

New location for fall meetings announced

Member birthdays

- **September:** 1-Gail Pedigo; 3-Winnie Hargis; 11-Lana Newton

Calendar of meetings & events

- Sept. 17: ESA Taster's Luncheon, **captioned**
- Sept. 18: HLAA meeting, 2pm: Convention wrap up by first-time attendee Kris Headrick & CaptionCall demo/discussion
- Oct. 13: Healthpalooza
- Oct. 15: GoFest at the Zoo!
- Oct. 16: HLAA mtg, 2pm: Audiologist on Wheels: Lewis Addison
- Nov. 20: HLAA mtg, 2pm: How to enjoy the holidays as a hearing challenged family (panel discussion)
- Dec. 10: HLAA Holiday Luncheon, noon (tentative)
- Jan. 15: HLAA mtg, 2pm: Understanding the Deaf community, Sam & Dorris McBride
- Feb. 19: HLAA mtg, 2pm: Internet facilitated communication: Skype's the limit! - Gary & Ruth Fox
- March 10: Walk4Hearing Kickoff, 10am
- May 12: 4th annual Walk4Hearing, 10am

In our thoughts & prayers...

- David Harrison, surgery

September-October-November meetings at ChattState

Due to mold issues experienced by the Ronald McDonald House, it will be closed to the public for repairs and therefore to us until January 2012.

In the meantime, we have made arrangements to meet in the Center for Business, Industry & Health (CBIH) building at Chattanooga State for the fall months. Located at 4501 Amnicola Highway, the meetings will be in Room 231, a classroom equipped with a screen that we can use to project the captioning.

We most recently used the cafe in this building for our August picnic. There is a convenient parking garage located under the building in which to park and an elevator to get to the 2nd floor. The stairwell to the building will be locked. All visitors must use the elevator.

Look for the Chattanooga State - Wacker Institute sign on the highway. Once you turn on that road, take the first left toward the CBIH building and park under the building in the garage.



Boomers & Seniors Life Expo a hit!

Thousands of visitors stopped by the HLAA booth at the Boomers & Senior Life Expo on August 27 as we promoted the chapter and the 2012 Walk4Hearing. Upper right, Bea Lyons Kris Headrick & Nelda Twitchell volunteer. Linda Hershey captioned the "Two Woman Show" starring Vicki Lawrence and her alter ego "Momma" that she originated on the Carol Burnett Show, lower left. Some of many visitors to the booth, lower right..



**Chattanooga
Theatre Centre
2011-2012 Season
on the Main Stage**



The following plays will be captioned for Deaf and hard of hearing at the Chattanooga Theatre Centre:

Thursday, October 27, 2011: "Dark of the Moon" - An eerie Halloween Treat (contains adult situations)

Thursday, December 22, 2011: "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" - Holiday treat for the whole family with festive holiday songs and surprises

Thursday, February 9, 2012: "The Importance of Being Earnest" - An Oscar Wilde comedy classic

Thursday, March 29, 2012: "The Mousetrap" - An Agatha Christie murder mystery with a switch finish

Thursday, April 26, 2012: A World Premiere Play (To be announced) - An award-winning work by a local new playwright

Thursday, July 26, 2012: "Anything Goes" - Classic musical theater with amazing tap numbers, campy songs, and unlikely happy endings

All Thursday evening performances begin at 7:00pm. Tickets are priced at \$10 - \$20, a real bargain for great entertainment.

Visit online at www.theatrecentre.com or call the Box Office at 423-267-8534 for tickets.

Chattanooga Theatre Centre
400 River Street
Chattanooga, TN 37405

**Hearing aid compatible
cell phones - 2nd edition**

August 29, 2011; Better Hearing Institute; www.betterhearing.org

There are now close to 125 cell phones with the highest M4/T4 hearing aid compatibility rating. The good news is Apple's iPhone 4 now has the M4/T4 rating.

As a service to hearing aid owners and hearing healthcare professionals we have created a permanent page on the BHI website with all compatible cell phones (M4/T4 only) with hyperlinks to www.phonescoop.com enabling the consumer to further research the features of each cell phone as well as to discern the service providers for each cell phone model.

**7TH ANNUAL
GO!FEST**

CHATTANOOGA ZOO

from 10AM - 3PM
OCTOBER 15, 2011

FREE!

Let's go to Go!Fest, a free day at the Chattanooga Zoo, where you'll experience an exotic animal encounter around every corner, as well as discover what it's like to live life without limitations. Go!Fest is for people of all abilities and features activities, entertainment and information from social service agencies and other civic-minded groups, businesses and institutions.

This year's activities and events will include:

- > Firehouse Chili Cook-Off
- > Helicopter Landings
- > Live Music
- > Adaptive Sports
- > Touch-A-Truck
- > Art Expo
- > Assistive Technology

SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS WILL BE PROVIDED.

Go!Fest is part of an initiative created to help make Chattanooga more accessible to everyone, regardless of their ability.





Are there any suggestions on how to keep hearing aids on my child?

From American Speech-Language-Hearing Assn. website

It is very important that children with hearing loss use their hearing aids as much as possible. A child who has been wearing hearing aids consistently since infancy will probably wear them without resistance. Children who have not been consistent hearing aid wearers may be more of a challenge.

Start by putting the hearing aids on your child while you are engaged in a fun activity and increase the amount of time until your child is wearing the hearing aids during all waking hours. Young children should learn that only an adult should put the hearing aids on and take the hearing aids off. Older children may be more interested in their hearing aids if they are able to provide input into the color of their earmold or hearing aid.

