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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 wishes you all the best in 2010!

Last October, we had our LCD General Meeting/Election and it went well. Here is our LCD Board for term 2010-2011:

President: Dana McCarthy

Vice President: Lorne Mote

Treasurer: Roger Beernink

Secretary: Sandra Adams

Director at Large: vacant - if anyone is interest, let us know.

Before I go further, we regret that we had to cancel our annual Christmas and Awards Banquet last year due to not enough ticket sales. This year banquet will be special because it will be our LCD 50th Anniversary Banquet! Mark your calendar early - it will be on November 13, 2010 at the Lamplighter Best Western.

For your information, there are small change in our LCD Committee: Jane Beer is taking Kim Hardy's position as LCD Membership Director while Kim will be joining Darcey Tilford's LCD Newsletter team. This effective on February 15, 2010. Margaret Earle will be taking Cyril

Kracko's position as LCD Euchre/ Golf Card Host. We want to say thank you to Cyril for hosting for 11 years! Other than that, all LCD Committee remain the same. Looking forward to exciting 2010 year.

Our next LCD General Meeting will be on October 9, 2010 at the Royal Canadian Victory Legion. Meeting will start at 1:00 pm sharp. Door will be open at 12:00 pm.

There will be no LCD Euchre/Golf Card after the LCD General Meeting and our next one will be next year in May 2011.

On January 3rd, 2010, LCD Board had invited LCD Committee and 2009 LCD Awards nominates to Harmony's for the brunch to say Thank You to our LCD Committee for their outstanding job in 2009. We have short award presentation by LCD President. (due to Christmas banquet cancellation, we could not give out awards)

LCD 2009 Awards winners are:

LCD Golden Award - Wayne Currah

LCD Outstanding Service to Deaf Community Award - Margaret Earle

LCD Best Member of the Year Award - Warren Thomson

LCD Best Volunteer of the Year Award - Pat Griffith (LCD web designer)
Congratulations to all!

You will notice that LCD will have new fundraising events - LCD Partner Euchre and Golf Card Tournament on January 23rd, and July 24th. The fundraising is for Marilyn Beernink who made in Deaf Golf Team Canada, her team will be going to St. Andrews, Scotland to play 8th World Deaf Golf Championship this coming August 9 to 13, 2010. You can check out www.wdgc2010.com. The LCD Board has approved the fundraising for Marilyn. Hopefully we can be able to do any future fundraising for anyone with LCD Board's approval.

Our future 2010 events information are in the newsletter and on our website too.

Have a good 2010 year!

Don't forget to mark your calendar for our special and exciting **50th LCD Anniversary Banquet**.

Dana McCarthy

Friendly Reminder



Daylight Saving Time is coming back... It will start on March 14, 2010. Don't forget to set your clock **forward** one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night (March 13)

Ivan and I want to share our travel experience with you in this newsletter. We took Africa Safari trip in Kenya last August, and it was one of our lifetime dream vacations. This was a packaged tour with a small group of 11 people. My sister plus her four work fellows were included in this group and two other couples from California and New Jersey as well. We all met in Nairobi, Kenya, where we stayed overnight at the city's finest hotel. Next morning, we met our guides/drivers who split us into two safari jeeps. We drove north to our first stop at Sweetwater Camp Reserve which is located right on equator line.

At Sweetwater Camp, where we stayed for one night, we took afternoon & morning camp drives (we had to arise from our bed at 5:45 am every day!). We saw lions, elephants, giraffes, cape buffalo, zebra, rhinos & several species of antelopes, plus all kind of birds. By a miracle, we happened to witness a male lion making love with a lioness, and this sight, we will never forget because that is the only lovemaking (mating) of lions during our safari. This lion made a loud roar at the end of their mating.



We drove on further north to Samburu Reserve where we spent three nights. We took morning game drives and afternoon game drives every day all through the safari trip. Morning drive times are from 6:30 am to 1 pm, and Afternoon drive times are from 4 pm to 6 pm (at sunset). During morning game drives, we stepped out of jeeps to have breakfast picnic breaks. We saw all kinds of animals such as magnificent lions, graceful-gaited giraffes with cute eyes, big ears elephants, cape buffalos with huge curved horns, rhinos, ostriches, beautiful cheetahs, and rare leopards, plus more birds that we never saw before. Oh yes, we saw hippos in their water pool which stinks terrible. We visited a tiny tribal village where the tribal people live in cardboard huts, and they entertained us their dance – walking in circles, jumping up and down. They wear colourful cloths (mostly red) and beautiful neck beads.

