



Hearing Loss Association of America

North Shore of Long Island Chapter

September 2014

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, September 17, 2014

Refreshments and Social Time begins 6:30pm.

Meeting begins 7:00pm.

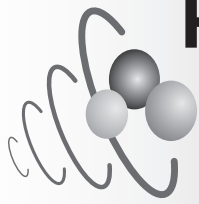
Topic: Learn About New Technology That Can Change Your Life!

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Our Speaker: Dane Bowers joined the Phonak Team in October of 2012. He is the Pediatric and FM Specialist of the Northeast with Phonak LLC. He received his AuD from the University of Tennessee. Prior to joining Phonak, he worked as a private practice audiologist in Florida. His clinical experience includes adult and pediatric diagnostics and hearing aid fittings as well as vestibular testing.

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Our Chapter

Hope all of you had a wonderful summer. Now it's time to get back to the business of hearing loss—as if any of us can ever forget about it.

First, I want to tell you that the June meeting was one of the most outstanding meetings of the year. Lots of information was shared among the members. Many of the people who attended took part in sharing information and personal experiences with the group. There are a surprising number of people with Cochlear Implants in our group, and more are on their way to getting one. It's wonderful to experience what went on at that meeting. It's what HLAA is all about, and how sharing information and personal experiences brings us to the next level of living and coping with hearing loss.

The second half of the meeting was something we haven't done before, which was just interacting with each other on a personal level. Getting to know the people we see at meetings but never have occasion to really speak to. It worked out well beyond our expectations. We stayed far beyond the usual 9:00 PM when our meetings usually end. I am sure it is something we will do again in the future.

Again, as I always do, I want to encourage you to attend meetings. You will be surprised to find how easy it is being part of a group that understands what living with hearing loss is all about; you will be the winner here and will take home a wealth of information and a sense of belonging to something that will make a positive impact on all people with hearing loss.

I encourage you to join our chapter to help us continue our work. We need your membership support, donations and attendance. Please be generous with all of them. And, don't forget joining national is an important part of what we do.

See you at the meeting.

Sal Sturiale

Note About Dues

The membership year has changed, and is now from September through August. The cost remains the same, at \$15.00 per year. We will start collecting dues at the September meeting, and by mail from those of you who receive our newsletter by mail or email. Please make your check out to: HLAA North Shore of LI.

Please note that you must be a paying member to continue receiving our newsletter! And remember: your membership is tax deductible.

Do you think hearing aids should be covered by Medicare?

If so, please sign this online petition asking Congress to pass HR 3150:

<http://bit.ly/1q5nPVd>

Ask your friends and family to sign, too!



**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 North Shore Sandals and walk with us:

http://hlaa.convio.net/site/TR?team_id=34479&fr_id=2214&pg=team

Click "Join Team" (in purple above the team roster) and follow the prompts.

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Or simply mail a check payable to "Walk4Hearing" to:

Sal Sturiale, 80-38 212 Street, Queens Village, NY 11427

Emergency Access: **Rolling Out Text to 911 in 2014**

By <http://www.hearingloss.org>

Starting on Thursday, people in select locations across the country can text 9-1-1 with emergencies if they are unable to call them in.

The Federal Communications Commission is rolling out the service to make it easier to contact 9-1-1 for people who are deaf, hard of hearing, have a speech disability or are in a situation in which making a call could be dangerous. The FCC's website states that making a phone call is still the best option when possible, because it allows the person calling in to relay information more quickly. First responders can also triangulate the caller's location with a phone call, something that can't be done via text.

To that point, the FCC asks that anyone texting 9-1-1 provide information about the situation and his or her exact location. The providers supporting the service include AT&T, Sprint, T-Mobile and Verizon Wireless.

The initial rollout includes areas of Colorado, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Montana, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Vermont and Virginia. Though only people living in certain parts of those states can text 9-1-1 starting on Thursday, the FCC says anyone with a cellphone and enough service will be able to do so by the end of 2014.

Anyone who texts 9-1-1 in an area where emergency call centers do not yet support texts will receive a bounce-back message, informing them the text has not been sent and they should try to call instead.

Call centers are still updating their systems to be compatible with texts. According to the FCC's site, anyone who wants to know whether their area has adopted the new technology can call their cellphone providers.

Stephen Colbert's Ear

Comedian Stephen Colbert is deaf in one ear. A surgery when he was young left him without an ear drum in his right ear. He says, "I always wanted to be a marine biologist but then I had this ear problem. I have no ear drum. So I had this operation at the Medical University when I was a kid. Now I can't get my head wet. I mean, I can, but I can't really scuba dive or anything like that. So that killed my marine biology hopes." During a 2006 segment on his show, Colbert "played the humor card." You can watch the full video on DeafNewsToday.com.

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Proposed law would begin to open the US military to the deaf

A bill in the US Congress would allow the deaf to serve in the Air Force. California congressman Mark Takano, a Democrat from California, put the proposed legislation before the House Armed Services Committee. H.R.5296 has the support of the NAD (National Association of the Deaf) and covers people who use hearing aids or cochlear ear implants.

If approved, changes would begin with a pilot program, which would be expanded if all goes well. Co-sponsors include four other Democrats: Chris Van Hollen of Maryland, Niki Tsongas of Massachusetts, as well as John Garamendi and Henry Waxman of California.

IN MEMORY

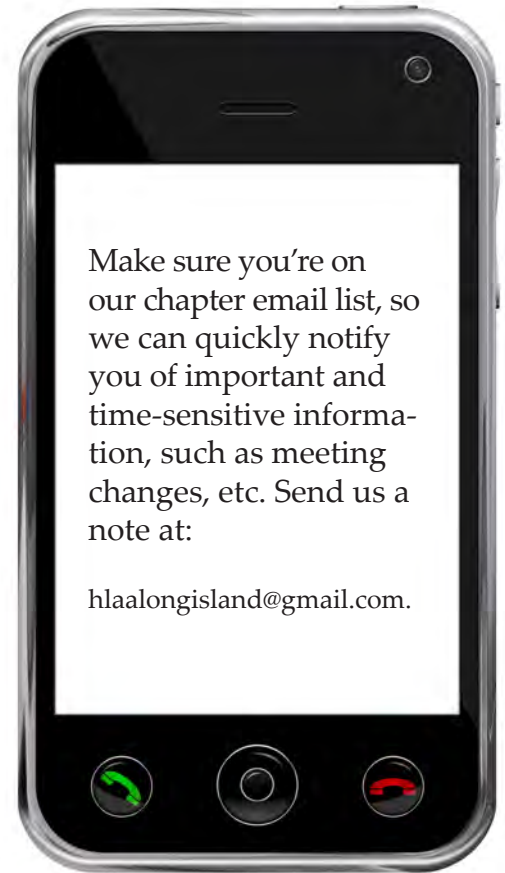
Fred Fox

It's always sad writing about one of our members passing.

Frank was a long time member and supporter of our chapter. What made Fred unique was he was not hard of hearing. His wife Claire is. He always attended meetings and took part in discussions and had a hand in our chapter's growth. A true gentleman and friend.

He will be missed.

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