



Chapter Calendar of Events

Sunday, Jan 19 - REGULAR MEETING
Cochlear Implant Program, 2pm, Ronald McDonald House

Thursday, Jan 30
The Odd Couple, Chattanooga Theatre Centre, 7pm, captioned

Sunday, Feb 16 - REGULAR MEETING
Ototoxicity: Meds you take can hurt your ears, 2pm, Ronald McDonald House

March (TBA)
Deaf/Hard of Hearing Expo, Brainerd UMC, time/date TBA

Thursday, March 6
The Taming of the Shrew, Chattanooga Theatre Centre, 7pm, captioned

Sunday, March 16 - REGULAR MEETING
Tinnitus: do you hear that noise? 2pm, Ronald McDonald House

Thursday, March 27
And Then There Were None, Chattanooga Theatre Centre, 7pm, captioned

Saturday, March 29 - SAVE THE DATE!
Kickoff at Chattanooga Theatre Centre; time & agenda TBA

Saturday, May 10 - SAVE THE DATE!
6th Annual Walk4Hearing at ChattState

Saturday, Sept. 6 - Life Expo
Chattanooga Convention Center



Hearing Loss Association of America

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

January 2014



By the time the group picture was taken a few attendees had left, but 29 chapter members and guests enjoyed a wonderful meal and fellowship at the Annual Christmas party on December 7 at Alexian Village hosted by Peggy Anne Rogers.

Following the meal, the annual Chinese Gift Exchange took place with some light-hearted "taking away" going on. All left with a smile on their faces and a gift in hand. More than 3 large bags of collected donated items were delivered to the Ronald McDonald House by Bea Lyons.



January 19: Cochlear Implants & Hearing Aids with Cindy Gary, M.A., FCCC

Cindy Gary has practiced audiology for over 30 years. Ms. Gary has worked with cochlear implants since the first multi-channel implant device became available in 1985. Since 1990, she has specialized in cochlear implants, working with more than 700 children and adults. Ms. Gary has published several articles on cochlear implant performance and is a frequent speaker at professional meetings. She also serves as an advisor to the Georgia Peach Cochlear Implant Association International.

Monthly Update Chattanooga **WALK4 HEARING**

By Betty Proctor, W4H chair

Happy New Year! It's 2014 and time for all of us to focus on the next Walk4Hearing coming up on May 10 at Chattanooga State and adjoining Riverpark.

There are some exciting changes happening this year:

- New venue, time and menu for the Kickoff (date TBA)
- Special Kickoff guest: Anna Gilmore Hall, HLAA executive director
- NEW Silver sponsor: Memorial Hospital
- RETURNING in-kind sponsor: Chattanooga Times Free Press
- All activities, food & vendors located outside at Walk
- \$100 value prize for the individual who collects the largest amount of donations
- Medals for all children who participate in the Walk
- Prize to top team that raises the most funds
- AND MORE!

We have an ambitious agenda as we enter the sixth year of Walks in Chattanooga.

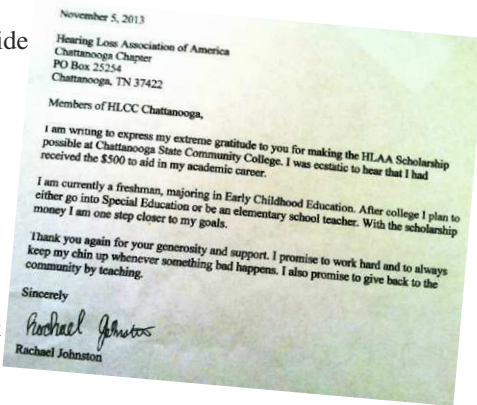
Our two main focus areas include:

1) Greater hearing accessibility, and 2) children with hearing loss.

Soon, you will be hearing more about an upcoming new summer camp for children with hearing or speech impairments run by Marty Dunagan. HLAA Chattanooga will help support this camp through funds raised by Walk4Hearing with financial aid assistance available for those parents who qualify.

As we continue to advocate for ourselves, we also must be the voice for HOH children who need our guidance and assistance.

Thanks from ChattState Scholarship Recipient



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DR. MICHIO KAKU

"THE FUTURE OF THE MIND AND BEYOND"

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2014
DOORS OPEN FOR STUDENTS 5:30 P.M. ■ PUBLIC 6:00 P.M.
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Movie fan?

