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## **CHAPTER NEWS JUNE 2014**

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### **President's Message**



Hi Everyone ~

As most of you know my term as President of Westchester Chapter is coming to a close and this will be my last President's message. I truly can't believe its been four years!! I guess time flies when you're having fun! I never thought when I joined the Chapter in December 2001 that someday I would be President! Its' been a great ride and I'm thankful for the opportunity of working with so many wonderful people, doing so much and enjoying it all! I'm not leaving the Chapter, but I believe it's time for me to pass the gavel on to the person who will become the next President.

The four years have been extremely rewarding and I know I'm leaving on a very high and happy note. Not only was I President but also concurrently served for three years as co-chair of the Walk4Hearing. It may have been stressful at times, but in the end everything worked out and I am proud of what was accomplished.

I look back and reminisce and I am happy we have reached out and went "on the road" to Rockland County and have had meetings at the Suffern Free Library and Haverstraw Library, where we had wonderful speakers and we met many new people. We have increased our membership getting in new members from Rockland County as well as Westchester County. Getting the NYC Fire Department to come speak at the Riverdale Temple in the Bronx, and giving out free smoke and carbon monoxide alarms was a wonderful outreach program. Our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party was a wonderful event and having the Executive Director of HLAA, Anna Gilmore Hall as our keynote speaker was one of the highlights of the party along with five of our past Presidents lighting a candle on our anniversary cake.

I am proud that I pushed for the induction loop installation at the Greenburgh Public Library. Their Multi-Purpose room is now looped provided through a grant from the Westchester Chapter from the proceeds of the Westchester/Rockland 2013 Walk4Hearing. This is a most wonderful accomplishment not only for our Chapter but for the entire Westchester community.

**I want to thank my entire Board** for working with me these past 4 years on so many worthwhile projects. I am most appreciative of your help. And now I am happy to say, you won't be hearing me banging that gavel anymore!

Our 2014 Walk4Hearing was a huge success with almost 400 walkers! The sun was out, our location at FDR State Park was ideal, we had wonderful vendors and lots of snacks. I extend my sincere thanks to our great Co-chairs and the entire Walk Committee for a job well done after so many months of planning.

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# CHAPTER NEWS

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAYS TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

May: Laura Berger, Carolyn Bogdan, Melanie Brand, Edward Esgar, LuAnn Oakley, Jodie Rodrigues, Sandy Spekman and Adrienne Stern

June: Paul Anthony, Richard Kosminoff, Anne Prema and Arlene Sandner

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:  
Barbara Mosner and Kim O'Connor

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS:

Bernadette DeTrinis, Sharon Rosen Lopez and Phil Monteleone.

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## Upcoming Chapter Meetings & Events

Saturday, June 14, 2014 - Elections, Scholarship Awards and Year end Party at the Greenburgh Library, 300 East Main Street, Elmsford, NY 10523

Saturday, September 20, 2014 - Annual Chapter Picnic at Ridge Road Park, Pavilion #2

\* Please note dates may be subject to change.

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## **HLAA WESTCHESTER PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2014-2016**

The Nominating Committee members are Karen Ratner, chair, Judy Ginsberg and Steve Wolfert. They met and proposed the following people as officers of HLAA Westchester chapter for the upcoming two year term.

President - Debbie Dolgin Wolfe

Vice President - Anita Goldwasser

Secretary - Lina Razzaiio

Treasurer - Phil Monteleone

Elections will be held at the June 14 meeting at the Greenburgh Library. Members who have paid current HLAA National and HLAA Westchester Chapter dues will be entitled to vote. Officers will be elected by a majority vote of those members present.

Karen Ratner

### President's Message (Con't from page 1)

We have a wonderful program planned for our Year-End Party on Saturday, June 14 at 1:00 pm at the Greenburgh Public Library where you will experience the sound of the newly installed looping system. We will have the Blair & Anita Mazin Scholarship Awards Presentation along with Election of Officers and of course, our delicious Pizza Party with Wings, Salad and much more! We will have some great raffle prizes with the Grand Prize being an iPad Mini! Please join us, bring your friends – enjoy a great afternoon with us.... See flyer

I wish everyone a great summer and see you all in the Fall.....

Roberta Seidner

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## Broadway's Gershwin Theater in New York Installs Hearing Loop from Listen Technologies

**New York City—Nov. 6, 2013**—Broadway's celebrated Gershwin Theater is providing a more immersive experience for all its patrons by installing a hearing loop system from Listen Technologies. The hearing loop system enables audience members who need assistive listening to receive crystal clear audio signals directly through their T-Coil hearing aids, cochlear implants or Hearing Loop receiver.

Bill Register, director of facilities and theater management for Nederlander, which operates the Gershwin Theater and eight other theaters in New York said, "The Gershwin Theater recently underwent a renovation with new seats and carpet. With the 10th anniversary of 'Wicked' upon us, we felt now was an opportune time to provide a different kind of upgrade to the theater. Being installed under the carpet, the hearing loop is invisible to the eyes, but for our patrons with hearing loss, the giant leap in clarity of sound is literally music to their ears."

In order for hearing loops to be effective, an audience member must have a hearing aid equipped with a telecoil or "T-Coil", which at the press of a button receives a signal. Nearly 70 percent of hearing aids today are equipped with a t-coil and all new cochlear implants come with T-Coil. The entire Gershwin theater, including the orchestra and upper mezzanine, is looped so no matter where a patron is seated in the theater, the signal will be as clear—or even better—than if they were sitting in the front row.

The hearing loop system from Listen Technologies was installed by Leo Garrison of Metro Sound Pros, who has installed several other hearing loop systems throughout New York including museums, tour busses, taxi cabs and other Broadway theaters. The hearing loop installation also enables the Gershwin Theater to be compliant with the current ADA requirements for assistive listening. Three technologies are available for venues to meet ADA compliance: radio frequency (RF), infrared (IR) and hearing loop. RF and IR systems transmit signals over radio waves or infrared signals to an individual through a receiver and earphones. Hearing loop systems, however, are becoming the preferred technology for assistive listening because no receivers or earphones are required to obtain the signal, its transmitted directly to an individual's T-Coil equipped hearing aid or cochlear implant.

*Source: Listen Technologies press release dated November 6, 2013*



## 2014 HLAA National Convention

Austin, TX is the host city for the 2014 HLAA National Convention from June 26-29. The host hotel is the Renaissance Austin Hotel, Arboretum Blvd. Austin, TX.

Start planning your trip by visiting the Convention Website at [www.hearingloss.org/content/convention](http://www.hearingloss.org/content/convention).

Registration is now open and the Convention agenda is being developed. Please visit the HLAA Convention website for links for registration.



**GOING GREEN!!!!**

The Chapter is trying to do our part!! Please contact Newsletter Editor Anita Goldwasser if you would like to help by receiving the newsletter via email rather than paper. You'll not only save the Chapter postage but help the environment.

*Have a Great Summer! See you in the Fall*



**DIRECTIONS TO  
THE GREENBURGH PUBLIC LIBRARY  
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