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Join us for this week's HLAA Webinar. It's free but you have to [register](#) in advance.

**Wednesday, January 12, 2011
7 p.m. EST**

[Jack J. Wazen, M.D., FACS](#)

What You Can Expect in Hearing Research: New Devices, Treatments & Remedies



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HLAA CONVENTION 2011



Winner of Kindle 3G Announced

Congratulations to **Barbara Gurtov** of New York City who registered as an Early-Bird and was entered into the drawing for the Kindle 3G. Barbara exclaimed, "This is incredible! I cannot believe this. I'll have to start reading again!"

Parents and Educators Day at Convention 2011

Plans for the Convention and the 2nd International Hearing Loop Conference are really heating up: workshops, research symposium, exhibit hall, social events, and more, promise to make this an outstanding convention. In addition, we've declared Saturday, June 18, 2011 to be **Parents and Educators Day at Convention 2011** with a track of workshops especially for parents and teachers of children with hearing loss. More details about these and other educational workshops will be posted soon on the [Convention page](#) of our website.

Convention Scholarship Deadline is March 1

The deadline for nominations/applications for Convention scholarships is March 1, 2011. Recipients of the Rocky Stone Endowment Scholarships will be selected and notified no later than March 31st; those not selected may still be considered for other scholarship funds (as previously reported, Starkey will be sponsoring six young adults



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(18 – 35) who have never attended a convention before). Please see the [grant criteria](#) and the [Nomination/Application form](#) which can be found on our website. Email or call Nancy Macklin, Director of Events, with any questions at nmacklin@hearingloss.org or 301.657.2248, Ext. 106.

Registration Links to the registration form and the online registration system can be found on the [Convention page](#), though please note that if you register for the Members Full Activity Package or the 2nd International Hearing Loop Conference, you do **NOT** need to add a ticket for A *Capital Celebration*, the Saturday evening banquet.

HEARING LOSS MAGAZINE



The January/February 2011 *Hearing Loss Magazine* will be in your mailboxes in mid-January. [See what's next in this exciting issue.](#)

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HLAA IS WORKING FOR YOU

2011 AAPD Washington DC Summer Internships Program for Students with Disabilities Applications available!

* **DEADLINE JANUARY 24, 2011 AT 5 PM Eastern Standard Time** *

Each summer, the American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD) hosts a summer internship program in Washington, DC for students with all types of disabilities. [\[Read more\]](#)

News on "Senior Friendly" Cell Phones

Americans can now purchase a "senior friendly" prepaid cell phone for less than \$15 and get service for as little as \$7 a month, according to an analysis conducted by the Senior Advocate Health & Safety Project of the independent and nonprofit Alliance for Generational Equality (AGE), which represents seniors as well as Americans in other generations.

AGE focused only on those nationally available wireless providers offering inexpensive prepaid plans and "senior friendly" phones with larger buttons, large-number readouts and hearing-aid compatibility. AGE is 100 percent independent and makes no commercial endorsements of any kind. AGE's Senior Advocate Health & Safety Project has been created to provide older Americans with reliable

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information they can use to save money, be healthier and live safer lives. [\[Read more\]](#)

Take the 2010 Emergency Communications Survey

The Wireless Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center (Wireless RERC) at The Shepherd Center in Atlanta, GA, is working on a research project on the use and usability of wireless technology by people with disabilities.

We are currently conducting a survey about two aspects of the way people with disabilities use emergency communications:

- 1) contacting 911 emergency services like fire, ambulance, police, etc.
- 2) receiving alerts about public emergencies like weather alerts, Amber alerts, etc.

The survey takes only a few minutes. You can [take the survey on-line](#).

If you prefer to take the survey over the phone, you can call Dr. John Morris toll-free at: 1-800-582-6360.

Results from the survey will be posted on line when we finish collecting data.

Do you want to know what HLAA staff is doing on the national level to affect public policy and make hearing loss an issue of national concern? Read the [Public Policy and Advocacy Blog](#).

DO YOU HAVE A COCHLEAR IMPLANT? PLEASE TELL US ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCE!

There are more than one million people in the U.S. who could benefit from a cochlear implant and don't have one.* Help educate people about cochlear implant technology by sharing your experience.

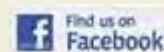
Please [click here](#) and answer a few questions.

*Sources: iData Research 2010 Report US Market for Hearing Aids and Audiology Devices in 2009 there were approximately 1.2M patients who could benefit from a CI.

NEWSROOM

Volunteers Wanted

Volunteers are needed to test run a new audiovisual speech perception training program called ReadMyQuips. In the program, the noise in the audio portion is varied adaptively depending on the person's answer. The sentences are quips taken from people as varied as Winston Churchill and Groucho Marx. Using a crossword puzzle format, the subject simply fills in the answers in the designated boxes. In the trial



run, the intent is to identify and correct any software bugs that may still be remaining.

Prospective users can download a trial version on www.SenseSynergy.com. The only thing asked of people taking the trial run is that they report any problems with the software, and submit a brief survey (included in the program) telling the company he or she thinks.

New CI Training Program

Adult Cochlear Implant Users Needed for Study on Benefits of Post-Implantation Training. [\[Read more\]](#)

27th Annual Pacific Rim International Conference on Disabilities

"Humanity: Advancing Inclusion, Equality and Diversity"
April 18 & 19, 2011

Hawaii Convention Center
1801 Kalakaua Avenue
Honolulu, HI 96815

For more information: www.pacrim.hawaii.edu

Math Competition: Deadline January 15

Rochester Institute of Technology is offering a math competition for middle school students who are deaf or hard of hearing. For questions or more information, contact RIT at sesnca@rit.edu, call 585.475.7695 or by videophone at 585.286.4625.

American Adults Hear Better Than They Did 40 Years Ago

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Looking for a Few Good . . . Coordinators

Are you a people person? Do you like to meet new people? Enjoy forming partnerships and coalitions? Like to travel locally? HLAA has just the job for you! [\[Read more\]](#)

Have You Thought About Joining An HLAA Chapter?

Find support near you in a hearing-friendly setting! Are you looking for a place where you can talk to other people about hearing loss? Find out the latest information? HLAA Chapters might be for you! [Find a chapter near you.](#)

Would you like to start a chapter?

Contact [Elizabeth LeBarron](#), national states and chapters coordinator.

About HLAA

The Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA), founded in 1979, opens the world of communication to people with hearing loss through information, education, advocacy and support. HLAA publishes the bimonthly [*Hearing Loss Magazine*](#), holds [annual conventions](#), [Walk4Hearing™](#), and more. HLAA has more than 200 [chapters](#) and 14 state organizations. Information can be found at hearingloss.org. The national headquarters is located at 7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 1200, Bethesda, MD 20814. HLAA has chapters and state organizations across the country. [Join HLAA now!](#)

