

# Choo-Choo Signal

## 2011 Walk4Hearing raises more than \$24,000!

### Member birthdays

- **May** birthdays: 5-Sam Nalley; 17-Becky Chester; 21-Warren Barnett; 28-Annette Drake; 31-Claire Overmyer. **June** birthdays: 2-Dick Twitchell; 24-Tom McCombs; 24-Ron Vickery; 27-Betty Soward. **July** birthdays: 2-Charlie Kitchings & Cathy Harrison; 10-David Harrison; 14-Sam McBride; 18-Bill Lawson; 24-Cindi Caroland & Shari Koeper; 28-Robbye Reep

### Calendar of meetings & events

- Aug. 13: HLAA picnic at ChattState CBIH building, 5-7pm
- Aug. 18: Returning Soldiers & Veterans Technology Expo at Brainerd UMC, 2-6pm. We have a booth, so if you can volunteer, let me know.
- Sept. 17: ESA Taster's Luncheon, captioned
- Sept. 18: 1st HLAA fall meeting, 2pm
- Oct. 15: GoFest at the Zoo!
- Oct. 15-19 (2012): 42nd Annual Southeast Regional Institute on Deafness Conference in Chattanooga. See [www.serid.org](http://www.serid.org) for information.

### In our thoughts & prayers...

- Condolences to Linda Hershey and family whose mother (Doris Wolf) passed away from cancer on July 21. Services were July 24 2004, Omaha in Des Moines, IA
- Betty Soward, broken wrist
- Marilyn Fisher, cochlear implant surgery
- David Harrison, surgery in May
- Condolences to family and friends of long-time HLAA member Frances Andrews, who passed away on May 27.
- Congrats to Kris Headrick who passed the NIC (National Interpreter Certification) Knowledge Exam
- Congrats to Margie Ulrich's niece, Lisa Littell on her recent marriage to Kevin Courson.



Walk leaders Cindy Sharrock, left, and Susis Collins, far right, watch with others as Kim Chapman, from NewsChannel9 assists Patrick Sharrock in cutting the ceremonial ribbon to open the Walk.

### W4H continues to open doors

By Betty A. Proctor, editor

In 2008, I remember the trepidation our chapter felt as we mulled over whether or not to host a Walk4Hearing in 2009. No one was really sure what we should do or how we should spend the money. The biggest stumbling block was an agreement on use of funds. Finally, we just forged ahead, unsure of anything.

Fast-forward to 2011 and our third annual Walk4Hearing which is becoming more popular and well-known not only in the Chattanooga area, but across state lines as well. This year we welcomed walkers from North Carolina, Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee.

It was so heartwarming to receive an email just last week from a woman I contacted in 2010 about the Walk, who emphatically stated, "I'm ready to get involved." She had kept my email for more than a year!

Our chapter has maintained its position that we are more about building awareness, however, we have come to realize that raising funds is a big part of that awareness. The funds allow us to provide programs and services to people with hearing loss in our area.

We have made it a point to tell everyone how

we spend the money we earned and we give great thought to suggestions made before we, as a chapter, vote on its usage. Apparently, the usage is on target.

When the National HLAA office notified us that we were selected to receive two awards: the 2010 Walk4Hearing Award for Best Use of Funds during the 2011 national convention in Washington, DC, and Best Chapter Website, let's just say it was the icing on the cake. (See photo on page 2.)

The website, maintained by Ruth & Gary Fox, has been integral in reaching people with hearing loss in our area as well as in promoting the Walk4Hearing. It is up-to-date and easy to navigate in addition to looking "pretty darn good!"

To date, one of the best uses of funds continues to be the purchase of the LED captioning board housed at the Chattanooga Theatre Centre. Not only has the board been used to open the world of live theatre to countless people with hearing loss at the CTC, but it has been used at our Walks, the Kickoff, Dalton League of Women Voter special events, Alpha Beta ESA Taster's Luncheon, ChattState's annual Nutcracker Christmas Carol and more.

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# Promote W4H all year long!

Here's your chance to help promote Walk4Hearing all year long! Foot Magnets and Walk caps are still available for purchase. Caps are \$8 each and foot magnets can be yours for a donation of \$1 or more. These will be available at the picnic and at each regular meeting starting in Sept.



