



THE WHOLE DYSLEXIC SOCIETY

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WISHING YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY AND SUCCESSFUL 2017

Welcome to the first Newsletter of 2017...

This newsletter comes to you as an introduction to the Society which was founded in 2001 and achieved charitable status in 2002. Since then many wonderful volunteers have ensured the pursuit of our three main objectives:

To improve **Outreach** - to have Davis methods known, and become mainstream.

To fundraise in order to provide **Bursaries** for Davis programs when the need arises at financially inconvenient times.

To prevent the challenges from arising by introducing **Davis Learning Strategies** into schools, particularly in the K-3 classrooms.

Our Goals for 2017:

To **fundraise** for general funds and for bursary funds. Nadine is researching grant writing opportunities and Sue is planning a fundraising event.

To have our **website** reflect our goals and objectives.

To promote **Davis Learning Strategies** vigorously, in conjunction with the Davis Dyslexia Canadian Association of Facilitators (DDFAC). Carole Ford and Paddy are already gathering information for a new DLS website page on both sites.

Laura is helping us to utilise the valuable time of our **volunteers** as efficiently as possible - being the Google Docs and Zoom Video Conferencing expert!

To create social opportunities for our dyslexic community.



MISSION STATEMENT: to be an organisation 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.

INTRODUCING YOUR BOARD:

Chair: Sue Hall, founder, Davis Dyslexia Facilitator, author of *Fish Don't Climb Trees*. Sue loves to present Pro D Day sessions, create a family summer camp weekend each year, and plan fundraising events.



Secretary: Laura O'Neill, an amazing Google expert, whose daughter took a Davis program, and has supported our activities over many years.



Treasurer: (acting) Denny Wong, long time, loyal website manager.



DLS: Paddy Carson, Davis Facilitator in Edmonton, whose son took the program many years ago. Carole Ford, Davis Facilitator, retired University Professor of Education.



Autism: Carole Taljeh is a Davis Facilitator, originally from the Lebanon, who really enjoys her new role as a Davis Autism Approach Facilitator.



Bursaries: Anne Haegert's son took a Davis program and she has been the Bursary Chair for several years. She has a team of interviewers, Cala Dyck, Judy Larocque and her daughter Cassidy, a corrected dyslexic, and Donna Doerksen.



Director: Nadine's daughter took a Young Learners program. Luckily for us, Nadine loves to research.



WELCOME !

In the inaugural year of the new Board, namely 2017, we are inviting you all to be our guests, to be members of the Society at no cost.

Every so often we will send a Newsletter to your Facilitator, and she/he will forward it to you if you so wish. We hope you will enjoy keeping up with our progress.

Equally we would like to hear from you ... what would you like us to achieve? Do you have any skills to share with us? We feel we understand the perceptual ability - the gift of dyslexia - from the inside out, and we have the methods that help individuals deal with the challenges so they can enjoy the talents.

If we can help shift the perception of dyslexia from a learning disability to a lack of understanding in the teaching world, we will take a day off ...

Thank you for being part of this exciting journey ... stay tuned... and a Very Happy 2017 to you all.

Sue, Laura, Denny, Paddy, Carole, Carole, Anne and Nadine