

Chapter Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER

- 8 - DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!!
- 10 - Happy Hands at the Mall, 4:30-6:30/7:30pm, Hamilton Place Mall Food Court.
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- 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, speakers being confirmed this week, watch for separate email.

DECEMBER

- 1 - Happy Hands at the Mall, 4:30-6:30/7:30pm, Hamilton Place Mall Food Court.
- 1 - See Madison Cothorn at the Erlanger Tree Lighting. She is a 2017 Miracle Child!
- 4 - You are invited to the First Christian Church 38th Annual Moravian Love Feast. 650 McCallie Ave. UTK Trombone Choir performs at 5:30pm and the Love Feast begins at 6pm.
- 8 - Happy Hands at the Mall, 4:30-6:30/7:30pm, Hamilton Place Mall Food Court.
- 10 - HLAA Christmas Party at Alexian Village, noon, \$5 per person
- 10 - Madison Cothorn performs in the Nutcracker, 8pm, Tivoli Theatre (Note time change). Get tickets online at https://www.etix.com/ticket/online/performanceSale.do?method=switchSelection-Method&selection_method=byBest
- 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

November 6, 2016

Chattanooga Chapter News

By Betty Proctor, Editor

I hope you enjoy getting news twice a month. On October 23, I presented information about the new **Unified Membership Program**, known as UMP for short. On Nov. 20, we will be voting on whether to accept this new model of membership which combines membership in both the HLAA national organization along with our local Chattanooga Chapter, for one simple fee per year...period.

Briefly, its advantages include **ongoing shared revenue** between national and local chapters (Our Chapter will gain \$10 per Individual 1-Year Membership; \$10 per Couple/Family Membership; and \$10 per Student Membership along with **adding new members to the Chattanooga Chapter from within our market area** (determined by zip code) who may not be aware we have a local chapter - **plus all regular HLAA membership benefits!**

If we vote to accept this model, it will **begin in January 2017** and all members will be asked to begin paying the NEW membership fee of \$35 (individual), \$45 (family), or \$20 (student) in January, *or as soon as possible*.

Additional categories also include prices for 3-year or 5-year memberships, library/nonprofits, or professionals. If you fall into one of these categories, let Bea know so she can advise you of the amount.

NAS REPORT: ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY OF HEARING HEALTH CARE

From This Week in Bethesda, HLAA National Office

Since June when it was released, HLAA has talked extensively about The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NAS) report Hearing Health Care for Adults: Priorities for Improving Access and Affordability. Why are we giving this so much attention? Because when enacted, the 12 recommendations outlined in the report will change the face of hearing health care as we know it – all to the benefit of you, the consumer.

On October 15 and 16 the HLAA Board of Trustees convened at the HLAA national office in Bethesda, Maryland for their third meeting of 2016. Board members come from all over the country to discuss HLAA strategy

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and policy. The NAS report and its recommendations were a major focus of the meeting and are sure to be the focus of the next Board meeting in February 2017 as well.

Working toward implementing the recommendations of the NAS report will be a blueprint of HLAA's work going forward. HLAA is the only consumer-group sponsor and we are being looked at to make the recommendations of the report a reality. HLAA will work with all the sponsors of the report with a unified approach as well as continuing our own work to bring to fruition those recommendations which are most important to our members. We will be sure to keep you updated on all developments of this critical initiative.

See more at: <http://hearingloss.org/content/hlaa-supports-new-report-change-hearing-health-care>

HLAA Chattanooga Chapter Treasury Report October 06, 2016 - November 04, 2016	
Beginning Balance (October 06, 2016)	\$7,055.90
Deposits & Credits	00.00
Withdrawals	00.00
Checks:	
1010 Chatt Theatre Centre (caption support)	1,500.00
1011 ChattState Foundation (D/HOH scholarship)	750.00
1012 UTC Foundation (D/HOH scholarship)	750.00
1013 chattanooga.com (advertising)	95.00
	\$3,095.00
Ending Balance November 04, 2016	\$3,960.90
Beatrice R. Lyons, Treasurer Chattanooga Chapter, HLAA Chattanooga, TN	(Note: Check 1009 lost & voided at bank)

REMINDER: Christmas Party is Saturday, December 10

Our annual party at Alexian Village on Signal Mtn. will be \$5 per person. Due to an anniversary party being held in the main dining room, we will be meeting in a different building - more on this next time! **For now mark your calendars!**

Also, keep in mind we collect needed items for the Ronald McDonald House as a thank you for allowing us to meet there free of charge. Watch for sales, here is their WISH LIST: Dish Liquid & Dishwasher Tablets Dryer Sheets, Hand Sanitizer/ Soap, Lysol Wipes, Napkins, Paper Bowls & Plates (non-styro-foam), Paper Towels, Phone Cards, Plastic Wrap, Powdered Laundry Detergent, Sandwich & Quart Size Bags, Toilet Paper, Wal-Mart Gift Cards, Deodorant (ladies and men), Maxi Pads, Razors, Shaving Cream, and Toothbrushes.

The Secret Garden Play FREE to HLAA Members!

Linda Hershey will caption *The Secret Garden* for people with hearing loss, at **7:30 pm on Friday, November 18** and if you are an active member of our chapter, you will be able to see this wonderful play **FREE!**

Most of Chattanooga State's musical and theatre productions are free, but the fee for this production is \$15 per person unless you are faculty, staff or a student with current ID.

Rather than have you miss this wonderful play, the chapter leaders voted to have the treasury pay for HLAA Chattanooga Chapter members who plan to attend! **Consider it an early Christmas present!**

**The Theatre & Music Departments
Chattanooga State**
present

The Secret Garden

Book and Lyrics by **Marsha Norman** Music by **Lucy Simon**
Based on the novel by **Frances Hodgson Burnett**

Directed by **Sherry Landrum**

Choreography **Lindsay Fussell** Musical Direction **Jennifer Arbogast** Orchestra Conducted by **Darrin Hassevoort**

November 18, 19, 20
Friday & Saturday at 7:30 - Sunday 2:30
cc Friday November 18: Captioning available for guests with hearing loss.

\$15 • \$5 children • FREE ChattState students, faculty & staff
Humanities Theatre • 4501 Amnicola Highway • Chattanooga, TN 37406
for information • 423-697-3846

This month's event is at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/847509472050806/> and the topic is "What You Need to Know About Veterans and Hearing Loss"