



HLAA 2012 Convention in Providence – June 21-24, 2012

By Karen Keil

Some brief comments on the convention...Rhode Island was an intriguing state being only 37 miles wide and 48 miles long, and had interesting things like the gilded mansions facing the sea in Newport .

Providence itself had a beautiful sense of history with the first Baptist Church in America and its wooden colonial homes and buildings. An unique event was attending the Water Fire show.



Water Fire in downtown Providence

A new tool, **the convention mobile app**, carrying the program materials in it to search by various criteria was wonderful and very helpful to use on smartphones, tablets and ipods. I think it's a crucial tool and should come again next year!

Another highlight was the Research Symposium with a topic I had wondered for years—**How the Brain Makes Sense of the World of Sound**. The lectures brought home the fact that hearing is far more integrated into the brain in many more areas of it than even thought of. Hearing is much more layered in complexity beyond the wildest imagination. It also addressed the issues where early deafened people have problems re-wiring their brains for sound.

The keynote speaker at the Opening Session was David Myers, Ph.d, who spoke on looping America, which along with various



The First Baptist Church in America

stories brought it home the importance of being part of the world of communication. The technology in looping is truly amazing and useful.

One of the most interesting workshops was on **Captioned Radio**, giving the details on how it's coming about.

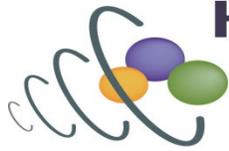
The Providence convention topped more than

1,150 in attendance. The HLA website had this: "**Did you share your story?** The Hearing Health Foundation (formerly Deafness Research Foundation) was doing a really cool thing at their booth – they were taking people's photos and posting them on their website right then and there along with their personal story about hearing loss at <http://hearinghealthfoundation.org/personal-stories?storysection=12>."

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Hearing Loss Association of Boulder

By Debbie Mohny, HLAA Colorado State Coordinator

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Saturday, October 6th, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Get in the Hearing Loop: Double Hearing Aid Effectiveness

East Boulder Senior Center – 5660 Sioux Drive, Boulder, CO

Get in the Hearing Loop: Double Hearing Aid

Effectiveness

Join us for an informational meeting on Hearing Loops with Dr. Juliëtte Sterkens, AuD, Hearing Loss Association of America National Hearing Loop Advocate.

Come and learn how Hearing Loops can help you to hear better. If you attend theater or presentations and have been frustrated when you cannot hear the speaker, Hearing Loops can make it easier for everyone to hear. For the hearing aid or cochlear implant user, Hearing Loops work with the T-Coil (telecoil) program, non-users can use a receiver.

We will have a working Hearing Loop for you to come and experience! Invite your audiologist to attend, as well as anyone who might be interested in installing a Hearing Loop for their patrons or customers to use. □

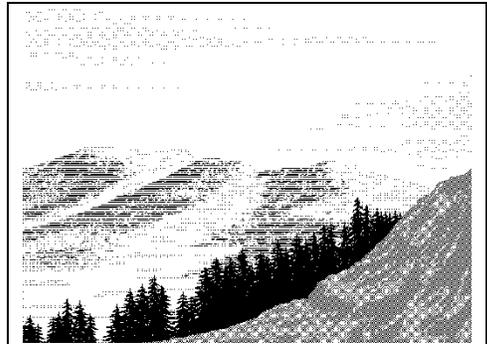
Get in the Hearing Loop – Demonstration and Community Information meetings.

Dr. Juliette Sterkens, AuD, HLAA Hearing Loop Advocate, will be in Colorado to speak about Hearing Loops. (see flyer in newsletter for more information).

