

Meetings held at the:

New York School for
the Deaf
555 Knollwood Road
White Plains, NY 10603
or
Greenburgh Public
Library
300 East Main Street
Elmsford, NY 10523



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

WESTCHESTER CHAPTER NEWS JULY 2015

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President's Message



Hi Everyone!!

I am happy to say that the summer season has finally arrived!

We had a busy schedule this spring. For those of you that missed the May meeting, we had a wonderful speaker, Dr. Flora Holderbaum, Audiologist. Her presentation was on Ototoxic Medications: Medicines that impact the inner ear. It was interesting to hear the different drugs that have the side effect of hearing loss. A list of Ototoxic Medications was distributed to the members. There were many questions and the program was well received by all.

The Westchester/Rockland Walk4Hearing had their annual walk on May 16th at the FDR State Park in Yorktown Heights. It started out as a nasty, rainy morning then it turned out to be a beautiful day for the walk. We had approximately 350 walkers and made \$53,000. Funds are still coming in. I want to thank the Walk4Hearing Committee and the volunteers for their hard work with the walk.

We had a wonderful year end party and the presentation of the Anita & Blair Mazin Scholarship Awards at the Greenburgh Library. More information on the Scholarship Recipients can be found on page 3 of this newsletter. We want to congratulate the 2015 scholarship recipients. They are Ashkaira Escalera, New York School for the Deaf, Andrew Grimes, Carmel High School and Hayley Livingston, Rutgers University.

Hope to see you all at the annual picnic on Saturday, August 1st at the Ridge Road Park in Hartsdale.

I wish everyone a wonderful summer and see you in the fall!

Regards,
Debbie Dolgin Wolfe

2015 Westchester / Rockland Walk4Hearing



Thanks to all who supported our 2015 Walk!

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The HLA Westchester Chapter Board would like to thank Sara Taddeo, chapter volunteer, for upgrading the new chapter website.

Thank you for your hard work Sara!

The Association of Late-Deafened Adults Convention September 16-20, 2015

“The Best Show on Earth for people with hearing loss”

That is how every past ALDAcon would be described and this year’s is no exception.

The program committee is pleased to announce 18 workshops and two optional events to delight you in five days’ time from September 16 into the 20th. All of this will occur in the beautiful spa-like atmosphere of the Hilton Scottsdale Resort and Villas.

For more detailed information on the Convention, please visit www.alda.org/thebestshow/

CHAPTER NEWS

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

April: Ann Aaron, Jorge Bassi, Kathleen Delaney, Judy Ginsberg, Helen Gurvitch, Nancy Housner and Steve Wolfert

May: Laura Berger, Carolyn Bogdan, Edward Esgar, Karyn Lantier, LuAnn Oakley, Jodie Rodrigues and Adrienne Stern

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

July: Karen Baron, Kim Capek, John Evangelista, Dianne Patrick, Thelma Roberts, Dan Taddeo and Drina Tamburo

Upcoming Chapter Meetings & Events

Saturday, August 1, 2015 - HLA Westchester Summer Picnic, Ridge Road Park, Hartsdale, NY

* Please note dates may be subject to change.



**Give the gift of hearing
Donate your new/used hearing aids**

We will clean, repair & test the hearing aids. Then we will give them to qualified people for FREE!! Included will be hearing test, ear mold, batteries, fitting, and post-fitting services.....all for FREE!! Our Chapter covers all the cost, while funds last.

Just package your hearing aid and mail to:

Hearing Loss Association – Lakeland Chapter
Hearing Aid Recycling Program
3020 Lakeland Highlands Ave.
Lakeland, FL 33803



www.hla-lakeland.org/donate/hearing-aid-donation

The mention of suppliers, devices or providers within this newsletter does not signify endorsement or recommendation by HLA Westchester.

Westchester Chapter and HLAA National Unified Membership Program

July 2015

Dear Chapter Members,

HLAA-Westchester Chapter is pleased to announce that we recently joined in the Unified Membership pilot program with HLAA National. This means there will be only **ONE** membership fee that would cover both National and Westchester Chapter.

There are 3 ways you can join, renew or give as a gift. Please specify Westchester Chapter as the one you belong to.

1. Complete the Membership Form, make your check payable to **HLAA** and return it or mail it to: Roberta Seidner - 3419 Irwin Ave. # 1709 Bronx, NY 10463 **OR**
2. Mail or fax the Membership Form with your credit card information to the HLAA office at the address listed on the form **OR**
3. Visit www.hearingloss.org/content/join and use your credit card online.

If you wish to make a personal gift donation to the Westchester Chapter and/or to the Scholarship Fund, make check payable to **HLAA WESTCHESTER CHAPTER** and give this to our Treasurer, Phil Monteleone.

