



**November 2019    Volume 20, Issue 9**

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

**Don't Miss It!**

**The November Meeting!**

**When:** Third Thursday, November 21

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

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

**Speaker:** Jane Jayroe Gambel, former Miss America and Oklahoma news  
broadcaster.

**Lunch: A Thanksgiving feast before Thanksgiving!** Our wonderful  
chapter will provide the turkeys! All who come: **please bring your favorite  
side dish and/or dessert**



**Any personal news, articles, etc., to be included in the newsletter are due by the 15th of the month!**

Email the editor, Elaine: [elains@cox.net](mailto:elains@cox.net)

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## 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.

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

**Good friends are like stars. You don't always see them, but you know they're always there.**

**Want to volunteer? Contact Venice Meade at [vmadee1@cox.net](mailto:vmadee1@cox.net), (405) 537-4907. We welcome you to join us!**

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# Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who has given me tips, advice, material and suggestions for the newsletter. The newsletter is very much a team project!

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

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## Looking Forward



### December Meeting

**Third Thursday** - December 19th

**Time:** 11:30 a.m.

**Location:** Will Rogers Garden Exhibition Center, 3400 N.W. 36th Street, Oklahoma City

### CHRISTMAS PARTY!

Bring your favorite holiday snacks and treats - homemade or store-bought.

Do you have a special holiday recipe? If enough entries are present, we *might* have a pie and/or cookie baking contest.

## January Meeting

**Third Thursday** - January 16th

**Time:** 11:30 a.m.

**Location:** Will Rogers Garden Exhibition Center, 3400 N.W. 36th Street, Oklahoma City  
This will be a welcoming and inclusive town hall meeting to update all of us on changes in HLAA.

A light lunch will be provided.

## February Meeting



**Third Thursday** - February 20th

**Time:** 11:30 a.m.

**Location:** Will Rogers Garden Exhibition Center, 3400 N.W. 36th Street, Oklahoma City

**Speaker: Jack McMahan**, ADA Director for the City of Norman, who will discuss the Americans with Disabilities Act.

A light lunch will be provided.

## October's Meeting Was Informative and Fun!

Our new meeting location, at Will Roger's Gardens Exhibition Center, was the venue of another well-attended gathering of the members, friends, and visitors to the Central Oklahoma Chapter of the Hearing Loss Association of America.

The light luncheon consisted of a scrumptious potato bar with all the fixings - bacon bits, anyone?

Of course, the highlight of our meetings is always the speaker. Jill Oliver, with the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services, gave an extensive run-down of all the help and resources they have available to enable people to do the work they want to do, or just to function better and live more fulfilling lives.



## **We are proud to announce our scholarship recipients for 2019!**

*Submitted by Sharon Hendricks*

*Editor's Note: These two recipients were introduced at the August Ice Cream Social. All applicants to the scholarship must have documentation of hearing loss, be a resident of Oklahoma, and must be attending higher education in the Fall after receiving the scholarship. The two chosen applicants each received \$1,000.*

Haliegh Scott was born with a hearing loss; however, she did not let that hold her back from obtaining her education and doing well. She graduated with honors from her high school and has now completed her Associate Degree in Criminal Justice. She is currently enrolled at the University of Central Oklahoma to complete her studies in Criminal Justice with a goal of becoming a Forensic Technician.

Peter Hardt was born with a bilateral profound hearing loss. He was the first baby to have their hearing loss detected by the infant and new-born screening in the state of Oklahoma.

Peter has used his hearing loss as a catalyst for many successes, including placing in the State Geography Bee as a fifth grader, something no child had ever done, deaf or normal hearing. Also he was the Arkansas Referee of the Year as a freshman in college. He is driven to be the best in everything he does, from school to work.

He plans to graduate with a degree in Accounting and a minor in Political Science, and then plans to pursue an MBA.



### *Grapevine News*

Wanda Evans: My sister from Eagle River, Alaska visited me for 2 1/2 weeks. We had a great time while she was here.

Vivian Cornelius: I'm fairly new to the area and looking for a good Baptist or non-denominational church to go to, if someone could suggest one.

