

Nov. 18 topic: Medicare options

Member birthdays

- Nov.: 8-Bud Newton; 20-Ron Reynolds; 24-Susie Collins; 26-Patrick Sharrock

Calendar of meetings & events

- Nov. 18: 2pm, HLAA meeting at Ronald McDonald House; Medicare Misty (Anderson) will be our guest and she will discuss the newest updates in the world of Medicare.
- Dec. 8: 12-noon Holiday Party Luncheon at Alexian Village on Signal Mtn. Peggy Anne Rogers is hostess. Cost \$5 person. RSVP needed by Dec. 6. White Elephant gift exchange (bring something you no longer need or want, wrap it up and join in the fun gift-giving game we do annually.)
- Dec. 13: 7pm, CAPTIONED PLAY: "Annie" at the Chattanooga Theatre Centre. See lower right for details.

In our thoughts & prayers

- Dotty Casteel, cataract surgery
- Linda Hershey, her father was killed in a car wreck last week
- Stephanie (Rider) Saluk, Siskin Rehab
- Caprice Wofford, recovering from surgery

Ronald McDonald House needs

- Every year we support the House by donating at Christmastime; please donate any of the following by bringing it to the Holiday Party:
- Boxes of Baking Soda
- Clorox Wipes
- Disinfectant Spray
- Fabulosa (purple)
- Garbage Bags (drum liners)
- Paper Plates (non-styrofoam)
- Powdered Laundry Detergent
- Wal-Mart Gift Cards
- Ziploc Baggies (quart size)



Chattanooga HLAA Chapter members exhibited at the recent SERID conference. Betty Proctor, Tom McCombs, & Bea Lyons volunteered. (Kris Headrick and Susie Collins not here that day.)

Annie

December 13 at 7pm - Captioned Play!

Music by Charles Strouse, Lyrics by Martin Charnin, and Book by Thomas Meehan

Based on the comic strip by Harold Gray Everyone's favorite little redhead, Annie, makes this holiday season merry for the whole family! The legendary musical that brought us "Tomorrow" follows Little Orphan Annie and her dog, Sandy, from the "Hard-Knock Life" at Miss Hannigan's to a life on "Easy Street" with Daddy Warbucks. The show opened on Broadway in 1977 and won seven Tonys, including best musical.



Coming in 2013:
Walk4Hearing Kickoff is March 9 • Walk4Hearing is May 11



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http://journals.lww.com/thehearingjournal/Fulltext/2012/10000/HJ_Report.13.aspx

- Additional gene testing identifies aging problems... <http://news.usf.edu/article/templates/?a=4899&z=123>
- The miracle of Cochlear Implants turns 30... <http://www.foxnews.com/health/2012/11/05/cochlear-implant-celebrates-30th-anniversary/>
- Genetic testing in children is of benefit...<http://www.healthcanal.com/ear-nose-throat/33658-Miller-School-Study-Proves-Value-Genetic-Testing-for-Hearing-Loss-Kids.html>
- New children's book on hearing loss available...<http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/palm-beach/delray-beach/fl-drf-almigal-1107-20121107,0,4863205.story>
- Virginia is helping its Veterans with hearing loss...do WE have a program like this for our TN vets? <http://www.dailypress.com/news/military/dp-nws-recon-1108-20121107,0,5569278.story>
- Our friends at the Chattanooga Theatre Centre are in the news and note the captioning board in the photo!
<http://edition.timesfreepress.com/Olive/ODE/TimesFreePress/LandingPage/LandingPage.aspx?href=Q2hdFRGUHJlc3MvMjAxMi8xMS8wOA..&pageno=MzA.&entity=QXlwMzAwNw..&view=ZW50aXR5>
- Read about this children's program in Missouri, more than 3 million kids nationwide have hearing loss!
http://ozarksfirst.com/fulltext?nxd_id=726782

• Locally produced BMW commercial receives national attention and highlights a deaf employee...thanks Laqueta Soule for passing this along!

<http://nooga.com/157908/locally-produced-bmw-commercial-gets-national-attention/#.UIGrf8FFwos.mailto>

• Bilateral cochlear implant boosts teacher's hearing to almost 98%... http://www.egcitizen.com/articles/2012/10/23/feature_story/doc5086dae6dd3f2391912566.txt

• Bea Lyons is listed as the Rocky Stone Humanitarian Award winner in the October issue of The Hearing Journal - scroll down to the 7th article...



Childhood hearing loss facts

From Better Hearing Institute website

The vast majority of hospitals now offer newborn hearing screening before discharge from the hospital.

- All children should be screened for hearing loss before 1 month of age.
- 85% of all children experience at least one ear infection.
- Second-hand smoke in the home increases the risk of middle ear infections and respiratory allergies in children.
- Infants may begin to use hearing aids as early as 2-4 months of age.
- Federal laws mandate that all school districts must provide specialized education to children with hearing loss.
- Even a mild hearing loss can seriously impact a child's ability to learn in a school environment.

From the editor...

I recently returned from a South East Regional Conference for ESA where I had the opportunity to tour St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. I was so overcome with emotion during my visit that I cried.

Well, it is time for the annual "St. Jude Give thanks. Walk." on November 17 at the Volkswagen Enterprise South Nature Park, 8015 Volkswagen Drive (Yes, this is new location).

