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Words from the President

In my last message to the members, I put forward a question to you all about what you would like to see CHHA- Ed become, what do you want to get out of it and what can we do to make it worth your while to be a member...I am still awaiting the responses !!! Please email me at cindy@bridgesupport.com
Remember the old saying ... Don't think a few people can change the world...oh yes we can!! There are still barriers and concerns for us all, and though we are a small group we need to work on them together to make change!

We are excited to start our first meeting off Sept. 12th on this theme.... What have we done and where are we going, so if you don't touch base with me by then be sure to be at the meeting!! Find out what we have done and some NEW exciting news to share of where we are going!! There will be opportunity to discuss your ideas and we also have a video planned to watch together to remember we are not alone. "UNHEARD Voices" is a beautiful one woman play presented by one of our own, the talented Gael Hannan. So don't miss the upcoming meeting at 7:00, Sept. 12th.

In this newsletter look for our 'NEW' regular items... Committee Updates, ASL Class Updates, "Did you Know?"tidbits, and other exciting news. Please remember to send suggestions and information to the office of things you would like in the newsletter!!

Lastly my thanks to the board and chair committees for your work and ideas over the summer months, there seemed to be no vacation time for CHHA-Ed!

Enjoy the rest of the summer and see you in September!

Committee Reports

Hearing Aid Assistance Fund (HAAF)

Chair: Megan Cameron

The HAAF Committee met several times over the past months and approved three recipients for funding for a total of \$2,250.00. We have two new applications pending. But “unfortunately little funds!” Remember the major fundraisers for this fund are the Roy Financial Mayor’s Walk in St Albert, the Bottle Drive, Battery Sales and donations. Please help us help others.

Note: We now have a new Application Form for those who need one. Contact CHHA-Ed for a copy of the new form and criteria.

Scholarship Fund

Chair: Gerda Alexander

NAIT Captioning and Court Reporting Program Scholarship

CHHA-Ed is the proud of the NAIT Captioning and Court Reporting Program Scholarship. This year the recipient is **Kimberley Kane** a full-time second year student in the Captioning and Court Reporting program. Kimberly was selected for this award on the basis of her academic achievement, community involvement and volunteer work in the hard of hearing community. As such we are pleased to present her with this award in the amount of \$1,000.00.



*Students from a 2010/2011
NAIT Captioning and Court
Reporting classes*

The CHHA-Edmonton Branch Scholarship Committee is also pleased to announce our Academic Scholarship winner: **Brittni Turner** in the Bachelor of Science Pre-Pharmacy program attending Red Deer College for the 2011 – 2012 academic year. Presentation will be made at the September general meeting!

Congratulations to both scholarship winners!"

CHHA-Ed Beginner Level ASL Classes

Interest in ASL classes continues to boom. We have just completed the Beginner ASL Level A course. At the request of students in the Level A class we will be offering a Level B course starting August 6/11 and ending on September 24/11.

For the fall, CHHA-Ed will be offering two classes. A Beginner Level 'A' ASL class on Saturdays starting on September 10, 2011 and a Beginner Level 'B' ASL class on Thursdays starting on September 8, 2011.

Times and dates are available at www.chha-ed.com. Cost varies depending on the Level.

If interested please contact the CHHA-Ed office at 780 428 6622 or email chha-ed@shaw.ca.

CHHA-Ed Events

St Albert's 11th Annual Roy Financial Mayor's Walk



Just look at the smiling faces of CHHA-Ed's energetic walkers and runners after a brisk trip in the rain

The Roy Financial Mayor's Walk on June 18th proved to be a very wet and rainy day, but fun and a pancake breakfast was enjoyed by all who came out. CHHA-Ed walkers raised approx. \$3 000 from the pledges made by many friends and sponsors. 100% of the money raised will be used for the Hearing Aid Assistance Program to help hard of hearing individual in need finance the purchase hearing aid(s). Thanks to walkers-Susanne Martin (Also number one pledge raiser!!!), Gerda Alexander, Ryan Gordon, Merrina Knorr, Scott Gordon, Norm Gressel, and runners Janice Plump and Cindy Gordon. Special Thanks for our Volunteers- Frances Tallon and Joanne Mankow and Megan Cameron.

