



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

**When:** Third Thursday, January 16

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

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

This will be a welcoming and inclusive **TOWN HALL MEETING** to update all of us on changes in HLAA.

**Audiology Advisor:** Dr. Kela Miller, Pro Hearing  
A light lunch will be provided.



**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 [vmegade1@cox.net](mailto:vmegade1@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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*Looking Forward*

**January Meeting**

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**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.

**Audiology Advisor:** Dr. Julie Cormack, Hearing Life

A light lunch will be provided.

**March Meeting**

**Third Thursday** - March 19th

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

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

**Speaker:** Dr. Patricia Burke, the Oklahoma State Department of Health

**Topic:** Newborn Hearing Screening in Oklahoma

**Audiology Advisor:** To be determined

A light lunch will be provided.

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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.**

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## January Birthdays

Sharon Hendricks

Leon Nelson

Happy Birthday!

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

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## Joke of the Month

I was invited to attend a multiple personality disorder seminar, but I didn't know who to send.

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## *Quote of the Month*

The past is finished. There is nothing to be gained by going over it. Whatever it gave us in the experiences it brought us was something we had to know. *Rebecca Beard*

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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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## Keeping Up the Good Work

The work of mutual support, the mission of advocating for hearing accessibility in our communities, and the continuing efforts to provide information about hearing loss and the hearing assistive technologies available - these are some of the reasons to continue your membership in the Central Oklahoma Chapter of the Hearing Loss Association of America. At the beginning of every calendar year we look forward to your presence and participation in the HLAA for the new year. Please make your yearly donation of dues, so we can all

Keep Up the Good Work!





## **Scholarship**

**Central Oklahoma Chapter of the  
Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA)**

Is proud to announce our 2020 Scholarship:  
Two scholarships will be awarded of \$1,500 each.

### **Applicant Requirements:**

Documentation of hearing loss

Submit an essay on how hearing loss has affected your life  
Resident of Oklahoma

Must be attending higher education in Fall 2020

\*See application for additional requirements

### ***Application Deadline: April 6, 2020***

Download application from [WWW.OKCHearingLoss.org](http://WWW.OKCHearingLoss.org)

**or** pick up at the Faye Donalson Hearing Helper's Room  
5100 N Brookline, Ste. #100, OKC, OK 73123

**Central Oklahoma Chapter**



Hearing Life Magazine

*2019 Sept/Oct Issue*

**Accessibility Everywhere: Captions in Nontraditional Places** (some content cut to fit space limitations) BY JOHN H. CAPOBIANCO

The beauty of closed captions is that they provide benefit to people of all hearing abilities. HLAA Corporate Member VITAC enlightens us here on just how much more common closed captions are becoming across multiple venues—and looks to the future.

For some, closed captions simply are those words that run across the TV screen that describe the dialogue and action. But for more than 48 million Americans with hearing loss, captions are an important connection to a world that many in the hearing community take for granted. Since their introduction to TV audiences in the early 1970s, closed captions have expanded well beyond the media and entertainment borders and are now found within corporations, classrooms, arena-filled concerts and standing room-only sporting events. Captions allow everyone greater accessibility to content, whether it be via TV, movies or social media. And they continue to pop up daily in new and exciting places—and everywhere inclusion and accessibility are required and desired. Below is a look at some of the nontraditional areas where captions can be found.

**Stadiums, Arenas and Event Centers**

An increasing number of stadiums, arenas and event centers display captions on scoreboards, ribbon boards and in-stadium CCTV systems. Colleges and universities routinely use captions during commencement ceremonies to not only make the events inclusive to all attendees and participants, but also to help meet the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. For sporting events, the captioned material can provide what is announced over the PA system, including scores, play description and player information.

Captions also may be streamed to a dedicated URL, allowing fans to view them on their mobile phones or tablets. This is especially helpful for viewers who can't read faraway screens.

**Theaters**

Theaters are beginning to offer more options for patrons with hearing loss, like open captioned performances, as well as apps for smartphones and tablets.

**Movie Theaters**

Captions and captioning devices in movie theaters across the country also have helped close the gap for many between silent films and the newest Hollywood blockbusters.

The U.S. Department of Justice, in its 2016 Rule revising the ADA Title III, requires movie theaters to have and maintain equipment to provide closed captioning (and audio description) at a moviegoer's seat, promote the equipment's availability, and ensure that theater staff are available to assist patrons.

Not all movies are available with closed captions, however. Recent efforts by various advocacy groups are trying to ensure open captioned movie showing, which requires no special equipment. The Justice Department's Final Rule only addresses closed captions and doesn't require movie theaters to offer open captioned screenings or screenings where the captions are projected on the silver screen for all to see. Hawaii, however, passed a state law that requires at least some movie screenings to display open captions, making them accessible to people with hearing loss without assistive technology. Advocates in other localities are considering working with their legislators to enact similar laws.

### **Where Next?**

Expect to see captions pop up in even more places as the call from consumers and advocates for accessible services and solutions becomes more vocal, and as more companies, organizations and industries realize that captions can help them reach an ever greater audience—an audience, in many cases, that has considerable buying power.

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## **Change of Address - Mail or Email**

Please let us know, so you can continue to receive the newsletter and other publications from the HLA Central Oklahoma Chapter. See page 2 for people to contact.



### **CHECK IT OUT!**

Apps for your iPhone or Android

<http://www.captionfish.com/theaters/cinemark-tinseltown-usa-oklahoma-city>

- ◇ 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
- ◇ AMC Penn Square Mall
- ◇ AMC Crossroads Mall
- ◇ AMC Springs Mall West

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## **HLA - Central Oklahoma Chapter Committees**

**Join a committee and have a say in your HLA!**

Share and listen to ideas that might contribute to providing information, education, support and advocacy for people with hearing loss in the Oklahoma community.

You are welcome to join any of the committees:

Fundraising, Marketing, Membership, and Scholarship.

Contact any board member to join.

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### **HLAA Local Website and Forum**

Visit [www.okchearingloss.org](http://www.okchearingloss.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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PO Box 42801, Oklahoma City, OK 73123

Please Print Clearly:

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Are you a member of HLAA – National?  Yes  No

Annual chapter dues: \$10.00 per individual or \$15.00 per family.

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Membership is based on the calendar year: January through December.

**JOIN TODAY!**