



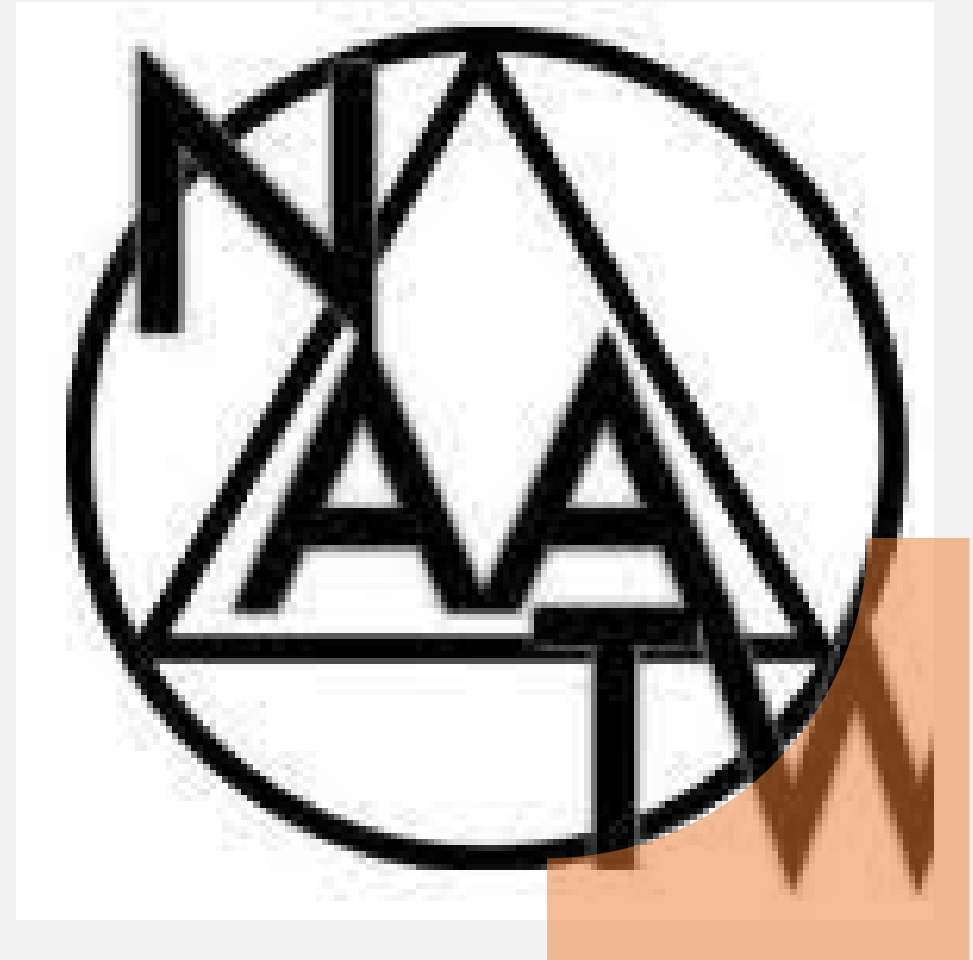
Importance of online meetings for Accessibility

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Area 47 – Accessibilities Committee Chair



