Here is what’s new in our August 2017 Edition:

Points of View: **My View On How To Choose A Cochlear Implant**: Many individuals who are considering a cochlear implant look for help in comparing the different types of implants. They go to various internet groups to find out which implant is best. Comparing or recommending is not the place of CI users. Sharing experiences with what the implant user knows and experiences is. Sharing the websites that site comparisons only creates a false sense of what is true and what is not.

Guidance Articles: (1) **Communication Strategies If You Have Hearing Loss**: Whether you use hearing aids, a cochlear implant or you simply have mild, untreated hearing loss, learning new communication strategies is a great idea. Communication strategies can ameliorate the frustrating or isolating effects of missing out on or misinterpreting conversations and can help you make meaningful connections with others.

(2) **Technology and Communication Options For Children With Hearing Loss**: Communication is at the heart and soul of our lives. Children with hearing loss may build their communication skills using one or more of the communication options described in this article.

Current Research: **NYU Study Finds That Few Researchers Consider The Effect Of Hearing Loss In Physician/Patient Communication**: Doctors believe that communication with their patients is important, but most studies of physician/elderly patient communication do not mention that hearing loss may affect this interaction.

Layperson's Guide: (1) **Tips To Improve Communication When Talking With Someone With Hearing Loss**: Hearing aids alone may not let a person with hearing loss communicate successfully in all listening situations. As a family member or friend of a person with hearing loss, you can help improve communication by following a few simple suggestions. Remember, communication involves at least two individuals: a talker who sends the message and a listener who receives the message.

(2) **Communication Options For Children With Hearing Loss**: This article examines the communication options that are available for use within families of infants and young children who are hard-of-hearing or deaf.

Advocacy Help: (1) **A Chaplain Designs A Way For ICU Patients To Request Prayers, Poetry And A Hand To Hold!**: Chaplain Joel Nightingale Berning had long
observed doctors and nurses using communication boards so patients could clearly express their physical needs. He remembers thinking: Why hasn't anyone developed a board to help patients express their spiritual desires?

(2) Closed Captioning of Video Programming On Television: HLAA is a self-help organization and empowers people to self-advocate. The following FCC document provides a list of information relating to closed captioning needs that you may have and may want to contact the FCC about.

Are You New To Hearing Loss?: Eddy The Ear Videos: This month we have introduced a series of entertaining short video segments that will help you to be more ‘ear-responsible’. Enjoy!

My Story: HLAA Members And Supporters Tell Their Story About Their Workplace Experiences: We asked HLAA members and supporters to tell us about their workplace experiences, the purpose being to use their responses as informal research to help plan a workplace program.