

# HLAATC

## September 2011

**September 17, 2011**— Meeting at the Courage Center, Golden Valley, Judi Swan on Advocacy

**September 18, 2011**— Annual Cochlear Implant Picnic, Brookview Park, Golden Valley

**October 1, 2011**—Walk for Hearing, Lake Calhoun & Marlee Matlin at the MOA

**October 8, 2011**—Family and Community Workshop, St. Cloud Holiday Inn

**October 15, 2011**— Dave Vlastuin "The Buzz on Bluetooth", Courage Center & Hearing Health, Bloomington

**November 19, 2011**- Deborah Bailey on Communication Strategies

**December 17, 2011**—Holiday pot luck luncheon, white elephant gift exchange

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Twin Cities Chapter**



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The 2011 - 2012 year for HLAA Twin Cities Chapter is starting off to be a very busy one! September 17 will be the first meeting with our new officers and Vice-President Judi will be speaking on Advocacy. As always, the meeting will be held at the Courage Center in Golden Valley. Social time begins at 9:30 with the meeting starting at 10:00.

HLAAers interested in cochlear implants will want to attend the Cochlear Implant picnic on Sunday, September 18 in Golden Valley. This is an opportunity to talk with many individuals with a cochlear implant and their families. It is a great opportunity to see how both long and short term implantees with different brands of CIs are doing and get input on this important decision making process.

Next, October 1 is the long anticipated Walk for Hearing at Lake Calhoun. See information on following pages for details on this big event. Also on October 1 at 10 am, Marlee Matlin will appear at the Mall of America on the Best Buy Stage for Communication Service for the Deaf's Grow campaign, which aims to raise funds and increase awareness of their programs and services for deaf and hard of hearing individuals.

October 8 is the Family and Community Workshop in St. Cloud presented by Cochlear Americas and the St. Cloud HLAA chapter.

October 15 is our regular meeting with Dave Vlastuin presenting on Bluetooth technology. Cochlear Americas also plans a Hearing Health Seminar at the Marriott Minneapolis Airport hotel on this date.

Mark your calendars for an exciting autumn!



### **Kick Off Meeting** held August 14, 2011

Thanks to Carole Blowers for taking notes at this meeting, and CART/Lisa Richardson which was held at the Old Spaghetti Factory in downtown Minneapolis. There were 34 people some included Rich, Bruce, Jerri, Linda, Carole, Vicki, Dennis, Yvain, Larry, Jane, Deborah, Lisa, Kaylee, Jan, Bob, Merrilee, Holly, Shannon, Hunter, Cathy, Mona, Candace, and many more.

The Walks started in 2006. There are 23 being held across the US. There will be 8,000 walkers across the country.

**Speakers:** **Larry Miller** has worked for Starkey for 24 yrs. At one time before his current job, he met the granddaughter of Alexander Graham Bell (the founder of the telephone) which was originally intended to be a hearing aid for his wife who was profoundly deaf. He sounded very energetic and wanted to make this a great walk with many more people than we had originally planned for. Go Larry Go !!!!

**Vicki Martin** grew up in a hearing loss family and her own children have hearing loss. Vicki attended main stream schools and studied music in college, worked as a systems analyst before retiring two years ago. She spoke of how HLAA had opened up areas she had never thought about, because hearing loss in her family was "just the way it was."

**Jane Trusty** worked at the Mayo Clinic in the cardiovascular division for 36 years. She is now retired. She uses a Hearing Aid and has a Cochlear Implant. When she was no longer able to use a stethoscope in her job as a nurse, she transferred to the pacemaker clinic. She suffers from tinnitus 24 hours a day. She has been the subject of much research as her CI experience was quite different.

A wonderful meal was served by the Old Spaghetti Factory staff including salad, bread, and choice of pasta (lasagna, alfredo, or chicken marsala, beverage, ice cream for dessert).

Posters, flyers, and folders with Walk 4 Hearing info were provided to everyone when they checked in.

