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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, May 18, 2016

Refreshments and Social Time begins 6:30pm.

Meeting begins 7:00pm.

Topic: Every hearing aid user should have some form of aural rehabilitation

Speaker Bios: Dr. Susan Antonellis is currently the Operations Manager at Mill Neck Services Center for Hearing Health after a career, over 25 years as Clinical Coordinator of Audiology at St. John's University. She is a Past President of the Long Island Speech-Language-Hearing Association, which she has been active in for over 20 years and serves on the Board of Regional Association Presidents as Vice President. She has received the Distinguished Service Award from BRAP for her service. She currently serves as Publications Councilor for LISHA. Dr. Antonellis works extensively in the area of amplification and aural rehabilitation.

Dr. Loretta H. Murray, Esq. Is an attorney licensed in New York and New Jersey jurisdictions, and admitted to practice before United States Supreme Court. She is well versed in intellectual property law, employment and disability law.



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Things I Do

Just wanted all to know that in the past month I went to several movies, one Broadway show and two museums...all had assistive listening devices.

I watch TV at home using a loop which is set up in the room. I use my phone with a neck loop so I can hear in both ears. My wife wears a microphone on her lapel when we go to a crowded place with lots of noise so I can hear her with my bluetooth device.

I go to HLAA meetings at LIJ where there is open captioning, the room is looped, there are headsets for people who don't wear hearing aids yet but need amplification, and there is a loud speaker which the speaker uses.

While working, I listen to books on CDs. I'm just putting some ideas out there that I use, which may be of some assistance to you.

At our last meeting there were some people who didn't understand what a T switch is in their hearing aid and how it works. This is not their fault. It's the fault of the audiologist who sent them out without the information on what the T switch is and how it works. There are many adjustments that can be made on a hearing aid. If you are not hearing well, you must tell your audiologist and be very specific about the problem.

You should also do some research about the hearing aid you are wearing and which of the settings that may be useful to you. It's not all on the audiologist. You have to also participate in making the decisions necessary to improve your hearing.

Go to work. Go online. Get the information. If you need help, come to a meeting and speak to the membership about your issues. I am sure we can give you helpful information.

See you at our next meeting,

Sal Sturiale

April Meeting Recap

By Claudia Block

We were “All Ears” at our April HLAA meeting! On April 20, 2016 we participated in a lively, interactive meeting with Speech and Language Pathologist, Gayle Sorrentino. Ms. Sorrentino is an experienced Speech and Language pathologist for the deaf and hard of hearing population from infants to adults. She worked extensively at the Speech and Hearing Center at Long Island Jewish Hospital at the Northwell Heath System. Ms. Sorrentino worked with hearing impaired and deaf patients both with hearing aides and cochlear implants. She provided therapeutic services at the Apellian Cochlear Implant Center at Long Island Jewish Hospital. During her extensive 43 year career, she told us that she learned a great deal from her patients. As a result, she was able to present and share her extensive knowledge base with us.

Ms Sorrentino began the meeting by speaking about her background with deaf and hearing impaired infants, children and adults. She shared that during her clinical sessions with her clients, she noticed that her patients and parents of her patients had many questions that were not addressed during the technical hearing aide adjustment or cochlear mapping sessions. A common thread among patients were questions about everyday living situations at home, school and in the work place. She found that people struggling with hearing loss need support and “an ear” to listen and to share concerns with.

People looked to receive suggestions on how to negotiate various situations arising daily at home, at work, at school and daily during everyday living and leisure activities. Ms. Sorrentino was a wealth of information in these areas. She answered concerns and opened up the session to questions and answers. Members brought up personal difficulties that they encountered in everyday living. Ms. Sorrentino listened patiently and offered suggestions and solutions to the audience. People were able to ask questions and get practical suggestions for better coping with the myriad of situations that hearing impaired folks face daily. She offered many useful ideas to help people in stressful situations where hearing is difficult.

Ms. Sorrentino is a good advocate for the hearing impaired. She encouraged us to share and seek solutions with our family, coworkers, friends and the professionals that provide services to us. She urged us to speak up and advocate for ourselves. She lent a sympathetic “ear” to our group meeting and brought her extensive knowledge directly to us.

During the meeting, members similarly showed the importance of our group meetings by offering others solutions and by sharing experiences, information and suggestions to other members in need. The session was informative, collaborative and engaging. Ms. Sorrentino was thoughtful, knowledgeable and helpful to our group; She was certainly “All Ears.” And we appreciated that!

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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.

Date:

Sunday, September 25, 2016

Location:

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

Schedule:

9am - Registration/Check-in

10am - Walk begins

Distance: 5K (3.1 miles)

Walk Chair:

Suzanne D'Amico

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How Your Child's Love for Music May Be Destroying Their Hearing

Jennifer Graham

The lead singer of the Australian band AC/DC says it's auto racing, not rock music that has brought him to the brink of deafness. But Brian Johnson's recent withdrawal from a North American tour provides a cautionary tale for anyone who likes their music loud, hearing specialists say.

The singer has been diagnosed with noise-induced hearing loss, a condition the World Health Organization says threatens up to half of the world's teens. The WHO said last year that hearing can be damaged in as little as 15 minutes when people are exposed to loud sound, and that chronic use of headphones and earbuds put adolescents and young adults at extreme risk of future hearing loss.

For parents, whose own hearing may be compromised from AC/DC concerts back in the 1980s, this presents a challenge: How to regulate their children's listening habits when there is no clear way to know how loud is too loud. Doctors know that sound above 85 decibels can damage hearing after eight hours of exposure (above 100 decibels, it takes just 15 minutes), but without a sound-level meter, which costs a couple of hundred dollars for an inexpensive one, how can you measure the sound?

"Even the average audiologist can't tell," said Dr. Brian Fligor, chief audiology officer at Lantos Technologies in Boston, and the former director of diagnostic audiology at Boston Children's Hospital.

Some hearing loss is inevitable with age. But there are general guidelines that, when heeded, can help to prevent, as Fligor says, your 15-year-old from becoming a 25-year-old with a 55-year-old's hearing.

And don't blame rock music. "Classical music is just as dangerous as heavy metal," he said.

To continue reading please go to:

<http://national.deseretnews.com/article/18531/how-your-childs-love-for-music-may-be-destroying-their-hearing.html>

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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
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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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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>