

Hearing and Beyond Hearing and Beyond

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Everett Area Chapter Self Help for Hard of Hearing People, Inc. June 2002

Meeting

June 8th, 2002
11:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Snohomish County PUD
2320 California St
(Commission Room)

Topic:

"Potluck"

Bring your Favorite dish

Assistive Listening
Devices (ALDs)
Available, **ask**
at Welcome Table

**Refreshments will be
provided by:
All Everett Area
Chapter People, family
and friends**

**Real Time Captioning
by**



Elve

Meek

Providing Realtime Services

**August Picnic
August 10th, 2002
Blackman Lake In
Snohomish
10:00 AM to 3
4:00 PM**

From the Prez.....

by Myrna Kain.....

Wow, what a meeting we had in May, with Donna Platt from the 911 as a Training Manager, I even learned something myself about 911.....Thank you Donna for giving us all the available information about 911 for people that are Hard of Hearing.

As you all know this is June, and we are still working and getting organized for the "Seattle" SHHH 17th International Convention. Time is really flying now, and before you know it, all of our volunteers and members will be attending. I look forward being there and greeting newcomers and seeing the oldies (Members from previous Convention meetings) again.....So if you have not registered yet, now is the last time to register....

Also this is the last Everett Area Chapter newsletter, for the summer until September. My computer has been down for several weeks due to a virus, and I have been very panicked

about getting this newsletter done for June.....I will be very happy when I get my own computer back.....I enjoy doing the newsletter, and being President of our Chapter.....See ya in June.

Officers for 2002 to 2003

President.....Myrna Kain
Vice President...Chauncey Christofferson
Treasurer.....Annette Johnson
Secretary.....Patti Ridley
Historian.....Dawnelle Bomer

In June, we will also be nominating or asking for volunteers, to do Hospitality and Welcome table, so if you are interested, be sure to let one of our officers know.

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Volunteering is a special gift, not everybody is able to donate money, and sometimes just serving or doing time, is just as equally important.

Have a great summer,
Everybody.....See ya in
September

I can't think of anything more important than volunteering and meeting and helping people. If you are interested, come out of that shell and let us know.....**WE Need YOU !!**

The Listening for Life Center, will be having their 4th Annual Family Picnic Saturday, August 3, 2002, It will be held at the Lid Park on Mercer Island from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. The Listen for Life Center will provide food, beverages and entertainment.

"Let's Hear it for Learning"

by Barbara Kelley from Hearing Loss Journal May/June

Connor Bailey is deeply concerned about noise, hearing damage, and how well students can hear and understand in the classroom. The amazing part is that Connor is nine years old! His curiosity and research won him First Place in the Third Grade Division of Parkside Elementary School's science fair for his project "Let's Hear it for Learning". He went on to the Tri-State Competition on March 8, where he was second in his age division. Connor wanted to do his science project this year

about prolonged exposure to noise on the bus or in the lunchroom, so he searched the Internet and finally contacted Mike Nixon, acoustics expert. Mike said the decibel level would have to be excessive to cause any hearing damage, but he suggested Connor test the acoustics in his classroom as it was a "really hot topic right now".

Connor took Mike's guidance and the offer to borrow a sound meter and got to work. Here is Connor's description of his methodology.

"First, I couldn't have done the project without the meter. I can't thank Mike enough! I tested sound levels in four different classrooms: the background noise levels; then, the teachers' speaking level.

"My purpose was to find out: if noise levels in the classrooms at Parkside Elementary were high enough to affect our learning. What I learned is that sometimes it isn't so much what we don't hear, but what we don't understand. *This is speech intelligibility.* The effect that speech intelligibility can have on our kids (special needs kids. English as a second language students, and those who might have a hearing loss) is gigantic. It was like fireworks going off when I realized this fact. We fill in a lot when we don't quite understand the words

someone is saying. But, if you don't have the vocabulary to fill in those spots, the brain shuts down, you eventually stop listening all together, and learning stops.

If I could make teachers, principals and school boards understand that, then I would feel that I have really accomplished something. This project already got my teacher talking about sound distractions and our principal read my entire project from top to bottom and was very impressed. I concluded that the speech intelligibility rating at my school was consistent at 89 percent (the national standard is 90 percent). You know the special needs kids are suffering to some extent, but, overall, the school didn't do so badly. We were pretty much right in the middle.....not great but not horrible either.

Connor's mother, Peggy, said the project was so detailed and some of his insights were so "awesome" that is really hard to get Connor to boil it down for this article. One judge said this was one of the best projects he has seen in the last seven years out of any grade. Another said that Connor knew his subject extremely well.

