

OVERHEARD IN DECEMBER 2012!



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Words from the President

I am excited to inform everyone that planning for our upcoming conference is well under way!! We have made tremendous progress in lining up the speakers, the 'FUN' activities and the entertainment. I do not think you will be disappointed. Plan to attend this conference at West Edmonton Mall, Fantasyland Hotel May 23-25th. ! (Keep watching our ever changing website!!) A lot of hard work goes into planning something to this magnitude and I feel honored to be working with such dedicated and enthusiastic people. That old saying that *a few dedicated people can do such great things* is so true!!! Thank you for helping this, become a reality! We can make a BIG difference for other hard of hearing people as well as for ourselves.

Of course to be able to do something like this we need to have the money. Please watch for our RAFFLE to begin in January!! We will need people to sell tickets as well as buy them!!! At \$10.00 a ticket and a chance to win one of 4 GREAT prizes it is a great opportunity; you do not want to miss out!! Draw will take place at the conference.

While conference planning is taking a lot of work with CHHA board and staff, please remember that advocacy work, promotional work, programs, information and support is still being provided. Read on in this newsletter to get more details.

I would like to extend my heartfelt Christmas wishes to all our members; supporters and friends of CHHA-Ed. May this magical season bring peace and love into your lives!

CHHA-Ed VOLUNTEERS are VERY SPECIAL

A special thanks to all our Volunteers and the Casino Angels for making our casino at the Baccarat Casino on November 18th and 19th a success.

THANK -YOU

Hearing Aid Assistance Fund (HAAF)

Prepared by Susanne Martin – Committee Chair

Many thanks to all contributors!!

The Hearing Aid Assistance fund is looking forward to the bottle donations following this festive season. We continue to pick up bottles regularly from altruistic and charitable businesses such as The Old Strathcona Antique Mall and the Family Centre. Some of our generous and empathetic members turn in their bottles or provide us with the cash for their returns as well. It takes a lot of bottles and cans to buy a hearing aid. We continue working at it and little by little, build our resources. Please remember us before you toss out bottles and cans, or when you turn them in for the returns. Since the last newsletter, we have had one application for hearing aids, but due to insufficient information the application has been put on hold. Cheers to all for the Holiday Season!

Note: The Hearing Aid Assistance Fund information and Application Form is available for viewing and downloading on the CHHA-Ed Website at www.chha-ed.com.

What are you going to do with your pennies?

Donate your pennies to CHHA-Ed

CHHA-ED HEARING AID ASSISTANCE FUND (HAAF)
Assists those needing hearing aids and can't afford them.

Scholarship Fund

Prepared by: Gerda Alexander
Committee Chair

"The CHHA-Edmonton Scholarship Committee is now looking forward to 2013 and receiving applications for the two scholarships we sponsor. Please check out www.chha-ed.com/funds/funds.html for more information and application forms can be downloaded.

We hope you all have a very **Happy Holiday Season** and a **Happy New Year**

ZeniPower Batteries

For Sale: **1 pkg. of 6 for \$3.00** or **10 pkgs of 6 for \$30.00**

Contact CHHA-Ed at chha-ed@shaw.ca or 780 428 6622

Beginner “Level” American Sign Language (ASL)

Program Coordinator: Frances Tallon

Instructor: Connie Gongos

CHHA-Ed Beginner “Level A” ASL classes start in January 2013. We shall be offering two sets of classes:

- an **evening** class on Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 from January 17th to March 7th, 2013
- a **morning** class on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. from January 19th to March 9th, 2013.

West Edmonton Mall (WEM) contacted us in the fall to see if CHHA-Ed would be able to offer a class for staff who were interested in learning ASL. Our instructor Connie Gongos has agreed to instruct a class for WEM on Mondays starting in January and finishing in March. A special thanks to WEM employees for wanting to learn ASL to be able to communicate with persons who are hard of hearing or Deaf.

Youth interested in taking an ASL class check the website at www.chha-ed.com for dates and times to be posted in early February.

If interested in taking ASL classes please contact Frances at the CHHA-Ed office by emailing chha-ed@shaw.ca or phoning 780 428 6622.



