



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING HLAA WCO MEETINGS!**  
People of all ages and all types of hearing loss are welcome!  
All meetings are free to members and non-members, including family and friends.  
Meetings are the first Saturday of the month, 10:30 – 12:30  
(No meeting in June, July or August)  
Center for Independence, 740 Gunnison Avenue, Grand Junction  
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**Upcoming Events - Mark your calendar so you don't miss a thing!**

**Thursday, September 7, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm**  
**Quarterly Meeting of the Colorado Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCDHH)**  
**Grand Junction, Center for Independence, 740 Gunnison Ave**

The Commissioners and the Commission staff will discuss various reports to the state legislature and proposed amendments to the statute that formed the CCDHH. Other topics regard deaf education and issues for hard of hearing and deaf-blind individuals.

The community forum will feature local residents John Klish, Bridging Communications Lead, and Sheila Worth, Rocky Mountain Health Plans Representative.

Please attend to show your support for state-wide issues that can impact you! We will not have a regular meeting in September so everyone can plan to attend this important meeting.

Details about the meeting are at this link: <https://hearinglosswco.org/meetings/>

**Saturday, October 7, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm Hearing Loss: It's a Family Issue!**  
**Andriana Longwell, CACI**

Hearing loss can impact the individual, but can also affect family communication and dynamics. Often, strong feelings about how to deal with the communication issues create stress within the family. This session will discuss these issues with advice for dealing with emotions and tension during communication breakdown.

**Saturday, November 4, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm, InnoCaption Update**

InnoCaption is a free service for those with hearing loss making it possible to communicate using smartphones (Android and iPhone). Through the use of patented technology in conjunction with live stenographers, they provide captioning for those who may need assistance hearing the other party while using cell phones.

**Saturday, December 2, Annual Holiday Chapter Luncheon**

This annual event is a fun way to get to know and talk to others with hearing loss along with family and friends.

**Other meeting dates: Mark your calendar! Contact [hlaawco@gmail.com](mailto:hlaawco@gmail.com) if you have an idea for a program or if you want to speak at a meeting.**

January 6, 2018

March 3, 2018

May 5, 2018

February 3, 2018

April 7, 2018

Get ready for the National Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota, June 21-24, 2018!

**Colorado Wak4Hearing**

Many thanks to everyone who supported the walk. The Western Slopers team raised \$1,255. Overall, the Colorado walk raised \$27,830. At the national level the walks have raised close \$700,000. The walk funds are used to support the advocacy efforts for people with hearing loss. They also raise awareness about hearing loss and let people know they are not alone!

**Grant Projects Update (grant sponsored by CCDHH)**

The grant project has been successful. The team has shown the assistive equipment at a few events this summer. We are actively working to reach out to other organizations and businesses. Contact the Chapter if you are interested in helping or want a demonstration. The grant supported captioning at meetings, the development of our website, and the demonstration equipment.

**The Over-the-Counter Hearing Aid Act of 2017 passed**

This act makes certain types of hearing aids available over the counter to adults with mild to moderate hearing loss. Now that the Act has been passed by both the House and Senate it will go to the president to sign into law. Once the bill is signed into law it will go to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), who will begin drafting the rules and regulations for it. While the FDA has three years to complete that process we are hopeful that it will be done much sooner.

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Membership has its benefits!  
Consider joining Hearing Loss Association of America.  
You will receive free chapter membership, the bi-monthly Hearing Loss Magazine, and discounts at the national convention.

Go to [WWW.HEARINGLOSS.ORG](http://WWW.HEARINGLOSS.ORG) to join or renew!

Check out our new website!  
[www.hearinglosswco.org](http://www.hearinglosswco.org)