



Oct 21: 5:30 – 7:00
Member Meeting
Zoom in!
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89297633311?pwd=a3VSRExKZmhhK0g3ak9vT0tSaUJtQT09>

Direct Your Dollars



Please send those receipts in— Collect from friends, family and neighbors to help

us reach our goal. This is the ONLY fundraiser we have going, so any receipts you can collect are greatly appreciated. **We're up to \$69,900!** Send your receipts to **Kathy Freeman** at 2141 Negaunee SE, GR, MI 49506 (D&W, Family Fare & Forest Hills Foods)

Reminder:

Deliver used hearing aids to Kathy F or Diane so that they can be recycled and earn credits for new hearing aids in our Hear Now program!

Mission: Quota serves people who are Hard of Hearing or Deaf.

Vision: We envision a community that works together to remove communication barriers.

Values: We believe that a meaningful life is one that opens opportunities for all.

Birthdays to Remember

Sue Scharf Nov 14
Kathy Freeman Nov 28



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Noise – the not so silent thief of hearing and well-being

October is **Protect Your Hearing Month!**

The importance of good hearing for overall well-being is gaining increased attention. Hearing well starts with protecting the delicate sense we have, and a common culprit for damaging hearing is noise! Over time, noise exposure can become a 'not-so-silent' thief of our hearing and have wider impacts on our overall health and well-being. The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that globally around 1.1 billion people are at risk of noise-induced hearing loss (NIHL). And in the USA alone, around 40 million adults have pure tone audiograms consistent with NIHL.

See more at the link below. *Betsy*

https://audiologyblog.phonakpro.com/noise-the-not-so-silent-thief-of-hearing-and-well-being/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=sfmc&utm_campaign=all_ears_october_2021&utm_content=aud_blog_noise_not_so_silent

Membership Committee Invite

On behalf of the Membership Committee, please start your list of names that we can invite to the November Membership meeting. As I said in my thank you to members, we have achieved so much this past year. Wouldn't it be great to share that information with our friends, family, and acquaintances? Even if you think they may not join us as members, it may inspire them to donate to our cause. Please get your list to me as soon as you can so that I can invite them to our meeting. Thank you.

Kath Slagal

A Note from our GRCC Scholarship Recipient, Sebastian Swae

See it here: <https://grcc.thankview.com/video/156d6137b5bd0eb01>

Any new placement of *Hear Now* boxes?



Contact Kathy Freeman

Congratulations to the new QuotaGR Board!



President: Betsy Smith, Teacher Consultant for Deaf & Hard of Hearing, Montcalm Area Intermediate School District and Newaygo County RESA

President-Elect: Barbara Griffin, Robert W Baird & Co., Financial Advisor and Director, Private Wealth Management

Secretary: Sandi Aten, retired, formerly with Grand Rapids Oral Deaf

Treasurer: Pam Howland, retired, formerly with Bank of America



Exciting news for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services!

D&HHS will be moving into the new SOMI (Special Olympics Michigan) building at 68th Street and Division, and launching a Capital Campaign of \$200,000 to fund the renovations. The new office will be part of a first-in-the-world Inclusion Hub for non-profits in West Michigan.



CODA

Here is one of many great reviews of the new film CODA streaming on Apple+ and featured at Sundance this year. The movie cast were deaf and so the film is very authentic, including Marlee Matlin. "As a CODA (Child of Deaf Adults) Ruby is the only hearing person in her deaf family. When the family's fishing business is threatened, Ruby finds herself torn between pursuing her love of music and her fear of abandoning her parents." –IMDB

<https://www.rogerebert.com/reviews/coda-movie-review-2021>

Here is a 6-minute video interview with Marlee Matlin as she shares the importance of authentic representation on screen.

https://www.imdb.com/video/vi1601945625?ref_=tt_eds_center-3_ecw_ros_marlee_cta&listId=ls025720609



NYTimes.com: How Lauren Ridloff's Deafness Became a Superpower in Marvel's 'Eternals'



In her first major role in a feature film, she wasn't fazed by things that might unnerve others, but she had to show filmmakers how to work with deafness.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/09/15/movies/lauren-ridloff-eternals-deaf-hero.html?smid=em-share>

(Thank you Barbara!)