



# Overheard

April– May 2014

## Points of

### Interest:

- Words from your new President
- Charity Walk
- Mini Conference Agenda
- Strathcona County ALERT System
- Hard of hearing persons and Issues: Locally and Globally

## News from the President

At the February 3, 2014, annual general meeting, I assumed the President's position for the Branch by acclamation. As some of you know, I have served in the President's capacity in the past and look forward to serving in that capacity again. I am looking forward to working with the current members of CHHA-Ed's Board of Directors. I encourage all of you to attend the May 3, 2014, mini-conference being

sponsored by CHHA-Ed. Further details on the mini-conference are contained in this newsletter. If you have any questions or concerns regarding hearing loss issues or CHHA-Ed generally, please do not hesitate to contact me through the CHHA-Ed office. As a final note, on March 3, 2014, we welcomed Cindy Gordon as executive director of CHHA-Ed.

-Marilyn Kingdon

### Your 2014 Board of Directors:

#### President:

Marilyn Kingdon

#### Vice President:

Lee Ramsdell

#### Secretary:

Susanne Martin

#### Treasurer:

Joanne Mckenzie

#### Directors:

Gerda Alexander

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Ryan Gordon

## Strathcona County ALERT System

Strathcona County has issued a new type of warning system that will cover emergency events for Strathcona County and surrounding areas. You can sign up online to receive notifications by text, phone call, or email.

By opting in you will receive messages regarding mandatory emergency alerts, severe weather warnings and watches, public safety notifications, including water, utility, fire, RCMP, transportation alerts. This will be a helpful tool

to provide communications access in emergencies. You can sign up online here.



# Help is Hear

## CHHA-ED Mini Conference May 3, 2014

May 3, 2014 CHHA-ED is hosting a one day mini conference at West Edmonton Mall. In the morning the conference will feature talks by Arman Chak, Counsel for the Alberta Human Rights Commission, as well as Sandra German, a

current CART provider and broadcast captioner. In the afternoon an open panel discussion will take place featuring several guest speakers on a range of topics including AFLIS, IR, and FM; assistive devices; and

accessible movie theatres. The conference is open to everyone. Members pay only \$30 for admission, and non-members pay only \$45. More information here.

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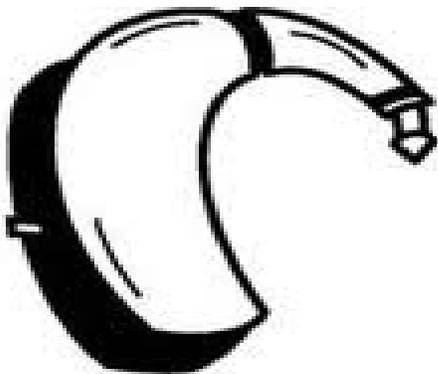
## Conference Schedule

TIME	PRESENTER	TOPIC
9 am - 10:30 am	<a href="#">Arman Chak</a> , LLB, Human Rights Commission	Human Rights
10:30 am - 10:45 am	Break	
10:45 am - 12:15 pm	<a href="#">Sandra German</a> , AB Captioning	CART/ Broadcast Captioning
12:15 pm - 1:30 pm	Lunch	
<b>Panel Presentations &amp; Open Questions to Panel</b>		
1:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Tim Archer	AFILS, IR, FM Systems
2:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Amanda McLeod –Living Sounds Hearing Centre Lid.	Assistive Devices
2:30 pm-2:45 pm	Break	
2:45 pm – 3:15 pm	Jeff Simmons - Cineplex	Accessible Theatres
3:15 pm – 4:00 pm	Questions to Panel	
4:00 pm	Wrap Up & Closing comments	



# Hearing Aid Assistance Fund

The Hearing Aid Assistance Fund continues its work whole **HEAR**tedly. Two applications for assistance were received since December, and both were successful in receiving the full subsidy. Sadly, however, we lost two of our major corporate donors for the bottle/container collections. These donors played a major role in our success. While we do have other fundraising efforts in process (the Roy Financial Mayor's Walk and Hearing Aid Battery Sales), we must make efforts to replace these major donors. If you know of a corporation or any small businesses who would be willing to donate their refundable containers, please contact us through the office. Don't forget to donate your containers too! Every little bit helps .



