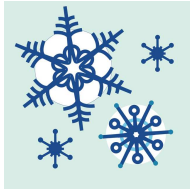




The ALD Zone

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January

Jan. 31 – ALD Class Begins

Project Endeavor now accepting applications – Brings internet access to Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community

Time-sensitive information!
See article below.

Cost Savings for 2011 !

The costs associated with cell phones and internet access can be prohibitive to consumers in the deaf and hard of hearing community. I want to share two amazing resources that we can share with colleagues and clients.

Project Endeavor brings internet access via notebook computers and internet access to deaf and hard of hearing people – see the article below.

Older Americans Now Can Connect to Cell Phones for as Little as \$7/month. This article summarizes a study by the independent and nonprofit Alliance for Generational Equity (AGE) that reviewed three national prepaid phone plans. Their #1 tip is to go prepaid to avoid service contracts if you are not a ‘power user’. Read the entire article at www.ageadvocacy.org.

We’re also covering some cell phones in this newsletter for mild hearing loss. It’s been over a year since we talked about cell phone accessories so we’ll be covering that next issue.

Do your homework and be informed. ... Becky

ALD Training Class Schedule for 2011

The ALD Technical Training program - the in-depth, online, 6-week course is accepting registrations. This course not only prepares new counselors to choose assistive technology to enhance communication options for clients with hearing loss, it helps update experienced counselors on the latest technology.

Course fee is \$300 per person.

You can find out more information about the class including the course agenda, class information and dates at: <http://www.aldtraining.com/public/department77.cfm>

Class Dates:

January 31, 2011

May 2, 2011

June 27, 2011

October 10, 2011

Project Endeavor Brings Internet Service to Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community

You may be eligible for a notebook computer and a 12 month 3G/4G wireless internet access plan for only \$230 total through a program called ‘Project Endeavor’. Deaf and hard of hearing consumers with high-speed internet can communicate through VRS, IP Relay, text, chat and web cam. Eligibility requirements: Certified with a bilateral hearing loss of 40db or greater. You are automatically eligible if you are a vocational rehabilitation client or on SSI or SSDI and currently do not have high-speed internet access. Applications are being accepted now on first-come, first served basis, so **GET THE WORD OUT** now!!

For all the information, including how to apply: www.projectendeavor.com



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Some Newer Cordless Phones Use Standard Rechargeable AAA Batteries Instead of Hard-to-Find Battery Packs

Many cordless phones use special battery packs that can be difficult to find or are pricey to replace. The following cordless phones use rechargeable AAA batteries that can be bought easily at the grocery store when the batteries need replacing:

CL-XLC2 – Clarity Cordless Phone – pg 6
 CL-XLC3 – Clarity Cordless w/caller ID – new
 HC-AMPLI250 – Geemarc Cordless Phone – pg 8

All ClearSounds cordless phones – pg 13
 All Serene Innovations cordless phones – pg 11

We've found a Limited Supply of Shake Awake Alarm Clocks

As noted in a previous newsletter, the Shake Awake is discontinued. So if you really like the Shake Awake, now is the time to get one.

Discontinued Products:

UTI-SP4425-AS – Superprint 4425 TTY – if you need a TTY, call us to help you find the one to best suit your needs. TTYs are gradually being discontinued due to availability of cell phone texting and video phones.

HC-FILLTUNE – Bone conduction headphone
 HC-PHOTO50 – Phone w/answering machine
 HC-DIALPHOTO – Dial-a-Photo phone
 TVEARS-HTS – Home Theater TV Amplifier – order TVEARS-PRO and components separately
 HC-IMONITOR & HC-IMONITOR/VID – Baby monitors – alternatives: Sonic Alert, Clarity AlertMaster and Silent Call systems

Private Page products have been discontinued. The factory has shut down. Cell phone texting seems to be the best alternative.

Cell Phone Options

We offer several cell phones that are unlocked and allow you to use your own GSM provider such as AT&T or T-Mobile. The phones listed here are for mild-to-moderate hearing loss and are not listed as hearing aid compatible (except the ClarityLife).

If you have more than a mild hearing loss, then we recommend a cell phone listening accessory that will work with hearing aid telecoils instead of these phones. See the catalog for more info on all of these options.

ClarityLife C900 amplified cell phone has 20dB volume gain, loud ringer and text capabilities. Hearing aid compatible.
CL-C900 - \$189.95



Doro offers two versions. The HandleEasy-330GSM has adjustable handset and speakerphone volume as well as easy navigation and text capability. **DORO-330GSM - \$149.00**

The Doro HandlePlus-326i has adjustable volume, loud ringer (up to 83dB) and speakerphone but no text messaging.
DORO-326IGSM - \$169.95



Snapfon ez ONE phone is very simple to operate, has volume control and large screen font. **HC-SNAPFON - \$99.99**

Phone With Automatic "Off-Hook" Audible and Visual Warnings

If you don't hang the phone up completely, there is an audible beeping sound to alert you. As long as the phone is off-hook, callers will get a busy signal. Some people with hearing loss can't hear this alert.

Serene Innovations HD-60 High Definition Amplified Phone has automatic "off-hook" audible and visual warnings to improve chances that the user will notice that it needs to be put on-hook. This phone has up to 55dB of amplification, tone control, boost override, and more.

This is a great phone without Caller ID.
One Year Warranty.

HC-HD60 \$149.95

