Next Wake Chapter Program Meeting is September 12th, 2019 at the Hilton Garden Inn - RDU. The meeting will start at 6:30 pm and end at 8:30 pm. The address is:

1500 RDU Center Dr.
Morrisville, NC 28560

Steve Barber will demonstrate some apps you can use on smart phones related to hearing loss. He will also discuss the future of apps to control hearing aids and CIs. After those demonstrations, we’ll open the floor to share technology, strategies, or hearing loss stories. It’s always interesting to learn from each other, so please share what works well for you.

Other Upcoming Meetings or Events

- Sept 10th: Greensboro Meeting: Steve Barber will cover loops and telecoils. See Flyer with Details.
- Sept 11th: Joyce Adler is supporting an Apex Health Fair
- Sept 12th: Wake Chapter Program meeting
- Sept/Oct?: Steve Latus is supporting a Wake Forest Health Fair
- Oct 13th: Walk4Hearing at Cary Soccer Park
- Nov 14th: Wake Chapter Program meeting: Patricia Johnson, Au.D. will present “Hearing for a Lifetime”
- Jan 12th: Wake Chapter Holiday Social

2019 NC Walk4Hearing

Plan to attend or support the 2019 NC Walk4Hearing. It’s scheduled on Sunday, the 13th of October at 11:00 am - 2:00 pm at the Wake-Med Soccer Park in Cary. It’s a fun day with a free lunch and lots of people sharing an interest in and raising awareness about hearing loss.

You can join our Wake Chapter Team or donate to an existing walker at our team page, or at the personal pages of a current walker.

- Steve Barber
- Steve Latus
- Janet McGettrick

You’re welcome to come to the walk and enjoy the day, but if you go to one of those links and Join our team, people can make donations on your behalf. Donations to walkers may be tax deductible, and the money is used to support HLAA Wake Chapter and HLAA National.

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Hearing Loss Awareness Month

North Carolina Governor, Roy Cooper, signed a proclamation announcing that May is “Hearing Loss Awareness Month”. Here’s a picture of Jan Withers, NC DSDHH Director, and Julie Bishop, HLAA-NC President, with the proclamation.

See the Proclamation.

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Check out the HLA-NC web site
Want to Advocate for Open Captioned Movies?

Now that movies are broadcast digitally, they all have captions available, but captions are usually only visible as Closed Captions. But it’s now easy to display them as “Open Captions”. There are advocacy activities attempting to encourage more Open Captioned movie showings, with some successes. A Fayetteville theater is now showing several Open Captioned movies per month, because of successful advocates there. If you’re interested in advocating for more Open Captioned showings in the Triangle, email Steve Barber.

Want to SEE an Open Captioned Movie?

An open caption showing of The Lion King is scheduled for August 17th 3:30pm at Marbles IMAX theater in downtown Raleigh!

Purchase tickets online … or at the theater.

2020 HLAA Convention

The HLAA Annual Convention 2020 is in New Orleans June 18-21.

If you can attend, you’ll enjoy meeting others, attending great presentations, and meet with vendors of almost anything of interest to people with hearing loss. See More Information.

Seeing Closed Captions at the Movies

Did you know that most movie theaters will loan you either glasses or a display that fits in your cup holder that will display Closed Captions?

Ok, it’s not as convenient as Open Captions, but still, it’s pretty cool to be able to go to the movies and not miss the dialog.

All you have to do is ask, when you arrive at the movie. You can ask for a receiver that lets you hear better with either headphones or a neckloop (the headphones are telecoil compatible) … and you can ask for a Closed Caption device that let’s you see the captions.

Some theaters offer a small display on a goose neck that fits in the cup holder. You then adjust it until the display is just under the screen, and the dialog is displayed on the small screen.

Some theaters offer Captioned Glasses that you can wear, and the captions are displayed in the lenses for you to see.