

January 2015



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, January 21, 2015

Refreshments and Social Time begins 6:30pm. Meeting begins 7:00pm.

Topic: Lets Make It Clear

For our January meeting, we'll be watching the movie, "Let's Make it Clear." This video illustrates the everyday difficulties posed by hearing loss, and offers clear and useful tips for effective communication. It also discusses personal feelings about the difficulties and frustrations of hearing loss. The movie screening will be followed by a lively discussion of our thoughts and opinions.

There will be CART (real-time captioning) at the January meeting!





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Our Chapter

The New Year is here. I am sure many of you have made New Year resolutions, such as: lose some weight, join a gym, and contact people you keep meaning to do all year long... RIGHT!

Well, there should be something else added to your list -- and that is getting to our monthly HLAA meetings. All of the items listed above are important, for sure. However, coming to meetings and being a member should be at the top of your list. We offer so much in terms of support and information to people with hearing loss that this should be your new year's resolution to keep all year long.

The benefits of attending the meetings are huge: meeting new people; sharing your hearing loss experiences with a group of people who understand what you are going through. We all have the same issues and in shearing with one another can make hearing loss a little easier for all of us.

This is a place where you won't miss a word that is being said. There simply are not many places like this for us! So don't miss it.

Happy New Year,

Sal Sturiale

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December Meeting Review

Our December meeting was an intimate, casual holiday gathering held in our meeting room. Enough people attended to have an informal round table discussion about a variety of topics affecting our membership.

The holiday hospitality committee provided a nice assortment of festive and tasty treats. The conversation flowed freely. With no set agenda topic or a guest speaker, our December meeting was a holiday gathering with a group of members getting together to share information, discuss our own personal “best practice strategies” for dealing with day to day hearing loss and to air our triumphs and tribulations as adults with hearing loss.

It is of no surprise that our members share many common issues that concern people with hearing loss. The meeting was a friendly group of folks coming together to ask questions, compare notes and to share what they know with other members. In the spirit of the holidays, and with this group, as always, our discussion was lively, passionate and helpful. People were willing to exchange humorous and some “not so humorous” personal stories, tips and hearing strategies with other members. Everyone who attended was able to walk away with at least one new idea, thought or strategy to help deal with our own individual hearing losses.

It was a nice way to meet with other members in a relaxed and quiet atmosphere in order for us to learn some new tips for improving our hearing and listening skills and to get to know others. I think that everyone that came out to attend this meeting was able to walk away, in good spirits, with something helpful that they learned that evening. The evening turned out to be a very nice way to celebrate the season with other members! Wishing you all a happy holiday season. Looking forward to more meetings and comradery in the upcoming meetings in the new 2015 year!

Claudia Block

Deaf History...Artist William Agnew



Amateur artist William Agnew died on December 21st, 1914. The deaf painter created a series of pictures (none of which survived) which made him famous, showing Queen Victoria using finger spelling to communicate with a deaf woman on the Isle of Wight. Educated at the Glasgow Institution where he took a leadership role as an adult, Agnew opposed the oral system in favor of signing.

Court Orders Medical School To Admit Deaf Student

By <http://nad.org>

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington issued a preliminary injunction ordering Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences ("PNWU") to ensure Zachary Featherstone begins his medical education on August 4, 2014. Featherstone, a deaf individual seeking to become a doctor, filed suit last month, alleging that PNWU discriminated on the basis of his disability in violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and state disability law.



The complaint alleged that after earning admission to PNWU's College of Osteopathic Medicine, PNWU refused to allow Featherstone to begin his education because Featherstone is deaf. In an April 2014 letter, Dean Scandalis of PNWU attempted to revoke Featherstone's admission claiming that his presence would create a safety threat to patients and would take away from the educational experience of its hearing students.

After filing suit, Featherstone sought preliminary relief asking the federal Court to order PNWU to allow him to begin his education immediately and to provide the interpreters and captioning he needs for effective communication.

To obtain this preliminary relief, Featherstone was required to demonstrate that he was likely to succeed on the merits of his claim, that he would be irreparably harmed absent a preliminary injunction, that the balance of hardships tipped in his favor, and that the public interest supported granting of an injunction.

In its Order, the Court stated, "While PNWU is a small, new medical school, when they opened their doors to providing students an education, they, like other schools, have to obey legal obligations that come with providing those services." The Court further concluded, "Equal justice under law is more than an inscription atop the Supreme Court building, it is the ideal that Congress followed when enacting the ADA. By granting this injunction, it is that ideal that this Court finds is in the public interest to protect." The Court also denied PNWU's request that Featherstone be required to post a \$200,000 bond.

Featherstone said that he is "overwhelmed and humbled to be given the opportunity to prove himself and pursue his dream."

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Featherstone was represented by Markowitz, Herbold, Glade and Mehlhaf, P.C., Stein & Vargas, LLP, and the National Association of the Deaf.

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In Memory

A long time member and friend Arthur Laxer passed away.

He and his wife Jan attended meetings together for many years.

Jan is not hard of hearing, but was very supportive of Arthur.

Thanks for your many years of support of HLAA North Shore of LI.

You will be missed.



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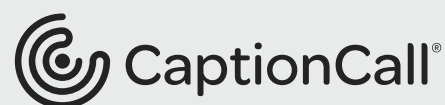
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