Bottle Drive "JULY 31, 2011" for HAAF Fund

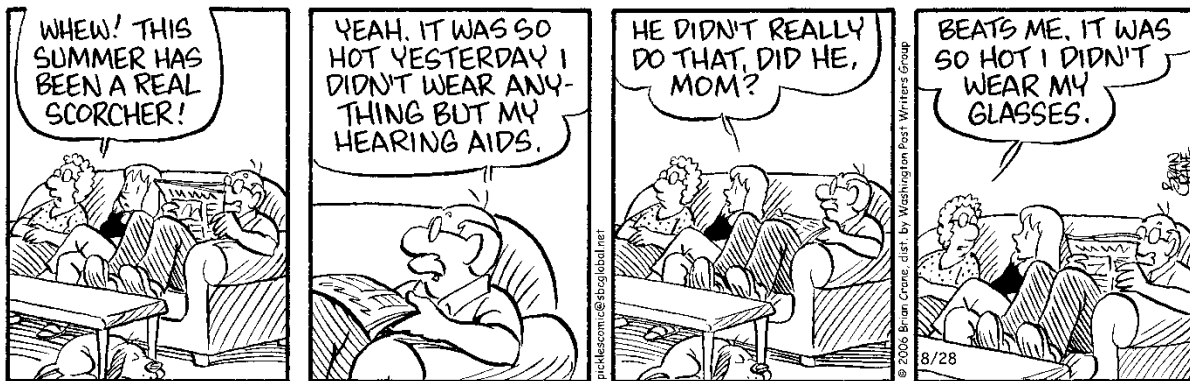
Is proving to be very successful, the amount deposited for July 31st is \$252.00. The agencies and businesses in the Commonwealth Building have been very supportive by bring down bags of their bottles and containers. A special thanks the donors who have help make our bottle drive a success: Leslie C & Family, Gerda A & Family, Marilyn & Doug K, Bob P, Nadine F & Family, The Family Centre and Susanne M & Family.

Next collection is for September 30, 2011. Bring your bag of bottles to the September 12th General Meeting as the next collection date is September 30, 2011. If it is more convenient you may drop your bottles off or call us to have them picked up.

Community Connections

Hearing Aid /Device Satisfaction Survey

EARtrak is interested in your hearing care experience as a consumer. They would like your opinions about the quality of service, and performance of your most recently-fitted hearing aid/device(s). To obtain your opinion, they would like you to complete the [EARtrak survey](#). Please be assured that all surveys are confidential, and that your personal information has remained with us unless you choose to have this forwarded to your service provider.



Pickles comic strip published August 28, 2006.

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Hear the World

Hear the World is a non-profit foundation established by Phonak to improve quality of life and promote equal opportunities for people with hearing loss, globally. The Foundation has a special focus on initiatives that support children with hearing loss in reaching their developmental milestones and realizing their full potential in life.

The Hearing Foundation of Canada and The Northern BC Children Families Hearing Society are two organizations that received funding from Hear the World Foundation in 2011. By going to www.hear-the-world.com you will be able to find out what these two Canadian organizations are doing to help improve the quality of life for children using the funding they received. These are only two of many projects Hear the World Foundation provides support to, that you can read about.

Hear the World website, also provides some good information and reading for those interested in finding out more about hard of hearing and hearing loss.

DID YOU KNOW.....?

Walking Improves Your Hearing

Walking does indeed improve your hearing. The reasoning is that activity increases blood flow to the brain resulting in improved cognitive function; and one of our cognitive functions is hearing. (*Summer 2011- Listen magazine*)

Noise Induced Hearing Loss

Sustained exposure to sound above 90 decibels could result in hearing loss; more than 140 decibels – even with ear protection – causes permanent damage.

- 30 dB: Quiet library whisper
- 60-70 dB: Normal conversation from 15 metres away
- 85 dB: City traffic from inside your car
- 94 dB: iPod or MP3 player at average volume
- 107 dB: Lawn mower
- 120 dB: Level in stands in typical Stanley Cup final

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Batteries of all sizes and for hearing aids and CI's are available for purchase in CHHA-Ed office. ZeniPower batteries are priced right for you **packages of 6 for \$3.00 or \$4.00** and **10 packages of 6 for \$30.00 or \$40.00** respectively. All proceeds from the sale of batteries go toward the Hearing Aid Assistance Fund!! Tax receipts issued!

Facebook

Still in the works, so members can feel free to chat with each other and stay connected. **Help is needed??** We need someone to come and set us up so we can get this going! Contact the office, as we would love to hear from you!!!

Member Updates

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

Have you recently moved or changed your email address? Please let us know!!
Current addresses and email addresses are important in keeping you up to date.

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

Office will be closed August 29th to September 5th

CHHA-Ed Newsletter is looking for your **tidbits, pictures, articles** and information that you feel will be of interest to fellow members. Please forward a copy along with the source using chha-ed@shaw.ca.