



***Welcome to the HLAAWCO December 2021 Newsletter!***

**The Western Colorado Chapter of the Hearing Loss Association of America is suspending all meetings, both in-person and virtual, until April 2022.**

**The previously advertised in-person meeting scheduled for December 11, 2021 has been cancelled.**

**Please, everyone be safe and happy during this postponement.**

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## **Hearing Loss Initiatives and Advocacy:**

**You can continue to be involved and aware of on-going efforts to support people with hearing loss by signing up for or following some of the information provided below.**

### **Open Captions in Movie theaters**

A statewide effort to encourage movie theaters to provide open captions has been underway for the past year. Open captions are displayed on the screen and everyone in the theater can see the captions. You do not need any special equipment to see the captions. If you support open captions at the movies please send your support. All voluntary OC Movie programs in Colorado cease on 12/31/21 as there has been no extension offered at this time. To be added to the list send your name, email, and zip code to [HLAABoulderOC@gmail.com](mailto:HLAABoulderOC@gmail.com).

### **Hearing Loops**

Let's Loop Colorado! is dedicated to increasing the hearing accessibility of Colorado residents and visitors alike to hear clearly by advocating for quality installation of hearing loops in a variety of public and private places across the state. A hearing loop bypasses background noises by providing a

wireless sound from a public address system directly to a headset, a person's hearing aids (with telecoils) or cochlear implants. For more information go to <https://www.loopcolorado.org/>

### **Captioned Telephones**

For more information about captioned telephones, check this link at the national HLAA website:

<https://www.hearingloss.org/hearing-help/technology/phones-mobile-devices/>

For information about phone and device distribution in Colorado for qualifying residents, check this link at the Colorado Commission for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deafblind.

<https://www.ccdhh.com/index.php/ctprogram/>

### **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](#)

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### **Nationwide HLAA Virtual Events**

Some HLAA Chapters are opening up their Zoom meetings to anyone interested.

You can find a schedule here:

<http://new.hearinglosscentralma.org/HLAAVirtualEvents.html>

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### **Colorado HLAA Chapters**

**Boulder Chapter**

**Colorado Springs Chapter**

**Denver Chapter**

**Northern Colorado Chapter**

**Western Colorado Chapter**

Go to the Colorado Chapters website for more information:

<https://www.hearinglosscolorado.org/>

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**HLAA Convention for 2022 June 22 -24, 2022**

***JW Marriott Tampa Water Street Hotel***

***Tampa, Florida***

**CLICK or copy link into your browser to learn more**

***<https://www.hearingloss.org/programs-events/convention/>***

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**TO LEARN MORE ABOUT:**

**The Western Colorado Chapter: [www.hearinglosswco.org](http://www.hearinglosswco.org)**

**The Hearing Loss Association of America: [www.hearingloss.org](http://www.hearingloss.org)**

**The Center for Independence: [www.cfigj.org](http://www.cfigj.org)**

Thank You,

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