



Littleton Colorado Walk4Hearing

The Littleton CO Walk4Hearing walk raised nearly \$21,000 at its June 1, 2013 walk. The walk was enjoyed by all with great sunny weather. Twenty teams and some individual walkers participated, representing corporations, schools, centers and businesses as well as private organizations and chapter teams. Thank you to all of you who participated and contributed to the Walk!

The New Executive Director of the Hearing Loss Association of America



At the Portland OR Convention June 27-30, 2013, we were privileged to see and meet the in-coming new executive director, Anna Gilmore Hall, who came to experience the convention firsthand as well as seeing many HLAA members. According to the press release she was "officially introduced to the HLAA membership at its Board of Trustees meeting on Thursday, June 27, in conjunction with HLAA Convention 2013 in Portland, Oregon." She officially assumed the position of executive director on July 8, 2013.

According to the press release, "Anna Gilmore Hall, RN, MS, CAE, brings more than 20 years of experience managing non-profit organizations, helping them to achieve strategic and growth objectives. Her resume includes executive planning, administration, communications and marketing experience in the nonprofit sector. Anna Gilmore Hall, RN, MS, CAE, brings more than 20 years of experience managing non-profit organizations, helping them to achieve strategic and growth objectives. Her resume includes executive planning, administration, communications and marketing

experience in the nonprofit sector. She holds a master's degree in leadership and organizational management from Capella University, a bachelor's degree in university studies from the University of Maine, and a diploma in nursing from Eastern Maine Medical Center. She has also earned a certification in Association Management from the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE)."

"Prior to coming to HLAA, Anna was the executive director of Practice Greenhealth, the nation's leading health care community that empowers its members to increase their efficiencies and environmental stewardship while improving patient safety and care. From 2004-2008, she was co-executive director of Health Care Without Harm, the international campaign for environmentally responsible healthcare. She also held executive leadership positions within the American Nurses Association and the Maine State Nurses Association."

"I am honored to be HLAA's next executive director," said Anna. "HLAA is at an exciting growth point in its history. I look forward to enthusiastically partnering with the board, staff and members in advancing our mission of opening the world of communication to people with hearing loss." □

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# Hearing Loss Association of Boulder

By Debbie Mohny, HLAA Colorado State Coordinator

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## Updates on Cochlear Implants

Welcome back from summer everyone! Our next Boulder Chapter meeting will be **Saturday, September 21, 2013, 3:00 – 5:00 pm**, at the **University of Colorado, Department of Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences Building, 2501 Kittredge Loop Road, Room 230 (room change!), Boulder, CO 80309**. Please join us starting in September; this room has been permanently looped!

Directions from U.S. 36, exit at Baseline Road, turn left, turn right onto Broadway. Turn right onto Regent Drive, right again on Kittredge Loop Road, then an immediate left. Heading up the hill, take a left at the fork on the left toward the building at the top of the hill, and around the building to the left into the parking lot. The parking lot is open parking on weekends. (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). There is a client entrance to the building, walk through the lobby to the elevator, or you can take the stairs to the 2nd floor.

Starting us off for fall is an update at our September meeting on Cochlear Implants. Our speaker will be Allison J. Brower, AuD, CCC-A, Clinical Audiologist, at the Marion Downs Hearing Center, University of Colorado Hospital. Allison's specialties are pediatrics and cochlear implants (pediatric and adult).

Technology, whether it is hearing aids or cochlear implants has been improving exponentially over the last couple of decades, and there is always information that can benefit anyone with a hearing loss. Don't miss out on the September meeting! It's a perfect opportunity to spend a day, afternoon or evening in Boulder!

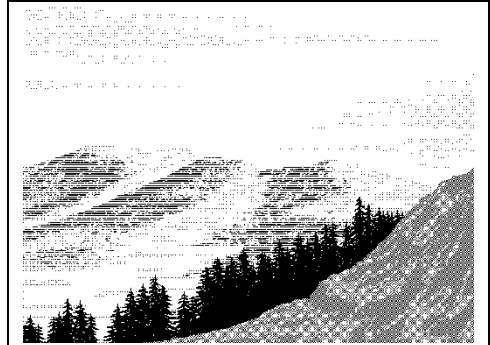
The Boulder Chapter held a picnic at North Boulder Park on Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, where we welcomed Jacob Landis, of Jacob's Ride. Many thanks to AT&T Colorado Relay for sponsoring our picnic! Jacob has a cochlear implant and is on the last stretch of his cross country bike ride to all of the major league baseball stadiums raising money for Cochlear Implants for people who cannot afford them. This was followed by the Colorado Rockies game on Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup>; Jacob's good luck spurred the Rockies on to a win!

