

The logo for the Hearing Loss Association of America features three overlapping circles in purple, orange, and green, with a stylized white ear shape to the left.

Hearing Loss Association of America

Greater Richmond Chapter

Minutes May 14, 2016

The May 14, 2016 Hearing Loss Association of America-Greater Richmond Chapter (HLAA-GR) meeting was called to order at 10:50 am at Beulah United Methodist Church, North Chesterfield, Virginia. Those in attendance included: Thom Casey, HLAA-GR treasurer; Brenda Eggleston, HLAA-GR secretary; Matt Eggleston, HLAA-GR vice president; Sarah Eggleston; Cyndy Greenacre; Deb Greenacre; John Greenacre; Mattie Howell; Dottie Klammer; Manny Klammer; Tom Minnicks; Doris Pirog; Nancy Quilici; Louise Stoneberger, HLAA-Rappanock Chapter president; and Linda Wallace, HLAA-GR president

The motion to accept the March 12, 2016 minutes as distributed was made, seconded and passed.

The motion to accept the March 2016 treasurer's report was made, seconded and passed. The 2015 eTaxes have been filed with the IRS to maintain our non-profit status.

Linda Wallace advised there will be a Hearing Resource Fair on May 21, 2016 at Dr. Shantel Lewis's office located at 620 Moorefield Park Drive, Suite 100, N. Chesterfield VA, 23236. The Chapter will have a table at the fair which will be manned by Brenda Eggleston, Matt Eggleston and Linda Wallace. Chapter members are encouraged to stop by the fair.

Linda Wallace advised that the Hamilton Relay 2016 Award is presented to one individual in each state during the month of May. This year the award for the State of Virginia was awarded to our own chapter member and secretary, Brenda Eggleston.

Linda Wallace advised that the 2016 Walk4Hearing is being held in Alexandria, VA on October 22, 2016. The Chapter is working on getting transportation for this event. Chapter members are encouraged to save this date and attend the Walk4Hearing event.

Linda Wallace distributed copies of the brochure entitled "Be Prepared! Know Your Rights and Responsibilities" which is being included in the hospital kit currently being developed by the Chapter. Also included in the hospital kit will be a copy of the Chapter brochure. Chapter brochures and Hospital Kits brochures are provided courtesy of VA Relay.

Linda Wallace advised that Clayton Bowen, Virginia Department of Deaf and Hard of Hearing (VDDHH), is retiring after a 37-year career in state government. As the Technology and Relay Manager at VDDHH, he was a great supporter of our Chapter and will be greatly missed. Linda Wallace will be attending Clayton's retirement party on June 16, 2016 and will be presenting him with a gift from the Chapter.

Thom Casey, Advanced Hearing Specialist (AHS), gave a presentation on recent advancements in Hearing Aids. Topics covered during his presentation included advancement in hearing aid technology, factors that affect the life of a hearing aid battery, and things to consider when purchasing hearing aids such as the person's life style,

what level of hearing aid technology best works for the hearing aid user, reasons for getting hearing aids and cost of hearing aids. For additional information on hearing aids Thom encouraged Chapter members to visit the following websites: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-4EDhdAhrOg> ; www.store.bragi.com ; www.ZPowerbattery.com ; www.soundhawk.com ; www.HHF.org and www.HearingAidTaxCredit.org .

The motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Eggleston

Secretary HLAA-GR Chapter