

The Communicator

South-East Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services Inc.

NB Provincial Election to be held

Sept 27, 2010

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This is the second election, in a row, that *Elections NB* has worked hard to accommodate all persons with a disability. Last election, they provided ASL interpreters to deaf persons who required the service. For this year's election, *Elections NB* will be providing ASL interpreters and LSQ interpreters for our deaf Anglophone and Francophone clients.

Another accessible tool that *Elections NB* is providing this year is the ability to access their information online with ASL or LSQ videos to answer your "Frequently Asked Questions." Simply go to www.electionsnb.ca, click on **provincial elections** to the right of the page, then you will see this icon:

[Sign Language Questions and Answers](#)



Click on it and the ASL or LSQ videos will be available for you to watch. If you have more questions after watching the video there is a TTY number listed above for you to contact.

The ASL and LSQ videos are also available to you on DVD. SEDHHS has copies, for those of you who are able to, you can pick up a copy at the agency and/or SEDHHS will be mailing out copies of the DVD to you.

If you would like to have an interpreter with you when you vote, please contact SEDHHS as soon as possible to schedule an interpreter. We want to be able to accommodate everyone but need to hear from you before Sept. 27/10.

Remember it is important for you to get out and vote!! If you want the politicians to pay attention to Deaf Issues then you must make your "voice" be heard by voting.

Executive Director's Message

Happy September everyone!! Fall is finally upon us and hopefully the humidity will not be back until summer 2011. It was definitely a hot and sticky summer this year.

I hope everyone had a fun and safe summer. We are looking forward to seeing all of you now that many of you are back from your summer travels.

SEDHHS is getting geared up to start our ASL classes for the hearing community and is accepting registration now. We will have two new instructors this year, Tobie Martin and Pat Oulton, to replace Raymond and Cheryl Dupuis who have retired as instructors after many years of great service to SEDHHS. ☺

Tobie will also be returning on September 13th as our Community Events Coordinator and Director of the Parenting Program. If you have parenting concerns or ideas for future workshops please contact Tobie at babysign@nb.aibn.com. She would love to hear from you.

This fall we hope to start moving forward with the SEDHHS Cultural Centre in partnership with MAD and our seniors group. We are just waiting to hear from "New Horizons for Seniors" (a government group) to see if we will receive funding for this project or not. Keep your fingers crossed everyone!

SEDHHS' is also working with the Department of Social Development

Moncton to develop a plan to help our deaf seniors be able to afford to live in a senior's complex, if they wish to. Also SEDHHS is working with both Social Development and People's Park Tower to provide PPT's staff with signing skills so that our deaf seniors living at PPT are not isolated and will be able to participate in the many events that go on there for seniors. We also hope to be able to include in the plan making it possible for the younger deaf generations to be involved in some way.

This is still in the very early stages of development but we hope to be successful or move forward within the coming New Year.

As you can see, we are very busy at SEDHHS, even over the summer months.

I hope you enjoy all the information in the newsletter and we look forward to seeing you soon. sksk Laurie V.

Community Celebrations

May 2010



Geraldine's "Gerry's" 90th Birthday

Congratulations to Geraldine, "Gerry," Buchanan for celebrating her 90th birthday this past May.

Her family held an Open House Birthday Celebration for Gerry on May 2, 2010 from 2 to 4pm at the Senior's Centre on St. George Street in Moncton.

Thank you, to Gerry's family, for organising this surprise party. It was so nice to meet all of you and see such a proud and loving family come together.



Irv MacDonald's 70th Birthday

Congratulations to Irv MacDonald for celebrating his 70th birthday this past May.

His family and friends held an Open House Birthday Celebration for Irv on May 8, 2010 from 1 to 5pm at Glad Tidings Church on Mountain Road in Moncton.

Thank you, to Kathern Lawrence, for the hard work you put into organising this for Irv. He was truly surprised. I think touched to see his sister too. We especially enjoyed the slide show!



Raymond & Cheryl Dupuis retire

On June 16, 2010 at SEDHHS' Annual AGM Raymond and Cheryl Dupuis were presented with a Certificate of Appreciation, flowers for Cheryl, and a gift card for Raymond by Jamie Thomson, Past President, Janice Cooke, Elected President, and Laurie Vincent, Executive Director. This presentation was made in honour of the many years of service the Dupuis have given to SEDHHS' ASL classes as instructors. Their decision to retire as instructors has left everyone deeply saddened at SEDHHS, but we understand their decision and wish them the best of luck! We will miss you!

SEDHHS Community Picnic Saturday, June 26, 2010



The weather was perfect on Saturday June 26, 2010 for our Community Picnic. Thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy the day with us. Again, Tobie did a great job of organizing the day. Everyone enjoyed the games and prizes. Everyone's favourite game seemed to be the "Water Balloon Pass" using only your chin to pass the water balloon without dropping or breaking it. We have many funny pictures of this game. They can be seen on our Face Book page.

We would like to thank Sobeyes in Riverview for donating the beverages for the day and also to the Riverview Superstore for donating the hot dogs and hamburgers. Thank you also to Guy Martin and Mike Vincent for volunteering their services to be our "Master Barbequers" for the day!! The food was delicious!

We look forward to seeing all of you again next year on June 25, 2011 for our next picnic.

Other events...

