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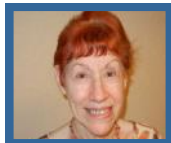


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MESSAGE FROM NANCY

By Nancy Kingsley, State Director

Recently, a Deaf driver was fatally shot by a police officer after getting out of his car after a chase. The details of what happened are not clear, but this is a reminder that drivers who have a hearing loss need to know what to do if an officer signals for them to stop. Here are some guidelines:



1. If a police car turns on its flashing lights behind you, pull over immediately. (If you continue to drive, the officer may think you have done something illegal.)

2. Have your license and registration out before the officer comes over.

4. Do not make any abrupt moves. (If you do, the officer may think you are about to grab a weapon.)

5. Keep your hands visible. (This will show the officer that you are unarmed.)

6. Tell the officer that you have a hearing loss and may not understand what he says. (Otherwise, he may think you are being aggressive if you don't do what he tells you.) You may want to use a visor card stating that you have a hearing loss and indicating your communication needs. A free copy can be downloaded at hearinglosshelp.com/shop/visor-cards-hard-of-hearing.

7. Pennsylvania has a Yellow Dot program that alerts first responders to a traffic accident about any special needs, and you can note your hearing loss communication needs. Information on how to participate is at www.penndot.gov/TravelInPA/Pages/Yellow-Dot.aspx.

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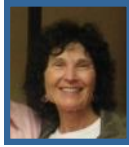


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STATE HAPPENINGS AND OUTREACH

By Carolyn Meyer

HLAA-PA maintains a commitment to have a voice in Pennsylvania government for residents with hearing loss across the state. We have an ongoing request that may interest you for a chance to participate in such issues. Many of you use the relay service (with a captioned telephone) so this may be some position you may want to consider. You do not have to use the relay yourself to be eligible, however. Please read the following description carefully:



Pennsylvania's Public Utility Commission has a Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) Advisory Board that currently has only one member who is deaf or hard of hearing, and needs more. The other board members are from Hamilton Relay, the Pennsylvania Telephone Association, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, and the Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Meetings are held quarterly in Harrisburg on Wednesdays from 10:30 to 3:30. CART and sign language interpreters are provided, and mileage and parking costs are reimbursed. Lunch is provided as well. Contact Kay Tyberg at Tyberg@hlaa-pa.org for information and an application.

SAFETY EXPO FOR PEOPLE WITH HEARING LOSS

November 5 : Plymouth Meeting, PA: Many HLAA members and others in the community came 9:00AM- 1:00 PM to hear presentations by trained professionals on topics including fire safety; public safety, travel tips; hospital safety, and safety tips for parents. The Expo was free and sponsored by Cochlear Americas. Safety has become a leading issue now of concern for us all who have hearing loss. If you have a chance in your own community to promote an event like this, please take the opportunity to do so.

ODHH HEARING LOSS EXPO

NOVEMBER 2-3, 2016 Radisson Harrisburg Hotel

HLAA-PA had 2 exhibits at the Expo: one staffed by HLAA-PA volunteers Nancy Kingsley, HLAA-PA State Director and chapter president of HLAA-Lancaster County chapter, and members of the Capital Region chapter: Mary Jane Paluska, Dave McIntosh, Steve Schultz, Pat Brockley, and Donna and Herb Nurick. At the second table for HLAA-PA, ALD coordinator Bill Best demonstrated numerous assistive listening and alerting devices that are part of our state-owned ALD Demo Kit. Kay Tyberg had a table for the new Blair County chapter and Augusta Spandler had a table for the Capital Region chapter. On November 2, from 12:30 until 2:00 PM Kay and Bill presented a separate program in one of the conference rooms: "Understanding People Who Are Hard of Hearing: A Practical Approach". This presentation (limited to 30 people) was fully accessible with CART, a hearing loop, and sign language interpreter. The entire Expo offered the public a place to:

- * Get your hearing screened,
- * Try assistive technology and see interpreters in action,
- * Learn and network,
- * Attend educational presentations, and
- * Get resources from around the state!

