



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 2021



Chapter in-person meetings at the North Shore Senior Center continue to be a hope for the near future.

#### Following is a list of upcoming Chapter meetings for 2021:

- October 11 - HLAA National Hospital Safety Program 10:00 a.m.- 11:30 p.m. **This is a national online Zoom presentation hosted by the HLAA. Please see details elsewhere in this newsletter.**
- November - TBA
- December - 13 Chapter Holiday Party

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The Illinois Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission (IDHHC) is pleased to announce the Governor has appointed two new Commissioners (including Chapter vice president, Jean Draths) to the Commission. Biographies of the Governor-appointed Commissioners follows:

**Jean Draths**

Glenview, IL

Term Expires 11/14/24

Jean is originally from Madison, WI and attended St. Norbert College in DePere, WI. She worked as a paralegal until the birth of the first of her four children. Jean comes from a hearing loss family and received her first set of hearing aids in her early thirties. Her hearing continued to decline and she ultimately received bilateral cochlear implants.

Jean has been an active member of the Chicago North Shore Chapter of the Hearing Loss Association of America serving as Program Chair for many years and, presently, Vice President. She recently retired after over 30 years of working in a retail position and is now devoting much of her time to hearing related issues. She has become an ardent advocate of hearing loops, successfully persuading her local library and Church to install hearing loops.



Jean is pictured (far right) in the Chicago Mayor's Council Chambers where she was part of the team evaluating an Assisted Hearing Device being considered for installation in the chamber.

The great news, in an update from Rachel Arfa of the Mayor's Office of Disabilities, is that **the decision has been made to install a hearing loop.**

**John R. Jun**

Minooka, IL

Term Expires 11/14/24

John was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois and is hard of hearing from birth. He graduated from St. Rita High School and is a graduate of Northern Illinois University with B.S. in Elementary and Special Education, where he continued received a M.S in Educational Administration. He has a M.A. from Northwestern University in Speech and Hearing and post-graduate studies in Special Education finance at Illinois State University.

In post-retirement he continued as an administrative consultant to deaf and hard-of-hearing programs with both public and private schools and served as Superintendent of the Mississippi School for the Deaf. Currently, he serves on the Illinois Deaf Blind Advisory Board and has served on the Joliet Diocese Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Advisory board.

New Commissioners Jean and John will join with the rest of the Commissioners at the next Quarterly IDHHC Remote Commission Meeting scheduled to be held on Friday November 5, 2021.

The Governor's Office is still accepting applications to serve as Commissioners on the Illinois Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission. To become a Commissioner,

visit [www.appointments.illinois.gov](http://www.appointments.illinois.gov) and click on Nominate Yourself. Under PART A: Board or Commission Sought, please select "Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission" as the Board or Commission Name. Complete as appropriate and submit the appointment application.

*Illinois Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission*  
528 South 5th Street, Suite 209  
Springfield, Illinois 62701  
Website: [www.idhhc.illinois.gov](http://www.idhhc.illinois.gov)

## October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month

At a time when we are more connected than ever, being “cyber smart” is of the utmost importance. This year has already seen more than a fair share of cyberattacks and breaches, including the high-profile attacks such as the ransomware attack on the Colonial Pipeline and others. Furthermore, as has been underlined by these recent breaches, cyberattacks are becoming more sophisticated with more villains cropping up each day.

Here are several steps that we can take on a daily basis to mitigate risks and stay one step ahead of malefactors.

- **Enable multi-factor authentication.**  
Multi-factor authentication adds a necessary check to verify your identity by requiring multiple methods of authentication
- **Use strong passphrases/password manager.**  
Using long, complex and unique passwords is a good way to foil hackers. A way of keeping track and remembering your passwords is by using a password manager.
- **Perform software updates.**  
Having the latest security software, web browser, and operating system is one of the best defenses against online threats.
- **Do your research.**  
Do some research before downloading anything new to your device. Check who created the app, and what the user reviews say, especially about its privacy and security features.
- **Check your settings**  
Be diligent to check your privacy and security settings and be aware who can access your documents.

