



May 2011

Building Bridges
for Better
Communication

May is
Better Hearing &
Speech Month

100th year! Oklahoma Association of the Deaf Gala/Conference *From Glenna Cooper*

Thursday, June 9 to Saturday, June 11, 2011

Tentative schedule – subject to change if needed

Thursday, June 9

4:00 p.m. Registration
5:30 p.m. Welcome
Reception
6:30 p.m. 100-year
OAD History, Film
Documentary
Special Event

Friday, June 10

9:00 a.m. “Leadership Style” workshop, Dr. Steve Baldwin
11:00 a.m. “Deaf Oklahoma Tobacco Program Status,”
Jimmy Mitchell
11:30 a.m. Lunch on your own
1:00 p.m. “Let Us Play” - Tingo, Texas Hold'em Poker,
Scavenger Hunt, ASL Match - Storytelling
5:00 p.m. Dinner on your own
7:00 p.m. Miss Deaf Oklahoma Pageant (*Doors open at 6:30*)

Saturday, June 11

9:00 a.m. Silent Auction - closing after ASL Idol Competition
9:00 a.m. “Laurent Clerc’s Life: America’s First Deaf Teacher,” Sue Galloway
10:30 a.m. “OAD 100-year History,” Lynn Null
11:30 a.m. Lunch on your own
1:00 p.m. OAD Business meeting and Officers’ Election
6:00 p.m. 100th year Gala Banquet: Recognition, Awards, ASL Idol Competition -
\$1,500 prizes (*1st place: \$800; 2nd place: \$500; 3rd place: \$200*)

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TSHA’s Office Hours

Monday
8:00 am -7:00 pm

Tuesday- Thursday
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

**Closed Friday,
Saturday & Sunday**

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Total conference registration ticket is valued at \$125 but OAD is offering discounts.

Option #1 - purchase the combo at \$60 before May 31, 2011

Option #2 - purchase the tickets at the door at \$80

Option #3 – purchase specific tickets for specific events:

1. 1 day - \$40
(not included - MDO/Banquet)
2. 2 days -\$60
(not included - MDO/Banquet)
3. 1 day workshops only - \$20



4. Banquet only - \$50
5. ASL Idol only - \$5
6. Film Night only - \$10
7. MDO only - \$15

If you are not a current OAD member, there will be an additional \$15 for membership. All events have seating limited to 125 people.

OAD will be at the Embassy Suites at 3332 S. 79th E. Ave. Tulsa, OK 74145.
For more information: <http://www.ok-oad.org/index.html>, or to register for the conference contact Ron Lawer at Ronlawer@yahoo.com.

*Staff Spotlight on...***Diana Higgins (Community Relations Manager)**

22 years! That's how long I've been the Community Relations Manager at TSHA... so I feel like you all know me already! And I feel blessed to know many of you.

A bit about me...I'm a NERRDA (Not Even Remotely Related to a Deaf Adult). I'm from St. Louis, but spent much of my childhood in tiny Eskimo villages and a few years in the tip of Texas, since my parents were schoolteachers for the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

I came to Tulsa to attend TU. I happened to room with an interpreter... and the rest is history! I double -majored in Deaf Ed / Elementary Ed, and taught hearing children for 6 years after graduation. But I always knew that I wanted to work at TSHA, rather than teach. Finally, in 1988, I was hired into the position I still have today.

Over the years at TSHA, I slowly increased my interpreter certification level (I tell people I was on the slow track – since interpreting was not my job here). Several years ago I achieved national certification, and have both my Certificate of Interpreting (CI) and my Certificate of Transliterating (CT).

Also, several years ago, I went back to school at OU Tulsa, taking just one class a semester, until I graduated with my Masters of Human Relations degree in 2008. I feel fortunate that I was able to

take ideas from my classes and apply them here at TSHA.

I love my job here! It allows me to work with the community at large – parents, children, professionals, senior citizens, etc. – whether they be hearing, hard-of-hearing or deaf.

