Upcoming Wake Chapter Meetings and Events

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| November 19th | Knowledge is (Hearing) Power!: 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. Virtual Zoom will start at 6:45. You’ll receive an email with the Zoom link a couple of days before the meeting. Please share link with others who might be interested. 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 |

Want More Virtual Resources?
HLAA National and Other HLAA Local chapters in NC are conducting Virtual Zoom Meetings that you’re invited to participate in.

- HLAA National has several pre-recorded Webinars (think of them as Virtual Presentations) you can view any time you want at [https://www.hearingloss.org/programs-events/webinars/schedule-recordings/](https://www.hearingloss.org/programs-events/webinars/schedule-recordings/)

- HLAA National has a calendar you can see that includes events you might be interested in registering for. Some are Zoom meetings, including Walk4Hearing online celebrations. [See the calendar](#) and register for events if you’re interested.

- In addition to Wake Chapter, other NC Chapters are holding Zoom meetings occasionally. If interested email the chapter contacts (bottom of second column of these links) and ask to receive their newsletters and virtual meeting invitations.
  - [Asheville Chapter](#)
  - [Charlotte Chapter](#)
  - [Greensboro Chapter](#) (next ZOOM Meeting on Tinnitus on Oct 7th)

- The [DSDHH Regional Center newsletter](#) has a list of Virtual Regional events including promoting our HLAA Walk4Hearing, and an Assistive Technology Expo.
NC Walk4Hearing
Lineup Set for October 11 Virtual North Carolina Walk4Hearing

An impressive list of special guests will participate in the North Carolina Walk4Hearing on Sunday, October 11th. RSVP to receive an invitation to participate in the On-Line Celebration.

The North Carolina event, one of 20 being conducted across the country by the Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA), promotes good hearing health, builds awareness about hearing loss and raises money for both local and national programs.

Due to the coronavirus, all Walk4Hearing events this year are being conducted on the internet instead of being held in physical locations. Participants, sponsors and alliance organizations join the walk from their computers at a specific time on Walk Day for a virtual celebration and educational experience. Participants are encouraged to walk in their neighborhood or a nearby park following the online festivities.

Sign-on for the NC Walk4Hearing begins at 10:45 a.m. and the program starts at 11 a.m. RSVP for the program and support the event by visiting the NC Walk4Hearing website.

In addition to you, the heart of the Walk4Hearing community, special guests participating in the virtual celebration include:

- Master of Ceremonies John Clark, ABC11 Eyewitness News, Raleigh-Durham
- Stormy the Ice Hog, mascot of the Carolina Hurricanes of the National Hockey League
- Mandy Harvey, award-winning singer, songwriter and inspirational speaker
- Honorary Walk Chair Bruce Peterson, Vice President of Government and Community Relations for CaptionCall, the Capital sponsor for the Walk4Hearing
- Joss Kendrick, American Girl’s 2020 Girl of the Year
- Gael Hannan, hearing loss advocate, writer and humorist

By joining or donating to the Wake Chapter Team, you enable us to help people with hearing loss in our area through organizations and projects such as Beginnings, Sertoma, Camp Woodbine and the chapter’s scholarship program for college-bound high school graduates. After clicking on the above link, click on Join Team and start donating or getting others to donate … or if you’d prefer, you can click on any existing walker and donate to support their participation. Either way, all the money goes to help HLAA and our Wake Chapter.

See a Q&A with more information about the NC Walk4Hearing HERE.

See the Press Release for the NC Walk4Hearing HERE. Feel free to download and distribute to your ENT, audiologist, and hearing aid dealer.
Join or Donate to our Wake Chapter NC Walk4Hearing Team

The HLAA Wake Chapter currently has 7 walkers who have raised $2300 so far. Wendy Dembeck is our most successful fund raiser, this year. But there's still time to join as a walker, yourself if you want, or to donate to an existing walker. Just click on Wake Chapter Team. Once the team page is displayed, you can do either of the following:

- Click on the Join Team link and you'll become a walker. As a walker, you will be able to make a donation yourself, or encourage others to donate to support your volunteering as a walker. A personal walker web page will be created that you can refer friends and family to, if you think they might want to support you.
- Make a donation supporting to an existing walker effort by clicking on their name. You will be able to make your donation public or anonymous.

If you prefer, you can also send a check to our Wake Treasurer (see address below), and we can apply your donation to the Walk. Either way, all the money goes to help HLAA and our Wake Chapter. By joining as a walker, yourself, or donating to any walker on Wake Chapter Team, you enable Wake Chapter to continue to hold meetings, and help people with hearing loss in our area through organizations and projects such as Beginnings, Sertoma, Camp Woodbine and the chapter’s scholarship program for college-bound high school graduates.

Interesting New Research about How the Brain Handles Hearing

We all know that the brain is what turns the signals from the cochlea from electrical signals into understandable sound and speech. But recent interesting research sheds some light on how it does that. New information from the research suggests that it works similar to the way the brain handles signals from the eyes to create vision. You might think that signals from the cochlea (or eyes) just stimulate activity in particular neurons in the brain, but in addition, the signals appear to cause a LACK of stimulation in certain neurons, too. That was a surprise to the researchers. Click on this link to read the entire article.

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