

Hearing Loss Association of Kentuckiana

A self-help organization dedicated to education, advocacy and support for people who do not hear well and those around them.

The Mission of Hearing Loss Association of Kentuckiana is to open the world of communication to people with hearing loss by providing information, education, support and advocacy.

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MAY 2012

Tuesday, May 8 at 6:30 P.M.

**St. Leonard's Elementary School Library,
440 Zorn Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky**

(Just south of the VA Hospital and North of Brownsboro Road)

(As a courtesy to the presenter, please refrain from using cells phones - voice, text, email)

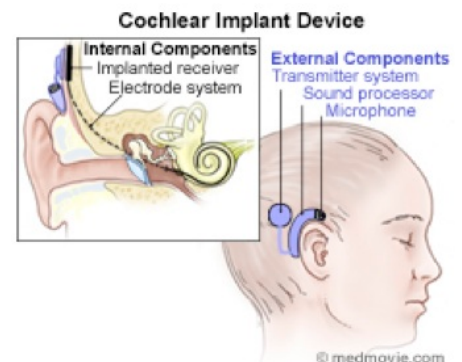


Please join us to hear **Matthew L. Bush, MD** present on details about cochlear implants. Dr. Bush is an Assistant Professor of Surgery in the Division of Otolaryngology, Neurotology, & Cranial Base Surgery within the Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery at the University Of Kentucky College Of Medicine. He is also the Division Chief at the Lexington Veterans Affairs Medical Center and the Medical Director at the Heuser Hearing Institute in Louisville. You can find Dr. Bush featured at <http://www.mc.uky.edu/ent/bush.asp> and see his Curriculum Vitae from that link. He is certified with the American Board

of Otolaryngology. Otolaryngology (oh/toe/lair/in/goll/oh/jee) is the oldest medical specialty in the United States. Otolaryngologists are commonly referred to as E.N.T. physicians.

A **cochlear** (koe-klee-er) **implant** is an electronic device that restores hearing to individuals with severe to profound hearing loss who do not benefit from conventional hearing aids. It is surgically implanted in the inner ear and is coupled to a device worn outside the ear. Unlike a hearing aid, the device directly stimulates the nerve of hearing through an implanted electrode. Following implantation, the device is activated with the assistance of a cochlear implant audiologist. Cochlear implants have restored hearing to thousands of individuals with profoundly hearing impairment.

www.entnet.org/HealthInformation/cochlearImplants.cfm



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<http://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/ProductsandMedicalProcedures/ImplantsandProsthetics/CochlearImplants/ucm133345.htm>

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Elizabeth Landers

At our April meeting, Kevin Muenche from Norton Healthcare presented on communication access in a hospital setting. The meeting was quite interactive and informative for both the speaker and audience. We appreciate the time Mr. Muenche took to talk with our group and his interest in the different communication challenges expressed by audience participants in a variety of hospital experiences. Thank you to Melissa Moriarty for hosting our guest.

Also at the April meeting, John Perry announced the kick off of HLAK's new continuous fundraising adventure. We now have items up for bid on eBay Giving Works on Hearing Loss Association of Kentuckiana's site. It is quite exciting. The site features our mission statement. As I type this President's Message, there are 4 people who have clicked Save as a Favorite, 0 Twitter Tweets, 23 Facebook Recommends and 4 people with competing bids on an item with less than 24 hours left! Do take a peek! Of course we need a steady flow of items to post over time. As mentioned in the April newsletter, we are encouraging members to bring "Just One Item" to each meeting. Consider donations that you would not mind giving to a close friend or neighbor.

Also on the fundraising front, members have expressed interest in Applebee's Dining to Donate program. So look forward to a Summer Social! I am still looking for a Fundraising Chair to join our lively HLAK Board!

At our May meeting, we will welcome Dr. Matthew Bush to present on Cochlear Implants. Thank you to Chester Wilbert for hosting. Also with much appreciation, to McLendon-Kogut Reporting Service for providing CART and St. Leonard for the meeting space!

Looking forward to seeing all of you soon!

CHAPTER/MEMBER NEWS - If you have any "news" please let us know so that we can share it. We especially love good news!

Send to HayJean@insightbb.com or patif50@insightbb.com

Mickie and Frank Foushee will be celebrating the month of May in a big way with an anniversary and both of their birthdays! Check it out below.

