

May 2014



# Hearing Loss Association of America

North Shore of Long Island Chapter

## 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

Wednesday, May 21st

Gathering at 6:30pm. Meeting begins 7:00pm.

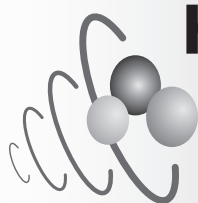
*Topic: "Hearing "Aids" - Devices to Help You Hear More!"*

There is more to effective communication than a hearing aid or cochlear implant. Our Speaker this month is a representative of the HearMore Co. located in Farmingdale, L.I.. They specialize in products for people who are deaf or have hearing loss, as well as people with vision loss. A hands-on demonstration of various aids and assistive listening devices will be presented.

### **Note:**

There will be no meetings in July and August.





# 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*

David Siegel  
*Meeting Reporter*

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

---

Our April meeting was very well attended. New people came, who we always love to meet! There are always members who can't make it, but the Old Guard is always there, month after month. We had a very informative speaker on the topic "Effective Communications," which taught us, folks with hearing loss, how to best manage in a health care setting.

We learned lots of tips on how to communicate effectively, with hospitals, doctors, health care providers and so on. This is the kind of information you hear and store in the back of your head until you need it. In most cases, eventually you or a family member will find yourselves in a situation when this information will be of great value. This is another reason to come to meetings... besides the delicious coffee and cookies!

Don't forget: our annual Walk4Hearing is coming up soon. You can walk with our team; you can donate; you can do both. But you should do something. Read more about the walk in this edition of the newsletter.

If you have some time and would like to get involved with the chapters effort in outreach, or help out at our monthly meetings, please email us: [hlaalongisland@gmail.com](mailto:hlaalongisland@gmail.com). You will be surprised how rewarding it will be!

Sal Sturiale

## *Annual Picnic Cancelled*

We are sorry to announce that our annual chapter picnic is cancelled this year, due to circumstances beyond our control. We look forward to continuing this fun tradition next year, so stay tuned!

# HLAA Annual Convention CONVENTION



**Hearing Loss  
Association  
of America**

# 2014

Austin, Texas  
June 26 - 29, 2014

Go to: [www.hearingloss.org](http://www.hearingloss.org) and click on "EVENTS" for more info



**Date:** Sunday, September 28, 2014

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 associated 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.

Join us for the 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.

**To join our team and walk with us:** go to [goo.gl/Vsz6g3](http://goo.gl/Vsz6g3) and click the purple "Join My Team" button on the right side of the page.

**To donate online:** go to [goo.gl/Vsz6g3](http://goo.gl/Vsz6g3) and click the purple "Donate" button on the right side of the page.

**To 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

# HLAA Supports NPR Labs' Pilot Project in Radio Emergency Alerts

*Fri, 11/01/2013*

**Do you live in Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, or Texas, and have a hearing loss? Would you be interested in helping National Public Radio (NPR) test a new text emergency alerting system?**



*NPR has been working with HLAA to make text radio a reality for several years now. NPR now has a prototype for text messaging in an emergency and needs volunteers to test the system.*

**What NPR will demonstrate:** Receiving emergency alerts on a new radio-driven tablet device. NPR needs to test the device to find out if it works effectively, and will ask you to complete an occasional survey letting them know how well the demonstration is working for you.

**What you need to be able to help:** In order to participate, you need to be close enough to one of the NPR stations that participate in this project, so that you will be able to get the test alerts. You can enter your street address at <http://secure.nprlabs.org/alerting> to find out if you are within the coverage area of one of the stations.

**What NPR is asking from you:** Over the course of the next few months, NPR will be asking you to keep track of what alerts you receive, and send back some other information.

**What's in it for you?** In addition to helping test a landmark emergency communications system, designed to be available when other communications sources are not in service, you will get to keep the receiver and Android tablet after the project is over. The tablet is an entry level Android tablet and does not need to be connected to the radio receiver after the demonstration period is over.

**Who is eligible to volunteer?** Anyone with hearing difficulty is able to volunteer. Not everyone who volunteers will be able to participate, because NPR needs to have a representative sample of volunteers that matches the overall national distribution of age, gender and other factors.

