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If you would like to see your artwork featured in the SDHHS newsletter, feel free to contact us at: regina@sdhhs.com
FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

“All hands on deck.” yells the captain.

The crew jump and hands begin to fly over the 190 ton schooner's deck. Slumber is shaken and berths are emptied.

I had the honor to accompany the first Deaf and Hard of Hearing crew aboard the SALTS Pacific Grace, a Grand banks Schooner in Victoria BC. I started learning to sail at Deaf Camp years ago in a tiny Pram that looks like a square bathtub and a tiny sail. Then I sailed the small sunfish, then the 14 and 16 foot Hobiecats, the 25 foot Helms, Hunter 33 and finally the Pacific Grace. There are three things that are foundational if you sail a tiny pram or huge sailboat: First your current position, Second prevailing wind direction, and third direction you want to go.

Today I have the honor of writing in the newsletter from the Executive director’s desk. To me parallels to sailing are clear. I started with a few signs at the RJ Williams school for the Deaf, then moved on to McNabb House, and then to SIAST where I interpreted for 25 years, finally at SDHHS I became a Job Coach and now the Executive Director.

This is our current position; Roger Carver the Past ED reported “The situation in Saskatchewan continues to be challenging, with so many deaf persons and their families being unaware of, and lacking our services.” Saskatchewan received a failing grade for inexpensive postnatal hospital screening, in a health report by the Globe and Mail. Horrific employment numbers, poor education results, inadequate capacity, shortage of trained interpreters, and list goes on.

The prevailing direction of the government is to become “the best Province for Persons with disabilities.” The premier, Brad Wall, has a goal for Province, to provide service that is second to none in Canada. The direction of SDHHS for the next year is to focus on access for deaf newborns, and their families. To reach the Deaf who have been marginalised in the north, and to build the community at every chance we get.

It is clear to me that if changes are going to happen for the Deaf in Saskatchewan the Deaf themselves will be at the heart of the change. The Call is clear for each of us who are Deaf or connected to the Deaf, we all have our own part to play.

“All hands on deck”

Nairn Gillies,
Executive Director
FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

I'm pleased to announce to the general public and the Deaf and Hard of Hearing communities that Nairn Gillies has been selected as our new Executive Director of Saskatchewan Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services effective since April 7, 2014. Nairn's experience and knowledge will be a valuable contribution to the cross sector approach necessary to advance the various programs that SDHHS has to offer. Please extend Nairn a warm welcome and congratulations in joining our team.

In addition, Kristina Haines, Sign Language Interpreter, Saskatoon, started Maternity Leave on April 22nd, 2014. She will return next year. We send her off with well wishes of health and prosperity. Furthermore, SDHHS Saskatoon is excited announce that Sue Schmid from Prince Albert has joined our team as a Part Time Interpreter; filling in for Kristina Haines. We welcome her.

I would also like to take this opportunity in thanking Kami Harbridge for her valuable leadership in steering the agency as an interim ED and thus giving the Board of Directors more time in finding an excellent ED for our agency. Kami has resumed her old position as an Administrative Assistant looking after the budget and accounting functions. I would like to thank the Regina and Saskatoon SDHHS staff for their patience and cooperation during the long search for an ED.

I would like you to join me in congratulating Nairn on his new role as Executive Director. Please feel free to share this announcement with your friends, constituents and the Deaf and Hard of Hearing communities.

Thank you,

Dale Birley,
SDHHS President
SDHHS has partnered with The Canadian Hearing Society to offer Assisted Devices to Saskatchewan Residents!

Assistive technology helps people who are Deaf, deafened or hard of hearing to live more independently. Our offices feature a wide variety of devices for demonstrations and for the customer to test before purchase!

Have you Heard?
SDHHS is now carrying Power One Batteries as part of our Discount Hearing Aid Battery Plan!

A long service life with a guaranteed high cell voltage thanks to a patented cathode technology makes frequent battery changing redundant and promises the best sound.

Batteries can be purchased in person at both SDHHS locations, Ordered by mail or by phone!
What’s Your Favorite App???

