

October 17 program: Education for children & adults with hearing loss

Addressing Pre-K through College-age years

Due to our increasing number of younger members with hearing loss and those members who have children with hearing loss, Chattanooga HLAA felt it was time to address the needs of this growing population.

Join us on Sunday, October 17 at 2pm in the Ronald McDonald Community Room, when we present: **Education for children & adults with hearing loss: Pre-K through College-age Years**

Panel members:

- Marty Dunagan, Deaf Education Director
Chattanooga Speech & Hearing Center (Pre-K)
- Sarah Samarin, Teacher of Deaf/Hard of Hearing Students,
Hamilton County Schools (Elementary)
- TBA or Bea Lyons, Educator (High School)
 - Kathy Lutes, Director,
Disability Support Services,
Chattanooga State (College)

Calendar of meetings & events

- Nov. 6 - 2010 Statewide Workshop for Teachers, Parents, and Other Professionals Serving Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children; 7:30am-2:45pm (cst), at the Tennessee School for the Blind in Nashville, Tennessee
- Nov. 21: Cochlear Implants
- Dec. 11: Holiday Party
- Dec. 16: **Captioned performance** of "The Christmas Story," 7pm, Chattanooga Theatre Centre
- Dec. 19: **Captioned performance** of "The Nutcracker Christmas Carol," 2:30pm, Chattanooga State Humanities Theatre
- Jan. 16: New technology, Audiology Services
- Feb. 20: Disability laws
- Feb. 24: **Captioned performance** of "The Diary of Anne Frank," 7pm, Chattanooga Theatre Centre
- March 12: Walk4Hearing Kickoff Brunch
- March 20: Coping with hearing loss
- April 14: **Captioned performance** of "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," 7pm, Chattanooga Theatre Centre
- April 17: Clarity products
- April 30/May 1: Cornbread Festival Help (we get a donation to the Walk)
- May 14: Walk4Hearing
- May 19: **Captioned performance** of "The Women," 7pm, Chattanooga Theatre Centre
- June 16-19: HLAA Convention, Washington, DC
- July 7: **Captioned performance** of "Hairspray," 7pm, Chattanooga Theatre Centre

Member birthdays

- Happy **October** birthdays to: 3-Betty Proctor; 11-Larry Hixson; 19-Sabine DeLeon; 24-Peggy Anne Rogers; 31-Bea Lyons



MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

Walk4Hearing will be
May 14, 2011.

21st Century Communications & Video Accessibility Act of 2010

What S.3304 Does For Us

Section-by-Section Summary: What S. 3304 (as amended) Will Do For Us

August 9, 2010

Title I – Communications Access

Section 101: Definitions.

- * Provides definitions for “advanced communications” (including interconnected and non-interconnected voice over Internet protocol (VoIP), electronic messaging, and interoperable video conferencing services); “consumer-generated media”; and “disability.”

Section 102: Hearing aid compatibility.

- * Requires telephones used with the Internet to be hearing aid compatible.

Section 103: Relay services.

- * Permits use of relay services to enable communication with anyone, not just between people with and without disabilities. So, for example, a TTY user can use relay services to call a person who communicates in American Sign Language using a videophone.
- * Requires Internet-based voice communication service providers to contribute to the Interstate Relay Service Fund.

Section 104: Access to advanced communications services and equipment.

- * Requires accessible advanced communications equipment and services, if achievable; and, if not achievable, then to make equipment and services compatible with devices commonly used by individuals with disabilities to achieve access, if achievable.
- * Requires access to Internet services built-in to mobile telephone devices, like smart phones, if achievable.
- * Defines “achievable” as reasonable effort or expense, as determined by the FCC.
- * Improves enforcement; requires regular reports by the FCC to Congress; and requires an enforcement study by the Comptroller General.
- * Adds recordkeeping obligations for equipment manufacturers and service providers.
- * Requires a clearinghouse of information on accessible products and services, and public education and outreach.

Section 105: Relay Services for Deaf-Blind Individuals.

- * Allocates up to \$10 million per year from the Interstate Relay Service Fund for equipment used by individuals who are deaf-blind.

Section 106: Emergency Access Advisory Committee

- * Establishes an Emergency Access Advisory Committee to recommend and for the FCC to adopt rules to achieve reliable and interoperable communications with future Internet-enabled emergency call centers.

Title II – Video Programming

Section 201: Video Programming and Emergency Access Advisory Committee.

- * Establishes a Video Programming and Emergency Access Advisory Committee to make recommendations about closed captioning, video description, accessible emergency information, user interfaces, and video programming guides and menus.

