Next HLA-Wake Meeting: We'll have a great program meeting on Thursday, 8 Nov starting at 7 pm at the Cary Senior Center in Bond Park. Dr. Cunningham, a Raleigh Otolaryngologist, will be our speaker. His topic will focus on implantable hearing aids. There are hearing aids available now that are fully implantable. Cochlear implants may well be fully implantable in the future. This topic should be of interest to anyone concerned about the future of hearing aids and cochlear implants.

There will be time allotted to any other questions you might have for Dr. Cunningham about hearing loss. You won’t want to miss this, our last program meeting for 2012.

We'll also cover highlights of the 2012 NC Walk4Hearing that met its $50,000 fundraising goal and raised awareness for hearing loss.

Upcoming Events: Wake Chapter Holiday party is planned for Sunday, December 2nd – 1:00 at Travinia Italian Kitchen and Wine Bar in Morrisville. A great place to eat. Reasonable prices.

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Who Should Be Involved

People with hearing loss, their family, friends and hearing health care professionals are encouraged to participate Hearing Loss Association of Wake County. Make the most of your hearing.

On-Line Hearing Loss Groups

In addition to virtually unlimited information (just Google any word or phrase related to hearing loss), there are several on-line discussion groups and resources about hearing loss you might be interested in subscribing to.

1) Our National HLAA web page (www.hearingloss.org) offers chat groups, webinars, and an e-newsletter you can sign up for by clicking on the “Online Community” menu item at that page.

2) Here are two Yahoo Groups related to hearing loss. These groups are a wealth of information suitable for experts and novices, alike. You can subscribe to either (or both) of these for free by searching for their names at this LINK. Both groups are good places to read others’ posts, ask questions (or answer them) about hearing loss.

— Beyond Hearing is a moderated Yahoo group that is tightly controlled to focus on hearing loss issues.

— Better Hearing News is a little livelier with more subscribers. The list owner, Bob MacPherson, and other members often post news items or questions and answers about hearing loss, but Bob keeps it light with entertaining comments about his “cat editors.”
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Our Walk4Hearing exceeded our $50,000 goal. That will fund hearing loss hearing loss projects at National, NC, and local chapter levels. Affiliate non-profit teams will use funds they raised to support hearing loss projects.

Speakers included Kris Martin, the race car driver; The Mayor of Winston Salem; Richard Collette, CEO of Med-El North America; Ronnie Adler, HLAA’s national Walk coordinator; and NC’s own “Superman”, Michael Eury.

Hundreds of people, 42 Teams, many volunteers, sponsors, and exhibitors enjoyed a beautiful day fun-filled day that made a difference for people with hearing loss.

**Wake Teams Made A Difference**

Folks from all over the state participated in our NC Walk4Hearing, but Wake Chapter’s presence was broad. We had 6 teams from our Chapter

- Beethoven’s Brigade
- Hear Come the Heels
- Marcia’s Marauders
- Team Boyd
- Wake Chapter Team
- Sertoma Walk4Hearing Team

**HLA Wake Chapter Volunteers**

Many Wake Chapter members volunteered not only at the walk but in the months of planning that made the walk such a success. Congratulations to Team Boyd: Top Fundraising Team!