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March Meeting - In Person and Zoom

Date: Thursday, March 16

Time: Meeting from 11:30am - 1pm

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

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If you know of a person you would like to hear speak at a meeting, 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.

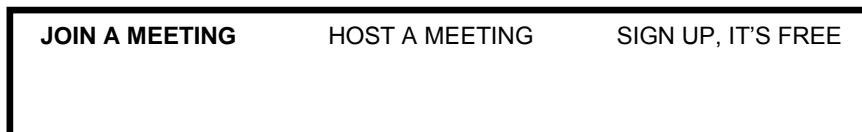
The meeting will have captions and friends who understand life with hearing loss.



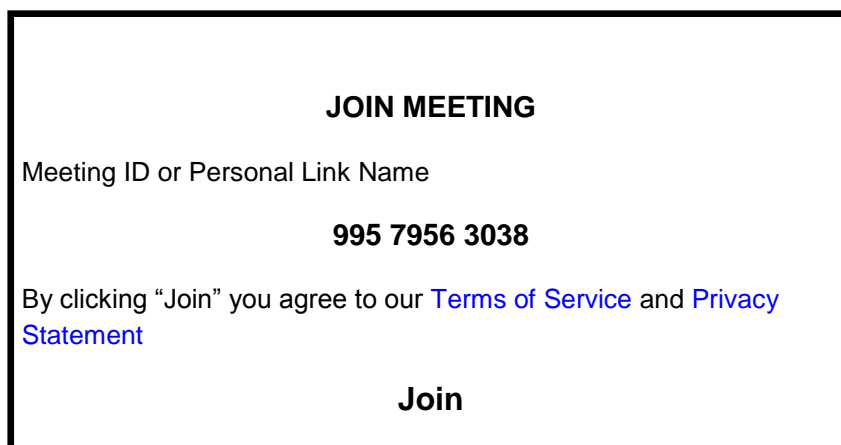
Join HLAA Central Oklahoma Chapter Monthly Meetings via Zoom:

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:



4. Enter the Meeting ID as follows: 995 7956 3038
5. Enter the password: **HLAA** (UPPER case)
6. 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.

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Board meeting 3/23

April 20, 2023: Josh Phelps, Auctioneer, musician

Board meeting 4/27

May 18, 2023: Juliette Sterkens, HLAA Hearing Loop Technology

Board meeting 5/25

June & July: The newsletter takes time off during June and July, but before then we will be letting everyone know about the fun activities for the meetings in June and July.

The August issue will give the details of our yearly and very popular Ice Cream Social.

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

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Quotes for March

I don't necessarily agree with everything I say.

Marshall McLuhan

Nothing is as obnoxious as other people's luck.

F. Scott Fitzgerald

Looking Forward

Our Speaker for the March Meeting Will Share Important Information for Spring

Julia Reynolds is the Community Resiliency Coordinator and Oklahoma County Medical Reserve Corps Coordinator for the Oklahoma City-County Health Department. The Medical Reserve Corps is a national program of medical and non-medical volunteers who prepare for and respond to all-hazards, as well as provide public health support throughout the year.

The mission of the OKMRC is to improve health literacy, promote disease prevention, eliminate health disparities, and strengthen public health preparedness.

Julia became the Oklahoma County Unit Coordinator in September of 2021 and has since worked with OKMRC volunteers at numerous COVID-19 vaccine and testing events, First Aid tents, and trainings.

Cochlear Implant

Ergonomic Study Opportunity

Oscar Schrag is an Industrial Design Master's Student at the Parsons School for Design. His work in the program is focused on health and medical design. He is currently conducting research for his thesis on the ergonomics of cochlear implants.

About the project:

The project was brought to Parsons by the parents of a 7-year-old child, who uses cochlear implants. This child leads an active lifestyle. He and other children with hearing loss play soccer, run on the playground, and are joyful and energetic.

They have issues with the outside transmitter of their Cochlear Implant falling off or disconnecting while playing. This project aims to propose solutions for keeping their Cochlear Implants connected while participating in active extracurricular activities such as team sports.

The project will explore a redesign, modification, or adaptation for their implants.