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On July 7, the Chattanooga Times Free Press contacted me about captioning for the annual She! and Life! expos coming up soon. Again, it came down to a year-old email I had sent them lamenting the fact that when Betty White was the guest speaker at Life! in 2010, there was no captioning available and therefore inaccessible to many besides me. At that time I offered the services of our chapter to help plan accessibility into these events.

What it comes down to? We ARE making a difference and the Walk4Hearing is helping us to achieve goals we have perhaps dreamed about, but never been able to do before.

Team leaders and interested members will be meeting later this month to plan meetings and events for 2011-2012. It is during this planning meeting that we also come up with ideas to use the Walk4Hearing funds for the coming year, so if you have ideas, email me at [baproctor1@comcast.net](mailto:baproctor1@comcast.net).

## HLAA national wins awards

HLAA received four Hermes Creative Awards. This is an international competition for creative professionals involved in the concept, writing and design of marketing and communication programs and print, visual and audio materials.

### 2011 Awards:

- 2010 HLAA Convention in Milwaukee: Platinum Award for Integrated Marketing Materials
- HLAA's Walk4Hearing: Gold Award for Integrated Marketing Campaign
- Hearing Loss Magazine (September/October 2010 issue) – Gold Award for Magazine Publication Overall Content and Design
- Hearing Loss Magazine (January/February 2011 issue) – Honorable Mention for Magazine Design



Accepting awards at the annual HLAA Interantional Convention in Washington, DC on June 19 were Bea Lyons with Chapter Website award; Susie Collins with Founder's Day Recognition certificate and Betty Proctor with Walk4Hearing 2010 Best Use of Funds award.

## Walk4Hearing kudos

"Congratulations to you folks in Chattanooga on your very successful Walk for Hearing!"

Regards to all of you! Harold McPheeters

"I saw all those good looking people! with big smiles all over their faces!"

Hugs, Margie (Ulrich)

Everyone looking good. I am so glad they gave you guys the publicity. Hope it was a big success this year! It looked like it.

Look forward to seeing you again on the next one which will be bigger than ever.

Thank You, Cindy (Balloon Affair)

I loved the story and the photos. Hope to join you next year!

Take care, Anne (Schulmann)

## BHI news

### Supplemental Communication Strategies Are Needed

From the Better Hearing Institute website

The good news is you can optimize your hearing aid hearing experience using a number of methods, strategies and techniques as documented on the Better Hearing Institute website:

- Having realistic expectations about your hearing aids
- Teaching your social network "clear speech" Employing communication strategies with your social network
- Utilizing proven strategies for hearing better in noisy situations
- Joining a self-help group to share methods and techniques for optimizing your hearing aid experience

- Using other assistive technology in addition to your hearing aids
- Use of closed-captioned TV or movies
- Speech-reading (formerly called lip-reading) lessons
- Training your brain to listen (auditory retraining therapy)

Supplementing hearing aids with additional rehabilitation methods as mentioned above can be very useful in giving you the kinds of skills and communication strategies that can make the difference between understanding versus being left out of a conversation, particularly in tough listening environments. Talk to your professional about establishing a comprehensive communication enhancement plan for you.

To read the entire article see: [http://www.betterhearing.org/aural\\_education\\_and\\_counseling/Hearing\\_Loss\\_retraining\\_brain/](http://www.betterhearing.org/aural_education_and_counseling/Hearing_Loss_retraining_brain/)



## Captel news

Dear Betty,

I am writing to you as a valued member of the Hard of Hearing community in Tennessee. In my short time as the Outreach Coordinator for Captel in Tennessee, I have enjoyed working with and have had the pleasure of meeting many wonderful people who have found the Captioned Telephone program in Tennessee to be beneficial in their everyday life. Many of our customers say that Captioned Telephone has changed their lives and that they actually enjoy using the telephone again!

