Our next program meeting is November 5th from 6:00 - 8:00. We will meet at DSDHH at 4900 Waters Edge Dr., Raleigh. See a map. We plan to make this meeting about dealing with hearing loss in various situations (like noisy restaurants, parties, family gatherings, etc.) through "strategies". Experienced volunteers will moderate the meeting, but we’re really hoping we can all learn from good ideas from attendees willing to share their best tricks for each situation. Bring your best strategies to share. Email any suggested situations to steve.barber@earthlink.net so we’ll be sure to cover any situation of interest.

Our Winter “Holiday Social” will be held on December 6th at 1:00 p.m. at Tribeca at 6004 Falls of Neuse Rd., Raleigh. Attendance is limited to 25, so we can have a private room, so please RSVP to steve.barber@earthlink.net.

Support Wake Chapter

“What can I do to help?” Here are some options:

- Donate your time and expertise to our chapter in any way you like. We need people to help plan meetings, to greet new comers, to help set up projectors and assistive technology,
- Introduce yourself to people you meet that have a hearing loss and tell them how helpful HLAA Wake has been for you.
- Support our National HLAA organization. Without them, we wouldn't exist. Chapters are where the "rubber meets the road" but HLAA national is where advocacy happens at a national level. When you join the HLAA national organization, (www.hearingloss.org) you a lot more than the wonderful "Hearing Loss" magazine. Scroll down to the next page to see why your support is needed.
- Tell your audiologist how HLAA has helped you, Take brochures to them and encourage them to tell patients about HLAA Wake Chapter.

Walk4Hearing a Success!

It was a wonderful day, great weather and nearly 400 walkers at our Walk4Hearing that was held in Cary on 18 October.

It was great seeing all the families. Lots of smiles, dogs, t-shirts, caps and fun things for the kids. Med-El sponsored a wonderful free luncheon after the walk.

Special thanks to all the walkers, volunteers and donors and sponsors. And especially to Liz Strachan, of HLAA Charlotte, who was the point person in NC for the 2015 NC Walk4Hearing.

This year’s NC Walk4Hearing raised a record $55,833 (so far). You can still donate to our Wake team HERE — Or by check to the meeting or to our treasurer.

Here’s a picture of the start of the Walk. Click on it to see a larger image.

Who We Are

Hearing Loss Association of America is the largest non-profit for people with hearing loss in the world. The Wake Chapter meets in the Raleigh/Cary area. Meetings are free and open to the public. Come and learn how you can make the most of your hearing (or how you can help friends or family).

Who Should Be Involved

People with hearing loss, their family, friends and hearing healthcare professionals are encouraged to participate in the Hearing Loss Association of Wake County. We invite you to come and join us … and make the most of your hearing.

Camp Woodbine Update

Wake Chapter had two volunteers supporting Camp Woodbine. Dr. McElveen sponsors a camp for kids with hearing loss and their families in the Fall.

It’s a great event for families with children who have a hearing loss. This year it was the day before our Walk4Hearing so it was a busy weekend for people who wanted to attend and support both events.

Here are pictures from Camp Woodbine 2015. You can click on the pictures to view a larger image.

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I’m not paying dues in order to get a magazine for $6.95 even though the magazine is very good. I am paying dues so that there is someone working on my behalf year round doing things that my chapter is in no position to do. For that I pay less than 70 cents a week, less than 10 cents a day. What can you buy for 70 cents anymore? I can’t buy much that brings me any value – and certainly nothing that brings lasting value

As important as our chapters are, we are in no position to influence anyone beyond our own area. And even having a strong local influence isn’t always a possibility. Do you really think that we can influence the policy makers who write the legislation or issue the guidelines? Without a national office, we would never have been included in the ADA. Few, if any, of us would even have been aware that such legislation was under discussion. Yet, thanks to the work of the national office all those years ago, we benefit from it every single day. Standing up for our interests is what the national office has always done. Standing up for our interests is what the national office is doing still, and we will benefit from their efforts far into the future.

Today, they are working hard to see that hearing assistance is available at all price points, building persuasive cases to increase access and provide protection, working with manufacturers to ensure that our needs are built into new products, working with the health care community to ensure that our issues are on their agenda, and on dozens of other issues. I could go on and on.

To my mind, I am getting enormous value for those dues. I will continue to urge people to join HLAA until hearing loss is understood by all, and access is universal. We sure aren’t there yet.

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