Dick and Addie Goldman were out and about in Bardstown and attended the March 26 meeting of the HLAA – Kentucky Home Chapter. Holly Elkins presented the Project Endeavor Program. It is wonderful for HLAK Chapter Members to support the Chapters and Founding Chapters in Kentucky.

Ron & Jean Haynes met with Ed Schickel and drove down April 3 for the HLAA - Bowling Green Chapter in Formation meeting on Theater Assistive Technology.

Stacy Ridgway was also driving down to present on The Kentucky Center for Performing Arts Access Program. It turned out to be a long trip; a fatal accident occurring on I-65 around mile 52 backed up the traffic for miles. Ed was about ½ mile behind Stacy and was able to turn off at Exit 53 but Stacy was three cars past the exit and could not pull off. By the time she was able to get out of the back-up it was too late for her to make the meeting so she and her assistant headed back to Louisville.

Elizabeth Landers visited her parents in Lexington and delayed her arrival to attend the HLAA - Lexington Founding Chapter meeting on April 5. Ann Rhoten, Doctor of Audiology, spoke on Tinnitus Retraining Therapy (TRT), a technique used to alleviate the suffering associated with tinnitus and sound sensitivity issues. **Janny Scheeline** with **Ron & Jean Haynes** are working together to get this new Chapter started.



Becky Crawford, Marilyn Fenwick, Janet Scheeline and **Ron & Jean Haynes** participated at the AARP Event "Taking Charge: Your Medications, Your Health" held at the Lexington Fayette County Urban Government Office in Lexington on April 17. HLAK sponsored the captioning by Laura Kogut with McLendon-Kogut Reporting Service and had a HLAA promotional table. Doctors of Pharmacy, Demetra Antimisiaris and Trish R. Freeman spoke on Polypharmacy and Ototoxic Medications respectively. HLAA members attending were Ed Schickel and Donna Woods. The event was videotaped and after it is captioned will be placed on the HLAK website www.hearinglossky.org

Kay Calvert has news! See separate article.

Bob Kuprion and **Ron & Jean Haynes** loaded into **Paula Esterle's** new Honda SUV and headed for Bardstown for the HLAA – Kentucky Home Chapter meeting on April 23. **John Perry** joined them to hear Ed Schickel present on "Enhancing Your Life with Hearing Assistive Technology". HLAK is very proud of the Chapter's Leaders, **Charlene Ballard, Becky Crawford** and **Marilyn Fenwick** who are also HLAK members.

Melanie Magruder and **Ron & Jean Haynes** attended a Cochlear Americas Coffee Chat at the Poplar Level Panera Bread in Louisville, April 24. Scott Rinehart is the new Awareness Network Manager of the Southeast Region. If you have a cochlear Americas implant or are thinking about getting one, you can reach Scott at srinehart@cochlear.com or <http://www.cochlearcommunity.com/Scooter>

Paula Esterle, Bob Stuckey and **Bob Kuprion** manned a HLAA promotional table at the Kentucky National Guard Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program at the Ramada Plaza Louisville from 1:00 -5:00 P.M. There was a large group of veterans only and local contacts were made. **Elizabeth Landers** and Paula will be giving a presentation on the Yellow Ribbon Project in Lexington on May 3.

Ron & Jean Haynes manned a HLAA promotional table at the Kentucky National Guard Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program (“ReBlue” 149TH BSB) in the Western Kentucky University (WKU) Knicely Conference Center in Bowling Green from 10:30 A.M. to 4:45 P.M. on April 27. There was a large group of veterans with their families there and several contacts were made.



Marilyn Fenwick, and Ron & Jean

Haynes set up a HLAA promotional table the evening of April 27 at the Kentucky Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (KCDHH) Town Hall meeting in the WKU Alive Center in Bowling Green. HLAA members and founding members of the HLAA – Bowling Green Founding Chapter, Donna Woods, Jeannie Taylor and Sue Harris assisted with the HLAA table. **Becky Crawford** tended to the AARP promotional table and **David Bayersdorfer** attended. Another HLAA member



attending was Ed Schickel.

David Bayersdorfer, Becky Crawford, Marilyn Fenwick and Ron & Jean Haynes gave HLAK additional presence at the KCDHH Commissioners meeting in the Knicely Conference Center in Bowling Green from 10:00 A.M. to 1:15 P.M. on April 28. Other HLAA members Sue Harris, Jeannie Taylor, Ed Schickel, and Donna Woods were welcomed. HLAK is very fortunate to have Marilyn, Becky and David on the KCDHH Commission.

