

## Register for Zoom meetings from our sister HLAA chapters

### HLAA Diablo Valley Chapter

#### **Cochlear Implants**

**Saturday, Feb.4, 10:00 am to noon**

Presented by Kurt Kramer, AuD, Senior Audiologist, Cochlear Implant Center, Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery, University of San Francisco (UCSF)

Dr. Kramer has worked at UCSF full-time with cochlear implant patients for the past 12 years. Dr. Kramer works primarily with adults but also sees pediatric cochlear implant recipients.

[Pre-register for online meeting](#)

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### HLAA Peninsula Chapter

#### **Earlens: a Unique Technology that can Significantly Improve Hearing**

**Monday, Feb.6, 1:30-3:00 pm**

Ken Peters will share and answer questions about his experience with Earlens.

[Pre-register for online meeting](#)

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### Hearing Loss Association of America

#### **Improving Workplace Performance by Understanding How Typically Hearing People Hear and Communicate**

**Tuesday, Feb.7, 3:00 pm**

Simply hearing the informational content of words is one thing, but understanding the impact of hearing loss on the brain and body is far wider. In this webinar, Dr. Ruffinshares both science-based and personal recommendations for working in a challenging, fast-paced work environment.

Hearing loss goes beyond just hearing spoken words:

- 1) It can worsen social cognition, particularly expressive communication and soft skills.
- 2) Hearing occurs within the brain, not the ears. The brain undergoes significant changes as a result of hearing loss.

So, the brain's processing power is diverted to repairing hearing and conversation instead of focusing exclusively on the meaning of the conversation itself and forging strong connections with others. This affects how those with hearing loss process information and express themselves in many settings like the workplace.

[Pre-register for Zoom webinar](#)

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### HLAA East Bay Chapter

#### **Medications That Can Harm Hearing or Balance**

**Saturday, Feb.11, 9:30-11:30 am**

Margaret (Meg) Wallhagen, PhD, will talk about ototoxic medications that can cause hearing loss, ringing in the ear, or balance disorders. These include drugs used to treat serious infections, cancer, and heart disease.

Professor Wallhagen will give us examples of some of the more common medications that can be ototoxic, placing decisions regarding their use in the context of “what matters” and how to consider what options might be available, particularly those with chronic conditions.

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### HLAA Mission Viejo Chapter

#### **Communication Access - Part Two**

**Tuesday, Feb.14, 11:00 am**

Topics will include:

- Acting on your lawful rights
- Review: what is required under the law
- What accommodation looks like
- How to get what you need

[Pre-register for Part Two online meeting](#)

Did you miss **Part One**? Watch the recording here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d5ePYbbh-FQ>

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### HLAA Veterans Across American Chapter

#### **Communication Access - Part Two**

**Tuesday, Feb.21, 5:00-6:00 pm**

This will be an open meeting. We invite veterans with hearing loss to attend.

[Pre-register for online meeting](#)

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### HLAA Indianapolis Chapter

#### **Musicians with Hearing Loss**

**Saturday, March 4, 7:00 am to 10:00 pm**

Zoe Nutt (singer, songwriter and producer) and Wendy Cheng (amateur violist and founder of Adult Musicians with Hearing loss) discuss their musical journey with hearing loss.

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<https://meet.google.com/hon-jtic-dpr>