There are three meetings:

- **Wednesday, October 3rd, 2012, 5:30 – 7pm** at Grace Presbyterian Church – 9720 N. Highway 85 (Santa Fe & HR Pkwy), Denver (Organized by Highlands Ranch Senior Outreach and Assist2Hear LLC)
- **Thursday, October 4th, 2012, 10:00 – 11:30am** at Heather Gardens Clubhouse – Sandberg Auditorium – 2888 S. Heather Gardens Way, Aurora, CO (organized by Heather Gardens Association and Assist2Hear LLC)
- **Saturday, October 6th, 2012, 1 – 3pm** at East Boulder Senior Center - 5660 Sioux Dr, Boulder, CO (organized by Hearing Loss Association of Boulder)

These meetings are for anyone interested in learning more about Hearing Loop technology and would like to see more accessibility for public venues. Please contact Debbie Mohny at hlaacolorado@yahoo.com or 303-938-9659 for more information. □



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Submission deadline for November 2012 newsletter: no later than **Wednesday, October 24th 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

A happy memory never wears out.

--- Amish proverb



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

By Pauline Weiss, President

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

There will be no Chapter meeting in October.

Instead, members are urged to carpool to Boulder on October 6 to attend the presentation by HLAA Hearing Loop Advocate Juliette Sterkens, AuD. \ \

The September meeting was hosted by Pauline Weiss, our newly elected President. The guest speaker for September was Rebecca Novinger, Director of Client Relations at Imagine! She spoke to the group about her particular hearing loss journey and emphasized the importance of self advocacy and the support of family members. The November chapter meeting speaker will be Jay Tinglum, audiologist and product specialist, from ADCO Hearing Products Inc. He will talk about assistive listening devices and lead a mini-session on Speech Reading.

Chapter members began their Outreach to Audiologists project meeting with local audiologists and handing out packets for the audiologists and their patients with information about the chapter as well as information on telecoils and installation of induction loops in their offices and other public places. This ongoing project includes follow-ups and replenishment of media. Chapter members also participated in various activities including an information session for public officials on successes and failures during the Waldo Canyon Wildfire (lack of CART was the most frequently mentioned concern); hosting a table at a health fair sponsored by the Independence Center and walking in the Sertoma 5K.

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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**Hearing Loss
Association
of America**
of Denver

Hearing Loss Association of Denver. Chapter meeting October 27th at 1000 E. Englewood Pkwy, Englewood Civic Center. 1:00 pm for socialization and greeting one another. 1:30 pm program.

We will meet in the Anderson room. This month we are excited and honored to have 98-year-old Marion Downs with us to share some of the highlights of her amazing life and career. Marion is renowned not only in Denver but the world, in serving the needs of the hearing impaired in so many distinguished ways - Audiologist, author, and Professor Emerita at the University of Colorado Health Science Center, Denver.

She pioneered universal newborn hearing screening in the early 1960's, and then spent more than 30 years trying to convince her peers to adopt the testing in hospitals and to place hearing aids on infants who showed hearing loss. As a result of her efforts 95 % of all newborns in America are currently screened for hearing loss. For these accomplishments she was inducted into the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame, and the comprehensive center for hearing services at the University of Colorado (former Fitzsimmons campus) has been named the Marion Downs Center.

It should also be noted that if for some reason you are not able to be with us we will have DVDs to share of her presentation. It should also be noted that she is a multi-medalist in tennis, being awarded gold medals in the Senior Olympics into her mid-nineties! She is truly a legend.

Paula deJohn has graciously volunteered to help with refreshments for this very special event.

We look forward to seeing you all again soon.

See map and directions on page 7.

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Our Denver Chapter had Daniel Zeitler, M.D., with the Denver Ear Associates, give a presentation on Saturday, September 22nd on the topic of cochlear implants, evaluation, procedure and anticipated outcomes for recipients.

HLAA Chapters in Colorado COLORADO

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<http://www.hearinglosscolorado.org>

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

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

BOULDER CHAPTER (Boulder)

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

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

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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

When: Second Saturday at 1:00 PM January-October

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Insomnia Takes Toll on Tinnitus Patients

For the more than 36 million people plagued by tinnitus, insomnia can have a negative effect on the condition, worsening the functional and emotional toll of chronic ringing, buzzing, hissing or clicking in the head and ears, according to a new study from Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.

