



**Western Colorado Chapter  
Hearing Loss Association of America  
Free Monthly Meeting  
Saturday, April 7, 2018**

**Update from the Colorado Commission for the  
Deaf and Hard of Hearing  
Luke Adams, Outreach Consultant**

The chapter will welcome Luke Adams, Outreach Consultant - Hard of Hearing Specialty, from the Colorado Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCDHH). He will talk about what the CCDHH does and can do for people with hearing loss. The Commission also provides services for people who are deafblind.

Come learn more about this state-wide agency and let Luke know about hearing loss issues in western Colorado.

Captioning for this meeting is sponsored from a grant from the Colorado Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.  
An induction hearing loop is available. Refreshments will be served.

**People of all ages and all types of hearing loss are welcome!**

All HLAA chapter meetings are free to members and non-members, including family and friends. Meetings are held the first Saturday of the month, 10:30-12:30.

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10:30am - 12:30pm  
Center for Independence  
740 Gunnison Avenue  
Grand Junction, CO 81501**

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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)



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**Upcoming Events - Mark your calendar so you don't miss a thing!**  
**No meetings will be held June, July or August**

### **May 5, 2018**

The Chapter will welcome Crystal Vaccaro, Outreach, Education, Installations for CapTel phones. She will discuss their captioned telephones and other services to help people with hearing loss better communicate over the phone.

### **June 10, 2018: Colorado Walk4Hearing**

Since 2006, more than 90,000 walkers have raised more than \$13 million to support national and local programs to provide information, education, support and advocacy. Participants come in all ages with various interests in hearing health to form teams and walk in their communities. The Colorado walk will be at Clement Park, 7306 W. Bowles Ave, Littleton, CO.

The Western Slopers Team is forming and you can help by making a donation. Go to the Walk website at [www.Walk4Hearing.org](http://www.Walk4Hearing.org) and click on "Find a Walk." Scroll down to June 10, Colorado Walk4Hearing and click on "Register/More Info." Click on the Team tab, and enter Western Slopers, and the team will display. Right now, Amy and Dennis Beckett are the only team members. You can select to join the team or make a donation. You can also click on: [http://hlaa.convio.net/site/TR/Teamraiser/ColoradoWalk?pg=team&fr\\_id=2478&team\\_id=45580](http://hlaa.convio.net/site/TR/Teamraiser/ColoradoWalk?pg=team&fr_id=2478&team_id=45580)

For at least eight months each year since 2011, the Western Colorado Chapter has held monthly educational meetings. It costs about \$300.00 to produce each meeting. The costs include the monthly newsletter, captions, and incidentals. Our chapter is fortunate to have sponsorships and grants to cover the costs of the newsletter and captioning. However, we could do more outreach work in our community with better funding. Please consider how the chapter has provided a benefit to you, and think about making a donation.

### **Please consider joining Hearing Loss Association of America:**

Membership in HLAA provides many benefits. In addition to the bi-monthly magazine, discounts on products and services, and on-line webinars and training, you have the knowledge that you are an active participant in a group that is a force for change for people with hearing loss. Please go on-line today! [www.hearingloss.org/content/member-benefits](http://www.hearingloss.org/content/member-benefits)

There are lots of activities and notices that the National office sends to members via email and posts on their website. Many of these are time-sensitive regarding bills that are being considered at the national level that impact people with hearing loss. Other notices are about training on-line classes or requests to participate in surveys.

The best way to get up-to-date information that affects YOU is to become a member! Take an active role in helping yourself by becoming a member!

## **A Message from the Chapter Leader, Amy Beckett**

For the past seven years, I have led the Western Colorado Chapter as a volunteer leader while holding a full-time job. Serving has been fun, yet challenging. I have enjoyed meeting and helping people with hearing loss and their families. But, for the most part, I have done this work by myself. Please note: I very much appreciate any and all support from anyone who has ever helped with the running of the chapter.

But it is time to ask for regular, scheduled help. The Chapter takes a summer break, then we start the monthly meetings again in October. Please consider helping! How can you help? Below are some ideas and needs. Think about how you can commit to help make hearing loss an issue of concern in our community. Contact HLAAWCO@Gmail.com.

- Greeter at meetings
- Set up/bring refreshments
- Write letters to invite people
- Join HLAA
- Reach out to agencies/businesses
- Update the Chapter website
- Write the Chapter Newsletter
- Create public notices

Any activity you can do is helpful. I will do all I can to make sure that the work you do matches your ability. I guarantee you will feel satisfaction in helping others! I know I do!

## **June 21 - 24, 2018: HLAA National Convention**

Activities and programs are being finalized for this year's convention at Hyatt Regency Minneapolis, Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN. This year's Research Symposium is titled "Listening in Noise," and will provide presentations about research being done in this area.

The national Office has announced that Gary Shapiro, President and CEO of the Consumer Technology Association (CTA), is to Deliver Keynote Address at the Annual Convention. Shapiro has helped direct policymakers and business leaders on the importance of innovation in the U.S. economy, and ensures that technology is accessible to people with disabilities. CTA is also the owner and producer of CES® - the world's largest technology event.

Another Convention event is the opportunity to attend the live performance of **West Side Story** at the Guthrie Theater. The show is communication accessible with real-time captions, hearing loop and sign interpretation, sponsored by Contacta.

## **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.

One of the services that Sprint Relay Provides is Captioned Telephone Service. This service allows you to answer your calls with confidence and allows you to LISTEN and READ captions of everything your caller says during your phone conversations. Don't miss another word! For most individuals, the phones are provided at no charge.

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