

## OVERHEARD in the "Spring of 2013"



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### **Words from the President**

A new season is upon us! New beginnings with spring around the corner, and with this comes continued planning for CHHA-Ed! We are in the midst of planning to be Hosts for the National CHHA Conference in 2013. It will be held May 23-25<sup>th</sup> at West Edmonton Mall. See more information in this newsletter as to when we meet and how you can help.

But MOST importantly we hope to see you all at the conference, take advantage of this while it is in our own backyard!!!! Learn new things meet people from across the country that have a hearing loss and most of all ... have FUN in an accessible and comfortable environment!

Aside from the conference CHHA-Ed is always trying to be community and advocacy wise. There is always a place for you at CHHA-Ed!! It's never been a better time to be involved ... it's as easy as coming to a meeting or calling the office or email me ... [cindy@bridgessupport.com](mailto:cindy@bridgessupport.com)  
Hope to Hear from you soon!!

Cindy Gordon

**Let Your PENNIES be 'HEARD'**

**DONATE TO PENNIES TO CHHA-ED**

All pennies donated shall go our [HEARING AID ASSISTANCE FUND](#)  
Pennies maybe dropped off at CHHA-Ed, #10, 9912 – 106 Street  
or phone 780 429 6622 for pick-up.

## Committee Reports

### Scholarship Fund

Prepared by: Gerda Alexander (Committee Chair)

"The CHHA-Edmonton Scholarship Committee is now accepting application for the Academic Scholarship for hard of hearing students taking a full time post-secondary program of study towards a degree, diploma or certificate. Applications must be received by May 31, 2013.

NAIT Court Reporting and Captioning first year students are encouraged to apply for the Captioning and Court Reporting Scholarship. All applications are to be submitted to NAIT's Awards office at NAIT by May 31, 2013.

Please check out [www.chha-ed.com/assistance](http://www.chha-ed.com/assistance) for more information and to download the application forms.

### Hearing Aid Assistance Fund (HAAF)

Prepared by Susanne Martin – Committee Chair

Thanks for all 2012 bottle donations and special recognition goes out to following donors:

Old Strathcona Antique Mall	Family Centre	Leanne M <sup>c</sup> Caffrey
Doug & Marilyn Kingdon	Leslie Colby	Sandra German
Patricia & Tara Mitrovic	Susanne Martin	Megan Camerson

CHHA-Ed is registered to participating in **St. Albert's Roy Financial Mayor's Walk for Charity** on **Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>**. Members and friends who would enjoy a 2.5 km walk on that starts at 9:30 am on Saturday morning are invited to join us. This is our big fund raiser for the HAAF and we need your help to make it an even bigger success than it was last year. Sponsorship forms are available by emailing [chha-ed@shaw.ca](mailto:chha-ed@shaw.ca) and requesting one. All funds raised go to the HAAF to help those who can't afford to purchase a hearing aid recommended by their hearing health professional.

*The Hearing Aid Assistance Fund information and Application Form maybe viewed and downloaded from the CHHA-Ed Website at [www.chha-ed.com](http://www.chha-ed.com).*

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**ZeniPower Batteries**

1 pkg. of 6 for \$3.00 or 10 pkgs. of 6 for \$30.00

Funds raised are in support of the Hearing Aid Assistance Fund

Contact CHHA-Ed at [chha-ed@shaw.ca](mailto:chha-ed@shaw.ca) for more information

## CHHA-Ed Events

### General Meeting

General meeting held on April 8<sup>th</sup> at WEM in the Fantasyland Hotel conference centre, room 10 was well attended. Committee work for the conference is progressing nicely, with the planning and booking of speakers and entertainment complete. The Promotion Committee has been very busy contacting businesses for sponsorship and donations. We are continuing to contact businesses and will be looking into ads for papers and radio to advertise the conference before the end of April.

CHHA-Ed will have a table in Kingsway Garden Mall May 1<sup>st</sup> to May 5<sup>th</sup> to promote hearing awareness, the conference, and to sell raffle tickets. If you would like to volunteer to look after a shift for us please contact Frances at [chha-ed@shaw.ca](mailto:chha-ed@shaw.ca).

