

# CHHA Edmonton

March 2016 Newsletter

## CHHA-Ed Golf Tournament

**JUNE 15, 2016** save THE date

100 Links Road  
Spruce Grove, Alberta

**FIRST ANNUAL  
CHHA-ED  
CHARITY GOLF  
TOURNAMENT**

**\$150/person or \$500/team**  
1:00pm Shotgun Start, Texas Scramble  
Includes: Round, Cart, BBQ Dinner, and Prizes

in support of:  
CANADIAN HARD OF  
HEARING ASSOCIATION  
EDMONTON BRANCH

**Celebrity Marshalls:**  
former Edmonton Eskimos  
Hector Pothier  
& Jed Roberts

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Save the date! Introducing the First Annual CHHA-Ed Charity Golf Tournament with Celebrity Marshalls Hector Pothier and Jed Roberts of the Edmonton Eskimos Alumni.

Taking place on June 15, 2016 at The Links Golf Course, the cost is \$150 per person or \$550 per team with a 1:00pm shotgun start, Texas Scramble. This price includes the round, cart, a BBQ dinner, and prizes.

See page 8 of the newsletter for registration and sponsorship information.

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## President's Message

On February 1, 2016, CHHA-Ed held their Annual General meeting. We welcome Diane Sperling to the board as Treasurer and say goodbye to Joanne McKenzie, our former Treasurer and board member Catherine Sargefield. We wish them the very best. The CHHA-Ed golf committee is hard at work planning our first ever golf tournament on Wednesday, June 15, 2016. Volunteers are needed for that day; so if you are not a golfer, but would like to participate as a volunteer, please contact the CHHA-Ed office. If you have not had an opportunity to visit the new CHHA-Ed office, please plan to do so. A loop system has been installed and we would love to hear your feedback. See you at the next general meeting in April.

... Marilyn

## CHHA appoints new Executive Director

The Board of Directors of the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association (CHHA) has announced **Ms. Glenn Martin** as their Executive Director, effective February 16, 2016.

Ms. Martin is a Registered Nurse, holds a Commerce degree from the University of Victoria and is a Certified Association Executive. She held senior staff positions with not-for-profits for twelve years, including eight as CEO for the Association of Consulting Engineering Companies of British Columbia (ACECBC). Previously, Ms. Martin was the Manager, Member & Public Affairs for the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of British Columbia, the regulatory body for more than 25,000 members. She was renowned not only for her skill in strategic planning, marketing and communications, but in successfully working with Boards of Directors and committees to meet organizational goals.

Glenn Martin looks forward to working with CHHA. She will work out of the CHHA national office in Ottawa.



*"Individual commitment to a group effort--that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work" – Vince Lombardi*

**Transcripts, ASL videos available online for deaf and hard of hearing audience:**

<http://www.cbc.ca/radio/thecurrent/transcripts-asl-videos-available-online-for-deaf-and-hard-of-hearing-audience-1.3425933>

# Hearing Aid Assistance Fund Report

A total of 4 applications for assistance were received in 2015. Two were declined due to incomplete forms, or not meeting the criteria. The other two applicants were approved.

There has been a significant reduction in the collection of refundable containers, having lost two of our major donors last year. Fundraising has been a challenge and our bank account is suffering. At this time we are unable to assist with any new applications until more funds come in. Bottles and other returnable containers brought us only \$627.00 (\$366.00 less than 2014). The Roy Financial Mayor's Walk brought in \$1050.00 (over \$300 less than the previous year). The Roy Financial Mayor's Walk has terminated their yearly activity, and we are always looking for new fundraising opportunities. We welcome assistance and/or suggestions for future fundraising ideas.

I am stepping down from the chair position of this program; however, I will remain an active member of the team. As challenging and busy as the position has been, I have enjoyed my time. I will assist in processing and training the new chairperson, Leslie Colby over the next few months.

Susanne Martin



For information on the Hearing Aid Assistance Fund or to make a donation to this fund please visit our website at [www.chha-ed.com](http://www.chha-ed.com) and click on Assistance

## Speechreading 1 -2 & Coping Classes

**Instructor - Cindy G.**

CHHA-Ed would like to thank North Edmonton Senior Association (NESA) for offering Speechreading 1 & Coping Skill classes as part of their winter and spring programs. This class is open to all (not just seniors) who are interested in taking the class. Classes began on March 23rd and finish May 25th. NESA looked after the registration and classes are being held at the Northgate Lions Senior Recreation Centre (7524 139 Avenue). The fee for this class was \$175.00 for 10 lessons – 2hour lessons.