This year, the Tennessee Regulatory Authority has posted a "Request for Proposals" from companies who provide state relay services. The TRA and TDAP will be looking at bid proposals from various companies including Hamilton Relay (the current Captel provider in Tennessee). I would like to ask for your support of Hamilton Relay and their commitment to provide quality relay services to both Hard of Hearing and Deaf individuals who reside in the great state of Tennessee.

In your experience with me in my outreach efforts to assist you or your community I hope that I have represented Hamilton Relay in the positive way you deserve. If you could write a letter on my behalf or on behalf of your experiences with Hamilton, it would be greatly appreciated and valued.

I am attaching some sample letters that have been written in the past from persons in Iowa, which has a similar Hamilton Relay Captel and Relay program. I feel that these samples may be helpful to you by giving you a general idea of what other customers are saying.

You may email your letter to April Campbell at [april.campbell@hamilton-relay.com](mailto:april.campbell@hamilton-relay.com) and send a cc to me at [carolyn.mathis@hamiltonrelay.com](mailto:carolyn.mathis@hamiltonrelay.com)

You may also send a letter via regular mail if you choose to:

April Campbell, Hamilton Relay  
1001 12th St; Aurora, NE 68818

If you have questions please don't hesitate to contact me at 901-837-8027 or e-mail me at the address provided below. I appreciate your time and energy in this project and thank you for supporting Hamilton Relay powering Captioned Telephone service in Tennessee!

Thank you again for your support!

With Regards, Carolyn Mathis, Tennessee Captel Outreach Coordinator,  
Hamilton Relay

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*At left, Shari Koeper, HLAA -TN state co-coordinator, accepts the Captel Statewide Award from TN Captel outreach coordinator Carolyn Mathis during the 2011 Walk4Hearing in Chattanooga.*

## Hearing Assistive Technology Training

A two-day intensive course in hearing assistive technology (HAT) will be conducted at Gallaudet University in Washington, DC over the weekend of September 23 – 25, 2011.

This training is provided at no cost to participants! Includes meals and hotel for out-of-town participants.

This is an opportunity to learn from leaders in

the field about the latest hearing aids, cochlear implants, listening systems, alerting & signaling devices, telephone technologies and advocating for technology in the workplace and public areas.

This training is provided at no cost to participants, with the expectation they will serve as a resource in their home town/region by helping to promote the use of hearing assistive technology to those who might benefit from its use.

Visit the HLAA website for more information. Or, simply download the application and get

started right away. Please help us get the word out by downloading a flyer you can post or distribute to others who might be interested. Got questions? Email [HAT@hearingloss.org](mailto:HAT@hearingloss.org).

\* Meals include breakfast and lunch on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. Grant does not cover the cost of dinner or transportation to Washington, DC.

 **Hearing Loss Association of America**



## Free sign language class in Chattanooga

Say It In Sign offers a free Sign Language class available to anyone in the Chattanooga region. This class is designed for beginners or intermediate signers, but those with more advanced skills would most certainly benefit. No previous sign language experience is required in order to participate. You will learn basic Sign Language conversation & vocabulary, the manual alphabet, Deaf culture & etiquette, directional verbs, noun-verb pairs, number incorporations, classifiers, negative incorporations, and much more. You will not only be introduced to a new language, but to a new community of friends.

When do classes meet? Classes are offered on a semester-style schedule. Say It In Sign Sign Language Class Chattanooga The next 12-week session will be offered in the Fall Semester of 2011. This class will be offered Free of charge to the community on either Tuesday or Wednesday evenings Sept. - Nov. 2011. The exact schedule will be determined in summer 2011.

Our host location is Metro Tabernacle, located at the intersection of Hwy 153 & Airport Exit 1-A. The street address is 2101 W. Shepherd Rd, Chattanooga, TN.

See [www.SayItInSign.info](http://www.SayItInSign.info) for more information.

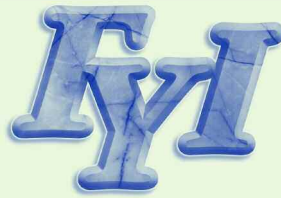
## WHO says poor are hit hardest by hearing loss

*Gleaned from July 2011 Hearing Journal*

According to WHO (World Health Organization), 70% of people with hearing loss live in developing countries and only one in 40 people will ever have the opportunity to wear a hearing aid.