We were all thrilled to have the opportunity to meet this wonderful young man, and you can learn more about his quest at [www.jacobsride.com](http://www.jacobsride.com). His ride has been impressive and he is gaining more and more publicity as the ride continues on to his last stadium in Miami, Florida. Please take a moment to visit his website, and you can contribute to his campaign at: <http://www.jacobsride.com/donate/> or you can also donate via texting JACOB to 50555 to give \$10 to @HLAA to benefit @Jacobsride2013. Terms: <http://mGive.org/T>. Jacob's goal is \$1 million dollars, and while he hasn't met his goal yet, he raised over \$100,000 by the time he reached Phoenix. Let's help this very cool young man give the gift of hearing. □

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### Stem Cells for Relieving Age-Related Hearing Loss

Stem cells, or other replacement cells, provide new options treating illnesses or disorders resulting from cell loss in the body. Stem cells have the capacity to turn into other types of cell and can be obtained from various sources, including the patient. We examine one potential way that stem cell replacement could prevent age-related hearing loss by preventing degeneration of certain cells of the cochlea. The cochlea's ability to transduce acoustic energy, delivering signals perceived as sound, declines with age. Hearing frequency ranges for humans at birth is from 20 Hz to 20 kHz, and presbycusis occurs between 16 kHz to 18 kHz, progressing lower and resulting in speech difficulties and localizing sound in noisy environments. <http://tinyurl.com/8264w55> □



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**Submission deadline for October 2013 newsletter: no later than Wednesday, September 25th 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

*Your work is to discover your world and then with all your heart give yourself to it.*

--- Buddha



*By Pauline Weiss, President*

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

It's been quite a summer, and we hope we have seen the last of fires and floods. As for the chapter, we were quite busy, especially in June. Following the June 1 Walk4Hearing, some of our members attended the CCDHH meeting at The Independence Center on June 6, and the CAN (Cultural Awareness Network) Expo on June 7 – where our own Leslie Ralphe was recognized as the 2013 CAN Expo Outstanding Community Role Model. Congratulations, Leslie! Our table also had a visit by a famous guest - Sox the Fox, the Colorado Springs Sky Sox mascot (see picture).

Both Vickie Pacheco and I traveled to Portland, Oregon in late June for the HLAA National Convention. We were happy to run into members from other Colorado chapters also. Have you seen some of the pictures posted on our state Facebook page? If you've forgotten about this page, you can enter "Hearing Loss Association of America – Colorado" in Facebook's search field to bring it up. Once you get to the page, be sure to "like" it. From then on, you will be able to click on a link to get there quickly. Besides photos, you will also find various articles of interest on this Facebook page – for example, about Jacob Landis and his very important "Jacobs Ride".

At our August meeting, we voted to take a break from chapter meetings in the summer of 2014. We'd like to try a few social outings instead. Our bylaws need to be amended to reflect this change.

August 24 found some of us at Bear Creek Park early in the morning, for the "Hears 5K experience". We were blessed with perfect weather for this 5K walk/run fundraiser sponsored by local Sertoma clubs. The money raised goes to Pikes Peak residents who need, but can't afford, hearing aids. It was a pleasure to participate and enjoy the glorious scenery.

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#### **COLORADO SPRINGS CHAPTER**

When: Second Saturday at 1:00 PM every month  
Where: Mission Medical Clinic, 2125 E La Salle Street, Colorado Springs, CO  
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Hearing Loss Association of Denver Chapter meeting September 28th at the Englewood Library located at 1000 Englewood Pkwy, first floor of the Englewood Civic Center, in the Anderson Room. 1:00 pm for socialization and greeting one another. 1:30 pm program. Chapter Contact: Dave Conant 303-777-2279 voice Membership Contact: Marjorie von Frantzius 303-368-7838 voice

*By Paula DeJohn*

It's been a busy summer for Denver Chapter members: travel, family visits, enjoyment of our Colorado culture and beauty, and even a little legal action. We took a two-month break from meetings, but before letting summer slip away, the Chapter held its annual picnic August 17 at Creekside Park in Denver.

#### **Off to Oregon**

In June, the Chapter voted unanimously to appropriate \$500 each year toward sending a delegate to the national HLAA convention, and to provide an additional subsidy of \$500 if more members wish to attend, to be divided among the additional attendees. These changes will be added to the bylaws, which the board is in the process of revising.