My work is incredibly varied. I write/edit this newsletter, give presentations to the public, coordinate our sign classes, facilitate our hard of hearing support group, plan our Kids' Summer Camp and our Kids' Holiday Party, give information to callers, demonstrate our assistive technologies lab, interact with the media, oversee our hearing aid assistance programs, and much more! Whew! Sounds tiring when I write it all down, but it actually energizes me. (Ok – it does MOST days!)



Even outside of work, I am involved in community. I am active in Toastmasters, Women in Communications, and my neighborhood association.

I used to compete in and teach ballroom, country and swing dancing, and am currently working on a new swing routine with lifts and drops.

During quieter moments, I like to play with flowers in my garden and spend time with my family. My first grandson is a toddler. I just got a new picture, so you can ask me about him anytime!

Watch for it!

By Brenda Carpenter

TSHA has recently been looking towards the future and looking at improving our services by completing a strategic plan. Part of this plan includes surveying the people we provide services to in order to discover our strengths and weaknesses and to assist us in planning for our future programs. The surveys will be available on the TSHA website, and we will be posting a link soon.

The first survey will be focused on Interpreter Services. This survey will request information from our Deaf consumers, our interpreters, and the business who contract with us. It will be ready on **May 15**.

The second survey will be looking at Information and Referral program. We will be asking about our newsletters, our support groups, and our sign classes. This survey will be ready June 15.

The final survey will be asking you about Independent Living. Topics may include advocacy, camps, and programs offered by this department. It will be available July 15.

We are looking forward to reading your comments and suggestions. Thank you for helping us improve and plan!

Deaf Self-Advocacy Training

By Lynn Null, Independent Living Coordinator

I recently attended a Deaf Self-Advocacy Training in Tulsa that will be offered again in OKC on **May 19-20** of this year.

I STRONGLY recommend that YOU go!! Why, you may ask? I LEARNED a lot!

What? Ok...here goes:

- 1) These training providers are EXPERIENCED, and love to share with you. They are friendly.
- 2) The training providers are from TEXAS, our neighbor!
- 3) This training provides role-play situations where WE can practice how to use our advocacy skills in appropriate ways.
- 4) This training gives us more insight (knowledge) into the ADA regulations (Americans with Disabilities Act), especially with the ADA amendments.
- 5) The providers give much advice on how to carry out negotiations and receive responses from public entities under the normal ADA regulations.

It was awesome! Wow! A “must have”! Best Ever! I strongly encourage you to RSVP your spot for the OKC training with Bree Logan at contact@projectnadine.org

OklaASLTA presents...National ASL Teachers' Certification!

Date: Saturday, August 27th, 2011

Time: 9AM – 12PM

Place: OSU-OKC, Engineering Technology Bldg, room 112

Address: 900 N. Portland Ave, Oklahoma City, OK 73107

Cost: Non-members, \$20.00 OklaASTA Members, \$10.00

0.3 RID CEU's available

Joni Bice, Department Head for the Interpreter Training Program at OSU-OKC, is our workshop presenter.

For more information about ASLTA, see their website at www.aslta.org.

Have questions about registration for the workshop? Contact Kim Thornberry at kkimkkim@yahoo.com or Sandie Busby at sandie.busby@yahoo.com.

What is OklaASLTA?

OklaASLTA is a professional organization for ASL and Deaf Studies teachers in Oklahoma. We invite these teachers to join our organization. OklaASLTA is the Oklahoma chapter of a national organization, the American Sign Language Teachers Association (ASLTA). ASLTA works to provide opportunities for ASL and Deaf Studies teachers to exchange information on language and culture, instructional methods, materials and evaluation techniques.

Did you know.....

That according to the 2010 U.S. Census Bureau, Oklahoma has 181,173 people who have a hearing loss. That is 5.10% of the whole state population.

What's on Interpreters' Minds?

By Rene' Ryan and Brenda Carpenter

Several TSHA staff members participated in DRS's (Department of Rehabilitation Services) **Interpreter Roundtable discussion** on Saturday April 9.

