

Choo-Choo Signal

2012 Walk4Hearing marks best year ever!

Member birthdays

- **May:** 21-Warren Barnett; 28-Annette Drake;
- **June:** 2-Dick Twitchell; 4-Elaine Moniz; 14-Jeff Bonnell; 24-Tom McCombs & Ron Vickery; 27-Betty Soward;
- **July:** 2-Charlie Kitchings; 14-Sam McBride & Laqueta Soule; 18-Bill Lawson; 28-Robbye Reep
- **August:** 5-Brian Drake; 8-Danny Drake; 12-James Sewell; 14-Dorris McBride; 15-Joyce Casey; 16-Diane McCombs; 23-Dave Trayer

Calendar of meetings & events

- Aug. 11: Annual Picnic at Chattanooga State, 5-7pm (see page 4)
- Aug. 15: Nominations for the Hamilton Relay 2012 Tennessee Deaf Community Leader Award. See nomination forms at www.hamiltonrelay.com
- Sept. 15: Taster's Luncheon 25th Anniversary Luncheon, Fashion Show & Chinese Auction (benefits Boehm Birth Defect Center) - CAPTIONED - tickets \$15 (contact Betty Proctor)
- Sept. 16: HLA Meeting at Ronald McDonald House, 2pm. John Forbes from TN Orgn. of Deaf/Blind is guest speaker; CapTel announcement - CAPTIONED
- Oct. 6: Go!Fest at the Zoo, 10am-3pm - FREE - Interpreters provided (HLA volunteers needed)
- Oct. 6: Boomers & Seniors Life Expo, Guest Speaker & Time TBA, Convention & Trade Center - CAPTIONED; HLA will have a booth (HLA volunteers needed)
- Oct. 16-19: SERID (SE Regional Institute on Deafness) 8-county conference; HLA will be involved with planning & at the event (volunteers needed). See page 3.

In our thoughts & prayers

- Mary Elam on her recent hospitalization and recovery

Walk4Hearing was a winning event all around as the Chattanooga Walk took in more than \$28,700* dollars in 2012.

The national HLAA office retains 50 percent of the profits, while the remaining monies are divided between five alliances, three affiliates, and the Chattanooga Chapter that will allow us to continue our outreach work in the Chattanooga area.

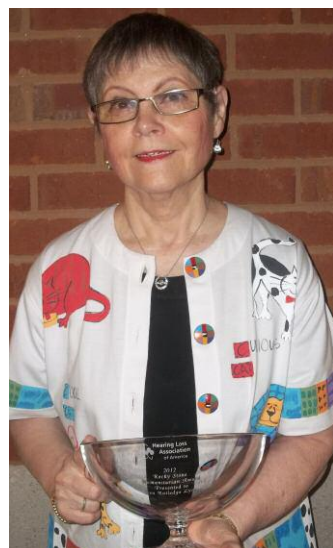
Congratulations to the following alliance and affiliate partners on their earnings this year:

Chattanooga Deaf Community Center ..	156.20
Chattanooga State Foundation	781.00
Dalton League of Women Voters	472.00
Go Georgia.....	268.00
Knoxville HLA.....	976.00
Nashville HLA.....	900.00
Tie-Dye Tornado (Signal Centers).....	360.00
TN Orgn. of Deaf-Blind.....	466.80

* A complete report will be available at the September HLA meeting



Caprice Wofford, Alexis Twitchell & Grandpa Dick were all smiles as donations were turned in.



Awards
At left, Bea Lyons proudly displays her Rocky Stone Humanitarian Award, the top award from HLAA she received at the 2012 convention.



At right, Betty Proctor proudly displays her Hamilton Relay Better Speech & Hearing Month Award.

Walk4Hearing funds put to good use!