This year, the only member to attend was our treasurer, Ann Monson. Ann returned full of new ideas, new friends and some new stuff.

"I loved making new friends there," she says. "It was exciting to win a Kindle at the Evening of Prizes. I tried out a new phone, the Clarity Ensemble. Later we obtained one, and we absolutely love it." At the convention, she notes, the company offered a free phone with a certification of need from an audiologist.

#### **Su Teatro solution**

Meanwhile, vice president Bernie Steinberg was busy trying to gain hearing-assisted access to Su Teatro, the Chicano theater company that since 2010 has been performing at the Denver Civic Theater. The theater did not have assistive devices as required under the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA). When negotiations failed, Bernie turned to mediation.

It was successful. As Bernie relates, "The two board members who represented Su Teatro were just as friendly and cooperative as they could be. They were very receptive and interested in learning more about accommodations for the deaf and hard of hearing. What an upper!"

#### **He left us laughing**

Speaking of happy endings, The Denver Center for the Performing Arts (DCPA) again made complimentary tickets to available to HLAA members. On July 27, secretary Paula DeJohn (that's me) and her husband, Don Merrill, attended a performance at the Garner Galleria Theatre. The play was "Free Range Thinking" by Robert Dubac, a comedian who combines a stand-up routine with a dramatic story line.

It was hilarious. I was amazed and gratified to find the sound so crisp and clear that I was able to get all the jokes...even after removing my hearing aids! Later, John Pryor of the DCPA's technical staff explained that the relatively small space, low ceiling and excellent acoustics made this possible.

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## HLAA Chapters in Colorado

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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 10:30 AM, Sept. - May

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

Chapter Contact: Debbie Mohney e-mail [hlaaboulder@yahoo.com](mailto:hlaaboulder@yahoo.com)

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

Chapter Contact: Pauline Weiss e-mail [HLAACoSprings@gmail.com](mailto:HLAACoSprings@gmail.com)

### WESTERN COLORADO CHAPTER

When: First Saturday at 10:30 AM Sept – May

Where: Center for Independence, 740 Gunnison Ave, Grand Junction, CO 81501

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For those who need something more, the Galleria offers a radio frequency system with receivers in the form of headphones or neck loops, for those whose hearing aids have telecoils. The DCPA's other theaters have additional options, John notes.

#### Next up

At the September 28 meeting, Naomi Croghan will discuss listening to music with hearing devices. She is a research audiologist at Cochlear Americas.

See map and directions on page 7. □

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For our September meeting, we are looking forward to having Dr. Kurt Smith of Peak View Audiology and Hearing Care as our speaker. He will introduce us to the middle ear implant called "Esteem". Patricia Yeager, the CEO of The Independence Center, will speak to us in October. At our November meeting, we will learn about Cued Speech and its benefits for hard of hearing persons from Anna Liljestrang, who is a Cued Speech Transliterater and a NCSA Cued Speech Instructor.



This is Sox the Fox (Sky Sox mascot) visiting our chapter table at the CAN Expo event.

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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)

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

## Mohney's Musings

By Debbie Mohney, HLAA Colorado  
State Coordinator

I hope you have had a wonderful summer!

My summer included a trip to Portland, OR to the Hearing Loss Association of America Convention. I saw many old friends, and met a few new ones, and had a wonderful relaxing trip! I managed to get some sightseeing in as well. Traveling and sightseeing with other people who have hearing loss is a great experience, as we understand each other's needs, we share information as we go along and make sure everyone is included.

I should say that occasionally we do forget that the other person can't hear any better than we can. When someone gets ahead of the group, we can't just call out and expect them to hear. Most of us are around people who have normal hearing on a regular basis, so we slip into some of the same habits of communicating as the normal hearing people around us. We will talk to people as they are walking or turning away, or we say things from the other room. Some of us even talk too fast... It's a humbling experience to be at an HLAA Convention, where we feel at home, and realize that everyone around us can benefit from better communication.

First time attendees tend to try to do everything, all the workshops, every event, and the whole exhibit hall. They also meet a lot of people who are just like them; people who have been involved with HLAA for many years and other first time attendees. The whole experience together always leaves me with withdrawal symptoms when I come home, because there is no place else where everything that is accessible to hearing as the HLAA Convention. When I talk about advocacy and wanting to do things in the community, it's because I see possibilities when I have access, and I want every person with hearing loss to be able to have this access in their everyday lives.

