



**Minutes
February 13, 2016 Meeting**

The February 13, 2016 Hearing Loss Association of America-Greater Richmond Chapter (HLAA-GR) meeting was called to order at 10:40 am at Beulah United Methodist Church, North Chesterfield, Virginia. Those in attendance included: Kim Adderly, CART typist; Tom Caffrey; Thom Casey, HLAA-GR Treasurer; Brenda Eggleston, HLAA-GR secretary; Norman Eva; Debbie Greenacre; John Greenacre; Frazelle Hampton, Hamilton Relay; Larry Herbert; Beverly Kibiloski; Valerie Luther and Maggie (her service dog); Tom Minnicks; Kevin Mowen; Liz Mowen; Nancy Quillici; Melissa Schutt; Sarah Sipe; Louise Stoneberger, HLAA-Rappahannock Chapter president; Paul Stuessey, Hamilton Relay; and Linda Wallace, HLAA-GR president.

Linda Wallace encouraged members to attend the next chapter meeting being held on March 12, 2016 at Beulah United Methodist Church. The chapter will have a cochlear implant representative from Cochlear America speak to the group.

The motion to accept the January 9, 2016 minutes as distributed was made, seconded and passed.

The motion to accept the February 2016 treasurer's report as read was made, seconded and passed.

The motion to donate \$50.00 to Beulah United Methodist Church for the use of the meeting room during 2015 was made, seconded and passed.

Linda Wallace informed the group that Virginia Relay will sponsor the purchase of two tablecloths with the HLAA-GR chapter logo imprinted on them.

Stephen Burkarth, VA Dept. for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (VDDHH), provided the chapter with an updated list of items available through the VDDHH's Technology Assistive Program. Please contact Linda Wallace if you are interested in seeing the list. Mr. Burkarth also provided a Text to 911 Resources Page which can be found at www.vita.virginia.gov/isp/default.aspx?id=6442473870.

Linda Wallace encouraged members to attend the next VDDHH Focus Group meeting being held on April 9, 2016 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at 1602 Rolling Hills Dr, Richmond, VA 23229. Attendees will have the opportunity to test and provide feedback on various equipment being considered for the agency's Technology Assistive Program.

Paul Stuessy and Frazelle Hampton from Hamilton Relay spoke to the group about the Captel phones that are available to the hearing impaired. Some of the Captel phones discussed and displayed during the presentation included the 2400i model, the 840 model, the 840i model, the 840 plus model and the 880 model phone. Each phone has different features and capabilities and is available through the VDDHH's Technology Assistive Program. It was mentioned during the presentation that the phone is free to veterans.

Another captioning option through Hamilton Relay is the smart phone Captel feature. This feature allows the

user to enable their smart phone to caption through the use of a separate phone number and WIFI capability. Ms. Hampton also discussed a scholarship available from Hamilton Relay for high school seniors with a hearing impairment, as well services such as Remote Conference Caption (RCC), CART services and language interpreters, which are available through VDDHH.

Kevin Mowen mentioned the 2016 Walk for Hearing event which is being held October 22, 2016 in Washington, D.C.

The motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting at 12:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Eggleston

Secretary HLAA-Greater Richmond Chapter