Walk4Hearing alliances are asked to provide ideas on how they plan to use the funds that they raise as a team. Here are just a few:

- Purchase adapted weather radios for those with a hearing loss at no cost to them
- Provide captioning for college events, etc.
- Provide CART at community meetings
- Provide advocacy for hearing at large conferences
- Provide publicity on W4H and hearing loss information
- Set up a support service provider program to assist individuals with a combined hearing & vision loss

When we return to our regular meeting schedule in September, chapter members will have the chance to express funding ideas...so put your thinking caps on! During July team leaders came up with funding ideas to launch the discussion:

- Possibly buy children with hearing loss a hearing disability toy when they are ill and undergoing treatment
- Establish an emergency fund in Marion County with leftover Marion County Hearing Heroes Camp money
- Kids on the Block support for disability show
- Continued theatre captioning support; add interpreting for at least one show
- Fund 2013 Life Expo exhibit fee
- Purchase HLAA/Walk4Hearing vests to wear at special events
- Offer to sponsor the exhibit fee at the Life Expo in October for the Speech & Hearing Center so they can have a booth (funding severely cut!)
- Place HLAA ads in Senior Directory
- Sponsor captioning at the ESA Taster's Luncheon & Fashion Show on Sept 15 - benefits Boehm Birth Defect Center
- Create goodie bags with HLAA & Walk materials to give to audiology offices for distribution to their clients (start small with member's audiologists)
- Sponsor Hearing Heroes Camp II in June 2013; start one in Hamilton Co.
- Pay Hamilton Place Mall to display Walk banner from April 13-May 11, 2013
- Sponsor Deaf Golf Tourney in June



• The Signal Centers Assistive Technology Center has moved! They are now located at 2300 Bailey Avenue in Chattanooga. Their phone number is 629-4174. "Bigger space for us as we are growing!" says Steve Powell.

- Are you 18-35 years of age? HearingLossNation is a non-profit online community designed specifically for hard of hearing individuals between ages 18-35. See www.hearingloss.org and click on HearingLossNation.
- Hamilton CapTel is a FREE service that delivers real-time captions of what is said to you on the phone; Hamilton Web CapTel allows you see real-time captions on your computer; and now, Hamilton Mobile CapTel is available for mobile phones (not compatible with all mobile phones or wireless networks). See HamiltonCapTel.com for info on all services.
- Johnson Audiology welcomes new audiologist Dr. Courtney Gutbrie to their staff; she is in on Wednesdays and Fridays.
- Clarity, a division of Plantronics that creates communication solutions for seniors, and ClearCaptions, a telephone captioning service and subsidiary of Purple Communications, are collaborating on products for adults with hearing loss. (*Hearing Journal, Feb. 2012*) Clarity has also created an amplified cell phone called "Pal" with a 25dB boost in sound, a large dial pad and a one-touch emergency button. (*Hearing Journal, July 2012*)
- The University of Iowa in Iowa City has developed a test called OtoSCOPE to quickly detect a multitude of underlying causes for hearing loss. It screens genome sequences associated with syndromes ranging from Pendred to Usher and for genes linked to hearing deficits. See <http://bit.ly/otoscopeTest> for more information. (*Hearing Journal, July 2012*)
- Harris Communications has introduced a new cell phone signaler for deaf and HOH people. By placing your cell phone on the LightOn, when a call comes in, a bright LED light is triggered and continues to flash until the user notices the call and resets the unit. This technology is based on special vibration sensors that are responsive only to the vibrations produced by mobile phones, ignoring disturbances from external sources. LightOn also can be used to facilitate the use of sign language via mobile video phone. Powered by three AA batteries, LightOn is portable and simple to operate. It's compatible with all phones having a vibration mode. Retail for \$79.95; see http://bit.ly/HarrisComm_HLW040112 for information. (*South Palm Beach HLAA Chapter newsletter*)
- HLAA introduces Juliëtte Sterkens, Au.D. as the new HLAA hearing loop advocate. Dr. Sterkens is an audiologist in private practice and has led a successful hearing loop initiative in her community of Oshkosh and the Greater Fox Valley area of Wisconsin, which has resulted in nearly 200 hearing loop installations in the state. In her role as hearing loop advocate, Dr. Sterkens will collaborate with HLAA volunteers in the United States to further the organization's mission and increase awareness about hearing loss, and the need for an increase in the use of hearing loops to improve hearing accessibility. She will offer her public speaking and advocacy skills to help HLAA Chapters start hearing loop initiatives of their own.
- HLAA ED Brenda Battat announced her retirement effective next year, August 31, 2013. The Board will be conducting a national search for her replacement. More as details emerge.