There was much discussion on interpreting issues in the educational settings and some on contract freelance interpreting.

There appears to still be confusion on who is qualified to interpret in the school setting as well as the role of the interpreter at school. Often the interpreter is caught in the middle and would like to have a resource to support their role. Did you know that the school interpreter **SHOULD** be part of the child's IEP team? The interpreter (if qualified) is the language expert and can best speak on the child's language development.

There is also some trepidation regarding the State Department of Education and the changes they are going through and what effect it will have on our interpreters, Deaf Ed teachers and of course, the children.

Parents often need advocates for their child and their child's rights. This is where interpreters are torn. They often know what *can* be done, but as interpreters they are not able to assist the parents. What can an interpreter do during this conflict? These and many other issues were discussed.

There was one group that focused on contract (freelance or private practitioner) interpreters' issues. Social media, professionalism, and appropriate use of an interpreter were discussed. **It has become more and more difficult to get interpreters for that middle-of-the-night emergency call.** They all work long hours during the day. Interpreters know if they accept a midnight emergency call they will be doing without sleep during their regular work hours the next day. Much discussion was devoted to this difficult issue.

Interpreter professionalism is another topic that was discussed at length. With so many people using social media such as Facebook, Twitter, Foursquare, and others; it has become very easy to cross the line of confidentiality. Interpreters need to be aware that "checking in" with your location and/or posting comments about interpreting work may divulge too much information.

Another topic that was discussed was the **interpreter as a distraction**. While working, interpreters remove rings and watches, wear no fingernail polish, and wear contrasting color tops to avoid distractions. However today's trends of body piercings and tattoos are not as easily removed or covered.

A final topic that was raised was the fact there is still need for further education on how to use an interpreter appropriately. It was suggested that DRS provide more workshops on this issue.

Tulsa Hearing Helpers

"Self-Advocacy & Claiming Your Hard of Hearing Identity"

Our thanks go to Barbara Howell, for sharing her experiences in her own inimitable way at our April meeting! Her feisty attitude encouraged us all not to let barriers prevent us from reaching our dreams.

May 12 – Tim Wilkins, Community Outreach Specialist for the Hard of Hearing, OKDRS, will be our speaker.

When a person has a hearing loss, they're often reluctant to speak up for accommodations that will meet their needs. Tim will explain the key factors in being an effective advocate for others as well as yourself.

When: The second Thursday of each month, from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Where: TSHA's conference room, 8740 E. 11th St.

Accommodations: We usually have a captionist. Assistive listening devices and interpreters are available upon request, and our room is now looped, for those with

t-coils.

What is Tulsa Hearing Helpers? It is a monthly gathering for people who have lost hearing later in life. All ages and amounts of hearing loss are welcome, along with friends, family members, and ANY interested individuals.

Upcoming speakers:

June 9 – Allen Sheffield, Disability services at OSU Stillwater
July 14 – Carol Lambert, audiologist

Call Kaye at 296-5559 or Diana at 832-8742 (v/tty) for more information.

Gambling



One of the “newest” mental health problems is a big deal in Oklahoma: Gambling. There are many kinds of gambling: betting on sports, buying lottery tickets, playing poker, playing slot machines or other games at casinos, bars, or online. Gambling can easily shift from playtime to a problem.

When it becomes a problem, it is called “ludomania”. With ludomania, there is an urge to gamble even though a person may be aware of the negative or harmful consequences, and even though the person may want to stop. Research now says that 5% of the population has experienced gambling problems, and this number is higher in Oklahoma.

There are two main kinds of gambling problems. One is “binge gambling”, which is a kind of compulsive gambling that only happens at certain times (when out with friends, certain holidays, only when going to the casino, only when sad and gambling online, etc.). Another is the “pathological gambling”, which is on an ongoing basis (goes to the casino often or regularly) with preoccupation (persistent,

frequent thoughts) about gambling even when the person is not gambling.