Please see pages 4 and 5 of this edition of the Westchester Chapter Newsletter for the **Top 10 Reasons to Join Westchester Chapter, Top 10 Reasons to Join HLAA**. The new **Membership Form** can be found on page 6. Please let me know if you have any questions about the Unified Membership Program.

Thank you for your continued support of HLAA.

Regards,
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2015 Blair & Anita Mazin Scholarship Winners

On Saturday, June 13, 2015 , members , guests, family and friends gathered in the Multi Media Room in the Greenburgh Public Library.

It was a very special day for these three young adults: Ashkaira Escalera, of New York School for the Deaf who will be attending NTID/Rochester Institute of Technology for a degree as an Ultrasound Technician; Andrew Grimes, of Carmel High School who will be attending Helen Keller National Center and working in the field of Baking and Pastry Arts; Hayley Livingston is currently attending Rutgers University and working towards a degree in Speech Pathology.

Ashkaira, Andrew and Hayley are the recipients of HLAA-Westchester Chapter's 7th Annual Blair and Anita Mazin Scholarship Award. They were selected based on academics, community services and work experience. Their essay on "How Hearing Loss Has Impacted My Life and How I Have Met Those Challenges" was an important factor in showing their desire to excel and succeed.

HLAA-Westchester uses some of the proceeds of the Annual Walk4Hearing for the Scholarship Awards. It is wonderful knowing we are helping young people with hearing loss start on a new future. We are glad to have the opportunity to meet these students and their families and to hear their histories. We share in their pride and joy in their accomplishments.

Karen Ratner



Top 10 Reasons to Join the WESTCHESTER CHAPTER

The Hearing Loss Association of America Westchester Chapter opens the world of communication for over 400,000 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 theaters in our community, which offer new captioning systems and other venues such as the Greenburgh Public Library 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 Westchester Chapter, 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. HLA and Westchester 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.

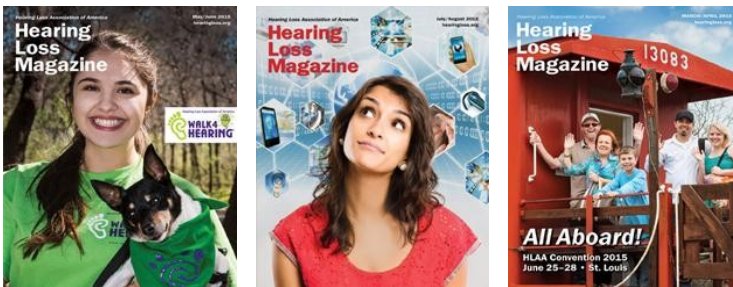




Top 10 Reasons to Join HLAA

HLAA changes lives by opening the world of communication to people with hearing loss through education, advocacy and support. HLAA has been instrumental in getting legislative and industry support for people with hearing loss, such as passing of the Americans with Disability Act, closed captions on television and the Internet. Today HLAA is advocating for lower cost hearing aids, more health insurance support for hearing aids and communication access in public venues like theaters, movies and community meeting places. An HLAA membership helps underwrite advocacy efforts, plus entitles you to the follow benefits of membership.

1. **Hearing Loss Magazine (HLM) subscription**



Recycle Hearing Loss Magazine

Articles have a very long shelf life and can help others when you are finished with HLM. Reach out by leaving the magazine at the waiting room of your audiologist, dentist, doctor, salon, health club or anywhere people gather because hearing loss affects everyone.

2. **Discounts on hearing aids from American Hearing Benefits**
3. **20% discount on phones and assistive listening devices**
 - Harris Communications & Telex
4. **Travel and Technology discounts at cooperating companies**
 - Avis, Clear Sounds Communications, HLAA Travel, HiTEC, SoundAid
5. **Training programs - Leadership training & Hearing Support Specialist Training**
6. **Educational programs - Captioned webinars and HLAA news**
7. **Self Help - chat rooms and support forums**
8. **Discount to HLAA National Convention**
9. **Support for you at 160 HLAA local chapters across the country**
10. **Knowledge that you are supporting an organization that makes a difference**

To learn more ask your chapter leader or go to www.hearingloss.org.

Pizza with a Purpose!

FUNdraiser for the Anita & Blair Mazin Scholarship Fund

July 23 and July 30

California Pizza Kitchen
365 Central Park Avenue
Scarsdale, NY 10583

Please look for flyers in your mailbox!



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PIZZA KITCHEN



HLAA Westchester Annual Summer Picnic
Saturday August 1st
Ridge Road Park
Hartsdale, NY

Noon to Dusk

Look for flyer for more information!



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HLAA opens the world of communication to people with hearing loss through information, education, support, and advocacy. HLAA is a 501(c)(3) organization.

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.)