

**AUGUST PICNIC - INDOORS**

**Saturday, August 9 • 2-4pm**

Chattanooga State CBIH Building cafe

NOTE: Time has changed from previous years

**What's provided:**

BBQ, drinks, ice, plates, napkins, utensils, cups



**What to bring:**

A dish to pass

<http://www.hearingchattanooga.org>

[www.facebook.com/hearingchattanooga](http://www.facebook.com/hearingchattanooga)

**Chapter Calendar of Events**

**Wednesday, August 6 - ADA LIVE RADIO SHOW**

1:00-1:30 p.m. (ET), 12:00 noon-12:30 p.m. (CT); Post-Secondary Education and Students with Disabilities. Questions? adasoutheast@law.syr.edu or call 404-541-9001 (voice/tty)

**Saturday, August 9 - ANNUAL INDOOR PICNIC**

See info above!

**Saturday, Sept. 6 - LIFE EXPO**

Time TBA, Chattanooga Convention Center

**Saturday, Sept. 20 - ESA TASTER'S LUNCHEON**

Doors open at 10am-Chinese Auction; luncheon begins 11:30am with fashion show - CAPTIONED!

**Sunday, Sept. 21 - HLAA MEETING**

2pm, program on "Tinnitus" - Ronald McDonald House, loop & captioning available

**Saturday, Sept 27 - GO FEST!**

**Thursday, October 9 - CAPTIONED PLAY**

Of Mice & Men, Chattanooga Theatre Centre, 7pm

**Sunday, October 19 - HLAA MEETING**

2pm, program on "Is my plane gonna be on time? - I've got an app for that!" - Ronald McDonald House, loop & captioning available

**Sunday, November 16 - HLAA MEETING**

2pm, program on "Technology in the home & community" - Ronald McDonald House, loop & captioning available

Marty's Center team members



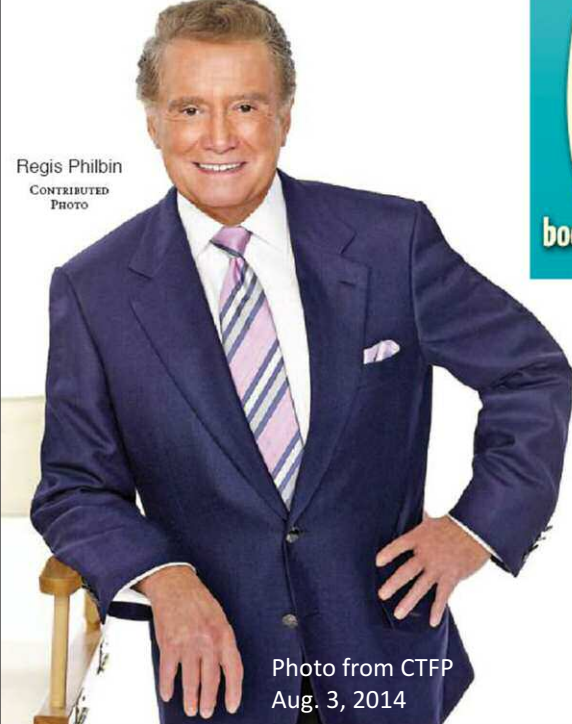
# Hearing Loss Association of America

## Chattanooga Chapter


### CHOO-CHOO SIGNAL NEWSLETTER

*A resource for people with hearing loss*

August 2014



Regis Philbin  
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



**Hey Regis fans!**

HLAA Chattanooga Chapter will have a booth at Life on Sept. 6 & we need volunteers to work the booth at the Expo!

See Regis Philbin - we are working on getting captioning provided!

Photo from CTFP  
Aug. 3, 2014

### 2014-2015 Chattanooga Theatre Centre Thursday evening 7 p.m. captioned performances:

- October 9 - "Of Mice & Men" - drama
- December 11 - "A Christmas Story" - musical comedy
- February 19 - "Into the Woods" - musical
- March 19 - "Festival of New Plays" - various, selected plays
- June 18 - "Vanya and Sonia" - comedy
- July 23 - "9 to 5, the Musical" - musical comedy

Tickets: [www.theatrecentre.com](http://www.theatrecentre.com) or call 423-267-8534



## Breaking Down the ADA

*From the Disability Newsletter...*

*The ADA of 1990, including its Amendments Act of 2008 (ADAAA), covers five different areas:*



**Title I** requires employers with 15 or more employees to treat qualified individuals with disabilities equally in all stages of employment. From the hiring process to full employment, this includes compensation, benefits, trainings, promotions and other aspects, such as offering reasonable accommodations to workers with disabilities. This section also restricts hiring managers from asking certain questions about an applicant's disability during the hiring process or retaliating against someone for opposing discriminatory employment practices.

