Check out the HLA-NC web Site:  www.nchearingloss.org

Our next event is the NC Walk4Hearing on 18 Oct at the Wake-Med Soccer park in Cary. Please get involved. You can attend, join our Wake Chapter Team, or donate to one of our Wake Chapter team members. See the articles below for details on how to do that. Only about 3 weeks left, so act today!

We’re also planning a Wake Chapter program meeting in early November. Details are still being pulled together, but we expect this to be a program that focuses on (mostly) strategies for hearing your best in noisy restaurants, meetings, parties and family get-togethers.

We’re also planning a social event for early December. So stay tuned for more information.

See page 2 of this newsletter for this weeks news from HLAA National.

Join our Wake Chapter Team

HLAA-NC is planning another Walk4Hearing for Oct 18th. It will again be at the Cary Soccer Park, where our last Walk was held. This is a fun event.

To join our team, just click here, and then choose “Join Team.”.

You can join the team and get others to support you or you can just donate to support an existing walker.

We’d love to have more people actually attend the Walk4Hearing, but you can join our team even if you can’t attend the walk.

The Walk4Hearing is a wonderful way to have fun, shine a light on hearing loss and to raise money for HLAA and Wake Chapter.

To see a slide show of last year’s NC Walk4Hearing, click here. You’ll see happy individuals, families, kids, company teams and agencies that care about hearing loss coming together to make a real difference for everyone with hearing loss.

... And enjoying meeting others with hearing loss and have a free lunch.

Support our Wake Team

Wake Chapter set a goal of $2000 for the 2015 Walk4Hearing, and we’re making progress toward that goal. We’re currently at 38%, so we’ve got a ways to go.

Now is the perfect time to consider your plans for how best to allocate your 2015 charitable contributions. Donations to the Walk4Hearing are not only tax deductible, they support HLAA, and HLAA Wake Chapter.

If you want to make a difference for someone you care about or for people with hearing loss in general, a donation to the Wake Chapter Walk4Hearing team is clearly one of the best options.

Here are the Wake Chapter Walk4Hearing Team members (so far) that you can support now include:

- Steve Barber
- Joyce Adler
- Harriet Barber
- Susan Goldner
- Janet McGettrick

To support one of those team members, just click on their name and choose either Donate or Join Team.

Who We Are

Hearing Loss Association of America is the largest non-profit for people with hearing loss in the world. The Wake Chapter meets in the Raleigh/Cary area. Meetings are free and open to the public. Come and learn how you can make the most of your hearing (or how you can help friends or family).

Who Should Be Involved

People with hearing loss, their family, friends and hearing healthcare professionals are encouraged to participate in the Hearing Loss Association of Wake County. We invite you to come and join us … and make the most of your hearing.

Wake Chapter Facebook

Wake chapter has it’s own Facebook page, so you’re invited to join that. To join, if you have a Facebook ID and password, you can just go to https://www.facebook.com/groups/148243641982586/ and select Join. If you don’t have a Facebook ID and password, you can register and then join our Wake Chapter Facebook page.

Once you join our Wake Chapter Facebook page, you can follow what’s happening, ask questions about hearing loss or help answer questions for other chapter members.

Camp Woodbine Volunteer?

You may know that Dr. McElveen sponsors a camp for kids with hearing loss and their families in the Fall. This year it’s the day before our Walk4Hearing. If you’re interested in volunteering for Camp Woodbine, this year, please email Steve Barber. Steve is planning to staff a table for Wake Chapter at the camp.

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HLAA Champions Affordable Hearing Aid Technology to President’s Council of Advisors on Science and Technology

The President’s Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST) is an advisory group of the nation’s leading scientists and engineers who directly advise the president and the Executive Office of the President. The Council makes policy recommendations in the many areas where understanding of science, technology, and innovation is key to strengthening our economy and forming policy that works for Americans.

On September 18, 2015, the Council discussed how technologies and policies for hearing aids affect older Americans.

Christine Cassel, M.D., who leads the Working Group that looks at technology and hearing aids, presented a summary of their upcoming report. HLAA representatives – Margaret Wallhagen, Ph.D., chairperson of the HLAA Board of Trustees; Anna Gilmore Hall, executive director; and Lise Hamlin, director of public policy – spoke with Dr. Cassel and PCAST staff to provide a consumer perspective on access to affordable hearing aid technology.

We also provided HLAA Policy Statements for the Council’s consideration on Screening for Hearing Loss in Primary Health Care Settings, Wider Access to the Full Spectrum of Hearing Technology Benefiting People with Hearing Loss, Medicare Coverage of Hearing Aids, and Aural Rehabilitation, in addition to a policy paper by Dr. Wallhagen, Hearing Loss: Impact, Policy Implications, and Future Directions.

Lise Hamlin, who attended the full meeting on September 18, presented a list of recommendations to the Council on behalf of HLAA. The Council expects to release a report in October.

See the HLAA recommendations to PCAST.

Here is the archived webcast of the PCAST meeting.

Tools for Expanding Closed Captioning of Public Access Programming

The Federal Communications Commission is holding a forum to start a discussion about closed captioning of public access and governmental programming shown on television. The forum will be held on November 10, 2015, 1 p.m.- 5 p.m. EST at 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. It will include conversations about the benefits of closed captioning. This event will engage policy makers, local politicians, engineers and more, in order to raise awareness of the issues surrounding captioning of public access and governmental programming.

Click on this link for additional information.

FCC Announces Roundtable Event to Discuss Closed Captioning of Public Access and Governmental Programming

CONVENTION
Call for Papers

HLAA, in collaboration with the IFHOH, is seeking proposals for educational workshops to be held June 23-26, 2016. Proposals must be submitted online by going to http://bit.ly/CallforPapers-EducationTracks.

Proposals for State/Chapter Development workshops must be submitted using the attached form (will be posted on the Convention page next week).

Deadline for all proposals is Friday, December 4, 2015.

Registration for Convention – Early-bird Registration Opening October 1

State and Chapter Leaders, again this year you can receive 4 discounted registrations for leaders PLUS one delegate registration which you might consider using for someone whom you are grooming for a leadership position. Also keep in mind that registrations will not be processed unless we have received a current State/Chapter Update Form on file. See hearingloss.org/sites/default/files/docs/Chapter_State_Update_Form_fillable_v2.pdf

The Leader/Delegate registration form and additional information will be sent out next week.

CALL FOR HLAA AWARD NOMINATIONS

DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 4 2015

HLAA annually honors individuals, chapters and state organizations that have an impact with their membership and community. Nomination applications are available now