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We will meet again - VIRTUALLY - via Zoom - in October.

Although we had a small but lovely gathering outside at the Crossings in Colonie in July, it's not clear when it will be safe to meet again in person, however....

*On Wednesday, October 27, 2021, at 7PM, HLAA-Albany, NY Capital Region will host a one-hour presentation, led by our Professional Advisor Debra Trees, on the latest up-to-date technology for hearing devices, including hearing aids, cochlear implants and bone anchored hearing devices. We know that technology changes at break-neck speed. This is very true with hearing technology as AI (Artificial Intelligence) is being applied to amplification. Post-pandemic, manufacturers are coming out with updates that might help, especially in noise. It is so interesting that having to use masks has uncovered our use of visual cues to understand speech. **JOIN us on ZOOM at 7PM. We look forward to seeing you there. Check your email for a zoom invite in October.***

Look what's coming up! Mark your calendar and register to see:

Zoom Tuesday, September 14th 2:00 pm:

Who is a Good Candidate for Cochlear Implants...? California's Mission Viejo HLAA is sponsoring this at **2:00 pm** in our time zone (EDT). Register for the Zoom at their site (see <https://www.hlaamv.org/>).

Zoom Thursday September 23 7:00 pm: Talkback

We Hear You is a groundbreaking documentary about hearing loss, the invisible disability that impacts 430 million people worldwide, including 48 million in the United States alone. By shining a light on the hearing loss experience, it strives to build awareness, community and a more inclusive world for all. HLAA National is sponsoring a Talkback with a meet the filmmakers discussion on Zoom. See the HLAA National site to register for the event:

https://www.hearingloss.org/event/save-the-date-we-hear-you-documentary-screening/?instance_id=1064

What's your experience as a person with hearing loss when using Hospitals and Medical Facilities? An excerpt on accommodations for those with hearing loss at a major medical facility....provided by Margie Litwin, Planning Board member:

An experience with attending a family member during recent multiple days spent at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health, in Lebanon NH showed their commitment to services. As described on their [Website](#) under Supportive Services:

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Also of note was a special designated small room on the main public hallway with available use of a videophone service for calls.

Hey HLAA Members! - can you share your experience with us? Send an email to hearhlaa@yahoo.com and tell us what you've found when you or your family have used medical facilities. Has assistance been forthcoming - helpful - sufficient?

Noted: The **Guilderland Public Library** has completed their renovation project and implemented some advanced features for patrons with hearing loss. As noted in the **Times Union**, the library plans to be open

for public browsing in late September 2021 barring more COVID bad news. If this is your library, stop in and see what they've done and let us know!

**Barbara Kannapell, Activist
Who Empowered Deaf People,
Dies at 83 on Aug 11, 2021**

She gave them a sense of identity and culture and helped legitimize American Sign Language, which she considered her native language.

[Obituary - NY TIMES](#)

Have you seen CODA on Apple+ TV or in the Theater?

If you haven't seen the movie [CODA](#) and you have access to streaming TV on Apple+, it comes highly recommended...the story of a hearing child growing up in a Deaf family and the challenges faced. From the NY Times review "An openhearted embrace of deaf culture elevates this otherwise conventional tale of a talented teenager caught between ambition and loyalty". Coda had its world premiere at the 2021 Sundance Film Festival in January 2021 and was released in theaters and on Apple TV+ on Aug. 13. You can see the movie in theaters now, and if you have an Apple TV+ subscription, you can watch Coda on the streaming service. Also, if you haven't already used your free trial on Apple TV+, you can watch the movie for free if you start the 7-day free trial.

Johns Hopkins site:

Follow the link: <https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/health/wellness-and-prevention/the-hidden-risks-of-hearing-loss> which has some excellent information on untreated hearing loss and associated health risks....check it out and consider the following;

"Brain scans show us that hearing loss may contribute to a faster rate of atrophy in the brain," Lin says. "Hearing loss also contributes to social isolation. You may not want to be with people as much, and when you are you may not engage in conversation as much. These factors may contribute to dementia."As you walk, your ears pick up subtle cues that help with balance. Hearing loss mutes these important signals, Lin notes. "It also makes your brain work harder just to process sound. This subconscious multitasking may interfere with some of the mental processing needed to walk safely."

