

# ◊ Hear's the News ◊

*The Official Newsletter of the Iowa Hearing Association*

*Summer 2016*

## ***Mark Your Calendar***



### **IHA Fall Conference**

Sept. 16-17, 2016

Sheraton  
West Des Moines, IA

### **IHA Spring Conference**

March 31– April 1, 2017

Marriott  
West Des Moines, IA

### **IHS Conference**

September 8-10, 2016

Chicago, IL

***Mark your  
calendars now  
and plan to attend***

## **From the President's Pen**



Dear Members,

Hope everyone is enjoying summer. On behalf of the Iowa Hearing Association, I am pleased to invite you to the Fall Conference September 16-17, at the Sheraton Hotel in West Des Moines.

Recently you received the Membership Directory for 2016-2017. This is a convenient networking tool. Please review and submit any updates/corrections that are needed. Our association goals are to continue to serve our members by providing high quality educational content and networking opportunities. Through your commitment and involvement we have created a vital organization focused on serving patients, our industry and communities. Please do not hesitate to contact me with your ideas, thoughts and visions for how the Iowa Hearing Association can be utilized to its fullest potential.



On Thursday, June 2 the committee on Accessible and Affordable Hearing Health Care for Adults released its final report on the recommendations it believes will better help patients access appropriate, affordable, quality services and technologies. I encourage you to read the article in "The Hearing Review" dated July 2016. The article contains 12 recommendations overall. The two recommendations that I want to draw attention too are; the recommendation for over the counter (OTC) class of hearing devices and the ending of the "waiver system" that requires a patient to see a physician or sign a waiver prior to purchasing a hearing aid. With this new classification for over the counter (OTC) wearable hearing devices, while we may understand the difference it could be most confusing for the patient to understand what they are actually purchasing. Labeling of over the counter (OTC) packaging requirements will be key.

The report has a lot for the FDA to consider. New avenues of competition based on these recommendations would impact our profession. Please mark your calendars, I look forward to seeing you at the Fall Conference. Thank you for your continued support, enthusiasm and commitment.

Sincerely,  
Helen Royer, President

## Spring 2016 Conference Exhibitors

A thank you goes to all exhibitors  
at our Spring Conference.

They enhance our conference  
with introductions to updated  
products, knowledge of special-  
ized areas, fun door prizes and  
sponsorship of our reception.

**Audiology Systems**

**CaptionCall**

**Cochlear Americas**

**Hearing Access  
Solutions**

**Midwest Special  
Instruments**

**Phonak**

**ReSound**

**Starkey**

**Telecommunications  
Access Iowa/  
Relay Iowa**

**Wells Fargo Health  
Advantage**

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## Directory Update

New 2016-2017 IHA directories have been sent to  
all current members.

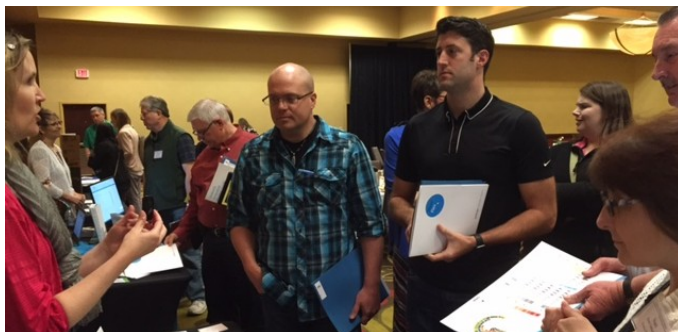


Please review your listing in the new directory. If  
you find an error, please notify the IHA office by  
phone: 515-440-6057, fax: 515-440-6055 or email  
apmsthomas@aol.com. We want our records to be  
as accurate as possible. Thank you for your help in  
this matter.

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April 15-16, 2016

Sheraton Hotel, West Des Moines, IA



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## Welcome New Members

**Lisa Kirke**  
West Des Moines, IA

**Deb Rieks**  
Waterloo, IA

**Richard Drury**  
Fremont, NE

**Amy Yoder**  
Charles City, IA

**Eric Wolvers**  
Des Moines, IA

**Emily Gutzmann**  
Storm Lake, IA

**Carrie Donney**  
Decorah, IA



## Update from Lions Club

Thank you to each and every one that participate in the Lions Hearing Aid program. The Lions of Iowa appreciate your willingness to take time out of your busy days to help individuals less fortunate.

### Stats for July 1, 2015 to June 1, 2016

2510 aids received from Lions Clubs, Offices and misc donations

120 client aids sent for repair

425 aids dispensed

31 Offices participation in dispensing

\$13,548.41 is the cost of repairs

\$15,534.00 is the salvage credit I have received



I feel the program is running smoothly, but please do not hesitate to contact me if you are experiencing any difficulties. Many offices have found it convenient for them to communicate by email for “orders” and repairs. I email the inventory to them and they pick out what works best for the patient. Of course I still take phone calls, but due to the change in my work schedule it is harder to catch me .

I would like to review a few of the Hearing Aid Bank policies.

, Repairs: All aids that have been dispensed through the Lions program are eligible for repair at no cost to the office or the client for the lifetime of the patient as long as they have not been abused. You need to contact me before sending in for repair and all repairs need to go to Starkey All Make Repair, as they are who we salvage aids with and the credit on our account covers the costs of the repairs. If you feel the aid is no longer worth repairing we can exchange with something from the current stock of aids.

Lost Aids: If a patient loses the aid(s) that was dispensed as a Lions aid we will not replace it for two years from the date of the original dispensing. If there are any costs involved for molding or office fees that will be the patient’s responsibility.

Unhappy Recipient: On occasion there is an individual that is unhappy with how they are hearing with the aid, I am more than happy to work with you to exchange as needed. If the person is difficult to work with and/or ungrateful you have the right to refuse service, but please inform me so I can put them on my “list”, so they don’t try to shop around.

Reminder: I take ALL types of hearing aid from any office or persons for this program. I salvage old or ITE to help pay for repairs.

My contact information: 319/827-1395 or [ialionshearingaidbank@gmail.com](mailto:ialionshearingaidbank@gmail.com).

I look forward to seeing you this fall at your convention! Keep those used aids coming my way.....

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris WaringLions  
Hearing Aid Bank Coordinator

### Support the Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank

Used hearing aids may be given  
to your local Lions Club or mailed to:

**Iowa Lions Club**  
c/o Chris Waring  
924 Dohrmann Street  
Jesup, Iowa 50648

319/827-1395  
[ialionshearingaidbank@gmail.com](mailto:ialionshearingaidbank@gmail.com)

**All hearing aids are accepted  
with sincere appreciation.**  
*(Your donation may be considered a tax deduction.)*



## Calibration at Fall Conference



What could  
be more  
convenient  
- you're  
not at work,

and your audiometer needs to  
be calibrated - you attend the  
seminars and pick up your  
machine when the conference is  
over. Remember, you are  
required by the State Health  
Department to have your  
audiometers calibrated once a  
year. Bring your audiometers to  
the fall conference.

## Plan to Attend IHA Fall Conference

September 16 - 17, 2016

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- ❖ Continuing Education
- ❖ Speakers
- ❖ Professional Networking
- ❖ Trade Show/Round Robin

*The Trade Show time has been changed to Friday 12:00  
Noon - 2:15 p.m. and will include one hour of CEU's*

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