



## **September 2022 Volume 23, Issue 7**

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

**Date:** Thursday, September 15

**Time:** Meeting from 11:30am - 1pm

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

**Speaker:** Dr. Sara Neumann, Topic: The latest research at Hearts for Hearing  
The meeting will have live captions and friends who understand life with hearing loss.

**By Zoom:** See next page for easy instructions

**Brown Bag Lunch:** 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.

We work very hard to have interesting and knowledgeable speakers. Our meetings are also educational seminars.

If you know of a person you would like to hear, or a subject that you would want to learn more about, please let me know (Ron Hendricks, program chair, ron-gmi@swbell.net).

Feel free to share this invitation with your audiologist, as well as anyone you know.

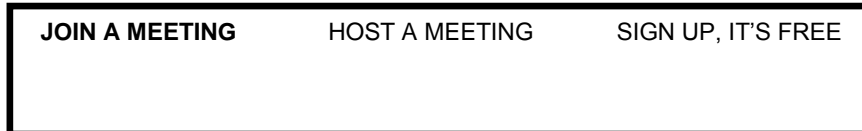
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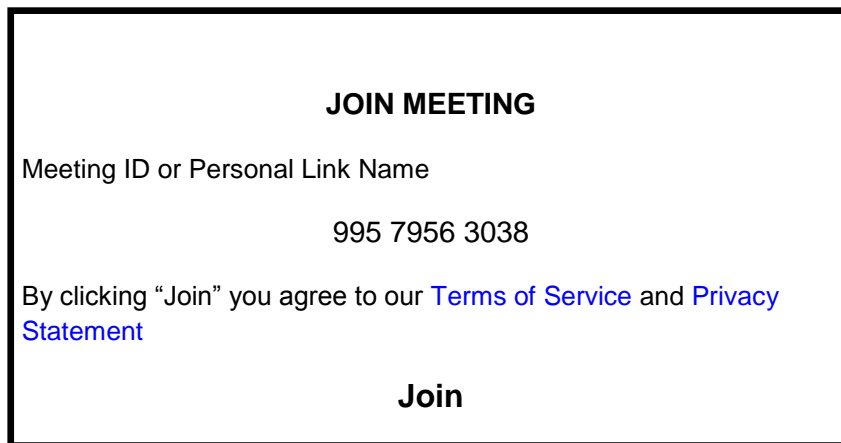
## To Join HLAA Central Oklahoma Chapter Monthly Meetings via Zoom:

From your computer, tablet or phone: You don't have to have the app downloaded. You can simply follow these instructions:

1. Go to the internet and type in the web address: **www.zoom.us**
2. On the top of the page, you will have a choice to: Join a meeting, Host a meeting or Sign in. Choose JOIN A MEETING by clicking on the words.



3. Now you will see a screen that asks you to enter the Meeting ID as seen here:



Enter the Meeting ID as follows: 995 7956 3038

4. Enter the password: **hlaa** (lower case)
5. Now you are streaming into the meeting!

**Editor's Note:** We have fellow board member, Shelley Gladden, to thank for these clear and easy instructions.

**Scheduled Speakers for the HLAA Central Oklahoma Chapter 2022 Meetings**  
Below is a list of speakers at our meetings at Will Rogers Gardens Exhibition  
Center, 3400 N.W. 36th St., Oklahoma City, 11:30am - 1pm

**All are welcome at our board meetings also. The board meetings are held at  
Hearts for Hearing at 5pm.**

**September 15, 2022:** Dr. Sara Neumann, Research being done at Hearts for Hearing

**Event: Senior Day, Oklahoma State Fair, 10am-6pm.** Visit the HLAA table in  
the Modern Living Building

**Board meeting:** 9-29 at Hearts for Hearing at 5pm

**October 20, 2022:** Shelley Gladden, Useful Technology for Those With Hearing Loss

**Board meeting:** 10-27 at Hearts for Hearing at 5pm

**November 17, 2022:** Dr. Kopke, Hough Ear Institute, current research

**December 15, 2022:** Christmas Party

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*Quote for this Month*

I was sleeping the other night, alone, thanks to the exterminator.

