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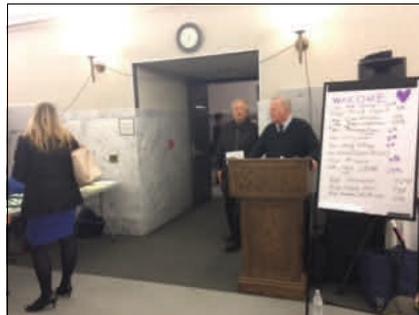
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Notice Our New Logo?

This is part of the updating that HLAA is doing. The HLAA web site, logo and newsletter have all changed image. For more information, see <http://www.hearingloss.org/>.

HLAA-WA in Action at the Disabilities Reception



Cheri Perazzoli, HLAA-WA Advocacy Director, and others represented HLAA-WA at the Disabilities Reception in Olympia on January 17. They had an opportunity to mingle with others providing information to legislators and also to meet in person with numerous Representatives and Senators.

Top Left: Left to right, HLAA-WA member Laura Gramer, with son Luke; Patty Liang, Director of Deaf Spotlight; Guthrie Nutter, Director of Education, HSDC; and Michael Richardson, Director, Northwest ADA Center.

Center, below picture of capitol: Washington Senior Lobby Director Walt Bowen, outlining legislative priorities.

Right: Participants talking together.

Lower Left: Steve Peck, ODHH Program Manager, demonstrating hearing assistive technology.

Update on 2018 Legislative Session

As of this writing, there is not a lot of new information to report from this fast-moving 2018 legislative session regarding legislation that HLAA-WA is supporting. With the change in leadership of the Senate, giving Democrats the majority in both the House and Senate as well as Governor, legislation is moving quite rapidly. But it is not too late to communicate with your local legislators if you haven't already, asking them to support:

- Restored funding to cover hearing aids for adults under Medicaid in the supplemental budget; (as proposed by Gov. Inslee); and
- HB 2856, which would require that customers who purchase hearing aids be informed of the benefits of telecoils and of their options in that regard.

Just go to [this site](#), put in your address, and then click to email your legislators. If you need additional assistance to contact your legislators, please contact HLAA-WA at info@hearingloss-wa.org for more information.

In the News

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- Deaf children with cochlear implant learn words faster than hearing children: <https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2018/01/180123120945.htm>
- When the eyes move, the eardrums move, too: <https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2018/01/180123171437.htm>
- The Super Bowl and hearing loss: <https://www.healthyhearing.com/report/52374-The-super-bowl-and-hearing-loss>
- Brain imaging predicts language learning in deaf children: <https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2018/01/180115151559.htm>
- Preterm babies may suffer setbacks in auditory brain development, speech: <https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2018/01/180115151615.htm>
- The best smartphone apps to measure noise levels: <https://www.healthyhearing.com/report/47805-The-best-phone-apps-to-measure-noise-levels>
- Spider silk could offer breakthrough in hearing aid microphones: <https://www.healthyhearing.com/report/52826-Spider-silk-could-offer-breakthrough-in-hearing-aid-microphones>
- New device developed for somasensory tinnitus: <http://hearinghealthmatters.org/hearingnewswatch/2018/new-treatment-device-somasensory-tinnitus/>
- What is misophonia? (abnormally strong, negative reactions to ordinary sounds): <https://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/320682.php>



The Washington State Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing (ODHH) has an e-news and asks that if you would like to be included on their mailing list for that e-news, you contact them at ODHH@dshs.wa.gov.



Tacoma Chapter Meeting
Saturday, February 10, 10:00 a.m.

TACID

Tacoma Area Coalition of Individuals with Disabilities, next to Tacoma Community College
6315 South 19th Street
Tacoma, WA 98466-6217

Coffee, tea and water provided. BYO snacks.



Eileen Freed, Audiologist, will join us for this meeting. She is the co-owner of Highline Hearing Professionals in Burien and a long-time member of HLAA. Eileen will talk about the latest changes in hearing technology, including the over-the-counter option, and also discuss some of the audiology concerns. Joining her will be a fourth-year audiology "extern."

