



A SHORT HISTORY ON THE BEGINNING OF HLAA LEXINGTON CHAPTER...

A chapter in Lexington was the brain child of Janet Scheeline. Janny, as she is known, had been driving the 72 miles to Louisville almost every month for about two years to hear the informative programs at their meetings. Janny was nudged to start a chapter in Lexington. On Thursday, October 20, 2011 at the Eagle Creek Library Branch this dream started. It was the first meeting of the Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) Lexington Chapter in Formation and was kicked off with the Kentucky HLAA Chapters Coordinator, Ron Haynes speaking on HLAA. The chapter set it's meetings for the first Tuesday with no meetings in January, July and December.

On August 2, 2012, the group moved to the Lexington Hearing and Speech Center at 350 Henry Clay Boulevard to meet in the cafeteria. The meetings were moved to the second Thursday and many excellent presentations were offered in the following months. Anne Olson, Ph.D. with the Division of Communication Sciences and Disorders, University of Kentucky College of Health Sciences became their unofficial mentor.

In December 2013, the chapter had four HLAA members and the decision was made to become recognized by national. The paper work was started but by the time everything was submitted the national guidelines had changed. They persevered and on December 15, 2014 they were officially recognized as Hearing Loss Association of America Lexington Chapter. The founding members are Janny Scheeline, Vicky Goodloe, Lou Tipton and Herb Massey.

The chapter now meets at 6:30pm on the second Thursday of a month (except January, July and December) at Lexington Public Library Eastside Branch, 3000 Blake James Drive, Lexington, Kentucky 40509.