**My 1st
National A.A.
Technology
Workshop
(NAATW)**



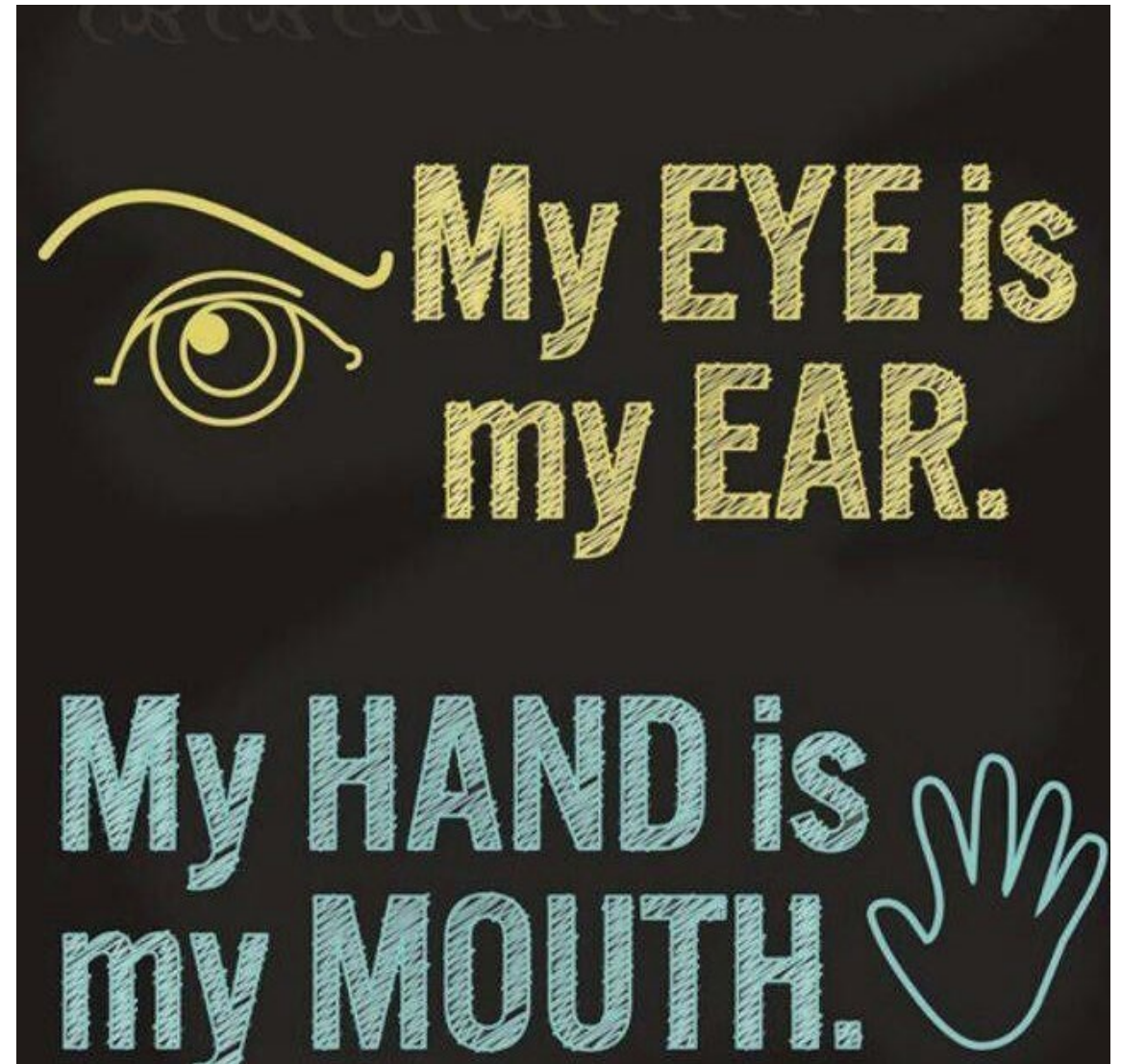
My Story and more...

- God/Higher Power has a plan for us.....
- Deaf vs deaf definition
- Blind / Visually Impaired Accessible Apps for Virtual Meetings
- Deaf/deaf and Hard of Hearing Accessible Apps for Virtual Meetings
- Missing
- Virtual Meetings
- Face to Face Meetings
- All Area Accessibilities Committee