The study shows a significant association between insomnia and the severity of perceived tinnitus symptoms, with patients with insomnia reporting greater emotional distress from tinnitus.

"Tinnitus involves cognitive, emotional, and psycho-physiological processes, which can result in an increase in a patient's distress," says study co-author Kathleen L. Yaremchuk, M.D., Chair, Department of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery at Henry Ford. "Sleep complaints, including insomnia, in these patients may result in a decrease in their tolerance to tinnitus."

The study will be presented this week at the Combined Otolaryngological Spring Meetings in San Diego.

While the exact physiological cause of tinnitus is not known, there are several conditions that have been shown to trigger or worsen tinnitus: Exposure to loud noises, wax build-up in the ear, ear or sinus infections, head and neck trauma, and certain disorders, such as hypo- or hyperthyroidism, Lyme disease, fibromyalgia, and thoracic outlet syndrome.

Previous medical studies also have shown a strong association between tinnitus and various psychological disturbances.

For the Henry Ford study, Dr. Yaremchuk, Dr. George Miguel and their research team conducted a retrospective study of 117 patients treated between 2009 and 2011 at Henry Ford. Information was gathered from patients through telephone and written interviews using the Tinnitus Reaction Questionnaire (or, TRQ, which determines the emotional effects tinnitus has had on a person's lifestyle and general well-being) and the Insomnia Severity Index (or, ISI, a brief screening measure of insomnia) scales.

Severity of TRQ was shown to be a good predictor of sleep disturbance and in predicting group association, especially the "emotional" sub-score component (sensitivity 96.9 percent and specificity 55.3 percent for identifying tinnitus patients with insomnia).

The greater the insomnia disability, the more severe the patient's complaints were regarding the tinnitus, the study finds.

"Treating patients with tinnitus is challenging," notes Dr. Yaremchuk. "A chronic tinnitus patient presents a challenging clinical picture that may include anxiety, depression, annoyance, or self-reported emotional distress. And one of most frequent self-reported complaint of tinnitus patients is 'getting to sleep.'"

The study also offers further proof that evaluation and treatment of insomnia patients with tinnitus may result in a reduction in tinnitus symptom severity.

Source: Henry Ford Hospital. □

Captioned Movies in Your Area

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ST = Subtitles (like those seen in foreign movies)

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

Mohney's Musings

By Debbie Mohney, HLAA Colorado State Coordinator

I am excited this month that we will have Dr. Juliëtte Sterkens, AuD, HLAA National Hearing Loop Advocate presenting on Saturday, October 6, 2012 from 1 – 3pm at the East Boulder Senior Center, located at 5660 Sioux Drive, Boulder, CO.

If you attend our chapter meetings, you have experienced a Hearing Loop. I have used loops for years, and this past summer at the Hearing Loss Association of America, we had loops widely used in our workshops, including the Opening Session. I sat in the back of the large room at the Opening Session, I didn't have to pick up a receiver, and I heard every word spoken at the front of the room.

Even having experienced a loop before, I was almost brought to tears thinking that if we had loops widely installed around our community, how easy it would be to feel included in presentations, concerts, theater shows, etc. The loop was properly installed, and tested to make sure that it met international standards, which meant that you could sit in any chair in the audience and you would be able to hear.

Another piece to this puzzle is making sure that our audiologists understand how important it is to include a telecoil in each and every hearing aid. The smallest hearing aids are not big enough to include a telecoil, and unfortunately there are many people who go in to their audiologists and insist on something that no one else can see. If only they could experience the eye-opening experience of being able to switch their hearing aid into the telecoil program and instantly hearing the television from across the room, or going to a speech or a church sermon and hearing every word. Too

many people stay home from activities that they previously enjoyed because they just cannot hear anymore.