Section 202: Video description and closed captioning.

Video Description

- * After 1 year, restores FCC rules requiring 4 hours per week of video description on 9 television channels (top 4 broadcast networks and top 5 cable channels) in the top 25 most populated markets.
- * After 2 years, requires FCC to report to Congress on video description.
- * After 4 years, permits the FCC to increase video description to 7 hours per week on 9 television channels.
- * After 6 years, requires the FCC to apply the video description requirements to the top 60 most populated markets (not just the top 25 most populated markets).
- * After 9 years, requires the FCC to report to Congress on the need for additional markets to carry video description.
- * After 10 years, permits the FCC to expand video description to 10 new markets annually to achieve 100 percent nationwide coverage.

Emergency Information

- * Requires video programming owners, providers, and distributors to make emergency information accessible to individuals who are blind or have low vision.

Closed Captioning

- * Requires captioned television programs to be captioned when delivered over the Internet.
- * Requires the FCC to grant or deny requests for exemption from the closed captioning rules within 12 months.

Section 203: Closed captioning decoder and video description capability.

- * Requires devices designed to receive or play back video programming, using a picture screen of any size, to be capable of displaying closed captioning, delivering available video description, and making emergency information accessible to individuals who are blind or have low vision, except, devices with picture screens less than 13” must meet these requirements if achievable with reasonable effort or expense.

- * Requires devices designed to record video programming (such as DVRs) to enable the rendering or pass through of closed captions, video description, and emergency information, so viewers can turn the closed captions and video description on/off when played back on a screen of any size.

Section 204: User interfaces on digital apparatus.

- * Requires devices designed to receive or play back video programming:
 1. to make controls of built-in functions accessible to and usable by individuals who are blind or have low vision, if achievable;
 2. to make controls of built-in functions accessible to and usable by individuals who are blind or have low vision through audio output;
 3. to provide access to built-in closed captioning and video description features through a mechanism that is reasonably comparable to a button, key, or icon designated for activating the closed captioning or accessibility features.

Section 205: Access to video programming guides and menus provided on navigation devices.

- * Requires cable/satellite set-top box on-screen text menus and guides to be audibly accessible to individuals who are blind or have low vision, if achievable.
- * To provide access to built-in closed captioning and video description features through a mechanism that is reasonably comparable to a button, key, or icon designated for activating the closed captioning or accessibility features.

Section 206: Definitions.

- * Provides definitions for Advisory Committee, Chairman, Commission, emergency information, Internet protocol, navigation device, video description, and video programming.

November's program topic will be Cochlear Implants: Sunday, Nov. 21, 2pm



Captioned Performance: Thurs., Dec. 16 • 7 p.m.

A Tribute to the Original, Traditional, One-Hundred-Percent, Red-Blooded, Two-Fisted, All-American Christmas... A Holiday comedy for the entire Family. Ralphie has to convince his parents, and teachers that a Red Ryder BB gun really is the perfect gift for the 1940's. He even pleads his case before Santa Claus, all with the same response, "You'll shoot your eye out." All the elements from the beloved motion picture are here.



Children with hearing loss may be able to receive assistive technology at no cost if their Individualized Education Program specifies that they need the assistive technology (such as hearing aids or FM systems) in order to receive a Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE). For more information, see "How the Individuals with

Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Applies to Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students," at http://clerccenter.gallaudet.edu/Clerc_Center/Information_and_Resources/Info_to_Go/Laws/NCLB_and_IDEA.html

September Meeting Report:

- Members should plan to vote on a suggested Founder's Day donation to HLA national at the October meeting.
- Members passed a motion made by **Sam McBride** and seconded by **Bea Lyons** to provide "\$1,000 in seed money" toward the purchase of a community building for use by Deaf, Deaf-blind and Hard of Hearing community members. Properties are being reviewed. Paperwork is in progress with the State of TN to make it a Limited Liability Corporation.
- **Mary Coleman** moved to investigate the looping of the Ronald McDonald House. Members agreed. **Ron Vickery** and **Margie Ulrich** will be contacted.
- **Susie Collins** moved to purchase cables, connectors and a protective sign case for the LED Electronic Captioning Board at a cost of \$450. Seconded by **Dick Twitchell**. Passed.
- **Susie Collins** moved to provide two \$500 scholarships for new members to attend the HLA convention in Washington, DC in 2011. Seconded by **Betty Proctor**, motion passed.
- Following the educational panel discussion on October 17, members should be prepared to vote on additional proposed use of Walk4Hearing funds and/or suggest other uses. Up for discussion: Marion County support, Chattanooga Theatre Centre continued support and two \$500 scholarships - one for a ChattState HOH student and one for a UTC HOH student.

