



**CANADIAN HARD OF HEARING ASSOCIATION**  
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*"Let Your Voice Be Heard"*

# Overheard

June - July 2014

## Points of

### Interest:

- News from the office for June and July
- Highlights from Help is Hear mini conference
- Hard of Hearing Persons Issues: Locally and Globally
- Donate your old cars to CHHA-ED
- The Mayor's walk was a success!

## News from the President

In recognition of May as Hearing Awareness Month, CHHA-Ed held a mini-conference at West Edmonton Mall on Saturday May 3, 2014. The mini-conference featured speakers on human rights as well as a focus on technical assistive devices for those with hearing loss. We appreciated all those who attended and many thanks to the CHHA-Ed volunteers who donated their time

organizing the event.

On another note, as many of you are aware, work has begun on the new downtown arena in Edmonton. I encourage you to contact 311 (the City's information line) to inquire what services will be available in the arena for those with hearing loss. They can be reached at 780-442-5311 (TTY 780-944-5555) or [311@edmonton.ca](mailto:311@edmonton.ca).

Have a wonderful summer. - Marilyn

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## Hearing Aid Assistance Fund

St. Albert's Roy Financial Mayor's Walk on April 26<sup>th</sup> was successful in raising \$1435.00 for the Hearing Aid Assistance Fund (HAAF); but we are looking for corporate donors to sponsor our HAAF.

Bottle donations are coming in although they are one third of what we usually receive. If you live

in an apartment or condo building, talk to your neighbors about pooling your refundable bottles and containers for us to pick-up. Maybe you personally have collected a large garbage bag full. Let us know to arrange a pick-up or so you can bring them to the CHHA-Ed office, or to a general meeting.



*Left to right: Susanne Martin, Cindy Gordon, Frances Tallon, Gerda Alexander, Margaret Choma & Ashlee Choma*

## News from the office:

April and March have been very busy months with St. Albert's Roy Financial Mayor's Walk for Charities and CHHA-Ed's "HELP is HEAR" mini-conference. It was certainly worth the time and work that went into both events as they proved to be a real success and very enjoyable by all whom participated.

CHHA-ED participated in the Sherwood Park P3 Volunteer Fair late in March and the Edmonton Community Volunteer fair at West Edmonton Mall on April 6, 2014. Both these fairs provided the opportunity for CHHA-Ed to make hearing loss information available to the public and answered questions related to what, where, and how help was available.

At the April 7<sup>th</sup> General Meeting, our guest speaker, Vice President Lee Ramsdell provided information on the Loop System. Those with a T Switch had an opportunity to experience the clarity of listening through a loop system. The presentation was followed up by valuable questions from those wanting to know more about Loops.

Along with the GM and other events time was dedicated to planning, advertising, and registration for ASL classes, and making sure members are aware of upcoming events.

Life is good!  
Frances

## Donate a Car to CHHA-ED

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# ASL Classes

American Sign Language Level 'A' at the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital started on Wednesday April 30<sup>th</sup> and finishes on June 18<sup>th</sup>. CHHA-Ed will be offering two Level 'A' and one Level 'B' classes for the summer that will be posted on our website shortly.

We would also like to recognize Independent Counseling Enterprises (I.C.E.) for providing fourteen weeks of Level 'A' instruction in ASL for six of their counselors. It proved to be a real success for all participants. The ones who will benefit most from this as will their clients who are Hard of Hearing or Deaf.



Connie Gongos works with an I.C.E. counselor learning how to use his fingers to sign



I.C.E. counselors practice signing during class

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Pennies to  
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All pennies  
donated go  
to our  
Hearing Aid  
Assistance  
fund. Drop  
off at the  
office or call  
for a pick  
up.

## Hard of Hearing Persons and Issues: Local and Global Challenges

Presentation by Ruth Warick Ph.D.

April 10, 2014

Ruth presented some insightful points to an attentive audience on this evening's presentation. It is always important for each of us with hearing loss to know what is happening in other countries in education, employment and everyday lives. Have they won some of the battles we still face and if so how might we be able to learn

from their victories and failures. Ruth spoke on awareness, stigmatization and isolation due to communication breakdowns. She instilled some enthusiasm in the audience to become active and be the 'Change' we need to be. We need to band together to take on this challenge. Thanks Ruth for wonderful reminders that we need many voices to

make change happen! On a side note - This Memorial Lecture is endowed by Patricia Eidem (A long time CHHA-Edmonton member) in memory of her parents; her father who became deafened in his later years. - Cindy Gordon

# Help is Hear CHHA-ED Mini Conference May 3, 2014

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## Highlights



WHICH THEATRES HAVE ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES?  
HOW DOES CAPTIONING REALLY WORK?  
WHAT IS A LOOP SYSTEM?  
WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS?  
WHERE CAN I FIND HELP?

CANADIAN HARD OF HEARING ASSOCIATION  
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## Upcoming Events:

1. **June 12, 2014: Edmonton Community Foundation Annual Meeting**
2. **July 2– August 20, 2014: Summer ASL Classes**
3. **September 8, 2014: General Meeting & Presentation of Scholarships**

**Volunteers are needed for CHHA-Ed's Casino:  
November 21& 22, 2014**

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

This year's walk was a major success. We would like to thank all the volunteers who came out to help and walk as well as everyone who sponsored CHHA-Ed walkers. This year, in partnership with the Hearing Foundation of Canada, we promoted safe hearing by handing out earplugs to all walk participants. Hope to see you there next year!

