



**Western Colorado Chapter  
Hearing Loss Association of America  
Free Monthly Meeting  
Saturday, December 1, 2018**

**Come join us at our eighth annual holiday covered dish meal!**

This luncheon has become a fun tradition to enjoy fellowship while sharing experiences and developing friendships. This will be an opportunity get to know other people with hearing loss in an accepting environment.

Your family and friends are welcome! We typically have about 15 people at our holiday luncheons. This is a wonderful way to share and learn more about your own hearing loss as well as hearing stories from your fellow attendees.

Please bring a side dish according to your last name. If you have a favorite recipe, please bring it even if it does not match to your name!  
You are welcome to attend even if you don't bring a side dish!

**A - H: Vegetable**

**I - O: Dessert**

**P - Z: Appetizer**

**The chapter will provide a ham and drinks.**

**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.

**Saturday, December 1, 2018**

**11:00 am - 12:30pm**

**NOTE TIME CHANGE**

**Center for Independence**

**740 Gunnison Avenue**

**Grand Junction, CO 81501**

**For questions or further information contact:**

**Amy Becktell: [HLAAWCO@gmail.com](mailto:HLAAWCO@gmail.com) Or 970-241-2592**

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](mailto:HLAAWCO@gmail.com).

January 5, 2019  
February 2, 2019  
March 2, 2019  
April 6, 2019  
May 4, 2019

**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.

Are you interested in presenting a workshop at HLAA2019? Go on-line to [www.hearingloss.org](http://www.hearingloss.org) and submit the Call For Papers to [convention@hearingloss.org](mailto:convention@hearingloss.org). Review the Call For Papers Instructions prior to submitting a proposal. The deadline for Call for Papers submissions is Friday, November 30.

Educational workshops will be categorized in the following tracks:

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

**Rural Interpreting Services Project (RISP)**

An informational meeting about the new Rural Interpreting Services Project was held October 29 at the Center for Independence. The event was very well-attended with representation from many service providers and deaf constituents.

The RISP Pilot provides \$700,000 over a two-year period to arrange for and provide sign language interpreters in rural areas of Colorado at no cost to consumers or service providers. Rural communities will have access to quality interpreting services for a variety of needs, including: medical, legal, community, or work-related situations. The RISP Pilot will also provide opportunities for initial and advanced sign language interpreter training to increase the availability of interpreting services in rural areas. Also, other types of accommodation for people who are hard of hearing, but do not use sign language, can also apply for services.

**For more information** about the RISP Program, or to request services, contact Trish Leakey, Auxiliary Services Manager, Commission for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and DeafBlind, 1575 Sherman Street, Garden Level, Denver, CO 80203, [trish.leakey@state.co.us](mailto:trish.leakey@state.co.us)  
Phone: 720-949-7483

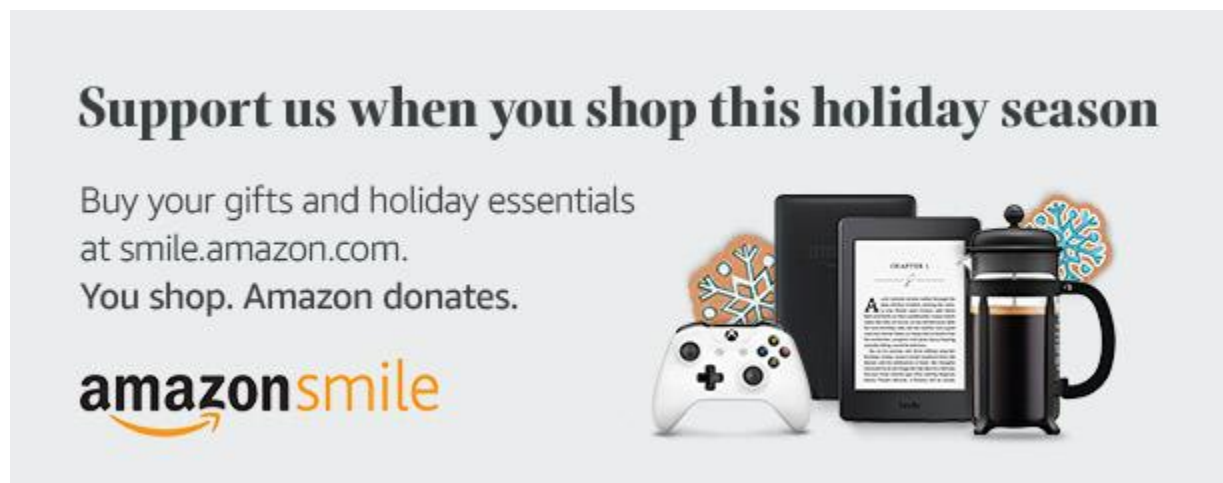
## **MED-EL Program**

At the November meeting, we welcomed Lyra Repplinger, Consumer Engagement Manager, MED-EL Cochlear Implant Products. Lyra gave us a great overview of the MED-EL line of products and how people with hearing loss can benefit. Many new product options have become available to help people with various types of needs. Lyra also took time to talk about the importance of hearing rehabilitation after cochlear implant surgery and activation. Because the brain is adapting to new sounds and new speech patterns, it is important for implantees to practice listening to help retrain the brain. Lyra talked about the programs available through MED-EL as well as other on-line programs that provide listening practice. This training is also beneficial to people who have been fitted with new hearing aids.

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

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