

November 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: 516-331-0231.

Meeting News

Wednesday, November 18, 2015

Refreshments and Social Time begins

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

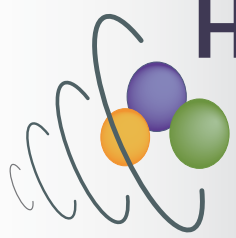
Topic: Dealing with and Surviving Emergencies

Hearing aids and CIs can fail or not be effective in loud emergency situations. Many hearing aids and CIs may be programmed below the frequencies of today's fire and smoke detectors. With many news stories reporting sad outcomes for deaf persons and persons with hearing loss, acting in response to the commands of law enforcement and instructions during an emergency are of major concern. Hospital, Fire Department and EMS encounters can be challenging situations for the deaf persons and persons with hearing loss.

Join us for a discussion about the dangers we face and how we can be better prepared.

About Our Presenter: Dr Joel Ziev created and is the Director of Partners for Access, LLC, which offers consulting and support services for municipalities and other public and private agencies and organizations. These services are designed to meet the required programmatic and physical access needs of people with disabilities including the needs of seniors who have developed a disability. Dr. Ziev has served as an Impartial Hearing Officer for the New York State Department of Education, Executive Director of the NY Society for the Deaf, Executive Deputy in the NY State Office of Advocate for the Disabled, and an Administrator at the Henry Viscardi School on Long Island.

Joel Ziev received a Doctorate in Education from New York University. He is married and has four children, the oldest of whom was born profoundly deaf. His perspective is both personally and professionally unique.



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Going to the Theatre

I wanted to write about a positive experience I recently had when going to the theater. My wife and I went to see the Broadway show “The Book of Mormons.” This is not a review of the show—you may love it or hate it; that’s up to you. I’m writing this article to tell you that you now have the opportunity to go to some of the Broadway shows which offer captioning at some of its performances.

If you sign up with the Theatre Development Fund (www.tdf.org) for their Accessibility Program (TAP) which is geared for people with disabilities, you will find Broadway and off-Broadway shows which offer closed captioning for a select number of shows. The seating for these shows is always in the orchestra section—very close to the stage and the captioning equipment.

You can also use a headset or neck loop in addition to seeing the real time captioning at a live performance. Everything is covered, so you won’t miss a thing. It gives people with hearing loss a way to get back to enjoying live Broadway and Off-Broadway Theater.

Many of us with hearing loss have tended to keep away from movies, theaters, musical performances, and museums in the past. But now there are many modern technical devices making these experiences available to us.

So, after writing about all these venues I would appreciate hearing back from some of you who have tried these new technologies and hear how much you enjoyed the experience. Get back into the world of sound so that you can now understand and enjoy it.

Till next time,

Sal Sturiale

HAIL TO HEAR:

Hearing Induction Loops for Passengers who are Hard of Hearing have Arrived in The Taxi of Tomorrow

By Janice S Lintz

NEW YORK, October 13, 2015—Hearing Access & Innovations, Inc. today announced that NYC Taxis with hearing induction loops are now on the streets. This moment in history coincides with the 25th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Hearing aids and cochlear implants deliver all sounds including those in the background. To ensure customers who wear them can easily and clearly interact with each other, hearing induction loops are present in the Taxi of Tomorrow. A driver and/or a passenger who wears hearing aid(s)/cochlear implant(s) can now hear each other by switching the hearing aid or cochlear implant to the T-setting (telecoil) and block background noise. In the US, 48 million people have some form of hearing loss.

“Passengers and drivers with hearing loss can hear where they are heading,” said Janice.

Schacter Lintz, CEO of Hearing Access & Innovations. “We hope Uber will follow the taxi’s initiative on hearing access. No one should have to ask permission to hear.”

For more information contact Janice Lintz: 917-975-5642, Janiceslintz@gmail.com, janicelintz.com

Hearing Loss is a Major Public Health Issue, Third Most Common Behind Arthritis and Heart Disease

Hearing loss has been shown to be linked to an increased risk of falls, dementia, depression and other conditions that lead to a poor health status (<http://www.hearingreview.com/2014/11/dr-frank-lin-details-consequences-age-related-hearing-loss-future-avenues-ada-convention-keynote/>), according to Frank Lin, M.D., Ph.D. of Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and Bloomberg School of Public Health.

20 percent of people in the United States, 48 million, report some degree of hearing loss (http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/news/media/releases/one_in_five_americans_has_hearing_loss).