Speechreading 2 & Coping Skills class, \$150.00 for 8 lessons, started March 1st and finishes April 26th. To be eligible for Speechreading 2 participants had to have completed Speechreading 1. CHHA-Ed would like to thank Hosana Lutheran Church at 9009-163 St who, for a donation, provided space for this class.

The next Speechreading 1 & Coping Skills class will be taking registrations in August for the class to start mid-September.

For more information on Speechreading & Coping Skill classes and to register please email [chha-ed@shaw.ca](mailto:chha-ed@shaw.ca) or phone CHHA-Ed at 780-428-6622.

## Conversational ASL Classes

**Instructor - Connie G.**

The demand for conversational American Sign Language (ASL) continues to grow. We have two Level A classes that started at the late January and early in February that were full and have just been completed. We will be offering two Level A classes to start Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> and two Level B classes to start on Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. Information for these classes is available on our website with dates, times and location. Registrations are now being accepting.

Cost is \$125.00 per participant. Classes consist of one 2-hour class per week for eight weeks.

# Article – Community Member Amber

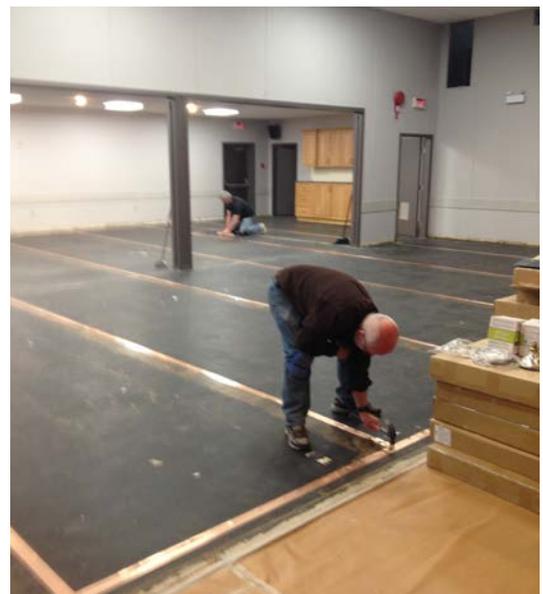
My name is Amber Darragh and I have been an audiologist in Alberta since 2004. I have moderate to profound sensorineural hearing loss in both ears for which I have worn behind-the-ear hearing aids since I was 4 years old. Audiology was a natural career choice for me given my lifetime of experience with hearing loss. Without hearing aids, I would not be able to work, communicate, listen or dance to music, all the things I love to do. Hearing aid technology is remarkable and life changing. But, as most people with hearing loss know, hearing aids have limitations and cannot do it all.

When in a large room or at a distance from a speaker, I struggle to hear due to reverberation, the sound being too quiet once it reaches me, and not being able to lipread from that far away. Also, when there is background noise, I can only speak to those immediately beside me as I have to rely almost solely on lipreading in those situations. Typically during speeches and other group gatherings, I tune out or every once in a while elbow my husband to ask, “What did they say? What’s everyone laughing at?” At my wedding my lovely sister was kind enough to print out her toast to the bride speech so I could read along as she gave it and know what she was saying or I would have missed most everything she said.

My son is in playschool and in early 2015 I attended a meeting on behalf of the playschool. At that meeting a newsletter was handed out that mentioned the Employment and Social Development Canada Enabling Accessibility Fund, a federal grant which supports capital costs of construction and renovations for improving accessibility of workplace and community settings for people with disabilities in Canada (<http://www.esdc.gc.ca/eng/disability/eaf/index.shtml>). I immediately wondered if Clymont Community Hall ([www.clymont.com](http://www.clymont.com)) could apply for that to make it more accessible for people with hearing loss.

Clymont Hall is where my parents hosted a party for me when I graduated with my Doctorate in Audiology; it is where I got married; it is where my son attends playschool. The building and the people involved in it are my home.

I contacted the grant coordinator for Clymont Hall, Bill Lywood, and asked him if he thought we could apply. It was perfect timing as the grant application deadline was in April 2015 and the hall was already planning a renovation in the winter of 2016 to modernize the facility. I talked to other professionals about various options for improving accessibility for people with hearing loss at the hall, including soundfield FM systems, portable FM systems, and an audio loop installed in the floor. It was ultimately decided that an audio loop installed in the floor would be the best option.



I was able to secure the necessary quotes and Mr. Lywood presented the proposal to the Clymont Hall executive. Because this is a federal grant, the hall would also need to pay a portion of the costs involved in purchasing and installing the audio loop. The executive agreed that this was an important step to take and allotted funds to go towards the installation of the audio loop so the grant application was submitted. The Government of Canada agreed and the grant application was approved!

