



**Western Colorado Chapter  
Hearing Loss Association of America  
Free Monthly Meeting  
Saturday, February 2, 2019**

**Another Hearing Loss Video Program!**

At the January meeting we selected and watched an informative captioned video. We will do the same for the February meeting. There are many on-line resources available to help people with hearing loss. Topics range from types of hearing loss to devices to coping skills. At this meeting we will review some of the various websites videos, including those found at the national HLAA website: [HearingLoss.org](http://HearingLoss.org). Learning more about your hearing loss is important to help improve your life.

As a group, we will select a video to watch that interests the majority of the people in attendance. We may select a longer video or several short videos.

Any video that is shown will be captioned. If you have a video or web link, please feel free to share. You can research various options at these websites:

[www.hearingloss.org](http://www.hearingloss.org)

[www.hearingtracker.com/dr-cliff-aud](http://www.hearingtracker.com/dr-cliff-aud)

Various hearing aid and cochlear implant websites

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**10:30 am - 12:30 pm**

**Center for Independence**

**740 Gunnison Avenue**

**Grand Junction, CO 81501**

**For questions or further information contact:**

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More about the Hearing Loss Association of America: [www.hearingloss.org](http://www.hearingloss.org)

More about the Center for Independence: [www.cfigj.org](http://www.cfigj.org)



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING HLAA WCO MEETINGS!**  
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**Upcoming Events - Mark your calendar so you don't miss a thing! Dates are listed below.** If you have an idea or request for a program, or if you would like to make a presentation, please contact HLAAWCO@gmail.com.

**March 2, 2019:** Hearing Aid Update with guest speaker Pamela Kreps from Pinnacle Hearing Aid Center.

**April 6, 2019:** Resiliency and Positive Psychology: This session will be led by a licensed therapist. We will have ASL interpreters for this program.

**May 4, 2019:** Program is under development.

**Inclement Weather Policy**

Every attempt will be made to hold all meetings. However, if you do not feel safe driving to the meeting please use your best judgement.

**Save the date! HLAA2019 National Convention**

The next national convention is June 20 - 23, 2019, in Rochester, New York! The convention hotel and meeting space are the Hyatt Regency Rochester and the Rochester Riverside Convention Center. Registration is open. Early-bird registration ends on March 1, 2019.

If you are interested in attending, consider going as a Chapter Delegate at a discounted rate of \$125, use the registration form. The Early-bird registration deadline is March 1. Chapter Delegates attend programs that are geared toward chapter development. Event tickets are an extra charge.

Educational workshops will be categorized in the following tracks:

- Advocacy
- Hearing Assistive Technology
- Genetics & Hearing Loss
- Lifestyle

For registration: <https://www.hearingloss.org/programs-events/convention/registration/>

**Colorado Walk4Hearing 2019**

The Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) Walk4Hearing is the largest walk for hearing loss awareness in the country. Every spring and fall thousands of walkers form teams and walk in their communities to increase public awareness about hearing loss and raise funds for programs and services. HLAA depends on generous volunteers to raise funds, generate enthusiasm and awareness at each of the Walk4Hearing sites.

The Colorado walk is Sunday, June 9, 2019, at Clement Park, 7306 W Bowles Ave, Shelters M and N, Littleton, CO. Sign up at [www.walk4hearing.org](http://www.walk4hearing.org).

## **January Meeting Summary**

We had a great time selecting and watching a captioned video from the National HLAA website. The program we selected was titled, “Beyond the Audiogram: Diagnostic and Verification Tools to Improve Hearing Aid and Cochlear Implant Fitting.” The speakers were Brad Ingrao, Audiologist, VA Long Beach Healthcare System and David Andreaggi, Staff Audiologist, Long Beach VA. Their presentation focused on the Abbreviated Profile of Hearing Aid Benefit (APHAB), a questionnaire tool that audiologists can use to better define needs and measure the outcomes of hearing aid and cochlear implant settings and features.

The video can be found from the national HLAA website or on YouTube at this location: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eZ2cTTyXt20&feature=youtu.be>. The APHAB is saved at: <https://www.hearingloss.org/wp-content/uploads/APHAB-Blank.pdf>.

## **Chapter Website Underway**

The Western Colorado website was created through a grant from the Colorado Commission of the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deaf Blind (CCDHHDB) in 2107. Chapter member Cheryl Morelli has begun the process of making sure that the website is updated on a regular basis. Please check it out to stay abreast of current activities: [www.hearinglossWCO.org](http://www.hearinglossWCO.org).

Another project that is underway is to send the newsletter in an attractive electronic format. If you are currently getting meeting announcements via email, you are on our list. If you would like to be added to the email list, you can sign up from the chapter website.

## **Emergency Preparedness Survey**

CCDHHDB is conducting a confidential, five minute survey with its stakeholders regarding emergency preparedness to better understand the needs of the communities they serve. The results will be shared during the Colorado Emergency Management Association (CEMA) conference this February.

Please go to this link, [www.surveymonkey.com/r/7KWVJZ6](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7KWVJZ6), to take the survey.

If you have questions regarding the survey, contact Luke Adams, CCDHHDB Outreach Consultant, at [luke.adams@state.co.us](mailto:luke.adams@state.co.us).

## **Colorado Sprint Relay Sponsorship for the Western Colorado Newsletter**

Many thanks to Sprint Relay for sponsoring the publication of the Western Colorado HLAA newsletter. Their generous gift of \$2,000 will allow the chapter to expand its reach to people with hearing loss in western Colorado.

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<https://www.facebook.com/HLAAWCO/>

Also check out the national website:  
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