



RDPA VOICE

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REGIONAL DISABLED PERSONS ASSOCIATION

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HAPPY NEW YEAR! HAPPY NEW MILLENNIUM!

To welcome in the New Year here is a review of last years highlights and what to look forward to in the year to come:

We started off last year with a relocation to a new shared office, with the Arthritis Society of Langley, within the Langley Seniors Resource Centre. This has been a pleasant experience.

We assisted two wheelchair basketball players with their quest for Gold at the Canada Winter Games.

We purchased several pieces of equipment, such as bath lifts, bathing chair and stimulator, for our equipment loan program, that are now on loan to individuals & organizations.

We assisted Langley Hospice Society to wheelchair access their washroom at Hospice House.

We assisted in the purchase of a second hand van for one of our young clients, Jesse, to enable him to get to the therapy he greatly required on an on going basis.

We purchased two pool wheelchairs for the newly opened Walnut Grove Aquatic Centre.

We held our "Challenge 99" wheelchair obstacle course in the Willowbrook Mall, with a participation of over 300 people.

We participated in the Langley Health Fair at Willowbrook Mall.

We participated in the Flea Market @ the Seniors Resource Centre.

Through out the year our Used Equipment Registry has continued to be very active.

Over the course of 1999 The Regional Disabled Persons Association has been an advocate for :

- the new access ramp at the strip mall at 200th & Langley By-Pass.
- we petitioned against the closure of G.F. Strong.
- we have advocated to the B.C. Human Rights Commission for fines to those inappropriately using handicapped parking stalls.

CANADA PENSION PLAN (CPP)

Disability Benefits



The B.C. Coalition of People with Disabilities runs an "Advocacy Access" program for CPP Disability Benefits. They will provide one-on-one assistance with applications, appeals and tribunals. You can pick up pamphlets in our office or for more information call:

872-1278

or

1-800-663-1278

R.D.P.A.
OFFICE HOURS
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
9:00 AM to 2:30PM
Wednesday
1:00PM to 3:00PM
Friday
11:00AM to 2:30 PM

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

A Big THANK YOU to the volunteers that have helped our organization through the past year; Bonnie, Bill, Doug and Dennis with Bingo, Doraine with the Equipment Registry, all those that helped with the Obstacle Course, Health Fair and Flea Market, and of course our volunteer Board Members.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dennis Drobot - President

Jim Wortley - Vice President

Doug Geldart- Treasurer

Francis Daniel - Member

Stuart Miller - Member

WHERE TO REACH US

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SPRING EVENTS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2000



GETTING AROUND



"We believe in equal opportunities for all!"

TODAYS TIP: Shopping for a new Electric Mobility Aid (EMA) is a lot like shopping for a new car. Talk to other people who use them. Look through the brochures. Test drive a few.

"POOL PARTY"

HAVE YOU TRIED OUT THE NEW WALNUT GROVE AQUATIC CENTRE YET?

REGIONAL DISABLED PERSONS ASSOCIATION DONATED TWO POOL WHEELCHAIRS TO THIS FACILITY SO WHEEL ON DOWN RIGHT INTO THE WATER.

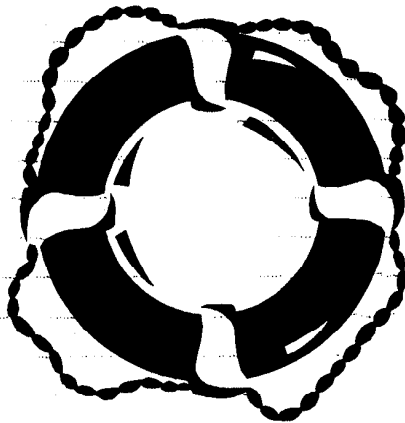
WALNUT GROVE AQUATIC CENTRE

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**"SAIL INTO THE NEW MILLENNIUM"
SPRING 2000**

IN MAY, CHECK OUT THE DISABLED SAILING ASSOCIATION OF B.C. THIS PROGRAM IS OPERATED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE JERICHO SAILING CLUB. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT DISABLED SAILING THROUGH THE DISABILITIES FOUNDATION @688-6464 OR IN MAY, THE DISABLED SAILING ASSOC. @222-3003.



"BINGO"

If you like to play Bingo, check out Langley Bingo Palace
19664 - 64 Avenue
Langley, B.C.

The Regional Disabled Persons Association office is funded by a Bingo License through this organization.

While you play you are helping support this worthwhile organization.

Langley Bingo Palace offers a glassed in smoking area.

For hours of operation phone:

533-4224

B.C. GAMES for ATHLETES with a DISABILITY

Coming to Langley City
July 13 - 16,
2000

USED MEDICAL EQUIPMENT REGISTRY!

IF YOU ARE LOOKING TO BUY OR SELL USED MEDICAL EQUIPMENT .

533-2415

GOT NEWS?

If you have any comments, tid bits, etc. you would like us to publish, let us know.

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OR

MAIL TO:

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