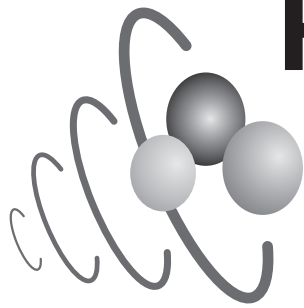


June 2013



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.

PICNIC *in the* PARK

Join us for our 9th Annual

Summertime Picnic!

(The picnic will be in place of our June monthly meeting.)

Wednesday June 19th (rain date June 20th)

6:00 PM to 9 PM

Steppingstone Park, Great Neck, L.I.

\$5 per person, including all food and beverages

Friends, significant others, and even wives and husbands are welcome!

As always, Hilda Drucker is in charge of this event. Please reach her at (516) 482-6433 or hildad@mailbug.com to confirm you attendance.

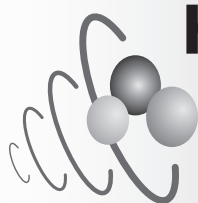
We need to know how many people will attend.

Directions: From LIJ Hearing and Speech Center (a starting point we all know)

North on Lakeville RD	2 mi
Turns into S Middle Neck Rd	2.8 mi
Left onto Redbrook Rd	.09 mi
Left onto Kings Point Rd	.01 mi

Right onto Stepping Stone Lane. On your left is the park.
You can also Google "Steppingstone Park, Great Neck" for directions.

Make it a point to be there. You won't be disappointed!



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*Note: There
will be no
meetings held
in July and
August.*

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Our Chapter

If you missed our May meeting, too bad. We're having a streak of top-notch meeting this year; you have to make an effort to get to the meetings to see and hear what's going on at our chapter meetings.

Our May speaker, Dr. Karen McLennan, gave a presentation on hearing loss and the types of devices that could be of assistance to you. Understand your type of loss, and a connection with a hearing health professional, are the keys to the most successful outcomes for hearing well. Remember: there is no device that will restore normal hearing, but there are many aids which can make things a lot easier for you. Also, a professional audiologist with a current knowledge of assistive listening devices and hearing aids can make your hearing aids function at a higher level.

You may have heard about the effort to "Loop America." Looping is a technology which, using the T-coil in your hearing aid, lets you hear directly in your ear without any outside interference. Dr. MacLennan is at the forefront in providing this service to facilities used by large numbers of people. In the future, we'll be able to go to museums, houses of worship, movie theatres, sports arenas, and airports, and they'll be looped, so those of us with hearing loss will be a part of what is going on. No more asking someone, "What did they say?"

"Home looping" is also available, but it's up to the you to buy and install the device. It's not hard, and can be accomplished with a little help from the manufacture. I have done it myself in my home, so I can tell you from experience it's easy and very effective, and we have some tech-savvy members in the group happy to give you assistance in looping. We are also looking to find professionals offering the service of home looping; as we get more information we'll pass it along.

My last bit of advice is to never let an audiologist tell you that you don't need a T-coil in your hearing aid. If they do, I suggest you find another audiologist.

Hope to see you all at the picnic in June.

Sal Sturiale

WALK4HEARING!



The Hearing Loss Association of America's (HLAA) Walk4Hearing is the largest walk for hearing in the country. Every spring and fall thousands of walkers—children and their families, young adults, young at heart, and everyone in between—form teams and walk in their communities to increase public awareness about hearing loss, help eradicate the stigma associ-

ated with it and raise funds for programs and services. HLAA depends on generous volunteers to raise funds, generate enthusiasm and awareness at each of the Walk4Hearing sites.

READY TO WALK? **SEPTEMBER 29, 2013**

Join us for the 6th Annual NYC Walk4Hearing in Riverside Park. The Walk route is a 5K (3.1 mile) loop starting at Riverside Drive and W. 97th Street. Walk begins at 10AM; registration and check-in at 9AM.

DONATE TO OUR CHAPTER TEAM (LONG ISLAND BEACHCOMBERS)

Donate Online:

- Go to www.walk4hearing.org
- In left panel Click 'NEW YORK, NY' under 'Fall Walks'
- Click 'DONATE'
- Click 'Find a Team'
- Type in 'Long Island Beachcombers' as Team Name and click 'Find'
- Click 'Sturiale, Sal' in blue
- In right panel click 'DONATE' and follow the prompts



Donate by Mail:

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

New Closed-Captioning Glasses Help Deaf Go Out To The Movies

By Rachel Rood, NPR.org

There will be a special attraction for deaf people in theaters nationwide soon. By the end of this month, Regal Cinemas plans to have distributed closed-captioning glasses to 6,000 screens across the country.

Sony Entertainment Access Glasses are sort of like 3-D glasses, but for captioning. The captions are projected onto the glasses and appear to float about 10 feet in front of the user. They also come with audio tracks that describe the action on the screen for blind people, or they can boost the audio levels of the movie for those who are hard of hearing.

This is a big moment for the deaf, many of whom haven't been to the movies in a long time. Captioned screenings are few and far between, and current personal captioning devices that fit inside a cup holder with a screen attached are bulky, display the text out of their line of vision to the screen, and distract the other patrons.

Randy Smith Jr., the chief administrative officer for Regal Cinemas, says he has worked for more than a decade to find a solution to this problem. He tells Arun Rath, host of weekends on *All Things Considered*, that it has been his goal since 1998 "to develop a technology that would allow accessibility to the deaf and blind for every show time, for every feature."

Luckily, he had his own "personal guinea pig" at home, he says, in the form of his deaf son, Ryan, now 23. Smith said that as the tech companies would send him new prototypes, he and Ryan would test it out at the movies together, with Ryan giving him feedback along the way.

"We'd do that until we got to a point that we felt it was comfortable enough," Smith says.

Smith says he couldn't put into words what it felt like to finally be at this point, but after announcing the new device, he received a letter from a parent. Smith said that letter described the feeling perfectly:

"I've attempted to enjoy a movie with my son so many times over the last 26 years, but to no avail. After watching a movie I would try to discuss it with him. The comments he would make would in no way relate to the plot of the movie and at one point he finally confessed that as he watched the screen, he simply made up the story in his head. He didn't really know what was going on. The fact that I can take my son to a movie when he visits at the end of June is literally bringing tears to my eyes. It would seem silly to most people but I would imagine you understand what it feels like."

Smith says he can't express it any better than that.

Volunteer Needed

Silvia and David Siegel, who have graciously been doing our hospitality for so many years, will not be able to continue any longer. They are the people behind the scenes, who bring the cookies, tea, coffee, and everything that's necessary to get our meetings started on the right foot.

We can't thank them enough for all the years of service to the chapter.

That being said, we need a new volunteer to take over. It will take a very little effort on your part to gain the rewards which come helping our chapter.

Get in touch for details: hlaalongisland@gmail.com

Support Group for Parents of Hearing Impaired Children

Meets at the Hearing and Speech Center of LIJ Hospital

For more information: Contact Dr. Linda Glazer at (718) 470-8631 or e-mail lglazer@nshs.edu



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And please let us know who to send the acknowledgment to.

Thank you!

Stay Connected

Make sure you're on our chapter email list, so we can quickly notify you of important and time-sensitive information, such as meeting changes, etc. Send us a note at: hlaalongisland@gmail.com.

Cheer Her Up

Ruth Dunetz, who has been our chapter membership coordinator for too many years to mention, needs some cheering up. She had a nasty fall and broke her elbow (ouch!). We hope she has a painless and full recovery.



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