The project will explore a secondary user group: adult athletes with cochlear implants. This is why Oscar is reaching out to our HLAA chapter.

He is hoping to interview 10-20 adults aged 18-75 with cochlear implants who do any form of exercise. He is hoping that some HLAA members might be interested.

Oscar Schrag's email address: schro506@newschool.edu

Below is the link to the [intake form](#) for the study.

https://newschool.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_298dUFSrQ2pYZIY

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.

Our Chapter Continues the Scholarship Program

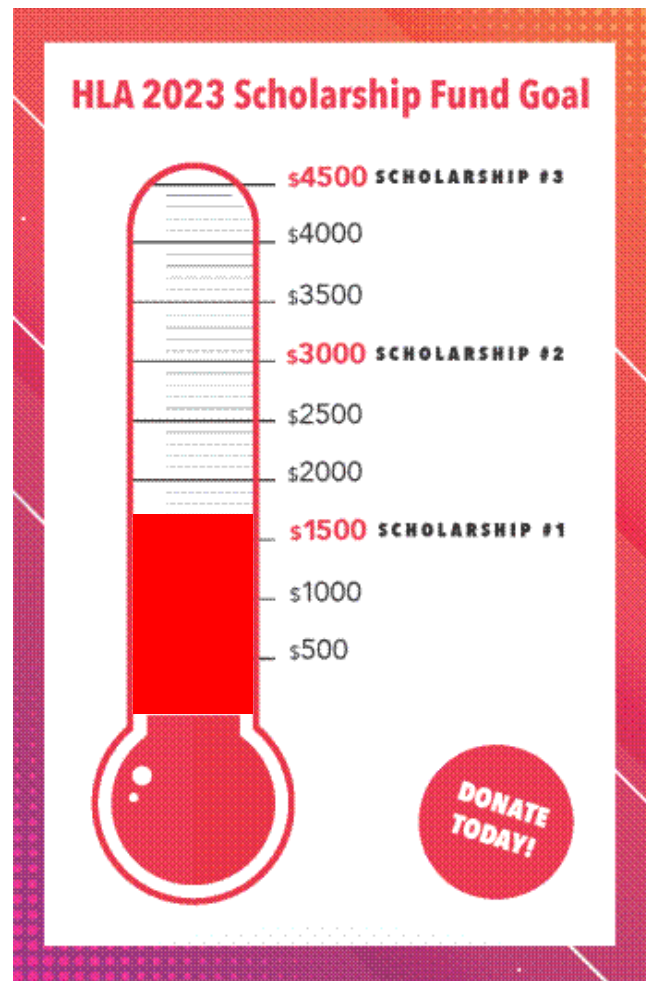
We hope to announce three more scholarship recipients at the 2023 Ice Cream Social! We have sponsored the Scholarship program for the past seven years and have helped 17 hearing impaired students in pursuing their goals for the future. We have invested \$17,500 in scholarships.

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.

Wow! HLA members and friends have given a generous push towards our goal.

Let's see if how much *more* we can raise for the 2023 scholarship fund! We want to continue to assist hearing impaired students in reaching *their* goals.

Mail your support donation to:
Hearing Loss Association of Central Oklahoma, Chapter Treasurer
Box 42801,
Oklahoma City, OK 73123.





The Hearing Loss Association of America Central Oklahoma Chapter will award scholarships in the amount of \$1,500 to residents of Oklahoma who will be attending an institution of higher education(*) the fall of 2023.

Application for HLAA Central Oklahoma Chapter's Scholarship

Name: _____

Address (City, State, zip): _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Parents name: _____

Parent's phone: _____

Parent's Email: _____

Institution attending: _____

Applications must be submitted in writing prior to April 3, 2023 and mailed to:

HLAA Central Oklahoma Chapter

PO Box 42801

Oklahoma City, OK 73123

Required Attachments:

Essay

Copy of audiogram or letter from an Audiologist or ENT

Transcript(s)

Copy of valid state issued ID

Letter of acceptance



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The applicant must:

- > Present documentation of hearing loss; such as a copy of an audiogram OR letter from a qualified professional (AuD or ENT)
- > Provide copy of valid state ID, etc.
- > Be resident of Oklahoma and submit residence address and phone number
- > Submit a transcript or other document showing GPA
- > Submit a copy of the institution of higher education's(*) acceptance letter
- > Agree to allow HLAA COC use of name and photo
- > Completed application must be postmarked by April 3, 2023
- > Submit an essay consisting of 1,000 – 3,000 words including:
 1. Your goals for the future
 2. Your hearing loss story
- > Agree to a personal interview

Recipients are selected by a Scholarship Committee.