CHHA-Ed Events

General Meetings

We have been holding monthly meetings preparing for the national conference. Committees have been very busy working to make sure everything is ready to go for the **FUN TO CONTINUE.** Keynote speaker is **Jennifer Buchanan** a Music Therapist. She shall also be a presenter for one workshop as well as giving the keynote address. Most workshop presenters have been chosen and shall be announced in future issues of *OVERHEARD IN...*

The Promotions Committee has been busy contacting businesses for sponsorships and donations for the gift bags, silent auction and raffle. CHHA-Ed Raffle is ready thanks to the following donors for the items they donated:

- ✚ Jim Sawatske – 2 Cruising Bikes
- ✚ Sawmill Corporation – Certified Angus Steak Patio BBQ for 24 Persons
- ✚ Brenda Young – Oil painting of the Tropical Coast
- ✚ Edmonton Flying Club – Gift Certificate for Discovery Flight in Cessna 172

Tickets should be ready for sale in early January. Volunteers will be needed to sell tickets in the malls once location and dates are set. Sponsorships, personal donations, and silent auction items are being collected, but we will require many more to make the conference the best CHHA conference to be held in Edmonton and FUN for ALL. If you know a business that would be interested in helping with our conference please contact Warren or Frances at chha-ed@shaw.ca.

NEXT MEETING is MONDAY, JANUARY 7TH, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
In the FANTASYLAND HOTEL CONFERENCE CENTRE in ROOM 10 at WEM

Christmas Potluck Dinner

The dinner, held December 3rd in the small cafeteria at the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital, was well attended with around 30 members and friends each bringing a dish to be shared. Thanks to Susanne Martin for delicious fruit punch, Patricia Mitrovic for bringing several gifts for the draws and Mackenzie Spiers taking pictures for the website and newsletter. Thanks to everyone who brought family specials for the rest of us to enjoy. It was a truly great potluck dinner and thoroughly enjoyed by all.



Jim & Frances Posing



Flowers for Dawn



Family and Friends visit by the Punch



Just look at all the GREAT Desserts

Just look at the tables of food and smiling faces of CHHA-Ed members and friends. A GREAT MEAL to bring in the CHRISTMAS SEASON.

Community Connections

International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2012

CHHA-Ed and *Bridges Support* shared a table at this special event held on December 3rd in the Expo Centre at Northlands. This special event is held each year for one day to recognize those with disabilities and those who work with them. Edmonton can be proud of bringing together the many individuals, organizations and governments associated with persons with disabilities to celebrate the arts & theatres within Edmonton. It was an interesting event enjoyed by all who attended.

Third Ear Workshops

Your Third Ear



You AND your communication partner or friend are welcome to join for an enlightening experience and power point presentation to find out what your *Third Ear* is and how you can develop it. Included will be a discussion about:

- You're hearing... how it works ... or doesn't!
- Benefits of wearing hearing aids vs. not wearing hearing aids
- Coping skills / communication tips
- Assistive devices and community resources
- Emotional impact of hearing loss
- Lighter side of living with a hearing loss

Call 428-6622 to book your session!

Jan. 16th or Feb.20/2013



MEMBERS

Reminder to keep your membership dues up to date...

Please be sure to update CHHA-Ed if contact information changes. Current mailing and email addresses are necessary to keeping you up to date with news and happenings at CHHA-ED.

Donors & Sponsors of CHHA-Ed

CHHA-Ed would like to say “**THANK-YOU**” each of the sponsors and donors listed below for their donation and support for our programs and the upcoming conference.

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National Captioning Canada Inc.
Sawmill, Edmonton
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Margaret Fischer
Angela Bastone
Frances Tallon

“Merry Christmas and Happy New Year”



**“The stockings are hung by the tree with care,
Ready for Saint Nick to fill...”**

As 2012 draws to a close and we get ready to enjoy the Holidays with family it is wonderful to sit back and reflect on all that we have done in the past year and plans already being made for the year to come. Remember to take a few moments to enjoy the snow as well as the Good Spirits of the days to come.



**CHHA-Ed Office will be closed for the holidays from
December 20th, 2012 until January 2nd, 2013**

CHHA-Ed Newsletter is always looking for **articles, pictures and information**, as well as jokes and trivia that you feel is interesting and would like to share with fellow members. Please forward a copy along with the source using chha-ed@shaw.ca.

*****CHHA-Ed office regular hours are Monday & Wednesday from 12:30 – 5:00 P.M. and Thursday 9:00 A.M. – 3:00P.M. *****