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## ***Welcome to HLAA KY Home Chapter's March Newsletter***

March is the time for spring—new life, new things. HearinglossKYHome.org is now [www.hearinglosskentucky.org](http://www.hearinglosskentucky.org) . It is now the unified website for the three HLAA Kentucky chapters and Bowling Green HLAA volunteers. It is a clearinghouse of information about hearing loss. HLAA national has just introduced its new logo to reframe hearingloss into hearing life. In reality that is what [www.hearinglosskentucky.org](http://www.hearinglosskentucky.org) is doing, breathing new life into the chapters. With the unified website, you and the chapter members will learn more and share more about each other. HLAA is a self-help organization dedicated to education, advocacy and support for people who do not hear well and those around them. Our unified website does just that. It provides education, enables advocacy, and renders support for people affected by hearing loss not just in KY but the world over. Now is the time to use it and to benefit from it.

### ***March 26 HLAA KY Home Meeting***

Have you ever been in the situation where your hearing aids were just not enough? If you were sleeping on your best ear, would you hear your smoke alarm?

Does the noise in a restaurant seem overwhelming and prevents good conversation? Welcome to hearing loss! On the fourth Monday, March 26, The Hearing Loss Association of America KY Home Chapter will discuss how Hearing Assistive Technology (HAT) and Assistive Listening Devices (ALDs) other than hearing aids can enhance your life. This program held at the Nelson Co. Public Library, 201 Cathedral Manor, Bardstown, KY 40004, is free, open to the public and real-time remote captioned by McLendon-Kogut reporting.

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### ***What's New at [www.hearinglosskentucky.org](http://www.hearinglosskentucky.org) ?***

We are proud to present the **new HLAA Kentucky Chapters' website**. March 1 is our opening date and we have some interesting things to show you. Please note. Beginning March 1, the HLAA Kentucky Home website and the HLAA KY

(Kentuckiana) website will move to [www.hearinglosskentucky.org](http://www.hearinglosskentucky.org) . A link will reconnect you to the new site from each of the old sites for one year.

- A first this month is our **new How It Works** section under the **Ask the Experts** banner. This month we will be looking at Cochlear Implants. These short videos describe how an implant works and demonstrates an implantation from Start to Finish.
- In our **My Story** video, we have a video titled *Young Sisters Born Deaf Describe Cochlear Implant Activation, Hearing for the First Time*.
- Our **Research** video talks about the future of hearing aids. Researchers are attempting to use light rays to transmit sound through the ear.
- Under **Guidance** this month, *Hearing Health* discusses *Successful Hearing Aid Use, Part 10: Ten Do's and Don'ts of Wearing Hearing Aids*.
- *Hearing Health* humorist Gael Hannan points out *Stupid Things to Do with Your Hearing Aids*. Gael sites a number of things that happen with hearing aids in our **Points of View** section under the **Let's Get Involved** banner.
- Under our **LayPerson's Guide** we turn once again to Gael Hannan. The Better Hearing Consumer addresses the personal experience of living with hearing loss. Gael discusses *Traveling with Hearing Devices and a Wax Guard*.
- Check out HLAA in Action under our **Advocacy Help**. Learn how your HLAA membership sponsors national advocacy. HLAA is our national watch dog protecting our interest throughout government and business.

**A Special thanks to our webmaster, Dave Robertson, for a job well done!**

*Each month we add a few reminders:*

**Did you know that Keystone Theaters now have both Assistive Listening Devices and Captioned programs?**

- Please keep in mind that we collect used hearing aids for the **SHARP** program of KY. This program assists people in purchasing new or refurbished hearing aids at a very discounted price. **Please note: The SHARP program has depleted its budget and is dependent on your financial donations.**
  
- **HCAA KY Home is a Non-Profit 502c3 organization that is dependent on your involvement and donations.** You may donate on line at our website, [www.hearinglosskyhome.org](http://www.hearinglosskyhome.org) , click on **DONATE**. You can send a contribution to our address and you can designate Hearing Loss Association of America KY Home as your Kroger charity. We then receive a percentage of nearly everything you purchase at Kroger. It costs you nothing and it is a win win situation.
  
- **Is your world of communication better because you found HCAA?** If you need help or more information just contact us.
  
- (see below)

**Kroger**



**Anyone who has a Kroger Card can join the Kroger Community Rewards Program.**

**If interested, please go to your Kroger Account and login in. Go to the Community section and learn more about this worthy**

**program. The code for Hearing Loss Assoc. of America KY Home Chapter is 12384.**

**This will donate to HLAA KY Home a percent of what you spend on your groceries. This does not affect set your fuel points. This is an easy way to help our chapter.**

**Have a wonderful month and be good to yourself!**

**Ed Schickel**