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A Self-Help Organization dedicated to education, advocacy and support for people who do not hear well, and those around them.

Welcome to the Hearing Loss Association of America KY Home Chapter January 2019 Newsletter

January 1, 2019

WOW! It's a new year and an anniversary year for HLAA KY Home chapter! In August, HLAA KY Home will celebrate its tenth anniversary. Who knew in 2008 when Becky Crawford said, "Why can't we have a chapter here in Bardstown?" that we would be going this strong! HLAA KY Home chapter was formed and recognized in August of 2009.

This past year we united the Kentuckiana and KY Home chapter websites and formed the www.hearinglosskentucky.org website. In November we had 1500 new visitors to our website and 2000 returnees. (What are you missing?) Who knew that we could impact so many? Thank you, Becky and Dave Robertson (our webmaster). We average 20 to 25 attendees at our meetings. Pat yourself on the back, KY Home! See the good work you are doing!

Thank you, Carlene, Marilyn and Becky for all that you have done!

With that in mind, we must remember that our old website address www.hearinglosskyhome.org will no longer exist after Jan. 1. It will now be www.hearinglosskentucky.org. Please change the address on your computers. Also, we now have easy to remember impersonal e-mail addresses—e.g.

Carlene@hearinglosskentucky.org or Katie@hearinglosskentucky.org . You no longer need to remember specific e-mail addresses. All board members generally have an address of their first name and our website. This will apply for all three KY chapters' board members.

Despite the good things we have accomplished, we have failed to emphasize our connection to HLAA National, www.hearingloss.org and the importance of individual membership. If you can hear on your cellphones, thank HLAA National. If you can see captions at your theaters, thank HLAA National. If you have caption phones, thank HLAA National. If you have good information on assistive hearing devices and alerting devices, thank HLAA National etc.

HLAA needs our membership. When they go before a group of manufacturers, the FCC or the FDA to ask for help in gaining access, they are often asked, "who do you represent? How many people?" They respond 10,000-15,000 members! They hear laughter. "AARP represents hundreds of thousands." Our membership gives HLAA National "clout". Our membership says that what HLAA asks or advises is important to us. HLAA needs us. We need HLAA. Please join or renew your membership.

<https://www.hearingloss.org/make-an-impact/become-a-memberrenew/>

Consider a donation to support their efforts on our behalf.

Because of the Holidays and vacations, we had an earlier press deadline than usual. At this time, the January 28 Kentucky Home chapter meeting has not been confirmed. More about that soon!

The **website homepage** is now set up for our website readers to be able to **subscribe** to the new **HLAA KY Chapters E-Newsletter**. As email addresses are received, they will be deposited in the Mailchimp email database. This email database currently consists of all those held on ADMIN and will also include those from readers who have decided to subscribe through the website.

Because it is mandatory to show readers our privacy policy when we gather information from them, you will notice a 'Privacy Policy' link next to the email address field. Dave has written a Privacy Policy statement for our website based on HLAA National's statement but abridged it to suit our situation. Please look over that and let Dave know what you feel needs changed? Please advise and consent.

Subscribers have to be given the option to 'unsubscribe' at any time and this is already set up within the Mailchimp software.

The first e-Newsletter will be published during January 2019.

What's New at [www.hearinglosskentucky](http://www.hearinglosskentucky.com) ?

Points of View

Access on the internet is often a catch-as-catch-can. Sometimes it is there and sometimes it isn't. Some say that the ADA applies to the internet and some say it doesn't. Why doesn't the DOJ, FCC, or Congress do something? Please CLICK on the following link: [Points Of View](#)

How It All Works!

Make Your Audiologist Office Hearing Loss Friendly

Sometimes we go into a Doctor's or an Audiologist office and we feel immediately at home, welcomed and secure. WHY? Shari Ebert advises hearing professionals on how to make their office friendlier. Does your audiologist follow these recommendations? Tell your hearing professional what you need. Please CLICK on the following link: [How It All Works!](#)

My Story

What is Person-Centered Care From the Patient's Perspective?

In order to help hearing professionals understand what a person-centered office is, Shari Ebert tells her story. Shari advises that it is important that professionals

and people like ourselves do not get trapped in a 'hearing aid only' approach. Linking aids to other assistive listening devices will give your clients [and us] greater access in a wider variety of situations. Please CLICK on the following link:

[My Story](#)

Advocacy

Why You Should Partner with Your Patients (Or Perhaps Why We Should Partner With Our Hearing Professional)

It is important that we advocate for ourselves. It is most important that we advocate with our hearing professional. *"Each person's hearing loss journey is unique."* It is our job to share our uniqueness with our hearing professional.

