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To the Professionals at Pro Speech & Hearing,

About five years ago I noticed that I was not hearing well - I know this because my wife informed me of that fact on a daily basis. Being a guy, I was sure my hearing was fine, I wasn't going to have my hearing checked, I didn't need hearing aids, and I can make decisions for myself! So I'm at the ENT and they said that my hearing had deteriorated and I should consider hearing aids. I was referred to Professional Speech & Hearing Specialists where I was fitted with my first hearing aids.

To say that the world is a noisy place, is not to put too fine a point on it! Similar to the experience of having your cataracts removed and discovering how colorful the world is. When it was time for an upgrade, I was blessed with the experience and professionalism of Mrs. Patricia Taft, Clinical Audiologist, at professional Speech & Hearing. She fitted me for Oticon hearing aids. She advised me that the more I wore them, the better my feeble brain would process the input (well, she actually nagged me into wearing them more, in a nice way; I hate it when women are always right).

Today I wear my hearing aids all day and miss them when not in my ears - I take them out for most things that begin with "s," such as, sleep, sweat, shower, swim. Most electronic gizmos don't like water. Several benefits of wearing them all the time: I can hear my wife, if I pay attention; I can turn down the volume on TV and music; it mitigates my tinnitus; I can process noises quicker and more accurately. On the flip side, construction equipment, lawn maintenance equipment, and my neighbor's daughter are really loud. Not incidentally, I am told that hearing aids helps mitigate some forms of dementia, although my short term memory still stinks but not because of my hearing aids.

Anyone suffering from hearing loss and you are "suffering," should avail themselves of the latest technology, be evaluated by a professional audiologist like those at Professional Speech & Hearing, and start hearing what the world really sounds like.

Very truly yours,


Stephen R. Oldham