

December 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, December 16, 2015

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

Topic: Sharing Strategies Among Experts

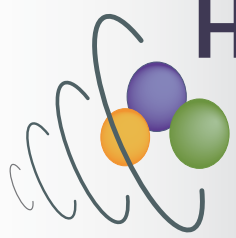
The December meeting is designed to share hints and tips on how each of us deal with the challenges of the holidays. Noisy settings, conversations, dinner parties, and meeting new people are challenging every day. It's even harder during the holiday season! Come and share your strategies with fellow members.

We'll shorten our meeting and share some Holiday Cheer. There will be socializing with snacks, drinks and desserts. A good time to try out some of the new coping tips you just learned.

Join us and see what we have to offer people who just happen to have hearing loss.

You'll be happy you did!





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Our Chapter

You will be seeing a lot of information in our newsletter and e-blasts about HLAA National and about joining the national organization. It's really simple. You join National and you automatically join our chapter at the same time. You will be getting all the benefits National offers and at the same time you will be supporting our chapter.

I joined our chapter many years ago (I think 20 or more). I was like many of you, looking for information and a place where I would feel comfortable with my hearing loss. I came to a few meeting and dropped out for a while. I came back and never left. There was lots of work to do in helping the chapter grow. Many people joined at that time and we developed a core of members who took the chapter forward.

Well, many of those wonderful people aren't here any longer. We now have the next generation of people with hearing loss who are carrying on the goals of HLAA. In our chapter we try to bring information in a comfortable environment to a group that understands what we are all dealing with on a daily basis.

I have been sharing my personal experiences in the newsletter for a long time. I can't begin to tell you how much HLAA (SHHH) has meant to me and how it has become a large part of my life. I have said this many time in the past, but I am going to say it again; if you give a little to the chapter your reward will be returned tenfold.

Make a little time for us, get involved and see where it takes you.

Happy Holidays

Sal Sturiale

Huntington Town Hall is in the Hearing Loop

(Long Island, New York)

A hearing loop is now available in the auditorium at Huntington Town Hall. This is the first Town Hall to have a hearing loop installed in Suffolk County, New York.

This loop was installed to meet the needs of residents who have experienced difficulty hearing at events that take place in the auditorium.

You are receiving this message because of you are a hearing healthcare professional or an advocate for individuals who live with hearing loss. Please share the news of the availability of the hearing loop so guests at Town Hall can benefit from hearing access.

Note to Hearing Healthcare Professionals: If you are fitting hearing instruments and would like to discuss programming options for T coils to function optimally in a hearing loop, please contact me at HearingLoopNewYork@gmail.com

New Loop System in Huntington Town Hall

By Len Urban

Our North Shore Chapter congratulates Len Urban for getting this done! Kudos and thanks, Len!

What do the Museum of Modern Art (New York), Citi Field Stadium, Yankee Stadium, The New York Botanical Garden and now Huntington Town Hall have in common? They all have hearing loops to benefit those of us using hearing aids and cochlear implants.

For many years I have attended Huntington town board meetings and been frustrated by being unable to understand board members on the stage and citizens speaking with their backs to the audience. After getting a cochlear implant in 2013, I decided to make some inquiries about the assisted listening devices available to me at town hall. Unfortunately, the only working device they could offer was an unused Pocketalker Pro.

Knowing “you can’t fight city hall,” I began doing some research, so I could work with the town to get a loop system installed in the large meeting room. I received valuable information from HLAA members. Sal (North Hempstead town hall recently installed a loop), Charlie (the loop is better than a headset for convenience, battery cost, theft and more), and Trudie (ADA requirements). I contacted by phone and email several loop installers, including North East Hearing and its owner Karen MacLennon. The people in Huntington’s Human Services, Handicapped Services, and the Trustees offices all told me to contact Mark Tyree, the Assistant Director of General Services.

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Top 10 Reasons to Join Our HLAA Chapter

The Hearing Loss Association of America North Shore of Long Island chapter opens the world of communication for the one million people with hearing loss in our community through education, advocacy and support. We offer:

- 1. Information**
Our chapter meetings are a resource for how to live successfully with hearing loss.
- 2. Education**
The expert and experienced speakers at our regular chapter meetings will teach you how to best manage your hearing loss and improve your listening skills to live a more active lifestyle.
- 3. Support**
Through the experience of other members, you will learn how to get the best treatment, as well as the latest techniques that can improve your listening beyond what a hearing aid alone can offer.
- 4. Mentoring**
Hearing loss affects everyone including your family, friends and co-workers, and we invite you to bring your partners to a meeting or to arrange a private counseling session to help improve communications.
- 5. Latest Technologies**
You will learn about the latest developments in hearing aids, implants, assistive devices, communication access, smart phone apps and much more that can enhance your hearing.
- 6. Access to the Community**
Learn about the movie theatres in our community, which offer new captioning systems and other venues which offer a hearing loop. Also learn how to advocate for more.
- 7. Social Connections**
At our chapter, you will meet many others like yourself, whether you have hearing loss or are supporting someone with a loss. You need not face hearing loss alone.
- 8. Access to Other Resources**
We are your gateway to many resources, such as how to manage the cost of hearing aids, the state's relay phone program which offers free amplified and captioned phones and so much more.
- 9. Self-Help**
At HLAA, we learn to advocate for ourselves at home, work and in the community, by mastering the simple tools that can help guide all the people we encounter to deliver our communication needs.
- 10. Staying Tuned**
New technological advances in hearing devices, treatment procedures, support tools, preventive and curative developments are occurring at a more rapid rate than ever before. HLAA and your local HLAA chapter remain your best source to keep pace, so you continue to get the most out of your hearing.



