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This is a weekly report from the HLAA national office in Bethesda, Maryland. Please also sign up for the [HLAA e-News](#) where even more news is published.

## ADVOCACY

HLAA joined Telecommunications for the Deaf (TDI), National Association of the Deaf (NAD), and the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Technology Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center (DHH Tech RERC) in comments filed with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) where we urged the FCC to ensure that people with hearing loss can turn on the captions on their television and computers easily, without having to search through multiple menus to find the captioning control. Comments were filed February 24, 2016 and Reply Comments were filed March 7, 2016.

## CONVENTION 2016

Help us get the word out. If you've attended the HLAA Convention before, then you know the value of attending – the wealth of information you take home, the technology you see and try, and as importantly, the camaraderie you experience among others with hearing loss. Encourage your friends, family and chapter members to visit the [Convention page](#), sign up for the free [e-News](#), like our [Facebook page](#) and check out our [Facebook Events page](#), and follow @HLAA and @nmacklin on Twitter (#HLAA2016). Help us make this the biggest Convention yet!

## WEBINARS

**March Webinar: March 16, 8 p.m. – 9 p.m. (Eastern)**

### ***Nurturing Resilience In the Face of Hearing Loss***

Presenter: **Michael A. Harvey, Ph.D., A.B.P.P.**

Michael A. Harvey provides training and consultation on mental health issues having to do with hearing loss, including consultation and training for audiologists regarding motivational interviewing and the psychological aspects of patient care. As a clinical psychologist, he has a private practice in Framingham, Massachusetts. In addition to his more than 45 articles, his books include *Listen with the Heart: Relationships and Hearing Loss*; *Psychotherapy with Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons: A Systemic Model*; and *The Odyssey of Hearing Loss: Tales of Triumph* (the one book that is required for the HLAA Hearing Loss Support Specialist Training).

This presentation will describe several psychosocial challenges with hearing loss and methods of nurturing one's resilience. These include managing traumatic influences,



helplessness, anxiety and fear, anger and rage, self-esteem, and reconciling one's group identity. Methods of overcoming "internalized handicaps" will be explained. Persons with hearing loss too frequently accept a wide array of *self-depreciatory beliefs as self-evident truths which are beyond scrutiny.*

To join the webinar go to the [Schedule page](#).

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## **OUTREACH**

Acting Executive Director Barbara Kelley attended the annual meeting of the Hearing Industries Association (HIA) in Washington, D.C., March 9-10, 2016. In addition to hearing aid manufacturers and CEOs of hearing health organizations, there were some interesting speakers. These included: Larry Sabato, Ph.D., director, Center for Politics at the University of Virginia; James Battey, Jr., M.D., Ph.D., director, National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders, National Institutes of Health; Sarah Domnitz, Ph.D., co-director, Study on Accessible and Affordable Hearing Health Care for Adults, Institute of Medicine; and Søren Hougaard, secretary general, European Hearing Instrument Manufacturers Association.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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