



## Our July Social Has Been Cancelled.

### Next Meeting: Monday August 10th at 6:30PM

The August meeting will be held by video conferencing on the Zoom platform. The topic: ***Dealing with Hearing Loss in a Hospital Setting***, was the most requested program for our calendar year. There will be more information about the topic and the presenter in the August newsletter. Meanwhile, mark your calendar and plan to participate!

We hope that more of you will have the courage to explore video conferencing via Zoom, so we have a good turnout. If you'd like to try it in advance, let us know. We can set up a short trial for you to experience.

Margo Lucas provided CART Captioning for our June online meeting. It worked perfectly! Thanks Margo!! We will be using Margo's services however we meet.

## Snippets of Helpful Information...

### Remote Adjustments to Hearing Aids....

Problems with hearing aids or cochlear implant processors can be fixed remotely, in many cases. Call your hearing healthcare professional if you're having problems. Don't put it off because you don't want an in person appointment. Isolation due to the inability to hear is unhealthy. Keep things up and running!

### VA Making Remote Adjustments to Hearing Aids...

Jim Rau, member of the HLAA Virtual Veteran's Chapter who lives in Iron River WI, reports success with a virtual appointment from his VA Center that provided remote adjustments. He is very pleased with the outcome. To join the virtual veteran's chapter go to: [www.hearingloss.org/hearing-help/communities/veterans](http://www.hearingloss.org/hearing-help/communities/veterans)

### Read the HLAA Wisconsin Summer Newsletter...

The summer edition of the HLAAWI newsletter has a lot of information. Read about advocacy, scholarships for hard of hearing students, veteran's issues, types of captioning, coping in COVID19 times, accepting the reality of hearing loss, chapter activities in Wisconsin, reflections on the 2020 virtual Walk4Hearing, personal stories, and a whole lot more. It's posted on the home page at [www.hlaawi.org](http://www.hlaawi.org) HLAA is alive and well in Wisconsin!

## In Lieu of Our Picnic...A Favorite Recipe from July 2019

### Honeydew Cucumber Salad from Harriet Zucker

Ingredients:	Dressing:
1 Honeydew Melon	2T Lemon Juice
1 Cucumber	¼ C Olive Oil
1/2 Red Onion	1t Honey
2T chopped Fresh Dill Fronds	Salt & Pepper to taste

### Instructions:

Whisk together dressing ingredients until blended. Set aside.

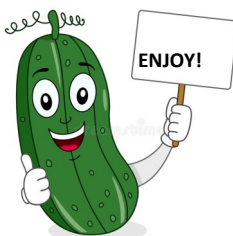
Cut melon. Remove seeds and rind and cut into chunks. Put in bowl.

Cut cucumber into chunks and add to bowl.

Dice red onion and add to bowl.

Add dill and dressing and toss to mix.

Refrigerate until ready to serve.



## 2020 Margaret Ferris Scholarship Awarded

Justice Moore, graduate of Kimberly High School, is the recipient of the \$2000 Margaret Ferris Scholarship. Justice was born with profound hearing loss. Today she is a bilateral cochlear implant recipient who plans to attend UW Madison where she will major in Education and Spanish with a goal to teach English abroad or Spanish at the college level.

This scholarship is financially managed by the Community Foundation of the Fox Valley Region, but the award recipient is selected annually by a committee of HLAA Fox Valley Chapter.

We hope Justice will attend a future chapter meeting to share her experiences with us.

Margaret Ferris, a retired teacher of deaf and hard of hearing children became actively involved in Fox Valley Chapter in the early 80s. She was an inspiration to all who knew her. Margaret passed away several years ago, but her legacy remains through her generosity.





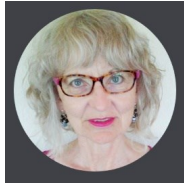




## A Message from Madame Prez . . .

We are living in challenging times.

The priority of HLAA Fox Valley chapter during these challenging times must be to protect the health of our members by limiting face-to-face meetings. Like you, I am disappointed not to be able to see and support each other in person.



Rest assured that the chapter board of directors will continue to monitor the Covid-19 situation. When it is deemed safe, we will ease into rescheduling smaller group events like our HOPE and CI subgroups. Hopefully it won't be too long before our regular program presentations can resume at UUF.