February 2018

Join us for coffee and conversation with
CJ Glenn
LEAP, Seattle Public Library



Thursday, February 15
 10:00–11:00 a.m.
The Central Building
 810 3rd Avenue
 1st Floor Conference Room
 (between Columbia & Marion
 in downtown Seattle)

Age Friendly Seattle Coffee Hours are held on the third Thursday of every month at the Central Building and on other dates in Seattle neighborhoods.

The events bring community elders closer to City officials to explore topics of interest. Presentations often include cutting edge information about healthy aging, legal and planning issues, and more.

Participants learn about City programs and services, and officials hear from their constituents.

Coffee and refreshments are served.

The Seattle Public Library's Library Equal Access Program (LEAP) helps provide universal access to library resources and information. LEAP provides accessible services and programs throughout The Seattle Public Library system for all patrons. LEAP also provides assistive technology to help patrons access digital, print, and database information. LEAP staff have subject and reference service expertise on disabilities and disability-related resources.



CJ Glenn
 Library Equal Access Program

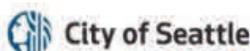
Bring your questions, ideas, and input on Library services for older adults and people with disabilities.

For questions about accessibility or to request an accommodation, contact Rowena Rye (206-684-0500 or seniors@seattle.gov). Requests should be made as soon as possible (at least three days prior to the event).

Age Friendly Seattle

Tel. 206-684-0500
 711 Relay Service

seniors@seattle.gov
www.seattle.gov/agefriendly



THE COCHLEAR COMMUNITY INVITES YOU!

Explore how your Cochlear support team can be a resource for those seeking information on advanced hearing loss solutions and provide support to those who have Cochlear™ Nucleus® or Cochlear™ Baha® technology.

- Connect with others
- Learn more about healthy hearing and hearing solutions
- Receive hearing loss news, tips and updates from Cochlear
- Explore opportunities to participate in community events
- Give back by helping others with hearing loss

Please join us for this free event; hosted by the local Cochlear Team! Register Online at: www.Cochlear.com/US/events or by calling: 1-877-432-7844

CART will be provided. Beverages and light snacks will be served.

If you would like additional information on the Cochlear Community or Cochlear products please email nbrent@cochlear.com

Bellevue Chapter Meeting

Hotel 116 Bellevue
625 116th Ave NE
Bellevue, WA 98004

Wednesdays
6:30PM-8:30PM

- February 21st
- May 16th
- August 15th
- November 14th

RSVP:
Register Online at: www.Cochlear.com/US/events
Register by calling: 1-877-432-7844
Register via email: nbrent@cochlear.com

Burlington Chapter Meeting

Burlington Public Library
820 E. Washington Ave.
Burlington, WA 98233

Saturdays
10:30AM-12:30PM

- March 3rd
- June 2nd
- September 8th
- December 1st

RSVP:
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Register via email: nbrent@cochlear.com



Don't miss the early bird registration for the HLAA national convention. Get more information and sign up [here](#).

Join the Hearing Loss Association of America or Renew Your Membership

Help support HLAA in Washington State by becoming a member of the national organization, Hearing Loss Association of America. Your membership dues support programs and include HLAA's bi-monthly award-winning magazine, "Hearing Life." Join our national affiliate, HLAA, [here](#).

February Hearing Accessible Events

The purpose of this calendar is to inform HLAA members and readers of hearing-accessible events and venues. This is not an exhaustive list; it reflects the events that we are aware of at the time of publication. To include other meetings and events on this calendar, please contact Cynthia Stewart, stewdahl@comcast.net.