HEAR YE – HEAR YE

KAY CALVERT RECEIVES CONVENTION 2012 SCHOLARSHIP!

Each year HLAA is pleased to offer scholarships to HLAA members who have never attended a Convention before. The applications were due prior to the March Board of Trustees meeting and the winners have been chosen. The notification letters have been mailed. One of those letters made its way to 3028 Mylanta Place in Louisville, Kentucky with Kay Calvert’s name on it! Kay was very excited, she was determined to go the convention with or without the scholarship and was looking into airline tickets and lodging. This is a great honor for Kay and for HLAK.

Kay found out about HLAK at the August 2010 Kentucky State Fair. She attended the September meeting and joined that night! Kay is a bilateral hearing aids wearer and was interest in the Wireless Telephone Program that night. She mentioned that she would be interested in being an active member of the Chapter and somehow that was passed on to the Nominations Committee.☺ She is now the 2011-2013 HLAK Treasurer! Kay will be listed with the complete list of scholarship recipients which will be published in the *Convention 2012 Program and Exhibit Guide*.



MEMBER'S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Please share your birth date with us in the HLAK Newsletter. If you "event" was missed, we must not have your dates!

Send to HayJean@insightbb.com or patif50@insightbb.com



May 10	Frank & Mickie Foushee
May 21	Mickie Foushee
May 24	Stacy Ridgway
May 25	Eugene Lockard
May 26	Frank Foushee
May 27	Melanie & Bob Magruder
Jun-02	Janny Scheeline & Bill Spickard
Jun-10	Vennie Wilkins
Jun-12	Bonny & Robert Zilke
Jun-17	Ron Haynes
Jun-25	John Perry

We would like to extend special wishes to **Melanie and Bob Magruder**. They will be celebrating their 45th anniversary on May 27th. Bob is a retired middle school teacher and Melanie used to teach elementary school and then was a stay at home for many years and then worked for a magazine company for over 10 years as a proofreader. They have a daughter and a son and three grandchildren.

IN APPRECIATION:

In appreciation of St. Leonard supplying our meeting room, please consider supporting them at their fundraises and let them know how much HLAK appreciates their generosity.

Note from Bob Kuprion, Vice President

If there any particular type of program or subject matter you would be interested in for the monthly meeting in 2013. Contact Elizabeth our wonderful President or me.

Kentucky Home Chapter of Hearing Loss Association of America

April meeting, Monday, April 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the Nelson County Public Library, 201 Cathedral Manor, Bardstown, KY 40004.

The meetings are free and open to the public. Weather cancellation will be via web site: <http://www.hearinglosskyhome.org/>, e-mail and WBRT Radio Bardstown. In general, if schools would be closed under the current conditions, the program would normally be postponed. Questions regarding upcoming meetings or the association can be directed to information@hearinglosskyhome.org or 502-349-6792.

Bowling Green Chapter of Hearing Loss Association of America

Tuesday, May 1 at 6:30 p.m. at Home Instead Training Center, 2475 Scottsville Rd., Bowling Green, Kentucky.

We are honored to have as our speaker, Dr. Elina Mindlina, from Vanderbilt University Audiology Department. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions!

Donna Woods 270-782-7329

Meetings are free and open to the public and are real-time captioned by Barton-Thomas Reporting.

In case of bad weather: Check WBKO TV or WBVR 96.7 radio weather alerts.

Lexington Bluegrass Chapter in Formation

Janny Scheeline, HLAA Member and Lexington Chapter Originator

Ron Haynes, HLAA Kentucky State Coordinator

Please feel free to forward this email to a person with a hearing loss in the Lexington area.

May Meeting - Thursday, May 3 at 6:30 p.m. at Eagle Creek Branch Library, 101 North Eagle Creek Drive, Lexington, Kentucky 40509. This meeting is captioned by remote CART by A La CARTe Connection and free and open to the public.

The Yellow Ribbon Program

In 2010, the Kentucky Department of Behavioral Health, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services (DHHS) program awarded a mini grant to the Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) members Elizabeth Landers and Paula Esterle to develop information and outreach on tinnitus and hearing loss experienced by many veterans. Since that time they have compiled information and participated in Yellow Ribbon events offering information on the state chapters. HLAA provides self-help support chapters to all individuals experiencing hearing loss and complimentary membership to veterans of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) in Iraq.

