

## Chapter Calendar of Events



### DECEMBER

- 1 - Happy Hands at the Mall, 4:30-6:30/7:30pm, Hamilton Place Mall Food Court.
- 1 - See Madison Cothern at the Erlanger Tree Lighting. She is a 2017 Miracle Child!
- 4 - FREE - 38th Annual Moravian Love Feast at First Christian Church, 650 McCallie Ave. UTK Trombone Choir performs at 5:30pm and the Love Feast begins at 6pm
- 7 - Are you a Veteran who needs help filing claims? The Veterans Administration will be at the DAV from 10am-4pm. the DAV is located at 619 Memorial Drive in Red Bank. Email Tom McCombs with questions: [tommccombs@epbfi.com](mailto:tommccombs@epbfi.com)
- 8 - Simple Solutions Expo, 10am-2pm, Brainerd United Methodist Church (see page 2)
- 8 - Happy Hands at the Mall, 4:30-6:30/7:30pm, Hamilton Place Mall Food Court.
- 10 - HLAA Christmas Party at Alexian Village, 12 noon, \$5 per person (see page 2)
- 10 - Madison Cothern performs in the Nutcracker, 8pm, Tivoli Theatre (Note time change). Get tickets online at [https://www.etix.com/ticket/online/performanceSale.do?method=switchSelection-Method&selection\\_method=by-Best](https://www.etix.com/ticket/online/performanceSale.do?method=switchSelection-Method&selection_method=by-Best)
- 15 - "Miracle on 34th Street" **Captioned Play**, 7pm, Chattanooga Theatre Centre; tickets \$23/\$25.



# Hearing Loss Association of America

## Chattanooga Chapter

**CHOO-CHOO SIGNAL NEWSLETTER**  
*A resource for people with hearing loss*

**November 20, 2016**



### Veterans Program Well-Received

We were thrilled to have **Melinda Gray** as our speaker for the Nov. 20 meeting. Melinda is an audiologist with the Veterans Administration in Chattanooga and she addressed the topic: "What you need to know about Veterans and hearing loss."

Melinda was very forthcoming about how the VA has changed over the years and explained that any veteran may make an appointment for an evaluation to determine eligibility for hearing aids, assistive devices, etc. If the audiologist determines that hearing aids will be beneficial to a Veteran with hearing loss, they begin the process of selecting the correct aid to fit the loss.

"They've provided everything I've ever needed, I've had great experiences," shares HLAA Chattanooga member and veteran **Tom McCombs**, at right. Tom is also very involved with the local chapter of Disabled Veterans of America (DAV). In fact, he stated that Chattanooga VA rep **April Waller** helps with claims at the center and that the DAV pays her salary.



**For more information on what the VA can help with, email Melinda at [melinda.gray@va.gov](mailto:melinda.gray@va.gov) or for information on the DAV, contact Tom at [tommccombs@epbfi.com](mailto:tommccombs@epbfi.com).**

## Unified Membership Plan (UMP)

“At yesterday’s chapter meeting held at the Ronald McDonald House here in Chattanooga, the members present voted unanimously to move forward with the Unified Membership Program for our chapter. We are enthusiastic about participating in this new approach to membership for the organization,” stated chapter treasurer **Bea Lyons** in her report to the National HLAA office.

What this means for the chapter is that you will pay ONE fee; \$35 per individual or \$45 per family each year. This fee will cover membership in BOTH the national organization and our local HLAA Chattanooga chapter.

### What you get:

- Bimonthly issues of *Hearing Loss Magazine*
- Discounts on hearing aids through American Hearing Benefits (AHB)
- Cutting edge information
- Advocacy on national issues
- National support network
- Annual Convention registration discounts
- Informative website
- Hearing Loss Support Specialist training
- Access to HLAA e-news
- Automatic membership in the local chapter

### What the chapter gets:

- YOU, as a member
- Any new members in our service area are automatically referred to our chapter and become a member
- \$10 per member comes back to the chapter each year

It’s win-win! Please remit your \$35 per individual or \$45 per family membership fee to **Bea Lyons** who will take care of forwarding it to the national office. We asked that you begin your new way of being a member in January 2017.

## HLAA Christmas Luncheon

Sat., December 12 - 12 Noon

Alexian Village, 100 James Ave., Signal Mtn

watch for the Twitchell’s who will direct you to the correct building

Hostess: Peggy Anne Rogers

Cost \$5 per person

Reservation deadline is Dec. 7  
baproctor@epbfi.com



### Bring a wrapped White Elephant gift for our annual fun exchange game.

(White Elephant gifts are those items you have at home that you no longer want. They should be in good shape with a value of no more than \$5-\$10)

Also bring an item from the “Wish List” for our annual donation to the Ronald McDonald House.

- Dish Liquid & Dishwasher Tablets
- Garbage Bags (drum liners & 13 Gallon)
- Hand Sanitizer
- Lysol Wipes
- Paper Bowls & Plates (non-styrofoam)
- Paper Towels
- Phone Cards
- Powdered Laundry Detergent
- Napkins & Toilet Paper
- Toothbrushes
- Sandwich/Snack Size Bags
- Wal-Mart Gift Cards
- Deodorant (ladies and men)
- Maxi Pads
- Razors
- Shaving Cream

## Simple Solutions Expo

Technology for :  
Vision Loss &  
Hearing Loss



Assistive Technology Services

Demonstrations of the latest technology to help maintain an active, independent lifestyle!

Free Admission! Come and go as you please!

Free refreshments!

Door Prizes!

Dec. 8th,  
2016

10 am to  
2 pm

Resources for low cost/free products

Internet Access  
Alert Systems  
Adapted phones  
Organization tools  
Memory aids  
Low vision aids

Where:

Brainerd United Methodist Church  
4315 Brainerd Rd.

Chattanooga, TN  
37411

Free to  
the  
Public!

Free Vision Screenings  
Free Hearing Screenings



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## New Chapter Business

Besides a wonderful program yesterday, we took care of business items as well. The UMP motion was made by **Bea Lyons**, seconded by **Betty Proctor**; a motion to donate \$500 for Founder’s Month in honor of Rocky Stone was made by **Charlie Slover**, seconded by **Tom McCombs**; and a motion to set aside a \$500 scholarship for a first time chapter member to attend the national convention was made by **Dick Twitchell**, seconded by **Chasney Zuleta**. All motions passed.

While we welcomed visitors **Carole Griffin** and **Susan Gosney**, we wished **David Harrison** well on his upcoming CI surgery set for Dec. 20 and **Madison Cothorn** on her Baha surgery on Jan. 11.

Our next regular meeting will be January 15, 2017. Audiologist **Dr. Courtney Guthrie** from Johnson Audiology will discuss Cochlear Implants. Mark your calendars!



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