

Monthly Newsletter



November 2024 Edition

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

SPECIAL NOTE: November has a lunch sponsor!

A few snacks and water will be available, but primary meal will be on your own!

If your organization is interested in sponsoring a meeting and providing lunch, please reach out to Gene Richburg at gene2107@live.com

Upcoming November 21st Chapter Meeting!



November 21st Meeting Includes:

Donn Fravel will be speaking on Medicare changes in 2025 that you need to be aware of!

AND ...We have a lunch sponsor!

ZOOM LINK TO JOIN MEETING VIRTUALLY

ANNUAL DONATION DRIVE! ADOPT A SENIOR

Help make this a great holiday for the Senior Citizens at the SSM Health St. Anthony Behavioral Health unit by giving them a gift to open on Christmas!

An example might be a crisis has occurred & these seniors need help to manage it. They could be in danger to themselves or others due to confusion or depression. Some have experienced some serious loss (loved ones, abilities, independence). The purpose is to care for them so when they leave, they will be successful. Some go home & some go to a different level of care. They don't all have supportive family & friends.

Here's a few suggestions for the gift bags for our Seniors:

- Hairbrushes and combs
- Adult coloring books
- Decks of cards
- A few baby dolls (not everyone needs one, but for some future patients it may help to keep them calm.)
- Small Hand Lotion
- Lip Balm
- Stocking Caps
- Sugar Free Hot Chocolate Packets
- Fuzzy Socks with grippers
- Word Search Puzzle Books (CANNOT have the staples in the binder)
- Lap Blanket

PLEASE BRING ALL DONATIONS TO DECEMBER'S MONTHLY MEETING!



Benefiting



Happenings Around the City

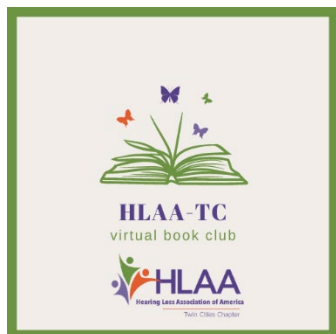
- Special thanks to Cal and Linda Bryant, who have been the HLAA COC representatives at the Mayor's Council of Disability Concerns! We are honored to have a voice at the table for these stakeholder meetings! As new events and updates are brought to us in and around Oklahoma City, we are sure to share!
- HLAA COC is soon to partner with Oklahoma ABLE Tech to provide additional support in place of our Hearing Helpers Room. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact shelley.gladden@okstate.edu

Looking for VA and Hearing Loss Support?

The National Veterans Across America Virtual Chapter (VAAVC) invites any veteran with hearing loss to join them! VAAVC meeting online every 3rd Tuesday of the month. Visit www.hearingloss.org for details



Book Club



The HLAA-TC Book Club meets every month throughout the year on the fourth Tuesday of the month. We alternate between reading fiction and nonfiction books each month and our selections often deal with hearing loss, deafness or disability. We are meeting virtually on Zoom and have had several authors and special guests join us to discuss the books. We meet in the evenings on Zoom (with computer/AI captions). For more information about the book club, please email Laura Hagemann (HLAA-TC Social Media Specialist) at social@hlaatc.org. Now Reading: NOVEMBER 2024: [“Deaf Republic”](#) by Ilya Kaminsky (Poems). Ilya Kaminsky’s astonishing parable in poems asks us, What is silence? BARD/NLS: Yes, Braille: BR 22694, BARD: DB 94920. Tuesday, NOVEMBER 26, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. [[ZOOM-Register Here](#)]. [Amazon Book Summary](#): Ilya Kaminsky’s astonishing parable in poems asks us, What is silence?

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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BRONZE (\$50-\$99)

Leon Nelson, Peggy Scarbrough, St. Anthony's Volunteer Dept., Ralph Wilsack

2024 LUNCH BUSINESS SPONSORS:

- Pizza Hut
- Johnny Carino's



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Through a transfer on death or payable on death beneficiary form, which can be found at your bank, you can list your favorite charity as the beneficiary of these funds.

Board Members of HLAA - Central Oklahoma Chapter

A note from the board:

The board just participated in a semi-annual retreat where we brainstormed ideas and ways to support our mission. Topics covered included future scholarship fundraisers, an annual hearing loss convention/expo, outing the baseball game, after hours, mixers, chapter t-shirts, and much more! Come to our next monthly chapter meeting to learn more!

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!

Board members include:

Ana Covey, okhearingloss@gmail.com, Vice Chairperson

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Nora Sekine, Member At Large

Gene Richburg, gene2107@live.com, Member At Large

Join the Board of Directors!

We need you! Our next Board meeting is Thursday, September 26th via Zoom. Let us know if you can join - we'd love to have you!

Are You A Member Yet?

New Membership or Renewals

Have you joined our organization or need to renew?

We appreciate your financial support!

ANNUAL DUES: \$15 INDIVIDUAL OR \$20 FAMILY

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Birthday Month: _____ Phone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

_____ New to Hearing Loss Association – Central Oklahoma Chapter

Preference for your newsletter delivery: _____ Email or _____ Postal Mail

Are you a member of HLAA – National? _____ Yes _____ No

(This is not a requirement, but a valuable resource)

Annual chapter dues are considered a donation:

\$15.00 per individual or \$20.00 per family.

All contributions are tax deductible.

Total Amount Being Paid: _____

To join or renew your membership, bring the information below to a chapter meeting or mail to:

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

Change of Address - Mail or Email

Please let us know, so you can continue to receive the newsletter and other publications from the HLAA Central Oklahoma Chapter. See the list of board members for people to contact.

Connect with us! Visit the website: www.oklahomahearingloss.org to view schedules of our local chapter meetings and special events. We welcome your feedback and comments.