There are many signs that a person may be developing a gambling problem. Difficulty limiting money or time spent gambling is one of the first symptoms. Another symptom is continuing to spend time and money gambling even when there are negative consequences for the gambler, the gambler’s family, or the gambler’s community. Other symptoms include:

~**Preoccupation** – frequent thoughts about gambling, whether past experiences, future hopes, or fantasies about gambling;

~**Tolerance** – just like drugs that cause addiction, the gambler requires larger (more time, more money, more risk) or more frequent gambling to experience the same “rush” as before;

~**Withdrawal** – restlessness or irritability with attempts to stop or reduce gambling;

~**Escape** – the gambler wants to gamble

to feel better, improve mood, or escape problems;

~**Chasing** – the gambler tries to win back losses with more gambling;

~**Lying** – the gambler tries to hide how much time or money is spent gambling;

~**Loss of Control** – the gambler is no longer able to stop or reduce the amount of gambling;

~**Illegal Acts** – the gambler has broken the law to get money to continue gambling or recover losses from gambling (including

theft, embezzlement, fraud, or forgery);

~**Risking Relationships** – the gambler continues gambling despite the risk of losing relationships, jobs, or other opportunities of personal development; and

~**Bailout** – the gambler turns to family, friends, or other third parties for financial assistance as a result of gambling habits.

Problem gambling is (or becomes) a chemical disorder in the brain.

Pathological gamblers

have lower levels of norepinephrine than others. Norepinephrine is a chemical secreted under stress, arousal, or thrill. Like any other addiction (coffee, alcohol, drugs), the more habits and behaviors lower the level of norepinephrine, the harder the person has to work (the more of the substance – or gambling) the person has to have to get those levels raised back up. All of these substances, including gambling, produces brain activity the same as someone using cocaine. Because of this new research, scientists are considering moving pathological gambling from the category of impulse control disorders to the category of addiction.

If you think you might need help with a gambling problem, or know someone who does, you can contact the following places with people certified in helping with pathological gambling:

<http://www.odmhsas.org/Gambling/Programs.pdf>

Don't Throw That Away!

We've heard of companies, stores, etc. that clear out old stock periodically, or that switch out to a new technology and just throw away the old. In fact, TSHA has been a beneficiary of just such companies. Brand new light bulbs, copy paper, pens, folders, hearing aid batteries, toilet paper, paper towels, party supplies, a computer monitor, file cabinets, etc., have all been donated to TSHA, and have helped stretch your donation dollars to TSHA much further.

Do YOU work for a company that is getting ready to throw out still-new or usable items? If we can't directly use certain items, we can pass them on to other organizations or put them in our September rummage sale to benefit United Way.

If you know of anyone planning to dispose of non-perishable items, please – stop them. And see if those items can stay OUT of the dumpster and go INTO good hands instead. Give us a call and see if we can accept them, and give the donor a tax receipt. It's a win-win proposition!



We were very fortunate that a gentleman named David was able to bring in all these brand new hearing aid batteries from a company that his son works at. The store was just going to throw them away because they had been on the shelf too long. We want to thank David and his son for not only saving items from the land fill, but also helping hundreds of individuals who have trouble affording batteries for their hearing aids.

Donate to Our Rummage Sale

Spring is here, and with it – spring cleaning! We want you to keep TSHA and United Way in mind when you're getting rid of good items you no longer need. Though our annual Rummage Sale to benefit United Way is not until September 16, we can take your donations of small and medium-sized items now. We ask that you hold off on large items such as desks or sofas until just a few weeks before the sale, as our storage space is limited.

We have wonderful volunteers already sorting and organizing donations, so go ahead – bring us your unused treasures NOW and get a tax receipt in return!

Silent Dinners 2011

Keep your sign and social skills sharp over the summer! Gather with deaf individuals and sign students to socialize, practice sign language and experience deaf culture. Woodland Hills Mall Food Court (71st & Memorial), 6:00ish to mall closing. Gatherings are open to all and are informal – no agenda or program.