THE NUTCRACKER CHRISTMAS CAROL

A HOLIDAY MUSICAL

Editor's Note: This play will be captioned by Linda Hershey to help us enjoy another fantastic holiday play!

The Nutcracker Christmas Carol, the fun-filled, family-oriented musical comedy, will have its **premiere captioned showing at Chattanooga State Humanities Theatre, 4501 Amnicola Highway, on Sunday, December 19 at 2:30pm**. This lighthearted spoof packs all the holiday stories into one joyful hour – complete with Charles Dickens, Ebenezer Scrooge, Dr. Stahlbaum, Herr Drosselmeyer, and Little Cindy Lou Who.

The Nutcracker Christmas Carol was written by **Rex Knowles** with music by **Sherry Landrum**, **Allan Ledford**, and Knowles. Directed by Sherry Landrum and choreographed by **Lindsay Fussell**. Allan Ledford is musical director.

The Nutcracker Christmas Carol is appropriate for all ages. Reservations are not needed. Call 423-697-3246 for more information. Tickets are \$10. Children, \$5.



Health briefs

- According to the July 2010 *Hearing Loss Journal*, the FDA has reported that side-effects from Viagra may cause hearing loss.
- According to ReSound, their new iSolate™ nanotech helps to keep hearing aids dry and working. See www.gnre-sound.com for more info.
- Check out www.monkeysee.com, www.hearingloss.org or www.YouTube.com to view captioned videos about hearing loss put together by healthcare professionals. Each video is less than five minutes. The topics include:
 - Hearing Loss Basic Facts
 - Hearing Loss Symptoms
 - Hearing Loss Diagnosis
 - Hearing Loss Treatments
 - Living With Hearing Loss
 - Hearing Loss Causes and Preventions
 - Hearing Aids, Cochlear Implants and Assistive Listening Devices



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Frances Andrews (11/10)	\$10
Lillian Barnett (11/10)	\$10
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Mrs. Walter Brissenden (12/10)	\$25
Dot Carter (1/11)	\$10
Cindi Caroland (past due)	
Susie Collins (1/11)	\$10
Brian & Annette Drake (3/11)	\$15
Mary Elam (2/11)	\$10
Marilyn Fisher (11/10)	\$10
Steven & Sharon Fritts (4/11)	\$15
Provash Ghosh (3/11)	\$10
Winnie Hargis (2/11)	\$10
David & Cathy Harrison (1/11)	\$10
Carrie Harvey (past due)	
Elaine S. Hill (11/10)	\$10
David, Debbie & Alexis Ingram (2/11)	\$15
Raymond Jenkins (past due)	
Taber Jenkins (11/10)	\$10
Katy Jones (9/11)	\$20
Helen & Charles Kitchings (11/10)	\$15
Bill Lawson (11/10)	\$10
Bea Lyons (11/10)	\$10
Nita Martin (8/10)	\$10
Dorris & Sam McBride (2/11)	\$15
Tom & Diane McCombs (11/11)	\$15

Elaine Moniz (1/12)	\$20
Lana & Bud Newton (11/10)	\$15
Marge Pasch (12/10)	\$10
Max & Vivian Putnam (12/10)	\$15
Betty Proctor (2/11)	\$10
Robby Reep (12/10)	\$10
Sara & Dan Rhein (3/11)	\$15
Terri Rice (past due)	
Peggy Anne Rogers (4/11)	\$10
David Saluk (past due)	
Jim & Joan Sewell (2/11)	\$15
Laqueta Soule (12/10)	\$10
Betty Soward (3/11)	\$10
Dave & Myralin Trayer (3/11)	\$15
Nelda & Dick Twitchell (12/10)	\$15
Howard VanZant (1/11)	\$10

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Individual fees are \$10 while family fees run \$15. You may pay your fee at the regular meeting or mail it to our PO box shown on mailing panel of this newsletter. The chapter survives because of your generosity! Not a member? See box at right and pay your fees to become one!

(Date next to name indicates when membership)

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Walk4Hearing Account: \$5,358.74

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Next meeting: October 17

Sunday, Oct. 17, 2pm in the Ronald McDonald Community Room.

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Fellowship and refreshments, all are welcome! Meetings captioned and loop system in use. Captions by Joyce Casey. Refreshments by Bea Lyons.

Note: The 2010 IRS 990 form was filed via e-card online on May 13, 2010; Chattanooga Chapter, HLAA, is in good standing with the IRS.