- For updated information about **Seattle Town Hall**, see their web site [here](#). Town Hall Seattle is currently undergoing a remodeling and events are scheduled at other venues throughout the city. We're tracking down hearing access details, but no info is yet available. Please feel free to send a note of inquiry voicing your support for the loop at Town Hall and ask what kind of hearing accommodations have been put in place for the neighborhood presentations.
- All **Seattle Repertory Theatre** performances are looped. Captioned performances are offered at the first Thursday show of each production in the Bagley Wright and Leo K. Theatres. Get ticket information [here](#).
- A Contemporary Theater (ACT) in Seattle now offers closed captions for Mainstage performances with the Figaro MobiTxt closed captioning system. Get more information [here](#).
- Looking Ahead: Paramount Theater ASL & Open Caption HAMILTON Tickets: Tuesday, February 20, 7:30 pm; Sunday, February 25, 1:00 pm; Thursday, March 8, 7:30 pm; Saturday, March 17, 8:00 pm; Sunday, February 18, 6:30 pm; Wednesday, February 28, 7:30 pm; Tuesday, March 6, 7:30 pm; Saturday, March 10, 8:00 pm. Ticket availability is limited. Please purchase early to ensure seating.
- See the Loop Washington website for more hearing accessible events.

Jan 5 through Feb 4 Disney's "Newsies," Everett Village Theater, Everett, looped.

www.villagetheatre.org/everett/newsies.php

Jan 26 - Feb 17 "Enchanted April," Anacortes Community Theatre, looped

Jan 27 Roseanne Cash with John Leventhal, 8pm, Federal Way Performing Arts & Events Center, looped

Jan 31 Poetry Reading, featuring Tod Marshall and Claudia Castro Luna, from anthology of poems gathered from the people of Washington State, 7:00 pm, Seattle Public Library Downtown, Microsoft Auditorium, IR

Feb 5 Thrilling Tales: A Storytime for Grown Ups, 12:05 – 12:55 p.m. This week's story is "Blood Music," by Greg Bear. Seattle Public Library Downtown, Microsoft Auditorium, IR

Feb 7 People's Geographies, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., a conversation about rapid neighborhood and community change in Seattle and its impact. Seattle Public Library Downtown, Microsoft Auditorium, IR

Feb 10 Tacoma Chapter HLAA, 10:00 am, TACID, 6315 South 19th Street, Tacoma. Eileen Freed, Audiologist. Amplification, FM, CART

Feb 10 Enescu, Debussy and Romanian Folk Fiddling, 2:00 - 3:30 pm, Violinist Karen Bentley Pollick and pianist Dana Rusu Tomai. Seattle Public Library Downtown, Microsoft Auditorium, IR

Feb 13 Hsiao-Ching Chou discusses 'Chinese Soul Food', 7:00 – 8:15 p.m. Award-winning food journalist, a cooking instructor, and communications consultant. Seattle Public Library Downtown, Microsoft Auditorium, IR

Feb 14 Ladies Musical Club Concert Wednesday, Noon - 1:00 pm, Mendelssohn's "Piano Trio in D Minor" and Dvořák's "Gypsy Songs." Seattle Public Library Downtown, Microsoft Auditorium, IR

Feb 15 Age-Friendly Seattle Coffee Hour, CJ Glenn, Library Equal Access Program, Seattle Public Library, 10:00 - 11:00 am, 1st Floor Conference Room, The Central Building, 810 Third Ave., Seattle. Contact Rowena Rye, 206-684-0500 or seniors@seattle.gov for hearing accommodation.

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February Hearing Accessible Events, *cont'd*

Feb 21 Samuel Harrington discusses 'At Peace', a unique perspective on end-of-life planning and care in conversation with Mary Ann Gwinn, 7:00 - 8:15 pm, Seattle Public Library
Downtown, Microsoft Auditorium, IR

Feb 21 Bellevue Chapter, Cochlear Community*, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Hotel 116 Bellevue, 625 116th Ave.
NE, Bellevue 98004, CART

* Local HLAA-WA and related meetings share information, education, and support for people who live with or deal with hearing loss and all those who wish to better understand hearing loss. Visitors are always welcome to attend.



* "Looped" refers to the availability of a hearing loop. When the symbol at left is shown at a venue or event, you may turn your hearing aid to "T-coil" to use the loop.

Please contact HLAA-WA for more information on any of these subjects.

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