Please CLICK on the following link: [Advocacy Help](#)

Guidance Articles

"I'd Rather Bring it Out - Up Front - Let People Know It"

This is the 2nd video on this link: "Joe, John and Dana (USA 2010). Receiving hearing instruments or cochlear implants can have significant social and emotional consequences for an individual. One must be bold and out front with one's needs. This is a case where the audiologist learns from the patient who uses multiple tools to Live Well with Hearing Loss. Please CLICK on the following link: [Guidance Articles](#)

Current Research

Hearing loss study at USC, Harvard shows hope for millions

Researchers have developed a new approach to repair cells deep inside the ear — a potential remedy that could restore hearing for millions of elderly people and others who suffer hearing loss. Please CLICK on the following link: [Current Research](#)

Layperson's Guide

Communicating with People with Hearing Loss

Successful communication requires the efforts of all people involved in a conversation. Even when the person with hearing loss utilizes hearing aids and active listening strategies, it is crucial that others involved in the communication process consistently use good communication strategies. Please CLICK on the following link: [Layperson's Guide](#)

IN APPRECIATION:

Captioning provided by **McLendon-Kogut Reporting Services** at chapter meetings. Without this real time captioning, our meetings would be extremely difficult. Congratulations to McLendon-Kogut for the 20th anniversary of service to the community!

TAP

Do you have trouble hearing on the phone? If so, TAP may be for you!! The Kentucky Commission of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Telecommunications Access Program is here to serve you if you have a hearing loss. KCDHH provides specialized telephone equipment at no cost to you and other resources to assist with your hearing loss. To learn more click here -

<https://www.kcdhh.ky.gov/ifyky/>

SHARP (Statewide Hearing Aid and Reuse Program)

SHARP needs your used hearing aids. Contact SHARP directly for a mailer and tax receipt--KATS Network at (800) 327-5287 or email them at sharp@katsnet.org
Ask SHARP about monetary donations as well.

WWW.HEARINGLOSS.ORG

To find all the news from HLAA check out the HLAA national website.

<http://www.hearingloss.org/>

Each top menu gives you good information on HLAA and hearing loss. Make it a habit to keep informed!

HEARING LOSS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (HLAA). headquartered in Bethesda MD, is the nation's largest organization for people with hearing loss. The HLAA exists to open the world of communication for people with hearing loss through information, education, advocacy and support. HLAA is a 501c3 non-profit corporation and offers tax exempt status to all local chapters. Please join HLAA as the one of the first steps to doing something about your hearing loss. Through our advocacy work at the federal level, we represent 48 million people with hearing loss in the United States. <http://www.hearingloss.org/> Please consider joining.

A Special Thanks to our Webmaster, Dave Robertson, for a job well done!

Each month we add a few reminders:

Did you Know that Keystone Theaters now have both Assistive Listening Devices and Captioned programs?

- Please keep in mind that we collect used hearing aids for the **SHARP** program of KY. This program assists people in purchasing new or refurbished hearing aids at a very discounted price. **Please note: The SHARP program has depleted its budget and is dependent on your financial donations.**
- HLAA KY Home is a Non-Profit 502c3 organization that is dependent on your involvement and donations. You may donate on line at our website, www.hearinglosskyhome.org , click on **DONATE**. You can send a contribution to our address and you can designate Hearing Loss Association of America KY Home as your Kroger charity. We then receive a percentage of nearly everything you purchase at Kroger. It costs you nothing and it is a win win situation.
- **Is your world of communication better because you found HLAA?** If you need help or more information just contact us.
- (see below)

Kroger



Anyone who has a Kroger Card can join the Kroger Community Rewards Program.

If interested, please go to your Kroger Account and login in. Go to the Community section and learn more about this worthy program. The code for Hearing Loss Assoc. of America KY Home Chapter is 12384.

This will donate to HLAA KY Home a percent of what you spend on your groceries. This **does not** affect set your fuel points. This is an easy way to help our chapter.

The following courtesy of HLAA Kentuckiana:

Support Group for Individuals who are Hard of Hearing



FREE

Immanuel UCC
2300 Taylorsville Road
Louisville, KY 40205

Next Meeting

Co-Sponsored by the [Hearing Loss Association of America Kentucky Chapters](#) and the [KY Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental, & Intellectual Disabilities DHHS program](#). For more info, email Michelle.Niehaus@ky.gov or call (502) 782-6181 (V) or (502) 385-0460 (VP). RSVP Appreciated. Parking is in the back of the church. We will meet in the library.

Give A Memorial Gift: A memorial gift is a thoughtful way to remember the people who have made a difference in your life. We will send a letter notifying the family of your kindness (not of the amount of your gift). Please supply the name and address of the family of the deceased. Memorials will be listed in our newsketter.

Memorial gifts may be mailed to:

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WDRB, with the support of **Norton Healthcare**, provides real time captioning for local news which is a great benefit for the deaf and individuals who have a hearing loss. Can you imagine what it would be like if we couldn't depend on perfect captions? Norton Healthcare has sponsored captioning in real time for WDRB for the last 12 years. Thank you Norton Healthcare for making listening access a priority.

Live Theater in Kentuckiana: Refer to this website for details:

www.hearinglosskentucky.org

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HLAA annual dues are \$35 for an individual, \$45 for a couple/family, \$20 for students, and \$60 for professionals. Veterans who are joining for the first time will receive the first year of membership, including a year's subscription to the bi-monthly "Hearing Loss" magazine, free!

Be Good to Yourself!

Ed Schickel (editor)