At the beginning of August, I met a very special young man by the name of Jacob Landis. Jacob lost his hearing as a child and experienced many of the same frustrations as other people who have

lost their hearing, withdrawing from activities he once enjoyed. Jacob had cochlear implant surgery when he was 10 years old. He regained hearing and went on to pursue life as any other child, attending school as a regular student, and works full time in audible world. Jacob has always loved baseball, cycling, and also believes his deafness has a special purpose ~ to help other people with hearing loss, more specifically to help those who would benefit from cochlear implants but could not afford it. In October 2012, he decided to combine all three and set upon a journey to ride to all 30 major league baseball stadiums to raise money for cochlear implants.

Jacob also attended the Hearing Loss Association of America convention in Portland, where I met him for a brief few minutes after he spoke during the opening session, and then he spent time with the other young adults at the convention before continuing along his cycling journey down the west coast. I knew I would get to spend more time when he came to Colorado, and put together a picnic for the Boulder Chapter. (Thank you to AT&T Relay for sponsoring the picnic!) On August 8<sup>th</sup>, we met Jacob again, and he had a smile and shared his story with everyone there.

Every time I meet a person who has a cochlear implant, and they can sit and converse with me, I have to remind myself that this is a person who, without the implant, would be sitting there struggling to be a part of the conversation. I take my lip reading skills for granted sometimes, and I also take my hearing aids for granted at times. Jacob conversed with each and every one of us, and he had a great time! He loves to share his story, and tells everyone that he listens to baseball games on internet radio on the MLB app on his iPhone, an amazing thing for someone who is deaf.

The next night, we joined Jacob at the Colorado Rockies game, and they won! What was even more fun was watching Jacob simultaneously interacting with the families and children with cochlear implants who had come to join him at the game, keeping track of the score during the game, getting his MLB passport stamped as he has at every stadium this summer, and just enjoying his time in the moment. You can tell that Jacob is relishing his experience, and that he will

continue to do wonderful things for people with hearing loss. You can support Jacob's quest at [www.jacobside.com](http://www.jacobside.com).

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### Northern Colorado HLAA Chapter

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

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

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## Anger, A Waste of Energy

By Claudia Reiche

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I went grocery shopping. Three bags of groceries cost \$60.00! I was in disbelief. At a coffee shop I took my cup and walked towards an empty seat. A woman who saw me coming ran toward the same chair and plopped herself into it, looking me right into the eye. When driving home, a man in front of me rolled down the window of his truck and threw out a fast food carton, which came flying at me. At each of those situations I became angry.

You may say that it is an appropriate reaction and that I have the right to get mad. The problem is that me feeling this way affected my quality of life as well of those whom I interacted with after those incidences. The people in the aforementioned situations didn't have to deal with my being upset. It would seem unhelpful to not only give someone or something that much control over me but also unfair that others should have to pay the price when they had no involvement.

Often we carry anger with us for long periods of time; sometimes even for years. Perhaps we realize that it doesn't do us any good, or maybe we

consciously choose to hold on to it. Anger is energy. And like any kind of energy it can be destructive or transformed into something useful. I am not saying that it is simple to overcome angry feelings or not even getting angry in the first place. But I am tired of wasting time and vitality on it. Instead, I am working on putting it into perspective and move beyond something that doesn't do me any good.

I realize that anger also arises out of situations that are much more serious than expensive groceries and inconsiderate people. After all, violence and war are surrounding us; evidence of the destructive power of this emotion. It is all the more important to work with this intense animosity in order to prevent disaster. Eknath Easwaran told us that our time has been called "the age of anger". We get angry so easily, and it is difficult to follow some of the advice that is given in regards to "conquering" those feelings. Often, we simply don't know how to change it.

I think one helpful first step is to observe what is going on within ourselves, how the anger builds, how it changes, how it subsides. All of us have the ability to do this: mere observation. It fosters awareness, a vital ingredient when it comes to making a significant change.

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

#### Captioned Live Showings Coming up in 2013 at Buell Theatre

We offer Open Captioning at select performances for many of our shows. We invite persons who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing to join us for these shows.

Because Open Captioning uses a text display at the side of the stage, it is important that you alert our box office staff that you would like this service, this way we can ensure your seats are in the optimal location. Seats for Open Captioning are also available online by entering the promo code **OCAP**.