CHAPTERS:

Center City HLAA Philadelphia Chapter president, Pat McGeever was one of the principal speakers at a meeting sponsored by *Friends in the City*, an organization which holds a large variety of events for seniors. This year's panel was on October 20 at the Bellevue Hotel on South Broad, and had about 50 attendees. Pat McGeever invited center-city HLAA members. The speakers and their topics were:

Pat McGeever: How or why someone with hearing loss finally decides to obtain a hearing aid

Diane Holstein, AuD, Penn Medicine Washington Square: New and developing technology of hearing aids

Wendy Davis, CaptionCall : Captioned phone service currently available through federal financing (no cost for you).

Pat distributed a "Who Are We?" brochure from Center-City HLAA and offered a "Survivor's Guide for HOH People" with information on finding captioning, looped venues, and restaurants where hearing is possible. It included advice for people living with HOH people on how to assist them to find help, speak to them effectively, etc.

Pat's view - "It was a good audience with good questions and we added a number of them to our center-city mailing list."

NEW CHAPTER FOR HLAA-PA:**WELCOME TO THE BLAIR COUNTY CHAPTER**

A new chapter led by Kay Tyberg, the Blair County Chapter is information with 4 people as charter members.

Do you live in the area? Would you like more information? Please contact Kay at Tyberg@hlaa-pa.org or Dale Long, Central PA Chapter Coordinator at Long@hlaa-pa.org for details.

HLAA NATIONAL CONVENTION JUNE 22-25**SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH ;****CHAPTER OFFICERS AND DELEGATES****EARLY REGISTRATION (SPECIAL RATES)**

State associations/offices and chapters may register up to 4 officers (i.e., president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer) and 1 Delegate (encourage a member who is being groomed for a leadership role to use the Delegate registration). Officers must be current members of HLAA. The officer registrations are not transferrable to other HLAA members.

State Chapter Coordinators are also eligible for the State/Chapter Leader/Delegate Registration. (Deadline: March 31, 2017)

HLAA-PA TRIBUTE FUND

HLAA-PA has a Tribute Fund to honor or memorialize someone with a contribution to the organization.

The "Recent Donors" List appears at the end of each issue of HearSay. You can donate at www.hlaa-pa.org, or mail donations to Mitch Bilker, HLAA-PA State Treasurer, 821 Rosehill Drive, King of Prussia, PA 19406 with checks payable to "HLAA-PA". All donations are tax deductible, and donors as well as recipients receive a letter of acknowledgement. In this season of giving, it is a wonderful way to remember someone special!

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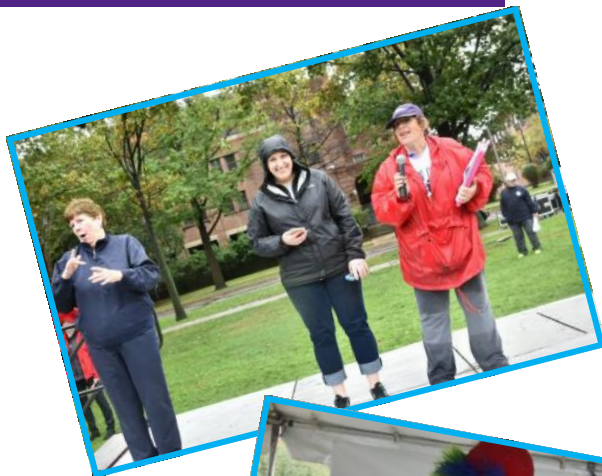
<http://www.pennmedicine.org/otorhinolaryngology/patient-care/clinical-programs/audiology/>



THE AMAZING WALK4HEARING 2016

Yes, we had rain and wind but the crowd had umbrellas, babies in strollers, and dogs with raincoats. All were spirited and, miraculously, when the actual Walk began, the rain stopped and off we went. In the words of our Chair Ronnie Adler, "It proves that our walkers would not let it rain on our parade". We thank all our wonderful, devoted volunteers who worked more than their shifts to make this day successful for all those with hearing loss. We will see you again in 2017!