Speakers included Larry Miller from Starkey, Vicki Martin from HLAA TC and Rebecca Lander and Ronnie Adler from HLAA National.

National sponsors for the Walk4Hearing are: AARP, T-Mobile, Advanced Bionics, Audiotoniq, Beltone, Cochlear, CapTel, Caption Call, and Phonak. **Local Minneapolis sponsors are: Starkey, Williams Sound, Sonus Hearing Care Professionals, Mains'I Services, Paradigm Reporting and Captioning, HealthPartners Department of Audiology**

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About Our Walk.....October 1, 2011

**CART (Paradigm)** is available for those that have a Smartphone and hook up abilities. Dogs are allowed but must be leashed and you must pick up after your doggies spills, thank you. There is limited free street parking available. There will be refreshments along the way.

**Helpers:** Come early stay late, or one of them. Set up begins at 7AM (good time to find good parking). Tables will need to be manned, signs made and held, information people stationed.

The actual walk is 3.1 miles long. There is NO requirement that you must finish the Walk. Many of us (myself included) will only walk about a block and turn around and walk back to the start and work a table. If you are disabled in any way, yet want to show your gusto for the cause, this might be a good way to do it. This is what Mona and Merrilee are going to do. If you do not care to walk, but can help at a table, sign up at the September 17th meeting or let the officers know. Tables needing helpers are the HLAA TC/St Cloud table, refreshments, sign-in, T-shirt table, set up and unloading.

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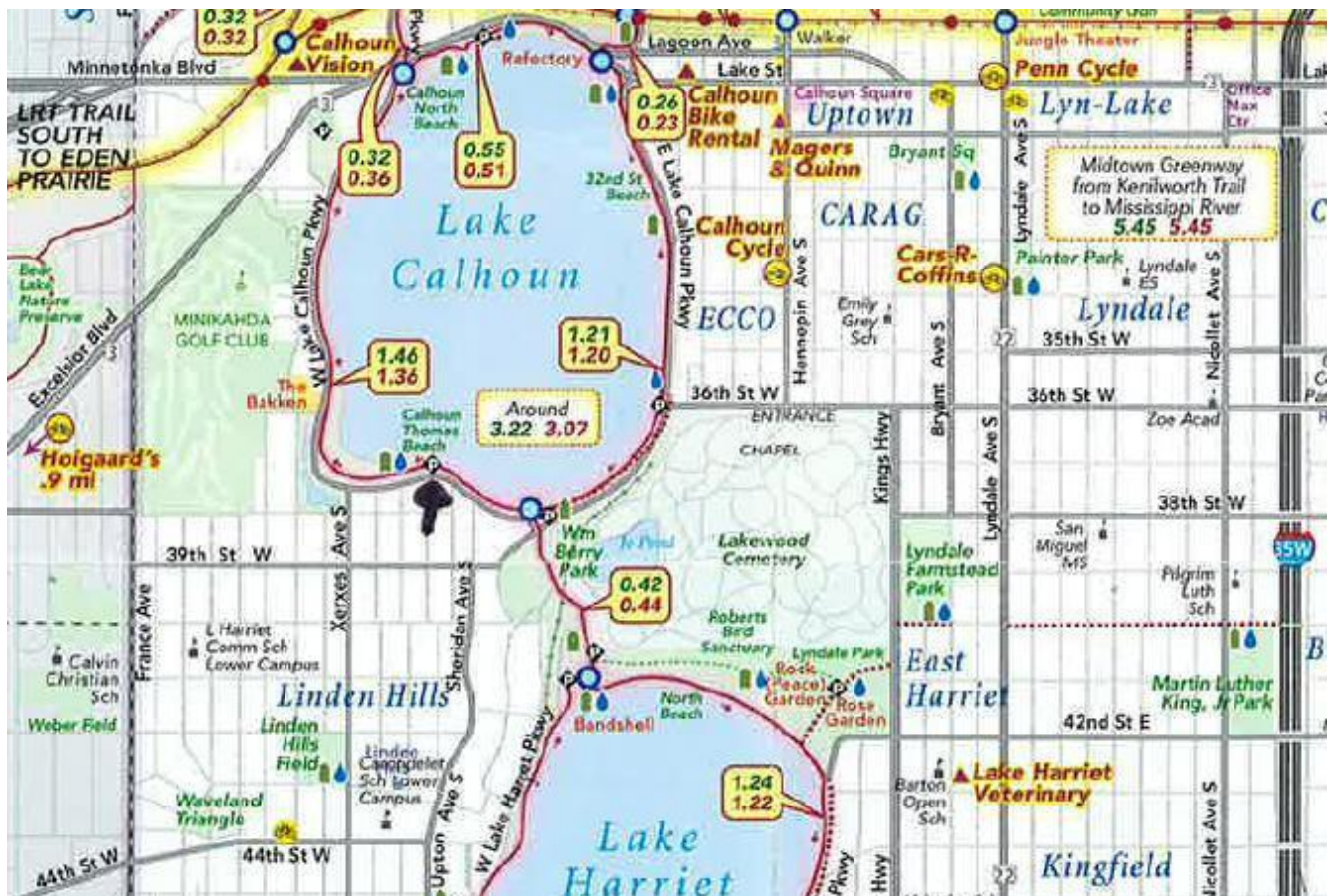
Any person who has raised \$100 or more will get a ticket to get a T-shirt. Sorry, but this **does not** mean if you raised \$1,500 you get 15 shirts.

