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I recently made the decision to attend the national HLAA Convention in New Orleans this coming June 29th. In 2018 I attended my first ever convention and it literally changed my life.

I am happy to share with you details why it was so important to me, just ask me! But the overriding reason I enjoyed it so much and am looking forward to going again, is because I can relax there. I am surrounded by people just like me. Think about it like a chapter meeting on steroids!

Sessions presented by experts are all accessible. Meaning the rooms are looped, quality captioning is provided. I met so many kind and interesting people who share something so deeply important to me.

Talk to me about the convention. It will absolutely broaden your hearing loss journey.

Shannon Tyree, Secretary

Hearing Loss Simulator

"I wish you knew what it was like.."

How many times have we thought it, or said to a spouse, a friend or a coworker, "I wish you knew what it was like." Meaning, what it's like to not hear, or have speech garbled. Well now you can demonstrate to them thanks to Starkey's hearing loss simulator:

www.starkey.com/hearing-loss-simulator/simulator

The website is easy to navigate. Here's the basic process:

First make sure the computer volume is set to 50% for the best result. The program is optimized at 50%.

Secondly, you will select a situation such as: conversation, meeting, shopping, restaurant, crowd, car, or music.

Then choose the hearing loss level you want to hear: normal, mild, moderate or severe, and click play.

The hearing loss simulation *visually* demonstrates missing speech sounds too.

Everyone's hearing loss is different, but this tool allows your friends or family a pretty good representation of what it's like to struggle to understand communication.

Send this link to your friends and family and let us know the experiences they have and share with you once they've used this insightful tool. We're interested to know how it goes.

Chapter Events

Save the Dates:

March 25, 2023

AZ Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing Senior Health Expo. Free-Registration required

April 11, 2023

Joe Duarte, Innocaption CEO, will share his personal hearing loss story.

May,9, 2023

Michele Michaels, Arizona Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing will share her personal hearing loss story.

June 29 - July 1

HLAA National Convention
New Orleans Marriott Hotel
New Orleans, LA

Future Meeting Dates:

- ✦ October 10, 2023
- ✦ November 7, 2023
- ✦ December 12, 2023
- ✦ January 9, 2024
- ✦ February 13, 2024
- ✦ March 12, 2024
- ✦ April 9, 2024
- ✦ May 14, 2024

Considering volunteering for our chapter? We could use your help and expertise.

Contact Melanie at pres@hlaawestvalleyaz.org

- New Technology - Badger

Imagine having captions literally on the person /medical personal speaking!

Many of us know how challenging it is to listen in a situation where masks are required such as doctors offices. Badger may be a solution!

Badger is a very new wearable smart "badge" that converts the wearers speech to text and translate in real time. Basically a closed caption smart badge worn by an individual. It captures their voice and transmits to a smart phone. The smartphone then converts audio to text and transmits it to the Smart Badge - Badger. If reading this electronically, click [here](#) to see a video.

Badger won an award at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas this year. It was recognized for its ability to increase accessibility through enhanced communications.



Celebrate World Hearing Day - March 3, 2023

A day to not only reflect on hearing and hearing loss, but to reach out to friends and family. Ask them to get their hearing tested. Tell them about HLAA and the support you receive. Let's celebrate better hearing every day!