



# THE WHOLE DYSLEXIC SOCIETY

## NEWSLETTER MAY 2017

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We've Started!

We have been focusing on **FUNDRAISING** for the first few months of this year because all our goals revolve around money! Prospective donors always check out the website first, so Denny revised the content, and will be revising the design in June, allowing us to make more use of social media to get our messages across.

We submitted an application to the **Loyal Protestant Association**, who have been very generous to us in the past, and they donated \$10,000 to us for the next two years, to be able to help with bursaries for children. We are so grateful to them! We were accepted by the **BC Liquor Stores** to have our donation cans in some of their stores for the month of May - the cans are being filled up as I type. Nadine investigated Foundation Search, a database which provides information on who to ask, and how to ask, but the reviews weren't very encouraging, and the outlay was quite costly. She is currently investigating Canada Imagine. Marcelle Warnes has a fundraising site - **The Cards Project** that is also being looked into - we surely have sufficient talented artists to provide a great selection of cards!

Our **BURSARY** procedure has been updated, Anne Haegart has had our first 2017 request. Over the last 13 years we have provided \$69,500 for 49 clients via 9 Facilitators - not so shabby and long may we continue. Bursaries are available to all Canadian Facilitators; donors can specify the use; for children or adults, for a particular province. We welcome any and all additions/ideas/leads to our fundraising program.



**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.



Our **PREVENTION** goal revolves around the **Davis Learning Strategies** Workshops. Carole Ford, Paddy and Sue have thought long and hard about creating and sustaining interest. Sue and Paddy have been presenting Pro D Day sessions to increase awareness, and schools with corrected dyslexics are often interested, but teachers are very good at cherry picking and our current goal is to create a Model School (or several) to take on the Strategies as a whole, thus achieving notable, sustainable success that can be replicated. All tips welcome!

Carole Taljeh attended the **Au-Some Conference** at the Pacific Autism Family Centre, April 22, and she did a fabulous job of constructing her display. It was by far the best there. The Centre is a wonderful venue for a Conference as they can teleconference all the proceedings. We are considering combining Davis Dyslexia and Davis Autism presentations there next spring and tying it into a DLS Workshop later in the year.



Sue has presented at the North Vancouver School District Pro D, at Lynn Valley Library and Cortes Island Community. She is constructing articles for social media blogs, newspapers, magazines and an application to TedXStanley Park 2018. We **HAVE** to improve the awareness of our learning style. Again all tips/leads welcome!

Our **ADMINISTRATION** is amazing – Laura gets us all to communicate via Zoom meetings, keeps our meetings, minutes, filings up to date, and is always there to help with techie issues, Google Docs and brainstorming. Quite remarkable !

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

May 30 Board Mtg

June 27 Board Mtg

July 25 Board Mtg

August 29 Board Mtg

**August 31** - possible  
Social Event tba

Sept 26 Board Mtd

October 24 Board Mtg

**Nov 13** Talk to EAs at  
West Vancouver  
Secondary School

Nov 28 Board Mtg