



## **September 2021 Volume 22, Issue 7**

### **September Meeting - In Person!**

**When:** Thursday, September 16th

**Time:** Socialize and visit from 11:30am - 12 noon, Meeting from 12:00pm - 1pm

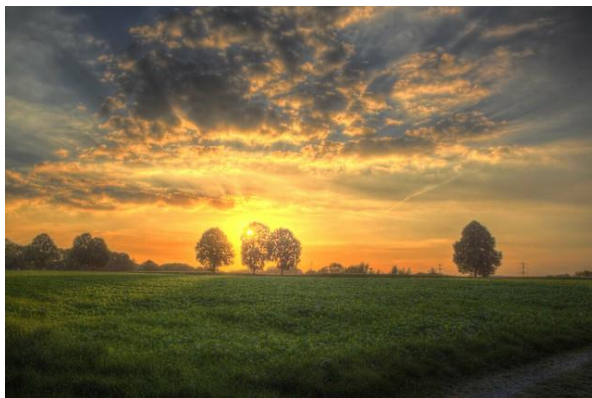
**Location:** Will Rogers Gardens Exhibition Center, 3400 N.W. 36th St., Oklahoma City 73112

**Speaker:** Patricia Burk, M.S., CCC-SLP, LSLS Cert. AVT, is the Program Coordinator for the Newborn Hearing Screening Program at the Oklahoma State Department of Health.

We are encouraging everyone to bring their own brown bag lunch, and we will provide individual packages of chips and/or cookies, along with bottled water.

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:**

***We are planning to start in-person meetings!***

**Sep 16, 2021** 11:30 AM, Speaker: Dr. Patricia A. Burke, M.S., CCC-SLP, LSLS Cert. AVT | Program Manager, Newborn Hearing Screening Program | Oklahoma State Department of Health, [Oklahoma.gov/Health](https://oklahoma.gov/Health) | [nhsp.health.ok.gov](https://nhsp.health.ok.gov)

**Oct 21, 2021** 11:30 AM, Speaker: Lezley Bell, Caption Call. Lezley will discuss the importance and advantages of staying connected with Caption Call phones.

**Nov 18, 2021** 11:30 AM, Tony and Sharon Howard. Tony and Sharon will share their hearing loss journey for this special Pre-Thanksgiving meeting.

**Dec 16, 2021** 11:30 AM, Christmas Party. Be prepared for a jolly old time and lots of Christmas treats!

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**Other Events**

**State Fair - Senior Day:** September 22, 10am - 7pm. Please come to the HLAA table, in the Modern Living building, to visit with us and pick up some information about hearing loss to read and share with others.

**Second Half Expo:** Saturday, October 6th, 9am - 4pm, at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum, 1700 NE 63rd St. For more details: [secondhalfexpo.com](https://secondhalfexpo.com)

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BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

Amy Doughtry

Robert Dutton

Bill Howard

Joyce Keel

Ron McCubbin

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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## *Grapevine News*

\* Shelley Gladden: Shelley's mother, Kathie Jenes (sp?), joined us at the Ice Cream Social!

\* Richard and Anna Ross: Richard and I will celebrate our 60th anniversary the 22nd of September.

\* Sylvia Frank: In the past Sylvia had been practicing tap dancing with 2 other tap dancers. Last July we had been Tap Dancing, performing with the Senior Cabaret Singers for the Senior Cabaret. We might give a show in September at the Market Place Restaurant.

In the last week of June, Robert Prest and Sylvia went to visit Sylvia's brother, Tom, in Athens, Texas. We enjoyed the visit.

\* Pati Burns is going to be a grandmother in September. Her son, Parker, and his wife, Caitlyn, are expecting a baby girl: Berklee Kaye. After raising 2 boys, Pati is really excited to shop for and spoil a baby girl.

\* Barb Goodman has moved to Spanish Cove in Yukon, and is looking forward to continuing to participate in the HLA, in memory of her husband Dave.

\* Charles Chastain's youngest Granddaughter gave birth to a baby boy in May, 2021. His name is Lincoln Wilson. I'm just going to call him Coach! This is my 6th great grandchild: 4 boys and 2 girls.

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### *Quote of the Month*

There are people who take the heart out of you, and there are people who put it back.

*Elizabeth David*

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### Notes from the Chair

I am so excited to tell you about the Ice Cream Social that took place on August 15. It was our first face to face meeting this year and it was a huge success! We had 47 people in attendance, including our 2 Scholarship recipients and their families.

