

CHHA-BC CHATTER

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Marilyn Dahl



President

Canadian Hard of Hearing Association (CHHA) - Vancouver Branch - 4th Annual Walk2Hear

Did you know that hearing loss is the # 1 disability among Canadians? In fact, one in five people are effected by hearing loss. The increase of hearing loss due to noise exposure is of growing concern, spanning all generations. Prevention is crucial whether you currently

have excellent hearing, or have a loss and wish to retain the hearing you have. The funds raised from this year's Walk will support Hearing Loss Prevention initiatives of the CHHA Vancouver Branch. Do not delay. Please sign up today and sponsor others who are taking part in the Walk!

You will have excellent odds of winning two airline tickets from the Air Canada Foundation by simply registering for the event and being present for the draw on Sunday, September 28th. Your name will be entered in a draw for two Economy Class return tickets for travel to any Air Canada scheduled destination in North America (including Hawaii, Mexico, the Caribbean and select sun destinations). Travel must be completed one year from the date of the event and blackout periods apply.

The approximate commercial value of the pair of tickets is \$4200.

Date of the Walk: Sunday, September 28, 2014

Location: Jericho Beach Park, East End. The meeting place is between 2nd Ave. and Wallace Street

Registration: Between 9:00 AM and 10:00 AM, Walk begins at 10:00 AM
The Air Canada draw will be at 11:30 AM.

Note: Anyone of any age can register. Children 12 and under can register with adult accompaniment. Young children (5 years old or less) do not have to register. However, if parents would like young children to receive a t-shirt they must register them online.

If you would like to register or sponsor a registered walker just click on the link below.

Your support is welcomed!

For more information go to:

<http://chhavancouver.ca/walk2hear-vancouver-2014>



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2014

Recent Changes and Updates from Peer Support Program

Dear friends and colleagues,

We hope you had a good summer – whether you travelled or had a staycation. Meanwhile, there has been a significant development with the Peer Support Program, as noted in the exchange of emails some of you may have received between us and Ms. Rosalind Ho from CHHA Young Adult Network. We apologize for the confusion due to miscommunication on our side. Subsequently, we are adhering to the request in removing the “YAN” from our program name. On that note, we are most fortunate and grateful to receive full support from Marilyn Dahl and CHHA-BC Board that as of August 8th 2014, we were given approval for our program to be officially affiliated with CHHA-BC. Henceforth, we will now be known as CHHA-BC Youth Peer Support Program.

Even though the program name has changed, it will not affect the services we have had the privilege of providing in the past year. Everything will remain the same, other than a change to our contact information. For future inquiries, please contact us at our new email address: chhabcypsp@gmail.com. We thank you for your patience and understanding. Now, in anticipation of a new academic year – we would like to give you an update on what will be coming up for the fall:

CHHA Vancouver Walk2Hear – September 28th, 2014 (Jericho Beach Area)

Walk2Hear is a national fundraising event organized by the *Canadian Hard of Hearing Association (CHHA)* in support of nearly 5 million Canadians experiencing some form of hearing loss. The *Vancouver Branch in a joint effort with CHHA* is pleased to participate in the fourth annual Walk2Hear 2014, which will be held on Sunday, September 28, 2014 at the Jericho Beach area. This year’s Grand Prize includes: Two Economy Class return tickets for travel to any Air Canada scheduled destination in North America (including Hawaii, Mexico, the Caribbean and select sun destinations) to be completed one year from the date of the event and blackout periods do

apply. Approximate Commercial Value is \$4200. Check out our promotional video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2SIN4KVd7qo>.

This event is an excellent opportunity for families with D&HOH children and youth to meet other D&HOH people of all ages. They can also raise public awareness of hearing loss in their communities by inviting relatives, friends and teachers to participate. Please spread the word to any families you know and encourage them to come join the walk. The Peer Support Program would like to extend an invitation for families to stay afterwards for an informal mix n' mingle over a "*Bring Your Own*" Picnic Lunch. Children and youth can get to know one another, play some games, etc.

If families reside outside of the Lower Mainland, they can form their own walk at a local neighbourhood. If families are unable to participate, they have the option of giving a donation which will help support initiatives such as our program. Last but not least, we would love to have you join us at the walk or support us through donation.

Post-Secondary Transition Workshops - Fall

We will continue to deliver Transition to Post-Secondary workshops in partnership with PCAS, WIDHH & PDHHS. Dates and locations are to be confirmed. If you are interested in bringing your students or attending yourself, please let us know so we can keep you informed once we have the latest information.

That’s all for our updates. If you have any other inquiries, particularly pertaining to Peer Mentorship, please feel free to contact us.

Yours truly,

Bowen Tang, M.E.D. Candidate – Smith College ‘15

Joy Gong, B.Ed.

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**Do you have hearing aids and still struggle to communicate?
Do you find yourself avoiding any social outings?**



October 1 – November 5, 2014 (6 weeks)

1:00 – 2:30 pm

**Location: Seniors Outreach Society
102-2055 Benvoulin Court, Kelowna, BC**

Fee: \$25.00

(Includes workbook and materials)

Presented by Leslee K. Scott, BSW, MEd

Assistive listening devices will be available

SEATING IS LIMITED: *Pre-registration is required*

To register or seek information,

contact Leslee: leslee@hearinglosseducator.com or

leave a message at 250 868-9540

Invitation to Speech reading Classes -

*Starting September 9, 2014 with Instructor Stephanie Bryant has been **CANCELLED.***

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