Meetings Supported by Loop and CART

At our chapter meetings you should not miss a word as we offer two communication access systems. The hearing loop system sends the voice of the speaker from the microphone into one's hearing aid. CART (see left photo) or Communication Access Real-time Translations types every spoken word onto a screen.



To learn more about our chapter:

Come to a Meeting: Every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00, except summer months

Location: Long Island Jewish Hearing & Speech Center 270-05 76th Avenue New Hyde Park, NY 11040

Contact: Sal Sturiale hlaalongisland@gmail.com (516)331-0231

Visit: <http://hearingloss-longisland.org/>

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Additional Location

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(718) 641-3817



Hearing Aid Recycling



Donation Information

HLAA Lakeland Chapter in Florida is sponsoring a Hearing Aid Recycling Program. The purpose of this program is to collect new/used hearing aids, clean/repair them, and offer them (at no cost) to those who are financially challenged in our community.

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:

**Hearing Loss Association – Lakeland Chapter
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3020 Lakeland Highlands Rd.
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HLAA opens the world of communication to people with hearing loss through information, education, support, and advocacy. HLAA is a 501(c)(3) organization.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

I'd like to: ☐ Become a member of HLAA ☐ Renew my membership ☐ Give a gift membership

My Membership/Renewal

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____ - _____ - _____

Chapter I belong to: _____

How did you learn about HLAA? _____

Gift Membership

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____ - _____ - _____

	Annual USA Membership Fees	Annual Non-USA Membership Fees
Individual	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35 (1 year) <input type="checkbox"/> \$95 (3 years) <input type="checkbox"/> \$140 (5 years)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$45 (1 year)
Couple/Family	<input type="checkbox"/> \$45 (1 year)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$55 (1 year)
Professional	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60 (1 year)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75 (1 year)
Library/Nonprofit	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 (1 year)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75 (1 year)
Student	<input type="checkbox"/> \$20 (1 year)	N/A
Corporate	<input type="checkbox"/> \$300 (1 year)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$325 (1 year)

My membership fee is \$ _____

Plus I'm adding a tax
deductible donation of \$ _____

My total is \$ _____

3 Ways to Join, Renew or Give a Gift Membership

1. Return this form to your chapter with your check made payable to HLAA.
2. Mail or fax this form to the HLAA office at the address above with your credit card information.
3. Visit www.hearingloss.org/content/join and use your credit card online. (this is a secure website)

Credit Card Payment Information: ☐ American Express ☐ Discover ☐ MasterCard ☐ VISA

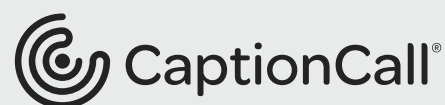
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New Loop System in Huntington Town Hall, Continued from Page 3

My wife and I met with Mark at his office in the spring of 2014 and learned that the meeting room was scheduled for a major renovation that summer. Mark asked about systems using headsets, which would meet ADA requirements and were less costly. We told him the headsets can be a hassle for the user and supplier. A person with a bulky headset would stand out in crowd and, therefore, many in need would not use them. A loop system required the push of a button with no fuss or embarrassment. I referred to hearing rights activist Janice Lintz, "No one should have to ask permission to hear." Mark became a proponent for the hearing loop and said he would do all he could, hoping the new carpet installation would work perfectly with a loop installation.

Government often works slowly. On a Wednesday afternoon in November 2015, I received an email from Mark Tyree, now Director of General Services, stating that the hearing loop was being installed "as I write this." I immediately drove to town hall. No renovation was to take place, but the carpet was lifted and the loop wire taped to the floor. Mark was there with a huge smile and asked me to sit within the loop. Karen from North East Hearing was on stage at the microphone. I pressed on my t-coil. "How do I sound, Len?" asked Karen. I couldn't answer because of the large lump in my throat, so I gave a thumbs-up and signed "THANK YOU."



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June 23–26

Washington Hilton

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Early-bird Registration is Open!

Discounted registration rates are good through January 31, 2016. Register by the deadline to be entered in a drawing for an iLuv Smartshaker, a wireless alarm controlled by your smartphone (iOS and Android). Smartshakers will be awarded to 15 lucky early-birds! In addition, early-bird registrants of the Full-activity package will be eligible to select their table at the Capital banquet starting in February (the next opportunity will be in April).

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>