



**Welcome to the HLAAWCO Free Monthly Meeting
Saturday, September 11, 2021**

10:30 am – 12:30pm

In person at CFI

Center for Independence

740 Gunnison Ave.

Grand Junction, CO

or

Via ZOOM with CART

You will need to Pre Register if attending the Zoom Meeting.

Contact Denice Roberts, Chapter Leader for Hearing Loss Association of America -

Western Colorado Chapter

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970-241-0315 ext. 29

for more information on preregistering.

NOTE: After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Please join the Zoom meeting between 10:20 and 10:30.

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This month's meeting will be a social activity.

Snacks will be served.

Walk4Hearing Update

Convention Update

Comments about what you learned in the last year.

Upcoming Western Colorado Chapter Meetings:

October 9th - Caption Call and captioning phones presentation, Courtney Abeyta

November 13th - TBA

December 11th - Holiday Potluck

We would like to invite the Deaf Group to our meetings/presentations.

If you need to request an ASL Interpreter, please contact aslinterpreting@cfgj.org by September 3, 2021.

Thank You to...

*Cristina Durante, Director of Regulatory Affairs and In-House Counsel and Matt Goncalves, Marketing Director, matt@innocaption.com
for their presentation, in May, on InnoCaption. <https://innocaption.com/>*

Our Walk4Hearing 2021 participants, Amy and Dennis Beckett, Pamela Kreps, and Denice Roberts. In 2020, the Walk4Hearing, sponsored by the National Hearing Loss Association of America, became virtual walks.

The western Colorado Chapter did not participate in a walk in 2020. In 2021, the spring walks were also virtual, but were associated with various cities across the United States. The Western Colorado Chapter walk team associated with the Nashville, TN walk. Amy Beckett grew up in Tennessee, and lived in Nashville for several years, so there was a connection. The virtual walk was held June 13, 2021.

The team raised \$1,390, and was the team that raised the most money for the Nashville walk! In addition, Pamela Kreps was the top fund-raiser for the Nashville walk! A portion of the funds raised remain with the chapter, and will be used to support on-going activities for outreach in support of people with hearing loss in western Colorado. Below are the team's amounts raised:

Amy Beckett: \$1,050

Dennis Beckett: \$320

Pamela Kreps: \$1,620

Denice Roberts: \$200

The virtual walk day events included a musical performance by Mandy Harvey, a deaf singer who performed on "America's Got Talent," and various speakers sharing information about why they participate in the walks. After the virtual event, the team members gathered for a brunch to celebrate the team's success.

Each team member raised enough to qualify for a tee-shirt.

Other news...

National Hearing Loss Association of America Virtual HLLA Conference June 24-26 2021 by Denice Roberts

*This was my second conference. The first was in 2017 and I attended in person. I enjoyed the virtual HLLA Conference. I learned about the new technology. It is amazing how many people are out there trying to make everything accessible to people with hearing loss. It did take me a while to figure out the virtual Exhibit Hall. Some vendors had demos to watch and were there to answer questions. Others didn't have much. But I guess that is pretty much the same as attending in person. I liked the HeardThat app and Amy liked the Internet Radio For People With Hearing Loss –hearmusicagain.org. There were 8 virtual sessions, presented one at a time, over 3 days, and 2 times scheduled for Virtual Exhibit Halls. "2021 HLLA Research Symposium Hearing Care for All: Innovations in Extending the Reach of Hearing Care. " There were basically three reports covering cutting-edge scientific findings relevant to adult hearing loss. They were based in rural Alaska: *Expanding Access To Hearing Care In The Rural Alaska Through Telemedicine*, *Southern Arizona, Community Health Workers And Hearing Care At The U.S. / Mexico Border*, and *Baltimore: HEARS Peer Educators In Action: Older Adults Serving Older Adults*. There were opportunities to ask questions on-line during and after the sessions. A lot of information presented for a very good price. Next year's convention will be held June 22 -24, 2022 at the Tampa Marriott Water Street, Tampa, Florida. Did you attend the HLLA National Virtual Convention 2021, June 24-25? If so please come prepared to share comments during our September 11th meeting of Western Colorado Chapter HLLA.*

Colorado HLAA Chapters

Boulder Chapter

Colorado Springs Chapter

Denver Chapter

Northern Colorado Chapter

Western Colorado Chapter

Some Colorado chapters are still using Zoom. I have been asked to send invitations to the HLAAWCO members to the various chapter meetings. They also invite their members to our meetings. The other chapters have started having people register for the Zoom meetings. This is a process we have started using for our meetings. It reduces the possibility of having uninvited guests at our meetings.

Other HLAA Chapters opening up their Zoom meetings to anyone interested.

You can find a schedule here: <http://new.hearinglosscentralma.org/HLAAVirtualEvents.html>

If you have not used Zoom, here are two captioned videos with some helpful hints to get ready for the meeting.

You can also contact Denice at 970-241-0315 x 29 and she will help you get set up. She works Monday – Thursday 9-5.

1. **"Signing Up for Zoom" - presented by Senior Planet**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bgc989LIVpA>
2. **"How to Use Zoom to Stay Connected" - presented by AARP in collaboration with Senior Planet.**
<https://videos.aarp.org/detail/video/6160853316001/how-to-use-zoom-to-stay-connected>

One Membership Gives Benefits of Both HLAA National & Local Chapter News

As an HLAA member, you are part of an organization with a mission to provide information, education, support and advocacy to people with hearing loss. Through our advocacy work at the federal level, we represent 48 million people nationally with hearing loss in the United States – that includes you. Please choose Western Colorado Chapter to represent us at the state level. Thank you!

[Click Here to Become a Member/Renew](#)

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT:

The Western Colorado Chapter: www.hearinglosswco.org

The Hearing Loss Association of America: www.hearingloss.org

The Center for Independence: www.cfigj.org

Thank You,

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