



**HLAA Chicago North Shore Chapter  
Invites you to a Captioned Zoom  
Meeting  
Monday January 9, 2023  
11 a.m. – Noon**

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

**Chicago North Shore  
Chapter Newsletter  
January 2023**



Upcoming HLAA Chicago North Shore Chapter Programs:

**All meetings will be virtual until further notice.**

**To Register click on the Zoom Link below**

**Topic: Open Business Meeting of the Chicago North Shore Chapter of the Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA). Learn who we are and what we do.**

Time: Jan 9, 2023 11:00 AM Central Time

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86190146850?pwd=ZkJ3dDFlWFcrN0p3VEhUN01tWDArZz09>

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

Please join us to learn about what our Chapter does to help others who have hearing loss. Give your input as to your needs. Understand the role of the national HLAA organization and the resources it provides for people with hearing loss. Visit their website at [www.hearingloss.org](http://www.hearingloss.org)

This free virtual program is presented by the Chicago North Shore Chapter of the Hearing Loss Association of America. For more information, contact Sarah Jackson at 847-784-6013. Please visit us at [www.HearinglossChicagoNorthShore.com](http://www.HearinglossChicagoNorthShore.com).



## Recapping the November 14 Hospital Panel Discussion on Safety for People with Hearing Loss

On November 14, 2022, the Chicago North Shore Chapter hosted the 2022 HLAA Hospital Safety for People with Hearing Loss Panel Discussion. The program opened with tips on how a person with hearing loss can advocate for themselves in various medical settings and the importance in telling each medical person that you are hard of hearing or deaf.

Representatives from Rush University Medical Center, Northwestern Memorial Hospital, University of Chicago Medicine and Swedish Hospital part of NorthShore, discussed what accommodations their hospitals have for people with hearing loss and how the effects Covid have brought about positive improvements for providing accommodations for people with hearing loss or deaf. They emphasized the importance of requesting accommodation ahead of any planned medical appointment or hospital stay.



### New Illinois Laws Taking Effect on January 1, 2023

- The new minimum wage for most workers rises to \$13 per hour (with some exceptions)
- Additional \$.03per gallon fuel tax
- New restrictions dealing with sex offenses
- New penalties and liabilities intended to curb carjacking

- Education and training rules to address teacher shortages and more rigorous standards for classroom and laboratory standards for driver's education
- Higher education awards, grants, and financial aid
- Slight break on registration fees for owners of vehicles manufactured in Illinois For students pursuing careers services
- Requirements for Alzheimer disease and dementia training for agencies doing business with the Illinois Department on Aging
- New firearm option for hunters
- Two new state symbols:
- Eastern milksnake as the official state snake
- Dolostone as the official state rock
- New smoke alarms being installed are required to be with 10-year sealed batteries



Don't dispose of that mask just yet! For the latest COVID status, contact The Illinois Department of Health: <https://dph.illinois.gov/covid19/vaccine.html>

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**NOTE:** If your name or business is not listed correctly, please let us know.

**Winter has officially arrived.**

**Here are some safety tips:**

- Wear warm loose-fitting, layered clothes, hat, mittens and boots if you go out.
- Cover your mouth with a scarf to protect your lungs.
- Pay attention to any travel warnings and avoid icy roads. If you walk on ice and snow, be a “penguin”.
- Seal drafts from doors/windows. Close off unused rooms.
- Keep the gas tank full to avoid freezing the fuel line.
- Have emergency supplies in your car and home (water, no-cook food, first-aid kit, medicines, shovel, cell phone, flashlight/batteries, blanket, emergency flares, etc.).

## Technology Corner

### Sensing sounds through fake teeth

Dental implants could be used in a hearing aid technology called bone conduction. Bone conduction hearing aids turn sound into vibrations in the bones of the skull which, in turn, stimulate the cochlea.

Scientists at Tongji University in China conducted research on 38 people with hearing loss who also had a dental implant. They tested how well a range of sound tones traveled through the volunteer’s implants as well as their natural teeth or mastoid bones, which are in the head behind the ear.

In most cases, the volunteers heard the sounds through their implants as well as, if not better than, their natural teeth or mastoid bones. Going forward, the team hopes to develop implants with electronics inside them that could be anchored to the jawbone and generate sound vibrations.



## That's Entertainment

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)

Toni Stone  
2/26 – 2:00 pm  
Goodman Theater

Andy Warhol in Iran  
1/11—2:30 pm  
Northlight Theater

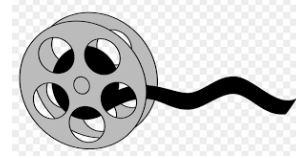
The Porch on Windy Hill  
5/5 – 8:00 pm  
5/6 – 2:30 pm  
Northlight Theater

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

The Cherry Orchard  
2/28 – 2:30 pm  
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 need.



**AMC Theaters offers this guide for finding Open Caption showtimes at the movies.**

1. Visit [AMCTheatres.com](http://AMCTheatres.com) or use the AMC Theatres app and select an AMC Theatre near you.
2. Choose the movie you'd like to see
3. Find a showtime labeled Open Caption (On-Screen Subtitles) and get tickets

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