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**Welcome to the Meetings! Please Join Us!**

**August Ice Cream Social!**

First Saturday, **August 3rd**

**Time:** 2:00pm until 4pm

**Where:** Lakeside Methodist Church, 2925 NW 66th St., Oklahoma City.

**Bring:** your favorite ice cream and/or cookies to share with the group.

**Meeting Agenda**

- Our scholarship winners will be announced at this happy meeting.
- All audiology advisors in attendance will be introduced.
- We'll learn about the fun additions to our meetings starting in September.
- Opportunities will be available to join with fellow HLA members in making this chapter even better!
- Information will be given about the helpful services available at the Hearing Helpers Room.
- Finally, The Great Door Prize Giveaway! See page six for a list of the prizes to be given away.

**List of Prizes to be given away at the Ice Cream Social**

- ◆ One weekend Night Stay at the Embassy Suites Hilton, valued @ \$120
- ◆ One portable InfoLoop from Contacta, valued @ \$295
- ◆ One adorable velvet dog bed from Tuesday Morning on North May, valued @ \$35
- ◆ Gift certificate for a group bowling night at AMF Windsor Bowling, value tbd

- ◆ Two insulated travel coolers from Tinker Federal Credit Union, valued @ \$15 each, valued @ \$30
- ◆ Two prize packs from Rodeo Cinema worth \$60 each, valued @ \$120
- ◆ Gift certificate from Beverly's Pancake House, (not picked up yet, valued @ \$25)
- ◆ Gift certificate from Joey's Cafe, valued @ \$25
- ◆ Dry & Store donated by Hearts for Hearing, valued @ \$80
- ◆ Resound Quattro 9 Hearing Aids, donated by GN Resound, valued @ \$6095
- ◆ Fitting of Hearing Aid with one follow up donated by Hearts for Hearing, valued @ \$450
- ◆ Back Pack donated by Advanced Bionics, valued @ \$50
- ◆ Cochlear Phone Clip donated by Cochlear Americas, valued @ \$350
- ◆ Drink tumblers donated by Caption Call, valued @ \$20

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Caption Call

*Thank You!*

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## **Don't Miss It!**

### **The September Meeting!**

**When:** Third Thursday, September 19.

**New Time:** 11:30 am until 1:00 pm.

**New Location:** Will Rogers Gardens Exhibition Center, 3400 N.W. 36th St., Oklahoma City 73112

**Speaker:** Dr. Jace Wolfe, Director of Audiology and Research at the Hearts for Hearing Foundation in Oklahoma City.

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### **Requesting Help for Those with Hearing Loss**

*By Sharon Hendricks, published in the Oklahoman newspaper June 2, 2019*

It's been a little over a year since the Civic Center installed a hearing loop (yes, all 2,500 seats!) to accommodate those of us with hearing loss. What a blessing this has been, enriching our lives and allowing us to enjoy this venue by actually hearing what is on stage! Many thanks to the Civic Center for taking this step in complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Why, then, don't other venues step up to the need to provide adequate hearing access to their public facilities? Lyric Theatre, Oklahoma City University, Metropolitan Library and churches, we need your support. In addition, audiologists must make sure hearing aids, cochlear implants, assistive listening devices, etc., are equipped with a telecoil (T-coil) so their clients can enjoy the benefits of the hearing loop.

Nearly all public venues have ramps to aid those who are physically disabled and Braille for the blind, but what about those of us who have an invisible disability? It's time to act and comply with the ADA.

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### **Accessibility Self-Advocacy**

*By Ana Covey*

People living with hearing loss are often confronted with situations where the hearing accessibility provided in a venue doesn't quite meet up to the expectation. Board Members Ron and Sharon Hendricks experienced this on a recent trip while visiting their newest grandchild in Bentonville, Arkansas.

They stopped by a theater which offered captioning devices. Unfortunately, these systems are under-used by those of us who could benefit from the hearing help most and often do not work correctly. We must make managers aware of our needs and take the time to make them aware of any problems with their systems. Ron did just that by emailing the theater's manager when he returned home.

