



This Week in Bethesda

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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.

DEVELOPMENT

Revlon LOVE IS ON Million Dollar Challenge Wraps Up

A big thank you to all who supported HLAA in the Revlon LOVE IS ON Million Dollar Challenge, which ended on October 26. About 170 charities participated in the challenge, all seeking the \$1 million grand prize. HLAA finished in a very respectable 14th place, raising \$80,704! The Cancer Research Institute won the Challenge, raising nearly \$1.3 million.

PRODUCT SHOWCASE WEBINAR

November 2, noon – 1 p.m.

Take a lunch break next Wednesday and tune in to the captioned webinar, *Ditto: Come Learn about the Anti-Gadget*, presented by Neal Pecchenino, director of product and operations at Simple Matters LLC. For more information and to register visit the [Webinar page](#).

HLAA2017 CONVENTION

Early-bird Registration Opens November 1!

Discounted early-bird rates will be in effect through March 31, 2017. Look for registration information on the [Convention page](#).

Little America Room Block Open

Little America, host hotel for the Convention, is now accepting reservations. See the [Hotel/Travel page](#) for details and the online reservation link. View a photo gallery of this exquisite hotel [here](#).



CHAPTERS

HLAA Western Colorado Chapter Awarded Grant \$7,562 from the Colorado Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

The HLAA Western Colorado Chapter was recently awarded a \$7,562 grant from the Colorado Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. This grant will be used for outreach in Western Colorado, captioning at meetings, the purchase of hearing assistive equipment for demonstrations, and creating a new chapter website. Chapter President Amy Beckett sends her sincere thanks to the entire chapter for its support, hard work,





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and ideas that made this happen!

Emily Mandelbaum of the HLAA East Jefferson County Chapter Honored With the Hamilton Relay 2016 Deaf Community Leader Award

Emily Mandelbaum of the HLAA East Jefferson County Chapter in Port Townsend, Washington, has been recognized with the Hamilton Relay 2016 Deaf Community Leader Award for the state of Washington. Emily co-founded the chapter 20 years ago and has led and organized the monthly meetings since then. Over the years, she has coordinated the availability of hearing assistive equipment for each meeting and arranged meeting topics and speakers.

Emily has been described by her peers as a tireless leader and advocate, making a difference in the lives of individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing in her community. Hamilton Relay commended Emily for the way she has inspired her community and was very proud to present her with the award.

HLAA Greater Baltimore Chapter Hosts Educational Seminar

On Thursday, October 27, the HLAA Greater Baltimore Chapter hosted an educational seminar. Howard Francis, M.D., professor and vice director, Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at Johns Hopkins University, and Donna Sorkin, executive director of the American Cochlear Implant Alliance presented *Cochlear Implants 2016: Advances in Technology, Candidacy and Outcomes*. Representatives from Advanced Bionics, Cochlear Americas and MED-EL were on hand to answer questions.

