

Chapter Calendar of Events



Join us on Sunday,
January 17 for our
HLAA Meeting, 2pm

What's New at
Marty's Center - the
preschool for children
with hearing loss with
Marty Dunagan, speaker



A Classic Comedy about Celebrity
by **George S. Kaufman and Edna Ferber**

America has its own version of royalty. Even before the Kardashians, we were obsessed with celebrities and the rich and famous. This thinly veiled comic and poignant portrait of Broadway's Royal Family, the Barrymores, features the Cavendish clan – three generations of legendary American actors whose name and reputation are threatened by Hollywood, unwanted suitors, and marrying outside the family business. Through it all, dowager Fanny Cavendish rules with a combination of strength, wit, courage, and a sharp tongue, proving that the "show" indeed, "must (and will) go on." This comedy opened on Broadway in 1927 and returned to Broadway in 2010, starring Rosemary Harris, where it was nominated for a Tony® award for Best Revival.

- **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**

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Christmas Party Wrap Up

Our annual Christmas party, hosted by Peggy Anne Rogers, was smaller in number than usual this year, but warm in heart. It was so good to see Peggy Anne out and about and in such good spirits after her health scare earlier in 2015.

We collected a nice bagful of items for the Ronald McDonald House that Bea delivered the following week.

Peggy Anne loves to "give" everyone something of hers and this year was no different. We all were recipients of small journals filled with her travel exploits and a choice of key chains from all over the world. Peggy was once a world-class traveler! I know I came home with a cute little tray that I am using in my office that she picked up in her travels to Bora-Bora. It holds my Pampered Chef timer that I use to remind myself when I have something in the oven and also a smooth stone engraved with the word "Grace" that I received at church last year.

Peggy Anne plans to host again in 2016, so mark your calendars for December 10 and see you then!



Key chain frenzy at the party!

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WALK4 HEARING®
Save the date!
Saturday, May 14
Chattanooga State & Riverwalk
9am Registration/Activities • 10am Walk



Walk4Hearing Funds Scholarships

At left, Chattanooga State director of development, **Tammy Sawyers**, accepted a check in the amount of \$800 from **Bea Lyons**, HLAA Chattanooga treasurer, to fund a scholarship for a student with hearing loss or who is deaf beginning in the 2016 fall semester.

This is one of two scholarships we fund each year with monies raised through the annual Chattanooga Walk4Hearing. UTC also received \$800 to fund a scholarship at their institution.

Both institutions received their checks from Bea, in person, during October 2015.

Hearing Loss Association of America Hires Valerie Stafford-Mallis as Director of Chapter Development



Bethesda, MD (January 4, 2016): The Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA), the nation’s leading organization representing people with hearing loss, is pleased to announce the recent hire of Valerie Stafford-Mallis, who joins HLAA as the director of chapter development. In this role Valerie will be responsible for providing the leaders of HLAA Chapters with the direction they need to effectively deliver the HLAA mission to their members and respective communities.

“As a person who lost my hearing during my working years, I have experienced firsthand the struggles faced by people with hearing loss to maintain employment, independence and full participation in public life,” said Valerie. “HLAA changed my life. I fully support HLAA’s mission to open the world of communication to persons with hearing loss. I believe the local chapters and the state organizations are the foundation of the information, education, support and advocacy that HLAA offers. I pledge to use my knowledge, skills and abilities gained from working in the public and private sectors to provide the leaders of HLAA Chapters with tools and support they can use in delivering this mission. Together we can make it happen.”

In her new role, Valerie will serve as the primary link between HLAA’s resources at the national office and chapter leader needs. Her primary focus will be to help leaders sustain healthy chapters while growing HLAA memberships. She will help those who want to start new chapters and provide leadership training, online resources, and programs geared to chapter members and the local community’s needs.

Prior to joining HLAA, Valerie was the business development manager for Alternative Communication Services (ACS), LLC. She recently served on the HLAA Board of Trustees, is a member of the HLAA Sarasota/Manatee Chapter, and has been a major supporter of the HLAA Walk4Hearing. She is also a member of the Association of Late-Deafened Adults and has served on the ethics committee of the National Court Reporters’ Association (NCRA). She earned her master’s of business administration degree from Webster College and lives in the Tampa Bay, Florida area with her husband Sam.

Valerie Stafford-Mallis can be reached at vstafford-mallis@hearingloss.org.

HLAA Membership
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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
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Bethesda, MD 20814 or
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