In the interim, please take advantage of HLAA captioned seminars and meetings via the ZOOM video conferencing platform. It works quite well after you get the hang of it. Really.

Case in point; I learned a lot from the free "Experience HLAA" virtual event held online on June 18 and 19. The panel discussion on Regenerative Medicine revealed the exciting prospect that a newly discovered drug therapy may provide the missing second signal to stimulate damaged hair cells to regenerate. The three panel members had great chemistry. They were all doctors - but each one had expertise in a different area of the research. Pretty awesome to realize that one of the clinical trial sites for the drug therapy (after FDA approval, etc.) will likely be the Medical College of Wisconsin.



Do you miss the enhanced sound clarity of the hearing loop at UUF or at your church during the pandemic? I know I do. Join me in explaining how hearing loops increase your ability to hear and understand in a transportation setting.

**Take advantage of the unique opportunity to advocate for hearing loops on train cars. But hurry - the deadline for comments is July 14. See the article on page 1.**

Covid-19 has required Fox Valley HLAA chapter to cancel its well attended summer social at the Appleton Yacht Club this July. We all enjoyed the food and festivities last year. We supplemented the All American Burger Bar with baked beans, coleslaw, potato salad, and apple pie - compliments of the chapter treasury.

Members were encouraged to bring salads and/or appetizers to round out the menu. You definitely answered the call with some terrific recipes. Harriet's refreshing Honeydew Cucumber Salad was a big hit and uses up a bumper crop of garden cukes. Yummy!! (See recipe on page 1.) We'll include Nancy's Cookie Salad in an upcoming issue.



Take care of yourselves. Stay well and stay safe.

*Madame Prez aka Christine Klessig*

P.S. Copies of the "Experience HLAA" virtual event presentations will be posted on the national website soon. Be sure to check out [www.hearingloss.org](http://www.hearingloss.org) when you have time. There's a lot of excellent information there.

## The Sponsor Program is Fox Valley Chapter's Main Fundraiser.

Names will be added as donations are received.

NOTE: If your name or business is not listed correctly, please let us know immediately. **If you would like to support the chapter this way, send your check to: HLAA-Fox Valley Treasurer, P.O. Box 25, Menasha WI 54952. [hlaafoxvalley@gmail.com](mailto:hlaafoxvalley@gmail.com)**

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**Our Mission: To share information, educate, advocate and provide support to people with hearing loss who choose to remain in the hearing mainstream with technology.**

**Meetings are open to the public, and are organized and run by volunteers.**

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## 2020 Chapter Calendar

**July 13:** Summer Social CANCELLED

**July 20:** Cochlear Implant Group CANCELLED

**August 10:** Challenges of Hospitalization with Hearing Loss

**September 14:** Canine Companions for Independence

**October 12:** Balance, Vertigo & Other Issues

**November 9:** Stigma, Stress, Denial, Fatigue; H.L. Craziest

**December 14:** Holiday Social at Appleton Yacht Club

Details on programs and presenters will be on the front page of each month's newsletter/meeting notice.

**We regret that our regular meetings are tentative at this time. We know you understand.**

**Stay Safe & Healthy Everyone!!!!**



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## Cochlear Implant Group Update...



Hi Everyone! I hope everyone + their families have escaped Covid-19. As with all events in Wisconsin **we have to cancel our quarterly CI support group meeting in July!** Our meeting place, Festival Foods, takes our safety seriously. Our next group meeting is Oct. 19. Hopefully, we will then meet before the snow flies! We started sharing personal stories via the CI email list. Those of you on the list have received them. If you have a story to share, send it to me and I'll send it out to the Cochlear Implant group list. Here's mine:

I was suppose to retire April 25 but because the dental office had to close March 17-May 03. I went back to work May 20-June 13. Many of you saw my photo that was in the June issue of our chapter newsletter. I'm glad I worked, as it gave me a better understanding of how we must all be smart and protect ourselves and others. I felt that the large majority of my patients had been following stay at home protocol.

Since May 26, when things started opening, I feel we all have become more relaxed, but know we still need to use common sense. Contact me at: [rclancey@hotmail.com](mailto:rclancey@hotmail.com)



*Rhonda Clancey, CI Group Moderator*



**WILL MEET AGAIN**

**AS SOON AS WE CAN...**

**Meanwhile**

**Stay Safe & Stay Healthy**



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