Here in the US, we know that 36 million people have hearing loss, but WHO states there are 642 million worldwide who have hearing loss, and 208 million of those people have moderate-to-severe hearing loss!

World Wide Hearing, an international nonprofit organization that provides affordable hearing aids to underserved communities around the world, has formed a collaborative agreement with WHO, to work on transforming the way that hearing aids are fitted and delivered to the world's poor and underserved communities.



## Lucky to have good treasurer

The IRS revoked the 501c3 status of 275,000 organizations for failure to submit a 990 form. 28 of the organizations are HLAA chapters. About 10 of those are no longer operating chapters. HLAA is working with the rest to help them to get reinstated.

## TCDD needs council member

The Tennessee Council on Developmental Disabilities comprises people with disabilities from across the State, who are appointed by the Governor. We try to have representation from all categories of disabilities.

At the moment, we are looking for candidates from the Chattanooga area, especially someone who is deaf or hard of hearing.

Contact: Errol L. Elshtain, Director of Development, COUNCIL on DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES at [Errol.Elshtain@tn.gov](mailto:Errol.Elshtain@tn.gov).

## Walk4Hearing in CTFP

Please paste this entire link into your browser:

<http://eedition.timesfreepress.com/Olive/ODE/TimesFreePress/LandingPage/LandingPage.aspx?href=Q2hhdFRGUHJlc3MvMjAxMS8wNy8xNw..&pageno=Mzc.&entity=QXlwMzcxMQ..&view=ZW50aXR5>

And if you want to see it as it appeared in the newspaper today, click on the tab to the upper left that says "Paper."

## Mark your calendar!

Next newsletter will have topics listed with the dates, but these are our regular meetings dates for fall 2011-spring 2012:.

Sunday, September 18, 2011 .....2:00pm  
Sunday, November 20, 2011 .....2:00pm  
Sunday, January 15, 2012.....2:00pm  
Sunday, February 19, 2012 .....2:00pm  
Sunday, March 18, 2012 .....2:00pm  
Sunday, April 15, 2012 .....2:00pm

## Netflix being sued

See: <http://www.nad.org/news/2011/6/nad-files-disability-civil-rights-lawsuit-against-netflix>

NAD is suing Netflix for not having all their online movies captioned. - Sarah Samarin

## Hairspray holds!

If you missed Hairspray, you missed a darn good show and funny to boot. The musical numbers were awesome!

See the letter to the editor at:

<http://eedition.timesfreepress.com/Repository/ml.asp?Ref=Q2hhdFRGUHJlc3MvMjAxMS8wNy8xMiNlbnBjAxBjAx&Mode=HTML&Locale=english-skin-custom>



Bea Lyons with former student Azusa Q. Dance as "Motormouth Maybelle" in Hairspray.



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## Understanding hearing loss

From CDC website

Many different things can happen in the ear to cause a hearing loss.

The ear is divided into three parts:

- The outer ear
- The middle ear
- The inner ear



These terms describe hearing loss where the part of the ear is not working in a usual way:

**A conductive loss** — hearing loss caused by something that stops sounds from getting through the outer or middle ear.

**A sensorineural loss** — hearing loss that occurs when there is a problem in the way the inner ear or hearing nerve works.

**A mixed hearing loss** — hearing loss that includes a conductive and a sensorineural hearing loss.

These terms describe the degree or the amount of hearing loss a child has:

**Mild Hearing Loss** — a person with a mild hearing loss may hear some speech sounds but soft sounds are hard to hear.

**Moderate Hearing Loss** — a person with a moderate hearing loss may hear almost no speech when another person is talking at a normal level.

**Severe Hearing Loss** — a person with severe hearing loss will hear no speech of a person talking at a normal level and only some loud sounds.

**Profound Hearing Loss** — a person with a profound hearing loss will not hear any speech and only very loud sounds.

These terms describe when the hearing loss happened:

**Pre-lingual** — the hearing loss occurred before the child learned to talk.

**Post-lingual** — the hearing loss occurred after the child learned to talk.

These terms describe the side or sides on which the hearing loss occurs:

**Unilateral** — there is a hearing loss in one ear.

**Bilateral** — there is a hearing loss in both ears.

Parents and professionals will use these terms to describe a child's unique type of hearing loss when talking to others.

