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From the Executive Director's Desk

This is the convention issue of *Hearing Loss Magazine*. Each year in June HLAA puts on a celebration of learning about hearing loss, exhibits with the latest technology, updates on hearing research and fun events for everyone—all totally hearing accessible through assistive listening systems, captioning and interpreters.

If you've already been to a convention, then I know you are hooked and can't wait to come again and meet up with the friends you made before. If you have never been to one, then make a resolution to join us this year in Providence. I promise you will be invigorated and will leave with a bag full of tools for managing hearing loss for yourself or someone you know.

The very first HLAA Convention was held in Chicago in 1984. Bob Branigin, Seattle, WA and Sue L. Miller, Rochester, NY attended that year and have attended every single HLAA convention since. We are proud to have such loyal members and also to know that no matter how many times they come there will always be new information and creative events for them to enjoy.

We know in these hard economic times that the cost to attend may stop you from coming. Be sure to check out our scholarships to help defer the expense.

Have I whetted your appetite? Good! Then go to page 10 for all the details you need about HLAA Convention 2012. See you there! 

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HLAA Chapters are supportive organizations where people with all degrees of hearing loss come together to share and learn—and where it's okay not to hear well.

To find a chapter near you, go to www.hearingloss.org or call 301.657.2248. If you would like to start a chapter, contact Elizabeth LeBarron, national states and chapters coordinator, at elebarron@hearingloss.org.