

Wallpaper

Kris: What other types of technology do you rely on a daily basis?

Gail: The technologies that I rely on most you know ...I guess and this goes along with my age is email...you know this is how I get my work done...primarily.

Kris: Um hm...no I'm the same way... so in terms of other gadgets like blackberries and so forth...

Gail: Oh yeah I have my iPhone and I had a blackberry...

Kris: Where's your iPhone? That could be a great prop (laughs)

Gail: (laughs)

Kris: I'm such a terrible interviewer I make the interviewee get up, get props, get gadgets without telling them in advance that's what I want them to do.

Gail: Yeah...okay...well here's my iPhone and actually it's kind-of...

Kris: Gail Hawisher has an iPhone everyone (laughs)

Gail: I do...I have an iPhone and I actually have...there's a photo on here of my...actually taking pictures too...but what the best thing is ah I saw my nine-year-old granddaughter last weekend and when I got...and she said "oh you know can I play with your iPhone?" ...and I the iPhone was of much greater interest to her than I was...but you know I didn't have any sort of a wallpaper on here or anything so when I got it back...I don't whether you can see her...the first thing I can see now when I open my iPhone is my granddaughter (holds phone up to Kris) oh you can't see it...because she put...she took a photo of herself and then she put it there so that the world could see her (holds up phone)...anyway...yeah...so I mean...yeah I do use my iPhone...I'm constantly learning how to use it too...like I said it's also a challenge; I mean it's a wonderful thing: I love being able to check my email, I love being able to take photos...um...I love being able to um to you know access the Web and everything else from it um...

Kris: Sure...Do you think these types of tools make it um easier to be closer to your family?

Gail: I...the phone part I think is what I use mostly with family... okay and then a few selective people...in fact I remember uh when we were going...what conference was that... that we were going to?...We were meeting at the airport...we...

Kris: Oh, it was Computers and Writing in San Francisco or Stanford...Stanford.

Gail: Oh at Stanford, okay...so and we were supposed to meet...and we were supposed to call one another if you'll remember and we had a few glitches...but that was a few years ago...

Kris: Well and it also given the anecdote you just shared it also spans the generations...so on one level there's a proximity issue but there's also a familial type of connection that perhaps digital technologies help.

Gail: Um hm...yeah...yeah...I think they do.