This is a perfect example of hearing SELF-ADVOCACY. If each of us connected with our favorite venues in a similar way, just imagine how quickly we could make Oklahoma more hearing accessible.

To learn more and help Oklahoma become more hearing-friendly, contact Vernice Meade at [vmeade1@cox.net](mailto:vmeade1@cox.net) to join our chapter's Hearing Accessibility Committee or visit the technology page of the national HLAA website at [hearingloss.org](http://hearingloss.org).



### *Grapevine News*

- Linda and Cal Bryant would like to invite us all to their 50th wedding anniversary reception on August 17th, 2019. Location: Putnam City Baptist Church, 11401 N. Rockwell, Oklahoma City. The Annex is on the Northwest corner of the church campus. Light refreshments provided.
- Ron Dech, a new member of HLA, passed away unexpectedly on July 2 while on a trip to Tennessee to research his family history. Ron officially joined our Chapter at the May meeting and brought his wife, Linda, with him to Bingo Night in June. We will miss Ron's cheerful attitude and friendliness.
- Recently, Tula Fessenden passed away, and Tula's husband, Wayne, who had been a member of our Chapter for several years, passed away several days later.

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### **Birthdays in July**

Hendricks Ron  
Bryant Cal  
Cowles Bob  
Evans Wanda  
Doughtry Amy

### **Happy Birthday!**

(No birthdays are on the list for June or August.)

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**Any personal news, articles, etc., for the newsletter are due by the 15th of the month!**

Email the editor (Elaine) at [catcomet33@gmail.com](mailto:catcomet33@gmail.com)

## OUR MISSION

The Mission of the Oklahoma City Hearing Loss Association is to open the world of communication to people with hearing loss by providing information, education, support and advocacy.

### Volunteer:

*a person who performs a service willingly and without pay.*

Want to volunteer? **Contact Venice**

**Meade at [vmeade1@cox.net](mailto:vmeade1@cox.net), (405) 537-4907. We welcome you to join us!**

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### Visit the **Faye Donalson Hearing Helper Demonstration Room (HHR)**

at 5100 N. Brookline, Suite 100. Assistive listening devices, sonic boom alarm clocks, telephones (also for visually impaired), bed shakers, smoke alarms, and more are available for **demo and short-term loan.**

**Hours are Mon-Fri 10am to 3pm.**



## CHECK IT OUT!

Apps for your iPhone or Android

<http://www.captionfish.com/theaters>

- Cinemark Tinseltown—6001 N. MLK Blvd, OKC 73111
- Harkins at Bricktown
- Regal Spotlight Stadium 14 in Norman —Sony Glasses
- Starplex West End Pointe 8 in Yukon
- Warren Theater in Moore -Sony Glasses
- AMC Northpark Mall
- AMC Quail Springs Cinema 24 Theater—Quail Springs Mall
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- AMC Crossroads Mall
- AMC Springs Mall West

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***HLAA Local Website and Forum***

Visit [www.okhearingloss.org](http://www.okhearingloss.org) to view maps and schedules for our local chapter meetings and special events. Read about the services offered by the *Faye Donalson Hearing Helpers Room*. Visit [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/OKC\\_HLAA](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/OKC_HLAA) for the OKC-HLAA forum. Sharon Hendricks is our webmaster. We welcome your feedback and comments on our websites. For the Facebook page, search in the Facebook search box for ***Hearing Loss Association of Central Oklahoma***.

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## Hearing Loss Association of America

If you are not yet a member of National HLAA, you are encouraged to join and take advantage of their services. The bimonthly Hearing Loss Magazine is full of treasures for anyone with hearing loss or the family and friends of such.

Founded in 1979, the Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA), is the nation's foremost advocacy organization for people with hearing loss. It opens the world of communication to people with hearing loss through information, education, advocacy and support.

Information can be found at [www.hearingloss.org](http://www.hearingloss.org). The national headquarters is located at 7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 1200, Bethesda, MD 20814.

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*Hearing Loss Association of Central Oklahoma Chapter P.O. Box 42801, Oklahoma City, OK 73123*

**Please Print Clearly:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday Month: \_\_\_\_\_  
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