Also, with advancing technology such as Bluetooth, many audiologists tend to push the newest and latest (which does work well, but not in group listening situations) technologies, while shunning a standard technology that has not yet become obsolete. To the contrary, there are hearing loop installations cropping up around the country. You can take a taxicab in New York City, walk up to a train station window in New York City, attend plays, church, and even sporting events (Michigan State University) in Michigan and Wisconsin, attend theaters, shop at Whole Foods, and eat out in Sarasota, Florida. Albuquerque, NM has many installations, and the list is growing all around the country.

No one hearing technology works for every single person with hearing loss. The telecoil is the one piece of technology that is instantly compatible with the most number of systems, including landline telephones, FM systems, etc. It is also one of the cheapest piece of technologies included in a hearing aid or cochlear implant. Many hearing aids actually come equipped with telecoils, but are not turned on by the audiologist.

The time has come for us to start insisting that we have access to telecoils and Hearing Loops. Businesses can easily accommodate many more people with Hearing Loops than any other technology, and while the initial investment is comparable to other systems, the long range upkeep and cost over decades is by far the best investment. It is a sound business investment to cater to people with hearing loss.

I hope to see you all at the October 6, 2012 meeting!

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:
Memphis.....Oct 21 at 2pm
War Horse.....Jan 20, 2013 at 2pm
Jekell & Hyde.....Feb 10, 2013 at 1pm
Catch Me If You Can.....Mar 10, 2013 at 2pm
Chicago.....Mar 23, 2013 at 2pm
Spamalot.....Mar 30, 2013 at 2pm
Mary Poppins.....May 4, 2013 at 2pm
Les Miserables.....May 25, 2013 at 2pm
Peter and the Starcatcher..Sept 1, 2013 at 2pm
Priscilla, Queen of the Desert.Sept 15, 2013 at 2pm
Sister Act.....Oct 6, 2013 at 2pm
EvitaJan 2014 TBA
OnceApr/May 2014 TBA
The Doyle & Debbie Show.Spring 2014 TBA

Please come and support this open captioning effort!

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

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

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

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

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

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

Blind or low vision patrons can check out assistive listening devices for the Audio Description and large print versions of the Applause program magazine at the patron services desk in the 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 at least two weeks before the performance.

Fences.....Oct 7 at 1:30pm
The Three MusketeersOct 14 at 1:30pm
Memphis.....Oct 21 at 2pm
The Giver.....Nov 11 at 1:30pm
When We Are MarriedDec 9 at 1:30pm
White Christmas.....Dec 16 at ??pm
War Horse.....Jan 20, 2013 at 2pm
Jekell & Hyde.....Feb 10, 2013 at 1pm
Grace, Or the Art of Climbing...Feb 17, 2013 at 1:30pm
Romeo & Juliet.....Feb 24, 2013 at 1:30pm
Catch Me If You Can.....Mar 10, 2013 at 2pm
Chicago.....Mar 23, 2013 at 2pm
Spamalot.....Mar 30, 2013 at 2pm
A Weekend with Pablo Picasso...April 21, 2013 at 1:30pm
Other Desert Cities.....April 28, 2013 at 1:30pm
Mary Poppins.....May 4, 2013 at 2pm
Sense & Sensibility, the Musical...May 19, 2013 at 1:30pm
Les Miserables.....May 25, 2013 at 2pm
Peter and the Starcatcher..Sept 1, 2013 at 2pm

Priscilla, Queen of the Desert..Sept 15, 2013 at 2pm
Sister Act.....Oct 6, 2013 at 2pm
EvitaJan 2014 TBA
OnceApr/May 2014 TBA
The Doyle & Debbie Show..Spring 2014 TBA

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

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Clarity's Alto Amplified Phone Certified as TIA-4953 Compliant

