

June 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, June 15, 2016

Refreshments and Social Time begins 6:30pm.

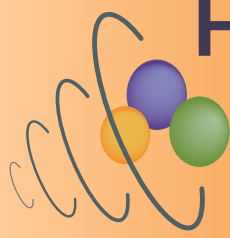
Meeting begins 7:00pm.

Speaker: FDNY Public Educator

Topic: Fire Safety for the Hard of Hearing

The goal of the Fire Safety Education Program is to eliminate residential fire deaths in New York City. Fire deaths have dropped steadily during the past decades and studies have shown that there is a direct link to strong public education programs. The goal of FDNY instructors is to continually educate the public with critical lifesaving strategies that focus on fire prevention, with a special focus on the City's most vulnerable populations and at-risk communities.





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Riding the Rails

Long Island Railroad / MTA Subway / Metro-North

By Deborah Webbe

I'm an advocate. It wasn't something I intended to be. It just sort of happened along the way when I lost my hearing.

I have always had a problem with injustice of any kind; and hearing loss being the "silent handicap" that it is, seems to be filled with an incredible amount of injustice out there in the world. And so I fight.

I've also just crossed the border recently. My years as a person with a hearing loss are now equal to the years I once lived as a person with hearing. It has caused me to have a bit of reflection, a slight pause, but apparently it hasn't stopped the forward direction of activism. It seems as though I'm always fighting for something.

I go to my computer, I look up a page, a video comes on, it's not captioned, I write an email. A magazine arrives, it offers online classes, I go to the link, the classes are not captioned, and I write another email. Public television offers a DVD of a show that they have just broadcast with captions, I call to order the DVD, I ask if the DVD is captioned, no one knows...and I write...an email; only to discover that the show, they've just broadcast "with captions" is not offered with captions on the DVD! Injustice! I mean really; how can they broadcast a show captioned, but not caption the DVD? And anyone who sells DVD's on television should be using the closed caption symbol when they advertise so we'd know if the DVD is captioned or not. It shouldn't be this difficult in 2016.

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May Meeting Recap

By Claudia Block

On Wednesday, May 18, we had the pleasure of participating in a presentation about aural rehabilitation and disability law presented by Dr. Susan Antonellis, Operations Manager at the Mill Neck Services Center for Hearing Health and Loretta H. Murray, Esq. Both speakers have a long history with HLAA and with working with the hearing impaired. Dr. Antonellis has worked extensively in the areas of aural rehabilitation and speech and hearing. Dr. Loretta Murray's law practice includes work with employment and disability law. The Center is located on the beautiful campus of the Mill Neck Manor School on Long Island.

The session started with a review of the Americans With Disabilities Act. It was emphasized that despite all the current laws protecting disabled children and adults, the laws mean little unless we learn to speak up and let others know what our needs are. Self advocacy, along with belonging to an organization such as HLAA is what will help us get some of the accommodations we need and are afforded to us under the various laws, especially in public places such as doctor's offices, airports, hotels, etc.

Dr. Antonellis gave us a good rationale for why aural rehabilitation is so important for hearing impaired adults. Aural rehabilitation keeps the brain active with listening activities and helps stimulate our brain to improve our ability to hear. Mill Neck has many programs that hearing impaired people could benefit from. Dr. Antonellis told us about some of the services that the Mill Neck Service Center for Hearing Health offers to hearing impaired adults. Their services include individual and group aural rehabilitation programs for adults with hearing aides. Sessions offer speech reading auditory training. Mill Neck also provides counseling on how to get the most out of your hearing aides and listening devices. Of particular interest to our

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Support Group for Parents of Hearing Impaired Children

Meets at the Hearing and Speech Center of LIJ Hospital

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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.

Walk With Us

Sunday, September 25, 2016

Riverside Park:

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9am - Registration/Check-in

10am - Walk begins

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Many years ago I had a frightening experience while riding on a train. I asked some questions afterwards, no one knew the answers and so I wrote some letters. I wondered why there wasn't any real-time visual signage in the trains to help people who can't hear when there is a change of service or an emergency on board.

Post 9/11, I wondered even more why a visual communication system for people who can't hear was still virtually non-existent on major public transportation, and why do we still rely on garbled announcements that can't be understood?

Just last year I was doing some research on the computer and I guess the stars were in alignment that day because I was lucky enough to find some good people at DRNY (Disability Rights New York). I met with them in Brooklyn and we put our heads together and after many months and many hours we emerged with a survey for people with hearing loss or deafness, who travel the Long Island Rail Road, MTA Subway or Metro-North Trains.

Whether you travel for business or pleasure if you ride a train and you have a hearing loss, or are deaf, I invite you to participate in this survey. It's a place for your voice to be heard.

Happy Trails and Keep up the Good Fight!

Deborah Webbe

DRNY is surveying people who are deaf and hard of hearing about their experiences with visual announcement systems on trains in the New York City metro area. Some trains on the Long Island Rail Road, the New York City subway, and Metro-North have visual announcement systems on board to alert passengers to station stops, but the announcement systems may not provide accurate or detailed information in the event of an emergency. The survey is designed to gather data on the experience of people who are deaf and hard of hearing on trains during emergency situations. You may enter your name or not in the survey, however DRNY would prefer your name so they can follow up if necessary.

SURVEY FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE A HEARING LOSS OR ARE DEAF AND USE THE LIRR, NYC SUBWAY, OR METRO-NORTH TRAINS

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/66FYL6K>

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members are the services offered for assistive listening devices (ALD's). The Center has an entire room filled with listening devices to help enhance hearing including a variety of phones, TV listening devices, loops, Ipads and apps. Visitors to the Mill Neck Campus can experience the many assisted listening devices firsthand to try them out.

The Mill Neck Services Center for Hearing Health is a place worth visiting to find out more about the services they offer. For further information or to make an appointment to speak to someone or to visit the Mill Neck Service Center for Hearing Health please email them at audio@millneck.org or call 516 922-4100 ext 258.



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Student	<input type="checkbox"/> \$20 (1 year)	N/A
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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)

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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>