

## Chapter Calendar of Events

- Saturday, December 12 - Annual Christmas Party, 12-noon, Alexian Village Dining Room
- Thursday, December 17 - CAPTIONED PLAY "A Christmas Story, The Musical" CTC, 7pm
- Sunday, January 17 - HLAA Meeting, 2pm, Topic TBA
- Thursday, February 11 - CAPTIONED PLAY "The Royal Family" CTC, 7pm
- Sunday, February 21 - HLAA Meeting, 2pm, Topic TBA
- Thursday, March 10 - CAPTIONED PLAY "Sordid Lives" CTC, 7pm
- Sunday, March 20 - HLAA Meeting, 2pm, Topic TBA
- Thursday, April 14 - CAPTIONED PLAY "Dividing the Estate" CTC, 7pm
- NO Meeting in April but DO plan to help at the Annual Cornbread Festival!!
- Saturday, April 23 & Sunday, April 24 plan to volunteer at the National Cornbread Festival in South Pittsburg, Details coming this spring.
- Thursday, June 23 - CAPTIONED PLAY "Camelot" CTC, 7pm
- June 23-26 - National HLAA Convention in Washington, DC.
- Thursday, July 21 - CAPTIONED PLAY "Spamalot" CTC, 7pm



Hearing Loss Association of America

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*Save the date!*

Saturday, May 14

Chattanooga State & Riverwalk  
9am Registration/Activities • 10am Walk



# Hearing Loss Association of America

## Chattanooga Chapter

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

*December 2015*

**The Christmas Party is this Saturday, are you coming? Email Betty immediately at [baproctor@epbfi.com](mailto:baproctor@epbfi.com) if you plan to attend - and don't forget to bring something from the list below to support the Ronald McDonald House!**

## HLAA Christmas Luncheon

Sat., December 12 - 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](mailto: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/Snack Size Bags
- Wal-Mart Gift Cards
- Deodorant (ladies and men)
- Dryer Sheets
- Maxi Pads
- Razors
- Shaving Cream

Captioned on December 17 @ 7pm - get tickets now!



### Report on Aging America & Hearing Loss: Imperative of Improved Technologies

Report issued by the President’s Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST) as published on [www.hearingloss.org](http://www.hearingloss.org) website.

The PCAST report (issued October 27, 2015) focuses on the nearly 30 million adults over the age of 60 who have age-related, progressive, mild-to-moderate hearing loss. Only a small percentage of people with hearing loss (according to the report about 15-30 percent) seek treatment. There are several factors contributing to this low number, but the PCAST report points out that two of the driving factors are that the market is characterized by high cost and low innovation, and that the current distribution channels create a barrier to access.

**As a result of these findings the Council has made four recommendations in their report to the president:**

- FDA [Food and Drug Administration] should approve a distinct class of hearing aids for over-the-counter (OTC) sale, without the current requirement for consultation with a “credentialed dispenser” such as an audiologist, ear, nose and throat specialist, or licensed hearing aid specialist.
- FDA should withdraw its draft guidance on Personal Sound Amplification Products (PSAPs). A PSAP is a wearable consumer electronic device intended for non-hearing impaired people to amplify sounds in certain environments. If effected, the 2013 guidance would forbid PSAP manufacturers from making truthful claims about the functionality of the product in certain situations because those claims could label the device a “hearing aid.”
- FTC [Federal Trade Commission] should require hearing-aid dispensers who perform standard hearing tests and hearing aid fittings to provide the customer with a copy of their results at no additional cost and in a format that can be used by other dispensers and vendors.
- FTC should define a process to authorize hearing aid vendors to obtain a copy of a customer’s hearing test results and programmable audio profile from any audiologist who performs such a test, and do so at no additional cost to the customer.

### Walk4Hearing Fund Approval

At the November 22 HLAA chapter meeting, members voted to approve the following funding proposals using 2015 Walk funds:

Pay for a second CapTel phone for veteran Gary Pickett, \$100

All other proposed funding ideas were tabled pending our proposed Dogs for the Deaf program in 2016 that may require some additional marketing efforts.

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:

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 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  
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June 23 - 26 at the Washington Hilton  
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