

The Family Hearing Center *News*



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The Treatment and Learning Centers

Spring/Summer 2009

Greetings from the Director



One year ago I had the pleasure of telling you about our "Help Others Hear" program in our spring newsletter. The response from many of you was overwhelming. This year your donations have allowed us to fit three individuals with new hearing aids! In the words of one of the recipients, "It is impossible for you to know of my very real and deep gratitude for your gift of not one but two hearing aids. I was totally elated when Susan told me." We will also soon be receiving a small grant from the Traiwick Foundation to Help Others Hear! To find out more about this program, feel free to contact me. Donations may be sent to The Family Hearing Center; please specify the Help Others Hear program.

On another note, we recently had a successful Open House for patients who have older amplification to learn about new technology. We also had a seminar by a hearing aid manufacturer's representative discussing the latest Bluetooth technology for hearing aids, televisions and telephones. If you are having problems talking over the phone or hearing the TV while wearing hearing aids, there are some new devices available. Call us to set up a consultation for any of these products.

Remember, summer time heat and humidity can affect your hearing aids' performance. We have a wonderful product called **Dry N Store** that helps protect hearing aids from damaging moisture. Please don't ever hesitate to call our center to speak with an audiologist if you have questions about these devices and/or hearing related problems. We appreciate your referrals and hope that we can be of service to you for many years.

Sincerely,

Susan Yaffe-Oziel, Director

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Patricia "Pat" Ritter as the new Executive Director of TLC—The Treatment and Learning Centers! Dr. Ritter has 18 years of service with TLC, and is both honored and excited to lead the organization as we near our 60th anniversary in 2010.

Lunch and Learn

The Family Hearing Center will host a **Lunch and Learn** on **Tuesday, June 16 at 12:00 noon**. All are welcome to enjoy a complimentary lunch with center director Susan Yaffe-Oziel, who will answer your questions about hearing loss, hearing aids, rehabilitation and coping strategies, or any other questions you may have. Our space is limited so please call the center to make a reservation at **301-738-1415**.

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Think about those you love by encouraging them to have a hearing test. Don't forget, if you refer someone to the Family Hearing Center who purchases hearing aids you will receive a \$25 Target gift card. Remember to care about yourself too. If you haven't had a hearing test in over a year or have noticed changes in your hearing, call our clinic for an appointment. The Family Hearing Center offers **10-month interest free payment plans** for new hearing aid purchases. Ask your audiologist for details.

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Audiology and Golf in the News



According to a case study reported in the December 2008 *British Medical Journal*, a 55-year old man reported that while hitting a golf ball with a King Cobra LD (thin-faced titanium gold club) the sound from the ball being hit was "like a gun going off." He

reported hearing loss and tinnitus. A professional golfer was recruited to hit golf balls with six different titanium clubs and six stainless steel clubs for the study. The titanium club produced a louder sound, 130decibels. The study concluded that thin-faced titanium drivers may cause a temporary or even permanent hearing loss.

Drugs and Hearing Loss

Did you know that certain medications can affect hearing and/or balance? Some of these drugs include anti-malarial medications, aspirin, antibiotics, cytotoxic drugs used for cancer treatment and diuretics. Drugs that can cause hearing loss are called ototoxic

and can damage the hair cells in the inner ear or the balance system. If you think that a drug you are taking may be causing hearing loss or dizziness, DON'T STOP taking it but DO speak to your doctor about changing your medication.

Walk For Hearing



bring attention to hearing loss. Anyone can participate and

The American Hearing Loss Association of America is sponsoring a *Walk4Hearing*. Twenty cities nationwide will participate in this walk to

walk individually, form a team or sponsor a local walk. The walk will be held in Washington, D.C. on October 17, 2009. If you would like to join the Family Hearing Center team please contact Susan Yaffe-Oziel. To find out more about the walk, go to www.walk4hearing.org.

Hearing Loss and Earning Power

Hearing aids help improve social, emotional, psychological and physical well-being of hearing impaired people, regardless of their degree of hearing loss. The best type of investment in this difficult economy is your health – including your hearing. Hearing aids help improve your earning power and ensure job security. The Better Hearing Institute

conducted studies demonstrating the correlation between treated hearing loss and earning power, which showed that "unaddressed hearing loss has a negative impact on overall job effectiveness, opportunity for promotion, and even lifelong earning power."



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