



Chicago North Shore Chapter

Our mission is to open the world of communication to people with hearing loss by providing information, education, support and advocacy.

Join us for our regular meetings at the North Shore Senior Center  
161 Northfield Rd, Northfield, IL  
10 am, 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month in the Weber Lounge  
[www.hearinglosschicagonorthshore.com](http://www.hearinglosschicagonorthshore.com)

## Chicago North Shore Chapter Newsletter



**May 2023**

**Monday, May 8  
11 AM**

Conversation with  
Northwestern University Doctoral  
Audiologist Students

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We are very grateful to these Sponsors for their generosity and support of the HLAA Chicago North Shore Chapter.

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**Don't Miss**

**Sunday, October 1  
Walk4Hearing**

## **Zooming With Audiology Students Conversations with Northwestern University Doctoral Audiology Students**

**Monday, May 8, 2023**

11 a.m. - Noon (Central Time)  
at North Shore Senior Center

161 Northfield Road, Northfield, IL 60093  
Weber Lounge (formerly known as Lindon  
Lounge)

Everyone is invited to attend a free interactive discussion with the current first-year doctoral audiology students of Dr. Elizabeth Meyer, AuD, Assistant Clinical Professor at the Northwestern University Center for Audiology, Speech, Language, and Learning NUCASSL.

As a part of their education, the students will learn more about hearing loss issues by asking their questions directly to those of us who use hearing aids or cochlear implants. We in turn can ask them about their goals and the focus of their future work as audiologists. We will all learn from this promising exchange of ideas.

Live captions and a hearing loop will be provided for those who cannot attend in person. The Zoom link is below.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAsd-CsrzwwHt24lgXpis534tCfxPB30Wxw>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

For more information,  
email [elainecmccaffrey1@gmail.com](mailto:elainecmccaffrey1@gmail.com)

**To aid in the discussion, the following questions were sent by the students in advance of their visit. Feel free to add your own at the meeting.**

How beneficial are support groups for those with hearing loss, and what do you think is most beneficial about support groups?

How is HLAA working to fight stigmas associated with hearing loss?

How has HLAA impacted your life and hearing health journey?

What is HLAA's goals and ambitions in regard to legislation for improving the lives of people with hearing loss?

What would HLAA like us as doctoral students, as well as community members at large, to know about hearing loss and what can we do better to improve the lives of our patients and community members?

### **Upcoming HLAA Chicago North Shore Chapter Programs**

**June 12:** Ice Cream Social – Open House  
Join the fun! Everyone is invited for free ice cream as we get reacquainted and meet new friends in the Weber Lounge and are reminded why we love to learn from our exceptional hearing loss chapter. This event is free. All are welcome

**July 10:** Annual Chapter elections followed by reports by attendees to the HLAA National Convention in New Orleans June 29 - July 1.

No meeting in August

**September 11:** Juliette Sterken, AuD will present in the NSSC auditorium "Let's Talk Hearing - Advice to Make your Ears Smile".

**October 9:** Lisa Gumina, AuD, will present on Hearing Loss and music

Check back often. We will post meeting information [www.hearinglosschicagonorthshore.com](http://www.hearinglosschicagonorthshore.com)



## Wellness Fair - April 27, 2023

The following live performances are **Open Captioned**. This list represents only some of the available performances. Other venues may also offer captioned performances – please check the League of Chicago Theatres at [leagueofchicagotheatres.org](http://leagueofchicagotheatres.org)

The Porch on Windy Hill  
5/5 – 8:00 pm  
5/6 – 2:30 pm  
**Northlight Theater**

The Who's Tommy  
7/16 – 2:00  
**Goodman Theatre**

Marie and Rosetta  
7/26 – 8:00 pm  
7/27 – 2:30 pm  
**Northlight Theater**

When purchasing tickets, request seats that are best for viewing both the caption displays and the action on the stage. The theatre usually tries to accommodate your needs.

## May is Military Appreciation Month



Pictured: Sara Jackson and Mike Wehman

Both NSSC and HLAA Chicago North Shore Chapter were represented at a recent Wellness Fair held at The Mather in downtown Evanston. A steady stream of visitors collected leaflets, brochures, and answers to their queries at the day-long session.

## May is Better Hearing and Speech Month

In support of Better Hearing and Speech Month (BHSM), join the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD) in raising awareness about hearing, voice, speech, and language disorders.

A research team led by Zheng-Yi Chen, an HMS associate professor of otolaryngology and associate scientist in the Eaton-Peabody Laboratories at Mass Eye and Ear, reported creating a drug-like cocktail of different molecules that successfully regenerated hair cells in a mouse model by reprogramming a series of genetic pathways within the inner ear.

*Adapted from a Mass Eye and Ear [news release](#).*



## HLAA 2023 Convention June 29-July 1, 2023

The convention will be held at the Marriott New Orleans. Located on Canal St, in the French Quarter, the hotel is convenient to the many shops, restaurants and other attractions that New Orleans has to offer.

Please refer to the Association website <https://www.hearingloss.org/> for further registration information.



Recently the Chapter was scammed in an **unsuccessful** attempt to have \$1280 transferred to an unauthorized recipient. Both email and text messages were subject to a “Phishing” expedition, a scamming technique known to our bank. Although the attempt failed, we were reminded of the need to confirm the source as valid – this time by simply picking up the phone.

A good source of information about recognizing and preventing scams is the frequently updated Federal Trade Commission website, [www.consumer.ftc.gov](http://www.consumer.ftc.gov).

**Hopefully, we can learn by hearing about others’ experiences in dealing with scamming. If you have experienced any such attempt, please share with us via email or phone (and indicate whether you’d prefer to remain anonymous).** [mikewehman@outlook.com](mailto:mikewehman@outlook.com)



October 1, 2023

HLAA Walk4Hearing is a nationwide campaign which brings hope to people with hearing loss in 20 cities, meeting them in their communities to raise awareness and show support. Teams of family and friends join with local HLA A Chapters and nonprofit and business partners to raise funds for local programs and promote hearing health.

Register at [www.hearingloss.org](http://www.hearingloss.org) or contact Christine Rudolph at [c1rudolph@comcast.net](mailto:c1rudolph@comcast.net) for assistance.

Lincoln Park  
Cannon Dr. Between W. Diversey Pkwy and W. Fullerton Parkway, Chicago, IL

9:30 a.m. Registration starts  
11 a.m. Stage Presentation  
11:15 a.m. Walk starts  
(5K/3.1 miles)

Local Walk Co-Chairs  
Ed O'Brien [eobrien@mutare.com](mailto:eobrien@mutare.com)  
Colleen Harrah [cdharrah83@gmail.com](mailto:cdharrah83@gmail.com)  
Walk4Hearing Senior Manager  
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