Noted from Dan Brooks, President of the NYS Association of HLAA:

The **2022 HLAA NYSA State Conference** will be at the historic **Queensbury Hotel** in the quaint town of **Glens Falls, New York, September 16th, 17th & 18th, 2022.**

All activities and programs where appropriate, will be looped and **CART** will be provided.

Another huge news flash concerning the **State Conference** is the announcement

(drum roll please), that **Justin Osmond** has committed to be our special guest and **Keynote Speaker!** Justin is the nephew of **Donny and Marie Osmond.** Did you know that there is hearing loss in the **Osmond family?** I personally did not realize this but have since become familiar with the **Osmond family history** and their journey with hearing loss. It is quite an extraordinary journey and I am sure all who attend the keynote session will feel the same!



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- American Tinnitus Association — www.ata.org
- Career & College Advice for Deaf & Hard of Hearing Students — www.affordablecollegesonline.org/college-resource-center/deaf-student-college-career-advice
- Hands and Voices — www.handsandvoices.org
- Hearing Like Me — www.hearinglikeme.com
- Hearing Loss Association of America — www.hearingloss.org
- Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center — <https://clerccenter.gallaudet.edu/>
- National Deaf Center on Postsecondary Outcomes — nationaldeafcenter.org
- Office of the NYS Attorney General, Civil Rights Division — www.ag.ny.gov
- Young Adults - www.hearingloss.org/content/young-adults-and-hearing-loss

Lion's Hearing Devices Loan-Out Centers — try out devices before you buy them!

- Center for Better Hearing, 318 Ridge St., Glens Falls, NY 12801 (518) 798-4800
- HearUSA, 258 Hoosick St., Troy, NY 12180 (518) 272-7323
- Madison & Saratoga Hearing Ctr, 14 Columbia Circle Drive, Suite 202, Albany, NY 12203 (518) 629-0889
- Madison & Saratoga Hearing Ctr, 414 Maple Ave, Suite 800, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 (518) 430-4003
- Madison & Saratoga Hearing Ctr, 81 Miller Road, Suite 700, Castleton, NY 12033 (518) 708-8648
- Resource Center for Independent Living, 347 W. Main St., Amsterdam, NY 12010 (518) 842-3561
- Resource Center for Independent Living, 401 East German St., Herkimer, NY 13350 (315)866-7245

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And...if you know of other venues, please share them with us!

- AMC Loews (amctheatres.com) — Rotterdam — Captioning
- Barrington Stage (Barringtonstage.org) —first six rows of Main Stage are looped
- Bowtie Cinemas (bowtiecinemas.com) —Schenectady, Saratoga, Wilton —“cup holder” Captioning
- Capital Repertory Theatre (capitalrep.org) — Loop
- Christ Community Reformed Church, Clifton Park (<https://www.ccrcc-CPNY.org>) — Loop
- Christ Our Light Catholic Church, (christourlightchurch.org) Loudonville, NY — FM System
- Crandall Public Library (Glens Falls) Christine L. McDonald Community Room (<https://www.crandalllibrary.org>)
- Delmar Reformed Church (drchurch.org) — Loop
- First Presbyterian Church (firstpresalbany.org) 362 State Street, Albany—perimeter Loop on the right side of the sanctuary
- Gloversville Public Library's Carnegie Meeting Room (<http://gloversvillelibrary.org>)
- Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, (www.gslcl.org) 510 Albany Shaker Rd, Loudonville, 12211— Loop
- Loudonville Community Church (www.lcchurch.org) — FM Receivers
- Our Lady, Queen of Peace Catholic Church, Princetown Rd, Schenectady (www.olqprotterdam.org) — Loop
- Proctors Theater — Loop in the Main Stage and the Addy
- Regal Cinemas (regmovies.com) —Clifton Park, Crossgates, Colonie Center, East Greenbush, Wilton Mall and Aviation Mail — Captioning and Captioned Glasses
- Schenectady Light Opera Company, Schenectady, NY—FM Assistive Listening System
- Spectrum 8 (landmarktheatres.com) — Infrared and CCR-100 Captioning
- St. Mary's Catholic Church, Hamilton, NY— Loop
- St. Mary's Crescent Catholic Church Clifton Park (www.stmaryscrescent.com) — FM System
- Unitarian Universalist Society of Schenectady (uuschenectady.org) — Loop
- Universal Preservation Hall (<https://universalpreservationhall.org>) Saratoga Springs, NY loop
- Wood Theater (<https://woodtheater.org>) 207 Glen Street, Glens Falls, NY 12801, loop

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