

ABOUT HLA A—BINGHAMTON

Binghamton is home to one of 200 chapters of the Hearing Loss Association of America, which for the past three decades has provided a national voice and strong advocacy for people with hearing loss.

Our chapter focuses on three vital missions:

Support—helping people with hearing loss improve the quality of their lives.

Education—encouraging those who experience hearing loss to become involved in

chapter meetings. Activities

include education about

hearing loss, its detection,

management, and possibilities

for prevention of further

loss. Members also learn

how assistive devices may

improve communication and safety.

Advocacy—fostering a climate in which people with hearing loss can gain access to alternative communication at airports, in public buildings, theaters, shopping malls, and wherever people meet. The Binghamton Chapter conducts workshops to educate people with hearing loss and the community about the rights, responsibilities, and opportunities granted to them under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

People with hearing loss wait an average of seven years before seeking help.

HLAA—BINGHAMTON MEETINGS

We invite you to learn more about hearing loss, coping strategies, and the latest information about assistive technology at our monthly meetings. Hear from guest speakers, as well as other members, at our evening meeting. Bring your spouse, family members, and friends.

We meet the first Wednesday of every month (except January, July and August) at 7:00 P.M.

Our meetings are held at the:

Johnson City Senior Center
30 Brocton Street

Johnson City, NY 13790

For more information, call Donna at (607) 427-0186 or e-mail us at sueellen@hearinglossofbinghamton.org



Learn what HLA A can offer you!

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38 MILLION AMERICANS HAVE HEARING LOSS



HEARING LOSS

Hearing loss is a major public health issue that is the third most common physical condition after arthritis and heart disease.

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Did you know that one in six people in the United States has some degree of hearing loss?

That's a big percentage, but it doesn't begin to tell the full story. This silent, invisible disability affects virtually everyone, from those who endure hearing loss to all those who want to communicate with them. It's likely that anyone reading this brochure knows someone with hearing loss.

75% of people who could benefit from the use of hearing aids are not wearing them.

The good news is that a strong and powerful organization exists that addresses hearing loss—and all the issues surrounding it—through education and advocacy.



Hearing Loss Association of America

Binghamton Chapter

THREE TYPES OF HEARING LOSS

- **Conductive Hearing Loss**—when hearing loss is due to problems in the ear canal, ear drum, or middle ear and it's little bones.
- **Sensorineural Hearing Loss (SNHL)**— due to problems in the inner ear (nerve related hearing loss)
- **Mixed Hearing Loss**—a combination of conductive and sensorineural hearing loss. There may be damage in the outer or middle ear and in the inner ear or the auditory nerve.

Here is a sampling of programs, publications, and projects available through HLAA—Binghamton:

- Information and community resource services
- Education and outreach programs
- Advocates for legislative issues
- Monthly programs for people with hearing loss, their family and friends
- Technical guidance on assistive devices
- Accessibility for healthcare facilities, restaurants, theatres, and houses of worship
- Opportunities to attend national conventions, held in a different city every year
- Professional advisory committee
- Cochlear implant group

60% of people with hearing loss are between the working ages of 21 and 65.

HLAA-Binghamton is a 501(C)(3) that is supported by donations. Individuals may become members of HLAA's national organization by paying annual dues of \$35.

Members of HLAA-Binghamton receive email reminders of monthly meetings, while members of the national organization receive the award-winning publication Hearing Loss Magazine, plus the HLAA-NYS Reporter newsletter.

For more information, visit our website at <http://www.hearinglossobinghamton.org/>



WE'RE ON FACEBOOK!

Unlike the situation years ago, nowadays just about everyone with any type or degree of hearing loss can be helped with some kind of hearing assistive technology – whether it be hearing aids, cochlear implants, other implantable devices, assistive listening devices, or captioning.



Hearing loss occurs in people of all ages, cultures, educational backgrounds and income levels.