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The Loop Newsletter

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Welcome to the electronic version of The Loop Newsletter! This two page newsletter is emailed on a bi-monthly basis, thus please keep the office advised of any changes to your email address.

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Hearing Loss Awareness

- *John Martin, Chilliwack MLA, brought awareness to the efforts of CHHA-BC in assisting those with hearing loss; an invisible disability which is often unrecognized, in the Constituency Report.*
- *Stephanie Bryant & Sharon Davis attended the Disability Transition Fair at Chilliwack Senior Secondary bringing awareness to Hearing Loss & CHHA-BC.*
- *The Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon at Decades Coffee Club not only recognized our hard working volunteers, it also brought awareness to hearing loss and options for accommodation. The Club generously donated the use of their private room and turned the music down so that we could all have an enjoyable experience.*

Thursday Morning “Coffee & Conversation”: We welcome hard of hearing persons at the Resource Centre starting at **10:00 am**. Join us for coffee & connect with other hard of hearing individuals. Joe and Sharon will be available to address technical concerns regarding assistive technology and discuss topics such as: coping strategies, advocacy and support.



Top: Chilliwack MLA John Martin with Sharon Davis, Joe Smith and Viviana Chiorean at the Provincial Resource Centre.

Bottom: The Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon at Decades Coffee Club.





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AGM Summary

Thank you to everyone that participated in the CHHA-BC AGM! We would like to also thank The BC Family Hearing Resource Centre and Catherine Siegler of ACCURATE REALTIME INC!

- The morning workshop theme was “Mentoring Works, Mentoring Matters” and was facilitated by Deborah Scott, PhD. Through shared experiences via interviews, the participants were able to collaboratively depict qualities of exemplary mentors. Attributes of mentees were also discussed as well as the lasting impact of mentorship. If you would like to become a Hearing Loss Mentor, please contact the CHHA-BC president, Dr. Marilyn Dahl, at: info@chha-bc.org.
- Bowen Tang & Joy Gong presented a very informative report on the CHHA-BC Youth Peer Support Program. They have experienced great success with the BC Buddies events as well as the Post-Secondary Transition Workshops throughout the Province. For more information or upcoming events please visit their website: <http://www.chha-bc.org/youthpsp/>
- There were various Branch reports that conveyed the hard work & dedication to helping those with hearing loss throughout the Province.
- Ruth Warick, Chair of the Nominations Committee for CHHA-BC, reported on the results. The CHHA-BC Board for the 2016-2019 term consists of:

President: Dr. Marilyn Dahl

Vice-President: Jerry Gosling

Treasurer: Michael Phelan

Secretary: Mike Hocevar

Director at Large: Kelsie Grazier and Joe Smith.

Welcome to New Board Members:

Secretary: Mike Hocevar

Treasurer: Michael Phelan

Our heartfelt thanks go out to:

Sharon Davis

Deborah Scott

Additional Resources:

- ⇒ “Chilliwack MLA John Martin on CHHA-BC in the Constituency Report”. READ MORE: <http://goo.gl/O4E2jm>
- ⇒ “It’s Not Denial. It’s Observation” by Curtis Alcock. READ MORE: <http://goo.gl/rDqFtv>
- ⇒ “Can ear infections lead to a permanent hearing loss?” by Melissa Karp, AuD. READ MORE: <https://goo.gl/KNAtkA>

Thank you for your continued support!