Captioning is available on these dates:

<i>Priscilla, Queen of the Desert</i>	Sept 15, 2013	2 pm
<i>Sister Act</i>	Oct 6, 2013	2 pm
<i>The Book of Mormon</i>	Nov. 17, 2013	2 pm
<i>Evita</i>	Jan. 26, 2014	2 pm
<i>MAMMA MIA!</i>	Feb. 1, 2014	2 pm
<i>Million Dollar Quartet</i>	Mar. 9, 2014	2 pm
<i>Chicago</i>	Mar. 22, 2014	2 pm
<i>Rock of Ages</i>	Apr. 26, 2014	2 pm
<i>Once</i>	May 18, 2014	2 pm
<i>American Idiot</i>	May 24, 2014	2 pm

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

##### Tickets

Voice: (303) 893-4100

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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 Live Shows e-mail list**.

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#### 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](mailto:ckrueger@dcpa.org) at least two weeks before the performance.

<i>The Kid</i>	Sept. 8, 2013	?
<i>Priscilla, Queen of the Desert</i>	Sept 15, 2013	2 pm
<i>Sister Act</i>	Oct 6, 2013	2 pm
<i>The Death of a Salesman</i>	Oct. 20, 2013	1:30pm
<i>Defending the Caveman</i>	Oct. 27, 2013	2 pm
<i>Just Like Us</i>	Nov. 3, 2013	1:30pm
<i>The Most Deserving</i>	Nov. 10, 2013	1:30pm
<i>The Book of Mormon</i>	Nov. 17, 2013	2 pm
<i>Jackie &amp; Me</i>	Dec. 8, 2013	1:30pm
<i>A Christmas Carol</i>	Dec. 15, 2013	1:30pm
<i>The SantaLand Diaries</i>	Dec. 22, 2013	2 pm
<i>Evita</i>	Jan. 26, 2014	2 pm
<i>MAMMA MIA!</i>	Feb. 1, 2014	2 pm
<i>The Legend of George McBride</i>	Feb. 2, 2014	1:30pm
<i>Black Odyssey</i>	Feb. 16, 2014	1:30pm
<i>Hamlet</i>	Feb. 23, 2014	1:30pm
<i>Girls Only</i>	Mar. 2, 2014	2 pm
<i>Million Dollar Quartet</i>	Mar. 9, 2014	2 pm
<i>Chicago</i>	Mar. 22, 2014	2 pm
<i>Rock of Ages</i>	Apr. 26, 2014	1:30pm
<i>Shadowlands</i>	Apr. 27, 2014	1:30pm
<i>Animal Cracker</i>	May 4, 2014	1:30pm
<i>Once</i>	May 18, 2014	2 pm
<i>American Idiot</i>	May 24, 2014	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. □

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#### Cochlear Implants: New Research Uncovers Novel Prognostic Factors

Every day I work with adults receiving cochlear implants (CIs). Choosing an implant is a major decision, so, quite understandably, recipients and their families want to know how much benefit they can expect to get. Unfortunately, this is not a straightforward question to answer. With a cochlear implant, even if everything goes right, we still cannot predict how well an adult will hear. There is a vast range of speech perception



outcomes. Some users will be able to use the telephone easily and obtain 100 percent on a sentence test without lipreading, others will be unable to understand any speech without lipreading, and still others will find themselves somewhere in between. The question is, would it be easier for adults to make the decision to have an implant if we could even roughly predict how well they may hear afterward?

<http://tinyurl.com/bwkhcl6>

*Age is a case of mind over matter.  
If you don't mind, it don't matter.*  
– Satchel Paige

**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.

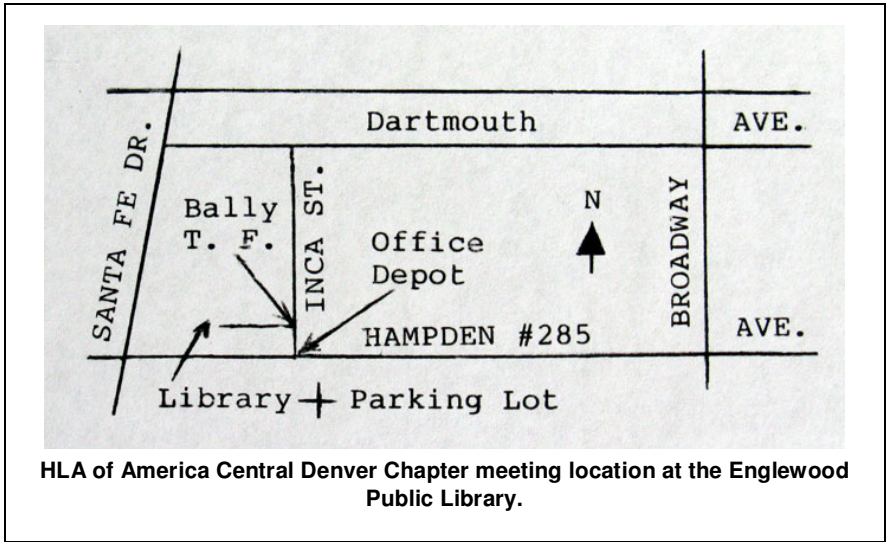
Continue south on S. Inca St. Turn right where the Bally store is, and continue into the parking garage. Library is to the right.

