



THE WHOLE DYSLEXIC SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2017



THE BOARD

HAPPY FALL !

OCTOBER IS DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH...

apparently... never sure who decides these things ! Anyway, the Society would like to weigh in on this opportunity. Most importantly, we feel it is essential that people know exactly what they will be aware of. So we are asking all of you to be part of a shift in perception that is well overdue!

Dyslexia has three components: primarily it is the result of a natural ability - an ability to alter perception - meeting an education system that is unaware of it. Altering perception in the 3D world leads to many talents; altering perception in the 2D world of print leads to challenges. The second component arises because our education system works from a premise that a person has to process auditorily in order to read, which is incorrect, and yet children still have to focus on phonics when learning to read. Thirdly, our education system does not provide the necessary 3D meaning for all the words we dyslexics read, thereby creating blanks in our thinking process. Basically we are not taught in the way we learn - and there is **NOTHING** wrong with our brains !

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MISSION STATEMENT: to be an organization that offers a coordinated and central approach to addressing the needs of the dyslexic individual, their families, and their community, while ensuring a safe place for accelerated learning, healing, education, social interaction and support of individual growth and development.



FUNDRAISING

Thanks to several supporters we placed our collection cans at BC Liquor Store checkouts and collected \$688; very worthwhile!

The Society has applied for funding from the North Shore Community Foundation (for summer camp funding) and the Doug Flutie Foundation (for conference funding).

OUTREACH

As you know our PREVENTION goal revolves around the Davis Learning Strategies (DLS) Workshops. We are now delighted that Stacey Smith (Calgary) will be training as a DLS presenter and plans to present next August 22/23 in Burnaby. Sue Hall, Paddy Carson and Carole Ford continue to encourage schools to send their K-3 teachers.

LOOKING AHEAD

Finally, we all had a real physical meeting in September to look back on this Board's first year and brainstorm our goals. There is so much to be gained from our collective energy. Laura has been remarkable in organising us, and thereby providing a firm foundation. A new website remains our primary goal, a 1 minute film presenting the 'face' of the Society, and as always more fundraising for our objectives.

We would like you to feel very much part of this Society - and hope to increase the social opportunities in due course - so keep in touch!

Thank you from the Board of The Whole Dyslexic Society



DATES

AGM

November 28, 2017

630PM

*Meeting to be held at
325 11th Street, North
Vancouver, BC*

or

Zoom Conference

*Please let us know if
you can attend.*

October 30 Board Mtg

Nov 13 Talk to EAs at
West Vancouver
Secondary School