**Title II** prohibits public entities like state or local government agencies from discriminating against individuals with disabilities. All programs and services, such as public transportation, recreational activities, courts and town meetings, should be available to people with disabilities. In addition, state and local government buildings must be accessible, and accommodations should be available to communicate effectively with those who have vision, speech or hearing disabilities.

**Title III** requires public accommodations and commercial facilities to offer equal access and treatment, effective communication and removal of existing barriers for people with disabilities. Examples of such facilities include restaurants, retail stores, hotels, movie theaters, private schools, convention centers, doctors' offices, homeless shelters and recreational facilities. Any altered or newly constructed buildings must follow architectural and design standards to ensure accessibility. Additionally, classes and examinations for professional, educational or trade-related purposes, licensing and certifications should be accessible to people with disabilities or alternative arrangements must be offered.

Under **Title IV**, telecommunications companies must establish telecommunications relay services for callers with hearing and speech disabilities.

**Title V** includes various provisions that are not necessarily covered by other titles, but have been used to clarify the application of the law. For example, this section notes that the ADA does not invalidate or override any other federal, state or local laws that provide equal or greater protections for people with disabilities. It also defines conditions that are not covered under the term "disability," as defined by the ADA.

## FCC to Vote on Report and Order Addressing Text-to-911 at August 8 Open Meeting

*HLAA website • July 30, 2014*



On August 8, the FCC will take a vote on whether to adopt new rules requiring text-to-911. Text-to-911 provides a way to contact 911 directly by sending a text message. On July 18, 2014, FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler commented on this proceeding in a blog, which states, in part:

"The fact is our 911 system has struggled to keep pace with new technology. Witness the long-standing inability to text to 911. We've made significant progress on this issue this year. Consistent with a Policy Statement unanimously adopted by the Commission in January 2014 the four major wireless carriers, which serve 95 percent of U.S. customers now support text-to-911. More than 100 emergency call centers in 17 states now support text-to-911, and others have initiated plans to come online. I commend the four nationwide wireless carriers for following through on their commitment, and while I'm pleased to see that PSAPs are beginning to respond there remains more to be done.

Other than the four major wireless carriers, no other providers of text services have offered voluntary commitments to implement text-to-911. On the PSAP side, despite recent progress, the majority still do not support text-to-911.

When you consider how Americans increasingly rely on text as a primary means of communication, and the approximately 48 million Americans who are deaf and hard of hearing and 7.5 million Americans with speech disabilities, all of whom are even more reliant on text, these shortcomings are unacceptable.

I've often spoken about the regulatory see-saw: if industry acts in the public interest, FCC involvement will be low, but if the public interest is not being served, the Commission will not hesitate to act. In the case of text-to-911, it is time for the Commission to act. And today, I am circulating an item for consideration at our August open meeting that will take definitive action to implement the Policy Statement we unanimously adopted in January."

Thanks are due to FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler for his strong support of disability access, and to the FCC staff particularly in the Disability Rights Office, Consumer and Government Affairs bureau, for all their hard work on this important item.



### HLAA announces new president

Margaret "Meg" Wallhagen, Ph.D., of Mill Valley, California, has been named chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA).

Dr. Wallhagen is a professor of Gerontological Nursing and a Geriatric Nurse Practitioner in the School of Nursing, University of California San Francisco (UCSF). Dr. Wallhagen has conducted a number of research projects in gerontology and chronic care management. Her research and publi-

cations focus especially on how older individuals and their families manage chronic illnesses as well as changes that occur with age. She has explored issues related to informal caregiving, diabetes, and successful aging, but for the last several decades has focused specifically on hearing loss.

**HLLA Chattanooga Chapter Treasury Report**  
**June 18 - August 01, 2014**

Beginning Balance (June 18, 2014)	\$5,731.00
Deposits & Credits	596.00
Withdrawals	0.00
Checks:	
#624: Slover: stipend to HLLA convention	500.00
#626: Riverview Cleaners (HLLA tablecloth)	12.02
#627: Marty's Center (camp fees 2 kids, 2 wks)	500.00
#628: Marty's Center (camp fees 1 child, 1 wk)	125.00
#629: CTFP Life Expo Vendor Fee	400.00
Totals	1,537.02
Ending Balance (August 01, 2014)	\$4,789.98

*Beatrice R. Lyons, Treasurer*



**Tennessee HANDS & VOICES**  
 "What works for your child is what makes the choice right"

For information email  
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Approximately 25 adults and children in the Chattanooga TN Hands & Voices group enjoyed an afternoon of food and fun at Riverpark on July 19.



