

## October is Walk fund decision month

### Member birthdays

- **October:** 3-Betty Proctor; 24-Peggy Anne Rogers; 31-Bea Lyons

### Calendar of meetings & events

- Oct. 13: Healthpalooza, Eastgate Town Center, 9am-1pm (we'll be there!)
- Oct. 13: Sign & Dine, 4:30-6:30 at Golden Corral on Gunbarrel
- Oct. 15: GoFest at the Zoo! 10am-3pm (we'll be there!)
- Oct. 15: Deaf Chat at Starbucks by Hamilton Place Mall, 10am-Noon
- Oct. 15: 1st Annual CaptTel Picnic at Chester Frost Park, 3-7pm, see page 3!
- 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
- March 10: Walk4Hearing Kickoff, 10am
- May 12: 4th annual Walk4Hearing, 10am

By Betty Proctor, Walk4Hearing Chair

During the Sept. meeting, several ideas to use 2011 Walk4Hearing funds were listed. I asked members by email to submit ideas a few weeks ago.

On Oct. 16, we will be voting on how to use the 2011 funds. This list is not all inclusive. We will take other ideas from the floor, but members should be prepared to make a decision on how this year's funds will be spent.

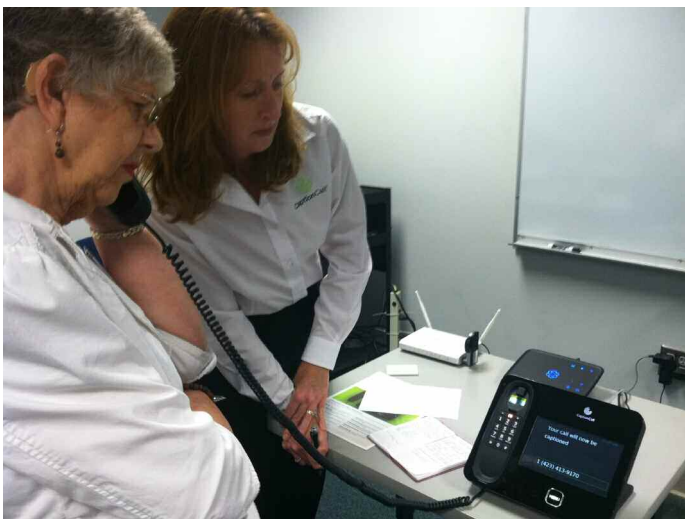
FYI, we must do a good job of disbursing funds because we won the 2010 Walk4Hearing "Best Use of Funds" award. This award was established in 2009 and we are only the second chapter to receive it, nationally.

### With that said, here are the ideas for 2011:

- \$2,000 Speech therapy camp for kids, summer 2012 (money committed in 2010)
- Veteran's (??something??)
- Theatre Centre support
- Seed money Deaf/HOH Community Center
- 2012 Deaf Blind Camp support
- Two college scholarships continued
- Support to HOH people affected by April 27 tornados
- Life Expo booth fee for 2012
- Two scholarships to attend HLAA convention
- Provide funds for one captioner to attend the HLAA convention
- Provide sign language interpreters for certain events (IE: CTC play on Dec. 22)
- Provide additional captioning of plays locally



**Stay tuned for some exciting plans for Walk4Hearing 2012 - details in the November newsletter!**



At left, gold team leader, Nelda Twitchell tries out the new CaptionCall phone with sales rep Debbie Reddish at the September HLAA meeting. HLAA members may get a FREE phone from CaptionCall through October 31. See ad on page 2!

## Chattanooga Theatre Centre



Thursday, October 27 at 7:00pm

Set in Appalachia and told in a rich, mountain dialect, the play tells the story of John, a witch boy who seeks to become human after falling in love with a human girl, Barbara Allen. Originally written as a dramatization of the centuries-old, European folk song "The Ballad of Barbara Allen." This haunting play featuring the bluegrass sounds of talented local musicians arrives on our MainStage just in time for Halloween.

