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LCD History

Found in 1960 under the name of London Association of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children (LADHH)

1964 - LADHH became an organization

1980 - change name from LADHH to London Centre for the Deaf. (LCD)

1996 - change name to London Centre of the Deaf

LCD President's Message

I hope you all had a good Christmas and I wish you all the best in 2009!

Before you read our Newsletter/E-Newsletter, LCD Board and LCD Newsletter Editor has agreed on two things. (1) There will be two Newsletters a year (February to September, and October to January). (2) There will be no flyers and calendars in the newsletter in order to save space in it. But the flyers will be posted in LCD Website for you to print or contact the right person to get the flyer you wanted.

The reason for this new newsletter is to save the cost for printing and postages.

Last year, I met with UWO researcher, Melvyn Goodle Ph.D., F.R.S.C., Canada Research Chair in Visual Neuroscience Director and CIHR Group on Action and Perception. He is studying deaf cat's vision (and others) and found that deaf cat has a very good left and right side vision than hearing cat. We have discussed the possibility of encouraging members from the Deaf Community here in London

to take part in some behavioural and brain imaging studies in their laboratories to examine: (1) the possibility of enhanced visual processing in Deaf people, and (2) the brain basis of any enhancement that might be present.

I have received his message that he would like to have Deaf volunteers to come and participate in his studies. See below in other article "Team Deaf at Western Ontario"

Team Deaf at Western Ontario

Researchers at the University of Western Ontario are studying how the human brain can change its structure and organization to compensate for early deafness. A newly-formed research group, called "Team Deaf", is conducting studies to test how vision and language are processed in the Deaf brain. Using safe, well-established technology, the researchers are able to examine the brain while it is at work. Deaf people are generally better than hearing individuals at detecting objects in their peripheral vision. Researchers at Western are working to characterize this so-called Deaf "supersight". Recent animal models developed at Western suggest that when auditory brain areas are deprived of sound, these areas are recruited

to help process other sensory information - including vision. In the next phase of their research, Team Deaf will use functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI), a technique that produces an image of the working brain, to examine the role of auditory regions of the sound-deprived human brain in Deaf supersight. As part of the research, hearing and Deaf participants will be asked to perform simple tasks, such as detecting the onset of visual lights around the head. Functional MRI will show the activity occurring in different parts of the brain and provide new insights into the involvement of the auditory brain areas in enhanced vision in Deaf people.

Researchers are also interested how Deaf individuals understand both sign language and written English. Much is known about how hearing individuals understand spoken and written language, and the goal now is to understand how Deaf individual's brains are organized for language. The researchers expect to find that there are unique aspects to how Deaf brains process signed and written language.

If you would like more information about this research, or if you are interested in becoming involved as a participant, please email us at TeamDeaf@uwo.ca

LCD Membership Information

Single (per person)
\$20.00

Senior Citizen (per person)
(55 years and older)
\$15.00

If you wish to become a
member of LCD, please
send a cheque - payable to:

London Centre of the Deaf

Mail it to:

Kim Hardy - LCD
Membership Coordinator
1679 Attawandaron Road
London, ON N6G 3M7



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From the Editor...

From the Editor,

As you read in the President's report about changing in the Newsletter/E-Newsletter. We are trying to save money for printing and cost of the stamps. I will do my best to get all the important information needed for this newsletter. We will keep newsletter up to two pages limit if we can; if there is a lot of information or story that need to be print, then we can extended to 4 pages newsletter.

We will definitely put down the events in this newsletter with contact email or fax/phone number to contact that person that you wish to get more details of the events.

There will be flyers posted in the LCD Website for you to read or print if you wish.

I hope you like this new format of newsletter... I do welcome any comment or complaint . All email are kept in confidence. You can email me at lcd64@sympatico.ca

Next deadline for September to January Newsletter will be on August 15, 2009.

Happy Reading,

Darcey Tilford

Upcoming Events

If you want flyer for more information, you can print it off in LCD Website at www.londondeafclub.com or you can contact the person responsible for the event.

Every Wednesday until June 10th - Euchre and Golf card 1:00 pm at Victory Royal Canadian Legion hosted by LCD Senior Citizen - contact Jean Collins (cjbjic@execulink.com)

February 28th: 34th ODSA Ball Hockey Tournament - Contact LCD Ball Hockey Chairperson - Shawn Coleman (fir3ma5t3r@hotmail.com)

March 28th: ODGA Indoor Golf Tournament - hosted by ODGA - Contact Dana McCarthy (dhmccarthy@sympatico.ca)

April 25th: LCD Golf League open - Contact Dana McCarthy (dhmccarthy@sympatico.ca)

April 25th: 22nd ODSA Dart Tournament in Scarborough - contact LCD Dart Chairperson - Alfred Hardy (nopl@sympatico.ca)

May 2nd: OBAD Bowling Tournament in London at Fleetway.

May 2nd: Euchre and Golf Card Night hosted by LCD Senior Citizen at the Victory Royal Canadian Legion - contact Jean Collins (cjbjic@execulink.com) and Margaret Earle (mearle41@sympatico.ca)

June 20th: Picnic hosted by LCD Senior Citizen at Woodstock Boathouse - contact Jean Collins (cjbjic@execulink.com), Margaret Earle (mearle41@sympatico.ca) and June Mallach (jmallach@rogers.com)

August 8th: Corn Fest hosted by LCD Senior Citizen - contact Margaret Earle (mearle41@sympatico.ca) and Jean Collins (cjbjic@execulink.com)

September 9th: Every Wednesday LCD Senior Citizen Socials open - Euchre and Golf Card at 1:00 pm at Victory Royal Canadian Legion - contact Jean Collins (cjbjic@execulink.com)

September ???: ODSA Co-ed Dart Tournament - TBA

October 24th: LCD General Meeting - place TBA

October 24th: LCD 11th Euchre and Golf Card Tournament - TBA

December 12th: LCD Christmas Dinner/Award - TBA