Getting captioning in local theaters

By Oscar Segal, in South Palm Beach HLAA Chapter newsletter

A lot of that improvement is due, in part, to the support and advocacy influence by HLAA.

Movie captioning is evolving and I think it will get better and more acceptable in the near future.

Much of this involvement is owing to a few major lawsuits that have been resolved in the past 18 months, lawsuits that were in favor of more and better captioning.

How we work captioning advocacy in our demographic area depends on which chains own our theaters.

If the theater is AMC, they offer Rear Window

Theater Captioning, continued from page 2

Captioning (RWC) and any movie you want to see at any time on any day is available.

If the theater is Regal Cinemas, we are dealing with different issues.

Regal is one of the major chains that were sued (Cinemark is the other) and they are in the process of installing 100% digital projectors in all their theaters across the U.S. After that is accomplished, you will be able to check out a device which will display captioning at every movie no matter what time of day and in any auditorium.

If we are dealing with a mom and pop theater and not a chain, it is much more difficult and our success will depend on forming personal relationships with the manager.

Which brings me to the operating phrase here - getting the hard of hearing community to advocate for more captioned movies.

2013 Captioned Plays at CTC

Cabaret...Sept 13, 2012, on the Main stage

God of Carnage...Oct 18, 2012, on the Circle Theatre stage

Annie...Dec 13, 2012, on the Main stage

A Doll's House...Feb 14, 2013, on the Circle Theatre stage

The Children's Hour...April 18, 2013, on the Circle Theatre stage

Legally Blonde...July 18, 2013, on the Main stage



SERID 2012

OCT. 16-19

Chattanooga, Tennessee



SOUTHEAST REGIONAL INSTITUTE ON DEAFNESS

All aboard!!

Honorary plenary speakers include: Steve Hamerdinger, Elizabeth Spiers, and Lise Hamlin (Lise is from HLAA!).

Tentative Speakers and Workshops

Workshops listed here are an example of what may be presented.

- "What Happened to PAH since 2012 SERID! Deaf Job Readiness Club"
- "Grieving of Sense and a Sense of Grieving, Emphasis on Dual Sensory Loss"
- "Transitioning Children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing"
- "Bringing CART to Your Community"
- "Your Equal Communication Access in the Workplace: Past, Present and TOMORROW"
- "More Successful ALD Tips and Tricks for Your Most Challenging Jobs"
- "HEAR Nashville: A Successful Community Collaboration That Addresses a Significant Community Need"
- "Intervener & SSP's: Do With Not For"
- "AMP It UP! – Technology Transforms"
- "PEPNet 2 Resources"
- "Accessibility Through Captioning"
- "Research Evidence Synthesis: PEPNet 2.0 Needs Assessment Workshop"

- "Hamilton CapTel"
- "A Call to Action: Supporting State Systems Change in Educating Children and Youth who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing"
- "Deaf-Blind CAN"
- "Moving on Out: What it Really Means to Grow Up"
- "Suicide Prevention QPR Gatekeeper Training"
- "Providing Test Equity for Individuals who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing: The Issues, Challenges and Evolution of Best Practices"
- "Getting a Job! Tools, Techniques, and Trainings"
- "A Challenge for Teaching Mathematics, but WHY?"
- "Sorry, We Don't Provide Interpreters: Developing Effective Advocacy Strategies to Address Denial of Effective Communication"
- "Employment Rights Under Disability Discrimination Laws"
- "Backseat Interpreting: Making Professional Judgments"
- "The Secret World of Interpreting"
- "Parlez Vous Parlance You?"

