

Chapter Calendar of Events

Thursdays, October 16, 23 & 30 - HAPPY HANDS
4:30-6:30pm, Meets at Hamilton Place Mall Food Court, all welcome!

Saturday, October 18 - DEAF CHAT
10am-12pm, Meets at Hamilton Place Starbucks across from Academy Sports store, all welcome!

Sunday, October 19 - HLAA MEETING
2pm, program on "Have App, Will Travel!" - Ronald McDonald House, loop & captioning available

Tuesday, October 21 - ZOUNDS OPEN HOUSE
4:30pm, Zounds Hearing grand opening, ribbon cutting, free refreshments & chance to win a TV

Saturday, October 25 - DEAF CHAT
10am-12pm, Meets at Cleveland Panera Bread, all welcome!

Saturday, November 8 - DEAF CHAT
10am-12pm, Meets at Ft. Oglethorpe Panera Bread, all welcome!

Monday, November 10 - MAYOR'S COUNCIL ON DISABILITIES MEETING
3pm, Development Resource Center, 1250 Market St.

Sunday, November 16 - HLAA MEETING
2pm, program on "Technology in the home & community" - Ronald McDonald House, loop & captioning available

Thursday, November 20 - CAPTIONED PLAY
A Christmas Story, CTC, 7pm

Thursday, December 11 - SE ADA WEBINAR
2-3pm EST, Accessibility Anywhere Almost, CART and Captioning for Web-based Applications

December HLAA Party - Time & Date TBA



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

- 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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Hearing Loss Association of America

Chattanooga Chapter

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

October 2014

Celebrating 35 years for 48 million people with hearing loss!

The Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA), founded by Howard E. "Rocky" Stone, is the leading organization for people with hearing loss and has been providing solutions to help people live successfully with hearing loss since its inception in 1979. Under the theme **Celebrating 35 years for 48 million people with hearing loss**,

HLAA will engage its extensive network of chapters to educate people about the importance of prevention, regular screenings, new and emerging hearing assistive technology, and strategies needed to be successful in the workplace, in school, in the community and at home.

HLAA Chapters across the country will join forces behind the same activities on a given day or month during the year-long celebration. The events include:

- Educational events to demonstrate the vast array of new cutting-edge assistive technologies for people with hearing loss;
- Community outings to playhouses, theaters, meeting halls and other community venues that have installed hearing assistive technology;
- Outreach events to educate people on the consequences of untreated hearing loss; and
- Support events which will offer free hearing screenings and personal or family mentoring sessions to deal with the emotional, psychological and physical effects of hearing loss.

In addition, the HLAA Convention 2015 to be held at the St. Louis Union Station Hotel, June 25 - 28, will include a special anniversary banquet, Rocky Stone: Operation 35, a reference to Rocky's career as a CIA operative.

"So many of our members say HLAA changed their lives, saved their marriage or provided the tools to sustain their career," said Anna Gilmore Hall, executive director of HLAA. "There are many new and innovative solutions available and HLAA seeks to reach those people who are experiencing hearing loss and are unaware of the help HLAA and its chapters can provide."



Celebrating 35 years for 48 million people with hearing loss

2 FCC videos in ASL: VRS and Text-to-911

The FCC Posts Two Videos in American Sign Language

On October 3, 2014, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) posted two new videos available in American Sign Language.

The first video provides an overview about the purpose and functionality of the upcoming Advanced Video Communication Platform to ensure the efficiency and competition of Video Relay Service (VRS) and the interoperability of VRS and video point to point communication.

The second video provides information about the Commission's recent action on the Text-to-911 rulemaking in order to promote the availability of such service. To view these videos, visit: <http://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/disability-rights-office>

HLAA signed onto comments with FCC

HLAA signed onto comments with the FCC in response to their Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Regarding Video Clips. In these comments we commended the Commission's continued attention to ensuring equal access to IP-delivered video clips and urged the FCC to continue to ensure that consumers with hearing loss have greater access to video clips. The filing can be found in the FCC's docket at

<http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/comment/view?id=60000870927>

We joined other consumer groups in this filing:

- Telecommunications for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Inc. (TDI)
- National Association of the Deaf (NAD)
- Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA)
- Association of Late-Deafened Adults (ALDA)
- Cerebral Palsy and Deaf Organization (CPADO)
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing Consumer Advocacy Network (DHHCAN)
- California Coalition of Agencies Serving the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCASDHH)
- American Association of the Deaf-Blind (AADB)
- Speech Communication Assistance by Telephone (SCT)
- Technology Access Program at Gallaudet University (TAP)



Bea Lyons, Ann Knauf, Dotty Casteel, Cindy Grove's daughter, Cindy Grove & Susie Collins at the ESA Taster's Luncheon.

