



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

**Hearing Aid Update
Pamela Kreps
Board-Certified Hearing Instrument Specialist**

Hearing aid technology is constantly advancing, with many options available to help people with hearing loss. Pamela Kreps will give an update on current hearing aid technology including connectivity to other devices, improved programming options, and automated features. She will also give practical advice for working with your hearing aid dispenser for achieving good results with your hearing aids in multiple hearing situations.

Pamela Kreps, BC-HIS, is the owner of Pinnacle Hearing Aid Center. She has traveled extensively as part of a military family, and moved to Grand Junction in 2010. While working as the front receptionist at a hearing aid office, she was impressed by the positive impact that hearing aids could bring to someone's life. She received apprentice training and with many hours of self-study, passed the Board Certification exam and became a licensed Hearing Instrument Specialist with the state of Colorado in October of 2013.

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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:
Amy Beckett: HLAAWCO@gmail.com Or 970-241-2592**

More about the Hearing Loss Association of America: www.hearingloss.org
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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.

April 6, 2019: Resiliency and Positive Psychology: This session will be led by a licensed therapist. Sometimes living with a hearing loss can become difficult. This session will be designed to explore therapeutic methods to becoming more resilient. 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.

February Meeting Summary

At the meeting in February, we watched a captioned video from the national website. At each national convention, there is a research symposium where various researchers present their findings on a specific topic. We watched the video, "A Consumer-friendly Recap of the HLAA2018 Research Symposium: Listening in Noise." Perry Hanavan, Au.D. provided a summary of the five speaker's presentations. There are several interesting studies and technologies underway to help people with hearing loss hear better in noisy situations. After watching the video we had some great discussion about the information. The video link can be found at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=13AfRzV5w50&feature=youtu.be>

Do you have a story to tell?

The chapter is always looking for speakers, web content, and newsletter articles. If you want to share your story about living with hearing loss, please contact us at our email or website: hearinglossWCO.org or HLAAWCO@gmail.com

National Office at work for you!

Director of Public Policy Lise Hamlin and Executive Director Barbara Kelley, had a one-on-one meeting with FCC Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel. You can feel good about being part of HLAA when the FCC wants to hear directly from us about what is important to our constituency (that's you!). Hearing-aid-compatible cell phones, volume control on phones, captioned telephones, and captioning on TV and the internet are a few things important to people with hearing loss. In this busy town, it is rare that any high-level government official has the time for coffee and chat. We are all working for you.

Sign up for the latest news!

Hearing Life e-News is delivered to 30,000 subscribers, twice per month. Hearing Life e-News keeps readers up to date on the latest news and information on hearing loss. Each issue features high-interest content such as recent legislation and advocacy efforts, technology, new products for hearing loss, human interest stories, webinars, and updates on the Walk4Hearing, Convention and information on HLAA Chapter happenings. You can sign up by going to this link: <https://www.hearingloss.org/news-media/e-news/>

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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.

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