

Chapter Calendar of Events

Saturday, Sept. 20 - ESA TASTER'S LUNCHEON
Doors open at 10am-Chinese Auction; luncheon begins 11:30am with fashion show - CAPTIONED!

Sunday, Sept. 21 - HLA A MEETING
2pm, program on "Tinnitus" by Dr. Courtney Guthrie - 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 - HLA A 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 - HLA A MEETING
2pm, program on "Technology in the home & community" - Ronald McDonald House, loop & captioning available

Thursday, December 11 - CAPTIONED PLAY
A Christmas Story, CTC, 7pm

December HLA A Party - Time & Date TBA

Sunday, January 18 - HLA A MEETING
2pm, program: No Limits – Speaker TBA

Sunday, February 15 - HLA A MEETING
2pm, program: Affordable hearing aids & new services

Thursday, February 19 - CAPTIONED PLAY
Into the Woods, CTC, 7pm

Sunday, March 15 - HLA A MEETING
2pm, program: To Protect & To Service, Police services



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

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

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Chattanooga Chapter

CHOO-CHOO SIGNAL NEWSLETTER

A resource for people with hearing loss

September 2014



City of Chattanooga provides hearing accommodations!

By Betty Proctor, editor



I wish more of you who have telecoils could have made it to test out the looping systems in the two recently looped rooms.

Kris Headrick and I walked with

James McKissic over to the City Council chambers (1000 Lindsay Street) to test that one first.

Kris & I wandered all over the room while James made up a story to keep talking so we could test. It was pretty funny! This room, looped by local audiologist **Dr. Joseph Holmes**, worked wonderfully. The room has a posted notice "hearing loop installed" to let visitors know it is accessible.

Next, we walked back the Development Resource Center at 1250 Market St. to test, but discovered that although Kris & I could hear initially

as soon as the mics were turned on, it just as quickly cut off completely. Puzzled, we tried several mics, each with the same thing happening. Explaining by email what occurred to Joe, he already has an idea of what it might be. Had we not gone to test this out, others may have come expecting to participate in any public meetings, but would quickly find they could not.

The value of this lesson is to keep advocating, follow through and explain why or why not it works so that a solution can be found.

Kudos to Chattanooga Mayor Andy Berke, Multicultural Affairs Director James McKissic, and Technology Director Corey Wentz for acting on our request to make public meetings accessible to people with hearing loss. Please tell your friends that city council meetings ARE open to the public AND accessible!

Chapter members promote HLAA at Life Expo

By Betty Proctor, editor

Saturday, Sept. 6 dawned kind of drizzly, but the weather turned out OK as nine volunteers from HLAA worked at the annual Boomer & Seniors Life Expo, our fourth return as a vendor.

Thanks to **Bea Lyons, Susie Collins, Dick & Nelda Twitchell, Charlie Slover, Alison Bolnick, Kat Miller, Sonja McDougal & Betty Proctor** for your support of the chapter at this event!

Kat Miller got one photo of special guest, 81-year-old **Regis Philbin** who worked the crowd and told stories, danced with attendees and talked about his own experience in getting older.

We enjoyed visits by attendees who asked questions about both HLAA and the Walk4Hearing. We also had our share of “huh?” jokes when asked who were we (a not-so-fun play on “hard-of-hearing” that I’m sure you get from time-to-time).



Instead of having people fill out an info card for the two giveaways we had, we used tickets instead, but we had our “please sign up for more information” or “ask to be put on our newsletter list” clipboard at hand, and we had 10 people who gave us contact information, so we consider that a successful day!

We met the Captel representative from Florida, **Heather Golden**, and she had quite a bit of new information to share with us, including the fact that Captel will come to your home to set up your phone (great for us phone-challenged people!). We also left the Expo with a bag of Captel “goodies” courtesy of Heather and we will be giving those items away at the Sept. 21 meeting - first come, first served!

Other hearing aid businesses who were vendors at the Expo included: **Audiology Services of Chattanooga, Johnson Audiology, Beltone, and Zounds**. It was good to see them participate!

Walk4Hearing is ON for 2015!

By Betty Proctor, editor

I hope you will take the time to read this article because there was some question as to whether the current core committee was willing to continue being “the Walk committee” for another year. In fact, the national office was shocked, but the plain truth is we are tired! Officially, that’s called “burnout.”

After much discussion and prayerful consideration, we decided that we would continue committee duties for the Walk4Hearing IF we could recruit 5-6 additional core committee members (meaning people who are willing to work the approximately 5-6 months it takes to prepare for the big event). We gave ourselves a deadline of Sept. 21 to recruit these “soldiers.”

Although we so appreciate those of you who help the actual day of the Walk, the plain fact is that the day of the actual Walk is the EASY part and a lot of fun! It’s the months leading up to it that we need help with to make it so much fun!