Recipient will be notified in writing.

Recipient must be willing to attend the August HLAA COC meeting to receive the scholarship and certificate.

Funds may be used for tuition, fees and book expenses with scholarship funds paid directly to the institution.

(*) Higher education is defined as university, college, career training, or post-high school institution of learning.

OKLAHOMA HEARING LOSS ASSOCIATION MEMBER RECEIVES RECOGNITION

Patricia Fennell, an active member of our local HLA has been nominated and selected for the Oklahoma Women Hall of Fame. Her induction will take place at a ceremony and dinner held at the OMNI Hotel on Friday, April 28th. Pat will be the first Latina to be inducted in the Hall of Fame since its creation by Governor George Nigh in 1982.

Pat is being recognized for her lifetime social work achievements. Initially, she worked with children with end stage renal disease where she developed innovative treatment modalities such as the creation of the first- in-the-nation camping experience for the children and served as a pediatric instructor at the OU Health Science Center. Later, she became an advocate working on behalf of the Latino community. Among her achievements, she started a non-profit agency in 1991 with an initial United Way annual allocation of \$42,000. When she retired in 2011, the agency had a yearly budget of over 3 million dollars, implemented 23 programs with a staff of over 70 employees.

She was an advocate who provided a voice for the Latino community locally and nationally. She served in numerous local and national Boards and Commissions such as serving on the board of the OKC Federal Reserve Bank for six years and as Chair of the Board for three and a half of those years. She served in the Board of Unidos USA, the largest Latino organization headquartered in Washington DC. She also served as one of five Trustees of the National Association of Social Workers supervising the organization's 63 million dollars insurance trust.

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In 1991, she received a letter of commendation from President George Bush Sr. Her agency was recognized as one of 50 teaching examples at the US Presidents' Summit for American Youth held in Pennsylvania in 1997. She was selected by the Kellogg Foundation as a Delegate to the Women's Conference in Beijing, China in 1995. Her list of honors and recognitions is extensive.

Congratulations, Pat! We are glad you are part of our wonderful community.

Internet Radio Stations for People with Hearing Loss

From Nanette Florian to HLAA chapter leaders and their members:

I used to be a lead singer for the famous 60's band The New Christy Minstrels. I lost my hearing at age 40. I wore hearing aids since I was 20 and now hear through a cochlear processor.

For me, music used to be distorted and hard to follow and even difficult to know what song was playing.

Once in a while, though, a sound or even a whole song would come through clearly to me. "Why did I hear that?" That meant I could hear music, and I just needed to find more of the same.

I am introducing two internet radio stations for people with hearing loss.

WHMA Classic Hits and WHRA rock

Each song has been meticulously chosen for its clarity and will greatly benefit people who have trouble hearing music as they once did. The music is circa 1938 to 1980's.

When I listen to my radio stations, for the first time in 20 years I can hear music again and also feel like me again!

If you're interested in checking it out and sharing with your chapter members, you can find the music at **HearMusicAgain.org**

After a free trial, there is a monthly subscription fee.

Nanette Florian

Founder of Hear Music Again

Featuring Music for people with hearing loss

Email: Nanette@HearMusicAgain.org

Web: HearMusicAgain.org



February Birthdays

Kent Billingsley

Kanece Ham

Roger Harms

Linda Koch

Franklin Muskrat

Richard Ross

Happy Birthday!

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HLAA Local Website, Forum and Facebook page

Visit the website: 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 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.

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. 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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Hearing Loss Association of America Central Oklahoma Chapter
PO Box 42801, Oklahoma City, OK 73123

Please Print Clearly:

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Birthday Month _____ Phone _____

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