Paula Esterle has been an active consumer advocate for people with the invisible yet challenging condition of hearing loss. She was the past HLAA Kentucky Chapter Coordinator for eleven years as well as having been the past president of the Hearing Loss Association of Kentuckiana (HLAK). She is a past member of the DHHS Advisory Committee. In 2008 she was presented with the Hamilton Communication's Deaf Awareness Leadership Award for her efforts.



Elizabeth Landers arrived in Kentucky in the Fall of 2008 and was invited to attend a HLAK meeting by a friend. Paula was one of the first members she was introduced to. After a quick background assessment, Paula suggested Elizabeth take her place on the Advisory Committee as her term came to an end. Elizabeth is now the Chair of this Advisory Committee and also the current President of HLAK.

Presented with the mini grant opportunity, together Elizabeth and Paula hatched the idea of applying with a focus on increasing the access of information to returning veterans regarding management of tinnitus and noise induced hearing loss. In addition to addressing this topic, both look forward to supporting the group in the Lexington area as they move towards becoming a chapter by sharing useful information and the history of HLAA.

Visit Ebay - Hearing Loss Association of Kentuckiana Fund Raising

http://www.ebay.com/sch/hlakentuckiana/m.html?item=270967898883&sspageName=STRK%3AMESELX%3AIT&rt=nc&_trksid=p3984.m1586.l2649&_trksid=p4340.l2562

Your Input Counts - Share Your Experience About Your Hearing Devices

Do you or a relative have hearing loss or wear a hearing device? Then participate in this 5-minute survey. The survey seeks to understand the wearing habits, usage, and satisfaction of various hearing products on the market. Your honest opinions will have direct and overwhelming impact in supporting several brands' future product development efforts.

Deadline is May 9. Take survey

Social Security Shatters Communication Barriers with UbiDuo ---

sComm announces deployment with Social Security

Administration to provide communication devices nationwide



Face-to-Face Communication solution offers fast and direct communication for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing

Raytown, Missouri – [April 24, 2012](#) – sComm announces agreement with the Social Security administration to outfit more than 1,250 field offices with the UbiDuo communication device. These communication devices will enable Social Security staff to interact directly and immediately with clients who are deaf or hard of hearing who walk into SSA office for assistance to discuss their SSI/SSDI benefits. Rather than using paper and pen or waiting for a sign language interpreter to arrive, the staff can turn on the UbiDuo and within seconds begin engaging a conversation with the client. This portable communication tool can be carried anywhere within an office, and its self-powered battery provides power when electrical outlets are not available.

The UbiDuo has a full-size keyboard and screen on each half. Communication is instant, with text showing on both halves as soon as it's typed, there's no delay like with instant messaging programs. Its speed and ease-of-use will enable Social Security staff to better meet the needs of its clients who are deaf, hard of hearing, or other communication challenges. For example, clients who can hear but have difficulty speaking because of a tracheotomy or a stroke can use the UbiDuo.

About sComm

sComm, which stands for "simultaneous communications," is a privately-held company in Raytown, MO founded in 2005. sComm was a recipient of the Technology Company of the Year Award by the Missouri Department of Economic Development, and the Inclusion for Universal Design Award from the Governor's Council on Disability.

More information about sComm and the UbiDuo is available at www.sComm.com.

HEARING LOSS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA 2012 CONVENTION

June 21 - 24, 2012

**Come Sail with Us to New England
in Providence, Rhode Island**

With Convention 2012 just around the corner, take time to make plans to attend the largest educational program and trade show for people with hearing loss.

David G. Myers, Ph.D., to Keynote the Hearing Loss Association of America's Convention 2012



David G. Myers, Ph.D. will be the keynote speaker at the Opening Session, June 21. A social psychologist at Hope College, Holland, Michigan, Dr. Myers is a driving force behind greater use of hearing loop technology in the U.S. with his campaign "Let's Loop America."

Dr. Myers' keynote address, *Accelerating Progress Toward the Looping of America- and Doubled Hearing Instrument Functionality*, will report on the growing momentum nationwide in the support of

making assistive listening directly hearing instrument compatible. In a pre-Convention statement Dr. Myers stated, "The accelerating movement to make listening assistance directly hearing aid compatible-thanks to hearing advocates across the country, and now also to major media visibility and growing support from audio contractors and hearing professionals-is so exciting. With installations ranging from home TV rooms, to New York City's subways booths and future taxis, to places of worship and auditoriums nationwide, more and more people are appreciating that hearing aids can also serve as convenient wireless loudspeakers that deliver customized sound." Using a telecoil and hearing loop together in seamless, cost-effective, and unobtrusive, without the need for additional equipment.

