

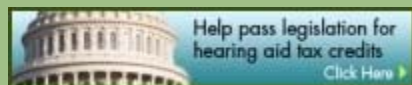


## Hearing Aid Tax Credit Call to Action

**HR. 2329 and S. 1410**

Hawkins Hearing Center, in conjunction with the Better Hearing Institute (BHI), supports legislation that will provide up to a \$1,000 tax credit for two hearing aids—and so should you!

To find out more about this important legislation and offer your support, visit our web site, [www.hawkinshearing.com](http://www.hawkinshearing.com) and click on the following banner:



This will take you to the BHI web site, where you will be able to create an e-mail or a formal letter that you can pass on to your Senators and Representatives to let them know how important these bills are to you or someone you know.

Thank you for taking your valuable time to support this legislation.

## Habitat for Humanity

On Sat. April 5th Carol and Mike helped build a Habitat for Humanity home while attending the **2008 AudiologyNow!** convention in Charlotte, NC. This event was sponsored by hearing aid manufacturer Oticon, Inc. and was in celebration of the American Academy of Audiology's 20th anniversary.

Peter Lauritsen, Oticon, Inc. president chose Habitat for Humanity because they play "...such an important role in improving the quality of life for many people in need, just as

### Over 85 decibels (dB) for extended periods can cause permanent hearing loss

hearing care professionals enrich the lives of people with hearing loss by providing expert care and hearing solutions."



Mike and Carol at Habitat for Humanity

## Q&A with Carol

**Q. Will hearing aids restore my hearing to normal levels?**

A. NO. Hearing devices **will not** restore your hearing to "normal" or pre-existing levels, but you should have greatly improved hearing in most situations. One-on-one communication, TV viewing, and other quiet environments are where you will have the most improvement.

With the modern hearing devices that we sell, background noise will usually filter to a more acceptable level. Some of the most powerful and sophisticated noise management innovations provide automatic and immediate reduction of background noise while strengthening speech clarity.

**Q. If I already wear a hearing aid, do I still need to wear hearing protection?**

A. YES. It's still important to protect your remaining hearing. In the chart on the right you can see where damage occurs and some of the activities that might be harmful. We offer a wide range of protective products, from custom fit to one-size-fits-all instant fit.

**Q. I am planning on traveling soon, can I wear my hearing aid through security?**

A. YES. Metallic components like the speaker, wiring, and microphone are very small and will not set off the detectors. Also, I wouldn't want you to lose the ability to understand the screeners clearly.

I visited the TSA website, [www.tsa.gov](http://www.tsa.gov) and read up on this. Specifically, they offer the following advice:

- It is not necessary to remove hearing aids or the exterior component of a cochlear implant at security checkpoints.
- It is best if you wear your hearing device while going through the metal detector.



### Your inputs are greatly appreciated!



Please let us know if there are any questions you would like answered about hearing or hearing devices, plus anything else that you'd like included in the newsletter—information about special events in the community, at your church, synagogue or place of business. Additionally, send us a note if you would like to be added or removed from our newsletter. You may do this by e-mailing Mike at [mike@hawkinshearing.com](mailto:mike@hawkinshearing.com), be sure to include in the Subject: **HHC News**.





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## Have You Heard?

### Do you attend concerts?



We offer an inexpensive one-size-fits-most earplug designed specifically for concert use. Our ER-20 High Fidelity earplugs provide 20dB of noise attenuation, double that which is considered adequate protection.

Sound fidelity is maintained through patented technology that mimics the natural behavior of your ear canal. In essence, while the overall noise level is being reduced you won't experience muffled voice or music.