There are several ways to secure the hearing aids to your child's ears. Some ideas include two-sided toupee tape, Huggie Aids™, lightweight caps and headbands, fishing line and a safety pin, and hearing aid clips. Your audiologist will help you find the best method for your child.



News from national...

HLAA national membership benefit

Another benefit of HLAA membership: Verizon and AT&T have text only programs available for those who cannot use voice phone and do not want to pay for a voice plan. To qualify all you have to do is show membership in HLAA (your member number along with expiration date).

New HLAA website launches

HLAA's website (hearingloss.org) serves as the primary source of objective information for 36 million Americans with hearing loss. The website underwent a major redesign to make it more intuitive, provide better navigation and to make it easier to find specific content in the vast collection of hearing loss resources available to all site visitors.

It is now easier to use and packed with helpful information so that more people looking for hearing health care resources and support for hearing loss can find it.

The year-long project was generously supported by Cochlear Americas, a leading manufacturer of cochlear implants and Baha®.

The website provides extensive information on the latest in hearing assistive technology; national advocacy work on Capitol Hill and before federal regulatory agencies; HLAA's

national programs including the annual Convention, the National Walk4Hearing®, Hearing Loss Support Specialists Training, online webinars, and online communities for young adults and parents. Contact information for professional members including otolaryngologists, audiologists and hearing instrument specialists, can be found by visitors looking for a hearing health professional in their area. The site provides a directory of HLAA's national network of chapters and state organizations, ways to support HLAA's work, and much more.

Protect your phone contacts.

(From June 19 Parade magazine)

Back up all your contacts, access them online and transfer them to a new phone with a free app from Lookout Mobile Security. The program Lookout can even help you locate a missing phone via an onscreen map - or lock your phone if its lost or stolen. It works with Androids, Blackberries and most other smartphones. Check it out on mylookout.com.

Quick ways to recycle or donate

(from Blush magazine)

Cell phones: 911cellphonebank.org

Laptop computers: recycleforbreastcancer.org

Professional clothes: dressforsuccess.org

Coats: onewarmcoat.org

Sneakers: nikereuseashoe.com

Waste disposal (batteries, expired medication, paint, plastic bags and more): earth911.com

Anything neighbors might want: freecycle.org



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HLAA Chattanooga Chapter Treasury Report: July 1-30, 2011:

HLAA Chattanooga Chapter Treasury Report
July 30, 2011 – September 12, 2011

Beginning Balance (July 30, 2011)\$4,329.86
Deposits & Credits30.00
Withdrawals (checkbook order)35.51

Checks:

#556 Reimburse Picnic BBQ34.96
#557 TFP Life Expo400.00
\$504.03
#558 ChattState Print Shop (Biz Cards)34.50
#559 Reimburse Photo/mag/biz card holders34.57
Ending Balance (September 12, 2011)\$3,820.32

Bea Lyons, treasurer

Local support as of 9/12/2011

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
Joyce Casey.....	lifetime
Mary Coleman (9/2011).....	\$10
Susie Collins (1/2012).....	\$10
Brian & Annette Drake (past due).....	
Cynthia Eby (11/2011).....	\$10
Mary Elam (4/2013) - 2 years.....	\$20
Marilyn Fisher (11/2011).....	\$10
Gary & Ruth Fox (11/2011).....	\$15
Provash Ghosh (past due).....	
Winnie Hargis (3/2012).....	\$10
David & Cathy Harrison (11/2011).....	\$15
Kris Headrick (10/2011).....	\$10
Linda Hershey.....	lifetime
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 (8/2012).....	\$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).....	

Tom & Diane McCombs (12/2011).....	\$15
Elaine Moniz (1/2012) - 2 years.....	\$20
Beverly Morris (4/2012).....	\$10
Lana & Bud Newton (2/2012).....	\$15
Marge Pasch (12/2011).....	\$10
Gail Pedigo (4/2012).....	\$10
Betty Proctor (3/2012).....	\$10
Vivian Putnam (11/2011).....	\$15
Robbye Reep (1/2012).....	\$10
Ron Reynolds (11/2011).....	\$10
Peggy Anne Rogers (past due).....	
David Saluk (11/2012) - 2 years.....	\$20
Jim & Joan Sewell (8/2012).....	\$15
Cindy Sharrock (3/2012).....	\$10
Charlie Slover (3/2012).....	\$10
Laqueta Soule (1/2012).....	\$10
Betty Soward (7/2012).....	\$10
Dave & Myralin Trayer (past due).....	
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!)

HLAA Membership

HLAA is committed to creating awareness of hearing loss issues.

Local Support Benefits:

Newsletter, membership directory, special mailings, educational info, support, National HLAA information

Memberships are good for one calendar year.

To become a member, sign up below:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State/Zip _____

Phone # _____

Work Phone _____

E-mail address _____

Birthday _____

___ HLAA Chattanooga Chapter, circle one:

\$10 individual, or **\$15** family, **mail to:**

PO Box 25254, Chattanooga, TN 37422-9992

___ HLAA National Dues, **\$35**

Includes Hearing Loss magazine subscription, **mail to:**

HLAA, 7910 Woodmont Ave., Suite 1200

Bethesda, MD 20814 or visit www.hearingloss.org and pay online!

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Next meeting: Sept. 18

Join us on Sunday, Sept. 18 at 2pm in room 231 of the ChattState CBH building (see page 1). Topic: "Here's what you missed at the HLAA convention" plus Caption Call rep Deborah Reddish will discuss this new technology for phones.

Refreshments: The Twitchell's

Meetings fully accessible by looping; captioning provided.

Have a smartphone?

Scan this code in to visit our

Chapter website or see www.hearingchattanooga.org