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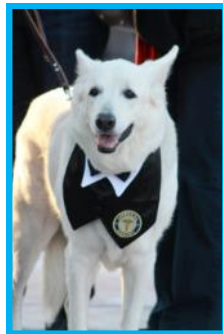


ABOUT HEARING DOGS

When we first realized that Wayne could not hear, it was our first White German Shepherd who told us. What a shock that was - it just wasn't in our scope of thought. Quickly, we researched everything we could about hearing loss and dogs. We began by making things to let other people know that someone cannot hear - desk signs, door plaques, window decals, bracelets, etc. and hearingimpaired.net Inc. was born.

Snow Prince was not to be left out. At the time there were no resources for information - no one really knew what dogs could do and how. Wayne was 52 years old and isolating himself more and more. We are both very active and proactive people, no matter what the subject. Injustice is intolerable - and "what do you mean, we can't!"

Snow taught us what a hearing dog does and how. He trained us to watch him for his alerts so we would know what he was saying. He also alerted when Wayne was near someone who owned cats - Wayne is deathly allergic to them. He would drag Wayne out of the store and then relax once he was outside. We would ask people in line if anyone had a cat - and sure enough, someone would have one. So we learned.



Shadow is a different story - he is definitely the boss and the essence of discretionary disobedience. It is true that he often knows what is best. As the years have progressed, Wayne has had more and more health issues, but now we are "dog savvy." When Wayne has seizures, the dog lies in his lap (130 pounds - oy). When Wayne gets winded and too tired, the dog drags him to a chair or the car. Shadow puts him to bed at 8:30 p.m. every night and wakes him in the middle of the night to adjust his bed to accommodate his breathing problems. And the list goes on. Whatever you need, the dog will morph to do it. It is the human's job to listen and understand.

When we are out in public, Shadow creates quite a stir. He is very large and quite handsome. People are so curious about service dogs that we feel it is

incumbent upon us to help educate them. Sometimes it gets tiresome, but it's always satisfying. It is hard to get through a mall, national monument, cruise ship, etc. without questions being asked. Oh, yes - Shadow has been on an Alaskan cruise. The first question is always, "Where does he relieve himself?" The cruise ship puts an acrylic or wooden tray filled with mulch, wood chips, or doggy litter on our balcony, which is a huge help. Owners also need to learn to say "NO" to people who want to pet their service dog. When the dog is wearing his harness or vest, he is working. He is concentrating on his person and should not be distracted.



Customer needs impelled us to write three books to share information, resources, and knowledge:

My Ears Have A Wet Nose: Acquiring, Training & Loving a Hearing Dog

I Have a Wet Nose . . . and I Have a Job - an educational coloring book about service dogs

Handbook for Service Dogs

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- Anne Wicklund

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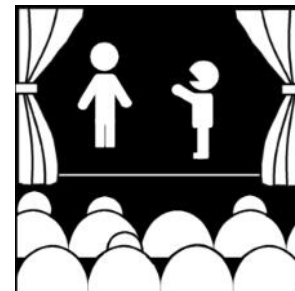


TDDP is implemented by Pennsylvania's Initiative on Assistive Technology, a program of the Institute on Disabilities at Temple University, in conjunction with the PA Office of Vocational Rehabilitation and the PA Public Utility Commission.

Arts & Entertainment Access Committee Survey

We are seeking information about the movie and live theater access experiences of our HLAA chapter members and others with hearing loss. Below are sample questions to guide you in your response:

- Does the movie theater have a sign indicating that captioning devices are available?
- If yes, was a staff member thorough in explaining how to use the captioning equipment if this was your first time?
- Has your experience with movie captioning been positive or negative? How?
- Have you had to take your captioning device back after the movie started? If so, why?
- Does your local live theater offer open captioned performances? If yes, did you find the captions satisfactory? Why or why not?
- Can you benefit from assistive listening devices? If so, what was your experience like using them at the movies and live theater in your area?



