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*Celebrating 35 years for
48 million people with hearing loss*

WESTCHESTER CHAPTER NEWS JANUARY 2015

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President's Message



Happy New Year Everyone!!

Hope your holidays were splendid and that you had a chance to relax and have fun with friends and family.

The annual holiday party was awesome! We had about 75 people that attended and it was wonderful to see all the folks having a good time. The food was delicious; we had hot dishes and dessert treats. Special thanks to Lina Razzaio for ordering the food, Adrienne Stern for setting up the room and everyone that came in early to help out and with the cleanup afterward. I also want to thank the folks that brought in their special dishes and desserts.

We had great holiday raffles which were organized by Karen Rogers, Raffle Chair. Special thanks to Karen for doing a wonderful job with all the prizes which included the grand prize, which was the 32" TV, won by Howie Ratner. Thanks to everyone who came and enjoyed the Holiday Party.

We will continue to celebrate **HLAA's National 35th Anniversary**. The Westchester Chapter will have special activities celebrating this milestone throughout the year, *Celebrating 35 years for 48 million people with hearing loss*.

We will not be having a general meeting in January. The first general meeting in 2015 will be on **Saturday, Feb 7th** at the **Greenburgh Public Library in Elmsford at 1pm**. We will have guest speaker Richard Einhorn. Topic: "Love of Music and Hearing Loss: A Personal Story." Richard is a composer, music producer and hearing loss consultant. He also has become a nationally known advocate for better hearing assistance and appeared in the New York Times, Washington Post and on NPR. He was recently elected to the board of the Hearing Loss Association of America and also delivered the Keynote address at the HLAA annual convention in June 2014.

Looking ahead - plans are underway for a HLAA Bingo fundraising event on Saturday, April 18th and the annual Westchester/Rockland Walk4Hearing. The Kickoff will be on Sunday, April 12th; 11:30am to 2pm at the Riverview in Hastings on Hudson and the Walk will be on Saturday, May 16th at the FDR State Park in Yorktown Heights.

Again, I wish all of you a Happy New Year and a peaceful 2015.

Regards,
Debbie Dolgin Wolfe

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HAPPY BIRTHDAYS TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

December: Anne Carney, Jeff Centra, Melva Johnson, Al Levitt, John Mauri, Laura Mrugalski, Howie Ratner, Edith Shapiro and Ruth Wolff

January: Marilyn Weisler and Debbie Wolfe

Belated birthday wishes to Lina Razziao who celebrated her birthday in November

WELCOME NEW MEMBER: Dan Morris

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS:

Karin Mango

Tamara Gottfried for Blair & Anita Mazin Scholarship Fund

OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY TO:

Karen Rogers on the loss of her mother, Jane Yoder.

Upcoming Chapter Meetings & Events

Saturday, January 10, 2015 - Board Meeting, Greenburgh Library

Saturday, February 7, 2015 - Board & General Meeting, Greenburgh Library, guest speaker Richard Einhorn

Saturday, March 7, 2015 - Board & General Meeting, Greenburgh Library

Sunday, April 12, 2015 - 2015 Walk4Hearing Kick-Off, The Riverview, Hasting-on-Hudson, NY

* Please note dates may be subject to change.



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Come To Our Next Meeting!
Saturday, February 7 2015

1:00pm

At the Greenburgh Public Library, Community Multipurpose Room



Mr. Richard Einhorn, Composer

“Love of Music and Hearing Loss: A Personal Story”

Richard Einhorn is a composer, music producer, and hearing loss consultant. A summa cum laude graduate of Columbia University, Richard's oratorio with silent film, *Voices of Light*, has been called a "great masterpiece of modern music" and been performed by the National Symphony, Baltimore Symphony, and at Disney Hall, the National Cathedral of Washington, and the Sydney Opera House. It had its Disney Hall premiere in the fall of 2014. Richard's production of Yo Yo Ma's Bach Cello Suites was awarded a Grammy for Best Instrumental Performance. Richard's advocacy for better hearing technology has been featured numerous times in the New York Times, Washington Post, and on NPR.

After losing much of his hearing to a virus in June of 2010, Richard has become a nationally known advocate for better hearing assistance featured in the New York Times, the Washington Post, on NPR, and elsewhere. He has served as a consultant on the design of hearing apps for smartphones, written articles on improved hearing technology for audiology and medical magazines, and given numerous public presentations in the US and England on hearing loss. Recently elected to the board of the Hearing Loss Association of America, Richard delivered the Keynote Address at HLAA's annual convention in June, 2014.

Richard Einhorn lives in New York City with his wife Amy Singer and daughter Miranda.



Assistive listening devices are always available as well as live **CART** captioning

Bring your friends and family and spend a delightful afternoon with us.

Refreshments will be served

ATTENTION MEMBERS

Please note that 2015 chapter membership dues are now due!
Please refer to page 6 for membership application and mailing addresses.

Advice to Help Your Hearing

If you are hard of hearing, there are many things you can do to overcome some of your hearing problems and gain more control over communicative situations. Below is a list of advice that might help you minimize your hearing problems when going to, for instance, a restaurant, a dinner party or place of worship.

