



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 on the 2nd Monday of the month in the Weber Lounge.
www.hearinglosschicagonorthshore.com

HLAA Chicago North Shore Chapter Newsletter December 2023



2024 Chapter Sponsors

Please consider becoming a Sponsor or renewing your support as a 2024 Sponsor for a year beginning January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. This opportunity is one way our Chapter is able to continue hosting monthly interesting and informative programs, weekly activities such as Speech Reading and technology overviews, and sharing experiences for mutual benefit.

This coming Monday, December 11, you are invited to attend our annual holiday party and to become or renew as a Sponsor by making a contribution. Please see the enclosed Sponsorship Form and Party Invitation for additional details. **Additional Sponsorship forms will be available at the party on Monday.**

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The Chapter is very grateful to these 2023 Sponsors for their generosity and support of our Chapter. If your name or business is not listed correctly, please let us know. Thank you.

Editors' note: We frequently publish website links to further information related to newsletter articles. If you have a problem with a link, please let us know and we will attempt to provide a printed copy of the reference.
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Upcoming HLAA Chicago North Shore Chapter Programs

Monday, December 11, 2023
10:30 am – Noon
Holiday Party

Friday, January 12, 2024
1:00 pm -- 2pm

Please note that this program will at a different time, date and place than our usual schedule.

Elaine McCaffrey presenting
**Over-the-Counter (OTC) Hearing Aids
What You Should Know**

Hybrid meeting at the Glenview Library.
Glenview Village Hall and North Shore Senior Center jointly sponsor these programs.

February 12, 2024
10:00 am – noon

Dr. Tracy Winn, AuD, Northwestern University, accompanied by graduate AuD students to learn more about hearing loss and our Chapters activities.

HLAA tips for managing hearing loss during the holidays.

- Be well-rested to hear your best at gatherings.
- Ensure you can view everyone's face and read lips by sitting toward the center of the table.
- If you can, sit with a wall behind you to help with background noise and possibly put space between you and a busy kitchen.
- Have an ally to sit with so they can help you.
- Have one-on-one conversations in a separate room.
- Make sure to take breaks often.
- Don't be afraid to ask a person to repeat themselves if you don't hear them.
- No one hears everything, so don't expect perfection.

SmartPhone Captioning

At last month's meeting, we were introduced to *Olelo*, for captioning mobile phone conversations. If you have trouble hearing on your smart phone, you will want to learn about *Olelo*, the new captioning app for smartphones. Representatives from CaptionCall introduced us to *Olelo* and explained how to set it up on our own phones.

Whether it is an Android phone or an iPhone, *Olelo* captions both sides of a conversation via AI to make your understanding easier, more accurate, and much more enjoyable.

A couple of things to note: Sharon King was instrumental in getting CaptionCall representatives in to describe their product and instruct us in its use. As our Chapter does not usually recommend specific brands, there are other such applications such as InnoCaption and Nagish. If you have experience with any other captioned cell phone app, please consider bringing their apps for evaluation as well. As a further note, the company is re-branding their product as CaptionCall Mobile so don't be misled, it's the same product that was demoed.



Take In a Holiday Show

The Holiday season offers so many fine shows, we suggest contacting The League of Chicago Theatres for shows, venues and accessibility to assisted-hearing accommodations, such as Open Captioning and Hearing Loops.

Inquiries or requests concerning accessibility should be directed to the Accessible Services Department for The Chicago Theatre at (888) 609-7599.

The League of Chicago Theatres is committed to working with Chicago area theatres to make live theatre accessible to everyone. Their calendar enables patrons with disabilities to look for upcoming performances based on their specific access requirements. Their calendar includes Touch Tours (TT), ASL-Interpreted (ASL), Audio-Described (AD), **Open-Captioned (OC)** and Autism-Friendly (AUT) performances. Further information can be found at www.Chicagoplays.com/access/





YOU'RE INVITED!
COME TO OUR CHAPTER'S
ANNUAL **HOLIDAY PARTY**
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
MONDAY DECEMBER 11, 2023
10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
WEBER ROOM - NORTH SHORE SENIOR CENTER

**If you want to bring food for the holiday table such as
baked goods, pastries, fruit, breads, juice or cheese
please contact Betty Buino * * * edegbuino@gmail.com
She will make sure that there is a delicious variety of goodies**

HLAA CHAPTER SPONSORSHIP FORM

The Chicago North Shore Chapter of the Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) is inviting you to become a Sponsor of our 2024 Sponsorship Program for a term beginning January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. Businesses, organizations, and people who want to support our Chapter can have the name of their business, organization, and/or their name(s) listed in a special column in our Chapter's newsletter. View the Chapter's newsletter at www.HearingLossChicagoNorthShore.com. To become a Sponsor select from the following levels of participation:

- Premium Level (\$500 or more)
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Our Sponsorship Program helps pay for live captioning and maintenance of the hearing loop for our in-person meetings. Your support helps our members continue to advocate for people with hearing loss and be a resource to help others with questions about their hearing needs. To become a Sponsor, please fill out the form below and return it with your check payable to the HLAA Chicago North Shore Chapter; mail it to HLAA Chicago North Shore Chapter, P. O. Box #406, Glenview, IL 60025. *The HLAA Chapter is a tax-exempt, charitable organization eligible to receive tax deductible contributions under the IRS Code 501(c)(3).*

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~ *Thank you* for your consideration and support!