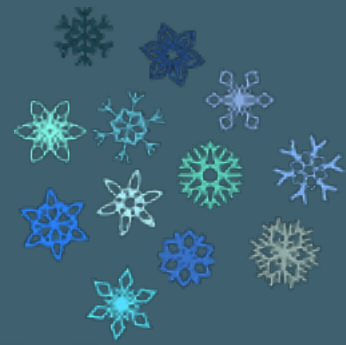




# THE WHOLE DYSLEXIC SOCIETY



## NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2019

### THE BOARD

### HAPPY NEW YEAR !

- Chair** Sue Hall
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Carole Ford
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### **YEAR IN REVIEW**

Dear Everyone,

We all hope you had a lovely Christmas break, whether full to the brim, or nice and quiet, and of course, we hope that 2019 will bring you all that you could ever wish for.

This year has blown me away already. Whatever the goals are it is always so heart warming to know that students are either on their way or have achieved the first leg of their journey. A few days ago I had a phone call from a previous student, who was SO excited to hear that she had been accepted for Trinity Western University. She was over the moon and if all goes to her communications/media plan, when she gets her own chat show, I will be one of her guests! Within a few hours of that call, I received an email from a student who moved to the UK and has graduated as a hair stylist. We know everyone talks to their hairdresser, and as she was telling one of her clients all about her program, she realised she would like to be an advocate for Davis programs, talking to students and parents. Wow! In addition, four past students either have tutored, are tutoring or will be tutoring current students with their program follow-up; one has designed our lovely new website, and one, who graduated from the Blanche MacDonald Fashion Design School invited me to his Runway Show - a first for me - and it was so entertaining to see such creativity at its best.

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## **OUTREACH**

One of our past student tutors is seriously contemplating becoming a Facilitator... all of which is SO encouraging. It fills me with confidence that one day Davis Learning Strategies really will be in K-3 classes and learning challenges will become a thing of the past.

In the last Newsletter I mentioned that Carole Ford and myself presented a Pro D Day session at **the University of Victoria on November 4, 2018**. We followed the usual format, an hour of theory, explanation, etc, a break, and then an hour of hands-on experience with the clay. In my non-humble opinion, we make a great double act; it's like the right and the left side of the brains personified, and everyone had fun. Most of the participants were either training to be teachers or were teachers already. We hope they will want to attend a Davis Learning Strategies Workshop this summer.

Waihao Downs School has been using Davis Learning Strategies for several years and now DLS are fully integrated into its school life. Thank you for providing such a great example of what can be done for the benefit of all the children, whatever their learning style. Click here to read Waihao Downs School Article . 

Paddy Carson went to the **Davis Dyslexia Association International Conference** in Malvern, England this Fall. Ron and Alice Davis have officially retired from DDAI and the organisation will become a non-profit over the next year or so. Paddy was able to do plenty of networking amongst the DLS presenters and glean useful knowledge for our Canadian efforts.

Donna Doerksen and Sue Hall will be presenting at the **Burnaby School District Professional Development Day on February 22**, another wonderful opportunity. Thank you Donna! To all parents, please ask me to present a Pro D Day session at your school; it's the first step in a very valuable movement towards DLS in schools.

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***FUN Social Event !  
Lawn Bowling at  
Pacific Indoor Lawn  
Bowling Centre  
Saturday,  
January 26, 2019  
6-9 PM  
\$10.00***

***Family Camp  
May 31-Jun 2, 2019***

***AGM  
February 23, 2019  
North Shore***



***THANK YOU  
SAWYER!***

***CHECK OUT OUR  
FACEBOOK PAGE***





## **FUNDRAISING**

Calling all Davis Dyslexia students (adults and kids). The Card Project is ongoing. Please submit your art to Sue Hall anytime. We are especially looking for some themed art for the upcoming Holiday Season. This will give us some lovely Holiday card sets to sell in our fundraiser. You can support us by promoting or buying the cards via **The Card Project**. Instructions on our Website and enclosed flyer.

At the beginning of the year we always look to filling our WDS bank account, so if any of you have any **fundraising ideas**, are brilliant at writing grants, or know some incredibly philanthropic dyslexic person, please let us know asap.

## **AGM**

**Our AGM is Saturday, February 23, 1pm – 3pm**, venue to be advised, but definitely North Shore. Please do come if you can, we need to hear your challenges, your needs, your observations and the skills you can share. We also have a space for a director this year. We are so grateful to Carole Taljeh for her time as a Board director for the autism program. She is now off to continue her studies and so is taking a break from the Board for a while.

## **COMMUNITY**

Now to the social part - I think most of you know that I am a lawn bowler, a devoted lawn bowler, and would like to offer a socialising opportunity: **Saturday January 26 from 6-9pm** at the Pacific Indoor Lawn Bowling Centre (near the Nat Bailey Stadium - 4588 Clancy Loranger Way, Vancouver). Just come along for \$10 and try it out. You will need to bring very flat shoes with you (they can't have been worn outside on the way there) to change into. No experience needed, laughter guaranteed, there's a beer machine and snacks provided!

Our **Family Summer Camp weekend** is tentatively booked at Camp Elphinstone again this year, **May 31- June 2**, so save the dates please, and I will get the information out to you asap.

Finally, **a huge thank you** to our current Board: Laura is an exceptional administrator, who goes above and beyond always; Denny keeps us fiscally sound; Carole and Paddy have DLS uppermost in their thoughts; and Nadine is our in the field homeschooler! Don't forget, if you are interested and able to join us as a WDS director, we would love to hear from you.

***Have a wonderful start to 2019, and we look forward to all the exciting developments that we attract and come our way.***

***Your Board.....***