Karen Potts: Brought a guest for the first time. She has a hearing aid, which she has worn for about a year. Karen also took a trip to Washington D.C. with girl friends from Iowa.

Nickie West: Made a quilt and entered it in the State Fair. Her quilt took sixth place. She also made a red clay mold of OU's quarterback, Kyler Murray. This won 2nd place - a \$100 gift card!

Patricia Allen: Please pray for me to find a home of my own. I was booted out of my house of 63 years 3 years ago. I'm living with a friend at the moment.

Lucretia Camacho just returned from her last trip to Montana to spend time with her daughter, Alicia, and her husband, Mark, and 3 young grandkids. They are set to be re-stationed by the Air Force to Whitman AFB in Missouri in January. She's very excited that they will be so close after 5 1/2 years in Montana!

Terry Mock just returned from Branson and a reunion of the B-52 D unit, the 461st Bomb Wing from Amarillo, Texas in the early 1960's. The unit flew the B-52 along I-40 at Tinker AFB. I had 3 missions on it, logging 34 hours of flight time.

Gerald McCall: I will have my 84th birthday in a few days. I can't believe how time flies! Live, love, and go to church - Life flies!! (**Editor's note**: since Gerald wrote this on October 17th, it is assumed his birthday is in October.)

Unknown: St. Thomas More Church in Norman just installed a hearing loop in their new church yesterday!

Pati Burns: Moved her son, Owen, into his apartment in Dallas. He has been working for a marketing company for several months and living with a friend. It was bittersweet actually moving him into his own place and helping him spend his money getting it set up. Pati's other son, Parker, and his wife, Caitlyn, adopted a Husky mix dog named Liivi, so Pati is officially a granddog mom!

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### November Birthday

Diane Capps

**Happy Birthday!**

Please tell us your birthday month so we can celebrate in that month's newsletter.

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### Quote of the Month

*"There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle."*

*Albert Einstein*

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Share the newsletter! Someone with hearing loss, their family member or friend may find just the answer or encouragement they need.

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## Happy Anniversaries!

*Submitted by Ana Covey*

**We are delighted to share the marriage stories of several of our members who celebrated big anniversaries this year. If you would like to share your anniversary news, please send to Elaine, Editor at [elains@cox.net](mailto:elains@cox.net)**

### **Ron and Sharon Hendricks- 50 Years**

Ron and Sharon Hendricks celebrated their 50th anniversary on August 29, 2019. Sharon was at her older brother's home when Ron came over to show off his new car. Ron was a friend of her brother's wife. Ron wanted to take them out for a drive and allowed the "little sister" to come along! Later Ron was invited to join them for Thanksgiving dinner, but he had plans to go to his family home in the Panhandle. Sharon then did something totally out of character and mailed a letter to Ron saying he had won the "Win a Date with Sharon Kelley Contest"! Of course he was the only one she entered. Ron was intrigued and accepted the invitation. Well...the rest is history, eight months later they married! They have two children and three grandchildren.

### **Santos and Margarita- 50 Years**

Santos and Margarita celebrated their 50th Anniversary on October 3. On their first date, Santos called his parents from an old fashioned payphone to tell them he had found the woman he was meant to marry! They were married in Corpus Christi, Texas in 1969 and had their first and second children in Texas. Santos accepted his first major job in Oklahoma City. After settling in, they had their last (and favorite) child, Ana. Santos had a wonderful career as a master jeweler for many of Oklahoma's favorite jewelry houses. After his retirement he became a Deacon for Holy Angels Church in OKC. Margarita retired as a professional seamstress and through the years, helped hundreds of brides with their wedding dresses. She is currently the Wedding Coordinator at Holy Angels and photographs the church events. Arch Bishop Emeritus Beltran and Father Mike Chapman blessed the couple in a quiet afternoon ceremony. Right after the ceremony, their grandkids convinced Margarita to try on her wedding dress which fit like a glove! Margarita believes "living with hearing loss takes a lot of patience, understanding and love. Luckily, love doesn't need hearing aids."