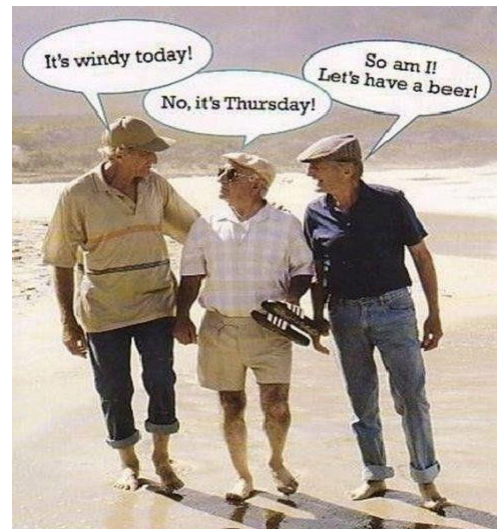
We will be offering two ASL classes starting at the beginning of May. Information is posted on the website at [www.chha-ed.com](http://www.chha-ed.com).

**NEXT MEETING is MONDAY, May 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2013**

**WEM in the FANTASYLAND HOTEL  
CONFERENCE CENTRE, ROOM 10**

**Starting 6:30 pm**

“General meetings are for you!”  
It is time to share, learn and be heard.



### Beginner “Level” American Sign Language (ASL)

Instructor: Connie Gongos

**‘Level A’** class to start April 29<sup>th</sup> with registration closing on Thursday April 25<sup>th</sup>. This class will be Monday evenings from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. **‘Level B’** class to start May 2<sup>nd</sup> with registration closing on Monday April 29<sup>th</sup>. A minimum of seven registered with fees paid are required for a class to proceed.

Two very successful American Sign Language classes finished on February 26<sup>th</sup> and March 7<sup>th</sup> with another class scheduled to finish on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Special thanks to Lana Unick West Edmonton Mall Human Resources who requested the program. She organized the participants, took registration and arranged space for the class.

CHHA-Ed’s winter classes were held at the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital. All participants demonstrated signing skills that will make it possible for them to communicate with other sign users. Great work by all and **‘kudos’** for wanting to learn a new language to communicate with the Hard of Hearing and Deaf.

If interested in ASL classes please contact CHHA-Ed office: phone 780 428 6622 or email [chha-ed@shaw.ca](mailto:chha-ed@shaw.ca). Be sure to check the website at [www.chha-ed.com](http://www.chha-ed.com) for dates and times of ASL Classes.

## Conference Update

CHHA-Ed is having a raffle with four great prizes to be drawn at the CHHA conference banquet. We have four great prizes that were donated and tickets are \$10.00 each. Thanks to members and CHHA-Ed friends who are selling raffle tickets. We were at Northgate Mall in February and will be at Kingsway Mall May 1<sup>st</sup> to May 5<sup>th</sup> to start **Hearing Awareness** month by providing information on hearing loss and what CHHA-Ed does, and to promote the conference and sell raffle tickets. Kingsway Garden Mall TanJay is helping us promote the conference by having a Fashion show with CHHA-Ed members modeling spring fashions in their store from 1 pm to 3 pm on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. We look forward to seeing you there.

Advertising in local papers and on CFCW start April 23 and run until May 1<sup>st</sup>. Be sure to watch and listen for information on the CHHA National conference.

The Conference program is at the printers and will be ready for the delegate bags by the middle of May. Ryan Gordon has designed and looked after the printing of Conference posters, raffle tickets and conference program. Great work Ryan. Thanks

Check [CHHA](#) and [CHHA-Ed's](#) websites for the conference schedule of events including workshops and presenters. Silent Auction items are listed on [CHHA-Ed's website with photos](#) to show what items are like. Donations for the Silent Auction will be accepted until May 15<sup>th</sup>. Delegates' gift bags are almost ready for distribution as result of many fantastic donations.