If professionals and other parents use terms that you don't understand, please ask questions.

## Mayo Clinic finds new genetic cause of neurodegeneration

Published in *Audiology Online* 6/6/2011

Mayo Clinic researchers have discovered two mutations responsible for a devastating neurological condition they first identified 15 years ago. The researchers say their study — appearing in *Nature Genetics* — has revealed a new neural pathway that may help understand a variety of similar conditions.

"We were able to do this now because of Next Generation genomic sequencing technology," says Christopher Klein, M.D., Mayo Clinic neurologist and lead author of the study. "We also had the invaluable help of our international collaborators who helped identify additional extended families with this condition, making the extensive genetic data available to us."

Called hereditary sensory and autonomic neuropathy type 1 (HSAN1) with dementia and hearing loss, its symptoms begin to appear in the young adult years — 20 to 35 — after which an individual's cognitive ability, hearing and ability to sense limbs deteriorate slowly. There is no treatment or cure. It was first identified and described by Peter Dyck, M.D., a senior Mayo neurologist and co-author of this current paper.

In addition to the original family studied by Dr. Dyck, Dr. Klein's team focused on DNA samples and data from three other family groups spanning the United States, Japan, the United Kingdom (U.K.) and Australia (the U.K. and Australian individuals are one family and the other U.S. family makes up the four). In addition to NextGen sequencing and subsequent bioinformatics studies, team members conducted intracellular and methylation studies. Ultimately, they discovered the mutations on the DNMT1 area cause misfolding of the enzyme, decreased enzyme activity and loss of chromatin binding. They also showed that even moderate alterations in methylation can disrupt normal neural functions, "suggesting that DNMT1 is part of a precise mechanism of dynamic regulation of the nervous system."

Because the condition worsens with age, the researchers say its effect is cumulative and epigenetic. That is, it directly alters the genome after birth.

While the findings offer no immediate treatment for the affected families, the discovery does provide a much greater understanding of how the disease functions, and directions for future research in neurodegeneration.

The study was funded by the National Institutes of Health and the Muscular Dystrophy Association.



At left, Beth Duggar with the National Cornbread Festival presents a Walk4Hearing sponsorship donation check for \$500 to Susie Collins, HLA A Chattanooga Chapter, Marion County representative.

### HLAA Chattanooga Chapter Treasury Report: July 6, 2011:

\$4,427.66

A complete report will be given in August.





## Campaign to make hearing aids affordable

By Brenda Battat, executive director, HLAA  
as published in Hearing Loss Magazine

HLAA's "Campaign to Make Hearing Aids Affordable" is an attempt to find ways to encourage and make it possible for more people to get treatment for their hearing loss and do it much earlier. These days there is no reason to put up with not hearing well. There are more and better options—both in technology and services—than ever. However, while 95 percent of people with hearing loss could successfully be treated with hearing aids, only 22 percent currently use them according to MarkeTrak report. And, 68 percent of people with hearing loss cite financial constraints as a core reason they do not use hearing aids.

This campaign has several components because HLAA believes there is no "one way"

to get more people to seek treatment for their hearing loss. We are focusing on the following:

- Increasing awareness about hearing loss and reducing stigma
- Advocating for unbundling of hearing aids and professional services
- Supporting low-cost options for consumers
- Advocating for insurance coverage and tax relief in the states
- Supporting the Hearing Aid Tax Credit legislation H.R. 1479 and S. 905
- Creating an opportunity on our website for consumers to rate the hearing health services they receive and comment on their hearing aids

My comments here are on one aspect of our campaign—encouraging transparency of pricing. In most professional practices today the cost of a hearing aid is bundled with costs for the professional services of the hearing health care provider including follow-up visits for hearing aid adjustment and counseling in successful hearing aid use. HLAA is calling for a cost breakdown so that consumers know what the device costs and what they are paying for the services. Going even further would be a "pay-as-you-go" model currently being used successfully in two clinics at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Paying for services of the professional and the device separately has several positive effects that benefit consumers:

