCOS
Thursday, October 20 • 7pm
Mancos Public Library
211 West First St.
Mancos, CO 81328 - [MAP](#)

FRUITA
Wednesday, October 26 • 6:30pm
Dinosaur Journey Museum
550 Jurassic Court
Fruita, CO 81521 - [MAP](#)

Rocky Mountain PBS is proud to
offer 12 Community Cinema
screenings in Colorado each month.
Thank you for your [support](#) of the
program!

*Mailing Address:
Rocky Mountain PBS
1089 Bannock St.
Denver, CO 80204
US*

Contact Name: Viewer Services
Telephone Number: 800-274-6666 □

Northern Colorado HLA Chapter

No action on regular meetings. Since
it is only me I am going to try
meetings to targeted groups, such as
veterans, audiologists, ministerial
alliance, theaters, service clubs and
point of service locations.

Things are moving forward with the
City of Fort Collins; the Council on
Disabilities sent my Proposal on to
the full City Council with a unanimous
recommendation to go forward.

Most of my time is in self education,
how all of the auxiliary items work so
I can at least understand what
vendors are talking about.

I did attend the Hearing Loss
Workshop on September 24 and
found it very interesting and
educational.

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Hearing Loss Association of America Launches New Website

The Hearing Loss Association of
America (HLAA) is pleased to
announce the launch of its new
website, www.hearingloss.org.

HLAA's website serves as the primary
source of objective information for 36
million Americans with hearing loss.
The website underwent a major
redesign to make it more intuitive,
provide better navigation and to make
it easier to find specific content in the
vast collection of hearing loss
resources available to all site visitors.

HLAA Executive Director Brenda Battat
said, "We've made the website easier

to use and packed with helpful information so that we can reach even more people looking for hearing health care resources and support for hearing loss."

The year-long project was generously supported by Cochlear Americas, a leading manufacturer of cochlear implants and Baha(r). "Thanks to Cochlear for making the new website a reality," Battat continued, "The end result is a robust site containing comprehensive information about hearing loss."

The website provides extensive information on the latest in hearing assistive technology; national advocacy work on Capitol Hill and

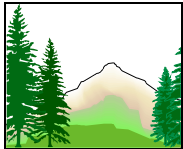
before federal regulatory agencies; HLAA's national programs including the annual Convention, the National Walk4Hearing(r), Hearing Loss Support Specialists Training, online webinars, and online communities for young adults and parents. Contact information for professional members including otolaryngologists, audiologists and hearing instrument specialists, can be found by visitors looking for a hearing health professional in their area. The site provides a directory of HLAA's national network of chapters and state organizations, ways to support HLAA's work, and much more.

About the Hearing Loss Association of America

The Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA), founded in 1979, opens the world of communication to people with hearing loss through information, education, advocacy and support. HLAA publishes the bimonthly Hearing Loss Magazine, holds annual conventions (Convention 2012 is June 21 - 24 in Providence, Rhode Island), produces the national Walk4Hearing(r), hosts online learning with the Hearing Loss Support Specialists Training, holds monthly webinars, and advocates for the rights of people with hearing loss. HLAA has an extensive network of chapters and state. The national headquarters is located at 7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 1200, Bethesda, MD 20814. Phone: 301.657.2248 or visit www.hearingloss.org.

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