What's Next?

Last year, his project was measuring CO₂ in the classroom (also placed first locally and at the state level). Next year,, Connor hopes to

do another project involving the environment and learning. He wants to put all three years of research together for his fifth grade year because, as Connor says, If I win the Tri-State in fifth grade, then I get to compete in Washington, D.C.!!!!

Connor lives in LaGrange, Indiana, with his mom and dad (Peggy and Chris) and his seven year old sister. Nicole. When he's not doing science projects, he takes tap and jazz dance and participates in plays and musicals. He is an avid reader (recently the Harry Potter books and the Lemony Snickets series). He collects Nutcrackers and Beatle memorabilia. (Peggy adds, "Yes, even he realizes those are strange collections for a nine-year-old") And he truly hopes one day to attend Notre Dame University in his home state. Connor Bailey. congratulations! You have opened the eyes of many with your research on this "really hot topic".

Wouldn't this be neat if we could have our kids educate our parents and wiser adults about this story?

Checklist for Parents to Determine Hearing

Loss by Sandy Morgan...

Cochlear Corporation and the National Campaign for Hearing Health have partnered to generate public awareness for the importance of universal hearing screening. A number of states do not have mandate hearing screening requirements which allows hearing loss to go undiagnosed until speech and language skills are more difficult to develop. The following checklist is provided by the National Campaign for Hearing Health as a public outreach and advocacy initiative.

Children ages 0-3 months should exhibit the following characteristics.

- React to loud sounds.
- Is soothed by parent's voice.
- Turns head toward people when they speak.
- Is awakened by loud voices and sounds.
- Smiles when spoken to.
- Seems to know parent's voice and quiets down if crying.

Children ages 3-6 months should exhibit the following characteristics:

- Looks upward or turns toward a new sound.

- Responds to "no" and changes in tone of voice.
- Imitates rattles and other toys that make sounds.
- Begins to repeat sounds..... ooh, aah, and ba-ba
- Is scared by a loud noise.

From Advance for Speech-Language Pathologists & Audiologists, February, 2002)

Happy Birthday.....

And many many more.

Ken Wilkins 6/5

Annette Johnson 6/17

Patti Ridley 6/11

John Supino 6/20

Bruce Rafford 7/7

Barbara Anderson 7/21

Anna Kinch 7/23

Bette E. Hom 7/24

Laura Bright 7/29

Janice Bailey 8/3

Margaret Ames 8/5

Our June Potluck, will be easy-going, bring your favorite baseball caps, and a dish to share with everybody, there will be no speaker for the month of June, a great time to socialize and get to know one another.



SHHH MEMBERSHIP DUES

If you are not a member and want to be, or if you have not already paid this year's SHHH membership dues, we urge you to send your \$25.00 to National. Please bring the coupon on the right to a meeting, or mail to the address listed. Membership includes 6 issues of our Journal.

If you wish to only receive the newsletter, we ask for a donation to help with postage and printing expenses. All donations made to Everett SHHH are eligible for income tax deductions provided in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, then that is \$12.00 a year and received monthly except in July and August.

Check in the address portion of this issue to see if you are current. If you are having problems paying, arrangements will gladly be made.

If you are not a National SHHH member or would like to update your national membership – you can also do so on the attached coupon.

SHHH is the largest consumer organization dedicated to the well being of people with hearing loss. We believe people can help one another, be helped, and participate successfully in society. Our primary purpose is to educate ourselves and those around us about the causes, nature and complications of hearing loss – and what can be done to help.

Check the boxes that apply to you.

- ☐ I/we would like to become a member of, or update my local dues to, the SHHH, Everett Area Chapter (\$12 per person, \$15 for 2 or more in the same household per year). This includes 10 issues of the newsletter. See address below.
- ☐ I'd like the newsletter only (10 issues). Here is a donation of \$____.00. (Remember it is tax deductible). See address below.
- ☐ I want to join National SHHH (\$25 per year). Make check payable to SHHH National and send to: SHHH Membership Desk, 7910 Woodmont Ave. #1200, Bethesda, MD 20814. Or you can send your check to SHHH, Everett Area Chapter, address below, and we will forward it for you.

Name _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Circle box , and send this form and check to:

Everett Area Chapter
% Annette Johnson, Treasurer
8521B – 238th SW
Edmonds, WA 98026

National \$25.00 ☐ Local \$12.00 ☐
Both \$ 37.00 ☐

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Guest are always Welcome

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c/o Dave Pearson

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