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May Zoom Meeting

When: May 20th at 11:30am until 1pm

How: Via Zoom

Speaker: Valerie Freeman, Assistant Professor,
Communication Sciences and Disorders at Oklahoma State University

**We have deleted previous meeting id's and passcodes. Please use the link below.
It works!**

Copy this link into your browser to find the meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82968027392>

Meeting ID: 829 6802 7392

We meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 11:30-1:00pm Central Time (11:30-12:00 meet and greet).

Feel free to share this invite with your audiologist, as well as anyone you know. The meeting will have live captions and friends who understand life with hearing loss.



Please join us for future meetings

Monthly Meeting Schedule:

May 20, 2021 11:30 AM (Zoom: see link on previous page)

The newsletter always takes a break for June and July

Aug 15, 2021 2-4pm Ice Cream Social (In person!)

We are planning to start in-person meetings, starting with the Ice Cream Social!

Sep 16, 2021 11:30 AM, Speaker: Dr. Patricia Burke, new- born screening

Oct 21, 2021 11:30 AM, Speaker: Jon Gray, Captionmate

Nov 18, 2021 11:30 AM, Tony and Sharon Howard

Dec 16, 2021 11:30 AM, Christmas Party

Please, if you haven't already, contribute your dues donation:

\$10 individual, \$15 family.

Thank you from your local HLAA Chapter!

At Last!

The Ice Cream Social!



When: Sunday, August 15th, 2 - 4pm

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

Safeguards:

- ⇒ We will purchase individual cups of ice cream in various flavors, and furnish disposable spoons and paper napkins.
- ⇒ Small individual packages of cookies will also be available.
- ⇒ There should be plenty of space in the large room at the Will Rogers Center.

Celebrate the renewal of in-person gatherings with all of your fellow HLAA folks!

Our HLAA - Central OK Chapter will announce this year's scholarship winners and present their awards at the Ice Cream Social. It's our opportunity to give three young people with hearing loss support for their plans for higher education.



Bringing back the Grapevine News!

Please feel free to share any personal news with us, your friends in the HLAA-Central Oklahoma Chapter. Please send your news to me, Elaine, at elains@cox.net .

From Sue Lombard: I wanted to let you all know that my husband, Smokey Lombard, passed away on February 4 of this year. It's been awhile since we attended any of the meetings, so I don't know how many will really remember him, but thought there might be some that would like to know. He always enjoyed the meetings when he was able to attend.

If anyone can use them, I have several packages of the Power One p675 Zinc Air batteries left. I can be reached at 405-740-5624 phone/text or by email at suelombard54@hotmail.com.

Blessings to you all, Sue Lombard

From Nancy Landrum: Robert Cowles passed away February 20, 2021. We knew him as Bob Cowles, and he was the Chairperson of the Day Group for several years.

Ron and Sharon Hendricks recently traveled to Branson, Mo. for a short trip. We saw the Sight and Sound production of "Jesus" and I must say it is worth the trip. In addition, we took a golf cart tour of the Lost Canyon Cave at Top of the Rock. That's a beautiful area complete with waterfalls and other scenic sites. We ate at Paula Deen's and ate way too much! Traveling home, we stopped in Joplin, Mo. and took a tour of the City Hall, which is quite an historic and interesting building. Also we toured an Historic District incorporated into the city of Joplin by the name of Murphysburg. There were many historic homes. All in all, it was a good trip!

BIRTHDAYS IN MAY

Judy Dutton

Dr. Pam Matthews

Bob Quatro

Sara Rector-Rosa

Ralph Wilsack

Becky Young

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



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.

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 vmeade1@cox.net, (405) 537-4907.** We welcome you to join us!

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Speaker for the May Meeting on Zoom

Valerie Freeman, Assistant Professor, and Director of the Sociophonetics Lab at Oklahoma State University, submitted a short description of the project on which she is working. Here is her summary:

The Deaf Experience, Deaf Expression (DXDX) Project collects interviews with deaf and hard-of-hearing (DHH) people about their experiences with language, hearing, socializing, schooling, and related topics. The collection will provide parents, teachers, healthcare professionals, and the newly-diagnosed with first-hand accounts from ordinary people.

These real-life stories of challenges and advice are often missing during the diagnostic process, and they can be particularly useful for parents who must make many tough decisions for their young DHH children. We have collected over 30 interviews in speech and sign language over Zoom so far, mostly with adults who have had severe hearing loss since childhood. This school year, we are expanding to interview DHH teens, tweens, and their parents.

DXDX is a long-term project that can grow in many directions. In this talk, I will present our work and plans so far -- and ask how the project can grow to include and benefit HLAA members. You can see our webpage (still in early stages) here: dxdx.okstate.edu and follow us @sophonokstate on Facebook or Instagram as we grow.

