

November 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, November 19, 2014

Refreshments and Social Time begins 6:30pm.

Meeting begins 7:00pm.

Topic: Chickens Can Regenerate Their Hearing

Hearing Health Foundation (HHF) has been funding groundbreaking hearing research for over 50 years. Since 1958, HHF has given away millions of dollars to hearing and balance research, including work that led to cochlear implant technology and now, through the Hearing Restoration Project, is working on a cure for hearing loss and tinnitus.

Join us for a meeting with Antonio Coppola, Director of Corporate Partnerships, as he shares insights into the organization's mission and the various research being performed to make hearing and tinnitus things of the past.

Our Speaker: Antonio joined the Hearing Health Foundation in July 2014 after spending the last 10 years in the nonprofit sector with the American Diabetes Association. Antonio has overseen a variety of corporate special events and fundraising activities throughout the Greater New York area and has significant experience in strategic planning, donor cultivation, large scale event production and national cause marketing campaigns.





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Our Chapter

The October meeting was a great success. The turnout of members was impressive and the speaker was even more impressive.

Our speaker was Dr. Melanie Herzfeld who runs the Hearing and Tinnitus Center in Woodbury. The topic was "That Noise in Your Ears."

She provided lots of information about tinnitus. Most people in the audience were surprised to learn that that ringing originates in your brain, not in your ears. They were also surprised to learn there is no cure for tinnitus; however, there are many strategies to help cope with it, or to eliminate the noise. She explained that there is White Noise, Red Noise, and several other colors to help drown out the noise. Treatment consists of finding the right sound to counter the ringing in your ears. The sound that is produced by these devices adds a masking sound which enables the user to function, rather than the sound of tinnitus which puts you on edge—or worse.

Come to meetings and find information about things that are now, or in the future, might affect your hearing and quality of life.

Sal Sturiale

A Personal Story: Cruising with Hearing Loss

By Sal Sturiale

I recently went on a cruise to Bermuda and wanted to tell you about my experience on the cruise in dealing with my hearing loss.

Norwegian's Cruise Line "BREAKAWAY" was the name of the ship.

When we made reservations, we asked for any assistive listening devices that were available for the hard of hearing. On arriving at our cabin after check-in, we were disappointed to see that there was no equipment in the room. The next day we went to guest services and asked about the equipment. They were surprised it hadn't been installed as there was a notation in the file, but I was assured that what I would need would be in my cabin when I returned.

When I got back to the cabin later that afternoon, there was a "Clarity Alert Master" device sitting on the dresser. It had a phone, clock, shake awake device, alarm, motion detector, door knocker, and doorbell. There was also a fire and smoke detector signaling device. I tested everything and it all worked. The TV also had closed captioning

When going to the dining room I requested a table that I thought would be best for coping with the noise. They were very accommodating and helpful and really tried to find the quietest area of the dining room.

We all realize there are things that we just have to deal with because of our hearing loss. There are some things we can't get around and we have to make the best of it. All in all, it was a very pleasant trip and a very concerted effort on Norwegian Cruise Lines to make my stay on the ship as enjoyable as possible.

I hope this will help some of you have a positive outlook on cruising.

Sal Sturiale



The Untold Stories of Deaf People in WWI

By William Mager

When the war broke out, sentries were deployed across the country and security was tightened. But many deaf people were unaware of the new rules...and paid for it with their lives.

“Deaf people walking along the road were told to stop by sentries. But when they continued to walk, they were shot,” says historian Norma McGilp, who is herself deaf and has been researching a book about the experiences of deaf people in World War One. “There are a number of stories about deaf people being randomly shot while walking home from work, cycling or generally getting on with life,” McGilp tells *See Hear*.

Reports like these peppered the pages of local and national newspapers at the start of the war but by September 1914, the *British Deaf Times* had published a set of guidelines warning its readers not to go out walking alone or near railway lines, stations and public buildings, and advised they be accompanied by a hearing person where possible.

Though some deaf people became unforeseen casualties of home front security, evidence has also emerged about how many were involved in the country’s war effort.

In London, a deaf volunteer battalion was reported to have been trained in drill and tunnel digging and a number of deaf people were employed in factories as munitions workers—making and testing shells, fuses, and manufacturing everything from tools through to wheels.

Frederick Morffew was discharged from the army because of his deafness.

Despite strict rules barring people with hearing impairment from serving as soldiers, a number of deaf people made it to the battlefield.

Harry Ward joined the Royal Munster Fusiliers and did his basic training in Ireland, at the Curragh Camp.

Private Gomer Jones was profoundly deaf since early infancy and had no sight in his right eye. According to press reports of the time, Jones was the best marksman in his company and a skilled soldier, indistinguishable from his fellow fighters.

Frederick Morffew, a deaf road worker from Petersham, was determined to make it to the battlefield. Surprisingly he managed to pass a medical and joined the army in May 1915. Records show that he served for around six weeks before being discharged on account of his deafness. Undeterred, he joined the labour corps and was posted to France.

Until recently, the family had no idea of the lengths he had gone to in order to support the troops, his granddaughter Eileen Allen told *See Hear*.

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"You were a hero, and I salute you, because I think you must have been some special sort of person. I'm glad that you were in my family," she said of her granddad Fred.

Whilst over 700,000 British soldiers lost their lives in WW1, it's estimated nearly two million were left disabled. According to Peter Brown, a deaf historian at City Lit, an adult education college in London, approximately 30,000 of these soldiers were deafened. Around the country, 31 centres were set up to teach them lip-reading and re-integrate them into society.

Read more: <http://www.bbc.com/news/blogs-ouch-29846154>

Deaf Robber Used Interpreter During Raid

Strange but true: A deaf robber who burst into a woman's apartment and used an interpreter to demand money has been jailed for 14 months. The robber brought two accomplices along for the break-in, one of whom acted as a sign language interpreter.

Read more: <http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-tayside-central-29838018>

Deaf Woman Rejected for Jury Duty

A women in Washington, DC is suing to serve on a Superior Court grand jury. Michelle Koplitz, who was Miss Deaf USA in 2010, was rejected this year as a juror because she is deaf. The reason? Court officials didn't want to pay for an interpreter. The lawsuit says that's a violation of ADA law. The National Association of the Deaf Law and Advocacy Center is helping Koplitz.

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!

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