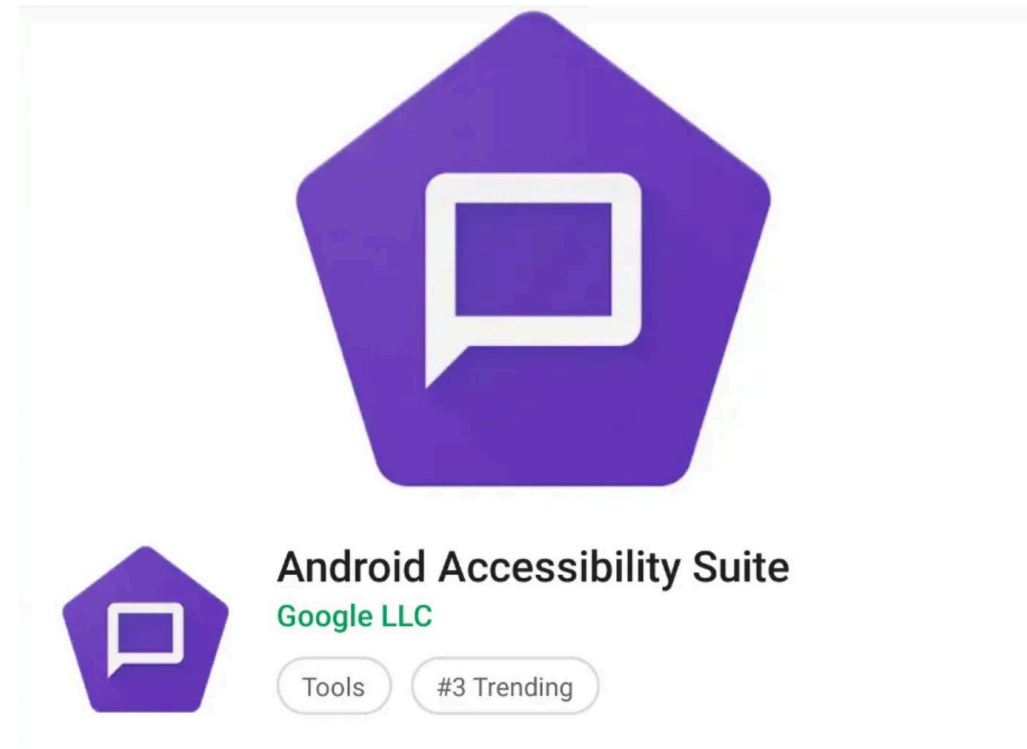
Deaf vs. deaf

- Deaf – the individual has been deaf all their lives or before they started to talk, also communicate via American Sign Language.
- deaf – severe hearing problem or severely hard of hearing due to a medical condition or environmental injury.



Blind / Visually Impaired App for Android

- Android Accessibility Suite (Android)
 - Android Accessibility Suite is the Google screen reader included on Android devices. TalkBack gives you spoken feedback so that you can use your device without looking at the screen.











Blind / Visually Impaired App for Apple

- VoiceOver
 - The VoiceOver screen reader describes exactly what's happening on your screen.
- Hover Text lets you instantly magnify a selection of text.
- Display Accommodations support color **blindness** and other **vision** needs.



D/deaf and Hard of Hearing Options

- CART - Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART)
 - Live captioners can be either **on-site** or provide captioning **remotely/off-site**.
- Automated Captions
 - Internal program translates to text.

	Platform	Automated Captioning	Live Captioning	Videoconference Transcript
	Adobe Connect	✓	✓	✓
	BlueJeans	✓		✓
	Google Hangouts Meet	✓		Third-Party
	GoToMeeting	✓		
	Microsoft Teams	✓		✓
	Skype	✓		Third-Party
	Webex		✓	✓
	Zoom	✓	✓	✓



Who is NOT here in the Rooms?

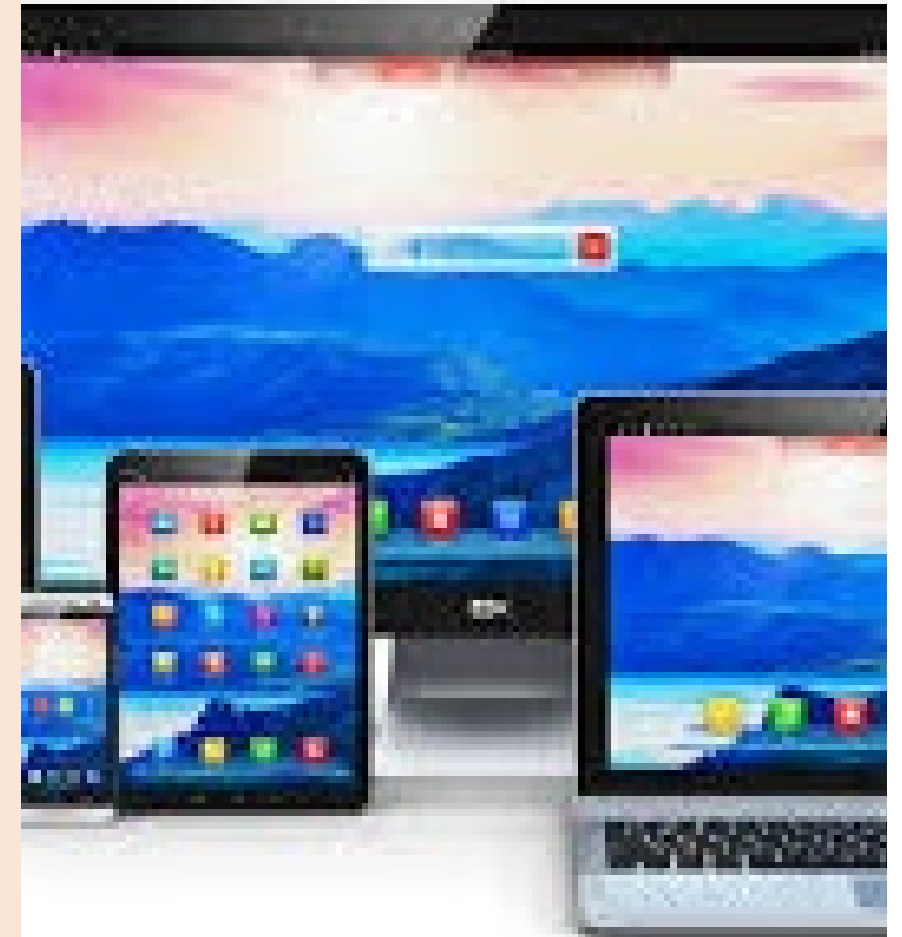
- Sandwich Generation
- Patients in Physical Rehabilitation
- Remote w/o Internet
- Single Parents
- Medical Professionals
- Emergency Responders
- Who has left the rooms?
- Reach out to those you haven't heard from since COVID