The quote chosen for the installation of the loop was *Looped by Benco* (loopedbybenco@shaw.ca). The loop was installed during the renovations at Clymont Hall in January and February 2016 by Paul Benson and Lee Ramsdell. In order to apply for the grant, a design had to be done and a quote of the cost for the system. As Clymont Hall is used for many different functions, including parties, dances, and exercise classes such as yoga, a standard loop system would not meet the needs of the hall and a two phase none correlated system had to be used.

In order to meet the needs of the Hall, the design called for three of the two phased none correlated two phase systems and one perimeter loop design so that those with hearing aids would be able to hear speech and music throughout the entire room, including at the back half of the dance floor. While this design is not the typical design, Paul Benson of *Looped by Benco* was very innovative in his design and was able to meet the parameters that Clymont Hall requested. Clymont Hall is now fully looped and accessible for people with hearing loss!

I am so very proud of the Clymont community for supporting me and everyone with hearing loss by being innovative and being one of the first facilities of its type to make an effort to be more accessible for those with hearing loss, an invisible disability which is often forgotten about. In addition to the audio loops, a more advanced microphone system was also purchased to improve sound quality being transmitted to the loop and extra headsets for those people with hearing loss who do not wear hearing aids. I hope other venues will also follow the example set by Clymont and consider similar technology when constructing or renovating their facilities. The plan designed by Paul Benson shows that with innovation any space can be looped.

Audiologists will be more inclined to program their patients' hearing aids with an active telecoil mode

and show them how to use it if there are more public spaces where they can use it and benefit from it. It makes our hearing aids that much more useful!

The renovations are nearly wrapped up at Clymont Hall and there is a grand opening dinner and family dance with a live band planned for Saturday, March 19th, 2016. Clymont Hall is available for rentals and has hosted many weddings, anniversaries, dances, parties, and other social functions. There is a large banquet room ("the main hall") which can hold up to 300 people and a smaller south meeting room. The main hall is on a separate loop than the meeting room so that separate events can happen in each room without overlap.

My hope is that individuals and groups who are looking for a facility to rent for their wedding, party, meeting, etc. will consider Clymont Hall so that they can make their event more accessible and more enjoyable for those people attending with hearing loss.

I will be able to switch my hearing aids to my telecoil program and be able to hear what is being said during the speeches and will be able to enjoy the live music with a whole new level of clarity and sound quality – and I know there are others with hearing aids and hearing loss who will be doing the same!



# CHHA-Ed Activities

## January – March 2016

Date	Activity – Event
<p><b>January to March</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hearing Loss Seminar (2)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– U of A Pharmacy Students</li> <li>– Yesterdays Youth</li> <li>– NAIT – CART students</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. All Day Training Session – Cross Disability</li> <li>3. Healthy Aging Committee – monthly meetings</li> <li>4. Hearing Awareness Training – Edmonton Airport</li> <li>5. <b>“Your Third Ear”</b> Sessions (12) for CHHA-ED, Living Sounds and others as booked</li> <li>6. Conversational American Sign Language Classes               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– two class (Saturday mornings &amp; Tuesday evenings)</li> </ul> </li> <li>7. CHHA-Ed Board Meeting</li> <li>8. Golf Tournament Committee Meeting (2)</li> <li>9. Annual General Meeting – Feb. 1<sup>st</sup></li> <li>10. Open House &amp; Fairs – WEM 50+ Seniors Day</li> </ol>
<p><b>Upcoming &amp; Ongoing</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Working with NAIT Photography students on our Pecha Kucha</li> <li>2. Speechreading 2 &amp; Coping Class – Mar. 1<sup>st</sup> to Apr. 26<sup>th</sup></li> <li>3. Speechreading 1 &amp; Coping class – Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup> to May 25<sup>th</sup></li> <li>4. Your Third Ear Workshops – Free – Check website for dates.</li> <li>5. General Meeting – April 4<sup>th</sup> at the Glenrose in Conference Room B (7:00 p.m.)</li> <li>6. West Edmonton Mall – Seniors’ Social – Apr.6<sup>th</sup></li> <li>7. Conversational American Sign Language Classes               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– four class (2 Level A and 2 Level B) April 13 to June 11<sup>th</sup></li> </ul> </li> <li>8. St. Albert 50+ Club Senior Expo – May 5<sup>th</sup>,</li> <li>9. Older, Bolder, Better – Exhibit – June 9<sup>th</sup></li> </ol>
<p>Check the website to keep up to date on what is happening</p>	



February 1, 2016

## Re: Sponsorship Opportunities for CHHA-Ed 2016 Golf Tournament

The Canadian Hard of Hearing Association – Edmonton Branch (CHHA-Ed) invites you and your corporation/business to be part of our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Golf Tournament being held at The Links in Spruce Grove, Alberta on June 15, 2016.