Clarity's Alto amplified telephone is reportedly the first telephone to receive certification that the phone is compliant under the Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA) new standard for sound amplification in telephones for people with hearing loss. The new TIA-4953 standard, published in May 2012, establishes the first official industry benchmarks for telephones designed for individuals with hearing loss. The purpose of TIA-4953 is to provide consumers with hearing loss with objective information to verify how a specific model will help them to communicate on the telephone. The TIA-4953 standard establishes performance metrics for telephones serving individuals with mild, moderate, or severe hearing loss. The standard requires laboratory based testing, using specialized telephone test equipment, to measure sound amplification (volume control gain), tone control, simulated use for hearing aid users, and the sound level of the ringer. The telephone sound output must meet stringent noise and distortion requirements even for the highly amplified settings.

http://www.hearingreview.com/news/2012-09-17_01.asp

Hearing Loss Association of America Saturday, October 6, 2012

Implementation of Daylight Project – Renee Drollinger, Colorado West, Inc.

Hearing loss and mental illness can be similar because both are health issues that require medical treatment, but often have stigma or shame attached. Having both hearing loss and mental illness can be especially difficult. The Colorado Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCDHH) sponsored Colorado Daylight Project, a collaborative effort designed to provide assistance to Colorado publically funded behavioral healthcare providers to advance access to behavioral health services to Coloradans who are deaf and hard of hearing. Colorado West Regional Mental Health Center has implemented this project at its mental health centers. Come learn more about this program and how it can help people with hearing loss.

This meeting will be captioned and light refreshments will be served.

More about ADCO Products, Inc.:
<http://www.adcohearing.com>

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, October 6, 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
 Or 970-241-2592

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS!

Mark your calendar for these upcoming meetings. You don't want to miss these informative sessions!



Western Colorado Chapter

All HLAA chapter meetings are free to members and non-members, including family and friends.

Meetings are the first Saturday of the month, 10:30 – 12:30. (No meeting in June, July, and August)

November 3: Speech-Reading Skills for Adults

The chapter is working to coordinate an educational session about speech reading using sources from the District 51 school system audiology department. While it can be easier to learn speech reading skills as a child, there are tips and skills that adults can also use if they experience hearing loss later in life.

December 1: Annual Covered Dish Holiday Meal

Please join us as we gather with family, friends, and supporters in an informal setting to get to know each other better and to learn how our hearing loss stories are different, but also very similar.

HLAA WCO Chapter Volunteer/Fund Raising Activity

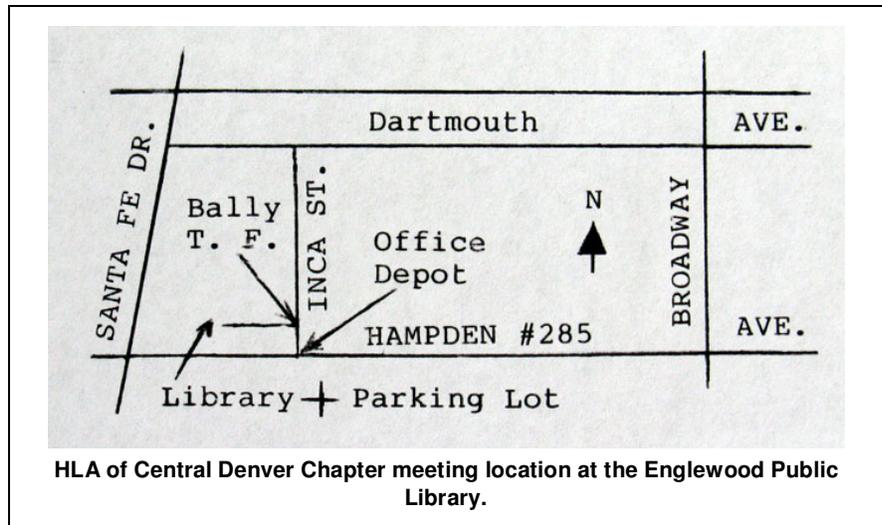
At the August 24th HLAA WCO Chapter Fundraising activity at the Demolition Derby at the Eagle County Fairgrounds, our chapter raised \$200.00. □

