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HLAA2017 CONVENTION

HLAA Stars Come Out Audition Deadline – March 15

Here's a chance to show off your hidden talents! Send a short video performing your special talent to nmacklin@hearingloss.org for a chance to compete during the *HLAA Stars Come Out Awards Ceremony & Talent show* on Friday, June 23. The winner will be the opening act for Gael Hannan's production of *Huh? Life with a Cranky Cochlea* on Saturday evening. Visit the [Convention page](#) for more details.

Early-bird Registration – Deadline Approaching!

The Convention is just around the corner, which means the deadline for early-bird registration is quickly approaching. [Register](#) by **March 31** to receive discounted rates and start planning your trip to beautiful SLC!

Scholarships

The HLAA Board of Trustees has selected Nancy Gilbertson (WI) to receive the [Rocky and Ahme Stone Endowment Scholarship](#). Nancy was one of sixteen applicants who applied. Remaining applications will be considered for other scholarships. It is our goal to personally meet all applicants in Salt Lake City!

Sponsors

HLAA is grateful for the generous support of our [HLAA2017 Convention sponsors](#)! There are still several opportunities available for your company to get some tremendous visibility. Check out the [Sponsorship/Marketing & Exhibiting Opportunities prospectus](#) for more information.

CHAPTERS

Speaking of HLAA2017 Convention – Some Exciting Chapter Workshop News!

Attention chapter and state leaders attending HLAA2017 Convention – we have some great news for you! J.D. Taylor, who has done training workshops for clients such as PETCO, H&R Block, McDonald's and many more, will be presenting a three-hour leadership workshop specifically for our chapter and state leaders. His *Leadership is Intentional Influence* presentation will address the challenging aspects of leadership, as well as principles and strategies involved in successful leadership models. You will not want to miss this! Visit the [Chapter News](#) page for more information.



IRS Form 990 Filing Reminder

It is that time of year again! Chapters and state associations that are a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt entity are required to file either IRS Form 990-N (e-postcard), Form 990-EZ or Form 990 for 2016 by **May 16, 2017**. For chapters on a calendar year these forms **must be filed by May 16, 2017**. For those on a fiscal year the filing date is the 15th day of the fifth month following your fiscal year end. You can find more information and file your 990 on the IRS website:

- [IRS Form 990-N \(e-postcard\)](#)
- [IRS Form 990-EZ](#)
- [IRS Form 990](#)

If you have any questions or need additional assistance filing your 990, please contact [Erin Mirante](#), national chapter coordinator.

WEBINAR

Effective Workplace Accommodations for Employees Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

March 15, 8 p.m. – 9 p.m. (Eastern)

Presenters:

Chuck Conaty, business development specialist, U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Disability Employment Policy, and **Teresa Goddard**, sensory team lead, Job Accommodation Network at West Virginia University.

Summary:

As an agency of the U. S. Department of Labor, the [Office of Disability Employment Policy](#) (ODEP) is the only federal agency that coordinates with employers and all levels of government to promote policies that increase employment for people with disabilities and workplace success. ODEP focuses on policy and practice. This introductory presentation will provide an overview of ODEP and what it does.

Real-life examples from Job Accommodation Network (JAN) case data include a variety of accommodation solutions illustrating effective use of assistive technology in a broad range of work settings. JAN provides one-on-one consultation about all aspects of job accommodation, including the accommodation process, effective accommodation options, funding sources for accommodations, product information, disability awareness, and legal rights and responsibilities. This presentation will include examples of accommodation scenarios involving employees who are deaf or hard of hearing and will





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provide information regarding reasonable accommodation and assistive technology options, including video remote interpreting and other technology-based communication supports, as well as other resources.

You can find more information and register [here](#).

WALK4HEARING

Spring Walk4Hearing Locations and Kickoff Events Announced

The 2017 Spring Walk4Hearing is ready to get underway! The dates and locations are set as are details about the kickoff events for each Walk. Attending a kickoff event is a great way to get your fundraising materials, learn how to build a successful team, and to network with others who is affected by hearing loss.

2017 Spring Walk4Hearing Locations:

- May 13 – Dayton/Cincinnati, Ohio
- May 13 – Westchester/Rockland, New York
- May 13 – Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- May 20 – Milford, Michigan
- May 21 – Hartford, Connecticut
- June 10 – Long Beach, California
- June 11 – Littleton, Colorado

Go to walk4hearing.org for more information and to RSVP.

PARTNERSHIPS

HLAA Announces Partnership with Clear Digital Media to Launch the Patient Content Review Panel

HLAA has partnered with Clear Digital Media (CDM), the leading provider of custom digital signage and educational programming for the hearing health care industry, to launch the [Patient Content Review Panel](#). The Patient Content Review Panel gives HLAA members the opportunity to review CDM's [Hearing News Network](#) video content and provide feedback and ideas to help ensure that all of the content meets the goals of entertaining patients and educating them on all the current topics in the hearing health care field. Clear Digital Media is committed to the development of patient-centric content that entertains, educates, engages, and inspires patients while they wait.

For more information or to sign up for the Patient Content Review Panel, visit info.clearsounds.com/hlaa-crp.