**Location:** Lake Calhoun - 3000 E Calhoun Pkwy, Minneapolis, MN 55408. The check-in/registration and starting point will be at Thomas Beach. See map with arrow indicating Thomas Beach. Lake Calhoun is on the bus route. For more info see Metro Transit: [www.metrotransit.org](http://www.metrotransit.org)

**Registration:** Begins at 9 AM, the walk starts at 10 AM.

**Pledges and money:** Please make the check payable to **Walk4Hearing**. Checks and pledge sheet will be collected on the day of the Walk.

**More information:** [rlander@hearingloss.org](mailto:rlander@hearingloss.org) (Rebecca Lander – HLAA National), [rknoll5200@aol.com](mailto:rknoll5200@aol.com) (Bob Knoll), [CAROLEJDOLL@aol.com](mailto:CAROLEJDOLL@aol.com) (Carole Blowers). More information: [www.walk4hearing.org](http://www.walk4hearing.org), see map of US, click this map, go to MN, click MN, this gets you the information for the MN Walk.



**Walk4Hearing**  
**October 1, 2011**





# *Spaghetti Factory*



# Walk for Hearing

# Family Workshop

## October 8, 2011

Holiday Inn, 75 South 37<sup>th</sup> Street (intersection of Hwy 15 and 23), St. Cloud, MN

- Presented by HLAA St. Cloud
- Learn what is new in Cochlear Implants from the manufacturing representative
- Learn what is new, or old with new uses, in assistive technology including loop systems, FM, ALDs, large area systems, etc.
- Learn how to help build confidence and self-esteem in the use of assistive technology and help yourself, or someone you know, optimize use in daily life.
- Meet others and ask questions
- CART (captioning) and Assistive Devices will be available – call if other accommodations are needed

### Agenda:

7:30: Registration

8:00 Exhibits open

9:00 Opening session with speaker [Mary Bauer](#)

10:00 Break

10:30 Technology panel with Cochlear Implant Manufacturers

11:45 Closing Session

12:30 Exhibits close



**To register**, send \$10.00 per person, checks made out to HLAA-St. Cloud

**Mail to:** Rich Diedrichsen/HLAA, 3333 West Division Street, Suite 209, St. Cloud, MN 56301-4322.  
For more information, call 320-255-3502 V/VP

**Registration is needed by September 30. Walk in registration will be accepted ONLY IF THERE IS ROOM.**

If you plan to stay overnight at the Holiday Inn, mention the conference when reserving your room (\$89.95/night plus tax)

[Mary Bauer](#) is an interesting, well known speaker who works for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services in MN. Mary has extensive experience in working with Deaf and Hard of Hearing children and adults, as well as daily living with her own hearing loss.