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Hearing-impaired people need friends and some patience

Imagine yourself in a country where nobody speaks your language. It becomes a necessity to rely on your other senses and hone your powers of observation. You welcome the times when you can "fill in the blanks" and get the gist of a conversation. Each situation is stressful: Will you be a participant or an observer? This is the life of a hearing-impaired person. We are not deaf, and, therefore, most of us do not read lips, sign or wear hearing devices 100% of the time. We try to preserve whatever hearing we have left. We walk softly on the fine line between the hearing and deaf communities.

<http://tinyurl.com/7kjqf3> □



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. □

Northern Colorado HLA 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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FCC Program Provides Communications Technology to Americans with Vision and Hearing Loss

Many thousands of Americans who have combined vision and hearing loss may soon be able to connect with family, friends, and community through the National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program. Mandated by the 21st Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act (CVAA), the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) established this new program to provide support for the local distribution of a wide array of accessible communications technology. Technology can be a difference maker in getting or holding a job, managing a household, or simply living a safe, healthy life. The distribution program is designed to ensure that every individual has the tools needed to interact with the world as an involved, contributing member of society. The program provides outreach, assessments, telecommunications technology, and training free of charge to those who meet federal eligibility guidelines.

<http://tinyurl.com/9fjm4jh> □

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The Good Ear Company releases Better Hearing - an iPhone app for hearing loss treatment

HOH-LD News Editor: We've seen an outpouring of iPhone apps related to hearing loss in the past year or so. The latest is one called Better Hearing from the Good Ear Company. The purpose of this app is to measure your hearing loss, and then improve your hearing at your weakest frequencies!

Full Disclosure: The Good Ear Company advertises with Hearing Loss Web.

The Good Ear Company, an innovative leader in hearing improvement technology, is pleased to announce that Better Hearing - the world's first and only iPhone App that can improve your hearing - is now available on Apple's App Store (<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/better-hearing-analyze-optimize/id539422951?mt=8>). Better Hearing is an innovative app that is co-developed by Novasa Interactive and

was also the winner of the MobileBeat 2012 Smartphone App Competition, hosted by VentureBeat, where its potential impressed judges from prestigious corporations such as Verizon and Google.

According to a recent Johns Hopkins Study, 1 in 5 Americans are currently experiencing hearing loss in some form. The big challenge is that most of those people aren't even aware that they have a problem. The Good Ear's Better Hearing app identifies the frequency area where one's hearing is the weakest, and for a one-time \$4.99 fee, it offers a therapy to recover one's hearing using the company's proprietary Threshold Sound Conditioning (TSC) technology. A number of studies from the U.S. National Institutes of Health, the Chung-Ang University Hospital and Samsung Medical Center in Korea show that your hearing will be improved by simply using the app's TSC features for 30 minutes a day over 14 days.

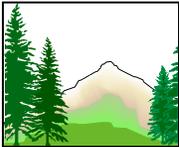
"The traditional hearing loss treatment has been to amplify the sound through

the use of hearing aids, which are actual mini-amplifiers placed in the ears," says cofounder and VP of business development John Nahm. "However, this amplification actually worsens the hearing by having the ear become used/trained to hear at a continuously increasing volume. In contrast, Better Hearing identifies the frequency band that the user experiences the most hearing deficiency in, relative to the other frequency bands, and applies sound therapy at the barely audible level to prompt the ear to become trained to hear at lower volume levels for that problem frequency area."

The Good Ear Co. is currently conducting another clinical study with Stanford University Hospital and the Palo Alto Medical Foundation to evaluate the efficacy of TSC when embedded in hearing aids.

For more information about Better Hearing, visit www.thegoodear.com

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