



Our mission is to open the world of communication to people with hearing loss by providing information, education, support and advocacy.

Join us for our regular meetings at the North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Rd, Northfield, IL on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month in the Weber Lounge.  
[www.hearinglosschicagonorthshore.com](http://www.hearinglosschicagonorthshore.com)

## HLAA Chicago North Shore Chapter Newsletter February 2024

**HLAA 2024 Convention Registration Now Open!**  
**Join us in Phoenix, June 26 - 29**



This year's workshops will cover a variety of topics, including:

- Hearing Aids and Cochlear Implants Can Improve Your Quality of Life
- Why is it So Hard to Treat Sensorineural Hearing Loss?
- Cybersecurity and Hearing Loss
- HLAA's Advocacy ABCs
- Growing Up with Hearing Loss and Raising Kids with Hearing Loss

It will all take place at the **Sheraton Grand Resort at Wild Horse Pass** in Phoenix for HLAA's first-ever resort-style convention in the beautiful southwest. Watch for further details in upcoming newsletters.

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Please review this sponsor listing to ensure that we have properly listed your information. Let us know if any corrections are required. Thank you.

If you haven't already done so, please consider becoming a Sponsor or renewing your support as a 2024 Sponsor for a year beginning January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. This opportunity is one way our Chapter is able to continue hosting monthly interesting and informative programs, weekly activities, technology overviews, and sharing experiences for mutual benefit.

A Sponsorship enrollment form is included at the end of this newsletter. Enroll as a sponsor today!



**February 12, 2024**  
**10:00 am – noon**  
**North Shore Senior Center**

### **Visitors From Northwestern University**

Dr. Tracy Winn, AuD, Northwestern University, accompanied by graduate AuD students, come to learn more about hearing loss and our Chapter's activities.

**Friday, February 23, 2024**  
**1:00 pm – 2:00 pm**  
**Glenview Public Library**  
**1930 Glenview Rd**

### **Over-the-Counter (OTC) Hearing Aids What You Should Know**

Learn about OTC hearing aids before you go shopping. Presented by Elaine McCaffrey President, Hearing Loss Association of America, Chicago North Shore Chapter.

This program is presented in partnership with Glenview Village Hall and North Shore Senior Center. Registration required (**50 spots remaining**).  
<https://glenviewpl.org>

**Please note that this program will be at a different time, date and place than our usual Chapter schedule.** Other meetings will be at the usual venue: North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Rd, Northfield, IL on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month in the Weber Lounge. For further information please refer to  
[www.hearinglosschicagonorthshore.com](http://www.hearinglosschicagonorthshore.com)

**March 11, 2024**  
**10:00 am – noon**  
**North Shore Senior Center**

### **Introducing the Work of *Child's Voice***



You are invited to this interesting and important presentation by Wendy Deters, MS, CCC/SLP, Executive Director of Child's Voice School. Wendy is the daughter of the HLAA Chicago North Shore Chapter members Carol and Andy Ban.

As a Certified Speech, Language Pathologist, she will explain how young children, ages 3-8, with hearing loss are taught to develop listening skills and how to speak. These basic abilities enable them to progress to their local mainstream schools, and to benefit throughout their lives socially, academically and in their work.

The mission of *Child's Voice* is to empower children with hearing loss to be successful in all educational and social settings by optimizing their listening, speaking, and academic skills. *Child's Voice* strives to be recognized as a global leader in listening and spoken language education.

*Child's Voice* is the only non-public program offering listening and spoken language education in northern Illinois. *Child's Voice* serves about 400 children and their families annually from more than 30 different school districts in the Chicago area.

There will be live captioning in the Weber Room, which is equipped with a hearing loop. This free, informative program is presented by the Chicago North Shore Chapter of the Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA). Visit us at [www.hearinglosschicagonorthshore.com](http://www.hearinglosschicagonorthshore.com) or for further information, please call: Camila Olaya at 847-784-6297.

**May 13, 2024**  
**10:00 am – noon**  
**North Shore Senior Center**

Megan McKenna, Cochlear's Engagement Manager, and Dr. Kevin Zhan, Northwestern otolaryngologist, will present at our Chapter meeting. Megan asked the following question; besides technology updates, are there any specific topics that may be of interest? Megan is looking for feedback. Contact Elaine with your thoughts.

There will also be a Q&A with Dr. Zhan, who is at the Evanston facility one day a week.



## **A sampling of recent hearing related national news articles**

They are too lengthy to include here in their entirety but if you have a particular interest in following more of an article, please let Mike know and he will provide you a copy or a link to the original.

“Rural folks, men more likely to have hearing loss . . . study recently published in The Lancet Regional Health-Americans Journal”

*Devi Shastri, Associated Press*

“Nerve function could be key cause of tinnitus . . . scientists at the Massachusetts Ear and Eye Infirmary believe they may have discovered a key cause of the condition: A degeneration of nerves crucial to hearing.”

*HealthDay News*

“Big screen is missing the signs. Streaming has brought captions into the mainstream, but it's more complicated to get them in the theaters . . . according to recent studies, roughly half of all television viewers use captions most or all of the time.”

*Sonja Sharp, Los Angeles Times*

Editors' note: We frequently publish website links to further information related to newsletter articles. If you have a problem with a link, please let us know and we will attempt to provide a printed copy of the reference.

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## **Chicago Walk4Hearing Update**



Our Walk4Hearing Captain, Christine Rudolph, would like you to know this about the 2023 Chicago Walk on October 1, 2023.

We wanted to let you know that we just received our check from HLAA National for the Chicago *Walk4Hearing*. The money we raised is divided with 50% of the total funds going to HLAA National, 40% going directly to our chapter, and the remaining 10% being used for future walk expenses! Our portion of the funds we raised was a total of, \$1,837.08! WOW!!

Thank you to my fellow, **Sound Off for Hearing** team members for all your hard work. You raised funds, spread awareness, and had fun! An extra special thank you to all of our supporters. Without you our chapter would not be able to continue to provide advocacy, education, and support to others with Hearing loss. Walk Day 2023 was a huge success!!!

## HLAA CHAPTER SPONSORSHIP FORM

The Chicago North Shore Chapter of the Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) is inviting you to become a Sponsor of our 2024 Sponsorship Program for a term beginning January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. Businesses, organizations, and people who want to support our Chapter can have the name of their business, organization, and/or their name(s) listed in a special column in our Chapter's newsletter. View the Chapter's newsletter at [www.HearingLossChicagoNorthShore.com](http://www.HearingLossChicagoNorthShore.com). To become a Sponsor select from the following levels of participation:

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Our Sponsorship Program helps pay for live captioning and maintenance of the hearing loop for our in-person meetings. Your support helps our members continue to advocate for people with hearing loss and be a resource to help others with questions about their hearing needs. To become a Sponsor, please fill out the form below and return it with your check payable to the HLAA Chicago North Shore Chapter; **mail it to HLAA Chicago North Shore Chapter, P. O. Box #406, Glenview, IL 60025**. *The HLAA Chapter is a tax-exempt, charitable organization eligible to receive tax deductible contributions under the IRS Code 501(c)(3).*

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~ Thank you for your consideration and support!