- September 2010 SEDHHS now accepting registration for ASL Levels I to IV.
- MAD meeting September 18, 2010, Lewisville Lions Club, 156 Pleasant Street, Moncton.
- MAPSLI, Deaf Awareness Week, Sept 19 to Oct 1, 2010. Events taking place in Halifax, NS.
- Thursday, September 23, 2010 Moncton United Way Kick Off Luncheon at the Delta Beausejour. Tickets available at SEDHHS.
- Saturday, September 25, **10:00am to 12:00pm (please note new time)**, SEDHHS Community Workshop, Lewisville Lions Club. Topic: SEDHHS interpreting contract with province & ASL interpreters vs. Signers.

News Across the Maritimes

Nova Scotia Cultural Society of the Deaf & Society of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Nova Scotians

...proudly announce

ASL FILM NIGHT

As part of Deaf Awareness Week

Where: NSCC Waterfront Campus Theatre, Dartmouth, NS

When: Saturday, September 25/10

What Time:

Doors Open at 6:30pm

Show Starts at 7:00pm

Cost:

Advance tickets: \$12.00/person (deadline for advance tickets Wed, Sept 22/10)

At Door: \$15.00/person

There will be Silent Auction, 50/50 Draw, and refreshments.

Check website for movie preview:

www.aslfilms.com



Real Movie, all in Sign Language!

Open captions for non-signers!

Contact Jim McDermott for tickets at: flyers72@hotmail.com

SEDHHS T-shirts for sale

Now available at the agency are white t-shirts with the SEDHHS logo. The cost is \$10.00 each and all money from the sale of the t-shirts will go into the continuation of programs and help to develop new programs for our clients.

If you would like to purchase a t-shirt please contact the office or stop by to see the shirts and try on to be sure it fits!!

The t-shirts would make a great gift or Christmas stocking stuffer (Christmas is only 3 months away ☺)

Help support your community & SEDHHS. Thank you!

SEDHHS Volunteer of the Year Recipients for 2009



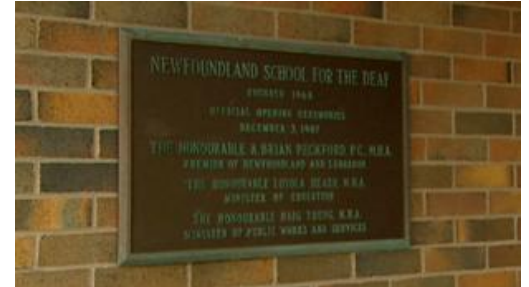
Volunteer of the Year from the Deaf Community: Joseph Babineau



Volunteer of the Year from the Hearing Community: Janice Cooke.

**Congratulations to you both!
We appreciate your support!!**

Newfoundland School for the Deaf to close [CBC Monday, August 2, 2010]



With no students set to attend the Newfoundland School for the Deaf in St. John's this fall and no new enrolments projected for the next five years, the provincial government announced Monday it is closing the school.

"It has served generations of deaf and hard of hearing students in our province, but the time has come for change," Education Minister Darin King said in a news release Monday, about the school, which opened in 1964.

He blamed a number of changes in medicine and society.

"We have seen a major shift in the last decade with new cochlear implant technology, and in parental choices to have children remain at home with the necessary supports provided in school. This shift is clearly reflected in enrolment at the school. Given these factors, maintaining an empty school is not justifiable," King said.

All 199 students who are deaf or hard of hearing in the province are currently in the public school system. Twelve of these students receive teaching services through teachers employed with the Newfoundland School for the Deaf.

"The school itself may be closed, however this does not mean a reduction in services for the deaf and hard of hearing students in our province," King said. "I want to assure the deaf and hard of hearing students currently in our school system, and any student that may require it in the future, that we will continue to provide all the necessary services and supports to them in the school system."

King said the teachers working with the Newfoundland School for the Deaf will now be transferred to Eastern School District. The Education Department said some staff at the school will lose their jobs. "Laying off employees is not something we take lightly. The reality is that we cannot continue to operate a school with no students," King said.



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 A United Way Agency

We are a non-profit, charitable agency. We serve and advocate on behalf of the Deaf, deafened, and hard of hearing community in South Eastern New Brunswick.

Our Mission: *is to provide services, programs and advocacy to individuals who are Deaf, deafened or hard of hearing and their families.*

Our Goal: *is to empower our clients to live independently and productively with full access to all opportunities.*

Community News & Memorials



Malcolm "Mack" Buchanan 1924-2010

Mack Buchanan husband of Geraldine of Moncton, passed away peacefully on Saturday, July 31st, 2010. Born in Regina, he was the son of the late William and Susan Buchanan. Mack retired from Butternut Bakeries following 44 years of service. He loved to work in his garden and spending time with his family and many friends. Mack was President of the Eastern Canada Association of the Deaf for many years. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Geraldine "Gerry", sons Terry (Kathleen), Alan (Marilyn), George (Brenda), daughters Doreen, Judy (Ken Wareman), grandchildren Scott, Troy, Marcus, Adam, Lindsay and Jenna, great grandchild, Finn and several nieces and nephews. You will be missed!

United Way's Annual Day of Caring Event June 11, 2010



SEDHHS greatly appreciated the hard work that the many volunteers put into our agency during United Way's Day of Caring on June 11, 2010. The City of Moncton employees volunteered their services by building the agency a new back deck (to code ☺), painting the exterior house numbers & foundation, planting flowers, weeding and mowing. On the inside they painted an upstairs office, removed old wallpaper in the kitchen and then painted the kitchen. They even had time to paint Sarah's office in 2 tones of colour!! We cannot say **"thank you"** enough for all of your hard work!!!!!!!!!!!!!!