

## Chapter Calendar of Events

### OCTOBER

- 16 - 29th HLAA Meeting, 2pm. What You Need to Know About Captioned Phones : Land, Mobile and via Computer. Charlie Slover, our local CapTel rep will tell us all about how to get a FREE land line phone and how to get connected using your smart phone or via your computer!
- 20 - Happy Hands at the Mall, 4:30-6:30/7:30pm, Hamilton Place Mall Food Court. Open to all Deaf, HOH, Hearing, Students of sign and sign enthusiasts that want to get involved
- 21 - Halloween Party at Partnership for Families, Children and Adults- Deaf Services, 1800 McCallie Avenue, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37404 (For info, see: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1214991448521765/>)
- 27 - Happy Hands at the Mall, 4:30-6:30/7:30pm, Hamilton Place Mall Food Court.

### NOVEMBER

- 3 - Happy Hands at the Mall, 4:30-6:30/7:30pm, Hamilton Place Mall Food Court.
- 3 - "The Library" **Captioned Play**, 7pm, Chattanooga Theatre Centre; tickets \$23/\$25. The Library is a 'ripped from the headlines' new play. First produced on Broadway in 2014, The Library is the story of a girl who survives a deadly shooting at her high school and struggles to tell her story but is painted in a different light by the media when other stories take hold. Renowned Hollywood screenwriter Scott Z. Burns has created a bold and chilling play that makes us evaluate who is telling the truth and what really happened that day.
- 10 - Happy Hands at the Mall, 4:30-6:30/7:30pm, Hamilton Place Mall Food Court.
- 17 - Happy Hands at the Mall, 4:30-6:30/7:30pm, Hamilton Place Mall Food Court.
- 18 - "The Secret Garden" **Captioned Play**, 7:30pm, Chattanooga State Humanities Theatre.
- 20 - HLAA Meeting, 2pm. What You Need to Know About Veterans & Hearing Loss, speaker TBA.

### DECEMBER

- 10 - HLAA Christmas Party at Alexian Village, noon, \$5 per person
- 15 - "Miracle on 34th Street" **Captioned Play**, 7pm, Chattanooga Theatre Centre; tickets \$23/\$25.



# Hearing Loss Association of America

## Chattanooga Chapter

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

**October 9, 2016**

### Embracing Change - Moving Forward

*By Betty Proctor, Editor*

**Walk4Hearing:** HLAA Chattanooga has experienced many changes over the years. Members have come and gone, and still we persevered. In 2009, the chapter signed on to become a Walk4Hearing site, the only one in the state of Tennessee. I am a little sad to say that 2016 was our final Walk4Hearing. It has been a wonderful 8 years as we advocated for people with hearing loss by building important awareness of hearing loss and raising funds.

Chapter leaders have committed time, energy and resources to the Walk since day one, but the plain truth is that despite requesting more organizational volunteers from our chapter, it just didn't happen and we have burned out. We presented HLAA national with some options to help keep the Chattanooga Walk going; however, the national office opted to discontinue it.

The 2016 chapter proceeds totaling **\$2,573.82** were delivered to the chapter treasurer during the Sept. meeting (*see photo below*). The positive things that we have been able to accomplish using funds from each Walk-4Hearing cannot be underscored. The first funding choice this fall was to provide \$750 for a deaf or HOH student from UTC and another \$750 to one from Chattanooga State. Education is so important!

**Future Funding:** This major change regarding how to generate future income will involve some new creative ways to do it, so be thinking of ideas and please express them at the next meeting.

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One thing we also voted to do was to purchase a new display board. Our current one, circa mid-1990s, is falling apart. I'll have more on this at the October meeting.

**Newsletter: Starting this month, you will receive a newsletter by email every other Sunday.** This will be done to make news more timely and also so we don't forget important dates.

**Advertising:** We voted to advertise on [www.chattanooga.com](http://www.chattanooga.com) quarterly. Look for our ad this week. The ad will link to our Facebook page, where you can find any information you need.

**Chapter Website:** *Ruth Fox* has done an outstanding job on this site. She and Gary have dedicated countless volunteer hours to making it great; however, their health has declined in recent years and so the site [www.hearingchattanooga.org](http://www.hearingchattanooga.org) will cease to exist December 31, 2016. If you have the know how to create and maintain the website, the domain name is ours. Please let the chapter know of your interest if you can volunteer to do this.

**Facebook:** Because we are discontinuing the website and the Walk, we need to be sure our message reaches people with hearing loss who may not know about us. Our Facebook page can be accessed at <https://www.facebook.com/hearingchattanooga/>.

I will create what is called an "Event" on Facebook each month and I urge you to say you are coming. This month, the event link is: <https://www.facebook.com/events/174945296283951/> and the topic is "What You Need to Know About Captioned Phones, Land, Mobile and via Computer."

**Meetings:** Attendance has dwindled for many of our Sunday meetings. We are not sure if it is because it is held on a Sunday afternoon, lack of interest in topics, or what. Look for a survey to be sent to members and other interested non-members some-time later in October.

**Unified Membership Program (UMP):** This was briefly mentioned at the Sept. meeting, but will be discussed again during October and November, and explained in-depth in the next newsletter or two, before we vote on whether to do it. Basically, the UMP program joins together members nationally AND locally for one \$35 fee per year. There are many advantages to this program which will be explained in full.

**Outreach:** Letting others know about HLAA - who we are and what we stand for - is an important part of advocacy and awareness. We need help from every member when we participate in events like Go!Fest (see photo at right). We were able to add 12 interested people to our newsletter list and to answer questions about HLAA. Remember what it was like before you found HLAA? Last month, we shared stories about our hearing losses and named both positive and negative aspects of having a hearing loss. It was a small intimate group that bonded us as we shared stories.

**HLAA Chattanooga Chapter Treasury Report  
September 03, 2016 - October 06, 2016**

Beginning Balance (September 03, 2016)	\$4,891.27
Deposits & Credits	2,673.82
Withdrawals	00.00
Checks:	
1005 Heidi Thomas (captioner) travel expenses	100.00
1006 Charlie Slover, reimbursement, 4 cables	109.19
1007 Dianne Bryden, captioning services, ESA Taster's Luncheon	170.00
1006 US Postal Service, annual PO box renewal	130.00
Ending Balance October 06, 2016	\$7,055.90

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## Walk4Hearing Alliance Team \$ Distribution

We had a total of seven Alliance & Affiliate Teams who raised funds and shared in 40% of the profits raised by their team for the 2016 Walk4Hearing. A big congratulations to each team and also a big THANK YOU for your participation!

Team	Total Raised	40% Earned
Chattanooga Deaf Seniors	\$100.00	\$40.00
FCC Chalice Champs	\$2,016.00	\$806.40
Knoxville HLA	\$455.00	\$182.00
Marty's Center	\$415.00	\$166.00
Tie-Dye Walkers (Signal Centers)	\$480.00	\$192.00
TN Hands & Voices	\$1,320.00	\$528.00
TN Orgn. Of Deaf/Blind	\$250.00	\$100.00