MISSING

Virtual Meetings

- COVID caused A.A. meetings to quickly shutdown in Alcoholics Anonymous.
- COVID gave birth to Virtual meetings:
 - Rejoining the fellowship.
 - Commuting to & from work.
 - Newcomers since March 2020
 - Virtual travel to any state/country.
 - Rocketed into a 5th dimension – technology
 - Unemployed
 - Stay at home parents/Parents
 - D/deaf Members - preference
 - Hi risk members - preference



Compare Meetings

- HOW are meetings accessible?
 - Virtual – on a Video Platform streamed live
 - In person – “face to face”
 - Hybrid – on a video platform and in person simultaneously in the same meeting room.
 - Parallel – members of a in person meeting hosting a virtual meeting at the same time a face to face meeting is happening but NOT in the same room.

Zoom Meeting

Audio only



With video



ALL AREA'S OPEN MEETING FOR ANY

ACCESSIBILITY



COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Topics and Solutions for our A.A. Members who cannot find our rooms due to an Accessibility or Remote challenge.

EVERY 2ND & 4TH
MONDAY of the MONTH
7pm - 8pm EST

ASL Interpreter provided

Zoom ID: 690-393-7306
PW: Area45

(An open meeting to all Group, District, Area and Intergroup,
Accessibility Committee members and Area Panel Officers)

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What are WE doing?

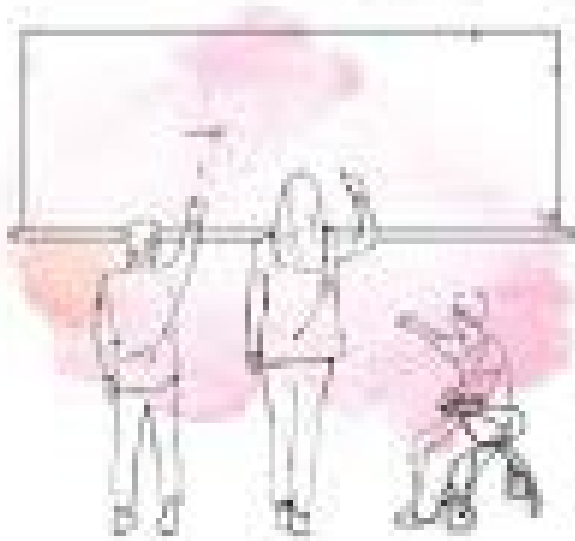
- Est. After NERAASA 2020.
- Accessibility Committee Meeting
- Using proper terminology when addressing alcoholics.
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- Accessibilities Checklist & COVID Checklist
- MG-04 Guidelines are not included in the Accessibilities Kit
- How to have more ASL meetings? Who should fund this?
- Have an accessible table at all events.
- 100% Accessible Meetings in person (unless bldg. is not required).
- How can a blind person access a virtual meeting easily?

All Area Accessibility Meeting

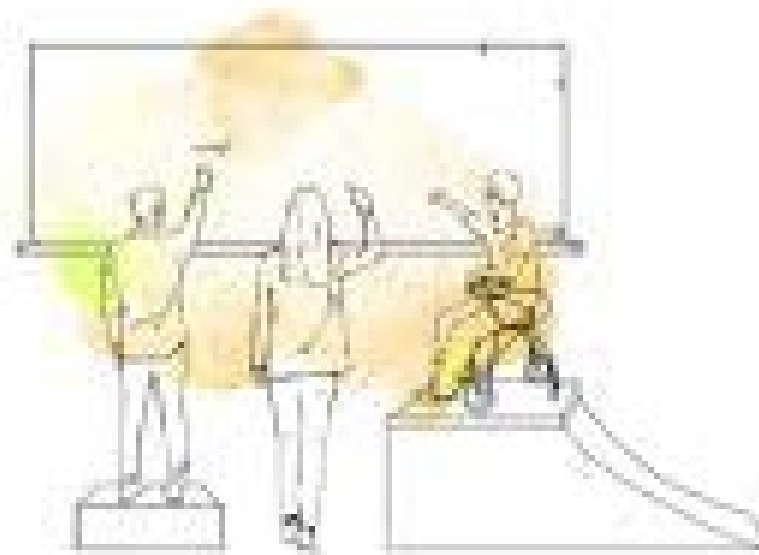
- **2nd and 4th Monday Night's**
- **7pm-8pm EST**
- **Zoom ID: 690 393 7306**
- **PW: Area45**
- **Any Alcoholic is welcome!**

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Equality



Accommodation



Accessibility

