

## Canadian Hard of Hearing Association Association des malentendants canadiens

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### The Loop Newsletter

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We wish all our members and their families a joyous time this Holiday Season and a successful year filled with health, peace and happiness. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!



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#### **Speech Reading Classes**

- The 2015 September Speech Reading classes (beginning level) took place at the Comox Valley Nursing Centre in Courtney and included 19 hours of class time over two weekends.
- CHHA qualified Instructor Linda Scarlett- Hauck volunteered her time to offer this course. Participants received a free Level 1 work book, plus a year's membership in the CHHA – CV Branch Support Group. The full session offered came within the proposed budget.
- Members of the 2015 Speech Reading Committee took care of the necessary details regarding publicity, selecting a venue, processing applications and other relevant details.
- There were nine participants in the course over both weekends.
- A few hours with friends and relatives provided the chance to discuss concerns and problems relating to communicating with the Hard of Hearing person as well as possible solutions.
- Jason Gordon, from Gordon Hearing Services, spoke to the group on the second Friday evening, about hearing aids and available devices.
- The participants all found the course very valuable as the instructor could respond to their needs and adapt the learning modules to their various levels of physical health and energy.



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Participants appreciated the experience as well as professionalism of their instructor.



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### **Upcoming Events**

A Winter Family Event on Saturday, December 12, 2015. For more information on the event, sponsors, and to register: <a href="http://www.chhaparents.com/resources/Winter%20Family%20Event%202015.pdf">http://www.chhaparents.com/resources/Winter%20Family%20Event%202015.pdf</a>

Northern BC Children and Families Hearing Society Christmas party on Saturday, December 5, 2015 in Prince George. For more information: <a href="http://nbchearingsociety.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/Christmas-Party-2015-Flyer.pdf">http://nbchearingsociety.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/Christmas-Party-2015-Flyer.pdf</a>

Access Day at the Vancouver Aquarium on Saturday, December 5, 2015. For more information: <a href="https://www.vanaqua.org/visit/facility/accessibility">https://www.vanaqua.org/visit/facility/accessibility</a>

The CHHA-BC Resource Centre will be closed for the holidays from December 21, 2015 - January 4, 2016.



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from the CHHA-BC Office Staff!

We wish to extend a big "Thank You" to everyone who participated in the WALK2HEAR VANCOUVER! Together we have raised \$7,101 towards improving public accessibility!

#### Additional Resources:

- ⇒ "Prevalence of hearing loss among Canadians aged 20 to 79: Audiometric results from the 2012/2013 Canadian Health Measures Survey".
   READ MORE: <a href="http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/82-003-x/2015007/article/14206-eng.pdf">http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/82-003-x/2015007/article/14206-eng.pdf</a>
- ⇒ "Solar-Powered Hearing Aids Are Music to the Ears of Kids Around the World" by David McNair. **READ MORE:** <a href="http://ecowatch.com/2015/11/06/solar-powered-hearing-aid/">http://ecowatch.com/2015/11/06/solar-powered-hearing-aid/</a>
- ⇒ "Seniors often in denial about hearing loss: Are you one of them?" **READ MORE:** <a href="http://www.reviewjournal.com/sponsored-content/seniors-often-denial-about-hearing-loss-are-you-one-them">http://www.reviewjournal.com/sponsored-content/seniors-often-denial-about-hearing-loss-are-you-one-them</a>

Thank you for your continued support!