

## Chapter Calendar of Events

### Sunday, November 16 - HLAA MEETING

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

### Thursday, November 20 - SE ADA WEBINAR

2-3pm EST, Accessibility Anywhere Almost, CART and Captioning for Web-based Applications (pg 2)

### Thursday, December 11 - CAPTIONED PLAY

A Christmas Story, CTC, 7pm

### Saturday, December 13 -HLAA Christmas Party - 12 pm, Alexian Village (see info at right)

### Sunday, January 18 - HLAA MEETING

2pm, program: No Limits – Speaker TBA

### Sunday, February 15 - HLAA MEETING

2pm, program: Affordable hearing aids & new services

### Thursday, February 19 - CAPTIONED PLAY

Into the Woods, CTC, 7pm

### Sunday, March 15 - HLAA MEETING

2pm, program: To Protect & To Service, Police Services



*Celebrating 35 years for  
48 million people with hearing loss*



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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## Chattanooga Chapter

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

November 2014

### November Meeting: Adaptive Technology



Ezra Reynolds from Signal Center will be presenting the program on Nov. 16. Topic will be adaptive technology for persons with hearing loss.

## HLAA Christmas Luncheon

*Sat., December 13 - 12 Noon*  
*Alexian Village, 4th Floor*  
*100 James Ave., Signal Mtn*

*Hostess: Peggy Anne Rogers*

**Cost \$5 per person**

*Reservation deadline is Dec. 8*  
*baproctor@epbfi.com*



**Bring a White Elephant gift  
for our annual fun exchange game.**

**(White Elephant gifts are those items you have at home that you no longer want. They should be in good shape with a value of no more than \$5-\$10)**

**Also bring an item from the "Wish List" for our annual donation to the Ronald McDonald House.**

- Dish Liquid & Dishwasher Tablets
- Garbage Bags (drum liners & 13 Gallon)
- Hand Sanitizer
- Lysol Wipes
- Paper Bowls & Plates (non-styrofoam)
- Paper Towels
- Phone Cards
- Powdered Laundry Detergent
- Sandwich/Quart/Gallon Bags
- Wal-Mart Gift Cards
- Deodorant (ladies and men)
- Maxi Pads
- Razors
- Shaving Cream
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste



**Captioned play:**

**“A Christmas Story” • Dec. 11**

America's most beloved holiday movie is now a Big Broadway musical! Back this holiday season by popular demand! This is a bright, bouyant, musical retelling of the cherished and much-repeated family comedy. All of the best-loved moments from the holiday film are in the production, including the leg lamp, the tongue-on-a-flagpole, the bunny suit, the Santa slide and all of Ralphie's extravagant day-dreams. A New York hit at holiday time, all the fun is right here at home again this year, complete with dazzling dance numbers, scrumptious songs, and an incredibly talented cast of youngsters (and adults!).

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**What is a Hearing Loop?**

*From [www.hearingloss.org](http://www.hearingloss.org)*

A hearing loop is a wire that circles a room and is connected to a sound system. The loop transmits the sound electromagnetically. The electromagnetic signal is then picked up by the telecoil in the hearing aid or cochlear implant.

To use a hearing loop, you flip on the t-switch on the hearing aid or cochlear implant to activate the telecoil. Usually, no additional receiver or equipment is needed. Using a telecoil and hearing loop together is seamless, cost-effective, unobtrusive, and you don't have to seek additional equipment. Hearing loops are also called audio-induction loops, audio loops, or loops. If your hearing aid doesn't have a telecoil, you will need a headset plugged into a loop receiver to achieve the same effect.

*EXAMPLE: The city of Chattanooga has installed a hearing loop in the City Council Chambers for use by hard of hearing citizens with telecoils.*

**What is a telecoil?**



A telecoil in a hearing aid functions as a wireless antenna that links to the sound system and delivers customized sound to the listener. A telecoil is a small copper coil that is an option in most hearing aids and is built into cochlear implant processors. Telecoils also known as t-coils and were originally used to boost the magnetic signals from the telephone handset. The telecoil is activated by a t-switch. All landline and some cell phones are designed by law to be used with a telecoil.

The telecoil can make a noticeable difference in your life when combined with hearing assistive technology such as the hearing loop. This pairing of technology bridges the space between you and the sound source. The hearing loop connects the listener directly to the sound source while most of the background noise is eliminated.

If you are buying a hearing aid for the first time, be sure to ask that a telecoil be included. With a telecoil you can expand the functionality of your hearing aid or cochlear implant.

**Accessibility Anywhere Almost, CART and Captioning for Web-based Applications**  
**Thursday, November 20, 2014 • 2:00 P.M. to 3:30 P.M. EST**

**Cost: Free**

Format: Webinar

Where: Online/Web-based

Sponsored By: Webinar Series: Accessible Technology from the National ADA Network, coordinated by the Great Lakes ADA Center

**Description:**

This webinar will cover the entire process of delivering realtime captioning over the internet for a number of applications. With the rapid advancement of technology services can be provided in many locations that were not viable options just a few years ago. If you have a smartphone or an iPad you can now participate from almost anywhere. First we will review real caption applications including stadiums, providing services in the classroom and captioning of web based applications like Google Hangouts. We will also review who is really doing the work of converting speech to text. This includes covering a number of options from text interpreting, voice recognition and stenographers and how their technologies work. By the end of this webinar you should be familiar with the latest options for receiving realtime captions and how the service is provided.