The Convention also features a multitude of educational workshops, an exhibit hall with the latest cutting-edge technology and services for people with hearing loss, and a research symposium, *How the Brain Makes Sense of the World of Sound*, presented by researchers from The Johns Hopkins University.

The Westin Providence (host hotel)

One West Exchange Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Rhode Island Convention Center (site of all Convention events and sessions)

One Sabin Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Registration

Prior to registering you may wish to preview the [preliminary schedule](#). A [schedule of workshops](#) along with descriptions of each is also available. In addition, you may **view the registration packages and rates** available and what is included in each by opening the registration form below.

Two easy ways to register:

Online

A brand new secure online registration is available now. The first step is to complete the New User Registration and create a User ID and Login; once you are logged in, select Convention Registration on the left menu.

Offline

Print the registration form and then either fax or mail the form with your payment

AG Bell 2012 Convention: June 28-July 2, 2012

Convention Highlights:

* Keynote address by Dr. Dale Atkins, a psychologist, former teacher of the deaf, author and frequent contributor to NBC-TV's "Today Show" whose focus is on living a balanced life.

For more information, click this link <<https://nc.agbell.org/Page.aspx?pid=1413>>

FROM "DEAF DIGEST"

Yet, another sign language software - this one which promises to convert sign language to speech, for the benefit of the hearing that wish to communicate with the deaf. It has been developed by an engineering team at the Bhutta College of Engineering and Technology in India. It is not the first such software, nor would it be the last one.

ASL IS NOT THE ONLY SIGN LANGUAGE IN USA

We all know about the American Sign Language in USA. But it is not the only one in USA.

The others are:

Oral Sign Language

Body Sign Language

Gestural Sign Language

Keep in mind not every deaf American knows ASL, but they may use sign language to try to communicate!

CAPTIONING AT ACTOR'S THEATRE OF LOUISVILLE?



Are you interested in captioning of Actor's Theatre of Louisville events? Actor's Theatre is exploring the possibility of contracting The Kentucky Center Caption Theater program for events in the 2012-13 season. What Actor's has asked in order to determine that there is a patron base for this service is a list of interested persons with their contact information (name, phone number, address, email). If you would love to see Actor's Theatre of Louisville shows with captioning, please send your contact information to Stacy Ridgway at The Kentucky Center for the Arts,

sridgway@kentuckycenter.org or 502-562-0711 (v), 502-562-0140 (TTY). Stacy will compile this information for submission to Actor's Theatre. If you submit your contact information to Stacy, you are agreeing to receiving marketing materials and/or calls from Actor's Theatre of Louisville and The Kentucky Center Access Services.

FOR INFORMATION ON CAPTIONED MOVIES:

www.captionfish.com

HEARING LOSS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, HLAA

headquartered in Bethesda MD, is the nation's largest organization for people with hearing loss. The HLAA exists to open the world of communication for people with hearing loss through information, education, advocacy and support. HLAA is a 501c3 non-profit corporation and offers tax exempt status to all local affiliates.

Want to Join Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA)

You can join HLAA by submitting a HLAA Membership form and check to Jean Haynes, at the address on the form. The form is available at HLAK meetings or by emailing info@hearinglossky.org with Jean Haynes in the Subject line. HLAK participates in the National Chapter Rebate Program. Annual national membership dues are: \$35 individual, \$45 family, \$20 student, \$60 professional, \$50 non-profit and \$300 corporate.

Hearing Loss Association of Kentuckiana (HLAK)

HLAK is the local Kentucky/Indiana chapter located in Louisville, which is an affiliate of HLAA. We are under the HLAA 501c3 non-profit corporation umbrella. Meetings of HLAK are free, open to the public, and take place at 6:30 P.M. on the second Tuesday of the month at St. Leonard Elementary School Library, 440 Zorn Ave. Occasionally we meet at other places or at other times for different activities; any changes will be found in this newsletter. Real time captioning is used at the meetings.

Want to Join Hearing Loss Association of Kentuckiana (HLAK)

HLAK Annual Chapter dues are \$12.00 per individual/household and are due each October 1. Participation in chapter activities is encouraged along with HLAA national membership for all their members. The HLAK E-mail Newsletter is available at no cost and can be found on our website. If you would like to be added to the free HLAK list serve, to receive periodic email on hard-of-hearing issues, contact Paula Esterle, Info@hearinglossky.org

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