**Sponsored by HLAA St. Cloud, Cochlear Americas, Advantage In-Loop Systems, Med-El**





## **Bits and Pieces, September, 2011**

**Providence, Rhode Island** is the place for the 2012 HLAA convention next year on June 21 - June 24. Westin Providence and Rhode Island Convention Center.

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Check out this new web site **Mercury's Cauldron** by one of our newest members Jan Swanson at [www.mercuryscauldron.com](http://www.mercuryscauldron.com) as she talks about her hearing loss, her frustration with hearing aids, her enlightenment with new HA's and her trip to the coffee shop.

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Learn more about tinnitus, at the **American Tinnitus Association** homepage. <http://www.ata.org/>

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**CapTel and CapTel 800** - Manuals Online

[http://www.captel.com/customer\\_service/kb/index.php/category/captel-800](http://www.captel.com/customer_service/kb/index.php/category/captel-800)

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**Marlee Matlin** starred on June 6th on ABC in "Switched at Birth." She played the guidance counselor and sometime basketball coach at a school for the deaf. Matlin just finished her stint on "Celebrity Apprentice" last fall, she raised over a million dollars for the Starkey Hearing Foundation.

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**Richard Krauk** has played the piano at the Charleston Mills House Hotel in FL for 40 yrs. This 76 yr. old man who is nearly deaf and going blind, has followed in the footsteps of Sinatra, and Gershwin. He has played since he was 5. What used to be thousands of tunes, but has declined as his hearing has, now to only hundreds. He also struggles with Meniere's disease which cause dizziness and constant ringing. He relies now on memory and the feel of the piano. Some of his fans included Ronald Reagan, George W. Bush, and Gerald Ford.

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**Advanced Bionics** has a new web site. Very informational. <http://www.advancedbionics.com/>

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[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z5XqB\\_ge1MU&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z5XqB_ge1MU&feature=youtu.be)

A Few Minutes In the Life Of A **Sign Language Interpreter** - funny animated videos, captioned

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**Facebook** - A big thank you goes out to Linda McIntire (Senechal) for putting Facebook into action for HLAA TC. Join up if you want to be included.

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<http://www.projectendeavor.com/videolibrary> online videos are all Captioned, ASL and Voiced, subjects include Technology, Employment, Advocacy, Finance, Wellness, and General Information from Communications Service for the Deaf (**CSD**).

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Author **Arlene Romoff** is interviewed on her **bilateral cochlear implants** and her two books, "A Journey To Bilateral Hearing" and "Hear Again." 6 Parts/Captioned

[http://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=arlene+romoff&aq=f](http://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=arlene+romoff&aq=f)

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Past HLAA Twin Cities President **Dave Miller** of New Prague received a cochlear implant this summer. Follow Dave's journey back to hearing on Facebook. Dave writes: It is truly amazing how well this prosthesis / bionic ear is working. I am continually hearing new sounds I haven't heard in over 25+ years. Examples: Outside in the driveway...hearing (daughter) Miriam from the second story window telling me she loves me! On the cell phone, in the car...hearing my wife on the phone! Around the campfire...hearing my friend's voice over the crackle of the fire and the symphony of crickets! AWESOME, Dave!



**Marlee Matlin**  
**Saturday, October 1, 2011**  
**10 a.m. — 12 p.m.**  
**Mall of America®, Best Buy® Rotunda Stage**  
**Bloomington, Minnesota**

Oscar-winning deaf actress Marlee Matlin will appear on the Mall of America® Best Buy® Rotunda Stage for CSD's Grow campaign. The Grow campaign aims to raise funds and increase awareness of CSD's programs and services for deaf and hard of hearing individuals. Marlee Matlin's appearance will include a presentation and a book signing.