**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

**Marty Dunagan**  
 Director

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**SONGS FOR SOUND**  
 HEAR the music

songwriters corner:  
 Neil Thrasher, Wendell Mobley, Jason Sellers, Steven Bushnell, Galey Lovelace, George Fleen, Bradley Fezler, Jay Clement, Andrew Patis, Brett Lewis, Natalie Hinton, Karin Nichols, Cory Burtis, Ben Montgomery, The Warner Brothers, Lance Miller, Hillary Lindsey, Troy Verges, Loretta Sampson, Chris Brown, Rachel Nath, Nathan Anderson, Tony Williams, Tiajuana Johnson & more...

\$100k in support and growing! 25+ AWARENESS  
**HEAR the MUSIC TOUR** coming to YOU!

**tour dates:**

- Oklahoma City, OK - Apr 24
- Minneapolis, MN - Jul 24
- Nashville, TN - May 16
- ATLANTA, GA - Oct 22
- Nashville, TN - May 17
- Chicago, IL - Oct 25
- Duluth, GA - May 30
- Denver, CO - Nov 13
- RED CLAY THEATRE
- Truth & Salvage
- FRIENDS OF LILA
- Best Brothers Band
- Lexington, KY - coming soon!



Funds from the HLLA Chattanooga Chapter helped to buy an "Earobics" program for the children at Marty's Center, a specialized inclusive program for children with hearing impairments, speech/language impairments, and regular education children ages 18 mo - 6 years.



27th Annual  
*Taster's Luncheon*  
& *Fall Fashion Show*  
Fashions provided by CATO

**Saturday, September 20**

St. Stephen's Catholic Church  
7111 Lee Highway

Doors open 10 a.m. • Luncheon served 11:30 a.m.  
Emceed by local celebrity Jed Mescon, WRCB-TV anchor

**WALTER E. BOEHM BIRTH DEFECT CENTER BENEFIT**

- **Assorted hors d'oeuvres, salads & desserts**  
Prepared by ESA members
- **\$100 CASH drawing**  
Only one lucky advance ticket sale holder will win!  
Must have ticket in hand at door!
- **Chinese Auction**  
Items valued at \$25-\$50 each - Buy 20 tickets for \$5
- **Bidding Auction**
- **Sponsors**
  - Kohl's Cares for Kids
  - Colico
  - Jason's Deli
  - Fresh Market
  - Golden Corral
  - Dodge City
  - Abusio's
  - Bi-Lo
  - The Bread Basket
  - Southern Lighting
  - Earthfare
  - Hamilton Liquors
  - P.F. Chang
  - Bed, Bath & Beyond
  - Reflections Gallery
  - Maccaroni Grill

423.266.5215  
423.778.2222

Captioning provided  
for guests with hearing loss 

*Tickets: \$15*



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**The Library Services for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing services include:**

- Books, media programs and assistive devices
- Information and referral services
- Accessible adult and children's programming
- Professional in-service training programs
- TN Directory of Services for People who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing
- Demonstration area of assistive devices
- Video Relay Service access

[dhoh@nashville.gov](mailto:dhoh@nashville.gov)

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**HLAA Membership**

HLAA is committed to creating awareness of hearing loss issues.

**Local Support Benefits:**

Newsletter, membership directory, special mailings, educational info, support, National HLAA information

Memberships are good for one calendar year.

To become a member, sign up below:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_  
Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ HLAA Chattanooga Chapter, circle one:

\$10 individual, or \$15 family, mail to:  
PO Box 25254, Chattanooga, TN 37422-9992

\_\_\_\_\_ HLAA National Dues, \$35

Includes Hearing Loss magazine subscription, mail to  
HLAA, 7910 Woodmont Ave., Suite 1200  
Bethesda, MD 20814 or visit [www.hearingloss.org](http://www.hearingloss.org)  
and pay online!



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**Sneak Peek at our Sept. 21 Meeting:**

- Program on Tinnitus, speaker TBA in Sept.
- Charlie Slover's 1st HLAA Convention experience & why you should plan to go to St. Louis, MO (June 25-28, 2015). Also how first timers can be awarded \$500 toward their registration & expenses!
- Begin voting on ways to use 2014 Walk4Hearing funds - a list of programs or services we want to support in 2015 will be in the Sept. newsletter - email [baproctor@epbfi.com](mailto:baproctor@epbfi.com) with YOUR ideas.
- Walk4Hearing plans for 2015 (we need YOU!!)
- Sign ups for refreshments
- News about accessibility in Chattanooga - public meetings!

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