HLAA
Hearing Loss Association of America
West Valley Chapter

Join Us

Tuesday, October 13, 2026
12:00 pm Tech Talk
1:00 pm Chapter Meeting

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 and like us on Facebook HLAAWestValleyAZ

Our meeting space is fully accessible. The room is amplified and has a hearing loop which connects to your t-coil in your hearing device, and meetings are fully captioned.

Welcome back to a brand new season of hearing and communication help! Our presenter this month is Tom Struve, enrichment speaker and river historian, for American Cruise Lines who will present: *Traveling with Hearing Loss, Navigating your Way to Better Communication*. He travels a third of the year and does it with severe hearing loss.

Tom will share his hearing loss journey with you, and provide tangible tips to make your next trip easier. His goal is to provide you with the most effective and current strategies to lessen the difficulties related to traveling with hearing loss. Some of those strategies begin before you leave your home. Come and learn how to make your next trip smoother.

For over 20 years, Tom captained towboats on the nation's inland rivers. Now a writer, lecturer, and author of six books, he shares river history, lore, and brings adventures to life for guests aboard American Cruise Lines ships.

Additionally, we will hear from several members and Christy Abrams, with the AZ Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing, about their experiences at the National HLAA Convention held this past June in Louisville, Kentucky.

Our meeting format features a casual "Tech Talk" session at 12:00 pm. where different technologies are explained. This month we are featuring Auracast.

Please share this meeting notice with family and friends!