



**Serving communities in
Northern Illinois
and Southern Wisconsin**

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***An Official Chapter of the
Association of Late-Deafened
Adults***



www.alda.org

ALDA Mission Statement:

To Support the Empowerment of Deafened People

ALDA's History:

ALDA was formed in Chicago, Illinois in 1987. Most of those that gathered there were total strangers who had never met or talked to another deafened person yet they found themselves wonderfully comfortable with one another. There was an unspoken feeling of understanding and patience with each other's communication difficulties. The marvelous sense of fellowship lasted and led to more social gatherings and self-help support groups, which swiftly evolved into the Association of Late-Deafened (ALDA). Today, ALDA's membership is international in scope. ALDA works collaboratively with other organizations around the world serving the needs of late-deafened people. We would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone, late-deafened or not, who support our goals.

What is Late-Deafness:

Late-deafness means deafness that happened postlingually, any time after the development of speech and language. Late-deafened people may have lost their hearing suddenly or gradually as a result of inherited causes, accident, illness, medications, surgery, noise, or unknown causes. They are unable to understand speech without visual aids such as speechreading, sign language, and /or captioning.

We're here for you.

Raising Our Communities
Knowledge on hearing loss.

We are a group of individuals just like yourselves who have lost their hearing and became late-deafened.

We will:

- Communicate with "whatever works"
- Include hearing individuals that support our goals
- Open to people of all ages no matter the degree of hearing loss
- Provide support and fellowship
- Share our experiences on everyday living and communication concerns

ALDA-Rock is continuously trying to promote deaf awareness and to provide support to our surrounding areas by:

Goals and Ongoing Projects:

- **Online group**, an e-group developed to provide communications among the members of ALDA-ROCK.
- **Outreach and Advocacy**, to reach out to as many late-deafeneds and to advocate on their behalf.
- **Presentations**, to share information with organizations about our group
- **Publications**, *ALDA-Debate*, a monthly flyer informing members of the recent and upcoming events.
ALDA-Statelines, semi-annual newsletter of short articles, members bios, calendar of events and articles that maybe of interest to members.
- **Social Activities**, based on the interests of the group
- **Website**, www.alda-freeport.org to provide more information to our members and those who are in search of support and fellowship

Meetings:

ALDA-Rock meets on the second Tuesday of the month at the:



8038 MacIntosh Lane
Rockford, IL 61107



Location: One block East of I-90 North of Clock Tower Resort, North on Lyford Road 1/3 mile to 8038 MacIntosh Lane

Time:

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Social Time
6:45 p.m. Program

CART: Computer Aided Real-Time Translations will be provided.