Program Meeting:

- Our first HLAA Wake Chapter program meeting of 2018 is scheduled for Thursday, March 8th from 6:30 to 8:30, so please save the date and plan to attend if you can.
- It’s going to be a two-part program:
  - Jeff Mobley of DSDHH will share information about the new NC law that allows us to optionally include information about our hearing on our driver’s license that could provide an important safety margin in any interface with the police.
  - We will also discuss the new “Over the Counter” hearing aid bill.
  - Finally, we plan to cover what’s happening with smart phones. So if you have a favorite app, feature or strategy related to hearing loss that you use with your smart phone, please share, tell us about it, or maybe demo it at the meeting so we can all learn from you.
- Our meeting will be at our usual location at DSDHH’s Raleigh Regional Center at 4900 Waters Edge Drive, Raleigh 27606. See a Map. I’ll send a reminder a day or so before the meeting. The meeting room is looped, and we hope to be projecting captions of everything said.

HLAA has a New Logo

Here’s a preliminary version of the new HLAA logo. It will replace the earlier logo shown at the top of this newsletter. National has listened to the chapters and will be making the chapter names larger and increasing the visibility, but we’ll gradually be shifting all our logos to one that is similar to this. HLAA has always been about people, so one nice thing about this new logo is the symbolic images of people it includes.

You may have also noticed that “Hearing Loss” magazine has a new name, too. The new name, “Hearing Life”, stresses the positive rather than the loss, so that seems like a good thing.

Advocacy: The ADA at Risk!

You may have heard that Congress is considering weakening the American’s with Disabilities Act (ADA). The proposed changes will make it easier for businesses to avoid being accessible to people with disabilities including hearing loss.

Hearing Loss Association of America opposed to the recent passage of H.R.620. The bill now moves to a vote in the Senate. Click here to LEARN MORE!

If you are concerned about this, please let your Senators know that accessibility shouldn’t be something we have to fight for; it should be universal and available.