

BCPWSA

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Dear Association members and families living with Prader-Willi Syndrome in British Columbia:

Happy New Year!

2006 was a productive year for the British Columbia Prader-Willi Association.

At both the Spring and the Fall meetings, we were able to provide informative speakers and educational workshops to assist our members living with Prader-Willi Syndrome in their families.

Topics covered in 2006 included:

- Special Olympics
- Creating an I.E.P. for a child with Prader-Willi Syndrome
- The Impact of Living with a Sibling who has a Disability and how Parents can support their Typical Children
- Financial Planning, wills and estate planning, trusts, tax credits, living options and legal aspects of a special needs person
- Managing Challenging Behaviors with Prader-Willi Syndrome

In the summer, an informal social gathering was held in Langley and a few families from our association attended this fun event. We plan on hosting this gathering again in the summer of 2007. Dates and location to be announced at the spring meeting.

A few members of the B.C.P.W.S.A. focused on actively fundraising this year. The B.C.P.W.S.A. was chosen as one of the charities for the Richard Brodeur 2006 Charity Golf Tournament. Our volunteer time and participation in this event earned \$10,000 for our association. There is potential to participate in this event again. At the Spring meeting we will be discussing use of these funds and upcoming fundraising.

The Spring 2007 meeting will be held at the British Columbia Children's Hospital in Vancouver, B.C. on Saturday, March 24th, 2007. Topics include: Medical issues related to Prader-Willi Syndrome and Diet and Nutrition for people living with Prader-Willi Syndrome. Registration for the conference is \$10 per person and includes all agenda topics and lunch. The executive of the B.C.P.W.S.A. in collaboration with the B.C.C.H. would like to invite you to attend this event. Please see the attached agenda and registration form.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the B.C.P.W.S.A. can access the website and follow the directions indicated for new membership. For current members, annual membership payment of \$15 is due on or by March 15 each year. Please mail your check with the green form to Lindy Thompson as indicated below. All 2007 members who pay their membership dues by the March deadline will receive an informative PWS DVD from the B.C.P.W.S.A.

The B.C.P.W.S.A. has a web site that is updated regularly with information applicable for B.C. residents. You can access the website at: www.bcpwsa.com

The B.C. P.W.S.A. is working to provide information and create a connected community of affected people.

Thank you!

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