- It starts an important dialog between consumers and hearing health providers.
- It takes the focus away from the device as the answer
- It sets up more realistic expectations of what

the device can and cannot do

- It "brands" the professional services of the hearing health provider placing value on those services and the need for them
- It reveals the need for a rehabilitation program of which the device is just one, though important, part
- You get what you pay for and need and no one patient is subsidizing another
- It may be easier for the consumer to pay smaller amounts gradually than one large amount up-front.
- The consumer can know exactly what they are paying for and how it all fits together in their effort to hear better—hearing test, device, earmold, functional communication and lifestyle assessment, programming and testing of the hearing aid, counseling during the trial or evaluation period, follow-up visits for tweaking, and group rehabilitation sessions, when available.

To learn more about unbundling and an unbundling model that has been used successfully over the past six years, we have asked Stephanie Sjoblad, Au.D., clinic director, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC), Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences, to write an article for the next issue of Hearing Loss Magazine to explain how it works in her clinic. One indicator of the success of the UNC model is that their hearing aid return rate over a six-year period is less than one percent. Compare that to an annual national return/exchange rate between 17.5 percent and 18.5 percent reported in studies by Strom. We can conclude that UNC is doing something right.



Above, chapter members Ruth & Gary Fox and Bea Lyons display chapter materials and information about the Walk4Hearing at the ChattState Health Fair on April 29. At right, Susie Collins stops to sign the Japanese flag in support of Japanese children with hearing loss while attending the 2011 HLAA National Convention in Washington, DC on June 18.



# Mysterious ways

By Betty A. Proctor, editor

Did you ever have one of those weeks (or longer) when things weren't going so well and all of a sudden other doors opened up? Yes folks, God answers prayers in his own way and sometimes not the way you expect.

To begin with, the plans to meet with Susie Collins and Jana Massengale (Step N' for Caleb team) regarding how to use the Walk4Hearing money set aside in 2010 for Marion County finally came to fruition. After lots of conversation, the answer kind of just developed: plans are in the works to hold an information workshop for parents and their HOH children this fall and to provide a speech therapy camp next summer using the Walk funds. We hope this will be an excellent way to help HOH children in Marion County. Kimball will donate space for the meeting and Bea Lyons has agreed to work on the camp costs and delivery. Jana and Susie will contact parents.



Just the day before this meeting occurred, as I explained on page 1, I got a call from the Chattanooga Times Free Press about captioning for the She! expo that took place last weekend. I quickly arranged to meet Lyndsi Sebastian at her office just BEFORE the Marion County meeting. I managed to explain captioning to her in a short 20 minutes and by July 14 it was done deal. Joyce Casey did the honors and captioned a medical session as well as, ta-da...Martha Stewart!



Not only does Joyce "hobnob" with celebrities, but she and/or Linda will be captioning the next big CTFP event: Life! expo on August 27. With plenty of time to plan this one, the captioning will be on the large multi-panel screen hanging from the ceiling for everyone to see in all directions. Thousands of people attend this event and we are putting captioning front and center. Wow!

Miracles happen every day, you just have to wait for God to make them happen.

**FOR ALL YOUTUBE FANS**

HLAA member Dana Mulvaney reports on the automatic captions on new YouTube videos:

\*As I hope most everyone knows, YouTube recently started providing automatic transcription/captioning for all new videos uploaded to YouTube.

I just did a search for a new video to double-check on how to make the captions appear. It turns out that there are a couple of steps to take to turn the automatic captioning on for the first time, and that merely seeing the "CC" with the red background on the bottom of the video isn't enough to see captions now.

For example, go to:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=QtZLvFrl6qk&feature=aso](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QtZLvFrl6qk&feature=aso)

Click on the "CC" on the bottom part of the video and wait for the menu to pop up.

Click on "Transcribe Audio (Beta)" at the top. This turns on the automatic transcription/captioning which is done for new videos. (Most older videos won't have that feature enabled yet).