Silent Dinners are sponsored by TSHA (Total Source for Hearing-loss and Access), a United Way partner agency which serves people who are affected by hearing loss.

May-Thursday 19th
 June- Tuesday 21st
 July- Monday 25th
 August- Thursday 25th
 September- Monday 19th
 October- Thursday 13th
 November- Tuesday 8th
 December- Thursday 1st

For more information, contact Kirsten or Diana at (918) 832-8742, or kwilson@tsha.cc. Everyone is welcome!!
www.tsha.cc

TSHA's Interpreter Series

Our next workshop will be **June 17 & 18**, "Diversity Training." A really BIG workshop is planned on **September 30 - October 1** with Randy Thress, "Medical Interpreting". Mark your calendar!



TSHA's Summer Camp 2011 "1-2-3...Go!"

*Enrollment Deadline: July 6th, 2011
A place in the program can be held for your child only
after tuition is received.*

Date: July 18-22, 2011

Time: 9 am to 3 pm

Cost: \$50 for one week (\$60 for hearing kids)

Ages: 7 through 13

Theme: We'll have fun with numbers-baking, measuring, cooking, building, and more!

Who: Deaf, hard-of-hearing, or speech-impaired children and their siblings, and hearing children of deaf parents. (Hearing children will be accepted in proportion to deaf/HOH campers, to ensure this is "deaf" camp.)

CITs: Students ages 14 and 15 may apply to be a Counselor-In-Training. The fee is \$30. The teens will act as volunteer assistants, but will participate in all activities the campers do. Applicants are subject to approval.



Child's Name: _____

Male/Female Birthday: _____ Age: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Day/Cell Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____

Email: _____

In case of emergency, contact (other than parent/guardian listed above):

Name: _____

Day/Cell Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Describe camper's hearing or speech loss and the preferred method of communication:

Explain any allergies, medications or special needs: _____

To enroll, return completed form with cash, check or money order to TSHA.
To pay by credit card, call 918-832-8742.



Q: I saw a deaf friend a few days ago. I asked if he has an interpreter when he goes to doctor's offices and things. He said no, because he'll call TSHA and it's very hard to get interpreters outside the Tulsa or Oklahoma City area. Is this right? Isn't the doctor required to have an interpreter for patients?

A: First of all, the deaf person cannot call TSHA to request an interpreter. The *business* that will be billed must call us and make the request. So the person needs to inform the doctor's office, etc., that he needs an interpreter. That office must call and request, so they're not taken by surprise when they get a bill. Your friend can give them TSHA's name and number, and tell them we can explain further if they're not clear on what the situation is.

We send interpreters all over the state – to small towns too. Interpreters are paid an hour and a half minimum plus mileage, so the drive is not going to stop an

interpreter from taking the job.

What sometimes happens, is that doctors or other professionals will say they can't get people, or they will tell the client they called TSHA and TSHA couldn't find anyone. Sometimes they call at the very last minute, so they can tell the client they tried and no one was available.

I am not saying that's what's happening here. But obviously, no professional is excited about paying for something if they've never paid for it before. And some will try to wiggle out of providing services.

According to the Americans with Disabilities Act, any place that is accessible to the public must be accessible to *all* the public. I often use this analogy to help explain: a person in a wheelchair doesn't have to bring their own ramp to access your services. It's the same situation with a deaf person and an interpreter. If deaf people had to pay for their own interpreters, they couldn't afford to pay the doctor AND the interpreter.

I also tell professionals that the interpreter is not there to work just for the deaf person. They are there to work for the professional as well. After all, they are interpreting BETWEEN two people. Having a certified interpreter helps protect them from misunderstandings. Does a doctor really want their patient to misunderstand his medical instructions?

An interpreter also makes the appointment go MUCH more quickly than writing notes!! Which saves time and money. Many professionals who have balked at first have come to provide interpreters routinely when they realize how much more smoothly they make an appointment go.

