



**Western Colorado Chapter
Hearing Loss Association of America
Free Monthly Meeting
Saturday, October 6, 2018**

**Hearing Loss Updates
Support for Hearing Loss at the
Local, State, and National Level**

Hearing Loss issues are becoming more important in our nation. There are many levels of support and initiatives to help people with hearing loss. New technologies and new networks are forming to provide assistance and help.

The program will be led by the Chapter Leader, Amy Beckett. She will give an update on various activities taking place in our community and beyond that can provide a benefit to people with hearing loss and their families.

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.

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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**

**For questions or further information contact:
Amy Beckett: HLAAWCO@gmail.com Or 970-241-2592**

More about the Hearing Loss Association of America: www.hearingloss.org
More about the Center for Independence: www.cfigj.org



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Upcoming Events - Mark your calendar so you don't miss a thing!

November 3, 2018

Our speaker will be Lyra Replinger, Consumer Engagement Manager for MED-EL. MED-EL is a cochlear implant company. Lyra provides support to recipients, professionals, and families who have or are seeking cochlear implants. She will give an update on cochlear implants and the services that MED-EL can provide to people with hearing loss.

December 1, 2018

We will have our annual potluck luncheon. This is a great opportunity to meet with other who have hearing loss in a casual environment,

Other meeting topics will be announced later. Dates are listed below.

January 5, 2019

April 6, 2019

February 2, 2019

May 4, 2019

March 2, 2019

Colorado Walk4Hearing date announced for 2019!

The date for the 2019 Walk4Hearing has been announced. The event will be June 9, 2019. 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 Colorado walk for 2018 raised \$31,875! And the Western Slopers Team raised \$1,445. Thanks to everyone who supported the team. The funds are distributed to fund local, state and national activities to support people with hearing loss. Most importantly, the walks raise awareness about hearing loss issues.

Save the date! HLAA2019 National Convention

The next national convention has been announced. Save the date for 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 opens December 1.

The keynote speaker is Rebecca Alexander. She is an author, psychotherapist, disability rights advocate, group fitness instructor, and extreme athlete. Born with a rare genetic disorder called Usher syndrome type III, Rebecca has been simultaneously losing both her sight and hearing since she was a teenager. She was told that by age 30, she'd be completely blind. Then, at 19, one year after a fall from a second-story window left her athletic body completely shattered, she discovered she would lose her hearing as well. Despite these difficulties, Rebecca refused to lose her drive and zest for life and rose above and beyond every challenge she has faced.

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

There are many time-sensitive activities and notices that the National office sends to members via email and posts on their website, including 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!

Hearing Help

One of the most frequent questions we receive at the local, state, and national levels is about getting assistance for purchasing hearing aids. While HLAA does not provide this type financial assistance, the national office has created a listing of programs and foundations that may be able to help. The link is below. This information is available to all, but by becoming a member of HLAA, you help support the research and increase the numbers that help make hearing loss an issue of national concern.

<http://www.hearingloss.org/content/financial-assistance-programs-foundations>

A Message from the Chapter Leader, Amy Beckett

As the Chapter starts a new program year, please consider ways to 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!

Colorado Sprint Relay Sponsorship for the Western Colorado Newsletter

Many thanks to Spring 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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