New director of chapter development

HLAA has hired Edward F. Ogiba of Sarasota, Florida, to be its new director of chapter development with the primary charge of helping current chapters to grow and building new ones through strategic development, best practices and leadership training.

The post entails providing HLAA's state organizations and chapters around the country with the direction and support they need to deliver the organization's acclaimed education, support and advocacy services to open the world of communication for those with hearing loss.



Ed has a long career in leading the development of new products and advertising, working for many Fortune 500 companies, currently as the president of Group EFO and previously as an account director at Ogilvy & Mather.

He has served as president of the HLAA Sarasota Chapter for the past five years, been the HLAA Florida state chapter coordinator, and a Board member of the HLAA Florida State Association for the last two years. He is entering his fifth year as a Board member of the Ear Research Foundation.

In the last five years, the HLAA Sarasota Chapter's membership under Ed's leadership has grown significantly by offering a wider range of new education and support services, with a high-powered outreach program that has had the chapter averaging some six to eight meetings and events in the community each month.

Ed has been a local advocate for hearing loops and has been instrumental in drawing in more than 100 local theaters, churches and community venues in Southwest Florida to install hearing loops. The chapter was named Sarasota County's "Best Cause" by *SRQ Magazine* in 2012, with Ed being pegged as the "Best Visionary." HLAA Executive Director Anna Gilmore Hall commented: "HLAA is pleased to bring this kind of experience and expertise to our efforts to build robust, vibrant HLAA Chapters across the country. Because Ed comes from a chapter background, we know he will hit the road running."

HLAA represents 48 million Americans with hearing loss by providing its members with the education, support and advocacy to live well with hearing loss. Many HLAA members profess that the organization and its many self-empowering programs have "changed their lives."

Ed Ogiba, who wears both a hearing aid and cochlear implant and lost his hearing primarily due to a combination of military service and Ménière's disease, is a case in point. He attests that "HLAA saved me from a life of isolation by introducing me to listening and communication skills as well as several assistive listening devices, all of which I desperately needed to return to a normal life and resume my career."

Contact Ed at eogiba@hearingloss.org

**HCAA Chattanooga Chapter Treasury Report
September 14 - October 10, 2014**

Beginning Balance (Sept. 14, 2014)	\$4,669.15
Deposits & Credits	5,320.00
Withdrawals	0.00
Checks:	
#633 Chatt State Print Shop, HCAA Biz Cards	23.75
#634 Inco Design & Promotions, 8 t-shirts	85.10
#635 U S Postal Service, Annual P O Box fee	128.00
#636 Sertoma Club of Marion County, Susie Collins membership dues	280.00
#637 CTC Sponsor Captioning Services	1,500.00
#628 Dianne Bryden, ESA captioning services	200.00
Totals	\$2,246.85
Ending Balance (Oct. 10, 2014)	\$7,742.30

Note:
The following outstanding check has not cleared the bank at this time and has been determined to be lost:
#625 [6/14/14, \$250] TN Hands & Voices advocacy support
Beatrice R. Lyons, Treasurer



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

**For information email
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Hello everyone!

I wanted to touch base with everyone about our next event! I'm waiting to hear back from a venue, but please plan on coming out for our family event on **NOVEMBER 1st!!** Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, we will not be doing the 3rd Saturday of the month. I will be attending a statewide conference in Nashville the second weekend, so November 1st is the date for that month!

I also wanted to welcome our new Chattanooga members, the Braddocks! Thank you to all of the families who came to our September family event at Coolidge Park! We had a great time playing in the fountain and riding the carousel!

