



**Welcome to the HLAAWCO Summer 2021 Newsletter!**

**Our next meeting will be Saturday September 11, 2021**

We hope to be able to meet in person at CFI.

Meetings will also be available through ZOOM with CART

Thank you to Matt Goncalves, Marketing Director, [matt@innocaption.com](mailto:matt@innocaption.com) and Cristina Duarte, Director of Regulatory Affairs and In-House Counsel, [regulatory@innocaption.com](mailto:regulatory@innocaption.com), for their presentation, on the InnoCaption App.

**Upcoming Western Colorado Chapter Meetings:**

**June, July, August** - no meetings

**September 11, 2021** TBA

**Important events happening in June:**

**June 13, 2021** - Walk4Hearing

**June 24-25, 2021** - Virtual HLAA Convention

See below for more details.

**Walk4Hearing**

Sponsored by the Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA)

The Walk4Hearing is the only nationwide event bringing attention to hearing loss and promoting the importance of hearing health. Funds raised support HLAA's national awareness and education programs, HLAA Chapters and State Associations, and alliance organizations who help extend HLAA's mission into local communities. **In 2021, the Walks are virtual. There is no virtual Walk in Colorado; therefore, the Western Colorado Chapter is associated with the Nashville, TN virtual walk to be held June 13<sup>th</sup>.**

Denice Roberts, Technology Services Coordinator at CFI, has been associated with the Western Colorado Chapter of the Hearing Loss Association of America for several years. She is currently the Chapter Leader and has chosen to walk for the first time. Please help her support HLAA. Or choose to support one of the other team members: Amy Beckett, Dennis Beckett, or Pamela Kreps.

Can we count on you? The Western Colorado Team link:

[http://hlaa.convio.net/site/TR/Teamraiser/NashvilleWalk?pg=team&fr\\_id=2675&team\\_id=49888](http://hlaa.convio.net/site/TR/Teamraiser/NashvilleWalk?pg=team&fr_id=2675&team_id=49888)

**Denice Roberts link:**

[http://hlaa.convio.net/site/TR/Teamraiser/NashvilleWalk?px=1779254&pg=personal&fr\\_id=2675](http://hlaa.convio.net/site/TR/Teamraiser/NashvilleWalk?px=1779254&pg=personal&fr_id=2675)

**Dennis Beckett link:**

[http://hlaa.convio.net/site/TR/Teamraiser/NashvilleWalk?px=1677780&pg=personal&fr\\_id=2675](http://hlaa.convio.net/site/TR/Teamraiser/NashvilleWalk?px=1677780&pg=personal&fr_id=2675)

**Pamela Kreps link:**

[http://hlaa.convio.net/site/TR/Teamraiser/NashvilleWalk?px=1782303&pg=personal&fr\\_id=2675](http://hlaa.convio.net/site/TR/Teamraiser/NashvilleWalk?px=1782303&pg=personal&fr_id=2675)

**Amy Beckett Link:**

[http://hlaa.convio.net/site/TR/Teamraiser/NashvilleWalk?px=1529183&pg=personal&fr\\_id=2675](http://hlaa.convio.net/site/TR/Teamraiser/NashvilleWalk?px=1529183&pg=personal&fr_id=2675)

The Walk4Hearing is about sharing an experience, learning from each other, making memories, and taking the first step toward better hearing health. Participating in the Walk means joining thousands of people across the country and right in our neighborhoods who understand what it's like to live with hearing loss.

Did you know that one in seven Americans are living with some degree of hearing loss? Hearing is an important part of overall health and the Walk4Hearing calls on all of us to take action. By being active, engaged, and making hearing health a priority, people with hearing loss can live well. Let's Hear Now and Be Well Together.

It all starts right here in our own community with generous people like you, who are willing to step up and support HLA.

**HLAA Virtual Convention 2021, June 24-25**

**Register now through June 15 for \$35.**

**Beginning June 16, registration is \$45.**

HLAA 2021 Convention is going virtual! Join us June 24-25, 2021 for the world's premier event for people with hearing loss-safely from the comfort of your own home! This 2-day event will be jam-packed with the same robust educational workshops, innovative HLA exhibitors, and unique networking opportunities you are used to having at HLA conventions.

<https://www.hearingloss.org/programs-events/convention/>

**Colorado HLA Chapters**

Boulder Chapter

Colorado Springs Chapter

Denver Chapter

Northern Colorado Chapter

Western Colorado Chapter

**All chapters are currently meeting through Zoom with captions.** I have been asked to send invitations to the HLAAWCO members to the various chapter meetings. They also invite their members to our meetings. The other chapters have started having people register for the Zoom meetings. This is a process we have started using for our meetings. It reduces the possibility of having uninvited guests at our meetings.

### **Nationwide HLAA Virtual Events**

Some HLAA Chapters are opening up their Zoom meetings to anyone interested. You can find a schedule here:

<http://new.hearinglosscentralma.org/HLAAVirtualEvents.html>

### **National Membership Provides Benefits for both HLAA National & Local Chapter News**

As an HLAA member, you are part of an organization with a mission to provide information, education, support and advocacy to people with hearing loss. Through our advocacy work at the federal level, we represent 48 million people nationally with hearing loss in the United States – that includes you. Please choose Western Colorado Chapter to represent us at the state level. Thank you!

Go to <https://www.hearingloss.org/make-an-impact/become-a-member-renew/>

to become a Member or Renew your National Membership.

### **TO LEARN MORE ABOUT:**

The Western Colorado Chapter: [www.hearinglosswco.org](http://www.hearinglosswco.org)

The Hearing Loss Association of America: [www.hearingloss.org](http://www.hearingloss.org)

The Center for Independence: [www.cfigj.org](http://www.cfigj.org)

Thank You,

Denice Roberts, Leader

Hearing Loss Association of America - Western Colorado Chapter

[hlaawco@gmail.com](mailto:hlaawco@gmail.com)

970-241-0315 ext. 29