



**March 2019    Volume 20, Issue 3**

**Welcome to the Meetings! Please Join Us!**

### **Day Group**

**When:** Third Thursday, March 21, Social period - 1:00pm, meeting - 1:30pm.

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

**Note:** If you are a member and we don't have a name tag for you yet, when you come to the meeting let Sylvia Frank know so she can make one for you.

### **Night Group**

**When:** Second Monday, March 11, Social period - 6:30pm, meeting - 7:00pm.

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

**Speaker:** Attorney John Maisch, Topic: Recent legislation relevant to access for people with hearing loss and others.

**An Audiology Adviser,** Dr. Pam Matthews, from Hearts for Hearing, will be present at the meeting to answer questions.

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**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](mailto:tlains@sbcglobal.net)

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## 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.*

**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 [vmegade1@cox.net](mailto:vmegade1@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, advice, material and suggestions for the newsletter. The newsletter is very much a team project!

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### **HLA Board Members**

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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.**

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### ***Quote of the Month***

Spend the afternoon. You can't take it with you.

*Annie Dillard*

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### ***Grapevine News***



- Dave and Barb Goodman adopted a little rescue dog, a small, white male. It's anybody's guess what his background is, but he has a terrier look to his face. He does really well on his leash and tries hard to please.
- Sylvia Frank will continue to be involved in tap dance lessons in preparation for the Senior Cabaret Show!
- Sylvia's nephew passed away January 8, 2019. He was only 55.
- Congratulations to Ron and Sharon Hendricks who are celebrating their 50th anniversary!

### **Birthdays in March**

Lucretia Camacho

Linda Koch

Richard Ross

**Happy Birthday!**

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Share the newsletter! Someone with hearing loss, their family member or friend may find just the answer or encouragement they need.

**Change of Address - Mail or Email**

Please let us know, so you can continue to receive the newsletter and other publications from the HLA Central Oklahoma Chapter. See page 2 for people to contact.

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## **National Award Winners**

by Nancy Landrum and Sharon Hendricks

Two of our Chapter members have been selected by Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) to receive awards for their contributions to the organization. The awards will be presented at the annual HLAA Convention to be held on June 20-23 in Rochester, New York.

**Sylvia Frank** will receive the “**Spirit of HLAA**” award. She is being recognized for her various activities, including opening and closing our meeting place twice each month, being a weekly volunteer in the Hearing Helpers Demonstration Room, participating in the annual Senior Cabaret production which raises funds for hearing aids for senior citizens, and representing our Chapter at national Conventions.

**Ana Covey** will receive the "**Get in the Hearing Loop Campaign**" award for her efforts in establishing the Oklahoma Hearing Loop Initiative. Ana has an understanding about the hidden disability of hearing loss and is working to open more venues that are hearing accessible through hearing loops. Currently, Oklahoma City's Civic Center is looped, providing a wide variety of entertainment that is now available for people with hearing loss. Two City Council chambers are looped, three churches in Oklahoma and a movie/opry theatre! She loves when her fellow Hearing Loss chapter members advocate for better hearing opportunities and refer that information to her.

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## **Free Hearing Screenings!**

Submitted by Nancy Landrum

**Free** hearing screenings are available at two local audiology clinics. Gift of Sound at the Hough Ear Institute and Hearts for Hearing both will perform hearing screenings, by appointment. Hearing screenings detect whether there *may* be a hearing loss concern that should be followed by a hearing test by an audiologist of your choice to determine the severity of loss. Hearing tests are more in-depth and detailed than screenings.

Gift of Sound conducts hearing screenings by appointment only. Although Hearts for Hearing will accept walk-ins for hearing screenings, they prefer you make an appointment. There is no charge for hearing screenings. There will be a charge for hearing tests.

Gift of Sound	405-947-6030
Hearts for Hearing	405-548-4300

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## Local Musical Celebrity at April Meeting!

Many people with hearing loss struggle to hear during presentations - especially music presentations. In April, we are bringing the music to you! Please join us for a very special musical presentation during our April Night Meeting on April 8th at 6:30. **Special guest Edgar Cruz**, voted Best Guitarist and Entertainer in Oklahoma will be our speaker. Doors open at 6:30pm- Don't be late and please bring a friend!

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  - ◇ AMC Northpark Mall
  - ◇ AMC Quail Springs Cinema 24 Theater—Quail Springs Mall
  - ◇ AMC Penn Square Mall
  - ◇ AMC Crossroads Mall
  - ◇ AMC Springs Mall West
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## HLA - Central Oklahoma Chapter Committees

**Join a committee and have a say in your HLA!**

Share and listen to ideas that might contribute to providing information, education, support and advocacy for people with hearing loss in the Oklahoma community.

You are welcome to join any of the committees:

Fundraising, Marketing, Membership, and Scholarship.

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## **Scholarship**

**Central Oklahoma Chapter of the  
Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA)**

Is proud to announce our 2019 Scholarship:  
Two scholarships will be awarded of \$1,000 each.

**Applicant Requirements:**

Documentation of hearing loss  
Submit an essay of how hearing loss has affected your life  
Resident of Oklahoma  
Must be attending higher education in Fall 2019  
\*See application for additional requirements

***Application Deadline: April 8, 2019***

Download application from [WWW.OKCHearingLoss.org](http://WWW.OKCHearingLoss.org)  
or pick up at the Faye Donalson Hearing Helper's Room  
5100 N Brookline, Ste. #100, OKC, OK 73123

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## **Let's Celebrate Our Hearing Technology!**

February 26, 2019, Gael Hannan

I admit that the event crept up on me; I didn't even know it was "a thing". But on February 25<sup>th</sup>, when dozens of posts and tweets jumped out at me bearing the hashtag *#cochlearimplantday*, I sat up and took notice. After decades of hearing aid use, I had never expected to be a cochlear implant recipient, yet here I am, two years since activation.

But cochlear implants deserve more than a single day of recognition. The innovation, the science and the passionate people who have created such miraculous advancements deserve a loud and lasting round of applause.

We should shout hooray, for the incredible hearing technology which brings sound into our world, making it rounder, fuller. The stigma of hearing loss is wearing off rapidly and we no longer have to feel shame. (Mind you, not everyone has read this memo yet!)

Where have we come from, technology-wise? A hand cupped behind the ear would have been the first attempt at hearing better. In medieval times, people used animal horns to collect sound to help them hear, which eventually led to the specifically designed ear trumpet. Then came modern technology with electronic hearing aids and since then, hearing technology has hurtled into the future, with no end in sight of what seems like daily new discoveries.

Let's be grateful for every advancement that our hearing scientists make, as they build on previous knowledge. The latest and greatest might not always impact us personally, but it will support someone, somewhere, who is a hearing aid user or a cochlear implant candidate/recipient. #

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## **HLAA Local Website and Forum**

Visit [www.okchearingloss.org](http://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](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.***

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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 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](http://www.hearingloss.org). The national headquarters is located at 7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 1200, Bethesda, MD 20814.

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See page 2 for the names and emails of our Board Members.

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