

Beyond Hearing Aids Newsletter

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Summer Schedule



Northern KY Business Leadership Network

Brown Bag Lunch "On the Job with Hearing Loss" w/Becky Morris

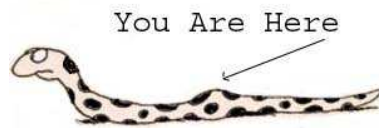
July 26 – 11:30 The Gap Hebron, KY

President's Message

Becky Morris, President

Got Amplifiers?

People with hearing loss feel frustrated and trapped when they can't hear what others are saying. It's like being stuck in a snake's belly—all muffled sound and nowhere to run!



Luckily, several new personal amplifiers are now available from Williams Sound and Clarity. A personal amplifier is a tremendous help when it comes to hearing in small groups, in the car, or one-on-one.



New! Williams Sound PockeTalker Personal Amplifier

Here are the ways that the new WS PockeTalker differs from the older model:

- A low-to-high frequency tone control located on the outside
- An improved, internal circuitry that picks up more high frequencies
- A contemporary design

WS-PKTD1-E13 \$169

Accessories include:

- Belt clip and lanyard: Allows you to wear the unit on a belt or around the neck
- Comes with your choice of the following listening options: Mini single earbud (EAR013), Dual mini earbud (EAR014), Earhook (single EAR008), Lightweight headphone (HED021), Behind the head headphone (HED026)
- TV listening extension cord: Extends the microphone to 12 ft. so that you can clip the microphone to the TV speaker

The new PockeTalker comes with an omnidirectional mic with a 360-degree sound pick up. This is great with a small group in a quiet environment; however, in a noisy restaurant or car, it allows too much noise to leak into the system. We recommend that you purchase a directional mic if you plan to use the PockeTalker in a noisy environment.

Judy's note: I am pleasantly surprised that the TV listening aspect of the new PockeTalker is quite good. Usually, I prefer a TV listening system that plugs into the audio output jack on the back of the TV set. This usually delivers better sound than clipping a microphone to the TV speaker. However, clipping the new PockeTalker to the TV speaker delivered better TV sound than I thought it would. Although it isn't as good as the WS-WIR952 TV Listening System, it's not bad.

New! Clarity Personal Amplifier PL100

The Clarity Personal Amplifier comes with an omnidirectional microphone and comfortable ear hook. It amplifies incoming sounds up to 40 db. You can control how to amplify sounds:

- Max Boost Switch: Maximizes all incoming sounds
- Automatic Gain Control Setting: Reduces harshness and eliminates most background and feedback noise
- TV Extension cord (This also has quite good TV Listening capabilities.)
- Rechargeable batteries (This is great because you don't have to buy batteries. Just make sure that your personal amplifier is charged and ready when you need it.)



Clarity Model PL100 with ear hook and battery charger
AMER-PL100 - \$149.95

New! Clarity C600 2.4 GHz Cordless Amplified Phone

What makes the Clarity C600 cordless phone so special? It is the only cordless phone with battery backup in case of power outage. Here are some additional features:

- Amplifies incoming sounds up to 30 db
- Type I and Type II Caller ID with 50 number and name memory
- Bright visual ringer in base and handset alerts you to incoming calls
- Customizable handset ringer, adjustable ringer volume
- Large lighted dial pad, redial, flash, mute, and page functions



Clarity C600 Cordless Phone
AMER-C600 - \$189.95

The Clarity C600 has a 2.5mm headset jack. You can use a neckloop but order it separately.

The following products have been discontinued:

- The Global Access Clock GAD-ALR130
- The Easy Recall digital answering machine AMER-EASREC
- The Portable strap-on amplifier AMER-PA25
- The Speech Amplified telephone HC-SPAMP
- The Easy Recall and PA25 both have limited stock while supplies last
- The AD-CD2468AS cordless phone is on backorder through the end of July. The manufacturer has changed the phone.



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