

December 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.

Meeting News

December 19, 2012

Refreshments and Social Time

begins 6:30pm

Meeting begins 7:00pm



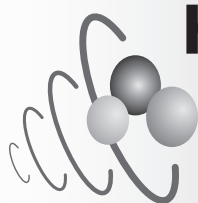
***Topic: "THINGS WE CAN SHARE
TO HELP OTHER HARD OF
HEARING PEOPLE."***

Speaker: Hard of Hearing People (that means you and me).

It is always an interesting meeting when we share what we know with each other. We each have coping techniques, body language, technical devices, and a host of things that get us through the day. Sharing them with others is one of the most generous things we can do.

After the meeting, there will be light snacks and refreshment to celebrate the holiday season.

Hope to see many of you sharing at this meeting.



Hearing Loss Association of America

North Shore Chapter of Long Island

Chapter Planning Committee

HLAA North Shore Chapter
Voice: 718-479-1098

Sal Sturiale
Chapter President
Sturiale@verizon.net

Charlie Kantor
Newsletter Editor

Hilda Drucker
Events

Fred & Ruth Wiener
Publicity

Silvia & David Siegel
Hospitality

Charles Kantor
Technology

Members:

Ruth Dunitz
Claire Fox
Hilda Polonet
Helmuth Mooreman

*HLAA of North Shore Long
Island does not necessarily
endorse the opinions of our
speakers, goods & services.*

Our Chapter

I hope this newsletter finds all of you safe and sound. For those of you who may have personally felt the devastation of "Sandy," our thoughts and prayers go out to you. Unfortunately we had to cancel the November meeting because of the storm. Our speaker canceled (rescheduled for January 2013) and we had no idea how many people would be affected by the storm. After some discussion, we thought it would be the best to give us all time to regroup.

We had a wonderful October meeting with a representative from Caption Call Phone as the guest speaker. There was a great deal of interest from people who wanted the phone, and from the people who have the phone and needed to get more information on how to best use it. For those of you who couldn't get to the meeting and are interested in getting a Caption Call Phone, the wonderful news is that they are still available to our members. The contact person is Ms. Tina Kozak. She can be reached at (631) 891-5331, or tkozak@captioncall.com — be sure to use the promo code **CSE 5443**.

We would like to wish you all a belated Happy Thanksgiving. It was a beautiful day to celebrate a true American Holiday. Although there are many holidays to celebrate, Thanksgiving is special in that it gives us the opportunity to give thanks for all the things that living in this country offers.

On October 3, 1863, Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving a national holiday. He explained that "In the midst of a civil war of unequaled magnitude and severity... peace has been preserved with all nations... and harmony has prevailed everywhere." He declared that the last Thursday of November shall become a day of "Thanksgiving and Praise."

Lastly, David Siegel, who is a very long standing member of the Chapter, will be stepping down from his role as our Meeting Reporter. If you missed a meeting and read David's accounts of it in the newsletter afterwards, you would know exactly what took place that evening. This guy will be very hard to replace. He and his wife Silvia, who also serve as our Hospitality Chair, will still be active in that capacity. Thank you, David, for all you have done for our Chapter.

See you all on December 19th.

Sal Sturiale

In Memoriam

Sy Goldstein, a friend, chapter member from the beginning, and board member, passed away. He was a great friend of HLAA. He will be sorely missed and fondly remembered.

A Special Note

The Walk4Hearing was a huge success. This year, we raised over \$1.2 million dollars for HLAA. The New York Chapters raised \$209,000 together.

It's all for a good cause.

Thank you all for your support and donations.



The New Police Siren You Can Actually Feel

"The Howler" uses a low frequency vibration that can be felt from up to 200 feet away.

 ORIGINAL Posted: Jan 23, 2012

A new kind of police siren that emits low-frequency vibrations, is making waves — quite literally — in the town of Bartow, Fla. Although pedestrians may find it unpleasant, officers think it's a safer and more effective means of announcing their presence. "I don't know if I could go back to a regular siren and feel safe with it," Bartow Officer Bryan Dorman told WTSP.

Co-developed by a former Florida highway patrol officer, the Howler works by sending out a low-frequency vibration people can feel from up to 200 feet away. With electronic distractions becoming an ever-present part of our lives, the addition of the vibration to the lights and audible siren could be an invaluable safety tool.

Hundreds of police departments around the country have started using the system, including the NYPD.

While officers think the Howler is an effective device, not everyone thinks it's such a good idea. Noise control groups have voiced their opposition, calling the siren "disorienting."

"[The] siren easily triggers an involuntary stress response commonly known as 'fight or flight.' This results in the secretion of adrenaline, with ensuing spikes in cardio-respiratory rates, muscle tension, and elevated blood pressure," claims NoiseOFF, a coalition aimed at reducing noise pollution. "Infrasound is low frequency sound energy that affects the nervous system and prolonged exposure can lead to progressive medical conditions."

