

## Chapter Calendar of Events

Sunday, March 15 - HLA A MEETING  
2pm, program: TBA

Thursday, March 19 - CAPTIONED PLAY  
Festival of New Plays, CTC, 7pm

Saturday, March 28 - Walk4Hearing KICKOFF

Saturday & Sunday, April 25 & 26 - NATIONAL  
CORNBREAD FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERING  
Time slots available both days, fun! Sign up during  
March regular HLA A meetings

Hearing Loss Association of America  
Chattanooga  
**WALK4  
HEARING**<sup>®</sup>  
*Save the date!*  
Saturday, May 9  
Chattanooga State & Riverwalk  
9am Registration/Activities • 10am Walk

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MARCH/APRIL 2015  
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13083  
**All Aboard!**  
HLAA Convention 2015  
June 25-28 • St. Louis

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

- March 19 - "Festival of New Plays"
- June 18 - "Vanya and Sonia"
- July 23 - "9 to 5, the Musical"

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

# Hearing Loss Association of America

## Chattanooga Chapter

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

March 2015

#### **HLAA Public Policy and Advocacy Agenda for Local Leaders**

##### **What can local leaders do to support HLA A's Public Policy and Advocacy Agenda?**

HLAA works on a national level to achieve our public policy mission. But many of our goals can't be fully realized without support from the grassroots. Our chapters and state organizations are a vital part of making sure that hearing loss is an issue of national concern. Here are some ideas local leaders can initiate that will help us achieve our key advocacy goals.

***Goal 2: Hearing aids, cochlear implants and aural rehabilitation are affordable and accessible, and covered by the Medicare, Affordable Care Act, and third-party payers.***

- Support HR 3150, HEAR Act, which will provide Medicare coverage of hearing aids, by providing education to consumers, writing letters of support and getting the word out about this bill.
- If your state does not provide coverage under the Affordable Care Act, work with your state office of deaf and hard of hearing and state insurance commissioner to advocate for coverage.
- Work on local laws to require inclusion of hearing aid in insurance coverage for all, both children and adults.

***Goal 9: Emergency preparedness communication systems are accessible for people with hearing loss and first responders are knowledgeable about the needs of persons with hearing loss.***

- Join local emergency preparedness teams to ensure that the needs of people with hearing loss are considered in an emergency.
- Offer to provide information, education and/or training to emergency responders and managers.
- Provide feedback to emergency product manufacturers.
- Encourage your community to provide text to 911; get involved in disseminating information and education about text to 911.

*Additional goals will be published next month!*



Walk4Hearing is celebrating 10 years of Walks nationally - 7 years here in Chattanooga!  
Register for the 2015 Walk4Hearing at  
[http://hlaa.convio.net/site/PageServer?page-name=walk\\_home\\_page](http://hlaa.convio.net/site/PageServer?page-name=walk_home_page)

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## 2015 Chattanooga W4H Prizes!

Several of our in-kind sponsors have donated prizes for the 2015 Walk4Hearing.

- Top Individual walker who raises the most money for the Walk will win a free pair of Imprezo 20 hearing aids from Zounds.
- Raise \$500, earn an HLAA backpack.
- Second-Fifth Place top walkers will win a \$25 American Express gift certificate from CBL.

*See rules below for hearing aids and backpack.*



Questions?  
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### Top Earning Individual Walker Wins FREE Hearing Aids! Open to Chattanooga Walkers ONLY

Zounds Hearing of Chattanooga have donated a pair of "Imprezo 20" hearing aids valued at \$6,457 that will be awarded to the individual who raises the MOST MONEY at the Chattanooga Walk4Hearing!

**ZOUNDS**  
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\*INFO: <http://zoundschattanooga.com/imprezo-hearing-aid/>

- Open to ALL adult walkers and/or committee members, age 18 or older, for the Chattanooga Walk4Hearing ONLY.
- Walkers **MUST** be registered as Chattanooga Walk4Hearing participants on the HLAA Convio system (the official fund raising system for all Walk4Hearing walks).
  - Register here: [http://hlaa.convio.net/site/TR?fr\\_id=2281&pg=entry](http://hlaa.convio.net/site/TR?fr_id=2281&pg=entry)
  - Winner will be determined by amount of money entered into the Convio System by 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Friday, May 8, 2015.
  - NO exceptions.
- The hearing aids are **not** returnable/refundable for cash.
- If the walker who raises the most money does not need the hearing aids, the offer is transferable to another adult (age 18+) who does. (*Sorry, offer not available for children.*)
- The winner must be fitted and receive service from the Zounds office in Chattanooga ONLY.



#### HLAA Backpack Prize Information

Any registered walker who raises \$500 or more at the time of their walk will receive the Walk4Hearing backpack on the day of the Walk. You must attend the Walk to pick up your backpack. Backpacks will NOT be mailed. Team totals and donors do not qualify.

Hearing Loss Association of America



### Walk4Hearing Update!

Chattanooga's committee has been busy since January researching and contacting potential sponsors for the 2015 Walk4Hearing. We have now reached the **\$10,100** mark.

Our in-kind sponsors have worked together to make the Walk memorable through event space, advertising, prizes and water - a total of **\$12,823!**

In addition to the \$10,100 raised, we now have two walkers duking it out for the top individual walker spot: **Kim Rosencrantz** and **Lisa Shepherd**.

