

CHHA North Shore Branch Report

Our Annual General Meeting was held on September 20th at 7:00 PM on Zoom. There were 13 members and 2 guests present. At the meeting the incumbent Board was re-elected for another year. Alan Dion, President, Susan Gelinias, Vice President and Website Coordinator, Hugh Hetherington, Treasurer, Doug Muir, Recording Secretary, Deborah Maloon, Director and Clinic Liaison, Ron Chapman and Ruth Lapointe as Directors-at-Large. The annual report, financial report and budget for 2021-2022 were all approved and adopted by the members present.

Following the AGM at 7:30, Annwen Loverin, Executive Director of Silver Harbour Seniors' Centre joined the meeting to give us a presentation entitled "Seniors' Needs During Covid-19 and Silver Harbour's Ongoing Role". Rising to the challenge meant looking at the issues facing seniors during the pandemic. These included, transportation, isolation, personal connection, visibility, anxiety, food security and technology gaps. Flexible funding was essential and many agencies took on more responsibility than usual to reach out to seniors.

We continue to host two Sound Advice hearing loss workshops monthly on Zoom. The West Vancouver Seniors' Activity Centre session on the First Friday of each month at 10:00 AM and the Silver Harbour Seniors' Activity Centre session on the last Monday of each month at 10:00 AM. We hope to get back to in-person meetings when conditions permit. Presently, attendance is good for each of these sessions, and we are reaching people from across Canada and Washington State.

For our November evening presentation held on November 15th, 2021, we invited Ted Clegg, owner of ALDS, Inc. to speak. Ted gave a presentation entitled "Bridging the Gap" where he talked about the various assistive devices that his company sells and how they can help those with hearing loss in areas where hearing aids fall short. Approximately 35 people attended locally and from across Canada..

Evening presentations are held five times a year in February, April, June, September and November on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 PM.

Our next upcoming evening meeting is with Neil Bauman, Ph.D. from the Hearinglosshelp.com website on June 20, 2022, who will be speaking on the various forms of Hyperacusis.

We now have a new mailing address:

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