About the time the chapter exhibited at the Deaf & HOH Expo in June, **Kat Miller** came over to our table and after talking, she offered to help. *Blessing #1.*

After **Charlie & Diane Slover** returned from their first (but not last!) HLAA convention in Austin, I met with Charlie and he offered to be my co-chair. *Blessing #2.* Charlie had already been “sort of” scouting and recruited his ASL classmate, **Gloria Osbourne**, to help. *Blessing #3.*

Just before the Life Expo, I was contacted “out of the blue” by **Alison Bolnick**, a nurse who has just begun to lose some of her hearing. She met us at the Memorial Hospital Nurses Week Expo back on May 6. She worked with us all day at the Life Expo and wants to be on the Walk committee and most likely be the Memorial Hospital team leader! *Blessing #4.*

Then of course there was the Life Expo itself where I finally had the chance to speak to HLAA member **Sonja McDougal** who has just finished up her master’s degree (*yeah Sonja - we are so proud of you!*) and now has time to help us out. She & Kat are good friends ... and well you can guess ... *Blessing #5.*

That total brought us to the magic numbers (5-6) we set as a goal in order to be able to do the Walk another year. **Walk4Hearing will be held on Saturday, May 9, 2015 - so mark your calendars now!**

At the Sept 21 meeting, I will have a list ready for others who would also like to be on the committee. You will be able to read the “specs” about a specific job and choose what you want to do. *Recruiting is NEVER over.*

We are first and foremost the **Hearing Loss Assn., Chattanooga Chapter**, but the **Walk4Hearing** is so important to the overall HLAA mission and has made possible numerous projects - all which have benefitted the community greatly: captioning at plays and other events, Hearing Heroes camp for kids, camp scholarships for D/HOH kids, college scholarships for HOH students, deaf-blind camp sponsorship, looping the Ronald McDonald House community room, HLAA convention scholarships, exhibit fees for HLAA visibility, the purchase an assistive device for a local veteran, and more, much more!



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**HCAA Chattanooga Chapter Treasury Report
August 01 - September 14, 2014**

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| Beginning Balance (Aug. 01, 2014) | \$4,789.98 |
| Deposits & Credits | 10.00 |
| Withdrawals | 0.00 |
| Checks: | |
| #630 Dick Twitchell [Picnic BBQ] | 70.83 |
| #631 CTC [2 theatre tickets (Life Expo)] | 60.00 |
| Totals | 130.83 |
| Ending Balance (Sept. 14, 2014) | \$4,669.15 |

Note: Outstanding checks that have not cleared the bank:

- #625 [6/14/14, \$250] TN Hands & Voices advocacy support
- #632 [9/05/14, \$30] Alpha Beta Chapter ESA 2 Tasters' Luncheon tickets (Life Expo)
- #633 [9/05/14, \$23.75] Chattanooga State Print Shop 250 biz cards
- #634 [9/05/14, \$85.10] Incor Design & Promotions 8 t-shirts (HLAA)
- #635 [9/13/14, \$128] U S Postal Service PO Box annual fee renewal

Beatrice R. Lyons, Treasurer



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

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Marty's Center recently held an Open House on Sept. 5 celebrating its one year anniversary. Some of Marty's students posed in front of the Phonak Sound Field System the Center purchased when she held a "kickoff" to explain her program prior to the Walk4Hearing. This explanation sparked the parents and as a result, they were the top fund-raising team at this year's Walk4Hearing:

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HCAA News4parents

- Federal law allows students with hearing loss to have a free and appropriate public education alongside non-disabled students, to the extent possible, up to 12th grade. Even though a child may have a hearing aid or cochlear implant they will probably still need assistive technology, modified acoustics, and accessible teaching strategies to participate fully in noisy classrooms. In post-secondary institutions students must advocate for accessibility through the school administration. Many schools have disabled student offices that can coordinate accessibility requests.
- The Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services (OSERS) in the US Department of Education sup-

ports programs that help educate children and youth with disabilities, provides for the rehabilitation of youth and adults with disabilities and supports research to improve the lives of individuals with disabilities. By providing funding to programs that serve infants, toddlers, children and adults with disabilities, OSERS works to ensure that these individuals are fully included in school, in employment, in life. OSERS also provides funds to programs that offer information and technical assistance to parents of infants, toddlers and children with disabilities, as well as members of the learning community who serve these individuals.

For more information about OSERS visit: <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/index.html>

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



Carmike Cinemas





St. Louis Union Station – a DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel

St. Louis Union Station—a DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel was once the largest train station in the country and is on the National Register of Historic Places.



Convention 2015

When **Charlie Slover** comes to our Sept meeting, he is going to tell you about his experience at his **FIRST** national HLAA convention.

I still remember my own “first time” way back in 1999. Every year has gotten better and better and you will not find a better venue to check out phones, assistive devices, oodles of technology and learn so much your head will spin!

Make plans NOW!

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SEPTEMBER MEETING:

Sunday, September 21 • 2pm

Ronald McDonald Community Room

Topic: Tinnitus

Speaker:

Dr. Courtney Guthrie, Johnson Audiology

Also: Charlie Slover on his convention experience and Walk4Hearing Funding Suggestions

Refreshments: Twitchell's

Captioning: Joyce Casey

Room also is looped for use with telecoils

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