

The Communicator

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SEDHHS Annual Membership Drive

South-East Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services Inc is a non profit agency dedicated to providing services, programs and advocacy to individuals who are Deaf, deafened or hard of hearing and their families.

SEDHHS is largely funded by the **United Way of Greater Moncton Southeastern N.B. Region Inc.** Other sources of funding are received through contracts, purchase of service agreements, memberships, private donations and our annual golf tournament.

Please take a few minutes to fill out the enclosed membership form. We rely heavily on community support in order to continue to support our clients and families, as well as to ensure our programs and services meet the needs of the community.

MEMBERS ARE VALUED

Membership with SEDHHS will ensure you receive newsletters, flyers, updates on current programs and services as well as on government programs designed for persons with disabilities. Please call for more information or simply fill out the membership form enclosed and bring it or mail it to us.



Executive Director's Message

I would like to take this time to introduce myself. My name is Laurie Vincent and I recently became the Executive Director of SEDHHS as of April 2, 2007. Before taking this position I worked for the agency as the Community Coordinator and trained with Laura Peters for the Executive Director position. I'm happy to be working with the Deaf and hard of hearing community and look forward to the new challenges ahead. I hope to enable the continued growth of the agency and meet the needs of the community.

The Board of Directors, the staff, and I wish Laura Peters the best of luck with her retirement. She has served the Deaf and hard of hearing community in Southeastern NB for 18 years. This is a huge accomplishment. We were honored to have a Retirement Party for Laura at our AGM on June 20th. Thank you to the dignitaries, colleagues, friends, family, and clients who gathered to give Laura a big send off. It was a wonderful evening.

We held our 3rd Annual Golf Tournament on July 27th at Country Meadows Golf Course. Scotiabank partnered with us this year and we were able to have Sarah Duncan, our summer student, be our Events Coordinator again. I would like to thank Sarah and Bonnie for the hard work they put into the tournament. With their efforts the tournament was a big success.

With September upon us, we will be offering many programs to our clients and the public. Be sure to check the rest of the newsletter for more information on these programs.

I hope to meet all of you over the coming months and to see you at our Christmas Open House on Thursday, December 20/07 at 1:00pm.

SKSK
Laurie V.

In Loving Memory

It is with great sadness that I share the news of Maureen Mooney's passing. Maureen worked with our agency for five years as our Speech Reading Instructor and served on our Board of Directors. She was a sensitive, kind and supportive teacher to those who attended her classes and a wonderful colleague. She will be greatly missed. Our sincere condolences go out to her family, friends, and "Kobi."



Maureen Edna
Mary Mooney
1939 - 2007

Maureen Mooney, age 67 years of Riverview, passed away at The Moncton Hospital on Friday June 29th, 2007.

Born in Temiskaming, PQ on August 11th, 1939, Maureen was the daughter of the late Thomas and Edna (Baumann) Mooney. She was a former office manager and is presently a certified speech reading instructor. Maureen is a member of the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association and a volunteer on the Moncton Hospital Hearing Access Program Committee.

She is survived by her son, Robert Edward Perreault of Whitehorse, YT; brother, Michael George Mooney and his wife, Carole of Amprior, On; nieces, Joanne and Ruby; many friends locally including Linda Turner, Eliz Beckett, Theresa Legere and Rheal Leger; friends in Ontario including Margot Haug, Linda Chandler and Jean Anderchek; also by several aunts, uncles, and cousins; and last but certainly not least her beloved and faithful Hearing Ear Guide Dog "Kobi".

**LAURA'S RETIREMENT
JUNE 20, 2007**



“Congratulations, Laura!”



Laura makes the first slice.



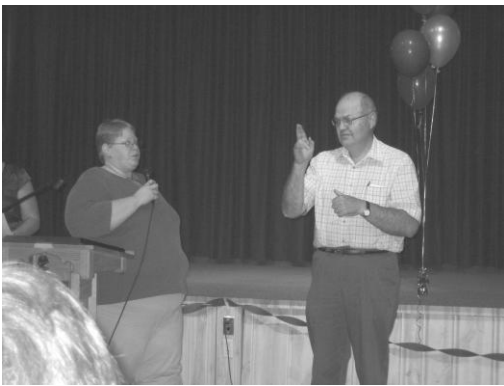
His Worship, Mayor Lorne Mitton, speaks and makes a presentation.



