Chapters Reach Out to the Community and Celebrate Milestones

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Southeastern Pennsylvania Conference
A special regional conference on April 29 brought members and guests from Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey and Delaware. Gael Hannan, humorist and hearing loss advocate, spoke about the bad habits many people with hearing loss have developed, and how to stop bluffing and communicate successfully. Linda Kozma-Spytek, M.A., CCC-A, consultant and professional adviser on technology to HLAA, spoke on Bluetooth® LE Audio, expected to be the next-generation assistive listening technology.

Southeastern Pennsylvania Conference Committee
Members: Ronnie Adler (Senior Walk4Hearing Manager), Beth Ann Rejonis and Mike Miles

Gael Hannan giving her presentation

Linda Kozma-Spytek, Project Lead for ICAAT: Industry-Consumer Alliance for Accessible Technology

Gael Hannan with Alice Pakhtigian

Conference attendees
HLAA PA State Office Lunch and Learn

HLAA Pennsylvania State Office rebooted its Lunch and Learn Program at the Penn Harris Hotel in Camp Hill, PA on May 7. HLAA PA worked with the Capital Region Chapter to host a two-part program featuring presentations from a hearing aid panel and the Pennsylvania Assistive Technology Foundation.

Indianapolis Chapter Turns 5

The HLAA Indianapolis Chapter celebrated its 5th anniversary on May 6 in conjunction with Better Hearing and Speech Month. The lunch at a local restaurant included a presentation highlighting chapter history, leaders, accomplishments, sponsored door prizes and appreciation certificates for board members and volunteers. Two celebrities with hearing loss—racecar driver Keenan Tully and singer/songwriter Zoë Nutt—recorded their congratulations in special video messages.

Zoë Nutt and Keenan Tully sent congratulatory videos to the HLAA Indianapolis Chapter.