And, we have **11 teams** formed who need walkers! Teams and captains include:

- Kira's Krew - Ashley Alexander
- Beltone South - Jennifer Carson
- HLA of Knoxville - Rusty Cole
- Marty's Center - Marty Dunagan
- TN Hands & Voices - Brandi Groce
- Chattanooga Local Sponsors
- Friends of Betty - Betty Proctor
- Nonameyet - Martha Puckett
- Happy Hands at the Mall - Lisa Shepherd
- Queenie - Wanda Threat
- Team Twitchell - Richard Twitchell

**Help make our thermometer grow hotter - join a team or form your own NOW at:**

[http://hlaa.convio.net/site/TR?fr\\_id=2281&pg=entry](http://hlaa.convio.net/site/TR?fr_id=2281&pg=entry)

**Chattanooga  
Walk4Hearing**

Goal:  
**\$30,000.00**  
Achieved:  
**\$10,540.00**

[Make a gift!](#)





**HCAA Chattanooga Chapter Treasury Report**  
February 03, 2015 - March 07, 2015

Beginning Balance (February 03, 2015)	\$5,749.95
Deposits & Credits	0.00
Withdrawals	0.00
Checks:	
#645 National Cornbread Fest t-shirt sponsor	300.00
#646 Chattanooga State Print Shop, biz cards	27.25
Total	\$327.25
<b>Ending Balance (March 07, 2015)</b>	<b>\$5,422.70</b>

**Note:**  
3 member renewal fees submitted; one donation to chapter received; These checks have not yet been deposited to account nor processed at time of this report.

*Beatrice R. Lyons, Treasurer*

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**Carmike Cinemas**

**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

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**CONVENTION 2015**  
Hearing Loss Association of America  
June 25 - 28

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



**Tennessee HANDS & VOICES**  
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For information email  
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[www.tnhandsandvoices.org](http://www.tnhandsandvoices.org)

**What:** Tennessee Hands & Voices Family Event

**When:** Saturday, March 14, 2015

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Where:** Jumpin' Junction  
4350 Old Taso Rd. NE  
Cleveland, TN 37312

**What Will Happen:** Jumpin' Junction has inflatables, a 2-story jungle gym, a ball pit, and toddler area. There is also a snack bar! **Be sure to bring socks!**

**Who is Invited:** Children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing, their families (siblings are welcome!), the professionals who serve them, and Deaf or Hard of Hearing adults/mentors.

**Price: \$6.50**  
**(kids 24 months & younger are free)**  
**RSVP is preferred!**

**Easter Gift Baskets will be given to the first 10 kids with hearing loss!**

Please help get the word out to any parents of Deaf or HOH children you may know and encourage them to come and meet other children and their parents. We are a great group of parents and professionals who enjoy one another, learn from one another, and support one another *without bias!* Contact Brandi Groce with any questions. I look forward to this family event, and I hope to see you there!

**Contact & RSVP: Brandi Groce**

[brandi@tnhandsandvoices.org](mailto:brandi@tnhandsandvoices.org)

423-436-1536 (call or text)

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**Hurry! Challenge ends April 4!**

**Take the  
Registration  
Challenge!**

For walkers who register ONLINE only and for walkers already registered ONLINE only, between now and April 4!

- One lucky winner will be drawn on April 4.
- Winner will receive the gift card on May 9 at the Chattanooga Walk4Hearing event.

**Register for the Walk at [www.walk4hearing.org](http://www.walk4hearing.org)**

- Form a Team • Join a Team or • Walk as an Individual

## Department of Justice Unveils New On-line Americans with Disabilities Act Complaint Form

March 4, 2015

### Source: How to File an ADA Complaint with the U.S. Department of Justice

The Department of Justice (DOJ) is pleased to announce that, as of today, individuals wishing to file ADA complaints with the Department of Justice will be able to fill out the on-line form and submit it completely electronically. Filers will also immediately receive a "reference number" that can be used whenever contacting the Department of Justice about that complaint.

Please visit the DOJ website at [www.ada.gov](http://www.ada.gov) for Instructions for filing an ADA complaint with the Department of Justice, requesting accommodations for the filing process and to access the new on-line ADA Complaint form.

Effective March 15, 2015, e-mail complaints will no longer be accepted by the Department. However, complaints will still be accepted by U. S. mail, fax, and the new online complaint form. Contact the Department of Justice ADA Information Line at 1-800-514-0301 (v); 1-800-514-0383 (tty) to receive a paper complaint form by mail.

Link: Go to website for News Source

[http://www.ada.gov/filing\\_complaint.htm](http://www.ada.gov/filing_complaint.htm)



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## HLAA Membership

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## FEBRUARY MEETING:

### Sunday, March 15 • 2pm

Ronald McDonald Community Room

**Topic: Hamilton County Emergency Services:  
Getting Acquainted With Hearing Loss**

### Speaker:

Greg Smith, Emergency Management Planner, HCES

**Also:** More Walk4Hearing Funding Suggestions

**Refreshments:** Susie Collins & Elaine Moniz

**Door Greeter:** Dick Twitchell

**Captioning:** Linda Hershey

Room also is looped for use with telecoils

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