President, Cathy Barter, makes a presentation on behalf of the Board.



Tobie Martin presents Laura with a beautiful handmade scrapbook.



Albert Budd presents Laura with a “Letter of Recognition” from the Prime Minister of Canada, Stephen Harper.



Micha Fardy, United Way, has kind words to share.



Wayne Milner, Board member, makes a presentation on behalf of the Premier, the Minister of Health, and our local MP.



Don Rowe, Career Flight, Miramichi, shares a few stories.



Randy Dickinson, Premier's Council on the Status of Disabled Persons, speaks highly of Laura.



Laura Peters thanks her family, friends, colleagues, and the Deaf and hard of hearing community.



Laura's family attended and shared some laughs at the reception.



Everyone shared stories, laughs, and tears at the reception. Laura's certificates, awards, and presents were put on display for everyone to enjoy.

GOOD LUCK AND ENJOY YOUR RETIREMENT, LAURA!! ☺

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

1. **Parenting Skills Program:** Thanks to United Way Program Funding we are able to continue to offer our Parenting Skills Program. This program is offered to our Deaf parents of hearing children, to hearing parents of Deaf children, grandparents, caregivers, and significant others who have a relationship with the child and his/her family.

We will have guest speakers who will offer advice and support on topics like education, nutrition, social interactions, discipline, audiology, technical aids, and many others.

Come and share your experiences with others, learn from one another, and help support one another as your child grows from one developmental stage to another.

Please call our office for more information.

2. **Sign Language Classes:** We are presently taking registration for ASL Levels I, II, III, and IV. Classes are beginning the week of September 10th. If you know of anyone who is interested in learning American Sign Language please have them contact our office.
3. **Baby Sign Language:** We are excited to have Tobie and Peter Martin instruct our Baby Sign class. This is a new class we offered in the spring and we had a huge response to it. We had two separate classes every Monday and Wednesday for 10 weeks. Moms and babies really enjoyed themselves. It was amazing to see how fast the babies learned to sign.

We are taking registration now for our new sessions for the fall.

4. **Workshops for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing:** The last Saturday of every month, from September until June, we will be offering different workshops on many topics for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. The first workshop, Sat. Sept. 29/07 at 1:00pm, will cover the topic of **After Hours Emergency Interpreting Services**. We will discuss the meaning of an emergency and you will be able to give your ideas or have your questions answered about emergency interpreting services.

In the months to come we will offer a variety of workshops. We welcome any ideas you may have for a workshop.

**A BIG “THANK YOU”
TO
MODERN CONSTRUCTION**

For generously donating 24 tons of driveway gravel.

A special thank you to our volunteers that came out on a hot Saturday morning to help us spread the gravel.

Thank you to:



Stephen and Teena Fisher



Jamie Thomson



Cathy Barter, Mike & Laurie Vincent,
Brian LaPointe-who delivered the
gravel for no charge, and Darrell
Duncan for doing the finishing touches
with his bulldozer.

The driveway and parking area look 100% better-just in time for our fall classes and programs. We sincerely appreciate everyone’s generosity and time.

South-East Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services
3rd Annual Golf Tournament

Country Meadows Golf Course
July 27, 2007



We were very fortunate to have ScotiaBank partner with us and we appreciated the ScotiaBank volunteers. They made our day run much more smoothly.



Thank you to the **many** companies, businesses, and individuals who made donations.



Group shots of our ten teams.....



Missing from a team photo is Dennis Warriner.

Having fun on the course.....



Cathy Barter & Kim Carter



Georgette Gaudet



I think it's in the rough, Darrell!



Richard MacGillivray & team mates.



Wayne Milner, Laurie & Mike Vincent



Bonnie Swan & Sarah Duncan.

There are many, many more great photos, too many to put in the newsletter. Feel free to come by the office and take a look at them. Thank you again to all who participated, volunteered, or made donations. This year was a **success** because of you. **Hope to see you next summer!**