Registration starts at 7 a.m.. Walk starts at 8:30 a.m. at Pedestrian/Bicycle Trailhead #1.

A rain or shine event, this event. like our own Walk4Hearing needs your support. I mention this because my ESA sisters so graciously help us during our Kickoff and Walk every year. Please support the St. Jude Walk.

See <http://fundraising.stjude.org> for more information to register as a walker or donor.



St. Jude Give thanks. Walk.

Saturday, November 17, 2012

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T-coil orientation

By Neil Bauman, Ph.D. on www.hearinglosshelp.com

T-coils can be mounted in your hearing aids in one of three basic orientations—horizontal, vertical and diagonal. Horizontal works best for vertically-oriented loops. Vertical t-coils work with horizontally-oriented loops. Diagonally-mounted t-coils are a compromise. They neither work really well with vertical loops nor with horizontal loops, but generally produce an acceptable signal for both orientations if the signal is strong enough.

Thus, depending on the orientation of your t-coils, you may find that the signal from a neckloop is not very good for you, or it may be excellent. You have to try one out to see how it will work in your particular case.

T-coil orientation is not as much of a problem when using either silhouettes or ear links because these devices are so close to your t-coils that even when their orientation is mismatched, they generally still produce an adequate signal.

Signal Loudness

How well you hear in t-coil mode can really vary. It may depend on the power of your hearing aids, how "good" your t-coils are, the orientation of your t-coils inside your hearing aids and the strength of the output signal you are listening to.

If you have trouble hearing the signal through your t-coils, then you need the signal source closer to your hearing aids. I have seen some people with neckloops drape their neckloops over their ears so they can hear. This looks "funny," but it works. If this is your situation, a much more elegant solution is to get silhouettes or ear links. This way, these devices are very close to your hearing aids so transfer a much stronger signal.

Small battery-powered ALDs may not have the power to adequately drive a neck loop, but



they have plenty of power to drive ear links and silhouettes. If this is your case, then don't bother with neckloops.

Tip: If your t-coils do not produce a loud enough signal, take your hearing aids back to wherever you got them and have your audiologist adjust the t-coil output to be louder. Unfortunately, t-coils often are not set up properly when you initially get your hearing aids.

Movie theater captioning still eludes Chattanooga

By Betty Proctor, editor

After reading in the HCAA Valley Hearsay newsletter that Regal Theaters reached a milestone of more than 200 theaters now offering the Sony Entertainment Access System, I went to the Regal site, excited to see where Chattanooga was listed. We aren't. We weren't. I'm depressed, no big screen, no movie popcorn, nothing, blah!

The breakdown for theaters currently offering this system are Hendersonville, Knoxville (2), Mt. Juliet, and Nashville (3). It states, "Personal closed caption (CC) and descriptive video (DV) systems available for features that support such content." But oh no, Chattanooga must be too behind the times for this accessibility. Folks, if we

want this we're going to have to bombard Regal and ask for it...LOUDLY.

Personally, I would love to see the new "42" movie be our premiere into regular captioning, since there were quite a few Chattanoogaans who had bit parts in the movie starring Harrison Ford!

We have approximately 400 email readers of this newsletter and we NEED YOUR HELP! Contact Regal and ask for captions in Chattanooga. C'mon people, we have the FASTEST Internet in the country! <http://www.regmovies.com/> or Regal Entertainment Group, 7132 Regal Lane, Knoxville, Tennessee 37918 or Phone: 1-865-922-1123; Fax: 1-865-922-3188 or Customer Relations: 1-877-TELLREGAL or 1-877-835-5734.

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Beginning Balance (Oct. 15, 2012).....	\$2,152.78
Deposits & Credits	\$6,045.00
(includes 2012 Walk earnings, donations & chapter fees)	
Withdrawals.....	0.00
Checks:	
#585 Chattanooga State (printing costs).....	46.50
#586 Betty Proctor (reimburse FedEx mailing for HCAA materials to Nashville Statewide workshop)	36.26
Ending Balance (Nov. 9, 2012)	\$8,115.02

Beatrice R. Lyons, Treasurer

Local support as of 11/9/2012

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

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 (<i>past due</i>).....	
Marge Pasch (12/2012).....	\$10
Gail Pedigo (4/2013).....	\$10
Donna Pomeroy (1/2013).....	\$10
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Robbye Reep (10/2013).....	\$10
Ron Reynolds (1/2013).....	\$10
Peggy Anne Rogers (12/2012) - gift from friend.....	\$10
David Saluk (11/2012) - 2 years.....	\$20
Jim & Joan Sewell (<i>past due</i>).....	
Cindy Sharrock (3/2013).....	\$10
Charlie Slover (3/2013).....	\$10
Laqueta Soule (10/2013).....	\$10
Betty Soward (10/2013).....	\$10
Dave & Myralin Trayer (<i>past due</i>).....	
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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Next Meeting: November 18, 2pm

Join us on Sunday, Nov. 18 at 2pm in the Community Room of the Ronald McDonald House.



Speaker: Medicare Misty (Anderson): Medicare can be a confusing topic. Medicare Misty will address your questions.

Also: Walk4Hearing Funding Discussion #2

Captioning by Joyce Casey- Loop in place for those with telecoils.

Refreshments by Bea Lyons

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