



**Hearing Loss
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August 2018 Ice Cream Social Was a Success!

Thank you all for helping put together and attending such a wonderful Ice Cream Social! We had a packed house with lots of discussion and I believe we may have recruited a few new members.

Scholarship Winners: HLA Central Oklahoma Chapter introduced the two scholarship winners for 2018. See page 5 for details.

Door Prizes awarded: Sharon Howard needed a new hearing aid and told her husband that she was going to win and she did! She was thrilled. Sylvia Frank won the home loop, and we are so happy that she did.

Lots of Ice Cream and good fellowship was had by all!

**Any personal news, articles, etc., to be included in the newsletter are due by the
3rd Thursday of the month!**

Email the editor (Elaine) at tlains@sbcglobal.net

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.

Coming Soon! September HLA Meetings!



Day Group

When: Third Thursday, September 20th, Social period - 1:00pm, meeting - 1:30pm.

Where: Lakeside Methodist Church, 2925 NW 66th St., Oklahoma City.

Speaker: Leslie Bell, Caption Call Representative

Topic: Marsy's Law for Oklahoma, State Question 794, which addresses the rights and safety of victims of crime.

Additional topic: Do you have trouble hearing the T.V.? One of the Hearing Helpers volunteers will bring a T.V. Sound Box to the September meeting and say a few words about how to use it. The devices in the Hearing Helpers room are not for sale, but they are available to see and even borrow for up to two weeks. This helps you to decide whether to buy a hearing assistive device.



Night Group

When: Second Monday, September 10th, Social period - 6:30pm, meeting - 7:00pm.

Where: Lakeside Methodist Church, 2925 NW 66th St., Oklahoma City.

Speaker: Bernie and Adam Wile

Topic: Bernie and Adam from the Caleb Effect Foundation will be our speakers in September. The Caleb Effect was started after their 2yr old son Caleb returned to heaven May of 2016. They have turned sorrow into spreading joy and good service throughout our community. Join us for a great meeting of hope and positivity!



Volunteer: a person who performs a service willingly and without pay.

Good friends are like stars. You don't always see them, but you know they're always there.

**Want to volunteer? Contact Venice Meade at
vmeade1@cox.net, (405) 537-4907. We welcome you to join us!**

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Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who has given me tips, advise, material and suggestions for the newsletter. The newsletter is very much a team project!

Visit the **Faye Donalson Hearing Helper Demonstration Room (HHR)** at 5100 N. Brookline, Suite 100. Assistive listening devices, sonic boom alarm clocks, telephones (also for visually impaired), bed shakers, smoke alarms, and more are available for **demo and short-term loan.**

Hours are Mon-Fri 10am to 3pm.

Joke of the Month

I joined a health club last year,
Spent about 400 bucks.
Haven't lost a pound.
Apparently you have to go there.

Sent in by Vernice Meade

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ANNOUNCED



By Ron Hendricks

Central Oklahoma Chapter of Hearing Loss Association of America (COC HLAA) announces the scholarship winners for 2018. Each receives \$1,000 for the upcoming semester. This is the third year COC HLAA has given scholarships to Oklahoma students with hearing loss. For information visit the website, WWW/OKCHearingLoss.org, attend one of the two Monthly meetings, or visit the Hearing Helper's Room 5100 N Brookline, Suite 100.

Jessica James Huddelston is the daughter of Jerry and Holly James of Norman. Jessica has completed her undergraduate studies and will be attending the University of Oklahoma - Health Sciences Center this Fall to work on her Doctorate of Audiology. Jessica was diagnosed with a progressive hearing loss at age 11 and received her first hearing aids in high school. After hearing the sounds of this world, she decided we all have a unique and wonderful story to share. A degree in Audiology is one way she can share her story with others and have the empathy to help others with hearing loss.

She has learned to advocate for herself as a student with hearing loss and to be persistent in every endeavor, and to always help others to advocate for themselves, both with and without hearing loss.

Lauren Lewis, of Guthrie, is the daughter of Gail Parker and Richard Lewis. Lauren will be attending Oklahoma State University - OKC this fall. She is a single mother of a five year old son, Jayden, and also works part-time, so Lauren has a very busy schedule.

Lauren lost her hearing at age 2 when she had meningitis. She started wearing hearing aids at age three. She learned sign language at an early age and grew up using sign to communicate. She progressed to a Cochlear Implant in one ear in the 5th grade. Several years later, she had a Cochlear Implant in her other ear, mainly to be able to hear her son's breathing, as he was born with a heart problem, requiring surgery.

Her dream has been to be able to work with animals and learn how they live and communicate. She is enrolled in the Veterinarian Technician program to fulfill her dream.



About Town

Movie Theater in Oklahoma City Gets a Hearing Loop

The **newly renovated Rodeo Theater**, located in Stockyard City, and also the home of the Oklahoma Opry, had a hearing loop installed in May.

Ana Covey, HLA member, spent 14 hours laying the loop from Assist2Hear. The theater will show independent, foreign films and more. They are actually a non-profit and are very excited to host groups who can benefit from the loop for special events or meetings.

Senior Day at the Fair

Wednesday, September 19, 9am - 5pm

Modern Living Building at the State Fair Grounds

Seniors have free admission at that time, but you will still have to pay for parking.

Quote of the Month

Only one life
That soon is past;
Only that done with love will last.
Unknown



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- ◇ AMC Northpark Mall
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- ◇ AMC Springs Mall West

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Visit www.okchearingloss.org to view maps and schedules for our local chapter meetings and special events. Read about the services offered by the *Faye Donalson Hearing Helpers Room*.

Visit http://groups.yahoo.com/group/OKC_HLAA for the OKC-HLAA forum. Sharon Hendricks is our webmaster. We welcome your feedback and comments on our websites. For the Facebook page, search in the Facebook search box for ***Hearing Loss Association of Central Oklahoma***.

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 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. The national headquarters is located at 7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 1200, Bethesda, MD 20814.

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