

March 2016



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, March 16, 2016

Refreshments and Social Time begins

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

Topic: SMART HOMES – Equipment for the Smart Home, To Live Safer and Hear Better in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act

Speaker Bio: Alex Liberman is a New York State Department of State licensed alarm installer. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science from Hofstra University. He designed his first Smart Home solution around his grandparent's needs back in 2000. That system is still working today. During his career development he has worked as a software developer, alarm system installer, smart home designer and integrator, and even had a two year stint in medical school.



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Vacations

Most of us go on vacation once or twice a year. I hope most of our members are lucky enough to do so. So, here are some of my experiences which I hope will be helpful to those of you who do take vacations. For all the others, these tips also apply because they help no matter where you are.

In booking your trip, try to get information from the booking agent, hotel, resort, cruise line etc. about any and all devices that may be available for people with hearing loss as well as what other services they can provide for you; i.e., is there captioning on the TV, do the tour guides they provide have assisted listening devices on buses and at the destination of the tour? Can you choose your seating arrangements that better accommodates you? Is there safety equipment for people with hearing loss such as fire alarms with flashing strobe lights and in the event of emergency, how will you be notified? People with hearing loss traveling alone or with another hearing loss person need to know about these issues.

I also travel with my own personal Bluetooth device. It connects to a remote microphone that I can place in front of a TV or on a table as well as attach it to my wife's clothing. It enables the sound to go directly to my hearing aids eliminating any outside noise. It also connects to my phone so it's a pretty handy device. Most of the time things get tough at airports, checking in at hotels, at restaurants, and a bunch of other things. I travel with my wife who has no hearing issues. I recommend travel with a hearing person as the best solution to most problems if possible. Well worth the extra cost.

We all have some little methods we use which help us throughout the day. These are mine and I came by them after many years of traveling with hearing loss. If you want to learn more and share your devices and experiences with others, you can send me the information and I will get it into the newsletter. Better yet, why don't you come to a meeting and share with the membership your tips on traveling.

See you at the next meeting,

Sal Sturiale

New Captioning Rules



The FCC has issued new captioning rules for television. It's part of the *21st Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act* rollout. The commissioner has voted to keep primary responsibility for captions squarely on the shoulders of programmers (like TV broadcasters and cable operators) while shifting some of the burden to video programming owners and producers. In effect, programmers will be responsible for captions on their television shows, while distributors (cable companies) will still be expected to handle the delivery and technical aspects of captioning. Commission Chairman Tom Wheeler said:

"Today's Commission action on closed captioning is about responsibility. Those who produce and distribute video for television have a shared responsibility to ensure that closed captioning is both available and accurate. Likewise, this agency has a responsibility to seize on this moment in time which, for the first time in human history, offers us real opportunities to address the communications challenges faced by tens of millions of Americans with disabilities. We are making significant progress on this front and I thank my fellow Commissioners for joining me in this important work."

There's also an updated complaint procedure. Read more here: <http://fcc.us/1Tf2Zly>

Hearing Loops

Already at Some Wegman's Supermarkets, and Headed for More

Wegman's Food Markets, a supermarket chain with 88 stores in New York, New Jersey, Virginia, Maryland, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania, has installed hearing loops in 16 of its stores. Their goal is to have loops installed in all stores by the end the year. They currently have at least one store in each

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We Welcome All Donations

Please make checks payable to: HLAA North Shore of L.I.

Mail to: Sal Sturiale
8038 212 Street
Queens Village, N.Y. 11427

Be sure to designate who to acknowledge for your donation. For example: "this donation is: In Memory of; or In Honor of; or Happy Birthday; or Congratulations to..."

And please let us know who to send the acknowledgment to.

Thank you!

Support Group for Parents of Hearing Impaired Children Meets at the Hearing and Speech Center of LIJ Hospital

For more information:
Contact Dr. Linda Glazer at
(718) 470-8631 or e-mail
lglazer@nshs.edu

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/>

Annual NYC Walk4Hearing

The Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) Walk4Hearing is the largest walk of its kind. Every spring and fall thousands of walkers—children and their families, young adults, young at heart and everyone in between—raise money and walk together to increase public awareness about hearing loss, help eradicate the stigma associated with it and raise funds for programs and services.

Walk Details

Date:

Sunday, September 25, 2016

Schedule:

9am - Registration/Check-in
10am - Walk begins

Walk Chair:

Suzanne D'Amico
sdamico@hearingloss.org

Location:

Riverside Park,
W 97th St & Riverside Drive
New York, NY

Distance: 5K (3.1 miles)



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state equipped, and the hearing loops are at the pharmacy counters, customer service desks, and designated checkout lanes.

The HLAA Rochester Chapter in New York was instrumental in this initiative. The Rochester Chapter began discussions with Wegman's by helping them understand what a difference a hearing loop makes in the lives of those with hearing loss. Wegman's then set up a pilot project, with the chapter serving as the 'test pilots.'

Read the full story here: <http://bit.ly/1SKo8CS>



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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

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Name: _____ (as it appears on card)

Signature: _____ (Include your billing address if different than membership address above.)



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*Certification of hearing loss by a hearing-care or healthcare professional is required to participate.

Hearing Aid Recycling



Donation Information

HAAA 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
Hearing Aid Recycling Program
3020 Lakeland Highlands Rd.
Lakeland, Florida 33803**

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June 23–26
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Washington, DC 20009 US

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>