Emo Philips

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September Birthdays

Amy Doughtry

Robert Dutton

Bill Howard

Joyce Keel

**Happy Birthday!**



## *Grapevine News*

- ❖ Charles Brady: I was born with mild-to-moderate sensorineural hearing loss. In the Fall, I will be attending the University of Oklahoma, where I plan to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Pre-Communication Sciences & Disorders, then Master's and Doctorate degrees in Audiology. I hope to make a difference in the lives of others as I have seen in myself. Editor's Note: Charles is one of our scholarship recipients this year.
- ❖ Josie Burns: will be going to college at Southeastern Oklahoma State University. Editor's Note: Josie is also one of our three scholarship recipients.
- ❖ Sylvia Frank: is a member of the Senior Cabaret. They gave a performance show at Spanish Cove Tuesday, July 19. Sylvia was in the tap dance with 2 other Tap Dancers. They did another show in August.
- ❖ Linda Koch: We went on a driving trip to Florida and had a wonderful time visiting our "Maid of Honor" (39 years ago) in Mississippi, a distant cousin, my brother, an old high school friend, and lastly, another cousin, who hasn't been seen in 60 years, in South Carolina.
- ❖ The McLain Family: Heather's birthday is August 10. She is turning 14. Our family got a new puppy.
- ❖ Karen Potts: just got back from Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Took tours to Victoria and Butchart Garden, very pretty! Also took a tour of Whistler Village. Stopped to see several water falls, on a Gondola tour. A wonderful trip!
- ❖ Anna and Richard Ross: Married 61 years in September!
- ❖ Charles and Carolyn Chastain: Their son and his wife just returned from visiting their daughter (a Commander in the Navy and a surgeon), her husband and three children in Naples, Italy!



## **Our Chapter announces Scholarship Recipients**

We introduced our Scholarship Recipients for 2022 at our annual Ice Cream Social, which was held on August 7, 2022. Our recipients this year are Charles Brady IV from Ardmore, OK; Josie Burns from Bennington, OK; and Boyd Robertson from Bethany, OK. We want you to "get to know" our recipients, so we will feature one recipient's bio each month.

We have sponsored the Scholarship program for the past seven years and have helped 17 hearing impaired students in pursuing their goals for the future. We have invested \$17,500 in scholarships. If you agree with us that this is a worthwhile program, please donate to keep reaching out into the community by helping these students get a start. Any amount is appreciated.

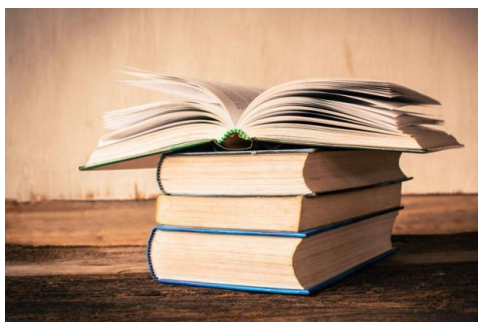


Boyd Robertson with Nancy Landrum

### **Boyd Robertson**

Boyd Robertson has been awarded a scholarship for the upcoming school year by Hearing Loss Association of America Central Oklahoma Chapter (HLAA COC). The scholarship is for \$1,500. Boyd will be attending Southern Nazarene University this fall. He will be a freshman in the fall of 2022, but he is entering college with 21 credits because during the lock down caused by COVID he enrolled in the concurrent program offered by OSU-OKC. He is the son of James & Tracy Robertson of Bethany, OK. Boyd attended Putnam City West High School but his hearing loss began much earlier. He started wearing hearing aids in the third grade. Boyd was like many who begin wearing hearing aids – he experienced sensory overload & anxiety. None of his classmates wore hearing aids so he stood out and bore the blunt of rude comments & stares. Boyd participated in choir. Singing & auditions helped him overcome his fear & lack of

confidence. As he overcame his self consciousness he realized that hearing aids are “no big deal.” Since that time he has been a near straight “A” student. Boyd has been in the National Honor Society since seventh grade. Boyd’s goal is to become a nurse practitioner specializing in mental health with a specialty in helping veterans. Ultimately he plans on a Doctorate in Nursing.



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### Continuing the Mission

As you can see by our mission statement below, every year we try to make sure the Central Oklahoma Chapter of the HLAA brings value to all our members and friends.

- Informative and engaging speakers at the meetings
- Advocacy in the community to ensure equal access to information and entertainment
- Support, some of which is in the form of captioning for our meetings, and scholarships for young people with hearing loss

These are all part of the endeavor to fulfill our mission.

Please help us to continue our work. Continue to be, or become a valued member with a donation (membership) of \$15 for individuals and \$20 for a couple or family membership. You can mail your membership donation to HLAA-Central Oklahoma Chapter, PO Box 42801, Oklahoma City, OK 73123. Please accept a big thank you from all your fellow members!



### 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.*  
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[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/OKC\\_HLAA](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/OKC_HLAA) for the OKC-HLAA forum Rebecca Plunkett is our webmaster. We welcome your feedback and comments on our websites. For the **Facebook** page, search in the Facebook search box for HLAA Central Oklahoma Chapter.

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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 quarterly 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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