## Why hearing loops are back to stay

From the Colorado State HLAA newsletter

It's ironic and somewhat unfortunate that the special feature that has the potential to provide the most benefit for many patients is one that often receives the least attention. In fact, it's entirely possible that the same audiologists who are concerned about the best DNR, directionally and feedback reduction systems might not even include telecoils in the majority of hearing aids that they dispense. The "potential benefit" I'm referring to is the use of telecoils with hearing loops. These loops could be installed somewhere as simple as the patient's living room, or made available in public listening locations like banks, hospitals, airports, auditoriums, places of worship and taxis. The list could go on and on (and maybe some day it will). All the patient needs is telecoils in his or her hearing aids. For a variety of reasons, the U.S. is far behind many other countries in the use of hearing loops. But hopefully that is changing. One person who is making it change, room by room, in her part of the world is this month's 20Q guest author. [http://www.audiologyonline.com/articles/article\\_detail.asp?article\\_id=2388](http://www.audiologyonline.com/articles/article_detail.asp?article_id=2388)

**36 million people in the U.S. have hearing loss...won't YOU step up and help us raise funds and awareness?**  
**Chattanooga Walk4Hearing is May 12**



## IMAX CC accommodations

It was really nice to meet you and your grandson as well. I'm glad to hear you enjoyed the movie, I hope to see you back in the near future, I will make sure and let you know when we have new films arriving.

There is no need for any HOH person to have to request accommodations ahead of time, they can just let one of attendants know that they need closed captioning and we will take

care of the rest. I would however recommend arriving at the theater about 30 minutes prior to the start of the film. It also may be a good idea to call and make sure captions are being offered for the film they are coming to see. Because of funding some movies never have closed captions created. Both of our films currently showing do have closed captioning.

Currently the Aquarium and River Gorge explorer do not have any accommodations for HOH/deaf people. I really look forward to receiving your newsletter, the newsletter should give me a better idea of the challenges that HOH/deaf people face. This knowledge could help us apply future accommodations within the Aquarium and River Gorge Explorer.

Kind regards, Corey Cobb  
Chief Projectionist / IMAX • [ccc@tnaqua.org](mailto:ccc@tnaqua.org)



11-year-old Jake Proctor enjoyed "Tornado Alley" with his Momo, Betty Proctor, on Oct. 8.

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## 1 in 5 teens have lost some hearing

By Betty A. Proctor,  
information from an Associated Press article

According to a recent study by Dr. Gary Curham of Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston, nearly one in five teens have lost some hearing. Albeit slight, a loss of 16 to 24 decibels will affect hearing. All vowel sounds can be heard, but the slight loss can mean that the teen will miss some consonant sounds such as t, k and s. This study means that about 6.5 million have a slight loss.

Without pointing blame at new technology, high-frequency loss often accompanies misuse of personal listening devices such as iPod or MP3 players.

**Marion County parents meeting to be announced later this month - watch your email and our website for details**

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## First Annual Picnic

Date: Saturday, October 15, 2011

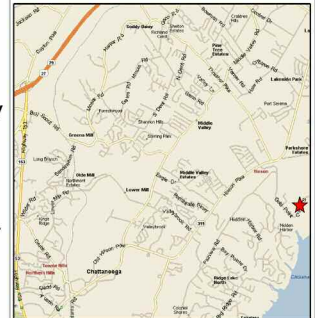
Time: 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Location: Chester Frost Park  
2318 North Gold Point Circle  
Hixson, TN

Bring your chairs and picnic blankets and enjoy time with family, friends and new acquaintances. Food will be provided and attendance is free. The 2011 Deaf Community Leader Award will be presented during the picnic.

At the picnic, we will also celebrate the 110th anniversary of Hamilton Relay's parent company, Hamilton Telecommunications.

We are excited to celebrate this important milestone with Tennessee's Relay and Captioned Telephone service provider!



Chester Frost Park  
2813 North Gold Point Circle  
Hixson, TN



### Please RSVP by October 8 to:

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### HLAA Chattanooga Chapter Treasury Report September 1, 2011 – September 30, 2011

Beginning Balance (September 1, 2011)  
\$3,820.32

Deposits & Credits  
4,050.00

Withdrawals (checkbook order)  
35.51

#### Checks:

#560 P O Box Rental Fee  
96.00 }

#561 Healthapalooza Sally Brewer (exhibit)  
25.00 } \$121.00

Ending Balance (September 30, 2011)  
\$7,734.32

Bea Lyons, treasurer

## Local support as of 10/7/2011

*Larry & Jane Akers (10/2011)	.....\$15
Nels & Mary Ann Angelin (9/2012)	.....\$15
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
Dorothy Casteel & Cindy Groves (9/2012)	.....\$15
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
Katye 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 (3/2012)	.....\$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

\* Indicates a National HLA A member

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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Memberships are good for one calendar year.

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## Next meeting: Oct. 16

Join us on Sunday, Oct. 16 at 2pm in room 231 of the ChattState CBH building. Topic: "Audiologist on Wheels" - audiologist Lewis Addison will discuss his "mobile" business.

Refreshments: Bea Lyons & Kris Headrick

Meetings fully accessible by looping; captioning provided by Joyce Casey.

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