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

HEARING LOSS MAGAZINE

The March/April issue of [Hearing Loss Magazine](#) will be in your mailbox soon! In this Convention issue you will get all the latest updates and details on [HLAA2017 Convention](#) in Salt Lake City. There are articles by several Convention presenters to give you a taste of some of the incredible topics and information you'll get in the [Educational Workshops](#). And, in the new Product Features section you will get a sneak peek at some of the latest technology for people with hearing loss that you'll find in the Exhibit Hall. Whether you are able to attend HLAA2017 Convention or not, you won't want to miss this issue!

Hearing Loss Magazine is one of the many [benefits](#) of HLAA membership. Not a member yet? No problem – it's easy to [join](#)!

CHAPTER WEBINARS

Latest Chapter Leader Webinars Now Available for Replay

Did you miss the Chapter Leader webinars in January and February? Good news – they are now available for replay!

In the January webinar, ***ARE YOU A LONELY LEADER? The Role of Volunteers in Running Strong Chapters***, HLAA Director of Chapter Development Valerie Stafford-Mallis offers some tips, ideas, and suggestions to help keep your chapter going strong. As chapter and state organization leaders, we realize that our greatest need is for members to actively participate in the responsibilities of running a chapter or state organization. Many chapter and state leaders have shared great ideas and success stories for recruiting volunteers to keep the organization going through their newsletters, emails, and updates. In this webinar Valerie shares some of those ideas – you might even recognize some of them as your own!

In February, Valerie presented ***Attracting and Keeping Younger Adults***. A recurring question HLAA chapter and state organization leaders ask is, "How can we get young people to come to our meetings? If we are able to get them in the door, they seem to come once or twice and then they don't come back." In this webinar Valerie shares insights HLAA has learned from young adults with hearing loss about what they need. The webinar offers suggestions about where to find active young adults with hearing loss, how to help them, and program ideas to get them to come back.





This Week in Bethesda

Viewing the webinars is as easy as 1-2-3!

1. Go to the [Online Community](#) tab on the HLAA website;
2. Click on [Transcripts/Replay Webinars](#) on the left side of the page;
3. Click on the Webinar Link for the webinar you wish to view. That's it!

If you have any questions or problems accessing the webinars contact [Valerie](#) or [Erin Mirante](#), HLAA national chapter coordinator.

PARTNERSHIPS

HLAA Hosts Veterans and National Court Reporters Foundation

The [National Court Reporters Foundation](#) (NCRF) launched the Hard-of-Hearing Heroes Project at the HLAA headquarters in Bethesda, Maryland on Saturday, February 18. The Hard-of-Hearing Heroes Project is a new initiative to preserve the experiences of veterans with hearing loss for the Library of Congress [Veterans History Project](#) (VHP) through the use of CART captioning. NCRF partnered with HLAA to host the event. Five veterans with varying degrees of hearing loss came by to chronicle their service experiences. Read the full story [here](#).

NCRF will also conduct interviews at the HLAA2017 Convention in Salt Lake City. If you are a veteran with hearing loss and interested in being interviewed for this project, email April Weiner, foundation manager, at aweiner@ncra.org.

SEMINARS

Educational Seminars About Cochlear Implants Coming to a City Near You!

HLAA is working with the [American Cochlear Implant Alliance](#) to present *Cochlear Implants 2017: Advances in Technology, Candidacy and Outcomes*. Upcoming presentations are in:

- [Columbia, South Carolina](#), February 25
- [Miami, Florida](#), March 6
- [Fort Lauderdale, Florida](#), March 7
- [Salt Lake City, Utah](#), March 29

Click on the city above to learn more!