CHHA-Ed provides support, programs and advocacy for the hard of hearing and late-deafened community in Edmonton and surrounding areas. Hearing loss is the fastest growing disability today and many people struggle to cope with the loss, including the cost of hearing aids, dealing with social situations and developing coping strategies. It is estimated that over 100,000 people have hearing loss in Edmonton alone. This golf tournament will make CHHA-Ed more visible in the community and help support our Hearing Aid Assistance Fund to supply hearing aids to the economically disadvantaged in our region.

CHHA-Ed is excited to announce that Hector Pothier and Jed Roberts, Edmonton Eskimo Alumni and Grey Cup Champions who both have hearing loss, have agreed to be the Celebrity Marshalls for the event. They will be on hand to share their experiences as professional football players. Additionally, broadcasting personality Seanna Collins will be the event emcee. This will be a fantastic day that you will not want to miss.

Enclosed you will find the Sponsorship Options providing information on sponsorship opportunities available. Also enclosed is the event agenda, Golfer Registration form and a CHHA-Ed Golf Tournament poster that can be displayed and shared with others.

CHHA-Ed is counting on your support for our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Golf Tournament as a sponsor and/or as a participant. For more information visit our website at [www.chha-ed.com](http://www.chha-ed.com), email us at [chha-ed@shaw.ca](mailto:chha-ed@shaw.ca) or call 780-428-6622.

Yours for better hearing!

Ryan Gordon

CHHA Golf Committee Chair

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CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 2:00 pm - At the Links at Spruce Grove!  
18 Hole Texas Scramble Format. Price includes use of Power Cart, Range Balls, BBQ Dinner  
Muligans, 50/50 & Live Auction  
**Golfer Registration Form**

<p><b>Individual(s) \$150.</b></p> <p>Number of individual golfers: _____ Name(s) of individual golfers: _____</p> <p>1) Name: _____ Email: _____</p> <p>2) Name: _____ Email: _____</p> <p>3) Name: _____ Email: _____</p>	<p><b>Team of 4 \$550</b></p> <p>Names of team members:</p> <p>1) Name: _____ Email: _____</p> <p>2) Name: _____ Email: _____</p> <p>3) Name: _____ Email: _____</p> <p>4) Name: _____ Email: _____</p>
<p><b>Additional Dinner Tickets \$45</b></p> <p>Dinner is included with registration, however you may order additional dinner tickets for guests not golfing. Seating is limited and subject to availability.</p> <p>Number of additional dinner guests: _____ Name(s): _____</p>	<p><b>Schedule of Events</b></p> <p>Registration: 1:00 pm Shotgun Start: 2:00 pm BBQ Dinner: 6:30 pm</p> <p>Team Picking &amp; Auction to follow Dinner</p>

**Contact & Payment Information**  
\*Payment must be received prior to tournament\*

Individual(s) \$150 [ ] Team of 4 \$550 [ ] Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_ Contact \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Prov \_\_\_\_\_ PC \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

I am unable to golf, but would like to make a cash donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Indicate method of payment:  PAYPAL  CASH  CHEQUE

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

► Please Fax completed form to: (780) 428-6661 or, scan/email to: [chha-ed@shaw.ca](mailto:chha-ed@shaw.ca)  
Or mail to: CHHA-Ed #52-9912-106 St. Edm. T5K 1C5  
Phone 780-428-6622



### Sponsorship Options

All funds realized from this event will go directly to CHHA-Ed programs that support and advocate for hard of hearing and the late-deafened in the greater Edmonton area.

#### Platinum Sponsors

\$3,001 or more  
Company name/logo on golf carts  
Company name on all printed material  
Display your company banner or sign  
Four complementary registrations to tournament



#### Gold Sponsors

\$1,501 to \$3,000  
Company name on all printed material  
Display your company banner or sign  
Two complementary registrations to tournament



#### Silver Sponsors

\$500 to \$1,500  
Company name on all printed material  
Hole signage if sponsoring Hole-in-One (\$700)  
One Complementary registration to tournament



#### Bronze Sponsors

Less than \$500  
Prizes or donation will be used for tournament prizes or auction items

SPONSORSHIP MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 20<sup>th</sup> FOR ADVERTISING PURPOSES

All cash donations will receive a charitable donation tax receipt.

For more information call 780-428-6622

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

### SPONSORSHIP FORM

We would be pleased to sponsor the CHHA-Ed Golf Tournament

Please indicate your level of sponsorship

- Platinum  
 Gold  
 Silver  
 Bronze  
 OTHER (eg. Cash Donation, Team Prizes, Door Prizes)

Amount/Description \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Individual/Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Prov \_\_\_\_\_ PC \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Web \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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