# Annual General Meeting

The AGM was held on February 3, 2014 at the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital. This meeting was attended by a number of CHHA-ED members and ten CART students from NAIT. Special recognition was given to Cindy Gordon who had completed her term of office as President for CHHA-Ed and passed over the duties to Marilyn Kingdon. Reports presented by the directors: President (Cindy G), Treasurer (Joanne M), Secretary (Susanne M), Scholarships (Gerda A), Hearing Aid Assistance Fund and Nominations (Suzanne M) were passed and are available through the CHHA-ED office. The election of Board of Directors proceeded call for nominees and with no nominees from the floor all nominees were acclaimed. A Motion to accept Auditors St. Arnaud Pinsent and Associates for 2014 was passed. Updates were provided on both the CHHA-Ed mini conference, CHHA National conference and Speechreading announcement from CHHA. The final action at the AGM was a motion to increase CHHA-Ed office staffing to two part-time members. One member will be responsible for office administration and the other will be responsible for programming, grant applications, and reporting to the board.

# Attention all HOH Students: CHHA-ED Academic Scholarships



A Scholarship of \$1000 offered to any full-time HOH student in a Post-secondary institution in Northern Alberta. Application form can be found on CHHA-ED's website and must be submitted in full by May 31, 2014. More Information here.

## Upcoming ASL Classes

Congratulations go out to Independent Counseling Enterprises (I.C.E) for providing ASL classes for six of their councilors and to these councilors for giving up their personal time to take the classes. It is always great when organizations make sure

their staff is prepared to communicate with all clients, including those who are Hard of Hearing. CHHA-Ed is currently taking registration for two Beginner Level A and one Beginner level B Conversational ASL classes. Level A classes will be on Saturday

mornings. The Level B classes will be held on Tuesday evenings. For more information and registration forms, go to [www.chha-ed.com](http://www.chha-ed.com) or contact us by phone at 780 428 6622 or email at [cheated@shaw.ca](mailto:cheated@shaw.ca). There is a maximum of 12 registrants for each class.

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up.

## Hard of Hearing Persons and Issues: Local and Global Challenges. Presentation by Ruth Warick Ph.D.

Hard of hearing persons are one of the major categories of disabilities among the world's 1 billion persons with disabilities. Progress has been made in many countries recognizing and attending to the needs of hard of hearing persons in education, employment,

and everyday life, but much remains to be done to provide communication access. We must promote greater awareness to prevent stigmatization, isolation, and marginalization that individuals may feel as a result of this communications disability. These are prevalent issues and challenges faced by

hard-of-hearing persons locally and globally. Ruth addresses these issues and the international movements including the efforts that build on the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The talk will be held at the University of Alberta, April 10, 2014, 7:00 p.m. in room 129 of Education South.

# Upcoming Events:

1. **April 7th, 2014:** General Meeting
2. **April 10, 2014:** Hard of Hearing Persons and Issues: Local and Global Talk with Ruth Warick Ph.D.
3. **April 26th, 2014:** St. Albert's Roy Financial Mayors Walk for Charity
4. **May 3, 2014:** Help is Hear CHHA-ED Mini Conference
5. **May 22 to 24, 2014:** CHHA National Conference, Toronto, Ontario

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## St. Albert's Roy Financial Mayor's Charity Walk

This year's event will be held on Saturday, April 26th, 2014. CHHA-ED is always an enthusiastic group of participants. Our goal for the 2014 walk is to raise triple the funds we raised last year. CHHA-ED requires as many walkers as possible as well as 3 volunteers to work at the

Walk. All funds raised by CHHA-ED walkers and donations made to CHAA-ED for the walk will be delegated to the Hearing Aid Assistance Fund. This year participants are able to sign up, pledge, or donate online here. We look forward to another successful event. See you there!



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