From Samburu Reserve, we flew in a small plane down south to Maasai Mara Reserve where we spent four nights. Our guides/drivers drove themselves to meet us there. We saw zebra with different stripes, giraffes in different patterns, and wildebeests. We witnessed wildebeests migrating and crossing a river in a mad stampede. It was such a fantastic sight of these animals in thousands and thousands. We visited another tribal village, this time their huts are made of twigs and cow dung. On our last night, we had a farewell bush dinner outside. From there, we flew back to Nairobi. Then seven of us took an extension side trip to Victoria Falls in Zambia for three days.



At all three camp resorts, we stayed in luxury tented huts which resemble tents on the outside, but on inside, they resemble much like a four stars hotels. Real beds with mosquito nets and excellent bathroom facilities. The climates were perfect – it was very warm during daytimes (24 to 28 C), and it was little chilly at nighttimes (average 10 to 14 C). The resort staff thoughtfully placed hot water bottles in our bed before we went to bed! Very dry air, no humidity at all. Because of the equator line zone, sun rises and sets exactly every 12 hours, same time every day – 6 am and 6 pm.

Written by Jane Beer

From the Editor...

From the Editor,

Sorry for the delay of this newsletter as we had to gather all the information as much as we can to put in this newsletter for you. There are so many changes and we need to be sure all dates are correct before we put in this newsletter. I do welcome any comment or complaint. All email are kept in confidential. You can email me at lcd64@sympatico.ca

Next deadline for October 2010 to January 2011 Newsletter will be on August 15, 2010.

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 Wednesdays until June 9th - Euchre and Golf card at 1:00 pm at Victory Royal Canadian Legion host by LCD Senior Citizen - contact Jean Collins (cjbjic@execulink.com)

February 20th : 24th ODSA Ball Hockey Tournament in Milton

March 28th to April 3rd: 31st Canadian Deaf Curling Championships in Richmond, BC.

April TBA: LCD Golf League begin - Contact Dana McCarthy (dhmccarthy@sympatico.ca)

April 17th: 23rd ODSA Dart Tournament in Ottawa contact LCD Dart Chairperson - Alfred Hardy (noplmsympatico.ca)

May 8th: 71st OBAD Bowling Tournament in Oshawa, ON.

May 13th to 15th: 8th Canadian Deaf Ice Hockey Championships/ Roy Hysen Cup in Montreal, QC

May 22nd: LCD 12th Invitational Euchre and Golf Card Tournament at the Victory Royal Canadian Legion - 6:00 pm: contact William Wilks (wilks@sympatico.ca), fax 519-539-9381, TTY 519-538-3646 and Margaret Earle (dearle@execulink.com)

May 20th to 23rd: 9th Canadian Deaf Ten Pin Bowling Championship in Etobicoke, ON

May 22nd to 23rd: 1st Canadian Deaf Five Pin Bowling Championship in Etobicoke, ON

June 19th: 9th Annual Picnic at Southside Park (Boathouse) in Woodstock host by LCD Senior Citizen - contact Jean Collins (cjbjic@execulink.com), June Mallach (jmallach@rogers.com) Margaret Earle (dearle@execulink.com)

July 24th: Fundraising Event - Partner Euchre and Golf Card at Victory Royal Canadian Legion - 6:00 pm: host by Marilyn Beernink (beernink@sympatico.ca)

July 30th to August 2nd: OSD/ SJW Alumni Association Reunion

August 7th: Corn Fest host by Don and Margaret Earle - contact Margaret Earle (dearle@execulink.com) and Jean Collins (cjbjic@execulink.com)

September 8th: Every Wednesdays - 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 25th: ODSA Mixed Dart Tournament - TBA

September 25th to 26th: 48th ODGA Annual Golf Tournament at Doon Valley Golf Course in Kitchener, ON

October 9th: LCD General Meeting at Victory Royal Canadian Legion at 1:00 pm door open 12:00 pm

November 13th: LCD 50th Anniversary Banquet at Lamplighter Inn - Best Western.

December 8th: Last Day for LCD Senior Citizen Wednesday Social - Euchre and Golf Card. Will reopen again in January 5th, 2011. Host by LCD Senior Citizen - contact Jean Collins (cjbjic@execulink.com)

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:

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