Upcoming Events: In Less Than TWO WEEKS!

- HLAA Wake won’t have another program meeting until after the first of the year, but there’s still a lot happening you won’t want to miss.
- **Sun 15 Oct: NC Walk4Hearing** at the Wake Med Soccer Park in Cary is now only a couple weeks away. Do plan to come out for the walk, free lunch and vendor tables. ([Details](#)) Our Wake Chapter team is accepting members and donations … The link in the article at the right will take you to our Wake Chapter team page, where you can join or donate.
- **Thu 2 Nov:** CapTel is again sponsoring a wonderful Hearing Loss Expo in Cary. It’s not a Wake Chapter event, but many of us will be there as attendees or presenters. ([Detail](#)) RSVP
- **Sun 10 Dec:** **Holiday Social** at the Mayton Inn at 1 p.m. in Cary. Thanks to Janet McGettrick for arranging a nice private room for us to enjoy a fancy holiday meal together. Please RSVP to jmcgettrick106@gmail.com so Janet has an estimated number.

### Smart Phones as Assistive Listening Devices

Did you know that **if you have a Smart Phone** you can get a cheap or free app that can make your Smart Phone work as an assistive listening device. Just plug in your neckloop (or headphones), and open the app. If you place the phone near someone nearby (yes, you can use a longer patch cord between the neckloop and the phone if needed), have them talk into the phone’s microphone and you can hear what they say better in noise via your telecoils (or headphones)… even better if your telecoil mode turns off your hearing aids’ or CI’s microphones. This should work with any smartphone, so doesn’t matter if you have an iPhone or Android phone. Since this is a wired solution, there’s no latency. It’s maybe not as good as a more expensive assistive listening device that has good directional mics, but it does help in noisy situations like restaurants or when travelling in a car. If your hearing aids or CI’s have activated telecoils you might find that you can benefit from an app you can download that helps you hear better in noisy situations. I use an App from the Apple App Store called “Audio Tool”, but there are other apps you can choose including microphone apps for Android phones.

But, **if you have an iPhone** 5 or later using IOS 10 or later, there’s a new app called (Jacoti Lola) that allows multiple iPhones to set up a wireless assisted listening network using WiFi. Two or more iPhones with the app installed can connect whenever they are in the same WiFi network. What the person says into one phone is transmitted via the WiFi network and can be heard clearly in the other phone. Again, a neckloop is most likely the best option, but it can work with headphones or earbuds if they work for you. This [link](#) describes it in more detail. To find it at the Apple App Store, search on Jacoti Lola. (Sorry, this is not available for Android phones.) All the phones do have to have a strong signal from the WiFi, and latency can be a problem if the router isn’t fast, so it may not work on older WiFi networks if you’re not close to the router. But it may be worth trying … hard to beat the price.

### Newsletter

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Check out the HLA-NC web Site: [www.nchearingloss.org](http://www.nchearingloss.org)

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**2017 NC Walk4Hearing**

The NC Walk4Hearing is scheduled for Sunday, 15 October, 2017 in Cary NC.

Wake Chapter now has a new team. To see our Team page just click on this link: [Wake Walk4Hearing Team](#).

At that link you can
- see how we’re doing on our goal
- make a donation to any existing walker.
- join the team as a walker so others can donate on your behalf.

All donations to the Wake Team are tax deductible and are used to fund HLAA and Wake Chapter. These Walk4Hearing donations are our chapter’s only source of income and are used to fund our operation and our Loop Initiative.

As of the first of October, our team has raised 46% of our $2000.00 goal, so if you’re looking for a worthy cause (and a tax deductible one), this could be the right time for you to make a donation to our team.

You can donate on-line by clicking on any of the walkers on the above link, or you can bring a donation to the Walk if you prefer. You don’t have to donate to come to the Walk, so, hope to see you there.

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