



**Minutes
February 11, 2017**

The February 11, 2017 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: Margaret Anderson; Kara Banks; Brenda Eggleston, HLAA-GR Secretary; Norman Eva; Larry Herbert; Tom Minnicks; Kevin Mowen; Liz Mowen; and Linda Wallace, HLAA-GR President.

Linda Wallace welcomed Margaret Anderson to the meeting. Ms. Anderson found out about the chapter's monthly meeting through an announcement that was printed in the Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Linda Wallace reminded members that there were a number of assistive listening devices available for use during the meeting and asked if any members would like to use the available equipment. She also confirmed that the portable loop system was working.

Linda Wallace mentioned that the chapter is now able to accept dues. Members were encouraged to pay their dues (which are optional) of \$12 per year (per individual, couple or family). The money helps cover the costs of newsletters, meeting materials, chapter suppliers, newsletter and meeting notice production and mailing costs, refreshments, etc.

The next chapter meeting will be held on March 11, 2017 at Beulah United Methodist Church. The topic will be "Basic ASL Signs for Survival...and More Effective Communication". The program will be held by Cynthia L. Greenacre, Ph.D, Hunter Holms McGuire Medical Center. Members are encouraged to attend.

The motion to accept the January 14, 2017 treasurer's report was made, seconded and passed.

The motion to accept the January 14, 2017 minutes as distributed was made, seconded and passed.

Linda Wallace mentioned that a looping initiative committee consisting of Larry Herbert, committee chair; Thom Casey; John Greenacre; and Kevin Mowen has been formed. Materials for the looping initiative are available on the informational table for members to take and distribute throughout the community.

The HLAA Greater Richmond Chapter's Facebook page is up and running. A big thank you was given to John Greenacre for all of his hard work on the chapter's Facebook page. Members were encouraged to check out the chapter's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/hlaarva>

Linda Wallace mentioned that information on the File of Life and Yellow Dot Program can be found on the information table.

Linda Wallace mentioned that John Greenacre will be putting information about the Hospital Kits on the chapter's Facebook page. Linda Wallace will be working with Brenda Eggleston on meeting with local hospitals to discuss the hospital kits. Liz Mowen agreed to share information she has regarding contact information for Chippenham Hospital.

The chapter has been invited to participate in a health fair at the Beach Community Grange located at 11401 Bundle Road, Chesterfield 23831, on April 8, 2017 from 10:00am-2:00pm. Linda Wallace indicated that she will be out of the state and was looking for members to help with the chapter's table. Brenda Eggleston, Liz Mowen, Kevin Mowen and Larry Herbert (tentative) agreed to be at the health fair to man the table.

The Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (VDDHH) will have its annual focus group meeting on April 29, 2017. The topic this year is "Hearing Aids". Linda Wallace indicated that she would pass out flyers when she receives them. The VDDHH focus group meeting will take the place of HLAA-GR's regular April meeting.

Door prizes were won by the following members: Larry Herbert-one year membership to HLAA-GR; Liz Mowen-Virginia Rely bag containing small items; Margaret Anderson-flowers and a box of candy.

Linda Wallace began the "Our Favorite Assistive Listening Devices" Program by talking about the new pockeTalker and how it has changed over time. Other assistive listing devices that were discussed during the program included a portable loop system, amplified answering machine, looped seating system; looped table, Ditto by Simple Matters, bells which can be hung from a door knob, neck loop, closed caption on the TV, and apps for the cell phone. Larry Herbert brought in a looped seating system and looped table to demonstrate and members were encouraged to check out the looped seating system and looped table at the end of the meeting.

The motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting at 12:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Eggleston

Secretary HLAA-GR Chapter