

Calendar of Events

Saturday, Aug 10

Annual picnic at ChattState, 5-7pm CBIH café, bring a dish to pass

Saturday, Aug 24

Boomer & Senior Life Expo, 9am-5pm, Chattanooga Convention Center

Thursday, Sept 12

The Secret Garden, Chattanooga Theatre Centre (CTC), 7pm, captioned

Sunday, Sept 15

Emergency Preparedness + vote on Walk4Hearing proposals

Monday, Sept 16

TN Hands & Voices mtg, 6pm, Ronald McDonald House

Saturday, Sept 21

ESA Taster's Luncheon, St Stephen's Catholic Church, Lee Hwy; 10am-2pm, Chinese Auction, luncheon & fashion show, tickets \$15, benefits Boehm Birth Defect Center - Captioned by Linda

Saturday, Sept 21

GoFest at the Zoo (We are NOT participating this year)

Sunday, Oct 20

Field Trip to Chattanooga Airport + TSA rep + airport signage

Thursday, Oct 24

Blithe Spirit, CTC, 7pm, captioned

Saturday, Nov 9

Statewide Workshop for parents & teachers of HOH/Deaf children, TN School for the Blind

Monday, Nov 18

TN Hands & Voice mtg, 6pm, Ronald McDonald House

Sunday, Nov 17

How to help healthcare providers meet HOH communication needs + Make hospital kits

Thursday, Dec 12

A Christmas Story, the Musical, CTC, 7pm, captioned

Saturday, Dec 14

Christmas Holiday Party



Hearing Loss Association of America

Chattanooga Chapter CHOO-CHOO SIGNAL NEWSLETTER A resource for people with hearing loss

August 2013

Annual Picnic is August 10

Enjoy fellowship and great food at the annual HLAA Picnic!

Time: 5-7pm

Date: August 10

Place: Chattanooga State Cafe in the Center for Business, Industry & Health building (inside where it's cool!)

Provided: Sliced ham, plates, cups, napkins, utensils, ice & drinks

Bring: A dish to pass

Please RSVP to Betty at baproctor@epbfi.com or text 605-6981 by Aug. 9



Saturday | August 24
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Chattanooga Convention Center
Presented by
Chattanooga Times Free Press
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HLAA Chattanooga Chapter will have a booth again at this year's Expo. **Members are asked to volunteer for 2-hour shifts throughout the day.**

We will have scheduled giveaways for visitors to our booth including two tickets to any Chattanooga Theatre Centre Play, one Clarity Pal Amplified Bluetooth Cell Phone, and two tickets to the Taster's Luncheon on Sept. 21.

Florence Henderson, the Hollywood star who played Carol Brady on the popular television sitcom "The Brady Bunch," will be the featured speaker at the Life, Boomers & Seniors Expo.



Florence Henderson



September is Emergency Preparedness Month

EMERGENCY

Many people never think about emergencies until one happens and by then it is often too late.

Dick Twitchell and Betty Proctor attended the HLAA convention session on emergency preparedness. The September 15 meeting guest speaker (TBA) will discuss what we should know, what we should have and what to do when an emergency happens. Remember that having hearing loss presents other obstacles.

Lisa Hamlin who is public policy director at HLAA presented the session and one of the things she told us is that in May 2014, texting to 911 in emergencies will become available. She also shared that the Red Cross has a "Safe & Well Listings" program where you can register yourself so

that anyone can find out if you're OK.

See their website at <http://www.redcross.org/find-help/contact-family/register-safe-listing>

In the meantime, following our continued weird weather throughout the nation, TN has prepared a very informative website to address emergency preparedness.

Please visit <http://www.ready.gov> and click on your choice of topics:

- Indian Country
- Natural Disasters
- Make a Plan
- Build a Kit
- Get Involved
- Community & State Information

Lise shared some additional items to have on hand that pertain to those of us with

hearing loss:

- Cell phone & car charger, extra battery
- Spare hearing aid & batteries
- Spare cochlear batteries
- Personal ALD & batteries
- Portable phone amplifier
- Portable hearing aid dryer
- Portable captioned TV and/or car adapter
- Glow sticks
- Copies of important papers
- Cash (ATMs may not work)
- Medications info (keep a week's worth ready and rotate out in med containers to keep fresh)
- Small white board & marker, pen or pencil & pad of paper for communication
- Current list of meds, allergies, doctors
- Medical ID bracelet



By Betty Proctor, W4H chair

Walk4Hearing is behind us for another year, but 2014 is only a short 10 months away. Planning has already begun!

First let me update you...although our final accounting has not yet been completed, preliminary reports show that we raised just under \$26,000. What that means for our chapter is that we have about \$5,000 to spend locally.

Chapter leaders met in July to plan the upcoming year and propose ways to put our

W4H earnings to work locally. Here's the proposals to vote on in September:

- \$400 - interpreters for 4 Chattanooga Theatre Centre plays
- \$250 - Pay for costs associated with TN Hands & Voices parent advocacy training in Chattanooga led by Brandi Groce
- \$1,500 - Support of captioned plays at Chattanooga Theatre Centre
- \$500 - TN Deaf/Blind camp costs
- \$1,000 - college scholarships to a deaf or HOH student (\$500 to UTC & \$500 to ChattState)

If you have additional ideas for funding a project with Walk funds, please email me at baproctor@epbfi.com.