- If it is difficult to hear the person who is talking to you then try to move closer. When you shorten the distance to the sound source, the sound will automatically be amplified and it will become easier for you to hear what the other person is saying.
- Seat yourself in the center of a group where it is easy to hear and see everybody. It is often best to avoid sitting at the very end of a table or a long sofa.
- If you are going to a restaurant or a private dinner party and loud background music is being played, then do not be shy to ask if the volume can be turned down.
- Noise levels can vary considerably even within the same room. Therefore, it will often be a good idea to place yourself away from noise-producing areas as, for example, the entrance, the kitchen in a restaurant, heating systems or loudspeakers.
- Planning in advance or arriving early will often prove helpful. If, for instance, you are going to the cinema or the theatre then call in advance and ask if they provide assistive listening devices or if they can recommend any seats for people with hearing problems.
- Arrive early if you are going to a lecture or seminar. In this way you have time to inform the speaker about your hearing problem and to stress that it is important that he or she uses the microphone properly and at all times.
- In connection with question and answer sessions, ask if the person who answers the questions can repeat the questions before answering.

Source: <http://www.hear-it.org/Advice-to-help-your-hearing>



SAVE THE DATES!

2015 Westchester / Rockland Walk4Hearing



Kickoff: Sunday, April 12, 2015, The Riverview, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY



Walk4Hearing: Saturday, May 16, 2015, FDR State Park, Yorktown Heights, NY

Experience Hearing Loops on Broadway!

In honor of the 35th anniversary of the Hearing Loss Association of America, the New York City Chapter, in association with The Nederlander Organization, has arranged for **special ticket pricing for HLAA MEMBERS** and their families. See below for details. Experience a Broadway musical or play live with state-of-the-art hearing loop technology!

Two Nederlander theaters recently installed highly sophisticated hearing loop systems in order to entice theater fans with hearing aids/cochlear implants with t-coils not only to see their shows, but to hear them as well. If you go - and you should, they're both great shows - all you'll need to do to experience the loop is to switch to t-coil. That's it - no asking for infrared devices. No handing over your driver's license. Just high-quality Broadway sound delivered directly to your hearing aids/cochlear implants at the flip of your t-coil switch!

Tickets at a special price are available for the following shows and dates:

WICKED (January 13-16, 20-30; February 1-12, 18-27 ONLY)

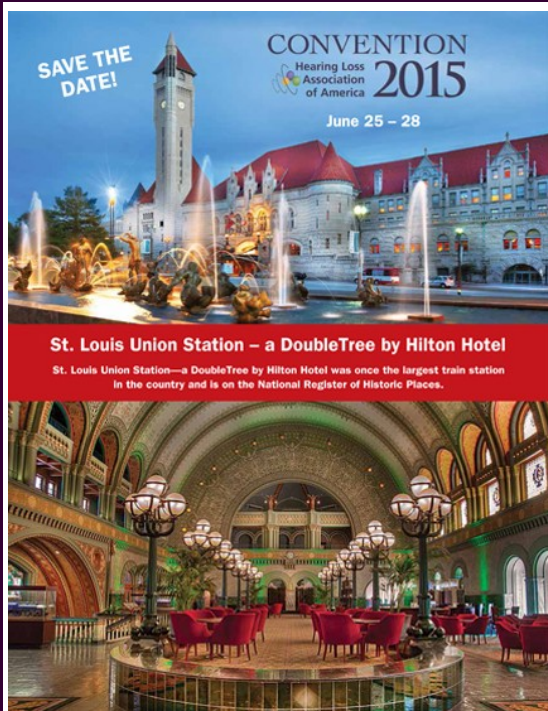
ALL performances: \$77 Orchestra/Front Mezzanine
at The George Gershwin Theatre, 222 W. 51st Street

IF/THEN (NOW - February 22nd)

Weekdays: \$80 Orchestra/Front Mezzanine; \$45 Rear Mezzanine
Weekends: \$90 Orchestra, Front Mezzanine; \$55 Rear Mezzanine
at the Richard Rodgers Theatre, 226 W. 46th Street

How to order:

1. Go to ticketmaster.com or stop by the George Gershwin Theatre or Richard Rodgers Theatre box offices.
2. Use the code HLAA when purchasing tickets for yourself, your family, and your friends for the designated performances.
3. Go to the Theatre.
4. Flip the switch on your hearing aids to t-coil.
5. Experience state-of-the-art hearing loop technology on Broadway!



ATTENTION CHAPTER MEMBERS!

If you have never attended a HLAA National Convention, you do not know what you are missing.

Great workshops, resource gallery, networking and more!

Register early for the greatest discounts on registration packages! There are several packages available so be certain to review the packages carefully to determine which is the right one for you. Early-bird registration prices are good through January 31, 2015.

Please see www.hearingloss.org/content/registration for all the details.



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.



Happy New Year

**DIRECTIONS TO
THE NEW YORK SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF**

Via I-287 (Eastbound or Westbound) - Get off Exit 4 - New York School for the Deaf, Continue onto Route 100A North Knollwood Road, proceed approx. 1/8 mile. School is on your right, turn into driveway and go to gate on your left even though it says "DO NOT ENTER" and **REMAIN IN YOUR CAR** - pull up to the keypad and punch in access code. Make the first left turn and drive straight ahead, then make a right turn into the cafeteria building parking lot.

**DIRECTIONS TO
THE GREENBURGH PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Via I-287 (Eastbound or Westbound) - Get off Exit 4 - Continue south onto Route 100A also known as Knollwood Road, and cross over Route 119. This will be approximately 0.2 mile if you are coming from the east and .01 mile if you are coming from the west. Greenburgh Library is on your right and you will find the entrance to their driveway.

**WESTCHESTER CHAPTER
ANNUAL CHAPTER DUES**

- \$20 - Individual Membership Dues
- \$30 - Couple/Family Membership Dues

Donation \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____
Please indicate Voice or TDD or CapTel or Cell

E-mail: _____

Please make checks payable to:
HLAA - WESTCHESTER CHAPTER

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3419 Irwin Avenue, Apt #1709
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Birthday: Month _____

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