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ADVOCACY

HLAA Invited to Speak at FDA Public Workshop on Hearing Aids

On April 21, 2016, The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) held the "FDA Public Workshop: Streamlining Good Manufacturing Practices (GMPs) for Hearing Aids." HLAA Board Chair Margaret Wallhagen, Ph.D., gave a 10-minute presentation on HLAA's views for consumer education, access, and protection. HLAA Board Member Richard Einhorn was also one of the public speakers. Many representatives from the hearing health care field provided comments. HLAA Executive Director Barbara Kelley and Director of Public Policy Lise Hamlin were in attendance. This is the first time that the FDA has invited HLAA to speak about hearing aids and we look forward to continuing the dialogue.

HLAA Attends Communication Service for the Deaf Event

Executive Director Barbara Kelley and Director of Public Policy Lise Hamlin were invited by Communication Service for the Deaf (CSD) to attend a meet and greet in Washington, D.C. CSD has long been providing CapTel relay services both nationally and abroad. CSD's [Vineya product](#), which has a remote video interpreting component now, is slated for StreamText captioning to be added soon. CSD provided access for Lise, via an iPad connection to remote CART, to stream the audio for the CART writer using GoToMeeting, which worked surprisingly well.

CONVENTION 2016

Reserve Your Banquet Table Today!

Check this off your to-do list. Just go to the [Banquet Seating page](#) to find the perfect table.

Mobile Convention App

You don't have to be a techie or wizard to use the Convention 2016 mobile app. We are busy uploading data to it now, but be on the lookout for the app's unveiling coming soon!

Call for Volunteers

Interested in volunteering some time at Convention? We need workshop monitors, bag stuffers, and more – email [Nancy Macklin](#) for a sign-up form.

EDUCATIONAL WEBINAR



Mark Your Calendars!

Join us on **May 18, 2016, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. (EDT)** for an [educational webinar](#) called ***Let's #captiontheworld***, presented by Lauren E. Storck, Ph.D.

Dr. Storck is founder and president of the [Collaborative for Communication Access via Captioning](#) (CCAC), a nonprofit organization of volunteer captioning advocates.

Dr. Storck will introduce the CCAC, which attracts many people with hearing loss, as well as many interested in education, literacy, languages, disabilities, technologies, and accessibility. Many CCAC members also belong to long-established and important groups such as HLAA, the Association of Late Deafened Adults (ALDA), the International Federation of Hard of Hearing People (IFHOH), and more. Together, CCAC says, "Let's #captiontheworld."

HLAA STAFF

Ms. Rini Indrawati, CPA, joined HLAA this week as the new controller. She comes well referenced and we are delighted to have her on the staff.

OUTREACH

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Follow HLAA Executive Director Barbara Kelley on Twitter @Bkelley_HLAA

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We're feeling the love this week as we surpassed 10,000 "likes" on our [Facebook page!](#)

PASSINGS

Remembering Barbara N. Thomas

It is with deep sadness we report that a former staff member, Barbara N. Thomas, passed away on April 14, 2016. Barbara started with us as our receptionist, looking for something low-key while she wound down her own business. Before she knew it, she grew to love the members and the organization and was committed to HLAA's mission. She became the office manager then her final position was the convention planner. She stopped working at HLAA due to illness but stayed in touch with staff and members across the country.



She was employed at HLAA from November 1998 to April 2004.

