Our Next HLAA Wake Chapter Program Meeting

What: Our first 2020 program meeting is scheduled for March. We’ll have a guest speaker, Patricia Johnson Au.D., who is an Assistant Clinical Professor – Speech and Hearing Sciences at UNC Hearing and Communication Center in Chapel Hill.

Topic: Knowledge is (Hearing) Power!
What You Should Know About Getting Help in 2020
Including:
- What to look for in a hearing provider
- What does best practice look like in Audiology (what’s research based)
- Current legislation regarding hearing aid coverage
- What you should know about over the counter hearing aids

Where: Hilton Garden Inn - RDU, 1500 RDU Center Dr. Morrisville, NC 28560
When: Thursday, March 12th
Time: 6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

It’s just off I-40 … Exit at Aviation Parkway and head toward the Airport. See a Map

Captioned LIVE Theatre?

Major theatres like Duke Performing Arts Center (DPAC) have offered captioned performances for some time. You have to book in advance and sit in seats near the display. Now there’s another option for some plays that requires neither advance booking nor seating restrictions. Not all plays are supported, yet, and holding the cellphone can be awkward, but we can advocate for such improvements.

GalaPro is an app for smart phones that allows you to display the captions on your smart phone for any live play that supports GalaPro. That includes selected plays on Broadway and in at least two major theatres in NC: DPAC in Durham and Blumenthal in Charlotte. To learn more, see: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NMYQK25ajrU.

Other Program Meetings

We’re currently planning another three program meetings for 2020.
- If you missed our January Social: See Photos on page 2.
- Thursday, May 14 — Emergency Planning for People with Hearing Loss. May is also “Better Hearing Month.”
- Thursday September 10 — A Panel of People with Cochlear Implants will share their journey and answer questions about Cochlear Implants.
- Thursday, November 12 – TBD … if you have a suggestion for a program, please let us know.

Scholarship

The Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) Wake Chapter has established a $500 scholarship to be awarded to a Wake County Public School System senior with a hearing loss who is pursuing a degree at an accredited university, college or community college. If you know of a deserving student, please refer them to our web page at: www.nchearingloss.org/wake.htm. Which has links to the Application and a Reference Letter.

National HLAA Convention 2020

This year’s National HLAA Convention is in New Orleans. National Conventions are an amazing experience for anyone with hearing loss, and you can’t beat New Orleans as a place to visit.
Photos from our January 2020 Social

At our socials, while we don’t have a formal program, we do have a good time getting to know others in the group. This social was a pot-luck with a short activity that sparked discussions about hearing loss related things. Of course, there was time before, during and after the luncheon to make friends and share information about hearing loss. Here are a few photos from that January Social.