The following Carmike Cinemas in the Chattanooga area now provide captioning in their theaters:

- Wynnsong 10 on Gunbarrel Rd.
- Majestic 12 on Broad St.
- Northgate 14 behind Northgate Mall
- Bradley Square 12 in Cleveland

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NEIL SIMON'S
MALE & FEMALE VERSION OF **THE ODD COUPLE**

JANUARY 24 THROUGH FEBRUARY 16

**Captioned performance: Male version
7:00pm, Thursday, Jan. 30**

Neil Simon's comic masterpiece, *The Odd Couple* - both the original version and Mr. Simon's re-write for women - performed in repertory. The hilarious plot centers on a pair of mismatched characters who are forced to cohabitate. One is careless and sloppy, the other a neurotic neat freak. Together they make arguably one of the most memorable pair of roommates ever written, in league with Laverne & Shirley or Bert and Ernie. Simon adapted the play in 1985 to feature a pair of female roommates: Felix Ungar and Oscar Madison became Florence and Olive, the *The Female Odd Couple*.

The play came to Broadway in 1965, became a film in 1968, and was a successful ABC television series 1970 through 1975.

Tickets: www.theatrecentre.com or call 423-267-8534



News from Marty's Center

Marty's Center, staff, and children would like to thank everyone for all of the support and help we have received. Since the

"Grand Opening" on September 3rd we have been very busy welcoming new students and adding another classroom.

What a blessing it has been that we have already started growing. There are many families out there with hearing impaired, speech and language impaired children that do not know where to turn. At Marty's Center we welcome them with open arms and plenty of information to get their child on the right track.

We offer both Auditory Oral and a Total Communication Program, along with regular education for children from 18 months to 6 years of age.



For more information please call Marty's Center at 423-805-3025 or email Martyscenter@epbfi.com.

Marty's Center is a school for children with hearing loss - a total communication program.

Hearing aid warranties

By Betty A. Proctor, editor

If you have purchased hearing aids, you already know that it is a sizeable financial commitment, but what about after you walk out the door? What is covered?

When I bought my hearing aids in summer 2012, they came with a 2-year manufacturer warranty, covering everything. I recently had to use it when one of my aids went from low to high sound and I was unable to get it adjusted right somewhere in the middle. "Components" were replaced and voila, I'm good. No charge, even better.

Typically, warranties cover a year of damage, loss and repairs, but it is possible to get extended warranties for 2-3 years. I know of one audiologist who offers 4 years! Beyond this time, you can usually purchase a plan. For more info see http://assets.aarp.org/www.aarp.org/_articles/health/docs/hearing_guide.pdf

From the National Office:

In our renewed commitment to strengthening our organization, we want to know what subjects you, our state and chapter leaders, would like to know more about. Our goal is to provide you with the information you need to lead confidently and with as little time commitment as possible. Please take five minutes to answer a few questions at the link below.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HLAA_Leader_Training We want to hear from you!



Walk4Hearing in Chattanooga will be Saturday, May 10... join us!!

HLAA Chattanooga Chapter Treasury Report 11/6/2013 to 12/19/13

Beginning Balance (Nov. 06, 2013)	\$7,198.72	#616: Betty Proctor Reimburse postag	55.20
Deposits & Credits	65.00		
Withdrawals	0.00	Total:	\$570.47
Checks:		Ending Balance (Dec. 19, 2013)	\$6,673.25
#614: HLAA Rocky Stone Founders Day Donation	500.00		
#615: Betty Proctor Reimburse plastic bags/postage	15.27		

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HLAA National now offers Webinars! Webcast on Hearing Loss and Healthy Aging - Jan. 13-14

The National Academies (Institute of Medicine and National Research Council) is pleased to announce a workshop to be held on "Hearing Loss and Healthy Aging" on January 13-14, 2014 in Washington, DC. This workshop will examine the ways in which age-related hearing loss affects healthy aging, and how the spectrum of public and private stakeholders can work together to address hearing loss in older adults as a public health issue.

Some of the topics to be covered in this workshop include the public health significance of hearing loss, the connection between hearing loss and healthy aging, hearing health care models, innovative hearing technologies, and short- and long-term collaborative strategies for approaching age-related hearing loss as a public health priority.

The webcast is FREE and open to the public, but registration is required. Registration for the webcast is available at the project website: www.iom.edu/hearingloss-aging.

***Please note that the webcast will provide closed-captioning.**

Viewing at a later date: After the workshop, videos of all the speakers (including closed-captioning) will be posted to the project website: www.iom.edu/hearingloss-aging.

Upcoming Webinar: Communication Strategies for Surviving the Workplace or Job Market on January 15, 8-9pm, EST. See schedule at <http://www.hearingloss.org/content/webinar-schedule>

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NOVEMBER MEETING:

Sunday, January 19 • 2pm

Ronald McDonald Community Room

Topic:

Cochlear Implants & Hearing Aids

Speaker:

Cindy Gary, M.A., FCCC, Audiologist, Atlanta Ear Clinic

Refreshments: provided

Captioning: Linda Hershey



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