Please e-mail your responses to Kay Tyberg at tyberg@hlaa-pa.org or Alan Kutner at kutner@hlaa-pa.org by January 8, 2017.

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Two HLA National Convention Scholarships

In 2017 the Hearing Loss Association of America — Pennsylvania State Office (HLAA-PA) will offer two scholarships to assist Pennsylvania residents who are members of the Hearing Loss Association of America to attend the HLA National Convention. In addition to the Diana Bender HLA National Convention Scholarship, this year there will also be a Tony Finamore Scholarship, in memory of a MontCo Chapter member who passed away in 2016. These scholarships will be available for deserving persons who are currently involved with hearing loss issues. The HLA-PA Advisory Council's Scholarship Committee will select the qualifying applicants.

When and where is the 2017 HLA convention? The convention will be June 22-25 (four days, three nights) at the Salt Palace Convention Center, 100 South West Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101

Who is eligible as a scholarship candidate? Any Pennsylvania resident with hearing loss, regardless of age, is eligible as long as he or she meets the following qualifications. The applicant must be a current HLA member, must have demonstrated an interest in being actively involved with hearing loss issues, and must indicate that a scholarship would enable his or her attendance. Preference will be given to those who have never attended an HLA convention.

Scholarship amount: The recipient will be awarded \$500 (to be applied to transportation, lodging, and meals), plus the cost of registration for the full-activity convention package (includes banquet). Any amount exceeding \$500 will be his or her responsibility. The awardee must attend the convention or return the \$500.

Submission date: Application forms may be mailed or emailed (email preferred if possible). Deadline for receipt is April 10, 2017.

HLA National Convention Scholarship

Application Form for 2017 Convention

Name: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State: _____

Telephone _____ E-mail: _____

What is the expiration date of your HLA membership? (See your *Hearing Loss Magazine* label.)

Have you ever attended an HLA convention? (Check one) yes no

Describe the reasons why you should be selected (necessary for consideration). Continue on a second page if necessary. _____

Date: _____

Application must be received by April 10, 2017. E-mail information to Mitchell Bilker, HLA-PA Scholarship Committee Chair, at scholarship@hlaa-pa.org or mail this form to HLA-PA National Scholarship, 821 Rosehill Drive, King of Prussia, PA 19406 (email preferred).

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Bruce J. Gantz, M.D.,
Cochlear Medical Advisor

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Q: Are cochlear implants covered by Medicare?

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1. The Acoustic Component should only be used when behavioral audiometric thresholds can be obtained and the recipient can provide feedback regarding sound quality. The Hybrid L24 Implant is approved in the US for adults ages 18 and older.

2. FDA Panel Sponsor Executive Summary, Nucleus Hybrid L24 Implant System [Internet]. 2013 November 8 [cited 2014 June 5]. Available from: <http://www.fda.gov/downloads/AdvisoryCommittees/CommitteesMeetingMaterials/MedicalDevices/MedicalDevicesAdvisoryCommittee/EarNoseandThroatDevicesPanel/UCM373793.pdf>.

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SAVE THE DATE :

2017 HLAА-PA LUNCH AND LEARN

The annual HLAА-PA “Lunch and Learn” is Sunday, April 30, 2017 from 11:00 AM to 3:00PM at the Radisson Hotel Valley Forge in King of Prussia, PA. Please plan to join us for a wonderful afternoon.

Many exhibitors will be on site . The day will begin with coffee, registration, and an opportunity to visit our exhibitors from 11:00 AM-12 noon. A buffet lunch will follow.

Our keynote speaker is Dr. Steven Eliades, MD PhD from the Department of Otorhinolaryngology , Head and Neck Surgery, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. The registration form for this event will appear in the Spring Issue of “HearSay”. It will also be on www.hlaa-pa.org. The winners of the Finisdore Advocacy Award and the 2 National HLAА Convention Scholarships will be honored at the conclusion of the afternoon.