**Registration:**

<http://adasoutheast.org/eventscalendar.php?eventid=840>

**Deadline to Register - November 19, 2014**

- The webinar is free, but advance registration is required.
- A certificate of attendance is available upon request, once actual attendance/participation is documented.
- The webinar is scheduled from 2:00-3:30 p.m. (90 minute session) in the Eastern Time Zone (ET). The program is available in three formats: Streaming Audio via the Blackboard Collaborate webinar platform (free); Real-time Captioning via the Blackboard Collaborate webinar platform (free). A telephone option is also available by calling the toll number -- NOTE: You will incur charges for telephone access based on your telephone provider. The session will have a digital recording of the session archived after the event.

Contact For More Information:

Great Lakes ADA Center

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Fax: 312-413-1856

Web: Webinar Series: Accessible Technology ([ada-audio.org/Webinar/AccessibleTechnology/Schedule/](http://ada-audio.org/Webinar/AccessibleTechnology/Schedule/))

ADA National Network  
 Phone: 800-949-4232 (v/tty)





**HCAA Chattanooga Chapter Treasury Report  
October 10 - November 07, 2014**

Beginning Balance (Oct. 14, 2014)	\$7,742.30
Deposits & Credits	50.00
Withdrawals	0.00
Checks:	
#639 ChattState Foundation (2015 scholarship)	750.00
#640 IUTC Foundation (2015 scholarship)	750.00
Totals	\$1,500.00
<b>Ending Balance (Nov. 07, 2014)</b>	<b>\$6,292.30</b>

**Note:**  
The following outstanding check has been determined to be lost: #625 [6/14/14, \$250] TN Hands & Voices advocacy support  
*Beatrice R. Lyons, Treasurer*

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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



**Important Milestones...**

*From www.cdc.gov*

How your child plays, learns, speaks, and acts offers important clues about your child's development. Developmental milestones are things most children can do by a certain age. The following milestones are listed for certain ages under Language/Communication:

**2 months:**

- Coos, makes gurgling sounds
- Turns head toward sounds

**4 months:**

- Begins to babble
- Babbles with expression and copies sounds he hears
- Cries in different ways to show hunger, pain, or being tired

**6 months:**

- Responds to sounds by making sounds
- Strings vowels together when babbling ("ah," "eh," "oh") and likes taking turns with parent while making sounds
- Responds to own name
- Makes sounds to show joy and displeasure
- Begins to say consonant sounds (jabbering with "m," "b")

**9 months:**

- Understands "no"
- Makes a lot of different sounds like "mamamama" and "bababababa"
- Copies sounds and gestures of others
- Uses fingers to point at things

**12 months:**

- Responds to simple spoken requests
- Uses simple gestures, like shaking head "no" or waving "bye-bye"

- Makes sounds with changes in tone (sounds more like speech)
- Says "mama" and "dada" and exclamations like "uh-oh!"
- Tries to say words you say

**18 months:**

- Says several single words
- Says and shakes head "no"
- Points to show someone what he wants

**2 years:**

- Points to things or pictures when they are named
- Knows names of familiar people and body parts
- Says sentences with 2 to 4 words
- Follows simple instructions
- Repeats words overheard in conversation
- Points to things in a book

**3 years:**

- Follows instructions with 2 or 3 steps
- Can name most familiar things
- Understands words like "in," "on," and "under"
- Says first name, age, and sex
- Names a friend
- Says words like "I," "me," "we," and "you" and some plurals (cars, dogs, cats)
- Talks well enough for strangers to understand most of the time
- Carries on a conversation using 2 to 3 sentences

**4 years:**

- Knows some basic rules of grammar, such as correctly using "he" and "she"
- Sings a song or says a poem from memory such as the "Itsy Bitsy Spider" or the "Wheels on the Bus"
- Tells stories
- Can say first and last name

**5 years:**

- Speaks very clearly
- Tells a simple story using full sentences
- Uses future tense; for example, "Grandma will be here."
- Says name and address

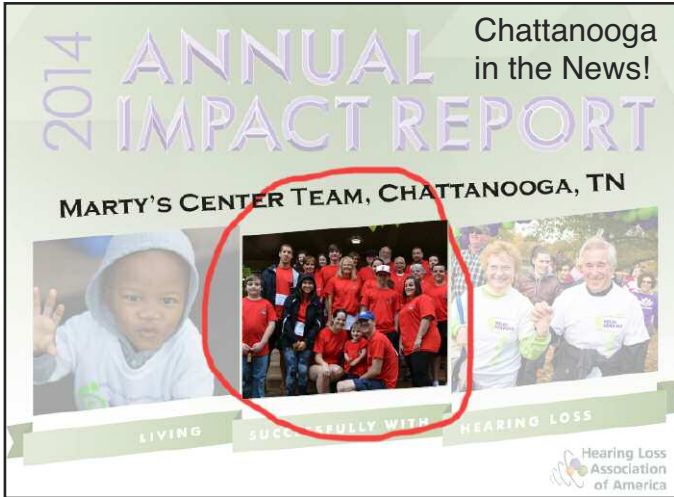
*"I finally found MY organization and MY niche in society. HCAA has truly made a difference in my personal life and helped to lead me toward a more positive outlook and fulfilling experiences." – Bea Lyons*



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

### Convention 2015

Convention 2015 Registration is Open  
Register early for the greatest discounts on registration packages! There are several packages available so be certain to review the packages carefully to determine which is the right one for you. Early-bird registration prices are good through January 31, 2015. See [www.hearingloss.org](http://www.hearingloss.org) for details.



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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.

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\$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  
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and pay online!



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### NOVEMBER MEETING:

**Sunday, November 16 • 2pm**

Ronald McDonald Community Room

**Topic: "Adaptive Technology for Persons with Hearing Loss"**

#### Speaker:

Ezra Reynolds, Signal Centers

**Also:** More Walk4Hearing Funding Suggestions

**Refreshments:** Dotty Casteel & Betty Proctor

**Door Greeter:** Bea Lyons

**Captioning:** Diane Bryden

Room also is looped for use with telecoils

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