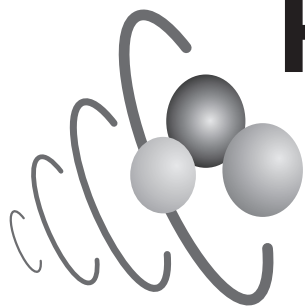


June 2012



Hearing Loss Association of America

North Shore Chapter of Long Island

Meeting Location

Long Island Jewish Hearing & Speech Center is located on the grounds of the Long Island Jewish Medical Center.

Enter the grounds from LAKEVILLE ROAD and it is the first building on your left. Free parking is available behind the hearing and speech building: first entrance to parking lot after building. DO NOT go into the main parking building. Go to the Conference room on the Lower Level
270-05 76th Avenue
New Hyde Park, NY 11040.

If you are in doubt as to whether there is a meeting, or if you'd like further information, please call Sal: 718-479-1098.

FYI

Assistive Listening Devices (ALD) are provided at our meetings. Headphones are available in the back. This room is Looped, so those who have hearing aids/cochlear implants can put on their T-coil switch.

Annual Walk4Hearing



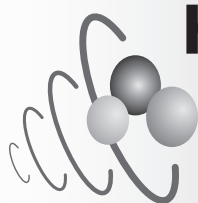
The Hearing Loss Association of America's (HLAA) Walk4Hearing is the largest walk of its kind in the country that raises awareness and helps to eradicate the stigma associated with hearing loss. HLAA's Walk4Hearing is held in multiple cities across the country. Since 2006, over 26,000 walkers have stepped up and helped raise money for programs and services for people with hearing loss and their families. Money raised is shared between the national organization and local Walk sites.

New York City Walk4Hearing Sunday, September 30, 2012

Riverside Park (W 83rd St. & Riverside Dr.)

Time: 9am Distance: 5K (3.1 miles)

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****Everyone can participate!****

Walk with the North Shore Team:

- Go to www.walk4hearing.org
- Click 'NEW YORK, NY' under 'Fall Walks'
- Click 'REGISTER' over the team scroll
- Click 'JOINING A TEAM'
- Type in North Shore Sandals next to 'ENTER TEAM NAME' and click 'SEARCH'
- Click 'NORTH SHORE SANDALS' in blue
- Click 'JOIN TEAM' and follow the prompts

Donate to the North Shore Team:

Checks of any amount are welcomed! Please make them payable to 'Walk4Hearing', and write 'North Shore Sandals' on the check. Mail checks to: Sal Sturiale, Walk4Hearing, PO Box 583, Glen Oaks, NY, 11004.

Examples of how funds are used include:

National Programs and Services

- Provides timely and reliable information about hearing loss through its website, Hearing Loss Magazine, the online e-News, the Hearing Loss Support Specialists Training, message boards/chat forums, monthly webinars and holds annual conventions
- Works at the national level to affect legislation that impacts people with hearing loss, whether it's funding for hearing aids and cochlear implants,

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Announcing our new Chapter website:
www.hearingloss-longisland.org

Picnic in the Park

Our 8th annual picnic before the summer will be on

June 13th 2012, 6 - 9pm

The picnic is located at Steppingstone Park in Great Neck, NY

As always, Hilda Drucker does all the planning —
contact her at: 516-482-6433

Meet in the parking lot of the park at 5:45pm. Please
bring a food item of your choice, enough for 4-6 people,
either a main dish or a dessert.

Any questions, please call Hilda at 516-482-6433

** Note: if you are a member of the Great Neck Park District, please bring your park card **

Joke Corner

Doctor, I think I'm losing my hearing!

What are the symptoms?

It's a show about a little yellow family, but
what has that got to do with my problem?

Directions to Stepping Stone Park

Take the Southern State Parkway
to the Cross Island Parkway.
Take Exit 31E for New York 25A E/Northern Blvd E
Merge onto New York 25A E/Northern Blvd
Make a slight Left at Great Neck Road.
Continue onto Bay View Avenue
Continue onto W Shore Road
Turn Right at Kinds Point Road.
Turn Left onto Stepping Stone Lane.

communication access in public places, or other important issues

- A nationwide network of 200 chapters providing personal support and 14 state organizations advocating for expanded state services
- Support for parents of children with hearing loss at www.kidsandhearingloss.org
- Outreach to veterans returning with hearing loss
- Social networking site for young adults with hearing loss at www.hearinglossnation.org

People with a passion for hearing loss issues get involved for many reasons either they have a hearing loss themselves or they want to show support for family members or someone they know with hearing loss. Parents of children with hearing loss walk as families and meet other parents along the way and share experiences. Company teams walk to build workplace camaraderie. Alliance groups such as schools for children who have hearing loss, hospitals, universities, and other non-profit hearing loss-related organizations, join the Walk4Hearing to raise money for their own projects.

