

## HLAA–Rochester Invites You

### To Its Monthly Meetings

We meet on the first Tuesday of the month from September\* through June at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 25 Westminister Road at East Avenue, Rochester, New York, to learn from guest speakers, as well as other members, how to cope with hearing loss.

\*In September, because of Labor Day, we meet on the second Tuesday.

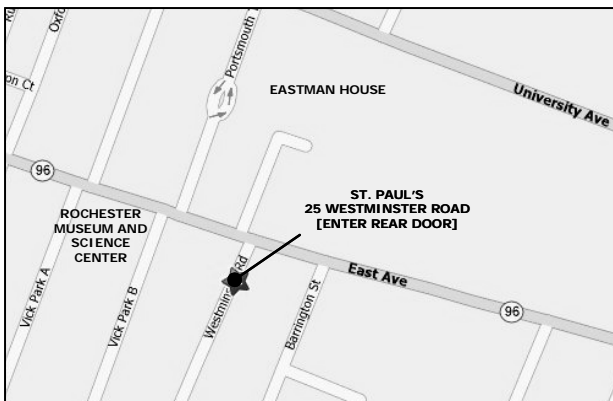
**Daytime meeting:** 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
(brown bag lunch)

**Evening meeting:** 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
(refreshments provided)

Meetings are Hearing Accessible

- Induction Loop
- Captioning (*evening only*)
- Interpreter (*evening only*)

The meetings provide information about hearing loss and coping strategies, and the latest information about assistive technology. Come to either or both meetings. Bring your spouse, family members, and friends.



## Hearing Loss Is Invisible

### Did You Know?

- People with hearing loss wait an average of seven years before seeking help.
- More than 75 percent of people with a hearing loss could benefit from a hearing aid.
- About 35 percent of adults between the ages of 65 and 75 years have a hearing loss.
- Three percent of school-age children have a hearing loss.
- Sixty percent of people with hearing loss are between the working ages of 21 and 65.
- Hearing loss occurs in people of all cultures, and all educational and income levels.
- More than 31 million people in the United States experience hearing loss.
- More than 11 million people with hearing loss between the ages of 16 and 64 are employable.
- Rochester has the highest number of people with hearing loss per capita than any other city in the United States.
- More than 100 theaters, places of worship and public buildings in Rochester, New York are equipped with assistive listening systems.

**Contact us:**

**HLAA-Rochester telephone:** 585.266.7890

**Browse our website:** [www.hlaa-rochester-ny.org](http://www.hlaa-rochester-ny.org)

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*Do you hear but not understand?*

*Do you have difficulty understanding what is said on the radio, television, or telephone?*

*Do you find yourselves asking others to repeat what they said?*

*If you answered “yes” to any of the above questions,*

*and ...*

*you want to continue to fully and successfully participate in society,*

***Hearing Loss Association of America is here to help you!***



## A National Organization

The Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA), with more than 200 chapters and 14 state associations, is the nation's largest consumer organization of its kind. HLAA is dedicated to improving the quality of life for people of all ages who have a hearing loss.

HLAA was founded in 1979, as Self Help for Hard of Hearing People (SHHH), to enable people with hearing loss to find ways to participate more fully in everyday life. HLAA members strive to educate themselves, their families and friends regarding the concerns of people who do not hear well. HLAA promotes the philosophy that informed consumers make more effective decisions about available options.

## HLAA Provides

- a national voice for people with hearing loss
- an annual convention at various locations across the country
- an Information and Resource Center
- advocacy and representation at the national level

## What Is HLAA-Rochester

HLAA-Rochester is one of 200 chapters nationwide that provides support, information, education, and advocacy.

*HLAA-Rochester Chapter operates with support from members of \$10/year; you can become a member of the national organization by paying annual membership dues of \$35, which includes the award-winning publication, Hearing Loss Magazine, as well as the Reporter newsletter for HLAA-New York State members.*

## HLAA-Rochester Offers

**Support** ... helps people with hearing loss accept and cope in order to improve the quality of relationships between people with hearing loss and hearing people.

**Education** ... encourages those who experience hearing loss to become involved in chapter meetings. Activities include education about hearing loss, its detection, management, and possibilities for prevention of further loss. Members also learn how assistive devices may improve communication and safety.

**Advocacy** ... fosters a climate in which people with hearing loss can gain access to alternative communication at airports, in public buildings, theaters, shopping malls, and wherever people meet. The Rochester Chapter conducts workshops to educate people with hearing loss and the community about the rights, responsibilities, and opportunities granted to them under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

## HLAA-Rochester Provides

- Cochlear Implant Group
- Professional Advisory Committee
- Advocacy Projects
- Accessibility Programs in healthcare facilities, restaurants, and theaters
- Workshops for people with hearing loss, and their hearing family and friends on "Understanding Hearing Loss"
- Information and Community Resource Service
- Education and Outreach Programs
- Monthly Newsletter
- Special Events

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## HLAA-Rochester Chapter Membership Form

"Yes, I want to join HLAA-Rochester Chapter and receive its newsletter."

Membership levels:

Individual: \$10    Friend: \$25    Corporate: \$50    Supporting: \$100    Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter Dues: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

"In addition, I want to become a member of national HLAA"    \$35.00   National Dues: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(includes receiving the bimonthly *Hearing Loss Magazine* and the HLAA-NYS *Reporter* newsletter)

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**   Total Enclosed: ...\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mr./Mrs./Ms. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this with your check made payable to HLAA-Rochester Chapter to:  
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