If the office will call AS SOON AS they know they need an interpreter (like when they make the next appointment for the client), there should be no problem. Even the last-minute calls, Linda and Brenda is amazing at filling. But plenty of advance notice is extremely helpful, especially when the assignment is not in one of the big cities.

DRS Public Hearing

The Department of Rehabilitation Services will hold public hearings to receive comments on proposed amendments and updates to the Department's State Plan for Vocational Rehabilitation Services (Title I) and Supported Employment Services (Title VI). Copies of the proposed State Plan will be available April 27, 2011 and may be obtained from Melinda Fruendt, Department of Rehabilitation Services, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, 3535 NW 58th Street, Suite 500, Oklahoma City, OK, 73112; by e-mail mfruendt@okdrs.gov, or by calling toll free 1-800-845-8476. Copies of the plan will also be available on the DRS website www.okdrs.gov on or after April 27, 2011. Details on the Tulsa meeting:

TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2011
1:00 P.M. —3:00 P.M.
TOTAL SOURCE FOR HEARING LOSS AND ACCESS
8740 EAST 11TH
CONFERENCE ROOM
TULSA, OKLAHOMA

Thanks, Circle Cinema!

Circle Cinema chose TSHA to be the beneficiary of their fundraising efforts during their showing of "The King's Speech" a few months ago. We are grateful!

Letters to TSHA...

Just a note to explain why I was not able to attend the last "Hearing Helpers" session. I can assure you it was not the program...

The exact time and day conflicted with an implant mapping session. Since I hadn't had one in six weeks I opted for mapping. Each mapping session improves my ability to understand the spoken word.

I attribute this to you and your "Helper" program.

Thank you.

The program has been the mover and motivator to better hearing for me in overcoming a progressive hearing disability.

"Hearing Helpers" has become a highlight in my monthly schedule. See you [at the next one].

Sincerely,
Bill Strong



Rachel Noland, OSU Marketing major, shadowed Diana Higgins on Women in Communications' recent "Shadow Day."



Tulsa Community College

Bachelor of Arts in Interpreting In Tulsa - You May Still Have Time to Get In!

From Tulsa Community College contact:
Sharon Limas slimas@tulsacc.edu



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AT LITTLE ROCK

UALR and TCC have developed a unique initiative to meet the demand for interpreters with Bachelor of Arts degrees in Oklahoma and Northwest Arkansas. Students will complete TCC's Associate of Arts degree in Interpreting (or equivalent) and transition into UALR's BA degree in Interpretation: SL/English, which will be delivered to them in the Tulsa area using a variety of distance technologies. This is the second time that this program has been offered through this collaborative agreement.

This second round is scheduled to begin in June of 2011 and students can anticipate graduating with their BA in May of 2013. Due to the sequencing of coursework, any future groups would most likely begin in June of 2014. However, there is no guarantee that grant funding will be available at that time.

This is your best chance of completing a BA degree within a two-year time frame that's funded by the Office of Special Education Programs which provides funds for tuitions and stipends.

Students who receive this funding commit to working in an educational setting as an interpreter at a ratio of 2:1. This means that graduates will work twice the amount of time that they have been funded. Payback of this funding has to be completed within a specific period of time. Those who are unable to do so, will then be expected to pay the funds back.

Students may contact Jami Hollingsworth for more information:
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Letters to TSHA...

I want to thank your organization for helping me cope with what I saw was a very difficult situation... caring for my Mother for 4 years before she died.

We were referred to your group by "The Center," but I really didn't know how you could help me.

You asked me what my problems were in taking care of my Mother. And I explained that we lived in a long skinny house, and it was hard to hear her call me and to hear the front doorbell and the telephone, and some other things I don't recall now.

The main item I remember that I received from this program was a way that my Mother could call me. I was to put this device under my mattress and she would push a button which would vibrate the device.

The first time she did that, I almost shot through the ceiling. My heart was racing and I thought we were under some kind of attack. I laughed when I woke up all the way!