Thanks to ever growing technology, apps are allowing us to communicate and navigate more effectively!

We want to know...what’s your favorite app?

Let us know if you have found a great app that has assisted you so we can share it with our community!

Us On Facebook www.facebook.com/sdhhsinc
OR

Tweet Us https://twitter.com/SDHHSinc
OR

TEXT US!
REGINA SDHHS: 306-527-3355
SASKATOON SDHHS: 306-229-2010
Kedleston Gospel Camp is located on the shores of beautiful Last Mountain Lake North East of Bethune and is within easy driving distance of Regina, Lumsden, Moose Jaw and Swift Current. Our purpose is to show God’s love in a practical way by providing activities and experiences that campers will remember for years to come.

Each camp provides competent and enthusiastic staff who desire to see kids, teens and families have an exciting camping experience, develop new friendships and learn more about God’s love.

We invite you to set aside some time this summer for camp. We believe that a week with its emphasis on spiritual values, as well as developing self-confidence, new friendships and skills surrounded by a beautiful setting can have a life-long impact on us - at any age! We look forward to spending some time with you at Kedleston this summer.

For more information, please visit our website:

http://www.kedlestongospelcamp.com/

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PEOPLE OF THE DRUM
SDHHS Youth Camp
July 3 – 6 2014

Northern wilderness youth camp for d/deaf & hard of hearing youth ages 13 – 25, at Thompson’s Camp at Otter Lake.
For more information and/or registration forms, please contact:
jody@sdhhs.com
toll-free: 1-800-667-6575
phone: 306-665 6575
facetime: sdhhsapple@icloud.com
Through 2 Soup Lunches in Saskatoon, a Game Night in Regina and both offices Selling Helping Hands, SDHHS raised $563.17 for Telemiracle in the months of January and February.

Thank you to all of the Community Members, Board Members and Staff who Contributed to our fundraising efforts!
Are you a parent of a child who has a hearing loss?

Looking for more information about resources to help meet your child’s needs? Would you like to network with other parents with similar situations/experiences? Would you like to connect your child with a playmate? - Why not join us?

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

A place for Saskatchewan parents/caregivers of DHH children to connect and network.

Regina Support Meetings are held
Every 3rd Sunday of the month
1pm – 3pm
Begins Sunday November 17, 2013

For more information contact: Michelle (306)721-9447 or saskdhhparents@gmail.com

Saskatchewan Parents of Deaf & Hard of Hearing Children
HARD OF HEARING ASSOCIATION
SASKATOON, INC.

Are you hard of hearing? Do you want to learn to speech read and cope with your situations? Then come and join us any time! We’re here to help! It’s fun!

Family members are welcome!

SPEECHREADING
AND
INFORMATION FOR THE HARD OF HEARING

WHEN: Second and Fourth Wednesday of March April and May, 2014

STARTING: Wednesday, March 13, 2014

Time: 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

WHERE: Saskatchewan Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services
At: #3 – 511 1st Avenue North, Saskatoon.

If you wish to attend or want more information, please call Ken Murray at (306) 249-1357
Friday May 30th, 2014

Steak Night

Tickets can be purchased at SDHHS
#3 511 First Ave N.
Or
Through Staff and
Board of SDHHS

Tickets $20
Funds raised support services and programs at SDHHS.
Thanks for your support!
Ph: 665-6575
sasktoon@sdhhs.com
Ticket Deadline:
May 23rd 2014

Friday May 30th
Cocktails: 6pm
Supper: 7pm
Army Navy & Airforce Veterans
Saskatoon
359 1st Ave North

Silent Auction

50/50 Lotto Board
SDHHS Regina Steak Night Fundraiser 2014

1005 8th Ave

Join us Wednesday May 21, 2014 5:30-7:30

$20

Your meal includes: Soup or Salad to start, choice of New York Steak Sandwich, Chicken Cordon Blue or BBQ Baby back Ribs with Veggies and Roasted Potatoes.

