



# Join Us

Tuesday, October 8, 2024

12:00 pm

## Meeting Location:

First Presbyterian Church  
12225 N. 103rd Avenue  
Sun City, AZ 85351

## Meeting Dates:

Second Tuesday of the month  
from October - May

## Meeting Time:

12:00 p.m. - 12:45 Brown Bag  
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Meeting

## Questions?

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The West Valley Chapter is a local chapter providing education, information, support and advocacy for people with hearing loss. Visit our website: [www.hlaawestvalleyaz.org](http://www.hlaawestvalleyaz.org) and like us on Facebook

## HLAAWestValleyAZ

The Hearing Loss Association of America is the nation's foremost membership and advocacy organization. Visit the website: [www.hearingloss.org](http://www.hearingloss.org)



Welcome back! We enjoyed an amazingly successful HLAA2024 National Convention this past June at here in Phoenix. We are going to have chapter members who attended their first convention ever share some of their personal highlights.

Christy Abrams, the Hard of Hearing Specialist with the Arizona Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing (ACDHH) will also share her experience

on becoming a cochlear implant recipient. Christy recently received her cochlear implant this past June and will share her initial experiences with us. We are investigating cochlear implant programs to include a presentation on cochlear implants this year also.

Our meeting format will once again begin with the casual "Brown Bag" session at 12:00 PM, which all are welcome to bring a lunch and gain new information regarding apps for improved accessibility with our member Shannon Tyree.

In addition to hearing about the national HLAA, the October meeting will share new information on HLAA membership. We also would like to hear more from our attendees and are asking you to join us and fill out a member/friend survey. We want to ensure that we are providing you with the information you need to hear and communicate successfully. With that in mind we will have a H.O.P.E. (Hearing Other People's Experiences) session as we end the in-person meeting. This often gives us ways to provide new information to you and make communication the two-way avenue it needs to be for all of us.

And finally, information will be provided about this year's Walk4Hearing scheduled for Saturday, November 2nd at Riverview Park, 2100 W. Rio Salado Pkwy. Mesa, AZ., 8:00 AM to Noon. We look forward to meeting old and new friends as well as increasing awareness for hearing loss and accessibility for all. Join us on Saturday and join the West Valley walk team, Melanie and the West Valley Walkers.