



**Western Colorado Chapter
Hearing Loss Association of America
Special Summer Meeting**

**Tuesday, June 13, 2017
5:30 - 7:30 pm
Mesa County Public Library
Central Branch Mesa Room
443 N. 6th Street
Grand Junction, CO 81501**

Community Outreach Training

The Western Colorado Chapter of Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) was awarded a grant from the Colorado Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in the amount of \$7,562. A portion of the grant funded the purchase of three pieces of Hearing Assistive Technology (HAT) to be used for demonstration and outreach.

We need volunteers to help us share information about Hearing Assistive Technology. The training will show how to set up and use the equipment purchased:

UBI duo - a device to assist communication with someone who is deaf or non-oral
Tabletop loop system - a portable loop device with a small range
Personal listening system - an assistive device for personal use

We will also provide information about the mission of the Chapter and the national organization, with the goal of reaching out to individuals, businesses, service providers, and government agencies in western Colorado to create awareness of technology, services, and information available to people who are deaf and hard of hearing.

If you know of an organization or business that wants to schedule an outreach meeting, please contact us. Please note, the chapter is not selling any equipment; we simply want to make businesses and agencies aware of potential devices to help consumers and clients, as well as provide education about HLAA and our Chapter.

We will serve light refreshments.
An induction hearing loop and captions will be available.
People of all ages and all types of hearing loss are welcome!

Please let us know if you can attend so we can plan for food and seating.

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Check out our new website!
www.hearinglosswco.org

Chapter website is up and running!

The new chapter website is completed and it looks great! The production of the website was funded from the grant from the Colorado Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Go to www.hearinglosswco.org to check it out! This will be the on-line place to find out about meetings and events, check out technology and services, and learn more about how you can volunteer or become a member.

Colorado Wak4Hearing Sunday, June 11, 2017

Please consider supporting the Western Slopers in the walk with a donation. At press time, the Western Slopers team has raised over \$900. Can you help us meet our goal of \$1,000? Many thanks to everyone who has already made a donation!

You can make the donation on-line by selecting the "Donate" button. Or you can send a check made out to Colorado Walk4Hearing and mail it to the Beckett's home: 998 Crown Ct, Grand Junction, CO 81505. A portion of the funds raised for the chapter will remain with the chapter! The walk will be held at Clement Park, in Littleton. For more information, or to sign up or make donations, please visit: www.walk4hearing.org.

News from the National Office

Hearing aids are expensive. It is the number one query/complaint that we hear at the local and national level. The national office supports a new Food & Drug Administration regulatory classification for over-the-counter (OTC) hearing aids. OTC aids would be targeted to adults who are in the earlier stages of hearing loss.

By opening the market to OTC aids, new manufacturers could enter the hearing aid space and sell directly to consumers. Studies show that high-quality OTC hearing devices can perform just as well as costly hearing aids, for people with mild-to-moderate hearing loss. These devices are designed to retail between \$150 and \$299.

For more information, go to www.hearingloss.org.