### Did you know?

**Aluminum foil doesn't have to fall out of the packaging when being used. If you look on the ends of the package there are tabs that push in to lock the roll in place. Thank you Sandy S. for this great information!**

**Only 21% of adults mowing use hearing protection.**

**Only 16% of physicians screen for hearing loss.**

**30-40 % of those over 65 have some hearing loss.**

**14 % of those from 45-64 have some hearing loss.**

**Approx. 30 million Americans have hearing loss.**

### Traveling soon? Follow these TSA tips:

#### 3-1-1 for Carry-On Baggage

- 3 oz bottle (no limit, but must fit in the plastic bag)
- 1 quart-sized, clear, plastic, zip-top bag
- 1 bag per passenger

**Medications that exceed 3 ounces are allowed in reasonable quantities but must be declared for inspection at the checkpoint.**

## Worth Mentioning

**Happy Birthday!** Our oldest and youngest clients for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter: Maude D. is 92 and Dan H. is 17. Carol and Mike both turn 45! Calvin Coolidge, David Farragut ("Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead"), P.T. Barnum, Cecil J. Rhodes (Rhodes Scholarships), Satchel Paige, Arthur Ashe, John Quincy Adams, Gerald R. Ford, Rembrandt, Nelson Mandela, Ernest Hemingway, Henry Ford, Francis Scott Key, war correspondent Ernie Pyle, Herbert Hoover, author Alex Haley, Annie Oakley, Alfred Hitchcock, Napoleon Bonaparte, T.E. Lawrence 'of Arabia', Davy Crockett, explorer Meriwether Lewis, Orville Wright, Bill Clinton, Benjamin Harrison, Lyndon Baines Johnson, Mother Teresa, undefeated boxing champion Rocky Marciano, outlaw Jesse James, Marquis de Lafayette, Jesse Owens, Yellow Fever researcher Walter Reed, John J. Pershing, William Howard Taft, Agatha Christie, F. Scott Fitzgerald, puppeteer Jim Henson, and Johnny Appleseed.

**Events:** Jul 2, 1881 President James A. Garfield was shot and mortally wounded; Jul 14, 1789 Storming the Bastille begins the French Revolution; Jul 17 1867 the Harvard School of Dentistry becomes 1<sup>st</sup> dental school in US; Jul 20, 1969 Neil Armstrong takes first step on the moon; Aug 1, 1944 Anne Frank makes her last dairy entry, she later died at Bergen-Belsen at age 15; Aug 3, 1492 Christopher Columbus sets sail across the ocean blue; Aug 6, 1945 the B-29 Enola Gay drops first atomic bomb at Hiroshima; Aug 9, 1974 Richard M. Nixon becomes 1<sup>st</sup> US President to resign; Aug 14, 1945 V-J Day; Sep 2, 1945 the formal surrender of the Japanese in WWII aboard USS Missouri; Sep 4, 1886 Geronimo was captured; Sep 5, 1972 Muslim extremists attacked the Olympic Village in Munich; Sep 11, 2001 Muslim extremists carry out terrorist attacks against the US; Sep 16, 1620 the Mayflower departs from England; Sep 18, 1947 the USAF was established as a separate military service; Sep 22, 1776 Nathan Hale "I regret that I have but one life to lose for my country" was executed for spying; Sep 30, 1949 the Berlin Airlift concludes after 277,264 flights carried over two million tons of supplies to West Berlin, circumventing a failed blockade by the communists.

**Inventions:** Jul 1, 1847 US postage stamps; Jul 1 1963 ZIP codes; Jul 2, 1955 The Lawrence Welk Show; Jul 5, 1946 Bikini; Jul 6, 1885 Pasteur gives 1<sup>st</sup> successful anti-rabies inoculation; Jul 12 1960 Etch-a-Sketch; Jul 13 1898 radio; Jul 14 1867 dynamite; Jul 15 1844 rubber; Jul 15 1869 margarine; Jul 17 1902 air conditioner; Jul 19 Colt's revolver; Jul 23 1904 ice cream cone; Aug 4 1693 champagne; Aug 14 1953 Wiffle Ball; Aug 21 1841 Venetian Blinds; Aug 24 1869 Waffle Iron; Sep 8 1966 Star Trek premieres on TV; 10 Sep 1846 Sewing Machine.

**Tidbits:** Between July 10 and Aug 17 1945 the Allies captured Sicily using Mike's great-uncle Gaetano Paterniti as an interpreter. Jul 15 1914, the Panama Canal opened; in 1991 while Mike was at Howard AFB he joined a tugboat crew that pushed a ship through the locks. Jul 17 1955 Disneyland opened; Carol worked there from 1980-1986 and has a Minnie Mouse farewell poster drawn specially by the Disney artists.