**For info see:
serid2012.org**



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Beginning Balance (April 8, 2012)	\$4,248.06
Deposits & Credits	55.00
Withdrawals.....	0.00
Checks:	
#575 CTFP Life Expo fee	400.00
#576 SEDGA (golf) Sponsorship	100.00
#576 inloop invoice #1113.....	470.50
Ending Balance (June 20, 2012)	\$3,302.84

Beatrice R. Lyons, Treasurer

New report in next newsletter with Walk updates

Local support as of 8/5/2012

Lewis Addison (10/2012)	.....\$10
Larry & Jane Akers (4/2013)	.....\$15
Nels & Mary Ann Angelin (9/2012)	.....\$15
Lillian Barnett (2/2013) - 2 years	.....\$20
Warren Barnett (11/2012) - 2 years	.....\$20
Marge & Bill Bennett (2/2013)	.....\$15
Jeff Bonnell (past due)	.....
Mrs. Walter Brissenden (12/2012)	.....\$10 + gift
Joyce Casey	.....lifetime
Dorothy Casteel & Cindy Groves (9/2012)	.....\$15
Mary Coleman (past due)	.....
Susie Collins (2/2013)	.....\$10
Brian & Annette Drake (2/2013)	.....\$15
Cynthia Eby (1/2013)	.....\$10
Mary Elam (4/2013) - 2 years	.....\$20
Marilyn Fisher (1/2013)	.....\$10
Gary & Ruth Fox (11/2013) - 2 years	.....\$15
Provash Ghosh (1/2014) - 2 years	.....\$20
Winnie Hargis (past due)	.....
Kris Headrick (10/2012)	.....\$10
Linda Hershey	.....lifetime
David, Debbie & Alexis Ingram (3/2013)	.....\$15
Taber Jenkins (past due)	.....
Katy Jones (8/2012) - 2 years	.....\$20
Judy Kincer (past due)	.....
Helen & Charles Kitchings (8/2012)	.....\$15
Bill Lawson (11/2012)	.....\$10
Jeanette Legg (past due)	.....
Bea Lyons (11/2012) - 2 years	.....\$20
Nita Martin (8/2012) - 2 years	.....\$20

Jana Massengale (past due)	.....
Dorris & Sam McBride (12/2012)	.....\$15
Tom & Diane McCombs (1/2013)	.....\$15
Elaine Moniz (2/2014) 2 years	.....\$20
Beverly Morris (5/2013)	.....\$10
Lana & Bud Newton (past due)	.....
Marge Pasch (12/2012)	.....\$10
Gail Pedigo (4/2013)	.....\$10
Donna Pomeroy (1/2013)	.....\$10
Betty Proctor (3/2013)	.....\$10
Robbye Reep (past due)	.....
Ron Reynolds (1/2013)	.....\$10
Peggy Anne Rogers (12/2012) - gift from friend	.....\$10
David Saluk (11/2012) - 2 years	.....\$20
Jim & Joan Sewell (8/2012)	.....\$15
Cindy Sharrock (3/2013)	.....\$10
Charlie Slover (3/2013)	.....\$10
Laqueta Soule (past due)	.....
Betty Soward (7/2012)	.....\$10
Dave & Myralin Trayer (10/2012)	.....\$15
Nelda & Dick Twitchell (11/2012)	.....\$15
Howard VanZant (3/2013)	.....\$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 chapter fees are next due - thanks for supporting the chapter!)

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ANNUAL PICNIC! - August 11, 5-7pm



Join us on Saturday, August 11 at 5pm in the CBIH building, room 102, inside where it's cool, at Chattanooga State for our annual picnic.

Good food - good fellowship, all are welcome!

BBQ, beverages, utensils, paper products provided.

Please bring a dish to pass!

To help us in planning how much BBQ to have, please contact Betty by Thursday, August 9 if you plan to attend.
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