CHHA-Ed thanks each person and business that has sponsored and/or made a donation which helped make it possible for us to provide all activities and events as planned.

If you have question and want more information please contact Frances at [chha-ed@shaw.ca](mailto:chha-ed@shaw.ca).

### **2013 CHHA ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

*"The fun continues!"*

In EDMONTON at the Fantasy Land Hotel West Edmonton Mall  
May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>

**COME JOIN US**

**WORKSHOPS   TRADE SHOW   FUN ACTIVITIES**

**ONLY 4 WEEKS** to the 2013 CHHA National Conference.

## **CHHA-ED Sponsors and Donors**

### **Sponsorships, Grants & Cash Donations**

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“THANK-YOU” each of our donors listed for their support makes our programs and the upcoming conference possible.

***“Membership renewal is important” to  
CHHA-ED”***

*Current mailing and email addresses are necessary to provide you with news and happenings at CHHA-ED. Thank-you!*

*Renewal forms are available for printing at [www.chha-ed.com](http://www.chha-ed.com)*

## Community Connections

### Check out two video clips that CHHA-Ed has on YouTube

These links are the final version of work completed by Harvey Lu for a class he was taking at McEwan University.

30 second PSA: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BtOJm5EtgRs>

60 second PSA: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KODqM5n82cw>

### Third Ear Workshops

Join Cindy Gordon for an enlightening experience to find out what 'Your Third Ear' is and how you can develop it. Included will be a discussion about:

- Your hearing - How does it work?
- Benefits of wearing hearing aids vs. not wearing hearing aids
- Communication and Coping skills
- Emotional impact of hearing loss on everyone
- Lighter side of living with a hearing loss!
- Available resources in the community

Book your session by calling 428-6624 or email [cindy@bridgessupport.com](mailto:cindy@bridgessupport.com) to register.

*Seating is limited to 10 per session.*

### Community News

*CRTC Update:* The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) launched a public consultation on whether video relay service for Canadians who are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired should be offered. As part of this consultation, the CRTC will hold a public hearing starting on October 21, 2013, in Gatineau, Que. To learn more and to participate in this consultation, go to: <http://www.crtc.gc.ca/eng/com100/2013/r130327.htm>

The CRTC encourages Canadians to participate by submitting their initial comments by May 17, 2013. They may do so by:

- filling out the [online form](#)
- writing to the Secretary General, CRTC, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0N2
- sending a fax at 819-994-0218, or
- by video in American Sign Language (ASL) or Langue des signes québécoise (LSQ).

# I Listen... / À L'écoute...

Your weekly e-newsletter – [Votre e-bulletin hebdomadaire](#)

Be sure to check out 'I Listen,' CHHA's weekly news brief of products and events of interest to Canadians with hearing loss. This weekly e-newsletter is emailed out to members weekly.

## **CRTC — a wireless plan for Canadians with disabilities**

A presentation took place on February 13, 2013. Commissioners asked a lot of questions and have asked us to submit a CODE OF CONDUCT proposal by March 1, 2013. Here are the speeches and recommendations that were presented at the hearing ..... [Check Feb. 19, 2003 issue](#)

## **Hearing aid prices much higher than their actual cost ... [read online](#)**

CBC News

Even though consumers can pay thousands dollars for a single hearing aid, a CBC News investigation has found that the actual cost of making a hearing aid averages around \$150. That figure comes from the operator of Audicus Inc., an online company that distributes hearing aids direct from the manufacturer at a reduced cost to customers around the world.

(Links to **Related Stories:** [Hearing aid subsidies vary in Canada, fall short in Manitoba](#) and [INTERACTIVE: Comparison of hearing aid subsidies](#)) ..... [Check Feb. 12, 2013](#)

**WHEN you read an article that is interesting please let us know so that it can be shared with others.**

**"FEEDBACK" on articles is always welcome.**

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](mailto:chha-ed@shaw.ca).

## **\*\*\* CHHA-Ed Office Hours \*\*\***

Monday & Wednesday – 12:30 pm to 5:00 pm & Thursday 9:30 am to 3:30 pm