- **Dos:**  
Remember a password's length is more important than complexity.  
Use two-factor authentication.  
Use unique phrases to remember passwords.
- **Don'ts:**  
Do not use common words or numbers like “password” or “1234”.  
Do not use personal details like your date of birth.  
Do not use the same password for multiple accounts.



As a service to our Chapter's loyal BEAR fans, here is what's left of the 2021 REGULAR GAME football schedule.

10/17	PACKERS	Noon	Fox-32
10/24	TAMPA BAY	3:25	CBS-2
10/31	SAN FRAN	Noon	FOX-32
11/8	PITTSBURGH	7:15	ESPN
11/21	BALTIMORE	Noon	CBS-2
11/25	DETROIT	11:30	FOX-32
12/5	ARIZONA	Noon	FOX-32
12/12	PACKERS	7:20	NBC-5
12/2	MINNESOTA	7:30	NBC-5
12/26	SEAHAWKS	7:20	NBC-5
1/2/2022	NY GIANTS	7:20	NBC-5
1/9/2022	MINNESOTA	7:20	NBC-5



First, I want to thank you for your support to Chicago Walk4Hearing. We had such a successful walk despite this crazy time. Everyone was happy to be together and we really look forward to 2022.

Ronnie Adler  
Walk4Hearing Senior Manager

The weather was perfect for a stroll along the lake and seeing your smiles **in person** was incredibly uplifting! Thank you all for making this day such a success!! Last time I checked the walk raised \$63,465 and our team raised \$3,869!!

Christine Rudolph  
Walk Captain, Team Sound Off for Hearing



Thank you, Christine, for being our Team Captain, putting together our team's Walk4 prize basket contribution, being the official photographer, filling in where needed on Walk4 day (I know you'd rather have been hoofing it with the rest of us), and being an all-around cheerleader on Sunday!





The program's goal is for the audience to learn about the unique accommodations that certain hospitals from around this country have for people with hearing loss. Each of our presenters are passionate advocates and will talk about the accommodations their hospitals provide for people with hearing loss.

**Date:** October 11, 2021

**Time:** Noon ET, 11 a.m. CT, **10 a.m.** MT, 9 a.m. PT

**Speakers:**

**Kevin Irvine**, Senior Talent Acquisition Consultant, Individuals with Disabilities,



**Shawn M. Norris**, Coordinator of Interpreting Services, ADA/Section 1557 Coordinator, Flagler Hospital



**Carlos Olvera**, Manager of Interpreter Services, Rush University Medical Center, Co-Chair, Rush ADA Task Force



**Catherine Palmer**, Ph.D., Professor, University of Pittsburgh, Director, UPMC Audiology



**Kathleen To**, System Manager, Linguistic Services, Swedish Medical Center



**Moderator:**

**Elaine McCaffrey**, Chair, HLAA Communication Access in Health Care Program



## Registration for the National Hospital Safety Program is required.

Please paste the following into your browser and enter to be taken to the registration page

[https://www.hearingloss.org/event/hlaa-virtual-meeting-national-hospital-safety-program/?instance\\_id=1069](https://www.hearingloss.org/event/hlaa-virtual-meeting-national-hospital-safety-program/?instance_id=1069)Sasquash Shuffle, Galena, IL 61036 - Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa.html

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

- If possible, attend the meeting on a computer rather than via a smartphone or iPad. This will give you the best layout to view the captions as well as other features.
- HLAA webinars are open or closed captioned. Subtitles will be visible at the bottom of the meeting Zoom screen.
- **Check your time zone.** This meeting will take place live at 10 a.m. CST. You should make note of your time zone so you do not miss the meeting.
- Questions? Feel free to email us at [webinars@hearingloss.org](mailto:webinars@hearingloss.org).



Not yet...but soon...an extra hour of sleep !

This year's ritual is scheduled for Sunday, November 7.

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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