(Drinks and tips not included)

Please purchase your tickets at SDHHS:

2343 Broad Street, Regina, SK

Before May 14th, 2014

For more information please call: 306-352-3323, text: 306-527-3355

or email: regina@sdhhs.com

Lotto Tree  Family Friendly  Raffles
SDHHS REGINA HAS MOVED!

We are pleased to announce our move effective:

April 1st, 2014

Still located in the Canadiana Building;

Our new address is **2343 Broad Street**

**Located on the North side**

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**Entrepreneurial Co-op Loan Association**

SBLA's support entrepreneurs with disabilities to start up businesses in the Regina Area with access to business capital and finance. The goal of the SBLS is to encourage economic development and create new business and employment for people with disabilities.

For More Information contact:

Merv Culham, CA  2731 - 13th Avenue, Regina, Sk. S4T 1N4
Phone (306)352-4994  Fax (306)922-6788  Email mrc@sasktel.net
Saskatchewan Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services

33rd Annual General Meeting

Date: Saturday June 21, 2014
Location: Ramada Hotel, Oak Room
Address: 1818 Victoria Avenue, Regina, SK
Registration: 9:30 - 10:00
AGM: 10:00 - 11:30
Presentation: 11:30 - 12:30
Luncheon: 12:30 - 1:30

Luncheon Tickets are $20.00 per person

Please RSVP, by June 17th

Phone: (306) 665-6575
Email: regina@sdhhs.com
Fax: (306) 352-3323

Transportation will be provided from Saskatoon for a cost of $10.00 per person.
Please register for the ride with the Saskatoon SDHHS office by June 13th.

Saskatoon Office: 306-665-6575
Sponsors & Partnerships
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- Ministry of the Economy
- Ministry of Advanced Education, Apprenticeship & Trade Certification Commission
- Ministry of Social Services

Cameco Caring Community

Conexus Credit Union

The Global Gathering Place

SARC

SETI

Canadian Association of the Deaf

Saskatchewan Abilities Council

SIAST

Canada
Reflecting our community...

At ISC, we strive to build a workplace that reflects the diverse Saskatchewan communities where our employees live and work. We are committed to nurturing a corporate culture that is inclusive, equitable and respectful.

Information Services Corporation (ISC) is the provincial Crown corporation responsible for the administration of land titles, vital statistics, survey and personal property registries, as well as related geographic information and mapping systems.

For more information about opportunities at ISC call 787-9841 or see our website at www.isc.ca/careers.
We recognize that good health is not merely the absence of illness and disease. In order to grow and learn, children must also be well-nourished, protected from harmful substances and have adequate social and emotional support. When children’s health needs are not met, they are unable to meet all of their basic needs, let alone pursue their dreams. Our support is for the health and well-being of children and youth, with a focus on programs that address the mental and physical well-being of children in need, and children with diverse abilities.
Membership Fees as follows:

Full Membership: $5.00 Per person per year (Newsletter, discount battery program, library services, vote at AGM)

Organization Membership: $15.00 Per organization or association per year (Newsletter, with duplicating privileges, access to library services and videos, attendance at AGM – no voting privilege)

Membership Application (Please Print)

Date:___________________________ Hearing Aid Battery Size (If Applicable):_____________________

Name:___________________________ Contact person (If Organization):___________________________

Address:________________________________________________________________________________

City:___________________________ Postal Code:___________________________

Phone (voice/TTY):___________________________ Fax:___________________________

Do you wish to receive our quarterly Newsletter?  Yes                No

If yes, please provide us your email address: ___________________________________________ (Preferred option)

If you don’t have an email address, we will send it by regular mail

Please ensure Membership Fee is enclosed with your Application

Donation Form

Please support Saskatchewan Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services. Just fill out the information below and mail in to us. Income tax receipts will be issued to donations of $10.00 and over.

Please designate my donation to:

SDHHS Youth Camp $_________________________ General Donation $__________________________

As a memorial to: _________________________________________________________________________

$10.00 $25.00 $50.00 $100.00 Other Amount _________

Charitable number 108098575 RR0001