Earphone Can Impair Your Hearing Ability, Says Audiologist

The Nigerian Observer - January 6, 2012

ABUJA -Music lovers, especially the youth in the habit of using the earphone and putting it at a high volume may suffer hear-loss, an audiologist, Mrs. Adewumi Ojetoyinbo has warned. Ojetoyinbo told newsmen in Abuja that people should endeavour to protect their ears against noise, to avoid hearing disorder.

"People should avoid exposing their ears to noisier environment and listening to music at a high volume with earpiece. Using earpiece at a high volume can reduce the degree of hearing of people involved in such habit."

According to her, it is a common practice among the youth in Nigeria, as many of them expose their ears to dangers through the use of earphone.

"Some of them will put earpiece into their ears and turn the volume high, to the extent that the person next to him will be hearing the music. Before they realise it, their level of hearing will be going down gradually until it reaches hear-loss."

Ojetoyinbo said that increasing the volume of television set or the radio at a high volume could also be responsible for hear-loss, adding that increasing the volume of phone high while answering calls should be discouraged.

The audiologist noted that use of sharp objects to clean the ear could cause infection that could result in total deafness, adding that too much cleaning of the ear could cause injury to the eardrum. "Don't put any sharp or pointed object into the ears whenever they itch; if your ears are full of wax go to the hospital, they will remove it for you," she advised.

Ojetoyinbo listed the major causes of hearing loss to include drug abuse, working in noisy environment such as industries as well as treatment of typhoid by non-qualified medical personnel.

She said that hearing loss could be temporary or permanent due to infection or unusual activities, but could be corrected.

"Rush to the hospital immediately you take any drug that affects your hearing so that it can be treated on time." She advised that babies should be screened at the point of birth in the hospital to help detect partial or congenital hearing loss.

The Future Of Captioned Films



Photo by Rikki DiMaria

By the end of the year 2012, there will be no more captioned films in theaters. Now, before you grab your picket signs, read the rest of the article; there are improvements made from this. A such improvement is captioned glasses. What are captioned glasses, you may ask? These so-called captioned glasses are a piece of technology made by Sony to improve captioning in theaters for the deaf and the hard of hearing people.

These glasses look like sunglasses with a battery on both sides of the frame. I had the opportunity to try these glasses out last year in Knoxville, TN at the headquarters of Regal Entertainment Group. My first thoughts about

those glasses were that they weren't heavy. Looking at it, I thought it would be heavy on my nose, but I was wrong. They felt like sunglasses, but with a little more added weight.

While watching the movie Megamind, I began to appreciate having the glasses on. The words were in green and it didn't feel like I was watching the subtitles right on the lens of the glasses. Sony has designed the lens in a way that made me feel like the subtitles were on the screen, not the lens. I felt like I was at the movies in a normal captioned film showing watching a movie with my glasses on. It is a totally different kind of captioning experience and I believe it is going to be a great thing for us for the future of captioned films.

Another reason that there won't be captioning in theaters anymore is because movie studios are losing money having open-captioned movies. Every time I go to see a movie that is open-captioned, there are barely any people in the seats. I've never seen more than ten people, so that's why studios are losing money. So, if I was in their situation, I believe I would do the same thing.

The only major problem is that as long as movies are still produced by big or minor studios that never showed captioned films in the past still won't be captioned in theaters. For example, Lionsgate has not released a captioned film for years. Nowadays, Lionsgate is trying to work on improving that, but they have released only two captioned films recently.

The result of no more captioned showings will have a big impact on the deaf and the hard of hearing community. Why? For years, many deaf and hard of hearing people have protested continuously for more captioned films and now that battle will be gone. I believe this will result in a great improvement in film attendance for the deaf and hard of hearing.

Instead of waiting for a movie to be captioned on certain days and times, we can now go to any showing whenever it's convenient for us. For example, by the end of 2012, people will be able to attend a movie on their opening nights with those Sony captioned glasses. Who hasn't wanted to go see a popular movie on a Friday night? So, I'll say thank you to Sony for thinking of us and trying to improve captioning in theaters for us, the deaf and the hard of hearing.

For more information on the new glasses, you can go to this BBC website here: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-14654339>



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