



Hello from HLAA Central Oklahoma Chapter!

We are happy to report that Oklahoma was well represented at the HLAA 2024 Convention, held at the Sheraton Grand Resort at Wild Horse Pass in Phoenix, Arizona, was a significant event that brought together people with hearing loss from all walks of life. This convention, the largest national gathering of its kind, was designed to empower individuals and families facing hearing loss.

The focus of this year's convention was the emotional side of hearing loss. The research symposium delved into this topic, providing insights into the emotional challenges faced by those with hearing loss. Shanna Adamic was the keynote speaker.

A highlight of the convention was the recognition of outstanding contributions to the hearing loss community. Oklahoma was a standout, receiving three awards. The awards were as follows:

- The **Chapter on a Mission** award was given to our **HLAA Central Oklahoma Chapter**
- The **Community Outreach** award was received by **Shelley Gladden**
- The **Alice Marie Stone Family Involvement** award was presented to **Ana Covey**

This recognition underscores the significant work being done in Oklahoma to support and advocate for people with hearing loss.

The HLAA 2024 Convention provided a platform for learning, connection, and empowerment, with a special emphasis on understanding and addressing the emotional aspects of hearing loss. The recognition of Oklahoma's efforts added a celebratory note to the event, highlighting the progress being made in supporting those with hearing loss.

Once details are posted, we will share more about the presentations and topics!

Second Annual Movie Day!

For our July meeting, we are taking the meeting on the road. Join us for our Second Annual Movie Day at Rodeo Cinema.

We will have a special viewing Wonderstruck Movie tickets are complimentary as a gift from HLAA Central Oklahoma Chapter.

Join us early at 11:30 for lunch before the movie for socializing if interested

Show time: 1:00 pm.

Why Rodeo Cinema? Rodeo Cinema is one of the most accessible movie theaters in Oklahoma City. The theatre provides both assistive listening and closed captioning devices.

Ever wondered what it's like to experience a movie full accessible? Here's your chance, on us!

Hope to see you there!



HLAA Movie Day
Featuring a Special Showing of
WONDERSTRUCK
JULY 18 at 1:00pm
Tickets provided by the
HLAA- Central OK Chapter!
RODEO CINEMA
2221 Exchange Ave
OKC, OK 73108

HEARING LOOP AVAILABLE

DON'T MISS THE FUN!



Hearing Loss Association of America- Central OK Chapter's
ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL
Celebrate the Future: Meet our 2024 Scholarship Recipients!

Saturday
August 3RD, 2024
2:00pm

Will Rogers
Expo Center
3400 NW 36th St
OKC, OK 73112

We will be sharing big news, announcing our Hearing Aid Raffle winner, and introducing our 2024 Scholarship Recipients.

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August Meeting Details - Ice Cream Social!

Join us August 3rd for our annual ice cream social and meet our Scholarship Recipients!

**Bring your favorite Ice Cream or treat to share!

We are so excited to introduce our annual scholarship winners, as well as our Hearing Aid Raffle Winner!

Saturday, August 3rd, 2024

2:00 pm

At the Will Rogers Expo Center

3400 NW 36th St.

Oklahoma Happenings

OK Let's Talk!

Hosted by the Oklahoma City Mayor's Committee on Disability
Concerns and State Independent Living Centers

August 2, 2024

9:00AM-11:00AM

2829 S. MacArthur Blvd.
Oklahoma City, OK 73128



Loop Updates from around the state:

- Crossroads Mustang UMC is having a hearing loop installed end of July (week of 7/22) during their sanctuary renovation.
- Paul Lewis at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Mustang noted "The hearing loop has been a game changer for many of our parishioners...."
- Blessed Rother Shrine is finally ON BOARD and read to start promoting their hearing loop systems at the church.

National Resources: HLAA eNews

Hearing Life e-News keeps readers up to date on the latest news and information on hearing loss. This issue features:

- Top 10 Apps for Hearing Loss
- Safe online game listening
- How AuraCast and Bluetooth LE Audio work

To access: Go to <https://www.hearingloss.org/news-media/e-news/>



Monthly Chapter Meetings

3rd Thursday of each month from September - June

11:30 – 1:00

Will Rogers Gardens

3400 NW 36th St.

Oklahoma City, OK

Educational topics and socialization with peers are the primary focus.

Meetings are held in the large auditorium. Accessibility accommodations include:

*Closed Captions

*Looped meeting room

*Zoom options for guests unable to join in person



Thank you to our sponsors!

Have you HEARD the news? Hearing loss awareness and access is growing throughout our state and the Hearing Loss Association of America Central Oklahoma Chapter is leading the charge. Every year, our chapter of the HLAA achieves our goals with the help of our amazing members and valued sponsors like you.

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A note from the board:

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 hope to increase awareness and make a real difference for people with hearing loss. Thanks to the support from you, our members and friends, our chapter, over this past year, has been able to continue to offer support to many people living with hearing loss. As we move forward, we need your support more than ever. Please consider including the Hearing Loss Association of America - Central Oklahoma Chapter in your financial plans. Thank you!

Pictured below from left to right:

Shelley Gladden, shelley.gladden@okstate.edu, Chairperson

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Pati Burns, pati.burns@heartsforhearing.org, Member At Large

Nancy Landrum, nanlan@cox.net, Member At Large

Not pictured: Sharon Hendricks, sharonok@swbell.net, Past Chair



Join the Board of Directors!

We need you! Our next Board Retreat is Saturday, July 27th at 9:30 am. at the Hearts for Hearing office. We'd love to have you!

Chapter Website

Check out the website for upcoming events, become a member, and see past activities!

To read more go to: <https://oklahomahearingloss.org/>