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

This is a special edition of our Wake Chapter newsletter to share with everyone the Story of the “Hard of Hearing” Christmas tree and to remind everyone that the early bird special pricing is available for next June’s HLAA National convention.

Also, our Holiday luncheon was held on Sunday, the 6th of December. A nice turnout enjoyed good food and lots of chit chat about hearing loss or other things.

Page 2 of this newsletter has several pictures of our tree. And instructions on how to vote for our “hard of hearing” tree.

Page 3 of this newsletter is a flyer with all the information you need to sign up for the HLAA national convention.

About our Tree

HLAA Wake Chapter has a Christmas tree as part of Cary’s annual “Gifting Tree” Project. Here’s a map to all the trees so you can see our actual tree if you like.

The tree was trimmed by Susan Goldner, Joyce Adler, Julie Bishop and Steve Barber. Our goal was to make our tree represent hearing loss, so we have clear ornaments that contain pictures representing the “Faces of Hearing loss including babies, children, teens, families, veterans, a hearing loss service dog, and even one of a hard of hearing Santa Claus.

Decorations also include solar powered lights, and garlands with the theme and our web page address spelled out, but the really distinctive decoration is at the top of the tree, where there is a greenery “head” wearing a Walk4Hearing cap and sporting HUGE EARS.

Don’t miss the photos on page 2 of this newsletter.

Vote for our Tree

You can vote online for our tree, and if we have the largest number of votes, then our chapter will receive a donation from the “Gifting Tree” project.

Click Here to vote for our tree. You can vote up to midnight of 19 December.

Only one vote per email address is allowed, but if you and all your friends have multiple email addresses, vote early and often.

The 2016 HLAA National Convention is going to be a don’t miss event.

It’s nearby (in Washington DC), and HLAA is also hosting the International Federation of Hard of Hearing People.

Register NOW at the above link to get “Early Bird” the discount.

See the details in the flyer on page 3 of this newsletter.

HLAA Conventions are really a great experience, with many wonderful sessions to attend, a giant vendor area so you can see and try the latest stuff, and a hotel full of friends who really understand.

HLAA National Convention

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The pictures of these people were in the ornaments to represent people with hearing loss.

Here's the completed tree. Here's the decorating team.

And some closeups.
YOU’RE INVITED!
June 23-26, 2016
Washington Hilton
Washington, DC

The Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) invites you to attend Convention 2016 and the Congress of the International Federation of Hard of Hearing People (IFHOH). Join us for an extensive educational program and exhibit hall/trade show for people with hearing loss as well as their families and professionals who work with them.

HIGHLIGHTS
- Educational workshops on interesting and current topics such as hearing technology, advocacy issues, employment and dating/relationships
- Exhibit Hall full of cutting-edge technology and services—free exhibit hall passes available
- Opening night Get Acquainted Party
- Two off-site events to choose from: Scavenger Hunt in Dupont Circle or Monuments by Night, Friday, June 24
- Capital banquet on Saturday, June 25
- Awards Breakfast and Ceremony on Sunday, June 26
- First-timer and Early-bird registration discounts
- Complimentary registration for veterans with hearing loss who have not attended an HLAA Convention in the past

See hearingloss.org for more information.
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Learn more or register today at: www.hearingloss.org/content/convention