



Minutes

September 12, 2015

The September 12, 2015 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: Alan Brown, HLAA-GR Vice President Emeritus; Brenda Eggleston, HLAA-GR Secretary; Matt Eggleston, HLAA-GR Vice President; Larry Herbert; Nancy Quilici; Melissa Schutt; Audrey Sitten; Louise Stoneberger, HLAA-Rappahannock President, Fredericksburg; Rhonda Tuck, CART typist, Cavalier Reporting, Charlottesville; and Linda Wallace, HLAA-GR President.

Chapter members were reminded that the local chapter dues are \$12 per year and are payable every September. Dues for NEW members joining after September are prorated accordingly.

The next chapter meeting will be held October 10, 2015 at the Beulah United Methodist Church. The guest speaker for this meeting will be Dr. Shantell Lewis, who will address the issue of tinnitus and the latest advances made in its treatments. Dr. Lewis will also be available to answer questions regarding hearing loss following her presentation.

The Chapter has a new website which has been launched. The address for the new website is <http://www.hlaagreaterrichmond.com>.

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

Due to time constraints, the motion to accept the May 9, 2015, minutes was postponed until the October 10, 2015 meeting.

A chapter copy of the 2015 Consumers Guide to Hearing Aids has been placed on the monthly meeting informational table for members to look at. The Chapter does have an extra copy which is available for purchase for \$7.00. Members were asked to contact Linda Wallace if they were interested in purchasing the extra copy of the 2015 Consumers Guide to Hearing Aids.

The chapter recognized Rhonda Tuck, the CART typist for the meeting. The CART typist was provided to the chapter courtesy of Virginia Relay. Ms. Tuck is with Cavalier Reporting, located in Charlottesville.

The speaker for the September meeting was Ariva Priola from the disAbility Resource Center in Fredericksburg. Ms. Priola presented information on what to expect when checking into the hospital; resources that may be available for the hard of hearing during their hospital stay; as well as, how to advocate for yourself. During her presentation, Ms. Priola also discussed House Bill 1956 which deals with communication in hospital situations for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

Ms. Priola mentioned that a Conference entitled Senior Safety will be held in Fredericksburg, VA, in May 2016. Additional information regarding this conference will be provided to chapter members at a future meeting.

The motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Eggleston

Secretary HLAA-GR Chapter