**About CSD**

CSD (also known as Communication Service for the Deaf, Inc.) is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to providing broad-based services, ensuring public accessibility and increasing public awareness of issues affecting deaf and hard of hearing individuals. Through global leadership and a continuum of quality communication services and human service programs, CSD provides the tools conducive to a positive and fully integrated life. Learn more at [www.c-s-d.org](http://www.c-s-d.org).



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**Saturday, October 15, 2011, 8:00 – 12:30**  
**Hearing Health Seminar** at Marriott Minneapolis Airport, 2020 American Blvd. East,  
Bloomington, MN, **Sponsored by Cochlear Americas**

**Agenda:**

7:30 Registration

8:00 Exhibit and Lounge Open

8:15 – 9:30 Education Sessions (When Hearing Aids are No Longer Enough; Living and Hearing with a Cochlear Implant)

9:30 – 10:30 Meet local providers and find resources in Exhibit Hall; Meet cochlear implant users and BAHA users

10:30 – 11:30 Local physician panel on getting a cochlear implant

11:30 – 12:30 Exhibit hall

## Cochlear Implant Annual Picnic



**When:** Sunday, September 18, 11:00 – 3:00

**Where:** Brookview Park, Golden Valley

**Who:** Adults and children with cochlear implants, prospective recipients, and anyone curious about cochlear implants – all are welcome.

The Teddy Bear Band will perform at 1:00, so don't forget to bring your favorite teddy bear.

**Food:** Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be grilled by Lion Bob Nemeth once again. Thanks to the Multiple District 5 Lions Hearing Foundation for their continued support. Beverages and paper/plastic ware is provided.

**You:** Bring a dish to share.

**Important! RSVP: (612) 625-7907**



### Local Captioned Live Entertainment for September and October

**More More More ...Future** **Location:** Walker Art Center **Captioning:** Friday, Sept. 23, 8:00 PM, & Saturday, Sept. 24, 8:00 PM. **Tix:** \$25; phone: 612-375-7600; email: [access@walkerart.org](mailto:access@walkerart.org). **Description:** Part galvanizing dance, part concert, this fierce celebration balances fury with hope, despair with joy.

**Neighbors** **Location:** Alan Page Auditorium at Mixed Blood Theatre, 1501 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Minneapolis, ASL, Captioning: Thursday, September 29, 7:30 PM.

**Tix:** Regular \$15 phone: 612-338-6131 **Description:** *Neighbors* comments on black-and-whiteness in America with fearless intelligence.

**Così fan tutte** by Mozart. **Performed by:** The Minnesota Opera.

**Location:** Ordway Center for Performing Arts, 345 Washington St., St. Paul.

Sung in Italian with English **captions** projected above the stage at **every performance**. phone: 612-333-6669; TTY 651-282-3099.

**Much Ado About Nothing** Performed by: Guthrie Theater, Minneapolis. Captioning: Wed., Oct. 5, 1:00 PM; Fri., Oct. 21, 7:30 PM **Tix:** Reduced to \$25 for Captioning (regular \$24-68); phone: 612-377-2224, TTY 612-377-6626.

**Come Fly Away** **Location:** Ordway Center for the Performing Arts, Main Hall, 345 Washington, St. Paul. Captioning: Friday, October 14, 7:30 PM **Tix:** phone: 651-224-4222, TTY 651-282-3100 Web: <http://www.ordway.org/accessibility/>.

**La Cage Aux Folles** Captioning: Thursday, October 20, 7:30 PM. **Tix:** \$35-80. Limited seats are available at the lowest price level to patrons using Captioning services on a first-come, first-served basis. Prices apply for up to two tickets for each patron requiring To order, email [Nichole.Cassavant@BroadwayAcrossAmerica.com](mailto:Nichole.Cassavant@BroadwayAcrossAmerica.com) or phone: 612-339-7007

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