It was such a joy to meet Esteli and Daniel and hear them as they shared their stories. More information will be available in our newsletters and also on our website. We all enjoyed pre-packaged ice cream and cookies, and I believe a good time was had by all.

Many thanks to the Boy Scouts of Troop 117 in Yukon and also Serenity and Chris from the National Honor Society at Yukon High School who set up and helped take down our meeting room for the Ice Cream Social in record time! We appreciate you all!

We are looking forward to our next meeting on September 16 (11:30 - 1:00). Our speaker will be Patricia Burke, who is head of the newborn screening program in Oklahoma. This should be very interesting. Bring your own brown bag lunch and the Chapter will provide chips or cookies and water. Plan now to come.

*Sharon Hendricks*

*Chair*

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### Highlights of the Ice Cream Social

Our scholarship recipients for this year:



Daniel Knowsley



Esteli Barrera

Board Member, Pati Burns, presented the scholarship awards:



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### More highlights from the Ice Cream Social:

We were very happy to be able to present a plaque to Karen Canary from OG&E as a thank you to OG&E for printing the newsletter for us for many years.

In the photo, Karen Canary from OG&E (left) displays the plaque presented to her by Elaine Lains, newsletter editor.

Thank you, Karen, and heartfelt thanks to all the folks at OG&E for their years of community service, and particularly their generosity to the local chapter of the Hearing Loss Association.



This month's newsletter is featuring our scholarship winner, Esteli Barrera. Next month we will feature our other winner, Daniel Knowsley.

### **Esteli Barrera**

Esteli Barrera, the daughter of Maria Barrera, will be attending Redlands Community College in El Reno in the Fall of 2021. Esteli is a graduate of Fairview High School. Her first language is Spanish. As a young child she would hear a sound but couldn't tell from which direction it came. She learned English as a kindergartener and decided that she could stop wearing her pink hearing aid. Esteli did well in school without the assistance of that hearing aid but was bullied in her senior year because of the "disability". Her first job was as a waitress, and she found that all the associated noise very frustrating. Art was a satisfying hobby for Esteli because it didn't require contact with others. Because, beyond the 7th grade, there were no art classes offered in her high school, she tried band – not too successfully – and sports, with success. Esteli says that she has known, since the age of 7, that she would be an artist. The proof of that is she has had the commission to paint 3 large murals, designed T-shirts for several different organizations, and even created, by hand, custom monuments. Esteli will study business administration and art. She even plans to build her career around art by establishing a mural painting business. Esteli's philosophy is that art will help to inspire people and brighten their world.



### *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.*

With our mission in mind, we want to thank you for continuing to receive and read our Hearing Loss newsletter. We are hoping to be able to increase awareness and make a real difference for hearing impaired people. If you are one of the many who like to earmark end of the year donations, we would love it if you would consider our organization, and give some thought to becoming actively involved through attending our meetings. We exist to give a voice to the hearing impaired and are anxious to increase our footprint in the greater Oklahoma City area.

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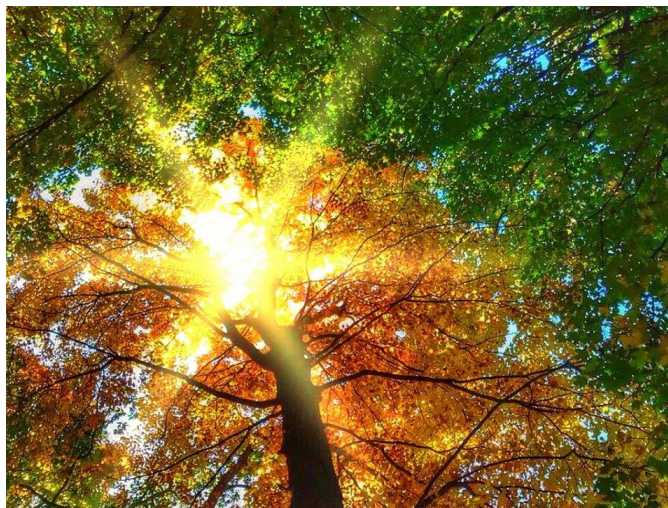
If you are not yet a member of National HLAA, you are encouraged to join and take advantage of their services. The bimonthly Hearing Loss Magazine is full of treasures for anyone with hearing loss or the family and friends of such.

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

**The new address is:** 6116 Executive Blvd, Suite 320, Rockville, MD 20852.

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