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services specifically includes people with hearing loss in their guidance on standards of data collection for people with disabilities, which CDC chose to ignore (<http://aspe.hhs.gov/datacncl/standards/ACA/4302/index.shtml>).

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October Meeting Recap

By Claudia Block

Our October meeting was held on Wednesday, October 21, 2015. Eileen G., a hearing impaired adult was our presenter. The evening's agenda involved the personal journey of a woman graciously sharing her story from early childhood as a hearing impaired five year old growing up through years of hearing loss leading to increased isolation, to a hearing impaired teen and later as an increasingly deaf adult in a "hearing world." Ms. G. reviewed her struggles growing up compared to the current happiness she now experiences since receiving her cochlear implant. Ms. G. enthusiastically told us how this decision helped give her a new lease on life as her hearing improved as a result of her implant. She explained how her cochlear implant so dramatically changed her life that she now feels that she is "back into life" as a fully active, participating member of the hearing world.

She spoke of how she slowly began to lose her hearing as a young child and how she struggled with increasing hearing loss through college, young adulthood, work, marriage and motherhood. Growing up in the fifties, she related that little was known about hearing loss and even that less could be done to help her with hearing loss as a little girl. From an early surgery to "correct" her hearing loss, through years of struggle, of failed hearing aids and worsened hearing, Ms. G. was truly challenged. As her hearing diminished, her world shrank, her relationships became increasingly difficult and her disability became greater. She shared how her hearing loss became so severe that one day she realized that she could no longer hear her family, coworkers, television or music.

She spoke enthusiastically as she described how her life changed for the better several years ago when she made the personal decision to explore the idea of getting a cochlear implant. Ms. G. feels that her decision to go ahead with a process gave her a new lease of life. It "brought her back to the world," she says, no longer as an observer but as a person fully immersed in life. For Ms. G., her decision to get her cochlear implant made her feel "like her again for the first time in a long time!"

This followed with a very lively discourse between members. The discussion was thought provoking and led to members sharing their personal journeys and experiences, in turn, folks learning from others. It was great to hear from people in our midst. This was truly a meeting of sharing and hearing from others right in our own North Shore Chapter. It gave all who attended our October meeting an interesting, varied perspective as we heard stories and found that each journey is different and yet we all have something in common with a story to tell. We are not alone in this if we come to meetings, listen to others and share!

I would like to see more meetings that are "member driven." If anyone has a suggestion for a future meeting or a topic of interest, please feel free to bring your ideas to our next meeting. It is a great way to meet new people, learn interesting things and share in this journey towards better hearing in whatever way we may choose!

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Donation Information

Hearing aids can be shipped in a small box. Carefully wrap the hearing aid in cotton, bubble wrap or other soft material, or put in a pill container.

First, fill out the form here: <http://www.hla-lakeland.org/donate/hearing-aid-donation> and print out the receipt you will get. Then mail the hearing aid(s) and the printed receipt to:

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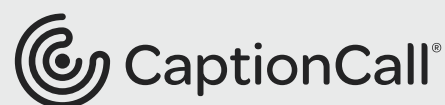
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Under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) (<http://www.ada.gov/>), hearing loss is recognized as a disability that substantially limits a major life activity, and provides guidelines for communication access such as Telecommunications Relay Services, established under Title IV of the ADA (<https://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/title-iv-ada>).

The CDC itself devotes an entire section of their website (<http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/hearingloss/parentsguide/resources/index.html>) to children with hearing loss and includes research papers on adults with hearing loss.

“People with hearing loss have been denied communication access in hospitals and doctors’ offices, and by public programs such as Medicare which does not currently cover the cost of hearing aids,” said Anna Gilmore Hall, executive director of HLAA. “The release of the report comes on the heels of celebrations surrounding the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and we are stunned they failed to understand the impact of excluding hearing loss as a disability that needs to be addressed.”



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Host Hotel – Washington Hilton

The Washington Hilton is just a short walk to restaurants, shopping and nightlife. Enjoy all the nation's capital has to offer as the hotel is only four blocks to the Dupont Circle Metro (Red Line), providing easy access to the National Zoo, Smithsonian museums, the National Mall, and more.

Convention Updates

Be sure to check this page frequently for Convention news as well as on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/HearingLossAssociation>) and Twitter (@HLAA, @nmacklin #HLAA2016).

For more information, visit: <http://www.hearingloss.org/content/convention>