Police officers and noise-control groups may not agree on the Howler's viability as a safety tool, they concur on one thing: You know when a police car is coming.

Verizon Selects TeleCommunication Systems to Provide Text to 911 National Gateway Solution

New Service Will Enable Customers to Send 911 Short-Code Messages to Emergency Response Centers

BASKING RIDGE, N.J.
May 3, 2012

Demonstrating its continued commitment to advancing public safety, Verizon Wireless is taking steps toward offering many of its customers a new way to communicate with 911 call centers run by public safety officials. The company announced today that it has selected TeleCommunication Systems Inc., of Annapolis, Md., to participate in an initiative that will enable customers to send 911 SMS (Short Message Service) texts to the call centers, which are known as public-service answering points, or PSAPs.

While consumers should always first try to contact a 911 center by making a voice call, this enhanced SMS service, when deployed, will offer an alternative for customers on the Verizon Wireless network who are deaf or hard of hearing and cannot make voice calls or who could be placed in additional danger by speaking.

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.

Loops at Amtrak in Penn Station!

By The Manhattan Chapter of HLAA

The NYC Looping Committee is on a roll! We just heard that Amtrak's Penn Station in NYC now has induction loops installed, providing access to those with t-coils in their hearing aids/cochlear implants. We were instrumental in moving this pilot project forward, along with other groups, and are thrilled that this much-needed improvement is now a reality. Our Amtrak contact informs us that loops are now installed at ticket windows 7 & 8 and also at the customer service desk. Another loop will be installed at the information desk shortly. HLAA members should check out the loops and let us know their reaction. In addition, the following venues have also been looped in the past week:

- Temple Beth Abraham in Tarrytown (Westchester County). They have invited us to join their High Holy Day Services. Be sure to contact them before you attend: Rabbi@TBA-NY.org or 914-631-1770.
- Jacob Burns Film Center in Pleasantville, NY (Westchester County) – three different auditoriums are looped.
- Smithtown Library, Smithtown, LI

These add to a growing list of looped venues in the metropolitan area. Thanks to the committee for all their hard work.

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?

Question: What do you call it when people put names on the back of sports shirts?

Answer: Clothes Captioning

Located in the same building for 30 years!!!!!!

Evening Hours by appointment
Open Saturdays
Family Owned and operated

All Major Manufacturers
On-Site Repairs
30+ Years of Experience



70- 50 Austin Street, Suite 115
Located on the Lower Level
Forest Hills, NY 11375

Please call for an appointment (718) 793-9629



PHONAK

oticon
PEOPLE FIRST



Stephan A. Weitz, BC-HIS
Board Certified Hearing Instrument Specialist
NYS Licensed Audiologist & Hearing Aid Dispenser

Jennifer Weitz, Au.D., CCC-A
Doctor of Audiology
NYS Licensed Audiologist & Hearing Aid Dispenser



The Ultimate Captioned Telephone Experience!



With CaptionCall you will enjoy:

- A large 7" screen with adjustable text sizes
- Smooth-scrolling captions for easy reading
- Customizable frequency amplification to match your personal audiogram
- Fast and accurate captioning for a natural phone experience
- Location flexibility using a wired or wireless Internet connection
- A sleek design with touch-screen technology
- Free delivery and installation assistance

Get CaptionCall absolutely FREE! Go to www.CaptionCall.com, click on REQUEST INFO, and complete the form. Or call **1-877-557-2227**. Refer to promo code **MS1124**. Expires Oct. 31, 2012.

WE BUY AND SELL



Est. 1986

- Gold • Silver • Coins • Painting
- Jewelry & Antiques • Flatware & Sterling
- Watches • Military Collectibles

CALL FOR FREE ESTIMATES

COMET IS LOCATED AT
192-07 UNION TPKE., FLUSHING
718-479-0459

Assistive Listening System

Available for the Hearing Impaired

Parkside
Memorial Chapels, Inc.

To reach all branches:
(718) 896-9000 - 24 hours a day

Queens

98-60 Queens Boulevard

Brooklyn

2576 Flatbush Avenue

Nassau

175 Long Beach Road, Rockville Center

8000 Jericho Tpke., Woodbury

In Florida call:

Dade County - (305) 864-3774

Broward County - (954) 472-2821

Palm Beach County - (561) 655-6844



HLAA of North Shore Long Island

Sal Sturiale
80-38 212 Street
Hollis Hills, NY 11427

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Membership Dues

Stay abreast of pertinent news and information. Send in your dues today.

Dues include Newsletter.

Make check to:

HLAA of North Shore Long Island

Dues: \$15.00 (for the year)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

PLEASE COMPLETE

and mail check to:

Sal Sturiale

80-38 212 Street

Hollis Hills, NY 11427



**Hearing Loss
Association
of America**

Join National

**to receive their Bi-monthly
Award Winning Magazine**

Dues: \$35.00.

You can either send in this form or
join online at www.hearingloss.org

Mail Check to:

Hearing Loss Association of America

7910 Woodmont Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____