After activating the automatic captioning, one can then choose to change the caption settings (the font and the size of the captions), and one's account settings (if you don't have an account on YouTube, it's helpful to set one up so you can set captioning preferences, save your favorites, create playlists, etc). I just changed my YouTube account settings so that automatic captioning is always activated.

The captioning is pretty cool!

Note that the automatic captioning will invariably have errors in it if the owner of the video hasn't corrected it. Some of the captioning will probably be funny when it hasn't been corrected yet.

Editor's note: There are even more exciting things happening as soon as Blackberry and other smart phones will have captioning available as well.



**Coming May 12, 2012!**

## Life is a picnic - so join us!

When: Sat., August 13

Time: 5-7pm

Where: Chattanooga State CBH bldg

We have met in the CBH cafe for the last few years because we were ALL tired of being so hot and miserable in a picnic shelter without a hint of air. Nice view, but we were too hot to care.

The CBH building has a nice cafe with a pretty view of the woods and an outdoor area where we can sit if it does happen to be nice. A covered parking garage makes it ideal in case of rain and an elevator is available to those with mobility problems.

*Y'all come!*



Pork BBQ will be provided. If you want buns, bring your own.

Bring a dish to pass (hot or cold).

Also provided: ice, sodas, water and tea; utensils for eating, plates and cups.



No, I'm not behind bars, I'm in front of them at the White House in Washington, DC.



## Local support as of 7/19/2011

Larry & Jane Akers (10/2011)	.....\$15
Frances Andrews (11/2011) deceased	.....\$10
Lillian Barnett (2/2013) - 2 years	.....\$20
Warren Barnett (11/2012) - 2 years	.....\$20
Jeff Bonnell (4/2012)	.....\$10
Mrs. Walter Brissenden (12/2011)	.....\$10 + gift
Mary Coleman (9/2011)	.....\$10
Susie Collins (1/2012)	.....\$10
Brian & Annette Drake (past due)	.....\$10
Cynthia Eby (11/2011)	.....\$10
Mary Elam (4/2013) - 2 years	.....\$10
Marilyn Fisher (11/2011)	.....\$10
Gary & Ruth Fox (11/2011)	.....\$15
Provash Ghosh (past due)	.....\$10
Winnie Hargis (3/2012)	.....\$10
David & Cathy Harrison (11/2011)	.....\$15
Kris Headrick (10/2011)	.....\$10
David, Debbie & Alexis Ingram (2/2012)	.....\$15
Taber Jenkins (1/2012)	.....\$10
Katy Jones (8/2012) - 2 years	.....\$20
Judy Kincer (11/2011)	.....\$10
Helen & Charles Kitchings (8/2011)	.....\$15
Bill Lawson (11/2011)	.....\$10
Jeanette Legg (9/2011)	.....\$10
Bea Lyons (11/2012) - 2 years	.....\$20
Nita Martin (8/2012) - 2 years	.....\$20
Jana Massengale (7/2012)	.....\$10
Dorris & Sam McBride (past due)	.....\$10
Tom & Diane McCombs (12/2011)	.....\$15
Elaine Moniz (1/2012) - 2 years	.....\$20

Lana & Bud Newton (2/2012)	.....\$15
Marge Pasch (12/2011)	.....\$10
Vivian Putnam (11/2011)	.....\$15
Betty Proctor (3/2012)	.....\$10
Robbye Reep (1/2012)	.....\$10
Ron Reynolds (11/2011)	.....\$10
Sarah & Dan Rhein (past due)	.....\$10
Peggy Anne Rogers (4/2011)	.....\$10
David Saluk (11/2012) - 2 years	.....\$20
Jim & Joan Sewell (past due)	.....\$10
Cindy Sharrock (3/2012)	.....\$10
Charlie Slover (3/2012)	.....\$10
Laqueta Soule (1/2012)	.....\$10
Betty Soward (7/2012)	.....\$10
Dave & Myralin Trayer (4/2011)	.....\$15
Nelda & Dick Twitchell (11/2011)	.....\$15
Howard VanZant (3/2012)	.....\$10

If your support fees are past due, please remit as soon as possible.

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 supporting member? See box at right and pay your fees to become one!

(Date next to name indicates when membership is next due - thanks for supporting the chapter!)

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