After that, I wound the device around a table leg and it would vibrate against the leg, getting my attention. We had one at either end of the house. I didn't realize we were getting all of these things for me, not Mother; as I found out later that I was losing my hearing.

Your organization made me feel so much more confident in my care for Mother and allowed me to manage the household chores instead of being confined to a couple of rooms for fear I would miss her call. I even was able to make quilts for everyone in the family.

Thanks so much,

Cynthia



TSHA presented Deaf, Deaf World at OSU Stillwater in April.

May is Better Hearing and Speech Month

Helping People Communicate

Excerpted from the American Speech-Language-Hearing website - <http://www.asha.org/bhsm/>

This annual event provides opportunities to raise awareness about communication disorders and to promote treatment that can improve the quality of life for those who experience problems with speaking, understanding, or hearing. We have many resources to help you celebrate BHSM every day.

What's New

Free BHSM Resources for 2011

[Award certificate](#) [PDF]

[Door hanger](#) [PDF]

[Stickers](#) [PDF]

[Sudoku](#) [PDF]

[Iron-on logo](#) [PDF]

[Coloring page](#) [PDF]

The [2011 BHSM screensaver](#) is available! Save the application to your desktop, then double-click on the icon to install.

Resources for the Public

[Hearing and Speech Resources](#)

[How To Detect Communications Disorders In Your Children](#)

[What You Can Do About Hearing Loss](#)

[Lee Woodruff praises the work of ASHA members](#)

ASHA's [Listen To Your Buds](#) Web site

[Activities For Kids](#)

Have questions or comments? Contact us by e-mail at bhsm@asha.org.

Although May is Better Hearing and Speech Month, you can help raise awareness every day!

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Better Hearing
AND
Speech Month



TSHA Membership Application

Please PRINT clearly

Support TSHA through your annual membership and/or a donation.
Mail completed application to:

TSHA, Inc. / Membership Application, 8740 E. 11th Street, Suite A Tulsa, OK 74112-7957

Name: _____ Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ o TTY o V Work : _____ o TTY o V

VP: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____ *Newsletters are **emailed** unless otherwise specified.*

Membership Category

(Please **choose one** and enclose payment)

- Friend \$25 +
- Supporter \$50 +
- Advocate \$100 +
- Sponsor \$250 +
- Benefactor \$500 +
- Champion \$1,000 +
- Other: _____

Keep me updated on events/information on the following:

- Hard of Hearing
- Deaf
- Cochlear Implants
- Equipment
- Professionals in the field of Hearing Loss
- Children
- Sign Language
- Oral Communication

Your *Supporter* membership will cover the cost of mailing out the newsletter for one month.

Contributions & Memberships

Memberships:

Karen Harrell
Harold Barnes
Deborah Brotherton

Contributions:

Billy B. Strong

CHAP:

Jacque Scholl & Staff of the Scholl Center for Communication Disorders:
In memory of John Marshall Daley, Cherie Anthony; and Ms. Debbie Early's mother;
In honor of Dr. Christine Narrin and Dr. Robert Block

Did you know you can make donations and renew your membership online at our website? Visit www.tsha.cc to find out more!





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Hearing-loss and Access**

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Fax: 918-834-4329
Interpreter Services: 1-888-311-3523
Website: www.tsha.cc

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*Mission:
Bridging gaps to improve the quality of life of those
affected by hearing loss.*



“Partner Agency of Tulsa Area United Way”

**Summer Sign
Classes
Start June 6
& thereafter!**

Contact us NOW for enrollment
information.

kwilson@tsha.cc,
(918) 832-8742.

Drillers Night-FREE

GAP (Gathering As Professionals) had long ago planned a night out to the ballpark. **The Drillers have offered free tickets through the OneOK Community Program, so we are changing this event to welcome EVERYONE of ALL AGES!**

June 3, Friday, 7:05 p.m. – Take Me Out to the Ball Game!

We will have 50 tickets. First come – first served! *RSVP to dhiggins@tsha.cc or (918) 832-8742 v/tty.*