Thank you to 2013 sponsors:

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- Clarity
- Audiology Services of Chattanooga
- Caption Associates LLC
- Chattanooga State Community College
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Thank you to 2013 Alliances:

- Chattanooga Deaf Community Center
- Chattanooga Kids on the Block
- Chattanooga State Foundation
- Dalton League of Women Voters
- FCC Chalice Champions
- Go Georgia
- Knoxville HLAA
- Nashville HLAA
- Tennessee Hands & Voices
- TN Organization of the Deaf/Blind

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ESA Taster's Luncheon to be captioned

Tickets for this popular luncheon and fashion show may be purchased in advance and are available for a \$15 donation. A special drawing for those who buy their tickets in advance will be held to win \$100 cash. Limited seating will be available at the door. The chance to win the \$100 cash prize is available only to advance ticket-holders, so purchase early to guarantee a seat and your chance to win this drawing. If you are unable to attend, a \$15 donation in advance also may be made to ensure eligibility for the cash prize.

The doors open at 10 a.m. beginning with a Chinese auction displaying a wide assortment of donated items up for bid. All donated items range in worth from \$25-\$50. Auction tickets containing 20 chances may be purchased at the door for \$5. Buy as many as you like for the best chance at winning an item you just can't resist! A variety of delicious appetizers, salads,

and desserts prepared by Alpha Beta members will be served buffet-style to all attendees beginning at 11:30 a.m. A fashion show, hosted by WRCB-TV3 anchor Jed Mescon, will take place during the luncheon. Participants can expect to

see the latest in fall fashions from Catherines and Coldwater Creek modeled by ESA members and friends. Chinese Auction winners will be announced periodically throughout the fashion show. Realtime captioning will be provided by



Linda Hershey, to provide accessibility for attendees with hearing loss.

Alpha Beta supports the Walk4Hearing each year with volunteer hours.

Email baproctor@epbfi.com for tickets.



"What works for your child is what makes the choice right"

TN Hands & Voices is one of over 44 statewide chapters comprised mainly of parents along with professionals dedicated to supporting families of children who are deaf or hard of hearing.

The following includes excerpts from the

last Chattanooga committee meeting:

By Brandi Groce, Chattanooga Committee lead parent

- Membership is very important. If you have not joined yet, please consider doing so. It is \$25 per family, \$40 for professionals, and \$50 for a small business. Scholarships for families are available. We have forms available if you wish to send a check, or you can enroll online at www.tnhandsandvoices.org.
- Please take time to visit the Tennessee Hands and Voices website. The web address is www.tnhandsandvoices.org. There is a calendar of statewide events, membership enrollment, organization history, resources, and so much more.
- Encourage families of deaf or hard of hearing children or adults to come join our group. There is so much support with this group and this organization. We need to grow our Chattanooga group!

- We will meet at the Ronald McDonald House for the next two meetings, thanks to Bea Lyons. Our next parent meetings will be at 6 pm on September 16th and November 18th.
- We need to plan our August social event. Jennifer Kreek, wanted everyone to know that any suggestions for social events are welcome. At the meeting, we discussed Pump It Up on either August 17th or 24th. It would be \$6 per child to participate, or we could pay \$8 for kids to jump and have two slices of pizza and a drink. Please email me with your input on this so that we can set an exact time and date.

For information email
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www.facebook.com/hearingchattanooga

Local support as of 8/4/2013

Lewis Addison	(past due)	
Larry & Jane Akers (4/2013)	(past due)	
Nels & Mary Ann Angelin	(past due)	
Lillian Barnett (2/2013) - 2 years	(past due)	
Warren Barnett	(past due)	
Lana Bazemore	(past due)	
Marge & Bill Bennett (3/2014)	(past due)	
Jeff Bonnell (10/2013)		\$10
Melissa Burdick (3/2014)		\$15
Joyce Casey	lifetime	
Dorothy Casteel & Cindy Groves (10/2013)		\$15
Mary Coleman	(past due)	
Susie Collins (2/2013)	(past due)	
Brian & Annette Drake (2/2013)	(past due)	
Cynthia Eby (1/2013)	(past due)	
Mary Elam (4/2015) - 2 years		\$20
Marilyn Fisher (1/2013)	(past due)	
Gary & Ruth Fox (11/2013) - 2 years		\$15
Provash Ghosh (1/2014) - 2 years		\$20
Winnie Hargis (8/2013)		\$10
Kris Headrick	(past due)	
Linda Hershey	lifetime	
David, Debbie & Alexis Ingram (3/2014)		\$15
Katy Jones (12/2014)		\$20
Judy Kincer (4/2014) - 2 years		\$20
Helen & Charles Kitchings	(past due)	
Jeanette Legg (8/2014) - 2 years		\$20
Bea Lyons (11/2014) - 2 years		\$20
Nita Martin (12/2014)		\$20
Jana Massengale	(past due)	

Dorris & Sam McBride (1/2014)		\$15
Tom & Diane McCombs (1/2014)		\$15
Elaine Moniz (2/2014) - 2 years		\$20
Beverly Morris (5/2013)	(past due)	
Doug & Nadia Oliver (11/2013)		\$15
Marge Pasch (2/2014)		\$10
Gail Pedigo (4/2013)	(past due)	
Donna Pomeroy (1/2013)	(past due)	
Betty Proctor (3/2014)		\$10
Robbye Reep (10/2013)		\$10
Ron Reynolds (1/2013)	(past due)	
Peggy Anne Rogers (12/2013)		\$10
David Saluk (11/2012)	(past due)	
Jim & Joan Sewell	(past due)	
Cindy Sharrock (3/2013)	(past due)	
Charlie Slover (3/2013)	(past due)	
Laqueta Soule (10/2013)		\$10
Betty Soward (10/2013)		\$10
Dave & Myralin Trayer (12/2013)		\$15
Nelda & Dick Twitchell (12/2013)		\$15
Howard VanZant (3/2013)	(past due)	

If your chapter 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 expire - thanks for supporting the chapter!)

Treasury balance: \$3,169.22 (2013 W4H funds NOT included in current total.)

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- Sliced ham
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- Drinks & ice



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