



Heard in Fort Worth

Hearing Loss Association of America – Fort Worth Chapter
November 2025

HLAA - Fort Worth meets on the second Saturday of each month
in the fellowship hall of Central Christian Church, 3205 Hamilton Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76107.
Snacks and mingle at 9:30 a.m. and meeting at 10:00. Please join us and bring a friend!
We offer real time captioning and assistive listening systems for communication accessibility.
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November 8 Speaker: David Scheibe, “Loud & Clear!”

A Veteran Speaks about Hearing Loss

An educational presentation on understanding, preventing, and supporting veterans with hearing-related challenges.

David Schible is coming at his own expense from the Savannah, GA area to offer this enriching program for veterans, their families, and associates.

David Scheibe proudly served for 20 years as an Infantryman in the United States Army, participating in combat operations in both Afghanistan and Iraq. During his military service, David noticed a change in his hearing. He continued to serve with determination, eventually becoming a Drill Sergeant and earning the title of Drill Sergeant of the Year, demonstrating his resilience and dedication. David now serves as HLAA's Vice President of Veterans Across America. Hear his inspiring story and learn about resources for veterans and others. Please come and bring others!



Let's give a warm welcome to David Scheibe!

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE: *The Scope of the Problem, Causes of Hearing Loss among Veterans, Hearing Conservation and Protection, Emotional and Social Impact, Diagnosis and Treatment, The Role of the VA, Assistive Technology and Innovation, How Families and Communities Can Help, and Resources and Support.*

December Program

Holiday Brunch with Entertainment by the Gold Tones.

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Joyce's Jargon

Greetings,

The chapter board has planned an exciting meeting for November 8th. We will celebrate Veteran's Day in a BIG way - hopefully with all of you. We have invited a Boy Scout Troop to present the Colors and have a special speaker from the Veterans Across America virtual chapter of HLAA. David Schible will share his story with hearing loss and his involvement with the virtual chapter. We've shared this meeting with VFW and American Legion groups and with the Audiology Dept. at the Veteran's Clinic.

Secondly, I hope you will join us as we fellowship together at our first fundraiser at Panera Bread, 1700 University Dr. **The chapter will receive 25% of sales between 10:00 & 3:00 if the code FUND4U is used.** Invite your family and friends to join us for lunch.

The following Saturday, November 15th, the chapter will have a vendor table (free of charge) at the Walk to End Alzheimer's at Clearfork. It's a great event, and our own Sharon Huber will be "Sparklette D. Clown" for the morning!

Joyfully,

Joyce Parlin
Chapter President

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The Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) is the leading voice of the growing number of people with—and at risk of—hearing loss in the U.S. We advocate to increase access to care and treatment, break down stigmas through education and awareness, and empower people with hearing loss through a nationwide community of support. Our work impacts millions, improving the lives of people with hearing loss, and elevating the importance of hearing health and accessible communication through national legislation and public policy and a network of chapters, state organizations, and grassroots efforts.

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We Elect Chapter Officers in November

Chapter bylaws call for an annual election in November. All our current officers are willing to continue serving for another year if re-elected. See the list of officers on page 2. Other nominations are welcome if the person agrees to serve. If you would like to serve as a chapter officer, you may submit your own nomination. Nominations can be offered at this month's meeting. Many of you have talents and interests that would contribute to the usefulness of our meetings and other functions.

October Program Summary

MED-EL: Leading Edge Cochlear Implant Technology

Presented by Janet Lane, MED-EL Engagement Manager

Summarized by Darlene Liesner from the meeting transcript provided by Carrie Gibson of Cauthen & Associates Court Reporting and CART Services



At the October 11 HLAA meeting, Janet Lane, Consumer Engagement Manager, Southwest Region, engaged the audience in a lively discussion of MED-EL cochlear implants. Ms. Lane is a teacher of the deaf and a speech language pathologist. For seven years, Ms. Lane worked in Innsbruck, Austria with Dr. Ingeborg Hochmair, owner and CEO of MED-EL. Dr. Hochmair invented the cochlear implant. MED-EL's mission is "To help people overcome hearing loss as a barrier to communication and quality of life."

There is a candidacy requirement for cochlear implantation. A person generally needs to have severe-to-profound hearing loss and poor speech comprehension scores. Cochlear implant candidates usually have high frequency hearing loss which means they cannot hear consonants. As a result, they cannot understand speech very well. The cost of a cochlear implant to an individual depends on their insurance. Many insurances and Medicare do cover implantation surgery.

MED-EL has the thinnest implant. The surgeon drills a shallow bed in the skull where the implant lies. The implant is flexible. Skulls come in different shapes. MED-EL emphasizes individualization. The surgeon sends an MRI or CT scan of the cochlea to MED-EL. Using its OTOPLAN software, MED-EL measures the length of the cochlea. The surgeon then chooses the correct length of electrode array for complete cochlea coverage.

The electrode array is the cooked spaghetti-like piece of the implant bearing the electrodes which replace the damaged hair cells in the cochlea. Using the soft surgical technique, surgeons insert the electrode array into the cochlea with their hands and a small forceps. After surgery the surgeon sends another image to MED-EL.

With MED-EL's OTOPLAN software, the audiologist can see where each electrode lies and program the patient's audio processor accordingly. MED-EL has FDA approval for hearing preservation, natural sound quality, and music appreciation.

The external cochlear audio processors across the three cochlear implant manufacturers, Advanced Bionics, Cochlear Corp., and MED-EL, are similar. MED-EL has two audio processors. Their single unit on the outside of the head attaches to the magnet on the implant which is under the skin. The other one hangs on the ear like a hearing aid. Both are splash proof. MED-EL has all the accessories - Bluetooth, rechargeable batteries, etc.

UT Southwestern Moncrief Medical Center, Dallas Ear Institute, and Texas Ear Clinic offer all three cochlear implant brands - AB, Cochlear, and MED-EL.

Auditory rehabilitation is the process of actively learning to hear with your implant or hearing aids. All three cochlear implant manufacturers have auditory rehab resources. For MED-EL's resources, contact Janet Lane: 984-227-5687 or janet.lane@medel.com. Research shows that with MED-EL, you do better faster. Medicare will cover six aural rehab sessions with a professional who has Listening and Spoken Language certification. Ms. Lane mentioned Johanna Whitson, Au.D., Aston Ambulatory Care Center, UTSW Dallas; Denise Gage, M.A., CCC/SLP, LSLC Cert. AVT, Arlington, TX, for in-person and Teletherapy; and Cornetta Mosley, Au.D, Ph.D., CCA, Clinical Assistant Professor, UT Dallas for online auditory rehab.

For everyone with hearing loss, routinely and consistently practicing listening skills can improve hearing abilities. Go to hearinglossfortworth.com, to the March 2025 newsletter for a list of free resources for independent practice and a QR code of listening skills, websites and apps. Read along with an audio book. Use the captions with YouTube videos. Practice listening with podcasts, music, and whatever other speech listening resources suit you.



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1. Full Name, Email Address, Daytime Phone Number
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3. So that we may schedule you in the most appropriate time for students' learning needs, please Indicate if you:
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*If you prefer not to share this information via email, please contact Dr. Cokely at 972-883-3125.

Available appointment days/times: 9/29 through 11/20

Monday	Tuesday	Thursday
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Once we receive an email indicating your interest, we will email you an appointment confirmation and case history forms.

We appreciate your consideration and look forward to hearing from you. Thank you!

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