Thanks for this opportunity to talk to your group. I'm looking forward to it!

Valerie Freeman, Assistant Professor, Director, Sociophonetics Lab

Local Interests



SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

Submitted by Sharon Hendricks, scholarship committee

This year we received six applications for our scholarships. We were able to fund two scholarships this year and, thanks to a donor who stepped forward to fund a third scholarship, we will be awarding three scholarships.

Selections have been made and details are being worked out, so stay tuned for our announcement of the recipients at our

August Ice Cream Social on August 15th at Will Rogers Exhibition Center from 2:00 - 4:00.

Submitted by Shelley Gladden, Program Manager, Oklahoma ABLE Tech, OSU

From: Craig, Andrea J. <andrea.j.craig@ou.edu>

My name is Andrea Craig and I am a researcher with the Department of Geography at University of Oklahoma.

I am conducting research that assesses risk communication of severe weather among the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community throughout the state of Oklahoma. I wanted to reach out and contact various people, hoping that with your connections in the OK state area, you would be willing to distribute this anonymous IRB approved survey (post on social media, word of mouth etc.), or recommend resources/groups to me to guide me in the right direction. I am hoping to gather enough data to understand severe weather perceptions among D/HoH community in OK. The meteorological spring is upon us in Oklahoma, so the need for efficient weather communication is crucial, especially for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community who cannot always rely on auditory and oral cues to receive urgent communication.

A weather survey for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Oklahomans was created in hopes to gather data to understand how Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals in Oklahoma perceive and receive their weather alerts. Here is a link to the survey:

https://ousurvey.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5ziULh3KP4eTiT4

<https://www.hearingloss.org/hlaa-meeting-on-sensorineural-hearing-loss/> April 22, 2021

HLAA Receives Permission from the FDA to Host a Meeting on Sensorineural Hearing Loss on May 25

HLAA has received permission from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to host an Externally-Led Patient-Focused Drug Development Meeting (EL-PFDD) for People and Families Living with Sensorineural Hearing Loss on Tuesday, May 25, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., U.S. ET. This is a YouTube Live virtual meeting, and all are welcome to attend. You can pop in and out of the live meeting. The meeting will be recorded, and the recording will be available 48 hours after the meeting. This is the FIRST meeting of this kind on hearing loss that the FDA has given permission to hold.

The purpose of HLAA's Externally-Led Patient-Focused Drug Development Meeting is to hear directly from two representative panels of people with hearing loss, and people with hearing loss and their families attending remotely about the most burdensome symptoms they experience, what it is like to live with hearing loss, their assessment of treatments they are currently using, and what would they like to see in future treatments.

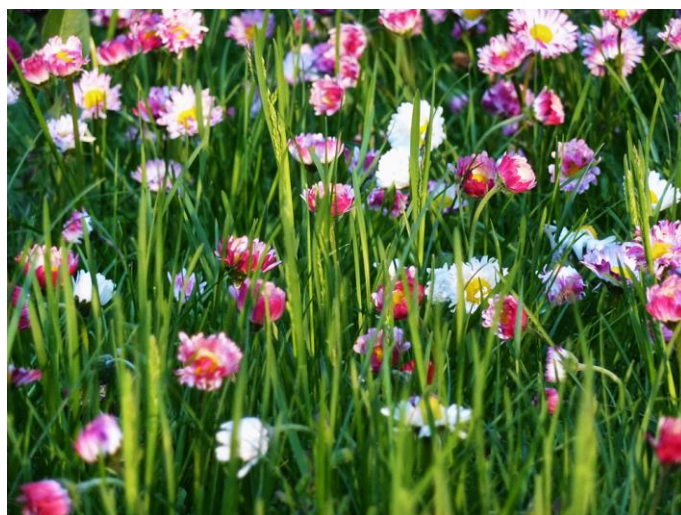
The voice of the person with hearing loss will be heard in order to develop therapies and devices for people with hearing loss. The meeting is open to all, but key reviewers from the FDA will be present from three divisions:

Center for Devices and Radiological Health-CDRH

Center for Drug Evaluation & Research-CDER

Center for Biologics Evaluation & Research-CBER (this includes OTAT-the Office of Tissues and Advanced Therapies)

Please go to the above link to register for the meeting, so that you can receive important meeting updates, including the link to login on the day of the meeting.



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Visit www.oklahomahearingloss.org to view schedules for our local chapter meetings and special events. Visit 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 HLAA CentralOklahomaChapter.

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. The national headquarters WAS located at 7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 1200, Bethesda, MD 20814.

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