Many chapters have chosen to pay for registration for some of their members so please do inquire to see if your chapter will be offering this. It is an excellent opportunity to gain information for yourself and others with hearing loss as well as to socialize with HLAА members from across the state. We look forward to seeing you April 30!

Lunch and Learn is supported in part by a generous grant from the Louis N. Cassett Foundation.

HLAA-PA AT THE FARM SHOW:

For the eighth consecutive year, members of various Pennsylvania HLAА chapters will staff the HLAА-PA State Office’s Information Table at the PA Farm Show in Harrisburg. The Show will be held from Saturday, January 7 through Saturday, January 14, 2017, and our exhibit presents a wonderful opportunity to reach out to the more than 400,000 people who visit each year.

For details and information, visit the event website, www.farmshow.state.pa.us, and when you come, look for us on the Main Floor, Booth 5511.



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TECH TOPICS

What Can Go Wrong - Some basic issues with hearing assistance systems in theaters and other public venues.

Almost every conversation about hearing loss seems to include a complaint about some hearing assistance system or other.

Let me count the ways:

- Nothing available. All too common. Perhaps the venue is not required by the ADA to provide hearing assistance, or the need is simply ignored. "Can't afford it!"
- A system in place, but the staff is clueless as to how to use it.
 - Staff may know about it, but equipment is poorly maintained, batteries dead, channels set wrong, etc.
 - Many functioning systems are only appropriate for people with mild hearing loss, and may have a stethoscope type headset, unusable for hearing aid users. Headsets have a somewhat better chance at helping.
 - The way the sound is picked up may be unsatisfactory, a major issue in live theater. One venue I know of seems to have a single mike hung over the stage somewhere and the results are very poor.
 - It can happen that what you hear through a hearing assistance system may not be synchronized with what you hear directly. Sound travels through air about a thousand feet per second, and if you are a hundred feet from the source of the sound, the delay is about a tenth a second. But the sound coming through an assistance system is delayed hardly at all, and the result is reverberation - not good! The solution is to hear only the sound coming through the system, but this may be difficult to achieve, especially if you have mild hearing loss.
 - With a hearing loop and T-coil system, it may be best to set the HA or CI for 100% (T)-coil and no (M) microphone, if you have that control. In that case you won't hear any local ambient noise, which may seem unpleasant at first, but the results are usually better. Headsets actually can function like neckloops and work with T-coils. But without T-coils, there isn't any way to block the sound received through the air, and this reverberation may occur.
 - Loop systems are subject to local magnetic interference, which can be difficult to identify and correct, especially since maintenance people will have no clue what the trouble is. The orientation of the T-coil

relative to the magnetic field of the loop system can also cause erratic results, a subject in itself.

- Users may need to share some of the blame. "What is a T-coil?" "I think I have one, but I don't know how to turn it on." A quick test of T-coil operation is to hold a watch, a battery-powered one with a second hand, up to the HA. With the T-coil turned on, you should hear "pop, pop, pop" once a second, as the little motor inside advances the second hand. This can be ambiguous however, as some watches will produce slight audible noise at the same rate.
 - Lack of utilization - if a venue provides an effective hearing assistance system, and patrons rarely use it, other venues will learn of it, and have little motivation to follow suit. Find and patronize a place with a good system, and let the world know about it.
 - Systems based on Bluetooth technology show promise for hearing assistance. But many Bluetooth connections have delays of several tenths of a second, making them unsatisfactory for hearing assistance in most cases. And Bluetooth systems need to be "paired", a major roadblock for multiple listeners.
 - A note about terminology – these systems are often referred to as "assistive listening devices", and "ALD's", but I feel that we are concerned with hearing loss rather than listening loss.
 - You can find a listing of locations across the US that provide hearing assistance at www.aldlocator.com/
 - HLAAs-PA wants to know about your experience with these systems. If you have encountered these problems, please let Kay Tyberg or Alan Kutner know. tyberg@hlaa-pa.org, kutner@hlaa-pa.org.
- Don Groff



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