There’s no meeting for HLAA Wake Chapter in January, but there are a few things that might be of interest. So check out these news items in this newsletter:

- **You’re Invited** to a program on Jan 27th by about Emergency communication services (details and a flyer at the right)
- **Save the Date: Relay 25th Anniversary Event** (Article, below)
- **New Loop at NC Museum of Art** (article below)
- **See the Advice to Newbies** (Article and link to the right).
- **HLAA National Conference** (Register by 31 Jan to get the Early Bird Rates (details and links below).

The board met in early January, and we’re planning a program meeting (probably for March). Details in the next newsletter.

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**About our Tree**

HLAA Wake Chapter’s tree was the best tree ever, but we didn’t win; I think the “Cat People” who won must have cheated :-) . Still it was a fun project; thanks to Susan, Julie, and Joyce.

**HLAA National Convention**

The 2016 HLAA National Convention is in Washington DC, so this is a great year to consider attending.

Register (by 31 Jan at link above) get “Early Bird” the discount.

See the details in the flyer on page 2 of this newsletter.

**NC Museum is LOOPED!**

The NC Museum of Art now has a professionally installed loop in the SECU auditorium. You can use their loop to hear lectures or movies better. HLAA Wake Chapter will be presenting a training session for the museum staff and docents.

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**Relay Anniversary Event**

Relay NC is planning a 25th Anniversary Event for June. Save the date, because you’re invited. More information, later.

**Program Meeting Ideas**

Let us know if you have a suggestion for a program meeting. We want to continue to have programs that are of interest to our members and guests.

We’d especially like to have more meetings like the last one that provide an opportunity for our members and guests to share their good ideas about hearing better in various situations. Email your suggestions.

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**You’re Invited! Jan 27th**

The Raleigh-Wake Emergency Communications Center and the Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing invites the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Deaf-Blind, and Visually Impaired individuals to an informational session to learn about text-to-911 and 911 emergency services offered to the residents of Wake Co. Text to 911 could be a lifesaver for those who cannot make a voice call. We want our visitors and residents of Raleigh and Wake County to be safe and informed. Please join us to learn more about your 911 Center. Assistive Listening Devices will be provided by DSDHH. Please see the Flyer for details.

**Advice to Newbies**

HLAA members often get asked for advice about hearing loss by people who are just finding out that they (or a spouse, child or friend) has a hearing loss.

It’s ok to share our personal opinions, but we need to be careful when we respond and not imply that we are speaking for HLAA. But many of our members have a lot of good information that can help people who are new to hearing loss.

Here’s a [LINK] to some thoughts that I often share with people trying to get on board with hearing loss.

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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贸易 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

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