



Join Us!

Tuesday, May 9, 2023
12:30 pm

Meeting Location:

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

Meeting Dates:

Second Tuesday of a month
from October - May

Meeting Time:

12:30 p.m. Check-in
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Meeting

Questions?

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The Hearing Loss Association of America is the nation's foremost membership and advocacy organization. Visit the website: www.hearingloss.org

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 and like us on Facebook: [HLAWestValleyAZ](https://www.facebook.com/HLAWestValleyAZ)

Please join us for our May 9th chapter meeting when Michele Michaels, B.A., C.P.M., the Hearing Healthcare Program Manager at the Arizona Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing presents about her life as a hard of hearing person, her career, and some of the programs and services that ACDHH provides to Arizonans.

In her role at ACDHH she manages the Hard of Hearing Program with two team members, and ACDHH as a whole provides assistance to over 1.1 million Arizonans with various hearing levels. Michele is a national leader and passionate advocate for persons with hearing loss, speaking frequently at conferences and advising colleagues on initiatives across the U.S.

Michele began working in the field of hearing loss 30 years ago after a 12-year career in broadcasting. A hard of hearing person herself and the daughter of a parent who progressively lost her hearing, Michele understands the challenges and opportunities inherent in hearing loss.

Michele serves as the Secretary on the Board of the national Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program Association (TEDPA), and was a Founding Director on the Board of the Global Alliance of Speech-to-Text Captioning whose Committees she continues to serve on.

She is also a member of the national HLAA Get In The Hearing Loop Committee, a member of the Arizona Governor's Advisory Council on Aging: Aging in Community Committee, and holds a position on the Speech and Hearing Professionals Advisory Committee at the Arizona Department of Health Services.

As always, there is no charge for the meetings and light refreshments will be served. Meetings are amplified and the room has an induction loop system. CART (Communication Access Realtime Translation) caption service is provided so the speakers's presentation can be read if needed. We look forward to seeing you!

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