NPR will be in touch with those of you who would like to volunteer and complete the Application for Volunteers at <http://nprlabs.org/dhs>.

If you have more questions please contact NPR at [alerting@npr.org](mailto:alerting@npr.org).

Feel free to pass this message along. NPR will be reaching out to others in the Gulf States. If you know someone living in Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, or Texas, they would be particularly interested in hearing from them.

*Thanks for your help with this important new project!*



# The FCC and Captioned Telephone Services (CAPTEL CAPTIONCALL WEBCAPTEL)

---

Sep 24 2013

On August 26, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) adopted the final Order regarding IP CTS (Internet Protocol Captioned Telephone Services). The new rules change the way consumers get the phones and use the phones. The rules include:



- Captions will not appear on the phone until the consumer turns the captions on, with exceptions made for people with documented physical or cognitive disabilities
- **Consumers are required to pay \$75** or more for a captioned phone, unless the consumer receives the phone from a state equipment distribution program
- Apps (software applications) for mobile phones will cost \$75 or more, unless the consumer already has an IP CTS phone
- Consumers must register with the provider of the phone
- Consumers must certify under penalty of perjury that they have a hearing loss which requires the use of a captioned phone
- Consumers must certify that they will not permit anyone who is not registered to use their captioned phone

The FCC also asked questions about the way captioned services should work, and have provided an opportunity for stakeholders to weigh in through their Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FNPRM). Some of the questions they asked:

- Should the FCC turn over all Captioned Telephone Services (CTS) to the states?
- Should the FCC establish mandatory minimum performance requirements (speed, delay, accuracy)?
- Should there be any other exemptions to the requirement that the captions must be off until the registered user turns them on?
- What are the most effective ways to educate consumers about IP CTS?

HLAA will be filing comments once again with the FCC, based on the information we have at hand, and what we gather through our online surveys. Comments on the FNPRM are due **October 18, 2013**.

But it's essential that the Commission hears directly from you. You can do that by emailing or writing the FCC anytime with your feedback on how IP CTS is working for you – or not.

Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554  
Phone: 1-888-225-5322

<http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/proceeding/view?z=8lwa7&name=13-24>

We encourage you to let HLAA know as well. Knowing what works for you will help us in our fight for equal telecommunications access for all consumers who have a hearing loss. For more information email [advocacy@hearingloss.org](mailto:advocacy@hearingloss.org).

# Research Request

---

David Baldridge is a HLAA member and professor at Oregon State University. His research was featured in the January/February 2014 issue of *Hearing Loss Magazine*. He is currently working on a research project titled *Work Place Experiences of People who are Deaf/Hard-of-Hearing* (Deaf/HOH) that collects interview and survey data from hearing loss experts, people with hearing loss, their supervisors and coworkers.

Please contact him at

david.baldridge@bus.oregonstate.edu

if you would like to participate.

Stay Connected



## 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

# Free CaptionCall Phone!

available to qualified\* individuals



## Get the revolutionary CaptionCall phone absolutely Free!

- Enjoy fast accurate captions
- Large screen with large text
- Amplification and superb sound quality
- Hearing aid compatibility
- Silkscroll™ captioning
- Ability to save captions

**Order Today! Visit [www.CaptionCall.com](http://www.CaptionCall.com) or call 1-877-557-2227.**

**Enjoy free delivery, installation, and hands-on training. Use promo code MS1124.**

\*Certification of hearing loss by a hearing-care professional is required to participate in this offer. A standard phone line and Internet connection are also required to use this service.

## We Welcome All Donations

Please make checks payable to: HLAA North Shore of L.I.

Mail to: Sal Sturiale  
8038 212 Street  
Queens Village, N.Y. 11427

Be sure to designate who to acknowledge for your donation. For example: "this donation is: In Memory of; or In Honor of; or Happy Birthday; or Congratulations to..."

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

Thank you!

## 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](mailto:lglazer@nshs.edu)



**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](http://www.hearingloss.org)

*Mail Check to:*

Hearing Loss Association of America

7910 Woodmont Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_