See map on this page.



*Below is information about an upcoming meeting for people with hearing loss and their friend and families. Please note the special date and time for this meeting. The Western Colorado Chapter of the Hearing Loss Association of America will NOT have a meeting on Saturday September 7. We hope you will join us for this meeting.*

**Colorado Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCDHH)**



**Quarterly Meeting and Community Form**

The Western Colorado Chapter of the Hearing Loss Association of America's (HLAAWCO) welcomes the Colorado Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing for its quarterly meeting. We are excited that this state-wide board will be having its meeting in Grand Junction. Many thanks are in order to the Center for Independence for hosting the meeting.

The CCDHH provides services and education for all people in Colorado to ensure communication access. Come learn what this office is doing to help people who are deaf and hard of hearing within the state of Colorado.

The Community Form will follow the Commission meeting and will feature Laura Hansen, Assist2Hear, and Daniel J. Tibbs, Au.D., Widex. The topic is Hearing Loops. Ms Hansen and Dr Tibbs will discuss induction hearing loop systems and how these loop system can benefit people with hearing loss. The Center for Independence has a loop system installed and attendees will

be able to try the system during the meeting.

**The tentative agenda is below:**

**4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. -- BUSINESS MEETING**

**5:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. -- BREAK**

**5:45 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. -- COMMUNITY FORUM: Hearing Loop Presentation By Laura Hansen, Assist2Hear, and Daniel J. Tibbs, Au.D., Widex**

**Public comments by the community members are welcomed**

The meeting will have captions, sign language interpreters and an induction loop system to ensure full communication access for all attendees.

Refreshments will be served.

**Thursday, September 5, 2013  
4:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

**Center for Independence  
740 Gunnison Ave.  
Grand Junction, CO 81501**

**People of all ages and all types of hearing loss are welcome!**

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More about the Hearing Loss Association of America at: [www.hearingloss.org](http://www.hearingloss.org)

More about the Colorado Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing at : [www.ccdhh.org](http://www.ccdhh.org)

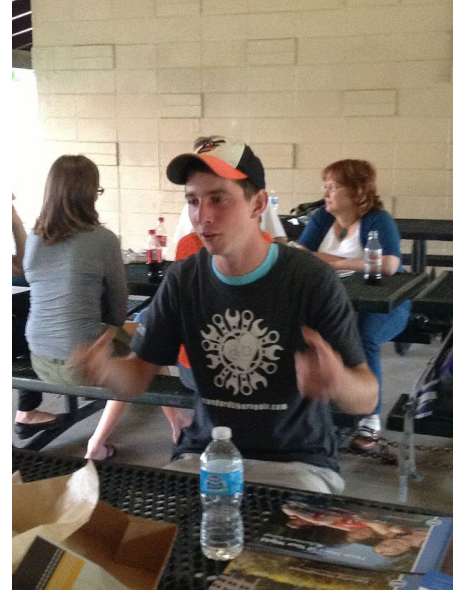
More about the Center for Independence at: [www.cfigj.org](http://www.cfigj.org) □

### Jacob Landis with Jacob's Ride Visits Denver and Boulder on August 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>

Jacob Landis of JacobsRide.com is riding his bicycle cross country in an endeavor to raise \$1,000,000 to pay for cochlear implants for people who need them., and attending ball games at various stadiums as well to help raise awareness at the games, too.. One of his stops was in Denver for the Colorado Rockies game on the evening of Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup>.

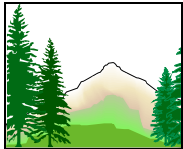
The evening before, August 8<sup>th</sup>, he came to the Hearing Loss Association of America, Boulder Chapter picnic to greet and meet many of us. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet Jacob Landis.

Please see Debbie Mohney's column in this newsletter for more details of his visit. You can donate to the JacobsRide fund at [www.jacobsride.com](http://www.jacobsride.com). □



*Open your arms to change,  
but don't let go of your  
values.*

**– Dalai Lama**



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