I hope to see you all at our November 1st event! I will contact everyone again once I've confirmed our venue and give you more information.

Thank you,
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HCAA News4parents

Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Act (EHDI)

In the last 20 years legislation and technology have positively impacted the lives of people with hearing loss, truly "opening the world of communication" to thousands and thousands of children and adults.

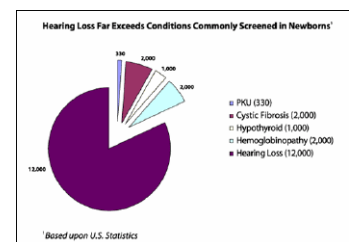
One of the most important legislative actions has been the development of the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Program. Congress first authorized the EHDI programs in 2000. The legislation and subsequent funding Congress provided have helped establish statewide EHDI programs across the United States that are identifying children with hearing loss and directing them to early intervention services.

EHDI programs include screening (the initial test of infants for hearing loss), audiological diagnostic evaluations (to

confirm hearing loss), and early intervention (including medical services, early intervention programs, and family support) to enhance language, communication, cognitive and social skill development, needed to be successful in school and all other aspects of life.

When the first legislation was approved in 2000, 44% of newborns were screened for hearing loss. In 2011, almost 98% of all newborns are screened and each year there are thousands of infants with hearing loss and their families who are enjoying the benefits of early identification.

For more information, see:
<http://kidsandhearingloss.org>



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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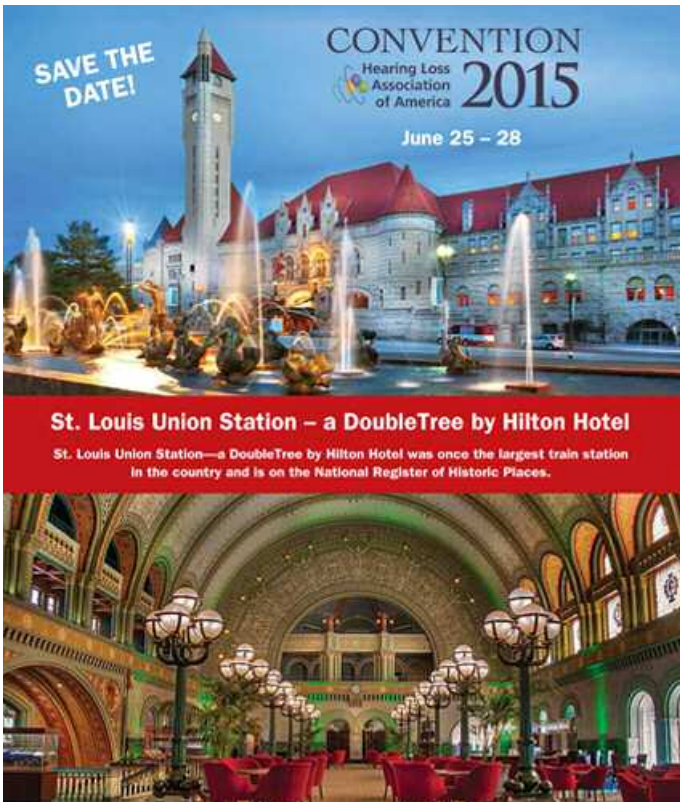
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St. Louis Union Station – a DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel

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.

See the Convention Facebook page for lots of info!
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1462654163992018/>

Convention 2015

Charles A. Laszlo, Ph.D. will be the keynote



speaker at the HLAA Convention 2015. Dr. Laszlo, the founding president of the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association, will deliver his speech, *Advances, Obstacles and Solutions in a Changing World* at the Opening Session on Thursday, June 25.

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OCTOBER MEETING:

Sunday, October 19 • 2pm

Ronald McDonald Community Room

Topic: "Have App, Will Travel" - Find out about these GREAT FREE travel apps before you go on your next trip!

Speakers:

Susie Collins & Betty Proctor

Also: More Walk4Hearing Funding Suggestions

Refreshments: Geloria Osborne • **Door Greeter:** Betty Proctor

Captioning: Linda Hershey

Room also is looped for use with telecoils

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