### **Calvin & Linda Bryant- 50 Years**

Calvin (Cal) and Linda Bryant celebrated their 50th Anniversary, August 17th 2019. They called their meeting "a coincidence" but it became apparent that it was God who led them to each other. By happenstance, Cal was going to the bank in downtown Tulsa when he met his recruiter on a sidewalk who asked him if he would like to enlist in the Air Force as an officer because he already had his degree from Tulsa University. Cal



replied, yes, but he just got a draft notice and told the Army he would join them, but switched to the Air Force. The day he left for Basic Training, he missed the mail and letter from the Officer's Training School, inviting him to join them and skip Basic Training!

Linda's Family had moved to Charleston, SC and after high school and dental training, Linda worked as a Dental Assistant. The first station which Cal was assigned was Charleston, and he found a church close to the base. On that first Sunday, he could not believe his eyes. Rev. Don Gresh, who grew up in Cal's home church in Tulsa, was the preacher. Cal also noticed "a pretty blonde, who was way out of his league." Linda noticed the new "Airman" in the congregation and smugly felt sure that he would approach her for a date. Her bubble was burst, when he did not ask her out on a date, so she invited him to a choir party. Night after night, they dated, at his request.

When Cal asked Linda to marry him, he said, "What would you say if I asked you to marry me?" Linda replied "I will think about it." Within the first year, they were engaged, and Cal received notice of his next assignment to Viet Nam. They wrote each other every day, and sent recording tapes. They were married by Rev, Don Gresh when he returned from Viet Nam a year later. They have been stationed in SC, Viet Nam,VA, England, TX (where Linda finished her education at UT and became an RDH), Azores,Portugal, and Oklahoma. Their son was born in VA and daughter born in Oxford, England. Their daughter has a daughter (the only grandchild) who is presently at the USAF Academy. Over 30 years, Linda volunteered with the Red Cross, while Cal spent his 20 years in the USAF as Security/Law Enforcement and Base Administration. Cal loves education, and got 4 degrees, and retired as a Special Education teacher for the Emotionally Disturbed. Linda retired after 31 years at the same office, as an RDH.

Cal noticed Linda's hearing loss and brought it to her attention. She visited the first doctor, who told her "they don't make hearing aids for your type hearing loss"; and sent her home with NO prescription, referral, nor hope. After a year of declining hearing, Cal took her to Dr. Mark Wood, who diagnosed her with EVA, a birth defect. He told them "most children with EVA are deaf by the age of 3 years old." God allowed Linda to hear until she was in her 50's! "Keep encouraging the spouse to improve their hearing by seeking help, and not giving up."

### **Eddie and Pati Burns: 30 Years**

Eddie and Pati met at the Tonkawa Rodeo when in April of 1982 when they were 16. Eddie was on a date with another girl at the time, but luckily she was just in town visiting her grandmother and actually lived in Texas. Eddie and Pati dated off and on for the next few years. After high school, Pati went to college at OU and Eddie stayed in Tonkawa working in the oil field. In 1988, Eddie moved to Oklahoma City and started



working at Yukon Bank as a teller. Pati graduated from OU in 1987 and went to paralegal school in Atlanta. Upon completion of the paralegal school, she joined Linn & Neville as a legal assistant. Pati and Eddie were married on June 17, 1989. They moved to Piedmont in October of 1990 where they have lived ever since.

There first child Parker was born in August of 1993 and their second, Owen, was born in 1996. Both boys have since graduated from OSU (much to this SOONER'S dismay). Parker is married to his high school sweetheart, Caitlyn. Owen just moved to Dallas, so Pati and Eddie are officially empty-nesters with the exception of Jack, their 11 year old Dotson (who was originally Owens dog but there is NO WAY he is taking that dog to Dallas. Ed loves him too much. ;)) Although no grandchildren yet, they do have a grand dog, a husky mix named Livvi.

They honeymooned in the Bahamas and have taken several trips back. They hope to go back in 2020.

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- ◇ AMC Springs Mall West

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You are welcome to join any of the committees:

Fundraising, Marketing, Membership, and Scholarship.

Contact any board member to join.

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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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